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CSAC Responds to Governor Newsom's Decision to Retain Core Executive Order Provisions Supporting Ongoing COVID-19 Response and Recovery Efforts

Sacramento, CA – The California State Association of Counties (CSAC) supports Governor Newsom's <u>announcement today</u> to retain core COVID-19 related executive order provisions that are still critical for counties to sustain programs and resources that help protect the health and wellbeing of residents during this pandemic.

In all, Governor Newsom will retain 5 percent of COVID-19 related executive order provisions, which includes continuing efforts around vaccine administration, equipment and masking distribution, hospital capacity, workplace safety standards, testing and more. Before today's actions, only 15 percent remained in effect. The 10 percent to be lifted will expire by June 30. Today's announcement also aligns with the Governor's previous announcement to scale back provisions that cease to be necessary.

"Counties have been front line responders for more than two years," said CSAC Executive Director Graham Knaus. "CSAC supports Governor Newsom's continued focus on vaccination, testing, and critical local flexibilities to drive community recovery."

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