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To: California Cardroom Industry Members

Re: Blueprint for a Safer Economy Updates

Yesterday, Governor Gavin Newsom and state health officials [announced](#) new immediate actions to curb the spread of COVID-19. As a result, 39 counties moved into more restrictive tier assignments in the state's Blueprint for a Safer Economy, and several counties moved multiple tiers. The state also emphasized that industry restrictions associated with each tier go into effect today, November 17, 2020. The state urges industries in each county to immediately bring their businesses into compliance with their county's tier assignments.

The Commission recognizes that these new measures will cause many cardrooms to go from offering limited indoor gaming to outdoor gaming only immediately. We urge you to check your county's status at the state's [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#) website, and to also familiarize yourself with the [state's guidance](#) on outdoor operation of cardrooms. Please keep in contact with your local health department to ensure you have all necessary local approvals to conduct outdoor gaming.

As a reminder, all cardrooms operating outdoors are strongly encouraged to work with the Bureau of Gambling Control to ensure the outdoor operations are conducted safely, securely, and in compliance with existing statutes, regulations, and all applicable requirements.

Please continue to check the Commission's [COVID-19 page](#), where we will continue to post updates as we receive them.

Thank you all for your patience, understanding, resilience, and hard work during this time.

Sincerely,

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