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Re: **ADVISORY FOR THE OPERATION OF YOUTH TEAM SPORTS**

To Whom It May Concern:

The County of Riverside has received many inquiries from local sports groups about whether they can start team sports again. Please allow this letter to serve as an advisory that the State of California has not permitted team sports to resume. The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has specifically confirmed that no team sports, conditioning or drills are permitted under any of the current guidance. Recreational team sports will be permitted in a separate guidance from CDPH specific to that topic which has not yet been released. The Day Camp Guidance published by CDPH may **not** be used as a means to facilitate team conditioning, practicing, or training for any organized or recreational team sports, including school, club, and travel teams.

As you likely know, on March 19, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-33-20, ordering all persons to stay at home to protect the health and well-being of all Californians and to establish consistency across the state in order to slow the spread of COVID-19. This Order encompasses the Order of the State Public Health Officer, also dated March 19, 2020, which states in relevant part: "To protect public health, I as State Public Health Officer and Director of the California Department of Public Health order all individuals living in the State of California to stay at home or at their place of residence except as needed to maintain continuity of operations of the federal critical infrastructure sectors..." A copy of this Executive Order and the Order of the State Public Health Officer can be found online at: <https://covid19.ca.gov/img/Executive-Order-N-33-20.pdf>.

The State then set out California's path forward from this "Stay-at-Home" Order in California's Pandemic Resilience Roadmap. That Road map identifies four stages of the pandemic: safety and preparation (Stage 1); reopening of lower-risk workplaces and other spaces (Stage 2); reopening of higher-risk workplaces and other spaces (Stage 3); and finally an easing of final restrictions leading to the end of the Stay-at-Home Order (Stage 4). <https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Update-on-California-Pandemic-Roadmap.pdf>

On May 7, 2020, it was announced that statewide data supported the gradual movement of the entire state of California into Stage 2 of the Pandemic Resilience Road Map. On May 22, 2020, the County of Riverside was permitted to move forward into the State's "accelerated Stage 2" of the Pandemic Resilience Roadmap.

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Please be advised that on July 1, 2020, CDPH issued “Guidance on Closure of Sectors in Response to COVID-19” to 19 counties on the County Monitoring List, including Riverside County. A copy of this Guidance can be found here:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Guidance-on-Closure-of-Sectors-in-Response-to-COVID-19.aspx>.

Please be further advised that also on July 2, 2020, due to the community spread of infection across the State, and most particularly in those counties on the State’s Monitoring List, the State Public Health Officer and Director of CDPH issued an Order restricting the indoor operations of other facilities such as bars, pubs, breweries, brewpubs, dine-in restaurants, wineries and tasting rooms, family entertainment centers, zoos, museums, and card rooms within the County of Riverside. These closures shall remain in effect until further order of the State’s Public Health Officer, but will be removed no sooner than July 22, 2020. A copy of this Order can be found here:

[https://rivcoph.org/Portals/0/Documents/CoronaVirus/July/GovernorOrders/Order\\_Closing\\_Indo\\_or\\_Services\\_and\\_Sectors-Riverside.pdf?ver=2020-07-02-132939-667&timestamp=1593721789591](https://rivcoph.org/Portals/0/Documents/CoronaVirus/July/GovernorOrders/Order_Closing_Indo_or_Services_and_Sectors-Riverside.pdf?ver=2020-07-02-132939-667&timestamp=1593721789591)

The County of Riverside’s public health officials are concerned about the number of schools, sports leagues, travel teams and clubs that are resuming practice, conditioning and play despite the State’s Orders. Riverside County officials are seeking your help to spread the word to your community groups that team sports, conditioning and drills ARE NOT PERMITTED within any CDPH issued guidance at this time.

In addition, if you are aware of organized groups engaging in these activities, please contact: Gregory P. Priamos, County Counsel, at [gpriamos@rivco.org](mailto:gpriamos@rivco.org) and Kelly Moran, Deputy County Counsel, at [kmoran@rivco.org](mailto:kmoran@rivco.org).

Should you have any questions or should you wish to discuss this matter, I encourage you, or your counsel, to contact our office immediately. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Sincerely,



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