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To the Citizens and Businesses of Solvang:

As you are most likely aware, today – Monday, January 25, 2021 – California Governor Gavin Newsom announced that [the State's Regional stay-at-home-order would cease](#), and would be replaced with the previous [tier-based system](#) for each California County. As a follow-up to the State's announcement, Santa Barbara County's Public Health Officer Order is being updated, today; the County's reinstating of the Purple Tier status will be **effective Tuesday, January 26, 2021, at 8:00 AM**, for County of Santa Barbara.

Santa Barbara County's Purple Tier status allows for a slight move toward reopening in certain business sectors, but does still come with closures which need to remain in place, either in whole or in part. Namely, our bars, breweries and distilleries – where no meals are provided – will need to remain closed, but our [restaurants and wineries / wine tasting rooms](#) may re-open for outdoor service with modifications. Please, refer to County of Santa Barbara and State websites for detailed guidance for each sector.

Solvang's [hotels and lodging properties](#) may now [re-open with modifications](#), for leisure travel in addition to hosting essential workers. Most of our retail businesses may remain open for indoor shopping, at limited capacities and with modifications. Certain personal care services may also return to indoor operations, but with specific modifications. Our museums, however, must remain closed to indoor visits until we move to different tier status. Please check the State's "Blueprint for a Safer Economy" web page for details as pertain to your individual businesses or concerns: <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/>

Attached is the listing of Industry Sector restrictions by Tier color. It is important that businesses follow their COVID Prevention Plans as part of their original attestation through the County's RISE Program.

Businesses do not need to re-attest. The State Guidelines are available at <https://covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance/> or the recoveryabc.org website. The **new Santa Barbara County Public Health Officer Order will continue to promote no gatherings**, which is more restrictive than the State.

We strongly encourage everyone to please review the State's guidance for each individual business sector, and also encourage all businesses to adhere to the guidelines for their respective sectors: <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/>. COVID case rates are still high for our County, so the Public Health Department reminds all that face coverings, social distancing and enhanced cleaning protocols are still required. We have great hope that we will be able to downgrade to the slightly less-restrictive Red Tier soon, and we will be in touch once again as soon as that occurs.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to the City with any questions which might arise from today's announcements and changes: 805-688-5575 or CityHall@cityofsolvang.com.

Stay safe out there,

Xenia Bradford, City Manager