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## SACRAMENTO COUNTY IS NOW IN THE ORANGE TIER

On [June 1, 2021, the Sacramento County Health Order](#) was updated to reflect that Sacramento County is now in the [State's Orange Tier 3](#).

Although the State of California is slated to expire the colored-tier structure for counties on June 15, 2021, some of the major advantages of moving from the Red Tier 2 (substantial) to the less restrictive Orange Tier 3 (moderate) now are:

- Restaurants can have 50% capacity indoors instead of 25%.
- Events are opening back up (indoor and outdoor) with capacity limits. If all attendees show a negative COVID-19 test or their vaccination card, more people can attend.
- Bars, where no meals are served, can open outdoors.
- Indoor swimming pools can open.
- More youth sports and adult recreational sports are now open, including basketball, football, ice hockey, lacrosse, rowing/crew, rugby, soccer, water polo and more.
- Cardrooms and satellite wagering businesses can open indoors.

The County's June 1 Health Order is effective immediately until it expires at 12:01 a.m. on June 15, 2021, unless rescinded or amended in writing by the Health Officer prior to its expiration. Our Health Order includes the [CDPH face-covering mandate](#) that requires all people in California to wear

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face coverings when they are outside of the home, with specific exemptions.

**Vaccinations remains our most powerful tool to end the pandemic. If you haven't been vaccinated or need your second dose, it is safe, easy, and free to everyone to protect yourself as well as your friends and loved ones from the COVID-19 disease. To find a vaccination location near you, go to [MyTurn.ca.gov](https://myturn.ca.gov) or call 2-1-1 (or 7-digit number: 916-529-4519). Vaccinations are available days, evenings, and weekends, and walk-ins are accepted at most sites. Learn more on the [Sacramento County COVID-19 Vaccination Webpage](#).**

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## **BOS BUDGET HEARING SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 9-11**

**The County's public budget hearings are set for June 9-11.** Staff from the Office of Budget and Debt Management have been working for more than six months on the Fiscal Year 2021-22 General Fund Budget and the County's fiscal situation.

I encourage the public to speak out and let me and the entire Board of Supervisors know their thoughts and feelings on budget priorities. As residents, business owners, and taxpayers, I rely on your input about needs and priorities for the unincorporated population. The budget meetings will be virtual, in person, and broadcast live on MetroCable 14 Comcast, Consolidated Communications and AT&T U-Verse television channels and online at the [Metro Cable 14 website](#).

Live comments from the public are welcome by calling (916) 875-2500. Phone lines will open 15 minutes prior to the meeting start time.

If you are unable to watch live, a recording of the meeting will be uploaded to the [County's YouTube account](#) or [on the Board of Supervisors meetings page](#) following the end of the meeting.



## CRACKING DOWN ON ILLEGAL FIREWORKS

Fourth of July is just around the corner, and we are all looking forward to safely celebrating our Independence Day. One thing many of us are not looking forward to is the proliferation of illegal fireworks in Sacramento County.

The **Sacramento Metropolitan Fire District (Metro Fire) and the Sacramento Sheriff's Department are working together to crack down on the sale and use of illegal fireworks.** Captain Chris Vestal with Metro Fire stated, "Hopefully people realize that if they're selling illegal fireworks, to stop, because we will seek them out and try to make arrests." Recently, investigators arrested and charged a man with two felonies and a misdemeanor for allegedly selling illegal fireworks. **In this one arrest, Metro Fire was able to remove more than 100 pounds of illegal fireworks off the streets.** I am very hopeful this case will show that the use and sale of illegal fireworks in Sacramento County is not taken lightly. We are now in fire season, and we cannot tolerate illegal fireworks that have the potential to start a house fire, grass fire, or wildland fire in Sacramento County.

**Call 911 immediately if you observe illegal firework activity.** This is a true emergency situation, and it is crucial that law enforcement be notified. Metro Fire is also reminding individuals that even the use of legal fireworks in Sacramento County is not allowed until the week before the Fourth of July. **All approved fireworks must have California's "Safe and Sane" seal on them.** Please be vigilant and remind your friends and families to practice firework safety this Fourth of July.



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## SUMMER MOSQUITO SPRAYING UPDATES

**The Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District is gearing up for mosquito season and has already started to detect invasive mosquitoes in the Arden-Arcade area due to increasingly hot temperatures.**

As part of the Mosquito and Vector Control District's strategy, they will be doing ground treatments targeting immature mosquitoes developing in common backyard sources. You may see District trucks driving up and down designated routes spraying into the air. The spray material is meant to go into small backyard sources to prevent immature mosquitoes from hatching into adults that can bite people and pose a health threat.

If you would like to sign up for notifications in your area, you can do so on the [Sacramento-Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District website](#). If you have questions or concerns, you can contact the Mosquito and Vector Control District at (800) 429-1022 or [info@fightthebite.net](mailto:info@fightthebite.net).



