Shut down again. Riverside County back to most restrictive COVID-19 purple tier

In Riverside County, restaurants will have to close indoor dining once again. The county has gone backwards on its progress toward reopening because of its COVID case rate and an amount of testing that the state deems too low. One other county that went back to purple tier is Shasta County.
San Diego County sounds alarm that COVID-19 case rate headed toward purple tier

For weeks now, San Diego County has been on the verge of regressing from the red tier of the state’s reopening structure back into purple. If that happens, it would mean restaurants would once again be prohibited from serving diners indoors. The county’s top health official is asking residents to do more to slow the spread of COVID-19.

The San Diego Union-Tribune
CBS 8

Which businesses would pay more property tax under Proposition 15? It’s complicated

Supporters of Prop 15, which would raise taxes on commercial properties, say it would only impact properties valued at more than $3 million and owners of multiple properties that collectively, are valued at more than $3 million. Opponents point out a lack of clarity on exactly which agricultural properties would be impacted, as well as the fact that many property owners will pass the new cost along to the smaller businesses who are their tenants. The CRA opposes this measure.

LA Times
Opinion: Vote No on Proposition 15

Grant gives Bay Area restaurants much-needed financial assistance

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**News You Need to Know: More about Prop 22, the gig worker initiative**

One of the most talked-about initiatives on the November ballot is Proposition 22, a proposal that is the result of a battle between labor unions and ride share companies like Uber. Lawmakers passed a law codifying an earlier court decision, which meant that app-based services like Uber and Lyft, along with many other employers, would have to classify their workers as employees, not independent contractors. Later, many of the professions the law initially covered were exempted, but the rideshare companies were not. Prop 22, which is funded by those companies, would win them the right to keep their drivers as independent contractors, which will prevent them from having to pay into benefits like

**Legal Partner Content: AB 685 requires employers to provide notice to employees & local health departments about COVID-19 in the workplace**

California passed sweeping legislation that imposes new reporting requirements in 2021 on employers regarding COVID-19 cases in the workplace. The new law, AB 685, also provides California's Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal-OSHA) expansive authority to close workplaces based on the threat of COVID-19.

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workers’ compensation and unemployment insurance. The companies argue that turning drivers into hourly employees will dramatically increase the cost of their services and will also eliminate the drivers’ independence and ability to work when they want. Sabrina breaks it all down.

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