



**Imperial County's**

# **Roadmap to Recovery**

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# IMPERIAL COUNTY’S ROADMAP TO RECOVERY

## WORKING DOCUMENT

### Introduction

Over the last several months, California counties, in coordination with the California Department of Public Health, have worked extensively to create a meaningful framework that supports the decision to reopen local economies. Four stages have been created and based on the direction from the State of California, Imperial County, along with the other 57 counties throughout the state, are moving from stage to stage, based on their County’s respective metrics and approved variance/attestation documents. The table below provides an overview of the California Department of Public Health’s Resilience Roadmap outlining the four stages and their respective descriptions. This table has been incorporated into our local Roadmap to Recovery document to provide a framework and offer context as Imperial County continues to move between the different stages.

**Table 1: RESILIENCE ROADMAP STAGES**

<b>Stage 1: Safety and preparedness</b>	<b>Stage 2: Lower-risk workplaces</b>	<b>Stage 3: Higher-risk workplaces</b>	<b>Stage 4: End of stay home order</b>
<p>Continue to build out testing, contact tracing, PPE, and hospital surge capacity.</p> <p>Continue to make essential workplaces as safe as possible:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Physical and work flow adaptation</li> <li>• Essential workforce safety net</li> <li>• Make PPE more widely available</li> <li>• Individual behavior changes</li> </ul> <p>Stay at home except for essential and permitted activities</p> <p>Prepare sector-by-sector safety guidelines for expanded workforce</p>	<p>Gradually opening some lower risk workplaces with adaptations at a pace designed to protect public health and safety, starting with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Retail</li> <li>• Manufacturing</li> <li>• Offices (when telework not possible)</li> <li>• Limited Personal Services</li> </ul> <p>Limit time outside the home and travel only for permissible activities, such as healthcare, food, outdoor exercise and recreation (individuals and households only). Stage 1 and 2 work, and local shopping or other activities related to open sectors</p>	<p>Phase in higher-risk workplaces at a pace designed to protect public health and safety, beginning with limited personal care and recreational venues (with workplace modifications).</p> <p>Travel for permissible activities, such as healthcare, food, stages 1-3 work, and local or activities shopping related to open sectors.</p> <p>Monitor critical indicators and alter scope of reopening if necessary to protect public health and safety.</p>	<p>Gradually open larger gathering venues at a pace consistent with public health and safety, such as nightclubs, concert venues, and live audience sports.</p> <p>Gradually resume remaining activities and travel.</p> <p>Monitor critical indicators and alter scope of reopening if necessary to protect public health and safety.</p>

## **Imperial County's Current Status**

As of August 25, 2020, Imperial County's COVID-19 County Variance/Attestation has been accepted by the California Department of Public Health. The attestation forms and associated documents are accessible at [https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/County\\_Variance\\_Attestation\\_Form.aspx](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/County_Variance_Attestation_Form.aspx). A county that has met certain readiness criteria in containing COVID-19 may consider increasing the pace at which they advance through Stage 2 of California's Resilience Roadmap to modify the stay-at-home order through a filed attestation.

Imperial County remains on the state's County Data Monitoring List (Monitoring List). If a county is above or below threshold for any county data monitoring metric (elevated disease transmission, increased hospitalization, hospital capacity) for 3 consecutive days, they are added to the Monitoring List. Once a county appears on the Monitoring List for 3 consecutive days, indoor operations in the sectors listed in Section 3 of the July 13<sup>th</sup> State Health Officer Order must close even when a county is removed from the County Data Monitoring List, until the State Health Officer modifies the Order and authorizes re-opening.

The sectors that can open or reopen must be aligned with what the State of California's industry guidance found at: <https://covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance/>. The County's move to Stage 2 allows many businesses to reopen, with modifications. Because Imperial County remains the State's COVID-19 Data Monitoring list, some sectors will be only be allowed to conduct outdoor operations at this time. The local Health Officer order has been updated to reflect the move to Stage 2 and emphasizes that safety measures, such as the stay-at-home order and requirements for social distancing and face coverings, remain in place to support continued improvement and to ultimately move the county further down the path of recovery.

