Fed Up: California restaurants seek booze, health fee refund

Some California restaurants have filed lawsuits against the state and numerous counties, demanding to be reimbursed for thousands of dollars in fees they've each had to pay to government agencies while they've been closed or only partially open.

“The irony is, they did what they were told and the very entity that told them to close is keeping
California has escaped the national surge in coronavirus cases. But new dangers lie ahead

California has managed to steadily reduce the number of coronavirus hospitalizations and has stabilized the amount of spread of the virus. The state's current slow and stringent reopening process is credited for the success. However, the state has released new guidelines for household gatherings as experts worry that holiday celebrations could cause the virus to spread further.

LA Times
The Hill

Alameda County is reopening indoor dining. Here's how it's going

Restaurants in Alameda County have been allowed to open their dining rooms for the first time in seven months. It's a notable moment in a county that has been the last part of the Bay Area to maintain restrictions on indoor dining for so long.

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How San Francisco became a COVID-19 success story as other cities stumbled

After inching toward reopening very cautiously, San Francisco has become the first urban area in California to move into the least restrictive tier for reopening.

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Outdoor dining may become permanent option in Los Angeles

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Dine Out to Help Out: Visit California partners with California Restaurant Association Foundation

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