

COVID-19 UPDATE



CFAP 2 APPLICATIONS STILL BEING ACCEPTED

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) [Farm Service Agency](#) is continuing to accept applications for [Coronavirus Food Assistance Program 2 \(CFAP 2\)](#). This program is providing additional financial assistance to farmers, ranchers, and producers impacted by COVID-19 market disruptions. Commodities eligible for this round of assistance include those who were originally eligible for CFAP 2 and commodities included in CFAP Additional Assistance. Cattle producer who applied for CFAP 1 will automatically receive additional payments. Visit the [CFAP website](#) for more information.

BLUEPRINT FOR A SAFER ECONOMY UPDATE

The April 27th county tier status is:

- **Purple (Widespread)- 0 counties**
- **Red (Substantial) - 13 counties**
 - Del Norte, Inyo, Madera, Merced, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Shasta, Solano, Stanislaus, Tehama, and Yuba
- **Orange (Moderate) - 41 counties**
 - Every other county not listed in the other tiers.
- **Yellow (Minimal)- 4 counties**
 - Alpine, Lassen, Mendocino, and Sierra

For more information on a county's status, please visit - <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/>.

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE PASSES TAX RELIEF BILL FOR PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM RECIPIENTS

On April 26, 2021, the California Legislature sent the Governor AB 80, which seeks to "provide assistance to small businesses operating in the state that have been harmed economically by the COVID-19 pandemic." Specifically, the bill will:

- Allow eligible entities to deduct business expenses that were paid for using forgiven Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) or Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) funds.
- Allow loans forgiven as an "advance grant amount" under the EIDL program to be excluded from income for California taxpayers.
- Not require eligible entities to adjust their tax attributes as a result of forgiven PPP or EIDL funds.

AB 80 defines an "ineligible entity" as a taxpayer that either:

- Is a publicly-traded company, as described in the Federal Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116-260).
- Does not meet the reduction in gross receipts of 25 percent or more in 2020 as compared to the same time period in 2019, as defined in the Federal Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 (Public Law 116-260).

The 25 percent reduction in gross receipts was an eligibility requirement for the second round of PPP loans, Unfortunately, the Legislature and Governor extended this requirement to all businesses that received a PPP loan for purposes of business deduction which means many essential sectors will not be eligible because they have been operating throughout the pandemic.

The language of the bill can be found [here](#).

HELPFUL COVID-19 LINKS

- CDPH News Alerts - <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OPA/Pages/News-Releases-2021.aspx>
- Vaccination Progress - <https://covid19.ca.gov/vaccines/#California-vaccines-dashboard>
- Travel Advisory - <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Travel-Advisory.aspx>
- Employees & Workplaces - <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/EmployeesAndWorkplaces.aspx>
- Sector Guidelines - https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID-19/Dimmer-Framework-September_2020.pdf