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Hanford, CA – Kings County Officials have announced that businesses listed in the expanded Stage 2 of the California Resilience Roadmap for State Reopening will be allowed to open immediately. This is a result of the County's variance attestation being approved today by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). On Monday, May 18th, Governor Gavin Newsom announced revised criteria that counties must meet to be able to submit a COVID-19 County Variance Attestation, which allows counties to move into the expanded stage 2. Mass gatherings such as concerts, graduations, sporting events are still prohibited.

Aside from the businesses that were already reopened as part of early stage 2, approval of Kings' County variance attestation means that the following businesses can now be open as well:

- Destination retail (retail stores), including shopping malls and swap meets.
- Dine-in restaurants (other amenities, like bars or gaming areas, are not permitted in Stage 2).
- Schools with modifications.

The CDPH has posted guidance and checklists for measures that businesses in these industries should implement to create a safer environment for staff and customers. Additionally, the Kings County Department of Public Health is available to provide guidance for businesses to implement safety measures. Visit www.countyofkings.com/departments/administration/reopen-kings for information and guidance.

"Early measures taken in Kings County to deal with COVID-19 have been effective enough to allow the County to progress through the expanded Stage 2 reopening," said Edward Hill, Director of Public Health. "We encourage residents to continue limiting their travel, implementing social distancing and other hygiene measures to protect our most vulnerable residents."

The following are not part of Stage 2 and are not permitted to operate until a later date:

- Personal services such as nail salons, tattoo parlors, gyms and fitness studios.
- Indoor museums, kids museums and gallery spaces, zoos and libraries.
- Community centers, including public pools, playgrounds, and picnic areas.
- Limited-capacity religious services and cultural ceremonies.
- Nightclubs.
- Concert venues.
- Live audience sports.
- Festivals.

- Theme parks.
- Hotels/lodging for leisure and tourism – non-essential travel.
- Higher Education.
- Graduation ceremonies.