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San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors Receive COVID-19 Updates and Take Actions
County moves to Orange Tier and prepares to fully reopen on June 15

STOCKTON –San Joaquin County Public Health Officer Dr. Maggie Park told the Board of Supervisors yesterday that San Joaquin County’s overall averaged COVID-19 case rate continues to decline, which has dropped from 6.2 to 3.8 per 100,000 over the past three weeks—which moved the County to the Orange Tier on June 1.

San Joaquin County COVID-19 latest statistics as of June 7, 2021:
• 570,689 total vaccination doses have been administered to San Joaquin County residents
• 318,438 total residents have been fully or partially vaccinated through the County, as well as other multi-county entities, hospital systems, and pharmacies comprising 53.3% of San Joaquin County’s total population
• 42.26% of residents aged 12 or over are fully vaccinated and 11.07% are partially vaccinated
• 3.8 daily adjusted new cases (per 100k)
• 2.0% positive tests for the entire county
• 2.7% positive tests for health equity quartile
• 35 residents hospitalized, 13 of which are in the ICU

To view all of the County’s COVID-19 statistics, see the dashboard at https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/4ec4f8e1dfd142998d1732c7f5c79e45

Dr. Park said that the County is vaccinating about 1,000 people a day and they are turning their efforts to people living in specific zip codes where vaccination rates are lower than other areas in order to target vaccination efforts specifically to people who haven’t been immunized.

“There is great news to report all around,” Dr. Park said. “COVID-19 case rates, positivity rates, hospitalizations and deaths are all declining. Businesses and social activities are opening up. More than half our residents over the age of 12 are fully or partially vaccinated and the vaccinations are proving highly effective which is demonstrated by much lower number of people who are contracting COVID-19 or being hospitalized. Everyday life will soon feel a lot like life before COVID-19.”

Dr. Park gave the Board an update on the activities that can resume after June 15 when the State lifts previous rules under the Blueprint for a Safer Economy and returns to usual business operations and public activities. She said fully vaccinated people will be able to resume indoor and outdoor activities without wearing masks, physically distancing or capacity limits, with the exception of schools, health care settings and long-term care facilities, homeless shelters, correctional facilities, all modes of public transit (planes, trains, buses) as well as indoor mega events where more than 5,000 people are attending.

Dr. Park also informed the Board about recent Cal OSHA standards enacted for the workplace which state that in an indoor setting, fully vaccinated workers without COVID-19 symptoms do not need to wear face coverings in a room
where everyone else if fully vaccinated and not showing symptoms. However, where there is a mixture of vaccinated and unvaccinated persons in a room, all workers will continue to be required to wear a face covering. In an outdoor setting, fully vaccinated workers without symptoms do not need to wear face coverings. However, outdoor workers who are not fully vaccinated must continue to wear a face covering when they are less than six feet away from another person. Physical distancing and partition/barriers for employees working indoors will also be removed as long as the employer provides respirators, such as a N95, for unvaccinated employees to use voluntarily. Visit Cal OSHA for more information.

San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors Chairman Tom Patti concluded by telling Dr. Park, “It is about time these State enforced rules come to an end. Now that the medical system is no longer overwhelmed, these restrictions in the workplace and in public are no longer necessary. We need to focus our energy and efforts on recovering from this past year and moving forward with no constraints or limitations.”

Consent Items:
- Approved the second amendment to Agreement (A-20-231), Food and Concession Agreement, Lease and Permit for Commercial Activities between the County of San Joaquin and Coffee Bytes, LLC. Approval of budget adjustments to the Self-Insurance Casualty Internal Service Fund (Casualty ISF) in the amount of $530,000 for property restoration incidents and COVID-19 employee testing.
- Retroactively approved agreements with Central Valley Low Income Housing Corporation and Housing Authority County of San Joaquin for a total of $340,692 to provide Project Roomkey rehousing services from April 20, 2021 through December 31, 2021.
- Approved revisions to previously-approved Resolution (R-20-177) authorizing grant application to the California State Department of Housing and Community Development for the 2020 Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act for additional funding for Emergency Solutions Grants Program - Coronavirus.
- Approved and authorized the acceptance of COVID-19 AB 86 Safe Schools for All Funding from California Department of Public Health for the period of May 12, 2021 through June 30, 2022, in the amount of $250,000.