



# COVID-19 UPDATE

Board of Supervisors' Meeting

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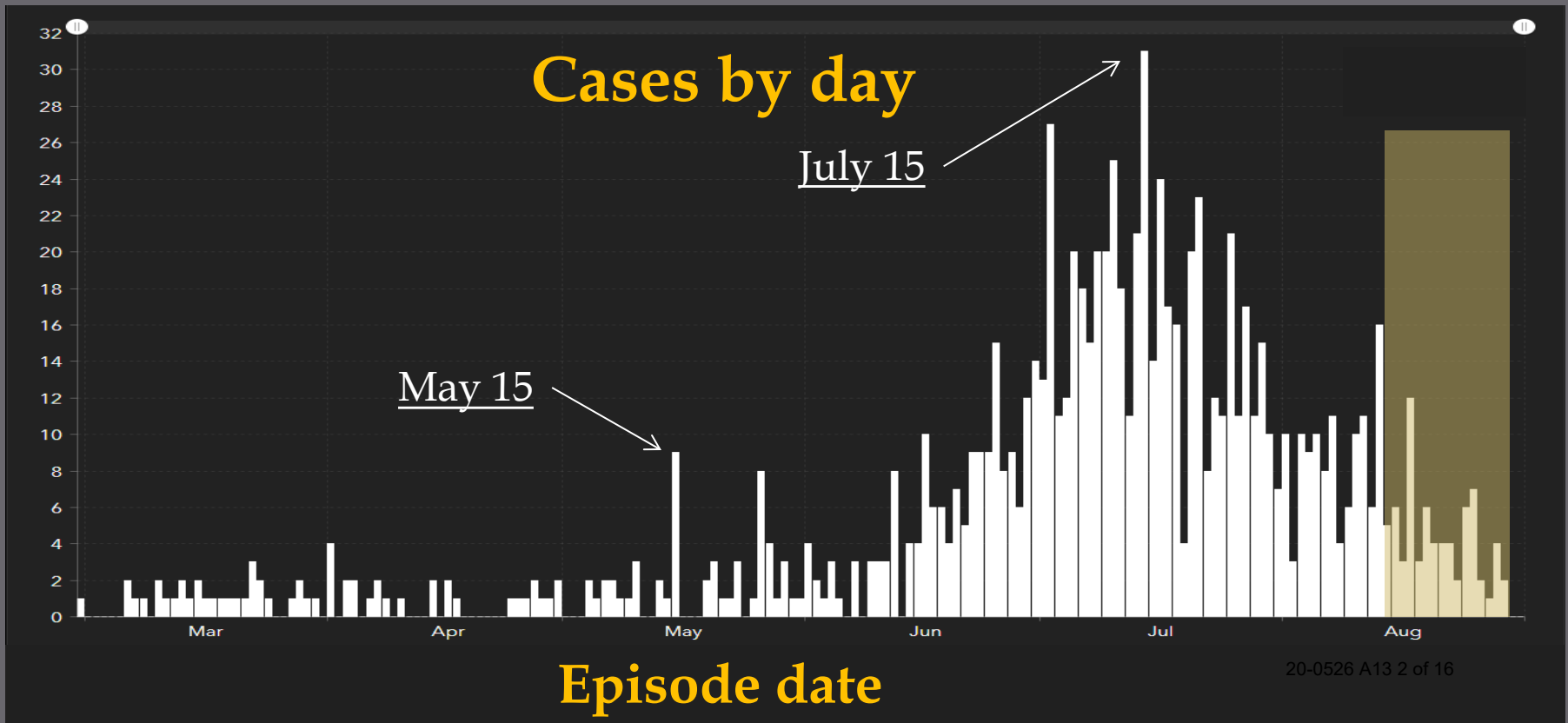
Public Health Officer

