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### BOARD APPROVES APPLICATION TO MOVE INTO LATE STAGE 2

Voting unanimously, the Santa Cruz County Board of Supervisors on Friday approved a Stage 2 variance application under the State's Resilience Roadmap which would allow local restaurants and barbershops/hair salons to begin expanded services to customers.

If approved by the State, the variance would allow local restaurants to offer limited indoor/outdoor dine-in services with modifications to protect the health and safety of staff and customers. Barbershops/hair salons would also be allowed to offer limited services such as haircuts, weaves and extensions, braiding, lock maintenance, wig maintenance, hair relaxing treatments and color services. Upon State approval, local Health Officers must issue orders allowing these operations to resume.

The variance application includes current epidemiologic data, information on community readiness and several plans related to COVID-19 response, including "triggers" for implementing restrictions should the community prevalence of COVID-19 increase. The County has been in consultation with the State during the attestation process. Approval may take up to one week, though a response could come sooner.

While the County is aligned with the State Resilience roadmap, it not may move further than the State allows. Businesses resuming operations must design worksite-specific plans, train employees and implement control measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19. No further County approvals are needed before operations resume.

For industry-specific guidance related to dine-in restaurants, please go to <https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-dine-in-restaurants.pdf>.

For industry-specific guidance related to babershops/hair salons, please go to <https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-hair-salons.pdf>. Operations that involve touching faces such as eyelash services, eyebrow waxing/threading and facials are not allowed.

The Santa Cruz County Health Officer does not intend to allow schools to resume campus learning at this time. State guidance on schools is expected shortly, at which time the Health Officer will review the guidance and local epidemiologic data to determine next steps.