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To: California Cardroom Industry Members

Re: New California Blueprint for a Safer Economy and How It Relates to Cardrooms

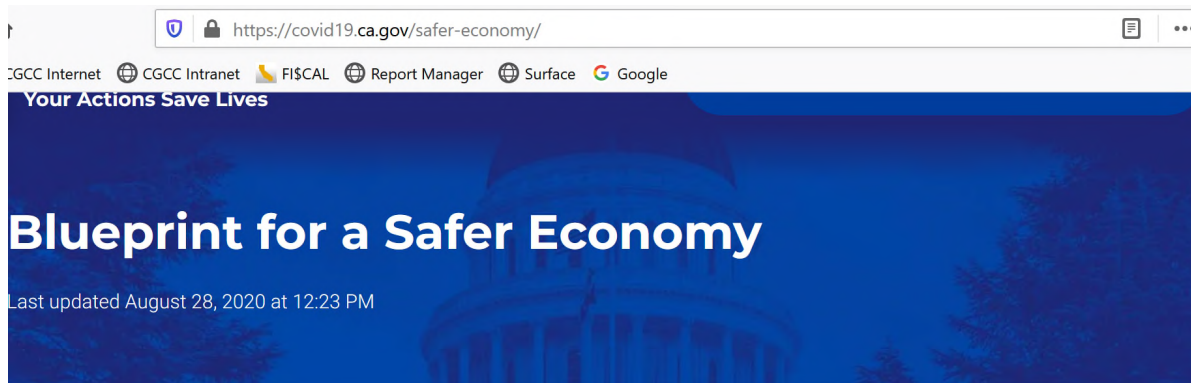
Today, as part of California’s efforts to address COVID-19, Governor Gavin Newsom announced California’s new [Blueprint for a Safer Economy \(Blueprint\)](#) with revised criteria for loosening and tightening restrictions on activities. The new Blueprint goes into effect on Monday, August 31, 2020.

The new Blueprint outlines when and how counties, and the businesses within those counties, can reopen based on the number of daily COVID-19 new cases and positive tests. These numbers will determine which risk level each county is in, and when and how business within that county can resume outdoor and/or indoor operations. The following graphic outlines the four different county risk levels:

County risk level	New cases	positive tests
<p>WIDESPREAD</p> <p>Many non-essential indoor business operations are closed</p>	<p>More than 7</p> <p>daily new cases (per 100k)</p>	<p>More than 8%</p> <p>positive tests</p>
<p>SUBSTANTIAL</p> <p>Some non-essential indoor business operations are closed</p>	<p>4 - 7</p> <p>daily new cases (per 100k)</p>	<p>5 - 8%</p> <p>positive tests</p>
<p>MODERATE</p> <p>Some indoor business operations are open with modifications</p>	<p>1 - 3.9</p> <p>daily new cases (per 100k)</p>	<p>2 - 4.9%</p> <p>positive tests</p>
<p>MINIMAL</p> <p>Most indoor business operations are open with modifications</p>	<p>Less than 1</p> <p>daily new cases (per 100k)</p>	<p>Less than 2%</p> <p>positive tests</p>

Each county in California is assigned to a tier based on its rate of new cases and positivity rate. At a minimum, counties must remain in a tier for at least three weeks before moving forward. Data is reviewed weekly and tiers are updated on Tuesdays. To move forward, a county must meet the next tier’s criteria for two consecutive weeks. If a county’s metrics worsen for two consecutive weeks, it will be assigned to a more restrictive tier. Public health officials are constantly monitoring data and can step in if necessary.


To quickly determine whether a cardroom is able to conduct operations outdoor and/or indoor, you can go to the [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/) webpage. On that webpage, you can select “Cardrooms” from the “Activity” pull down menu, as follows, which will produce a list of the cardroom status for each county:



California has a blueprint for reducing COVID-19 in the state with revised criteria for loosening and tightening restrictions on activities.

Find the status of activities in your county, effective Aug. 31

County Activity



Again, the new Blueprint goes into effect on Monday, August 31, 2020. Please continue working with your local jurisdiction for all necessary local reviews and approvals prior to resuming operations.

Stay well.

Sincerely,



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