9/22/2020

# Case counts / rates

through 8/31/2020

- 967 cases, including 2 deaths
- Rates appear to be declining in El Dorado

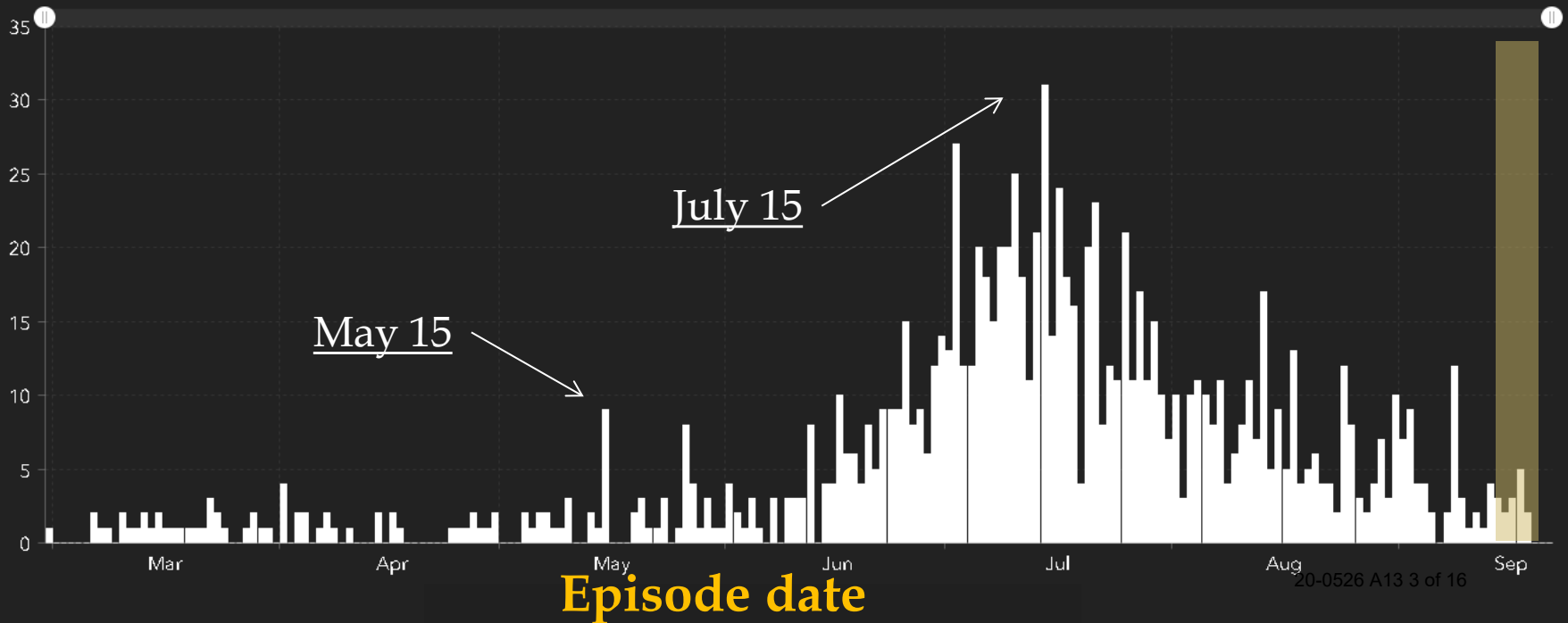


# Case counts / rates

through 9/21/2020

- 1073 cases, including 4 deaths
- Rates continuing to decline in El Dorado

## Cases by day



# State level activities in process

- PerkinElmer – new laboratory (Valencia CA) being built (to serve entire state)
  - Intended to adapt to regional needs
  - MOUs being developed
- OptumServe & Verily testing sites to continue through November

# State level activities in process

Guidelines & metrics under development

- Gatherings
- Health equity metrics (with respect to Tiers)

# Blueprint for a Safer Economy

## Tier Assessments & Assignments

	Higher Risk → Lower Risk of Community Disease Transmission			
	Widespread Tier 1	Substantial Tier 2	Moderate Tier 3	Minimal Tier 4
Measures*				
New cases**/100,000 population per day ( <u>7 day average</u> ; 7 day lag)	>7	4-7	1-3.9	<1
Testing % Positivity ( <u>7 day average</u> ; 7 day lag)	> 8%	5-8%	2-4.9%	<2%



<https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/>

# Orange Tier

## MODERATE

Some indoor business operations are open with modifications. [Understand the data.](#)

Counties can restrict further. Check your [county's website.](#)

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# Example: Restaurants, wineries and bars in the Orange Tier

