



## Public Health Brief

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## Where Do We Stand on Resuming Activities?

### Current Situation:

There are still lots of unknowns regarding our future and the COVID-19 pandemic, but there are some bright spots. As a state, 40-50% of residents have antibodies protecting them from infection with COVID-19. All in the state over the age of 16 are now eligible for vaccinations as of April 15th. Alpine County opened to all 18 years and older on February 24<sup>th</sup> and has vaccinated the highest % of residents in the entire state. The vaccine is still highly effective for at least 6 months after completing the series, and so far, is working well against the known variants. The Moderna vaccine which we are using has an excellent safety record with now over 22 million doses administered. Moderna is working on expanding eligibility down to age 12 possibly by school opening in the fall, and eventually down to age 6 months. They are also working on a combination flu and COVID vaccine to be used if an annual booster is required just like with influenza.

Although the tunnel we are in still has some curves, the light at the end is getting brighter! The Alpine County Health Department has been in a response mode since January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020, for a total of 466 days, and we are ready like you are to get back to "normal".

New guidelines have been released this week that will help guide our planning for the next few months. Remember, Alpine County is in the **YELLOW** Tier, which is the least restrictive tier assigned by the state. We continue to have very few cases in Alpine County, due to high vaccination rates and compliance with mask mandates which will continue into the foreseeable future.



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Here are links to the latest guidance documents from the California Department of Public Health.

Museums: [Industry guidance to reduce risk - Coronavirus COVID-19 Response \(ca.gov\)](#)

Libraries: [Library Guidance \(ca.gov\)](#) and [Guidance Retail \(ca.gov\)](#)

Office Workspaces: [COVID-19 Industry Guidance: Office Workspaces \(ca.gov\)](#)

Places of worship and cultural ceremonies (weddings, funerals): [Industry guidance to reduce risk - Coronavirus COVID-19 Response \(ca.gov\)](#)

Private venues and events (wedding receptions): [Private Venues - Events Guidance - 04.14.21 - APPROVED \(ca.gov\)](#)

Gatherings: [Guidance for the Prevention of COVID-19 Transmission for Gatherings November 2020 \(ca.gov\)](#)

Live performances (outdoor): [COVID-19 INDUSTRY GUIDANCE \(ca.gov\)](#)

Live performances (indoor): [COVID-19 INDUSTRY GUIDANCE \(ca.gov\)](#)

Day camps: [Industry guidance to reduce risk - Coronavirus COVID-19 Response \(ca.gov\)](#)

We are eagerly waiting for state guidance for overnight camps and will share as soon as available. In the meantime, I will attach an excellent document from Minnesota which can serve as a planning tool until our own state guidance is released.

For more information, go to:

[Blueprint for a Safer Economy - Coronavirus COVID-19 Response \(ca.gov\)](#)

[Vaccines - Coronavirus COVID-19 Response \(ca.gov\)](#)

[COVID-19 | Alpine County, CA - Official Website](#)

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