



California Casino News

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TRIBAL LEADERS: In Response: Casinos reopening is a matter of sovereignty

Re “San Diego County casinos are about to gamble with patrons’ lives” (May 14): Your editorial board has expressed concern over the reopening of tribal casinos. We would like to respond. First, as detailed in your newspaper, our members have been hard hit from the closures of our tribal businesses. Unlike governments that collect taxes, tribal gaming is the main source of revenue for our tribal governments to pay for the survival of our communities

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Newsom to announce California casino reopening guidance

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Gov. Gavin Newsom announced Friday that he plans to issue reopening guidance for casinos and card rooms around June 8. This comes as some casinos, like the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Wheatland, have already reopened. “The vast majority are working very collaboratively with the state, and we looking forward to putting out those guidelines in just a matter of days and weeks,” Newsom said.

Some California casinos roll the dice on reopening while others wait

Sacramento area casinos have not announced plans to re-open during California’s stay at home order, while others have. Gov. Gavin Newsom wrote a letter to Native American Tribal casinos urging them to consider waiting to re-open, the Sacramento Bee reports.

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Several of the valley's casinos are opening their doors to the public once again. The casinos reopening have implemented many safety precautions, the levels of which impressed some members of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors. However, one worker voiced his concerns about opening back up. "It brings on a lot of anxiety and a lot of questions that have no answers at the moment," the worker tells News Channel 3's Shelby Nelson.

Casinos Return As County Moves to Accelerate Reopening Process

Casinos throughout San Diego County are beginning to restart their gaming machines. Though California Governor Gavin Newsom asked tribal governments to delay their reopening timelines, the sovereign nations ultimately decided that the time is now. Viejas Casino & Resort was the first to swing open Monday, with Sycuan Casino & Resort following suit today, Jamul Casino resuming operations on Thursday, and Valley View Casino & Hotel, Pala Casino Spa & Resort, and Harrah’s Resort Southern California all scheduled to come back online this Friday, May 22

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As coronavirus stay-at-home restrictions ease, California casinos gamble on reopening

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Michael L. Fennell says he has spent a good portion of his 70 years gambling, so he knows the difference between a long shot and a sure bet. And he admits his decision to step inside a casino during a global pandemic was a bit of a gamble. “Everything we do now is a gamble,” he said after stepping away from a slot machine at Morongo Casino Resort and Spa for a cigarette break. “We’re going through rough times now.”