

RECAP: County of San Diego Update for the Business Community

March 10, 2021

Due to changes to the Blueprint for a Safer Economy, we may be able to move to the red tier by next Wednesday. This depends on whether 2 million doses are administered statewide to people living in the Vaccine Equity Quartile, which would change the red tier threshold to a case rate of 10 per 100,000 residents. Businesses should prepare to [expand operations with modifications](#), and update their [Safe Reopening Plan](#).

Check out the highlights from this week's County business sector briefing:

- [Updates to the Blueprint for a Safer Economy as of 03/04/2021](#)
 - Statewide industry guidance is expected to be updated on March 19. Keep an eye out for changes.
 - Let the business sector team know (Business@sdcounty.ca.gov) if you become aware of an industry guidance change at the state that has not been updated by the County.
 - The Blueprint for a Safer Economy has been adjusted to include the Vaccine Equity Metric. Implementation is based on the Health Places Index, which are areas heavily impacted by the virus and have lower access to health care and vaccinations. [Review the changes here](#).
 - The first state goal is to administer 2 million doses to persons living in the Vaccine Equity Quartile and the second goal is to administer 4 million doses to persons living in the Vaccine Equity Quartile. This is a **statewide metric**.
 - Once the first goal of 2 million doses is administered to people living in the Vaccine Equity Quartile, an adjusted case rate of **10 per 100,000** would allow a county to move to the red tier, instead of the current 7 cases per 100,000 resident threshold.

- **Next Tuesday, March 16**, a move to the red tier is expected, due to San Diego's continued adjusted case of less than 10 per 100,000.
- [Review the updated activity and business tiers under the Blueprint for a Safer Economy here.](#)
- To operate under the new guidance, businesses in San Diego will need to update their [Safe Reopening Plan](#).
- [The County is currently vaccinating Phase 1A and 1B.](#)
 - Beginning March 15, 2021, the county will begin vaccinating individuals ages 16-64 with underlying health conditions. Further information is to come.

Business Community Resources Quick Links:

- [Business Referral Guidelines](#)
- [Contact Tracing Fact Sheet](#)
- [Positive Employee Flowchart](#)
- [State Employer Playbook](#)
- [Business and Employer FAQs](#)
- [How to Stay Connected](#)
- [Return to Work Following COVID-19 Diagnosis](#)
- [Public Health Order \[Updated 2/06\]](#)
- [Employer COVID-19 Notification Form.](#)

If you would like to participate in the next Business Sector Telebriefing, join the 2nd and 4th Wednesday every month from 9:30 to 10:30 [here](#). Can't make the meeting? Send any questions to sbailes@sdchamber.org to ask during the briefing.