



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

June 1, 2021

County of Ventura to enter Yellow Tier 12:01 am June 2

Ventura, CA – The County of Ventura will enter the least restrictive Yellow Tier in the State’s Blueprint for a Safer Economy at 12:01 am on Wednesday, June 2, 2021 after meeting the required metrics for the required two-week period. Today, the State has reported that Ventura County’s adjusted case rate remained in the yellow tier level by further improving from 1.5 new cases per 100,000 people to 1.2 new cases per 100,000. The overall test positivity rate remained at .7% and in health equity areas the test positivity rate dropped from 1.4% to 1.1%.

“Though it is only two weeks until full reopening, everyday matters for our businesses. Expanded capacity will help impacted businesses. We appreciate the hard work of our community members in getting us to this point,” said County Executive Officer Mike Powers.

Moving into the yellow tier will allow for increases in capacity in many sectors and will also allow bars to begin providing indoor service at 25% capacity. The sectors with increases in capacity limits include amusement parks and fairs, gyms and fitness centers, yoga studios, private events, bars, hotels and short-term lodging rentals, private gatherings, breweries, indoor playgrounds, restaurants, cardrooms and racetracks, indoor and outdoor live events and performances, wineries and tasting rooms, family entertainment centers, and museums, zoos, and aquariums.

“Reaching the Yellow Tier is a great accomplishment. I appreciate the collective work of our community members who have helped us move forward,” said Public Health Director Rigoberto Vargas.

As of May 28, Public Health identified 81,344 positive cases of COVID-19 across all areas of Ventura County and a total of 1,018 deaths. Currently, there are 10 COVID related hospitalizations and 1 community member in the ICU.

“The Yellow Tier means we are continuing to allow more activities to be done safely with more people. To keep this progress up, we encourage all community members over the age of 12 to get the COVID-19 vaccine,” said Public Health Officer Doctor Robert Levin. “The vaccine is the most powerful tool available to reduce transmission of COVID and prevent hospitalizations and deaths from the virus. Increasing the number of people vaccinated will help us continue to move forward.”



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Vaccine Information

COVID-19 vaccinations are available for all community members 12 years old and older at County-run sites and many community sites without an appointment. View the full schedule for vaccine sites and mobile clinics at www.venturacountyrecovers.org/vaccine-information/. Appointments can also be made at MyTurn.CA.Gov or by calling 833-422-4255.

As of June 1, **65.4%** of Ventura County residents **12+** have received their 1st dose of the COVID-19 vaccine and **53.8%** **12+** have completed their vaccination. **69.1%** of Ventura County's population **18+** has received the first dose. **58.4%** of Ventura County's population **18+** has been fully vaccinated.

COVID-19 Testing

Community members who have not yet been vaccinated are encouraged to access free COVID-19 testing to help prevent further spread of COVID-19. The testing site schedule can be viewed at www.venturacountyrecovers.org/coronavirus-testing/. More than 1,502,522 tests have been performed to date.

Additional information about COVID-19 response and resource information can be found at www.venturacountyrecovers.org.