# Solano Public Health Weekly COVID-19 Newsletter Issue 6

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Solano County has made great strides in meeting the state's readiness criteria to reopen. We have now moved into reopening Stage 2B's businesses and activities, which include dine-in restaurants, retail stores and summer programs.

Thank you for doing your part in continuing to flatten the curve in Solano County!

Your patience and understanding are appreciated.

## **Coronavirus Dashboard**

	California	Solano	Hospital Impact in Solano County
COVID-19 Cases	88,444	449	Currently Hospitalized
Total Deaths	3,630	19	ICU Capacity GOOD
Lab Tests	1,466,773	8,973	Available GOOD Ventilators

Source: California Dept. of Public Health COVID-19 Dashboard, Solano Public Health COVID-19 Dashboard as of May 21, 2020

As of May 21, 2020, Solano County has 449 total confirmed cases reported, with 69 total hospitalizations, 53 active cases, 18 current hospitalizations, and 19 deaths. At present, The ICU and ventilator capacity are in the 'good' range. Solano County continues to work with Skilled Nursing Facilities by providing ongoing education, support, and regular technical assistance. In collaboration with the California Department of Public Health, Solano County has completed an infection prevention walkthrough at each of the Skilled Nursing Facilities to educate and ensure that the facilities are well equipped and prepared.

Solano County has also formed a Long Term Care Facility outreach team to help provide support to other congregate living facilities throughout the county. We will expand our current efforts in building our county's capacity and support the residents and organizations who are the heart of Solano. We continue to encourage proper respiratory etiquette, social distancing, and frequent hand washing to reduce the spread of the virus. Our residents are doing a great job practicing the proper steps to reduce the spread and as a result have helped to flatten the curve.



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## **Reopening Solano County Safely**

# Stage 2B businesses and activities can now reopen in Solano, with certain modifications

To advance through Stage 2 of the State's roadmap swiftly, the Solano County Health Officer must attest that it is ready to meet specific criteria, such as the stability of the disease rate in the community, protection of essential workers and vulnerable populations, availability of testing, contact tracing capabilities, and hospital capacity as well as a COVID-19 containment plan. After review of the attestation, the County was given the green light to proceed to Stage 2B's businesses and activities, which includes dine-in restaurants, retail stores and summer programs starting today, May 22, 2020. These restaurants can now reopen as long as they abide by the protocols set by the updated Health Order.

#### Guidance and requirements for retail establishments

Retail stores should review the guidance provided by the State of California for retail industries and the CAL/OSHA COVID-19 general checklist for retail employers. Retail store owners are also required to post Social Distancing Protocols at the entrance of their facility.

#### **Guidance and requirements for dine-in restaurants**

Restaurant owners should follow the criteria for reopening, as listed on **Appendix C-1** of the Health Order. The criteria includes reviewing the guidance provided by the State of California; completing the CAL/OSHA COVID-19 general checklist for dine-in restaurants; designating a supervisor to ensure implementation of the restaurant's written plan; and posting signage for employees and guests about the availability of the written plan and good hygiene practices.

## Guidance for summer programs

Summer programs can now operate as long as they operate under the following conditions: the program must be carried out in stable groups of ten children or fewer; children shall not change from one group to another; if more than one group of children is cared for in the program, each group must be in a separate room; and summer program facilitators shall remain solely with one group of children.

## Residents should continue to follow social distancing and good hygiene practices

All residents should continue to follow social distancing best practices, including wearing a cloth face mask outside your home whenever physical distancing cannot be maintained, maintaining a physical distance of six feet from others, practicing coughing and sneezing etiquette, washing your hands for at least 20-seconds and, as much as possible, stay at home, especially if you are not feeling well.



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#### State-operated testing sites continue to be available in Vacaville and Vallejo

There are many appointment slots available for the state-operated testing sites in Vacaville and Vallejo. Community members with or without symptoms and want to get tested for COVID-19 can go to https://lhi.care/covidtesting to schedule an appointment. Those without internet access can call 888-634-1123. Testing is free for those without health insurance, and for those that do, the health insurance plan will pay for the entire cost of the test.

Vacaville Location: 1681 E Monte Vista Ave, Vacaville, CA The entrance is at the end of Nut Tree Road

Vallejo Location: 1121 Whitney Ave, Vallejo, CA

North Vallejo Community Center

#### **Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Week**

This week is EMS Week! It's a time for us to celebrate the medical personnel and first responders who are dedicated to provide lifesaving services for our community. Thank you for continuing to be on the front lines during this crisis and for providing the best possible care despite the risks! We are so grateful for your service!

Hope you all have a happy and safe Memorial Day Weekend!

For COVID-19-related community resources, visit www.SolanoCares.org

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