

# Variance to Progress Further into State's COVID-19 Resilience Roadmap



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# The “New Normal”

- Balance competing needs
- Shared risk
  - “Safer” vs. “safe”
- Cases will likely increase as shelter in place lifts
  - Key is to keep rate as slow and curve as flat as possible
  - Maintain/expand health system capacity
- Uncertainty will persist
- Resilience required, reversals possible
- Equity lens in all decisions

## County Jurisdiction Comparisons

City	County	State	Cases/1000	Deaths/100,000	Tests/1000
San Francisco	San Francisco	CA	3.2	5.1	2.49
Los Angeles	Los Angeles	CA	6.3	26.1	0.96
Seattle	King	WA	3.8	25.7	
Denver	Denver	CO	10.0	56.6	
Atlanta	Fulton	GA	4.6	25.6	
Miami	Miami-dade	FL	7.4	28.5	
Boston	Suffolk	MA	23.7	116.3	
DC	DC	DC	13.5	70.5	
Baltimore	Baltimore City	MD	7.7	34.7	
Philadelphia	Philadelphia	PA	15.0	90.7	1.07
New York City	New York City	NY	24.7	261.0	1.61

# What is a variance?

Allows counties to adopt aspects of Stage 2 of the state's roadmap at a rate and in an order determined by the County Local Health Officer through submission of a written attestation to meeting the state's readiness criteria to the California Department of Public Health (CDPH).



# Why is a variance important?

- Local decision-making and authority
- Flexibility
- Increased clarity on reopening pathway
- Reopening driven by San Francisco data & metrics



# Variance Readiness Criteria

## ✓ Epidemiologic stability of COVID-19

- Demonstrated stable/decreasing number of patients hospitalized for COVID-19 by a 7-day average of daily percent change in the total number of hospitalized confirmed COVID-19 patients of <+5% -OR- no more than 20 total confirmed COVID-19 patients hospitalized on any single day over the past 14 days.

## ✓ Protection of Stage 1 essential workers

- Clear guidance from the county for employers and essential critical infrastructure workplaces on how to structure the physical environment to protect essential workers. ✓

## ✓ Testing capacity

- Minimum daily testing capacity to test 1.5 per 1,000 residents, which can be met through a combination of testing of symptomatic individuals and targeted surveillance. ✓

## ✓ Containment capacity

- Contact tracing: At least 15 staff per 100,000 county population trained and available for contact tracing.
- Temporary housing units: Availability of temporary housing units to shelter at least 15% of county residents experiencing homelessness

## ✓ Hospital capacity

- County (or regional) hospital capacity to accommodate COVID-19 positive patients at a volume of at a minimum surge of 35% of their baseline average daily census across all acute care hospitals in a county.

## ✓ Vulnerable populations

- Ongoing work with Skilled Nursing Facilities within the jurisdiction through a plan to prevent and mitigate COVID-19 infections in skilled nursing facilities through regular consultation with CDPH district offices and with leadership from each facility on the following: targeted testing and patient cohorting plans; infection control precautions; access to PPE; staffing shortage contingency plans; and facility communication plans.

## ✓ Sectors and timelines

- Provide details on which sectors and spaces will be opened, in what sequence, and on what timeline – for Stage 2 only.

## ✓ Triggers for adjusting modifications

- Provide county metrics that would serve as triggers for either slowing the pace through Stage 2 or tightening modifications, a plan for how the county will inform the state of emerging concerns and how it will implement early containment measures.

## ✓ COVID-19 Containment Plan

- Testing
- Contact Tracing
- Living and Working in Congregate Settings
- Protecting the Vulnerable
- Acute Care Surge
- Essential Workers
- Special Considerations
- Community Engagement
- Relationship to Surrounding Counties



# Reopening San Francisco

Current Roadmap:

## Phase 2c – Time: July 13

Hair salons, indoor dining, and real estate open houses (if also allowed by the State)

Businesses:

- Hair salons and barber shops
- Indoor dining
- Real estate open houses with appointments only



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## Phase 3 – Larger Activities – Time: August and beyond

May include more than 1 sub-phase

### Businesses:

- Hotels, hospitality, and short-term rentals (if also allowed by the State)
- Gyms and fitness centers
- Limited indoor leisure like movie theaters, billiards, and bowling alleys
- Nonessential healing arts
- All other personal services like indoor personal training, nail salons, tattoo, permanent makeup, and piercing
- Bars without food

### Childcare and education:

- Public schools, academic year begins (learning plans being developed by SFUSD)
- Other schools, including primary, secondary, and higher education

### Culture and recreation:

- Indoor museums
- Basketball courts
- Playgrounds
- Indoor and outdoor swimming pools
- Indoor tennis
- Zoos



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## Next Steps

- Board of Supervisors support letter
- Submission to California Department of Public Health
- Application considered accepted upon submission
- San Francisco becomes variance county
- Collaborative process to determine sequence and timing of next reopening phase for San Francisco



# Questions?



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