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COVID-19 Dashboard Now Includes Tier Status, Modified Risk Level Tool

The Humboldt County Data Dashboard (humboldt.gov/dashboard) now reflects the county's current tier assignment under California's "Blueprint for a Safer Economy." The Alert Level Assessment Tool has been replaced with a Community Risk Level Tool that includes both tier status and information about individual risk of exposure to COVID-19.

Humboldt County is currently assigned to the yellow or minimal tier. The Community Risk Level Tool defines tiers as:

- **Widespread or Purple/Tier 1** – Widespread outbreak that is growing with many undetected cases. Take strong measures to limit all contact.
- **Substantial or Red/Tier 2** – Many cases with conditions for community spread, with many undetected cases likely. Limit everyday activities to increase safety.
- **Moderate or Orange/Tier 3** – Moderate number of cases with majority of cases from a known source. Increase efforts to limit personal exposure.
- **Minimal or Yellow/Tier 4** – Cases are somewhat sporadic, and contact tracing can be used to control the virus. Take everyday enhanced precautions.

The new tool also includes data used by the state to determine tier status, adjusted case rate and positivity rate, which are calculated over a seven-day period with a seven-day lag.

Humboldt County Health Officer Dr. Teresa Frankovich said, "We are making this change in order to align with the state's new framework and avoid any confusion. It is critically important that everyone in the community is able to easily access the information needed to help them navigate as safely as possible through the pandemic."

For the most recent COVID-19 information, visit cdc.gov or cdph.ca.gov. Local information is available at humboldt.gov or during business hours by contacting covidinfo@co.humboldt.ca.us or calling 707-441-5000.

Humboldt County COVID-19 Data Dashboard: humboldt.gov/dashboard,
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Community Risk Level

Minimal

2.0

Adjusted Case Rate*
(per 100k)

1.5%

Positivity Rate*

Tier Definitions**

Community Risk	Individual Risk	Adjusted Case Rate	Positivity Rate
Widespread Tier 1	Widespread outbreak that is growing with many undetected cases. Take strong measures to limit all contact.	More than 7 daily new cases (per 100k)	More than 8% positive tests
Substantial Tier 2	Many cases with conditions for community spread, with many undetected cases likely. Limit everyday activities to increase safety.	4 - 7 daily new cases (per 100k)	5 - 8% positive tests
Moderate Tier 3	Moderate number of cases with majority of cases from a known source. Increase efforts to limit personal exposure.	1 - 3.9 daily new cases (per 100k)	2 - 4.9% positive tests
Minimal Tier 4	Cases are somewhat sporadic, and contact tracing can be used to control the virus. Take everyday enhanced precautions.	Less than 1 daily new cases (per 100k)	Less than 2% positive tests

Source: covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy

Follow [local](#) and [state](#) health orders and guidance.

*Data used by the state to determine tier assignment. Local and state numbers rarely align because local data is updated daily, whereas the state's data is calculated over a seven-day period with a seven-day lag and is updated each Tuesday.

**The state's "Blueprint for a Safer Economy" includes a Health Equity Metric, which requires having similar positivity rates across a county to demonstrate that no community is disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. Meeting this metric is necessary before movement into a less restrictive tier, and in some instances may allow earlier movement. Read more about the [Health Equity Metric](#).

Screenshot of the Community Risk Level Tool.