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SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES CREATES VISUAL AID FOR ROADMAP TO RECOVERY FROM COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Stockton, CA (May 12, 2020) – As California gradually emerges from its Stay-at-Home order in responding to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, San Joaquin County Public Health Services (PHS) has released a new visual dashboard to help track the county's progress in meeting key factors and thresholds set by the state to guide in reopening businesses and returning to daily activities. The COVID-19 Roadmap to Recovery dashboard can be found on the PHS website at www.sjcphs.org.

On April 28, 2020, Governor Newsom and state health officials released a statewide recovery plan that addresses both the public health and economic crises created by COVID-19 with guidelines to safely and gradually reopen businesses and activities in the counties. The framework of this plan is science-based and data-driven and assesses a county's readiness to move forward in a four-stage recovery process:

- **Stage 1: Safety and Preparedness.** Make workplaces safe for our essential workers.
- **Stage 2: Lower-risk workplaces.** Gradually reopen retail (curbside and delivery only), manufacturing and logistics. Later, relax retail restrictions, adapt and reopen schools, childcare, offices, and limited hospitality and personal services.
- **Stage 3: Higher-risk workplaces.** Adapt and reopen movie theaters, religious services, and more hospitality and personal services.
- **Stage 4: End of Stay-at-Home order.** Reopen areas of highest risk e.g., concerts, conventions, sports arenas.

On May 7, 2020, Governor Newsom outlined indicators the state would consider in order for counties to meet "variance through Stage 2" criteria. They include:

- **Epidemiological stability of COVID-19:** The prevalence of COVID-19 cases and deaths in a 14-day period;
- **Protection of Stage 1 essential workers:** Clear guidance and the necessary resources to ensure the safety of Stage 1 essential critical infrastructure workers;
- **Testing capacity:** The ability to monitor and protect our communities through testing, contact tracing, isolating, and supporting those who are positive or exposed;
- **Containment capacity:** The ability to prevent infection in people who are at risk for more severe COVID-19;
- **Hospital capacity:** The ability of the hospital and health systems to handle surges; and,
- **Vulnerable populations:** Maintenance of protections for vulnerable populations.

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Currently, San Joaquin County is in Stage 2 of the governor's roadmap along with the rest of the state, which allows low-risk workplaces to reopen. The dashboard was designed to display the progress of San Joaquin County toward fulfillment of each requirement in order to attest that the county is ready to move at an accelerated rate through the rest of Stage 2. The county will continue to assess its ability to meet the attestation metrics. In the meantime, San Joaquin County will continue to follow the guidance and orders from Governor Newsom and the state health officials in order to maintain the public's health.

"We cannot let our guard down now," urges Dr. Maggie Park, San Joaquin County Public Health Officer. "I am pleased with the good work that everyone has done to control the transmission of this disease and save lives. Although slowed, the number of COVID-19 related cases and deaths continue to rise in San Joaquin County (629 positive cases and 30 deaths), providing evidence that the virus is still present and circulating throughout our community. This requires us to maintain our efforts in order to move forward on the road to recovery."

The Roadmap to Recovery dashboard will be updated daily as information becomes available.

For more information, visit the San Joaquin County Public Health Services website and social media accounts at www.sjcphs.org. In addition, guidance videos may be found on the San Joaquin County Public Health Services YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/user/sjcphs>.

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