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Reopening Siskiyou County

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Siskiyou County would like to begin a strategic plan for reopening of the county in phases. Support from our communities, social obligation, and personal responsibility are critical for the success of the reopening plan. The safety and health of Siskiyou County residents are the most important decision-making guides during the COVID-19 response and remain our number top priorities.

Upon Governor Newsom's authorization, Siskiyou County will implement the following guidelines in steps to begin the process of reopening to a pre-COVID 19 state. As of 4/29/20, Siskiyou County has five confirmed cases, all of which have recovered. We have not received any new positive cases in the last 22 days.

The Reopening Plan for Siskiyou County

Standard Guidelines

All residents and visitors must adhere to these guidelines:

- Proper social distancing with 6 feet of space between one another in public.
- Washing hands frequently and thoroughly.
- Staying home if sick or not feeling well.
- Proper sanitation practices and protocols are followed at all facilities.
- All residents 65 or older or having underlying health conditions are mandated to continue to self-isolate.
- No large gatherings where proper social distancing cannot be maintained.
- Facial covering recommendations provided by the Centers of Disease Control (CDC).

Phase 1 – Safety and Preparedness April 25, 2020 and Continual

- Follow **Standard Guidelines**
- Anyone who is feeling ill should stay home.
- Continue social distancing when in public; maximize physical distance from others (at least six feet).
- Wash hands, use hand sanitizer, clean frequently touched surfaces, cover coughs and sneezes, consider wearing facial coverings when in public.
- Gatherings should be limited to 10 or fewer people.
- Residents are encouraged to participate in outdoor recreation activities daily. Travel for these activities should be kept to a minimum and within Siskiyou County.
- Vulnerable (high-risk) individuals are encouraged to stay home. Households with vulnerable members should be aware that other members of the household might increase risk of transmission. Precautions should be taken to protect the vulnerable household members.
- Elective surgeries may resume service under the advised PPE guidelines and development of a written plan must be done showing how the business will execute those guidelines.
- Skilled Nursing Facilities and Long-Term Care Facilities:
 - Restrict all visitations except for certain compassionate care situations, such as end of life situations.

- Restrict all volunteers and non-essential healthcare personnel (HCP), including non-essential healthcare personnel (e.g., barbers).
- Cancel all group activities and communal dining.
- Implement active screening of residents and HCP for fever and respiratory symptoms.
- Non-essential travel is strongly discouraged.
- Those traveling to Siskiyou County for the purpose of staying in a second home must quarantine for 14 days upon arrival.
- Residents currently living in the county equal to or older than 65 years of age, or residents with underlying health conditions are mandated to stay in their place of residence and must at all times follow the above **Standard Guidelines** to the greatest extent feasible. Such residents may leave for essential services only.
- The CDC and Siskiyou County Public health is recommending that residents wear facial coverings while in public in an effort to prevent transmission of COVID-19. All employees working in the public must wear a facial covering while being employed. Wearing a facial covering does not reduce your risk of exposure to the virus; however, it reduces transmission of COVID-19.

Triggers to transition into Phase 2

- Hospitalization and ICU trends stable.
- Hospital surge capacity to meet demand.
- Sufficient PPE supply to meet demand.
- Sufficient testing capacity to meet demand.
- Contact tracing capacity county-wide.
- Isolation / quarantine guidelines are in place.
- Support for those who are isolated or exposed.
- Workplaces have available their individual plan to meet the standard guidelines.

