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San Bernardino County remains on the state's Monitoring List, which restricts our ability to reopen the economy or allow schools to provide in-person instruction. To get off the list requires reductions in new positive cases, hospitalizations, and ICU admissions. The county, in conjunction with the state, is creating a strike team to encourage compliance with federal, state and county public health mandates. Managing editor Tami Roleff has more information...

The COVID-19 Compliance Education/Engagement/Enforcement strike teams will educate high-risk businesses about the need to comply with state directives. The initial focus will be on identifying high-risk businesses such as bars, restaurants and gyms; the county will also respond to citizen reports of companies flouting public health mandates. The county will work with cities to coordinate efforts and share lists of these businesses, while allowing cities to take the lead in contacting businesses within their borders. The county prefers to avoid punitive actions, but if businesses continue to ignore safety mandates, it may have no other choice.

Earlier this month, Gov. Gavin Newsom announced the creation of Strike Teams comprising 10 state agencies working in conjunction with local officials. The Strike Teams, which are focusing on businesses that continue to defy safety mandates, include such agencies as the Alcoholic Beverage Commission, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the California Highway Patrol. The Education, Engagement & Enforcement Plan was established to support these Strike Teams.

"Our primary emphasis is on educating high-risk businesses about the critical need to comply with these directives, while offering guidance to assist them in these efforts," Hagman said. "That includes engaging with business owners to make sure they're aware of the resources we've made available. We prefer to avoid punitive actions but will have no other choice if businesses continue to disregard public health ordinances."

Initial focus on high-risk operations

The **County Fire Marshal** and County Environmental Health Services Division will field a team of 30 inspectors who will be tasked with visiting businesses, confirm reported violations, and offer assistance to help them come into compliance. They will also share details of the industry guidelines developed by the state and encourage them to participate in the County's COVID-Compliant Business Partnership Program.

Enforcement as a last resort

Businesses that continue to operate while ignoring public health requirements will be reported to the state Strike Team and/or local authorities for follow-up. Business owners or residents interested in reviewing the details can find a PDF of the EEE Plan on this webpage within the County's COVID-19 website.

"Since our initial response to the pandemic, our goal has been to gain voluntary compliance from County businesses and residents, many of whom have suffered from COVID-19 and the resulting economic lockdowns," said Sheriff John McMahon.

“We want to help them survive and prosper — while doing everything possible to halt the spread of this disease. But we need their cooperation if we are to succeed in this effort.”

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<http://z1077fm.com/county-strike-team-will-educate-engage-and-enforce-covid-19-compliance/>

Fire erupts at house in Fontana on July 27

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A fire which erupted at a house in Fontana in the afternoon of July 27 was quickly extinguished, according to the **San Bernardino County Fire** Department.

The fire was reported at a single-story residence in the 9700 block of Almeria Avenue, the Fire Department said on Twitter.

There were no injuries to firefighters or residents.

Damage estimates were not immediately available. The incident was under investigation.

https://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/news/fire-erupts-at-house-in-fontana-on-july-27/article_0688d81e-d054-11ea-b29a-c70332e90ddb.html