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## State unveils new business reopening plan and coronavirus monitoring guidelines and allows additional businesses to reopen indoors

WESTMINSTER, Calif. - The State of California has unveiled a new plan for monitoring the coronavirus (COVID-19) and reopening businesses. The "Blueprint for a Safer Economy" plan replaces the previous "Resilience Roadmap." Counties must now advance through a color-coded, four-tier system in order to gradually reopen business sectors safely.

The tier system replaces the state's County Data Monitoring List. Counties are placed in a colored tier based on the number of cases and the percentage of positive tests. The purple tier is the most restrictive tier and signifies the highest risk of spreading COVID-19, while the yellow tier is for counties with minimal risk.

Although Orange County was recently removed from the former county watch list, Orange County is now one of 38 counties in the purple "widespread" tier under the new system. More information regarding the purple tier, including a list of business sectors allowed to reopen and current restrictions, can be found on the State of California's COVID-19 website.

Announced as part of the new plan, hair salons and barbershops may begin reopening indoor operations on Monday, August 31 regardless of their county's placement on the tier system. Indoor malls may also reopen with limited capacity.

The City of Westminster will continue to monitor the <u>Orange County Health Care Agency</u> for updates regarding a health order that addresses the reopening of businesses in Orange County in accordance with the new plan.

For information regarding schools and classrooms reopening, contact your local school district.

The mandate for Californians to wear face coverings in public spaces remains in effect. A limited supply of face coverings are available at City Hall, Community Services and Recreation, and the Corporate Yard during business hours for residents in need of one.

For additional information and the latest updates, visit the City's dedicated coronavirus webpage at <a href="https://projectwestminster.com/coronavirus-updates">https://projectwestminster.com/coronavirus-updates</a>.

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