



March 15, 2021

Dear Food Facility Operators:

As more of the population in Contra Costa County becomes fully vaccinated and we all still maintain social distancing and masking, there is a direct effect to the State metrics dictating county restrictions. The State has moved Contra Costa County into the **Substantial/Red Tier**, subject to the following restrictions:

- Maximum capacity of 25 percent or 100 people, whichever is less. The need for social distancing may reduce this capacity further.
- Retail stores can be open with up to 50 percent capacity.
- Grocery stores can be open with no restrictions on capacity (so long as social distancing and other protective measures are in place). A grocery store is a store where the primary purpose is the sale of food items.

We are hopeful that an increase in vaccinations will continue the downward trend of transmission of COVID-19 allowing Contra Costa County to transition into the **Moderate/Orange Tier** relatively soon. Increased indoor dining capacity will be allowed in the **Moderate/Orange tier**.

Attached is the "Interim Guidance Document for Food Facilities: Health Officer's Order (March 14, 2021)" and a link to the Environmental Health COVID-19 Information page:

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Information :: Environmental Health :: Contra Costa Health Services \(cchealth.org\)](https://www.cchealth.org/coronavirus-covid-19-information-environmental-health)

Sincerely,

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