



# California Casino News

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## Tachi Palace employees say they fear for their health

Tachi Palace Casino Resort reopened on May 28 after a nearly 10-week closure due to COVID-19. Now, some employees are alleging the casino is not taking their health seriously. According to several employees who spoke to Sentinel on the condition of anonymity, Tachi Palace Casino Resort is currently experiencing multiple cases of COVID-19.

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## Tribal casinos' continued operation deemed 'patently unfair' by Fresno-area cardrooms

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Though many California businesses have been ordered to close again due to a spike in coronavirus cases, tribal facilities have remained open, sparking frustration within the California gaming community. The California Gaming Association sent a letter to Gov. Gavin Newsom on July 6, calling for the state to intervene in tribal casino gaming operations so that all gaming facilities are forced to close.

## Agua Caliente Casino Cathedral City pushes forward with construction, plans to hire 500 employees

Agua Caliente Casino Cathedral City, set to open later this year, has been moving ahead with construction during the coronavirus pandemic and is now looking to fill more than 500 new positions in the coming months. The casino will be the third gaming facility for the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, following those in Palm Springs and Rancho Mirage.

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## More Chumash Casino Resort employees test positive for COVID-19

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At least 13 employees at the Chumash Casino Resort have now tested positive for COVID-19. Information sent out to guests last week shows eight of the cases remain active and five have recovered. The casino says it has worked closely with the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department since reopening last month.

## After Just 4 Days Open, Blue Lake Casino Again Closes

In step with the recent, mandated closures of California's indoor restaurants, movie theaters, museums, zoos and other businesses, Blue Lake Casino again shuttered its doors on July 16, the Times-Standard has reported.

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## Bear River Casino Responds to News That An Employee Tested Positive for COVID-19

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Bear River Casino this afternoon issued a press release defending its health and safety precautions while acknowledging that an employee recently tested positive for COVID-19 after falling ill at work. Several other employees remain in quarantine after exposure to the infected coworker, but they've all tested negative, according to the statement.