

Renegade Roundup



COVID Advisory - July 26th Update

July 26, 2020

Dear Colleagues:

COVID numbers in Kern County are dismal, so I urge you to double down on your healthy practices. It is more important now than ever to maintain social distancing, only leave the house for essentials, and always wear a mask when you do.

Here is a video message from the Exec Team. Plz feel free to share with colleagues, students, community members, and family.

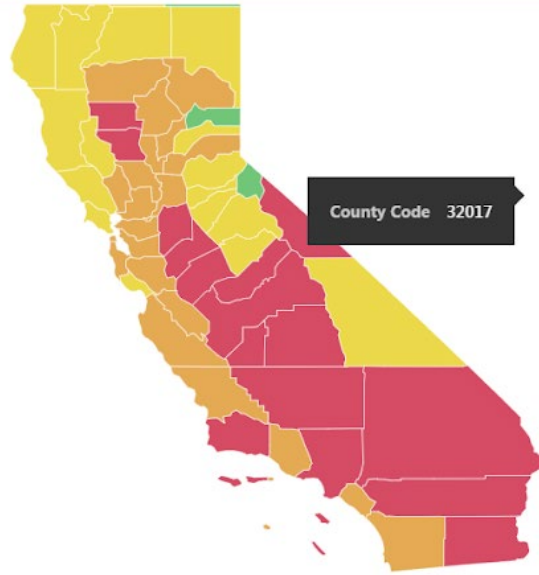
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=84WkYxoa3Eg&feature=youtu.be>

Thousands of COVID-19 cases have been confirmed in Kern County just within the last few days. Kern County Public Health announced [1,135 new cases on Thursday](#), [1,038 new cases and 8 deaths on Friday](#), and [832 new cases on Saturday](#).

Path to Zero Dashboard: In early July, I started using the [Path to Zero dashboard from the Harvard Global Health Institute that tracks the county-by-county risk level](#) by number of daily new COVID-19 cases per 100,000 in the last seven days. I was disheartened to see that Kern County is the highest in this index at 83.3 cases per 100,000. This is more than three times higher than the state's average of 23.8 cases per 100,000.

The Harvard Global Health Institute uses a color-coded system to indicate risk level. Green is 0.0 cases per 100,000; yellow is between 0.1 and 10 per 100,000; orange is 10.1 to 25 per 100,000; and red is anything higher than 25 cases per 100,000. The graphic below gives a color-coded picture of California's COVID-19 threat level on a county-by-county basis.

The following table demonstrates the rates of daily new cases per 100,000 for each county in the "red" category. Kern County has 15 more daily new cases per 100,000 than the next highest county on the list.



Risk Levels: Green Yellow Orange Red

County	Daily New Cases Per 100K
Kern	83.3
Colusa	68.3
Kings	48.9
Imperial	48.0
Madera	43.1
Tulare	42.8
Stanislaus	42.1
Merced	41.7
San Joaquin	40.2
Mono	38.6
Fresno	37.6
San Bernardino	30.9
Glenn	29.7
Los Angeles	27.6
Riverside	26.8
Santa Barbara	25.9

Johns Hopkins Dashboard: As of Sunday, July 26th at 9:00 p.m., the [Johns Hopkins University Dashboard](#) shows more than 4.2 million confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the US. Here is the table that captures the difference in the numbers from July 1.

Location	July 1	July 20	Difference	Percentage
World	11,304,534	16,201,176	4,896,642	30.2%
U.S.	2,841,124	4,233,927	1,392,803	32.9%
California	253,270	452,288	199,018	44.0%
Kern	5,255	14,651	9,396	64.1%

Stay safe, stay healthy, wear a mask, keep the 6ft apart distance, wash your hands, let's slow down the spread.

That's all for now.
Until next time.

With much Renegade Pride and Collegiality,
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