As of August 25, 2020, the following is a list of status for business sector operations in accordance to the State of California Roadmap to Recovery.

OPEN FOR INDOOR OPERATIONS W/SAFETY PLAN, SOCIAL DISTANCING AND OTHER PREVENTION MEASURES AS SPECIFIED IN THE STATE'S INDUSTRY GUIDANCE	OPEN OUTDOORS ONLY W/SAFETY PLAN, SOCIAL DISTANCING AND OTHER PREVENTION MEASURES AS SPECIFIED IN THE STATE'S INDUSTRY GUIDANCE	<u>NOT</u> OPENED
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Counseling services at Places of Worship</li> <li>· Retail (e.g., bookstores, clothing and shoe stores, florists, home and furnishing stores, jewelry stores)</li> <li>· Higher Education (in person limited to specialized courses)</li> <li>· Day camps</li> <li>· Childcare</li> <li>· Libraries</li> <li>· Music, film and TV Production</li> <li>· Casinos</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Places of Worship/Religious &amp; Cultural Services(100 max. has been removed, tarps permitted, no walls or blowers)</li> <li>· Campgrounds, RV Parks, Outdoor Recreation (playgrounds, conference spaces, meeting rooms must remain closed)</li> <li>· Restaurant Services</li> <li>· Family Entertainment Centers</li> <li>· Gyms and Fitness Facilities</li> <li>· Movie Theaters</li> <li>· Zoos, Museums and Galleries</li> <li>· Personal Care Services (beauty shops, barbershops, nail salons)</li> <li>· Racetracks (open without spectators)</li> <li>· Wineries/Tasting Rooms</li> <li>· Malls</li> <li>· First Amendment Protest (100 max. has been removed, tarps permitted, no walls or blowers)</li> <li>· Cardrooms</li> <li>· Swimming Pools (use of slides not allowed)</li> <li>· Youth Sports*</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Bars/Breweries/Pubs (unless offering outdoor dine-in meals)</li> <li>· Convention Centers</li> <li>· K-12 Schools (waiver options once County is off State Data Monitoring list for 14 days)</li> <li>· Public Events &amp; Gatherings</li> <li>· Recreational Team Sports</li> <li>· Saunas and Steam Rooms</li> <li>· Tattoos, Piercings and Electrolysis</li> <li>· Theme Parks and Festivals</li> </ul>
<p>*Per the industry guidance for Youth Sports, indoor physical conditioning and training is allowed only in counties where gyms and fitness centers are allowed to operate indoors. At this time, Imperial County is on the State's Data Monitoring List, therefore, gyms and fitness centers are to operate outdoors. Please note, state guidance documents are constantly being updated. For the most current industry guidance, please visit <a href="https://covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance/#top">https://covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance/#top</a></p>		
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## **Strong and Clear Communication and Public Engagement Plan**

Communication is an integral part during a crisis and is even more important as Imperial County moves toward reopening. It is critical that opportunities for public engagement are available and supported as the Imperial County's Roadmap to Recovery Plan and other supporting plans, documents and resources are developed and shared with the community. These opportunities will be an important element for minimizing the risk of misunderstanding, confusion, or protest by individuals who believe reopening should either be faster or slower. It is important that Imperial County evaluates the different needs, risk factors, and resources.

## **Conclusion**

The COVID-19 Pandemic is not yet over. The threat of COVID-19 will be with us for the foreseeable future, and there is a high probability that Imperial County will experience continued outbreaks that will force us to revert to earlier stages at some point during the reopening process. We need to continue to build capacity and create partnerships across our county with employers, nonprofits, and community groups, to respond effectively to this challenge. This is also the time to provide additional guidance and an evidence-based framework for reopening our local economy. Discussions with the state and federal government will continue with the purpose of forward movement that best meets the needs of the community while protecting the health of public. Everyone is encouraged to visit the Imperial County Public Health Department webpage for up-to-date information at <http://www.icphd.org/health-information-and-resources/healthy-facts/covid-19>. Industry specific resources are also available at California Department of Public Health at the following site <https://covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance/>. Lastly, the Imperial Valley Business Recovery Taskforce has a business site-specific plan, checklist and other available resources for use at <https://ivbizrecovery.com>.