



TO: CIF SOUTHERN SECTION PRINCIPALS  
CIF SOUTHERN SECTION ATHLETIC DIRECTORS

FROM: ROB WIGOD, COMMISSIONER OF ATHLETICS (RW)

**SUBJECT: CIF SOUTHERN SECTION UPDATE**

DATE: MARCH 2, 2021

I hope all is well with you and your families. Here is the latest update.

**Return to Play – Outdoor Sports** – As you know, the threshold for outdoor sports to begin competition is 14 cases (Adjusted Case Rate), or lower, per 100,000 people. Last week, Los Angeles County, Orange County and San Luis Obispo County reached that threshold and based on the Adjusted Case Rates released today, all 8 counties within the Southern Section footprint have met that standard. Here are the Adjusted Case Rates, per 100,000 people, as of March 2, 2021.

- San Luis Obispo County – 6.8
- Los Angeles County – 7.2
- Orange County – 7.6
- San Bernardino County – 9.0
- Ventura County – 10.6
- Riverside County – 11.3
- Santa Barbara County – 13.0
- Kern County – 13.6

I hope this information is useful to you in the time ahead and if you have any questions, or I can help you in any way at all, do not hesitate to contact our office. My staff and I are ready, willing and able to assist you in any way we possibly can.

Thank you very much for your help and support, it is truly appreciated.



## EDUCATION-BASED ATHLETICS COVID-19 MODIFICATIONS

- [CDPH Youth Sports Guidelines](#) (please review for complete Return to Play details)
- **CIF Guidelines will be adjusted weekly**
- **In the event of a positive test for COVID-19, schools will follow the current [CDPH Guidelines for Schools](#)**
- **Any student-athlete testing positive for COVID-19 may not return to practice or competition until cleared by their physician**
- **Schools must still follow all guidelines from their local county and the governing board of their school district or private/parochial school**

### **CIF Season 1 Sports (January - April):**

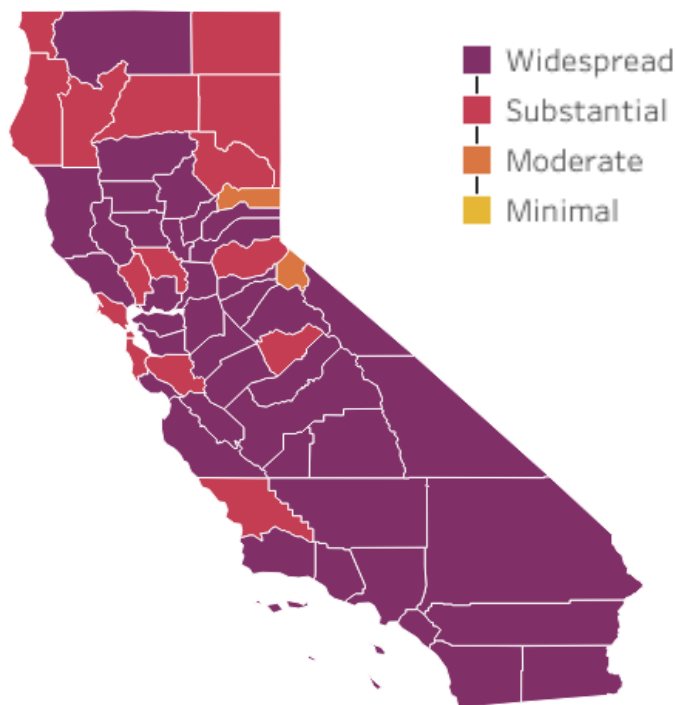
Traditional Competitive Cheer, Cross Country, Field Hockey, Football, Gymnastics, Skiing/Snowboarding, Girls Volleyball, Water Polo

**March 2, 2021**  
**County Tier Status**

### **CIF Season 2 Sports (March - June):**

Badminton, Baseball, Basketball, Competitive Sport Cheer, Golf, Lacrosse, Soccer, Softball, Swimming & Diving, Tennis, Track & Field, Boys Volleyball, Wrestling

*^Please refer to respective CIF Sections for verification of seasons of sport*



**\*Outdoor Sports in Red (Substantial) and Orange (Moderate) Tiers may hold competitions, regardless of county tier status, if respective county COVID-19 adjusted case rate is equal to or less than 14 per 100,000.**

Additionally, the sports of **football and water polo** must conduct COVID-19 testing. Please visit the [CDPH Youth Sports Guidelines](#) for further details regarding testing.

Please visit the [State Dashboard](#) for the latest county case rate data.

#### WIDESPREAD

Sports allowed in this tier: Cross Country, Golf, Skiing/Snowboarding, Swimming & Diving, Tennis, and Track & Field.

#### MODERATE

Sports allowed in this tier: Badminton, \*Football, Gymnastics, \*Boys Lacrosse, \*Soccer, and \*Water Polo.

#### SUBSTANTIAL

Sports allowed in this tier: \*Baseball, \*Field Hockey, \*Girls Lacrosse, and \*Softball.

#### MINIMAL

Sports allowed in this tier: Basketball, Competitive Cheerleading, Volleyball, and Wrestling.