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**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY REMAINS IN THE PURPLE TIER
 (WIDESPREAD)**

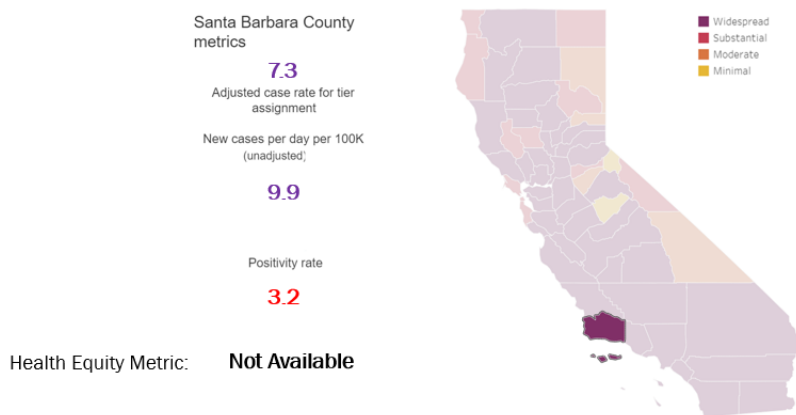
Widespread Transmission Continues in Santa Barbara County

(SANTA BARBARA, Calif.) – Santa Barbara County remains in the Purple Tier (Widespread) in the state’s Blueprint for a Safer Economy. The county has been in the Purple Tier for one week and has not met the criteria for the Red Tier this week. Positivity rate and adjusted case rate continue to remain high. The positivity rate has increased .5% and adjusted case rate has increased .2% from last week. These small, but consistent increases indicate that widespread transmission of the virus that causes COVID-19 is happening in Santa Barbara County. The Health Equity Metric has not been used to determine tier status this week.

“We are continuing to face significant upticks in our local cases, and beginning to see increases in our hospitalizations. Very quickly, we have seen our metrics approach the Orange Tier metrics and then suddenly revert back to Purple Tier levels,” shared Public Health Director Van Do-Reynoso. “I urge you to please stay home and local this upcoming Thanksgiving Day and weekend. It is not too late to change your holiday plans. Although it isn’t the easy choice, it is in fact the right choice this year.”

Daily status reports will not be posted on Thursday, November 26, 2020 and Friday, November 27, 2020. Reporting will resume on Monday, November 30, 2020.

For general questions about COVID-19 and precautions currently recommended by Santa Barbara County Public Health Department, residents may call 211 or visit www.publichealthsb.org.



All data and tier assignments are based on results from week ending Nov 11, 2020

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