



Public Health Division

# County of Santa Cruz

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### Press Release

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## COUNTY REMOVED FROM DATA MONITORING LIST

The County of Santa Cruz Public Health Division is pleased to announce the County has been removed from the state data monitoring list, effective Friday, August 14.

Being removed from the monitoring list is an indication of reduced spread of COVID-19 and is the first step toward the lifting of economic measures and school restrictions. However, counties must be off the data monitoring list for 14 consecutive days for measures and restrictions to be lifted, and no immediate changes to those operations may be implemented at this time.

Any future school openings are subject to decisions by local school boards and administrators.

In counties removed from the data monitoring list, local businesses may only open by order of the State Health Officer. Impacted businesses anticipating to resume operations should prepare by consulting sector-specific guidance, available at

<https://www.santacruzhealth.org/HSAHome/HSADivisions/PublicHealth/CommunicableDiseaseControl/CoronavirusHome/PublicInformation/IndustrySectorGuidance.aspx>

Businesses are also advised that they may enroll in the Blue Check Program attesting to safe business practices for staff and customers, and may download the Public Health face covering sign and other messaging from the Public Health sign/messaging library, available at

<https://www.santacruzhealth.org/HSAHome/HSADivisions/PublicHealth/CommunicableDiseaseControl/CoronavirusHome/PublicInformation/SignsMediaLibrary.aspx>.

The community should continue taking steps to protect themselves and their community from COVID-19, including avoiding indoor gatherings with those outside your household, maintaining physical distancing, wearing a mask, washing your hands and sneezing/coughing into your elbow.

Should disease rates increase once more, the County may return to the data monitoring list.

For local information on COVID-19, go to [www.santacruzhealth.org/coronavirus](http://www.santacruzhealth.org/coronavirus), call 211 or text "COVID19" to 211211. Residents may also call (831) 454-4242 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.



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