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San Joaquin County Revises to Stay At Home Order

Stockton, Calif. - Following the State's release of guidance on June 5, 2020 the San Joaquin County Public Health Officer and Director of Emergency Services have announced that all Gyms and Fitness Studios can reopen with modifications that reduce risk and establish a safer environment for workers and customers.

On Wednesday, June 17, 2020 at 12:01 a.m., gyms and fitness studios can reopen in San Joaquin County. Dance studios and gymnastics are also permitted to operate under the approved guidance. The County recognizes the impact of economic hardship, but the risk of COVID-19 infection is still real for all residents and continues to be fatal.

While many elements of the guidance are the same across industries – such as cleaning and physical distancing – consideration was given to industry-specific methods. For example:

- Fitness facilities with playgrounds should keep those areas closed until such facilities are allowed to resume modified or full operation.
- Gym guidance does not apply to day care or childcare services, youth camps, team or contact sports, school and educational activities, and other public gatherings.
- Most organized activities and sports such as basketball, baseball, soccer, and football that are held on park fields, open areas, and courts are not permitted.

Each business, should review the guidance, prepare a plan, and put it into action. When complete, businesses can post the industry-specific checklist in their workplace to show customers and employees that they have reduced the risk and are open for business.

Before reopening, all outlined facilities should:

- Perform a detailed risk assessment and implement a site-specific protection plan
- Train employees on how to limit the spread of COVID-19, including how to screen themselves for symptoms and stay home if they have them
- Implement individual control measures and screenings
- Implement disinfecting protocols
- Implement physical distancing guidance

COVID is still spreading and prevalent in San Joaquin County. Community members are reminded that gatherings are still prohibited. If you must encounter with people outside of your household, remember to practice social distancing, wash your hands and practice good hygiene, and wear a face covering when possible. Testing is still available at several locations across the county, including free sites in Lodi and French Camp.

The State developed industry guidance for Gyms and Fitness can be found at <https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-fitness.pdf>. For additional information on open businesses and links to alternative COVID-19 guidance, visit www.SJReady.org.

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