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Yuba-Sutter receives Attestation approval from CDPH

Constructive conversations this week between Yuba-Sutter officials and the California Department of Public Health appear to have smoothed out some of the bumps on the road to reopen the local economy. Bi-County Health Officer Dr. Phuong Luu just received a nod from the State allowing Yuba-Sutter to move quickly into the remainder of Stage 2.

On Saturday May 9th, Dr. Luu submitted a document to the state called an "Attestation," which outlines Yuba-Sutter's Public Health readiness efforts to address the COVID-19 emergency and the established plans to reopen. Dr. Luu said a phone conversation this week with California State Public Health Officer Dr. Sonia Angell was helpful in clarifying what changes would be necessary to allow the bi-county region continue its efforts to reopen responsibly.

"I am appreciative of Dr. Angell's guidance and collaboration during these extraordinary times," Dr. Luu said. "She was very supportive during our conversation, and was attentive and helpful in working through some of the rough spots that could have further slowed our progress."

The online approval and public publishing by CDPH of the Bi-County attestation occurred late this morning. The State is not permitting certain sectors to re-open at this time, including hair and nail salons, tattoo parlors, gyms, bars, movie theaters, museums, libraries, community centers, public pools, and religious services.

The latter part of the State's Stage 2 would include the re-opening of dine-in restaurants and shopping malls with safety modifications in place. In-person schooling is allowed by the State in late Stage 2, but it is not allowed at this time per Dr. Luu's May 4 Health Order. This is consistent with the approach for all neighboring counties as well. Dr. Luu's May 4 Health Order that started the local reopening process remains in effect. As before, however, businesses should seek private legal counsel if they currently do not fall within Stage 2 prior to consideration for reopening.

"My Bi-County Public Health Order uses a science-based approach to identify how various types of businesses using very specific precautions can re-open safely, however we cannot ignore that many of our local businesses remain under strict restrictions established by the State of California," Dr. Luu said. "If you operate a business that relies on a state license or certification, you need to do your due diligence to see if you are able to open, and perhaps seek legal counsel to help inform your decision."

The revised Attestation was presented to the Boards of Supervisors for both counties on Tuesday. Both Boards approved letters of support, which became part of a revised packet that was submitted to CDPH.

“We are seeing an increasing number of people in the community doing their part to ensure a safe and timely phasing-in to the next stage,” Dr. Luu said. “They are practicing social distancing, wearing a facial covering when out in public, practicing good hand hygiene, staying home if they are in a vulnerable population, and staying home when sick with fever, cough or shortness of breath.”

The revised Attestation and related attachments will be posted online at www.BePreparedYuba.org and www.BePreparedSutter.org.