



Special Legislative Update ■ July 13, 2020

Newsom at Noon: Persistent Spikes Necessitate Throttling Back on Re-Opening

At a noon press conference today, the Governor announced several [changes to statewide guidance](#) for COVID-19, using his dimmer switch analogy. In all 58 counties, the Governor is requiring the closure of **indoor** operations in certain sectors, including:

- Restaurants
- Wineries and tasting rooms
- Movie theaters
- Family entertainment centers
- Zoos and museums
- Cardrooms
- Bars

Additionally, for the 30 counties currently on the state watch list (Colusa, Contra Costa, Fresno, Glenn, Imperial, Kern, Kings, Los Angeles, Madera, Marin, Merced, Monterey, Napa, Orange, Placer, Riverside, Sacramento, San Benito, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Joaquin, Santa Barbara, Solano, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Sutter, Tulare, Yolo, Yuba, and Ventura), the Governor is requiring closure of additional **indoor** operations, including:

- Fitness centers
- Worship services
- Offices for non-critical sectors
- Personal care services
- Hair salons and barbershops
- Malls

All changes described above are effective immediately. Additionally, as is customary, the Governor provided an update on various COVID-related indicators:

- The seven-day statewide positivity rate is at 7.4%, up from 6.7% a week ago and 6.1% two weeks ago.
- Hospitalizations have increased 28% over a two-week period
- Admissions to Intensive Care Unit (ICU) beds is up 20% over a two-week period. In some rural parts of the state, ICU bed capacity is at less than 20 percent. The Governor specifically mentioned Placer and Butte counties.

The Governor indicated that his Administration will be discussing the state’s testing strategy at tomorrow’s press briefing and that work is currently underway on additional guidance specific to schools, including masks, choir, contact sports, busing and distance learning.

Legislature Delays Return to Sacramento Amid Virus Outbreak Affecting Members and Staff

The Legislature – scheduled to resume its activities in Sacramento today after each house took a brief summer recess – has delayed its return to the Capitol after two Assembly members and several staff were found to be positive for COVID-19. At the time of this writing, the houses have indicated they plan to return on July 27 and are working to coordinate hearing schedules for the remainder of the session. The houses will be operating under extreme time constraints given that only five weeks will remain to complete outstanding work on various components of the state budget and to process hundreds of legislative measures. We anticipate possibly six- or seven-day-a-week hearing schedules upon the members’ return. We will continue to keep you apprised on scheduling in the days to come.

November 2020 Ballot Propositions – UCC Board to Review at August Meeting

The UCC Board of Directors next meets on August 5. The focus of that meeting will be to review and take positions on various ballot measures that will go before voters in November. UCC advocacy staff is assessing the county impacts of each and will be making recommendations to the UCC chair and vice-chair for which of the following ballot measures UCC will consider.

Proposition 14	Additional resources for stem cell research
Proposition 15	Split-roll (revision to Prop 13 of 1978)
Proposition 16	Affirmative action
Proposition 17	Right-to-vote for parolees
Proposition 18	Voting rights for eligible 17 year olds
Proposition 19	Various property tax breaks/revised property tax transfer rules
Proposition 20	Enhanced punishment for specified crimes; expanded DNA collection
Proposition 21	Rent control
Proposition 22	Rules governing the “gig” economy
Proposition 23	Kidney dialysis clinics

Proposition 24	Enhanced consumer privacy rules
Proposition 25	SB 10 (bail reform) referendum

More information on the August 5 board meeting will be forthcoming.