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### **Stanislaus County Receives Guidance To Open Additional Areas**

**Stanislaus County, CA** – Stanislaus County received notification today that the State of California has posted new guidance to allow the future reopening of personal services (nail salons, tattoo parlors, massage businesses, etc.) in California. Stanislaus County does not intend to reopen these additional businesses immediately, but does encourage business owners to carefully review the guidelines and prepare themselves for a safe reopening to the public. Stanislaus County officials are hopeful that these new business categories could reopen as early as July 1, 2020, however that determination will be based on ongoing review of the spread of COVID-19 in Stanislaus County and the impact of previously approved openings for other business sectors, including bars, restaurants and gyms. The County will provide an update on the potential reopening of personal services on June 29, 2020.

“We are pleased that the State has authorized us to re-open more and more of our local economy over the last several weeks, with many additional businesses opening up today,” said Kristin Olsen, Chairwoman of the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors. “As we have said from the beginning, we need to re-open slowly and methodically so that we can stay on top of our local data and ensure that our hospitalization rates remain manageable. Personal care services, such as nail salons and massage establishments, require literal skin to skin contact. While we look forward to these businesses re-opening, we must act responsibly and wait a couple of weeks while we monitor the impacts of what has already re-opened.”

As various sectors continue to reopen, the risk of contracting the virus remains high. To keep transmission level low in the community, it is important for business owners to follow all appropriate guidance and recommendations. Community members are advised to continue social distancing, wash hands frequently, and wear a face covering while out in public to protect themselves and those around them.

“We are opening up a significant number of businesses today and we need to see that impact before we move forward with more personal services, like nail salons and tattoo parlors,” said Jody Hayes, Chief Executive Officer of Stanislaus County. “Much of this is dependent on how well our community follows the guidelines for the businesses that have already been opened. If not done properly, we could be looking at decreasing the number of businesses open in Stanislaus County in the coming weeks instead of increasing.”

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Stanislaus County Public Health recommends that individuals assess their risk of contracting the disease and the risk of the members of their households while participating in activities. People over 60 and those with underlying medical conditions are still the most vulnerable to contract the disease. Residents are encouraged to adhere to all precautions and recommendations to stop the spread.

Stanislaus County Public Health continues to monitor cases of coronavirus and respond to all cases and outbreaks. These measures ensure that the reopening of the economy does not negatively impact local hospitals. For more information on the cases in Stanislaus County, please visit [www.Stancounty.com/coronavirus](http://www.Stancounty.com/coronavirus)

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