



Tier Framework ([link](#))

This framework lays out the measures that each county must meet, based on indicators that capture disease burden, testing, and health equity. A county may be more restrictive than this framework. This framework also notes signals of concern, including impacted healthcare capacity that may lead towards a dimming intervention. This framework replaces the former County Data Monitoring metrics. As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to be an evolving situation and new evidence and understanding emerges, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), in collaboration with other State officials, will continue to reassess metrics and thresholds.

	Higher Risk → Lower Risk of Community Disease Transmission***			
Measure	Tier 1 Widespread (Purple)	Tier 2 Substantial (Red)	Tier 3 Moderate (Orange)	Tier 4 Minimal (Yellow)
Adjusted Case Rate for Tier Assignment ** (Rate per 100,000 population * excluding prison cases^, 7 Day average with 7 day lag)	> 10	4-10	1 – 3.9	< 1
Test Positivity ^ (Excluding prison cases^, 7 day average with 7 day lag)	> 8%	5-8%	2 – 4.9%	< 2%