

COVID-19 UPDATE



REGIONAL STAY AT HOME ORDER LIFTED FOR ALL REGIONS

January 25, 2021-The California Department of Public Health announced that they were lifting the Regional Stay at Home Order statewide. The San Joaquin Valley, Bay Area and Southern California were still under this public health order due to their limited ICU capacity, however 4 week projections show their ICU capacity hitting the threshold allowing the region to exit the order.

Each county will now fall into one of four colored tiers-Purple(Widespread), Red (Substantial), Orange (Moderate), Yellow (Minimal)

Current County Count Per Tier:

- Purple (Widespread): 54 counties
- Red (Substantial): 3 counties-Alpine, Mariposa, Trinity
- Orange (Moderate): 1 county-Sierra

USDA TEMPORARILY SUSPENDS DEBT COLLECTIONS, FORECLOSURES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES ON FARM LOANS DUE TO COVID-19

January 27, 2021-USDA will temporarily suspend non-judicial foreclosures, debt offsets or wage garnishments, and referring foreclosures to the Department of Justice; and USDA will work with the U.S. Attorney's Office to stop judicial foreclosures and evictions on accounts that were previously referred to the Department of Justice.

USDA has also extended deadlines for producers to respond to loan servicing actions, including loan deferral consideration for financially distressed and delinquent borrowers. In addition, for the Guaranteed Loan program, flexibilities have been made available to lenders to assist in servicing their customers.

According to USDA data, more than 12,000 borrowers-approximately 10% of all borrowers-are eligible for the relief announced today.

- [For the full Press Release Click Here](#)

CERTIFICATION OF STATEWIDE VACCINE DELIVERY NETWORK

January 26, 2021-Governor Newsom's office released information regarding a new statewide COVID-19 vaccine delivery network. After administering 2.5M vaccines in seven weeks, the state has 3 main changes to the vaccine program based on lessons learned from the 10-Day Vaccine Challenge.

1. Simplifying Eligibility: The state will implement a statewide standard under which health care workers, individuals 65+ and education and child care, emergency services and food and agriculture workers will be eligible to start making appointments to receive the vaccine, pending vaccine availability. These are the group identified in Phase 1B, Tier 1.
2. Standardizing Information and Data: The state is officially launching My Turn today, a new system for Californians to learn when they are eligible to be vaccinated, a place to make an appointment when eligible and a mechanism to easily track vaccination data. To access My Turn, visit the link <https://myturn.ca.gov/>.
3. Addressing Available Supply by Streamlining Vaccination Process: The state through a Third Party Administrator will allocate vaccines directly to providers to maximize efficiency. The vaccine provider network is expected to include public health systems, pharmacies, health systems, public hospitals, and community health centers.