A plan to reopen the St. Louis County economy and get people back to work during the COVID-19 health crisis.

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Plan To Reopen St. Louis County

Overview

This plan is designed to move the county through a phased-in reopening of all the businesses that are currently closed under the County Executive Orders related to COVID-19. It also provides guidance for the general public to resume normal social interactions over a period of time. The goal of the plan is to allow businesses to prepare for reopening, so they can continue to help the county control the spread of the coronavirus.

The focus will be on opening businesses in a safe manner, not on determining which ones are essential or not. Dates given represent the earliest that a business may reopen. It will be up to individual businesses to determine if they are ready to open by those dates. They may open later. Employers should continue to encourage telework where applicable and minimize non-essential air travel. Businesses should try to limit cash transactions and are encouraged to use touch-free payment processing systems. The public should consider carrying a personal stylus for use in touchpad transactions.

Conditions for Progress Through The Plan

The goal of the County Executive Orders has been to slow the spread of COVID-19 so that the number of infected patients needing hospitalization would not exceed hospital capacity and resources. This plan retains that as an overarching goal. Hospital capacity has not been exceeded under the current stay-at-home orders in place. The plan will rely heavily on hospital capacity as an indicator of the ability to move on to the next phase.

Testing for COVID-19 is likely to increase in the future as more test kits become available and therefore we are likely to see a rise in the number of positive cases. However, it is the rate of positive cases relative to total tests administered that is a more critical factor. Assuming the rate of positive case identification remains relatively constant or declines, and hospital capacity is not being overly stressed, the county will progress through each phase. Phase 1 is scheduled to last until the state’s Phase 1 ends, May 31st. Phases 2-3 last two weeks to give businesses time to adjust to the new operational requirements and the county time to investigate any obvious new infection vectors that the reopening creates. The last two phases last one week each to allow time to phase out the mandatory use of masks for employees. If at any time either of the two indicators rises, the Interim County Executive may pause at or step back a phase until one or both indicators again lowers. The ideal scenario is to move through all of these phases by the end of June.
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Category Descriptions

The plan splits businesses into nine general categories, based upon how the public interacts with them. This section provides a description of the types of businesses in each category. It is not an all-inclusive list.

**Healthcare, Dental, & Vision Services Providers** – Providers who see patients for various physical, mental and dental health purposes, including optometrist services. It is not meant to apply to suppliers to these offices unless the suppliers routinely come into contact with patients.

**Retail Stores & Commercial Businesses** – Businesses that sell merchandise from a single point of purchase directly to a customer, and other businesses which may not have physical contact with a customer but operate from a central location with multiple employees.

**Playgrounds, Parks, Outdoor Athletic Venues, Pools** – Playgrounds in county parks and neighborhoods, county parks and trails, public or privately operated athletic venues such as tennis, pickleball, volleyball, and basketball courts, soccer fields, baseball fields, public and private pools (excluding backyard pools).

**Houses of Worship and Funeral Homes** – Any establishment where people exercise their religious traditions and businesses that provide funerlal services such as funeral homes, parlors and mortuaries.

**Restaurants & Bars Serving Food** – All dine in establishments that offer food and beverages.

**Bars, and Entertainment Venues** – Businesses that primarily provide entertainment directly to customers such as bars that do not serve food at sit down tables, movie theaters, casinos, performance halls, and comedy clubs.

**Personal Services** – Businesses whose delivery model relies on close personal contact with the customer, e.g. nail and hair salons, massage services, etc.

**Amateur Sports Venues** – Businesses that provide an indoor venue for people to play a sport such as ice rinks, bowling alleys, indoor go-cart tracks, tennis clubs, indoor soccer, indoor rock climbing, etc.

**Gyms & Fitness Centers** – gyms with weight machines, boxing equipment, indoor tracks, exercise rooms, locker rooms, excluding pools included in such centers.
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The charts that follow provide a timeline for reopening and general conditions that must be met in order to reopen. More detailed guidelines regarding screening techniques, sanitization procedures and recommended intervals shall be developed by the County Department of Public Health to ensure a reasonable amount of public safety.

**Current Status  April 23- May 3**

**Current Business Limitations**

According to the most recent Executive Order most businesses are to remain closed. Employees may work from home if that is possible. Certain businesses that are either deemed essential or do not require people to spend prolonged periods in close quarters are allowed to continue operations. These include: grocery stores, pharmacies, vehicle repair shops, daycare centers, senior care centers, golf courses, pet care, hardware stores, financial services, lawn services, cleaning services, government offices and religious institutions (provided they limit gatherings to less than 10 people). These businesses will remain open unless the county health department determines that one of them is a major vector for the transmission of the coronavirus.

