

## **Santa Clara County Moving into State's Purple Tier as COVID-19 Cases and Hospitalizations Rise Locally**

*Public health officials urge residents to cancel holiday travel plans and exercise caution in interactions outside of their immediate households*

**Santa Clara County, CA** – Citing concerns regarding a sudden rise in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations, the State of California announced today that Santa Clara County is moving directly into the most restrictive Purple Tier of the Blueprint for a Safer Economy. This change will take effect on November 17, 2020, at 12:01 a.m. Under the State's Blueprint, the Purple Tier indicates that the risk of community transmission in the county is widespread.

The State's [website](#) includes information regarding the Purple Tier and its impact on businesses and activities. Impacts include the closure of indoor dining, which was already planned in Santa Clara County for November 17, 2020, as well as the closure of all indoor activities associated with gyms, museums, zoos and aquariums, places of worship, and movie theaters. Shopping malls and all retail establishments must reduce to a maximum of 25 percent capacity.

"Today's announcement from the State reflects that we appear to be heading into the worst phase of the pandemic to date," said Santa Clara County Health Officer Dr. Sara Cody. "Rapidly rising cases and hospitalizations should serve as a wake-up call for our entire community. We ask every resident to do everything they can to slow the spread of transmission in our community, protect our most vulnerable residents, and save lives."

Daily cases have doubled in the last ten days in the State of California, which is the fastest increase that California has seen since the beginning of the pandemic. Santa Clara County is among 40 California counties that are now in the Purple Tier of the State's Blueprint. Given the alarming rise in cases and hospitalizations, the County of Santa Clara strongly urges residents to refrain from all travel, including over the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday, to gather with persons outside of their household only outdoors, and to limit interactions with persons outside of their immediate household.

For details, visit the County's COVID-19 [webpage](#).