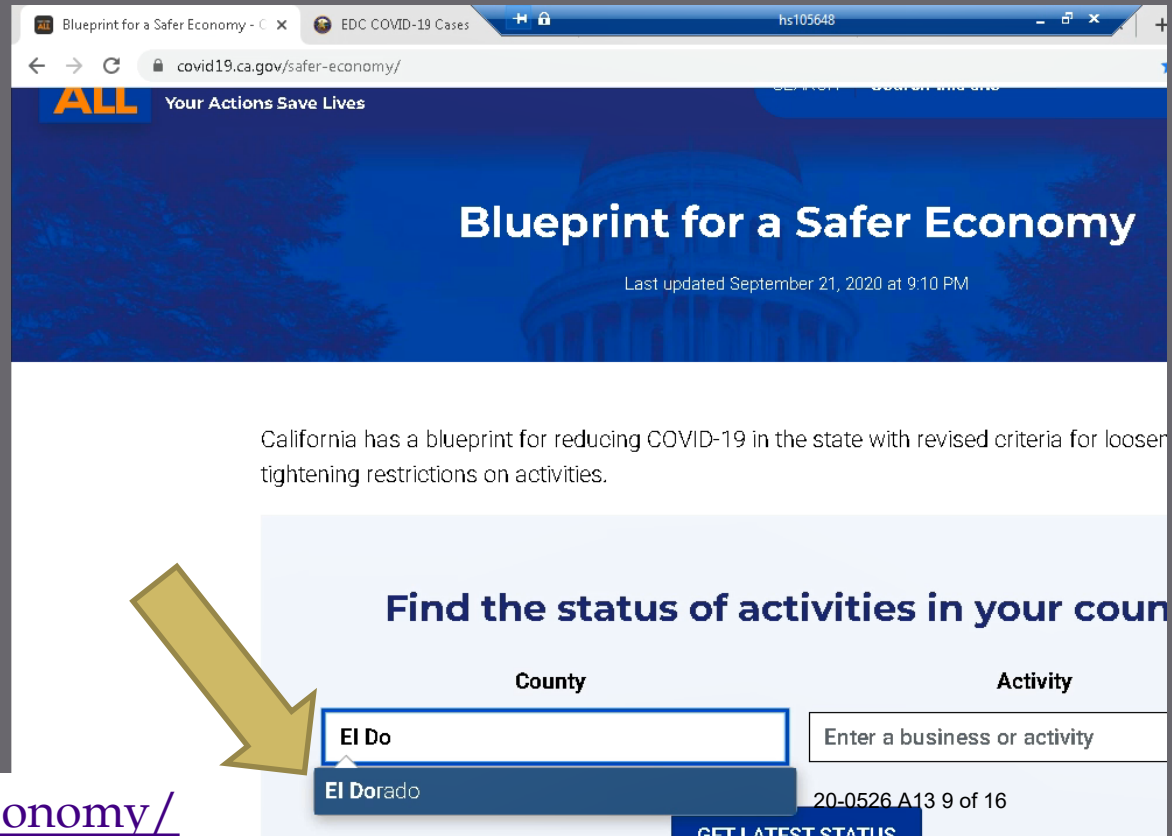
## Moderate Risk (orange)

- Restaurants: can open indoors with modifications; capacity must be limited to 50% or 200 people, whichever is less
- Wineries: can open indoors with modifications; capacity must be limited to 25% or 100 people, whichever is less
- Bars, breweries, and distilleries (where no meals provided): can open outdoors only with modifications



# For other industry allowances

- Businesses still must follow industry-specific guidelines
- Start typing and select 'El Dorado' from drop-down list then scroll down



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL [covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/](https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/). The page features a blue header with the text "ALL Your Actions Save Lives" and "Blueprint for a Safer Economy". Below the header, there is a section titled "Find the status of activities in your county" with two input fields: "County" and "Activity". The "County" field has a dropdown menu open, showing "El Do" and "El Dorado". A yellow arrow points to the "El Dorado" option. The "Activity" field contains the placeholder text "Enter a business or activity".

County	Activity
El Do	Enter a business or activity
El Dorado	

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GET LATEST STATUS

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# El Dorado-specific allowances

- Part of A to Z list:
- Note: El Dorado's Orange Tier status not yet posted on state's website (expected later today)



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## Dance studios

Can open indoors with modifications

- Max 25% capacity
- +Indoor pools

See guidance for [Gyms and fitness centers](#)

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## Day camps

Can open with modifications

See guidance for [Day camps](#)

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## Distilleries (where no meals provided)

Can open outdoors only with modifications



# Same as always!

- How can I keep from getting COVID?
- How can I protect vulnerable people from getting COVID?
- How can I help our schools open and stay open?
- What can I do to help El Dorado County reach a lower tier?

- Limit mixing with people you don't live with!
- Wear a mask in public (and with friends/family you don't live with)!
- Keep at least six feet of physical distance from others!
- Wash your hands regularly!
- Do things outdoors rather than indoors whenever possible!

# Is this still an emergency?

- Yes!
- Many efforts continue – by government, health care, and individuals
- Many policies remain in place
- Without these, the pandemic likely to spin out of control
- Doing a decent job controlling pandemic does not equate to threat being resolved
- Still no sure prevention (vaccine) or cure (to reliably prevent severe illness/death)

# US death statistics

- Yes, there have been ~200,000 COVID-related deaths
- No, just because many people who died had comorbidities does not mean we subtract their deaths from the count
- Only relevant conditions that either directly caused or contributed to a death get reported on death certificates
- If COVID-19 is listed, it was a COVID death

# Science of COVID-19 and prevention

- Pre- and asymptomatic transmission are why we need to continue to take precautions
  - Face-coverings
  - Avoiding gathering / ensuring physical distance
  - Hand-washing / sanitizing surfaces
- Masking – evidence strong and growing
- Publicly available searchable scientific literature library (COVID-relevant articles):

<https://www.notion.so/Collaborative-COVID-19-Literature-Review-Synopses-CoCOLRS-Database-63a4bf37bc8b4b9ca206fa7b3905628d>

# Schools reopening

- Public Health, EDCOE, School District Superintendents, and School Nurses continue collaboration
- Testing services for staff and teachers nearly in place

# THANK YOU

