

# COVID-19 SPECIAL UPDATE –

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- The governor today announced [new reopening guidelines](#) for businesses and schools. Under the new [color-coded ranking system](#), which replaces the county monitoring watch list, counties will fall into four categories depending on the number of cases per 100,000 residents and the percentage of tests that come back positive. The color categories — purple, red, orange and yellow — will determine how much of a county's economy can be open. Most California counties are in the purple (widespread) category.
- Newsom and California Health and Human Services Secretary Dr. Mark Ghaly today announced a refresh of the state's [COVID-19 website](#) that will allow users to easily find out what businesses and activities can open in your county, and how.
- California now has 688,858 confirmed cases of COVID-19, resulting in 12,690 deaths. The number of COVID-related deaths increased by 1.1 percent from Wednesday's total.
- The state has performed 11 million tests. The rate of positive tests over the last 14 days is 6.0 percent.

*[You can watch today's update here.](#)*

Unemployed Californians are set to receive [extra \\$300 in weekly jobless benefits](#). The benefit is expected to start the week of September 7 but will be rolled out in phases.

A major poultry producer in Central California has been [ordered to temporarily shut down](#) by local authorities in the wake of a [deadly coronavirus outbreak](#).

The Food and Drug Administration this week authorized the [first rapid coronavirus test](#) that doesn't need any special computer equipment to get results.

The coronavirus [death toll in the United States](#) has surpassed 181,000, while 5.9 million cases have been reported.

Children and young people are far less likely to get severe cases of COVID-19 infection, according to [new research](#) released this week.