



Emergency

**COVID-19
Updates**

7/28/20

**Round Valley
Indian Tribes**

**Round Valley
Indian Health
Center**

**Avoid the
Three C's!**

**CROWDS (too
many people in
one room)**

**CLOSE contact
(standing closer
than 6 Feet)**

**CONTAINED
spaces (poor
ventilation)**

Please be advised that as of July 28, 2020 Mendocino County has officially been placed on the State COVID-19 watch list.

Why is Mendocino County on the Watchlist?

Mendocino County has reached more than 90 new cases within a 14-day period.

Mendocino County and its population of 90,000 people, the trigger placing us on this watch list is 90 new cases in 14 days.

“The state has informed Mendocino County that our county level data shows a doubling time of 15 days. This would mean that without increasing mitigation measures, by mid-August we could see approximately 240 new cases, and by early September, approximately 480 new cases. The updated county Shelter in Place Health Order, issued on July 24, 2020, mirrors state direction given to counties who have surpassed the three consecutive days on the state watch list without COVID-19 data improvement.”

There are 5 indicators that may land a County on the watchlist:

- Case Rate (first indicator) and testing Positivity Rate (second indicator)
 - A COVID-19 case rate of 100 or more per 100,000 residents over a two-week period exceeds the state's threshold. Alternatively, a case rate of more than 25, plus a testing positivity rate of 8% or greater, also exceeds the state's benchmark.
- Increasing Hospitalization (third indicator)
 - More than a 10% increase in COVID-19-hospitalized patients over a three-day average. However, counties with an average of under 20 laboratory confirmed COVID-19 patients hospitalized over the past 3 days are not considered to have met the increasing hospitalization criteria.
- Limited Hospital Capacity – ICU Beds (fourth indicator), ventilators (fifth indicator)
 - This category looks at either the percentage of available ICU hospital beds or the percentage of available ventilators. With ICU bed availability, anything under 20% falls short of the state's benchmark.

How does Mendocino County get off the Watchlist?

Once a county on the watch list meets the state's threshold for three days, it will be removed from monitoring list, the state health department said.

What Does this Mean for our Community?

It will require additional business to phase back reopening and some to re-close. All indoor operations that cannot convert to outdoor operations will be required to close. In addition, schools in Counties that are placed on the watchlist will be required to practice distant learning.

To slow the spread, it is important to continue to follow orders issued by the Mendocino County Public Health Department:

- Avoid all gatherings
- Practice social distancing
- Stay home when you feel sick
- Wear facial coverings at all times when in public

As there are active COVID-19 cases in the Valley, the Round Valley Indian Health Center is continuing to work with the County Public Health Department to monitor, quarantine/isolate and conduct contact tracing on a case by case basis. We would like to thank the Round Valley Tribal Community for sheltering in place, masking and practicing social distancing as we continue to take all precautionary measures as issued by the State of California and the Mendocino County Public Health Department.

**Thank You,
James Russ, Tribal President**