Phase 2 – Lower Risk Workplaces (tentative May 5, 2020)

- A gradual opening to businesses considered low-risk (retail stores with curbside pickup, manufacturing, offices and hotels) may open but must be able to adhere to the above standard guidelines and develop a written plan showing how the business will execute those guidelines. Plan should be available upon request. All employees must wear a mask during employment.
- Public transit companies may return to operations if social distancing guidelines above can be followed, are practices to achieve them are clearly defined, and there is developed a written plan showing how the business will execute those guidelines. Plan should be available upon request. Masks should be worn by transit driver and strongly suggested for patrons.
- Restaurants may open only by curbside, take-out or delivery with mask being worn during food preparation and delivery. A written plan must be in place and available upon request.
- Dental services and routine medical services may resume service under the advised PPE guidelines and with a developed written plan showing how the business will execute those guidelines. Plan should be available upon request. Masks must be worn at all times for such services.
- Businesses that develop a physical barrier between their employees and their clients and that practice social distancing may open. Social distancing must be clearly defined and there must be developed a written plan showing how the business will execute the standard guidelines. Masks must be worn by both clinician and patron at all times. Plans should be available upon request.

- Golf courses, public parks and trails may open, but crowds must be limited and social distancing strictly maintained.

Triggers to transition into Phase 3

- Hospital and ICU trends remain stable.
- Hospital surge capacity meets demand.
- Sufficient PPE supply meets demand.
- Testing capacity and supplies meet demand
- Contact tracing county-wide meets capacity
- Isolation / quarantine guidelines remain in place.
- Support services for those who are isolated or exposed meet capacity
- Workplaces have available their individual plans to meet the standard guidelines.
- Widespread high-quality community antibody testing is available

Phase 3 – Higher Risk Workplaces (tentative June 1, 2020)

- **Open Higher Risk Environments with adaptations and limits on size of gatherings**
 - Restaurants and bars with inside dining may only be open at half-capacity of their maximum occupancy with frequent cleaning and proper sanitation and there must be developed a written plan showing how the business will execute those guidelines. Plan should be available upon request.
 - Schools, churches, private and government sectors may also open if above **Standard Guidelines** can be followed and there must be developed a written plan showing how the entity will execute those guidelines. Plan should be available upon request.
 - Personal care (e.g. hair and nail salons, gyms, massage, spa services, and tattoo services) must have a plan in place that limits patrons, and provides social distancing. Masks are required for clinician and client at all times. Plans must show how the entity will execute the standard guidelines. Plan should be available upon request.
 - Entertainment venues (e.g. movie theaters, sports without live audiences) social distancing must be clearly marked and the venue open to no more than half-capacity of its maximum capacity. Facial masks are to be worn by all employees.
 - In-person religious service (e.g. religious services at churches, weddings, etc.) seating must be clearly defined for social distancing. Families may sit together and at least 6 feet apart from others.

Triggers to transition into Phase 4

- Hospital and ICU trends remain stable.
- Hospital surge capacity exceeds demand.
- Sufficient PPE supply exceeds demand.
- Testing capacity and supplies meet demand
- Contact tracing county-wide meets capacity
- Isolation/quarantine guidelines are lifted
- Support services for those who are isolated or exposed meet capacity
- Workplaces have available their individual plans to meet the standard guidelines.
- Therapeutics have been developed and available to all residents

Phase 4- End of Stay-At-Home

- **Re-open highest risk environments and venues once therapeutics have been developed**
 - Concerts
 - Convention centers
 - Live audience sports
 - Fairs
 - Casinos
 - Large Gatherings
 - All others

As we move through this staged approach to reopen our County, we will always be ready to reinitiate previous closure measures. At the discretion of the Siskiyou County Health Officer, guidelines will be assessed and rescinded as necessary.

Examples of reasons to revert to previous measures include, but are not limited to:

- Confirmation of a significantly increased number of active cases of COVID-19 in the County in a period of one week.
- Surge of respiratory patients at medical facilities and resources.
- Substantially increased unexplained deaths within the County.
- Isolation/quarantine guidelines are re-imposed by the governor.

The health and safety of Siskiyou County residents is and continues to be, our number one priority. We would also like the citizens of Siskiyou County to expect that this might possibly lead to more positive COVID-19 cases in Siskiyou County, yet this impact must be balanced against the economic impact of continuing the closure which have adverse health impacts themselves. It is our opinion that this reopening plan was made in the best interest of residents' physical, mental, and economic health.

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