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## State announces regional stay-at-home order lifted, Riverside County businesses to resume within purple tier restrictions

Local officials remind residents to wear masks, avoid gatherings to slow the spread

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) announced today that the stay-at-home order for Southern California is lifted. This puts Riverside County in the state's purple tier, which allows many businesses to resume either indoor or outdoor operations.

"So many of our small businesses that have shouldered significant burden throughout this pandemic can now refocus on their recovery," said Board Chair Karen Spiegel, Second District Supervisor. "While some of our businesses may be reopening, we cannot lose sight of the fact that coronavirus continues to be widespread throughout all of Southern California. It is absolutely critical that we continue to wear masks, avoid gatherings and practice good hygiene to slow the spread."

Businesses like restaurants and gyms can operate outside, while personal care businesses like hair salons, barber shops and nail salons can operate inside.

All residents are encouraged to take a PCR swab test to contain the disease. Anyone, with or without symptoms or health insurance, can take a free PCR swab test. Visit <u>GetTested.ruhealth.org</u> to make an appointment. Other testing options can be found online at: <u>https://covid19.ca.gov/get-tested/</u>.

For more information on which businesses may now resume more operations, visit <u>https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/</u>. For more information on safe business reopening guidance and other business resources, visit <u>https://rivcobcs.org/</u>.

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