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## **DA ANNE MARIE SCHUBERT ANNOUNCES OPEN REGISTRATION FOR VIRTUAL CRIME LAB YOUTH SHADOW DAYS**

District Attorney Anne Marie Schubert has announced open registration for the 4th Annual Crime Lab Youth Shadow Days. This is the second year this program is being offered virtually.

The Crime Lab Youth Shadow Day was launched in 2018 and quickly exceeded capacity. A second day was added to meet the high demand, resulting in a total of 220 student participants from approximately 50 high schools across the County. In 2020, over 100 students participated in the program virtually.

Participating students will visit the District Attorney's Crime Lab virtually and meet criminalists who are experts in the various fields of forensic science and crime scene investigations (CSI). They will be provided a virtual learning experience in several areas, including blood spatter analysis, bullet trajectory, trace evidence, firearms and tool comparison, and drug analysis.

**There will be two virtual Crime Lab Youth Shadow Days this year broadcasted live via Zoom from the District Attorney's Crime Lab. The dates are Friday, July 16,**

**2021, and Friday, July 23, 2021, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.**

The program is open to current Sacramento County high school students. Priority will be given to incoming seniors. Students will need to submit completed registration forms and a signed permission slip, which can be downloaded from the [Sacramento County District Attorney's website](#).

**The deadline to apply is July 2, 2021.** Space is limited and on a first come, first-served basis. Please register early! For questions, email [YouthPrograms@sacda.org](mailto:YouthPrograms@sacda.org).



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## **SEWER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS UNDERWAY**

As your local sewage collection utility, the **Sacramento Area Sewer District (SASD)** works around the clock to make **sure our sewer system is working smoothly and reliably**. To do that, SASD must make regular infrastructure improvements. Below is information on two key projects that are currently underway:

### **Capitola Pump Station**

The **Capitola Pump Station between Capitola Avenue and Earnscliff Avenue in Fair Oaks** is currently undergoing a major upgrade. This project includes replacing all components in the pump station to increase efficiency and

reliability. Construction began in March and is expected to be complete by early fall 2021. To learn more about this project, [visit the Capitola Pump Station link.](#)



### **Sailor Bar Pump Station**

**SASD is also upgrading the Sailor Bar Pump Station located off Olive Avenue** at the entrance to Sailor Bar. This project includes replacing aging equipment, raising the finished elevation above the 100-year floodplain, and constructing new structures to provide operational redundancy and increase the functional efficiency of the pump station. Construction began in February and is expected to be complete by late summer 2022. To learn more about this project, [visit the Sailor Bar Pump Station link.](#)



## EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE

**There is still time to get help with rent and utility assistance! The Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency (SHRA) is currently accepting applications to help low income renters catch up on past due rent and utility payments due to the COVID-19 pandemic.**

Applications for the Sacramento Emergency Rental Assistance (SERA 2) Program are on the [SHRA website](#).

### **Eligibility Criteria:**

- Rent your home in the City or County of Sacramento
- Have experienced job loss or financial hardship due to COVID-19
- Behind in rent and/or utilities or inability to remain current on rent
- Current gross household income must be at or below low income limits

If you submitted an application during the first round of applications (February 25 - March 19, 2021), please do not



apply again. You can check your status at [SHRA's website](#). Use your original login information for access.

For more information visit [SHRA's website](#) or email [sera@SHRA.org](mailto:sera@SHRA.org).

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## SUMMER GETAWAYS

As California and the County open up and people begin to travel again, things may look a little different at the [Sacramento International Airport \(SMF\)](#).

SMF has enhanced its health and safety measures over the last year, and passengers will notice some changes designed to make your time in the airport as safe and comfortable as possible. Passengers will notice counter sneeze guards, social distancing signage, many hand sanitizer stations, and employees in face masks. Passengers should minimize touchpoints and are encouraged to use touchless options, like online check-in, mobile boarding passes, and prepayment of bag fees.

**Federal law requires that passengers wear face masks at all times in the airport to prevent the spread of infection. Without one, passengers may be removed and denied re-entry to the airport.**

In an effort to limit contact as much possible, passengers will scan their own boarding passes and not hand them over to TSA employees. TSA also recommends that all personal items (keys, phones, wallets, etc.) be placed in carry-on bags instead of directly in bins, to avoid contamination. Liquids still must be in 3.4 ounce or smaller containers with the exception of hand sanitizer, which can be in a 12-ounce container. If passengers bring their own meal or snacks for their flight, they should be placed in a clear plastic bag, in a separate tray from their luggage, for scanning. The airport is also encouraging travelers to arrive at least two hours before their scheduled departure time to accommodate any unforeseen delays before boarding. Travelers can [visit the TSA website for more information](#).

