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**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY APPROVED TO MOVE FURTHER AHEAD
IN STAGE 2 OF CALIFORNIA RESILIENCE ROADMAP**
*Health Officer Order Issued to Align with Reopening of
Dine-In Restaurants and Destination Retail Beginning Today*

(SANTA BARBARA, Calif.) –Santa Barbara County’s Attestation and Reopening Plan has been approved by the State of California. The County of Santa Barbara will begin moving further into stage 2 of the reopening process. A modified Health Officer Order has been released providing guidance regarding the criteria and procedures with which Santa Barbara County will move forward through the expanded stage 2 of the [Governor’s 4-Stage Process](#).

The lower risk workplaces which are permitted to reopen safely while adhering to social distancing guidelines provided by the Governor and the Santa Barbara County Health Officer include:

- Destination retail, including but not limited to clothing stores and shoe stores
- Dine-in restaurants (other facility amenities, like bars or gaming areas, are not permitted)
- Campground and RV Parks

“This is an exciting next step for our entire community and we are thankful for the diligent cooperation of residents. As local businesses work through reopening we encourage them to adhere to physical distancing and hygiene guidelines while educating both staff and customers of new practices,” shared Van Do-Reynoso, Director for the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department.

The State has provided [Guidance for Dine-In Restaurants](#), [Checklist for Dine-In Restaurants](#), and [Guidance for Retail](#) that can be useful in the planning process. These documents help businesses understand how to adapt procedures and practices for this next stage of reopening.

For the full Health Officer Order, please visit: <https://publichealthsb.org/health-officer-orders/>. The Health Officer Order went into effect today, May 21, 2020 at 9 a.m.

For general questions about stage 2 reopening and general COVID-19 information, residents may call the Santa Barbara County Call Center at (833) 688-5551.

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