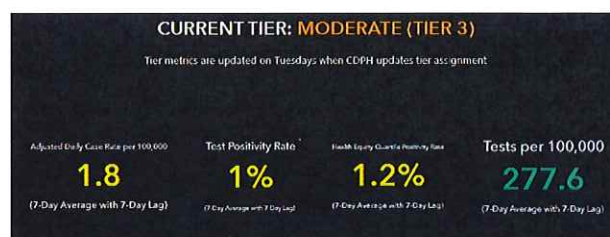


COVID-19 Operational Transition**In-Person City Council Meeting Protocols***City Council Meeting*

May 17, 2021

**COVID-19 Situational Update****Orange County In Orange Tier, With Statewide Changes Pending June 15**

- The overall COVID-19 situation in Orange County continues to improve
 - Our region is currently in the “Moderate – Orange Tier”
 - Based on recent State rule changes, we will likely be in the “Minimal – Yellow Tier” later this week
- Across the nation, case rates are well below what we saw this past winter, with current COVID-19 cases dropping to ~35,000 / day
- The State has announced that California’s tiered reopening plan will be replaced effective June 15 with updated and less restrictive guidance



COVID-19 Vaccines Administered in Orange County (California Immunization Registry)

# Doses Administered	Number of Persons with at Least One Dose	Number of Persons with First Dose Only (1-Dose coverage)	Number of Persons Fully Vaccinated
2,944,003	1,738,950	445,426	1,293,524
Total Doses			

**SUPPLEMENTAL
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5/17/2021

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In-Person Council Meetings

June Transition Planned To Allow For Meetings In-Person

- Given the improving COVID-19 situation in Orange County, the City has been making transitional plans to coordinate the gradual and safe reopening of in-person services
- In-person City Council meetings are currently planned to take place starting in June 2021, with the implementation of COVID-19 safety guidelines
 - Our City Council meetings are transitioning to Tuesday starting in June, with our next meeting scheduled to take place on June 1
- Per the most recent guidance that staff has developed using CDC and CDPH guidelines, individuals wishing to enter City Hall will be asked to abide by one of the following 3 directives
 - Wear a face covering, or
 - Be fully vaccinated, or
 - Produce a negative COVID-19 PCR test from within the past 48-hours, or a same-day negative rapid antigen COVID-19 test

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Public Participation

Public Attendance At City Council Meetings Will Be Facilitated

- With the move to the State's Yellow Tier status in Orange County, staff will facilitate in-person attendance at City Council meetings per current State guidelines, with safety protocols in place
 - Attendance caps will be instituted while the current Tier System is in place
 - > While recognizing the need to reserve ~20 seats for City staff in the Council Chambers, in-person attendance capacity could be as follows:
 - Yellow Tier: 50% capacity – capacity for 50 members of the public to be in-person
- City Council meeting attendees will also be asked to abide by safety protocols to enter City Hall
 - Wear a face covering, or
 - Be fully vaccinated, or
 - Produce a negative COVID-19 PCR test from within the past 48-hours, or a same-day negative rapid antigen COVID-19 test

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City of Huntington Beach

Safety Guidelines And Protocols For In-Person City Council, City Commission, and City Board Meetings During the COVID-19 Pandemic

As Orange County transitions to less restrictive tiers of the "State's Blueprint for a Safer Economy," and with the State's planned implementation of new coronavirus safety guidelines effective June 15, 2021, the City is working to develop protocols to facilitate a return to in-person services. The City acknowledges that until the pandemic is declared to be over, COVID-19 remains a serious public health concern, and as such, we have established in-person meeting protocols and guidelines to enhance safety and reduce any possible spread of the coronavirus for those who attend in-person City Council, City Commission, and City Board meetings. To that end, the in-person meeting protocols and guidelines were developed based on current published guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH).

- Any person greater than 2 years of age (including but not limited to all elected and appointed officials, City staff, and members of the public) wishing to enter City Hall, the Council Chambers, or any City facility must follow established CDC and CDPH COVID-19 safety guidelines, as follows:
 - Wear a face covering; or
 - Be fully vaccinated, which is defined as being at least two weeks post second vaccination of a two-dose series vaccine such as Moderna / Pfizer, or the single dose Johnson & Johnson vaccination. Evidence of vaccination can be demonstrated through producing an official vaccination card or providing evidence via a mobile phone application, email, or text message which holds the vaccination record (such as through Othena). The vaccination evidence should include the name of the person being vaccinated, type of vaccine provided, and date last dose administered; or
 - Provide a negative COVID-19 PCR test from within the past 48-hours, or a same-day negative rapid antigen COVID-19 test. This must be provided on a test provider or laboratory form, or in an email or text message displayed on a phone or text message device from the test provider or laboratory. The information provided should include the name of person tested, type of test performed, and date of negative test result.
- Regardless of vaccination or COVID-19 testing status, it is strongly recommended that any person who enters City Hall, the Council Chambers, or any indoor City facility should wear a face covering, per recommended CDC guidelines.

- When possible, in-person public comments will be facilitated and allowed at in-person City Council, City Commission, and City Board meetings, dependent on the COVID-19 room capacity in which the meeting is being held. In following CDC guidelines, community members making public comment will be stationed at least 6-feet apart, to ensure proper social distancing from other individuals. Further, public comments will be made from a location where speakers are stationed at least 6-feet away from elected or appointed officials.
- In-person public attendance at City Council, City Commission, and City Board meetings will be managed and regulated based on existing COVID-19 room capacity guidelines, and CDC and CDPH regulations.
 - For the City Council Chambers specifically, in-person public attendance shall be adjusted based on the State's movie theater guidance embedded in the "Blueprint for a Safer Economy," as follows:
 - Red Tier (25% capacity): 20 members of the public
 - Orange Tier (50% capacity): 50 members of the public
 - Yellow Tier (50% capacity): 50 members of the public
- COVID-19 plexiglass safety shielding will be installed between each seat on the main floor of the Council Chambers to provide an additional barrier to reduce the spread of the coronavirus through respiratory droplets between in-person meeting participants.
- The City will continue to offer virtual meeting options to allow elected officials, appointed officials, staff, and community members the option of participating remotely in meetings.
- These guidelines are subject to change based on evolving guidance provided by the CDC and CDPH.

City Hall Reopening Plans

Soft Reopening Scheduled June 1, w/ Full Reopening By June 15

- **On June 1, City Hall will reopen to the public with select services available initially while all services will return to full in-person status by June 15**
 - Initial reopening will be coordinated via the State's Yellow Tier guidelines, with revised safety protocols in place
 - In-person services available as of June 1 will include utility bill payments, beach permit parking pass sales, and other select City operations
 - By June 15, all City operations will be available to the public for a return to in-person services
- **City Commissions and Boards will also be resuming in-person meetings in June, per the safety guidelines that have been developed**
 - Wear a face covering, or
 - Be fully vaccinated, or
 - Produce a negative COVID-19 PCR test from within the past 48-hours, or a same-day negative rapid antigen COVID-19 test

June 15 Shift Pending

Additional Changes Coming After State Eliminates Current Tier System

- **The City will work to institute additional adjustments for our post-June 15 operations**
 - We are anticipating that the State will eliminate the current California Department of Public Health tier system on June 15, and replace current guidelines with less restrictive public health and safety protocols
 - The City will institute further adjustments to our operations once new guidance is published by the State

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Questions?