SMF has also made it easier for travelers to get free COVID-19 testing through a partnership with CityHealth Urgent Care. Testing takes place daily at one of the airport's parking lots and meets Hawaii's more restrictive travel

requirements. For more information on safe travel during the COVID-19 pandemic, [visit sacramento.aero](https://www.sacramento.aero). Safe Travels!



## TIME FOR REDISTRICTING

Once every 10 years, the law requires the County to go through redistricting. **The process for re-drawing boundary lines for each of the five supervisorial districts has begun!**

Every ten years, following the Census count, the resulting census data is used to geographically define electoral districts, at all levels of government, through a process called redistricting. Redistricting ensures that each of the electoral district boundaries have approximately the same number of people and comply with the federal [Voting Rights Act of 1965](#). Redistricting is important because it determines which neighborhoods and communities will be grouped together for the purposes of electing a Board member.

Redistricting will look different this year than in years past. This year, the **County will comply with the Fair Maps Act**, which revised the criteria and process used by counties and cities when they adjust electoral district boundaries. The [Fair Maps Act](#) intends to maximize public participation and increase transparency in the redistricting process by requiring substantial public hearing and outreach..

**The County will receive 2020 Census data from the state as early as September 30, 2021.** The original plan was to deliver the data to states on or before March 31, 2021. However, COVID-19 significantly impacted Census

operations which caused the nearly six-month delay in data delivery.

The [Sacramento County's Redistricting 2021 webpage](#) is **live** and will be a vital resource for County residents to learn more about redistricting, the importance of public participation in redistricting, and how to participate in the process. Residents will have the opportunity to provide input on what kind of boundaries should be drawn to best represent their community. Sacramento County residents are encouraged to participate in the [redistricting process](#), and residents can sign up for and view past and upcoming meetings at the [Redistricting Meetings webpage](#). Sacramento County will also schedule public workshops in all five supervisorial districts, virtual workshops, and Board of Supervisors presentations about redistricting, the process, mapping tools, and other information beginning this month and running through the rest of the year.

The **County must adopt final maps no later than December 15, 2021**, which means the County will have approximately six weeks to complete its redistricting work—a very compressed timeframe.



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## **ARDEN ARCADE HOMELESS ASSISTANCE RESOURCE TEAM 2022 WINTER SHELTER**

The Arden Arcade HART plans to resume their **Winter Shelter program in 2022** to help shelter the unhoused from harsh winter conditions. This program provides those who are

living on the streets with a safe and warm place to sleep and receive a hot meal.

The **Arden Arcade HART is in need of host locations and volunteers this winter.** If you or your place of worship would like to help provide volunteers or host an overnight shelter or intake center location, please **contact CeeCee Coleman at (916) 996-2595 or via email at [ArdenArcadeHART@gmail.com](mailto:ArdenArcadeHART@gmail.com).**

HART will provide all the essentials to run these operations, including onsite staff at all overnight locations, food, activities, sanitation, and COVID-19 protective equipment. HART staff will also provide connections to resources and service providers for the unhoused.

**Winter Shelter 2022**

Are you a place of worship in the Arden Arcade Area?  
Do you have space available at night?  
Want to help our unhoused neighbors this winter?

**HELP YOUR HART**

**Arden Arcade HART needs host locations  
to shelter our unhoused neighbors this winter!**

We are seeking:


- = Min. 4 host locations as overnight shelters (1 location per week)
- = 1 intake center location
- = Location Volunteers

We will provide:

- = On-site HART staff at all night
- = Food & Activities
- = Sanitation & COVID protection
- = Connection to Resources & Service Providers

**ARDEN ARCADE  
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Homeless Assistance Resource Team

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## HIGHER HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CHURCH'S GRAND OPENING OF THE JACK SCOTT OUTREACH CENTER.

Come celebrate with Higher Heights Community Church as they officially **open the "Jack Scott Outreach Center" on Saturday, June 5, 2021**. Higher Heights hopes to share this momentous occasion with the community, and I am looking forward to a new space for youth and families in District 3 to gather in a safe environment.

The celebration will begin with a short ribbon cutting ceremony to include a prayer dedication as well as a few words from Sacramento County Supervisor Rich Desmond and the VP of Arden Arcade HART, Jeannie Anderson-West. Following the ceremony will be food, fellowship, and tours of the center. This event is open to the community! The Outreach Center will include a teen center and social hall as well as a food and clothing closet. For more information about the grand opening or to learn about the Center visit [Higher Heights Community Church's website](#) or call (916) 723-0440.



**JACK SCOTT**  
OUTREACH CENTER

**GRAND  
OPENING  
WEEKEND**

**JUNE 5TH & 6TH**

THE CENTER WILL INCLUDE:  
**FOOD & CLOTHES CLOSET  
TEEN CENTER & SOCIAL HALL**

**SATURDAY JUNE 5TH 11:00 AM**  
GRAND OPENING CEREMONY

**SUNDAY JUNE 6TH 10:30 AM**  
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