



**April 1, 2021**

## **Orange Tier Coming Soon**

Great news! **Sonoma County may soon be eligible to move to the Orange Tier by early to mid April.**  
When Sonoma County moves to the Orange Tier, the following will change:

Opening Up for Outdoor Operations:

- **Bars** where NO meal is provided ([State Guidance for Bars](#))

Opening Up for Indoor Operations:

- **Wineries, Breweries, and Distilleries** where NO meal is provided: 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer ([State Guidance for Wineries, Tasting Rooms, Breweries, and Distilleries](#))
- **Family Entertainment Center** activities such as **bowling alleys, escape rooms**, and other naturally distanced activities: 25% capacity ([State Guidance for Family Entertainment Centers](#))
- **Offices** ([State Guidance for Office Workspaces](#))
- **Cardrooms, Satellite wagering**: 25% capacity ([State Guidance for Cardrooms](#))

**Increased Capacity:**

- **Retail**: 100% capacity indoor ([State Guidance for Retailers](#))
- **Shopping malls**: 100% capacity indoor ([State Guidance for Shopping Malls](#))
  - Closed common areas
  - Reduced capacity food courts
- **Museums, Zoos, and Aquariums**: 50% capacity indoor ([State Guidance for Museums, Zoos, and Aquariums](#))
- **Places of Worship**: 50% capacity indoor ([State Guidance for Places of Worship](#))

- Movie Theaters:** 50% capacity or 200 people indoor, whichever is fewer ([State Guidance for Movie Theaters](#))
- Gyms and Fitness Centers:** 25% capacity indoor ([State Guidance for Gyms and Fitness Centers](#))
- Restaurants:** 50% capacity or 200 people, whichever is fewer ([State Guidance for Restaurants](#))
- Outdoor Live Events:** 33% outdoor capacity (67% is all guests are tested or show proof of full vaccination) ([State Guidance for Outdoor Live Events](#))
- Amusement Parks:** Outdoor and indoor 25% capacity ([State Guidance for Amusement Parks](#))

## How is Orange Tier Eligibility Determined?

The State looks at three metrics to determine tier advancement:

- Adjusted case rate.** Daily new cases (per 100k)
- Test Positivity rate**
- Health equity metric** (test positivity rate for [Healthy Places Index](#) quartile 1)

Sonoma County must meet tier metrics for the next tier (Orange Tier in Sonoma County's case) for 2 consecutive weeks to be eligible to move to the next tier, Orange.

**As of March 30, 2021 Sonoma County has sustained Orange Tier metrics or better for one week. If these metrics are maintained for one more week, Sonoma County could be in Orange Tier as early as April 6, 2021.**

Additionally the State has set a goal to administer 4 million vaccine doses statewide to California residents in quartile 1 of the Healthy Places Index to ensure equitable vaccination distribution. **As of April 1, 2021 that State has administered 3,629,008 doses in quartile 1. When the State meets their 4 million goal, the State will adjust the case rate to make it easier for counties to enter the orange tier, and Sonoma County could move into the orange tier under this scenario.**

Click on the following links to learn more about each metric, advancement through tiers, and Sonoma County's metrics:

- [Blueprint for a Safer Economy Tier Metrics](#)
- [Sonoma County Coronavirus Data at a Glance](#)

## Remember to Update Your Safety Plan

The Sonoma County Health Officer requires all businesses to create a Social Distancing Protocol & COVID-19 Site-Specific Protection Plan to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and keep businesses open. Here is how you can get started:

1. **Review** required [State Guidance](#) for your industry.
2. **Create a plan** following [Appendix A](#) of [Health Order C-19-15](#).
3. **Review and distribute** the plan with employees.
4. **Post your Appendix A plan** and your self-certification certificate in your business where it is accessible to the public and employees.

## Build Consumer Confidence!

Show customers that you are doing everything to ensure their safety and the safety of your employees by getting your [Sonoma Safe certification](#). Sonoma Safe certifies that you have a Social Distancing Protocol & COVID-19 Site-Specific Protection Plan and have implemented it in your business. Once certified, post your Sonoma Safe certificate in a location customers and employees can see it. Certification is free and online. Self certify your business with [Sonoma Safe](#) today!

## Additional Resources

- [State Industry Guidance](#)
- [SoCo Launch. One stop shop for COVID-19 Business Resources](#)