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COVID-19 Response Update

The City of Cupertino continues to monitor the effects of COVID-19 as the safety of our residents, staff, and visitors remains our highest priority. The following information regards the City's response to the latest recommendations from the County of Santa Clara Public Health Department. For more information, visit cupertino.org/coronavirus.

New

State of California Releases Blueprint for a Safer Economy

On August 28, 2020, the state released its Blueprint for a Safer Economy ("Blueprint"), which allows hair salons and barbershops to conduct indoor operations statewide effective August 31. See the State's Blueprint [here](#).

Hair salons and barbershops must comply with the following guidelines and directives:

- [1. California Industry Guidelines for Hair Salons and Barbershops](#)
- [2. Cal/OSHA COVID-19 General Checklist for Hair Salons and Barbershops](#)
- [3. Submit New Online Santa Clara County Social Distancing Protocol](#)
- [4. Wear a Face Covering](#)

All other personal services, including gyms and fitness facilities, are still only allowed to operate outdoors and will need to apply for a Cupertino temporary outdoor operating permit. Click [here](#) for instructions on how to apply.

New State Framework

**Information taken from the [California Department of Public Health](#)*

California has a new blueprint for reducing COVID-19 in the state with revised criteria for loosening and tightening restrictions on activities. Find out how businesses and activities can open in counties statewide beginning on August 31. See the [activities and business tiers](#).

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This guidance outlines an updated framework for a safe progression of opening more businesses and activities in light of the pandemic. The framework for this guidance is informed by increased knowledge of disease transmission vulnerabilities and risk factors and is driven by the following goals:

- 1) To progress in phases based on risk levels with appropriate time between each phase in each county so impacts of any given change can be fully evaluated.
- 2) To aggressively reduce case transmission to as low a rate as possible across the state so the potential burden of flu and COVID-19 in the late fall and winter does not challenge our healthcare delivery system's ability to surge with space, supplies and staff. Also, with winter weather pushing more activities indoors, low levels of transmission in the community will make large outbreaks in these riskier settings less likely.
- 3) To simplify the framework and lay out clear disease transmission goals for counties to work towards.

Tier Framework

This framework lays out the measures that each county must meet, based on indicators that capture disease burden, testing, and health equity. A county may be more restrictive than this framework. This framework also notes signals of concern, including impacted healthcare capacity that may lead towards a dimming intervention. This framework replaces the current County Data Monitoring metrics. As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to be an evolving situation and new evidence and understanding emerges, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) will continue to reassess metric thresholds.

See chart below for the framework metrics as set according to tiers based on risk of community disease transmission.

	Higher Risk → Lower Risk of Community Disease Transmission			
	Widespread Tier 1	Substantial Tier 2	Moderate Tier 3	Minimal Tier 4
Measures*				
New cases**/100,000 population per day (7 day average; 7 day lag)	>7	4-7	1-3.9	<1
Testing % Positivity (7 day average; 7 day lag)	> 8%	5-8%	2-4.9%	<2%

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