**County Resident Limitations**

Residents are advised to stay home except for essential travel to gather needed supplies. Nursing homes are closed to visitors. Gatherings are limited to <=10 people and everyone should observe social distancing of a minimum of 6’.

Throughout all phases, people in high risk* categories should continue to minimize their public exposure by staying home as much as possible. The public should continue to follow DPH guidelines for self-quarantining if they are symptomatic for COVID-19. Anyone who has been contacted as part of the DPH tracing program of those who are believed to have been in contact with a person positively identified as having an active COVID-19 infection should follow DPH instructions for self-quarantining.

* High risk Individuals are those with serious underlying health conditions such as high blood pressure, chronic lung disease, diabetes, obesity, asthma and those whose immune system is compromised as by chemotherapy for cancer or other conditions requiring such therapy.
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<td>Open for essential or emergency procedures only</td>
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<td>Only curbside service and takeout available</td>
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Phase 1  May 4 - May 31

Phase 1 aligns with the state guidelines for opening businesses. Businesses should refer to the Show-Me Strong Recovery Plan for details on operational changes, occupancy limit explanations and worker screening.

County Resident Limitations

Stay-At-Home order lifted except for high risk individuals who should continue to observe measures to limit their exposure. Nursing homes remain closed to visitors. Everyone must wear a mask when in an enclosed space besides their home. Gatherings are limited to ≤50 people and everyone should observe social distancing of a minimum of 6'.

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<td>Open for routine and elective procedures deemed clinically appropriate</td>
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<td>Open 21 county parks and trails</td>
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<td>Open following social distancing guidelines for patrons in all areas</td>
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<td>County park shelters, playgrounds and bathrooms remain closed</td>
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<td>Clean all high touch surfaces daily</td>
<td>Pools closed</td>
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County Courts Open with a limited docket. Screening of everyone entering the court building and social distancing of 6’ is maintained through all phases.
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Phase 2 – June 1-14 (2 weeks)

County Resident Limitations

Stay-At-Home order lifted except for high risk individuals who should continue to observe measures to limit their exposure. Nursing homes remain closed to visitors. Everyone must wear a mask when in an enclosed space besides their home. Gatherings are limited to \( \leq 100 \) people and everyone should observe social distancing of a minimum of 6'.

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<td>Open w/limits per fire or building code occupancy 50% occ. (&lt;10k) sq. ft. 25% occ. (\geq 10K) sq. ft</td>
<td>Open all parks and trails with social distancing</td>
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**Phase 3 – June 15-21 (1 week)**

**County Resident Limitations**

Stay-At-Home order lifted *except* for high risk individuals who should continue to observe measures to limit their exposure. Nursing homes remain closed to visitors. Everyone must wear a mask when in an enclosed space besides their home. Gatherings are limited to ≤200 people and everyone should observe social distancing of a minimum of 6'.

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<td>Open for routine and elective procedures for all age groups</td>
<td>Open at full capacity</td>
<td>Open all parks and park facilities with social distancing</td>
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- Clean all surfaces after every use
- Limit number of staff and customers to 20
- Employee wearing of masks is optional but recommended
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County Courts and County government Open. Council meetings return to public meetings in the Council chamber adhering to social distancing rules and less than 200 people in attendance.

Phase 4 – June 22-28 (1 week)

County Resident Limitations

Stay-At-Home order lifted except for high risk individuals who should continue to observe protective measures. Nursing homes may allow limited visitors who have been screened. All surfaces where visitors are allowed should be cleaned after each visit. Wearing a mask in public is now optional but recommended. Gatherings are now permitted for more than 200 people. People should continue to observe social distancing of a minimum of 6' until further notice.

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County Courts, Council and government Open observing social distancing.

**Source Material**

Opening Up America Again Plan - [https://www.whitehouse.gov/openingamerica/#criteria](https://www.whitehouse.gov/openingamerica/#criteria)


Roadmap for Reopening Nashville -
[https://www.nashville.gov/Portals/0/SiteContent/MayorsOffice/docs/news/Cooper/RoadmapForReopeningGrid.pdf](https://www.nashville.gov/Portals/0/SiteContent/MayorsOffice/docs/news/Cooper/RoadmapForReopeningGrid.pdf)

Steve Bullock Governor Montana “Reopening the Montana Way — Protecting Lives and the Recovery of our Economy”

Consulted with various local business and civic leaders.