



California Casino News

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Thunder Valley workers say casino should not be open with current coronavirus protocols

Employees at Thunder Valley Casino Resort in Lincoln reached out to ABC10 with concerns about coronavirus safety protocols after reopening in early June. The employees, who asked to remain anonymous out of fear of losing their jobs, told ABC10 the casino isn't doing enough to prevent staff members and guests from catching the virus.

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Additional employees test positive for COVID-19 at Chumash Casino

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Employees at the Chumash Casino Resort have been informed of additional cases of COVID-19 among the staff at the casino. Employees of the casino were informed of the positive tests by email. These emails were obtained by the NewsChannel and were verified by the Chumash Casino. These latest positive tests come two weeks after the first case was reported at the casino.

Eagle Mountain Casino goes non-smoking

The health and safety of team members and guests are still a priority at Eagle Mountain Casino and the Tule River Public Health Authority has advised to further safety measures indoors.

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Havasu Landing Casino shutting down again over coronavirus concerns

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The Chemehuevi Tribe is closing its casino for the second time in response to the coronavirus pandemic. The hotel, resort, beaches and other tribal operations will remain open. The ferry will continue service between the reservation and Lake Havasu City, according to Chemehuevi Tribal Chairman Charles Wood. The restaurant at the resort is open for take-out only.

125 casinos hop aboard no-smoking train, at least for now

More than 125 casinos and dozens of other gaming sites across the U.S. that allowed smoking in pre-COVID days are now nonsmoking. That raises a question: Will it last? Some casinos plan to lift their ban when face masks or other coronavirus safety measures are no longer required. Others see this as a good time to test whether one of the last bastions of legalized smoking in a public space can give up the habit.

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Public hearing on Hard Rock Casino development taking place Wednesday

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Kern County residents will get their chance to weigh in on the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino planned near Mettler at a virtual public hearing Wednesday. The hearing will be one of the only times local residents can directly address the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, which recently completed a draft environmental impact statement for the \$600 million project proposed by the Tejon Indian Tribe.