

## PLAN TO REOPEN MESA COUNTY

### GUIDELINES FOR ALL PHASES AND SECTORS (AS APPLICABLE):

- Perform routine environmental cleaning and disinfection
  - [Healthcare facilities](#)
  - [Postmortem care facilities](#)
  - [Laboratories](#)
  - [Other, non-healthcare facilities](#)
- Monitor workforce for compatible symptoms.
- Non-COVID symptomatic employees should wear a cloth face cover
- Implement or maintain return to work policies
  - [Healthcare facilities](#)
  - [Critical infrastructure workers after exposure](#)

### PHASE 1-

#### Public gatherings

- Allow gatherings of no more than 10 people and maintain physical distancing whenever possible

#### Businesses

- Encourage telework, wherever possible
- Practice 6 foot physical distancing
- Close common areas where employees are likely to congregate OR implement physical distance protocols
- Continue to limit or prohibit non-essential travel
- Consider return to work in phases as applicable
- Implement or maintain flexible [sick leave policies and practices](#)
- Consider accommodations for vulnerable populations

#### Retail, personal services, and restaurants (as applicable)

- Practicing 6 foot physical distancing
- Implement or continue early opening for high-risk populations
- Implement or maintain physical barriers for high-contact settings (e.g. cashiers)
- Implement or maintain one-way isles
- Utilize face cloth coverings for employees and contracted workers whose duties include close contact with members of the public
- Continue curbside services in businesses where it applies
- Stagger shifts if feasible to decrease employee numbers at the business.
- Maximum of 10 people for in-dining and common areas.
- Close waiting areas
- Space tables and lines
- Implement no-touch payment, as appropriate
- Encourage all public to wear masks to enter retail businesses



### **Health Care**

- Elective surgeries can resume

### **Recreation**

- Maintain physical distancing in outdoor settings (6ft for hikers, 15ft for runners/bikers)
- Open outdoor recreation facilities where adequate controls can be implemented to ensure physical distancing
- Limit gatherings to no more than 10 people
- Maintain restrictions and cleaning guidelines for restrooms

### **Education**

- Open in-person learning for specific settings (e.g. technical college)
- Limit classrooms to no more than 10 people
- Maintain 6 foot physical distancing in classrooms

### **CONSIDERATIONS:**

- Large venues (movie theaters, sporting venues, places of worship) can operate IF strict physical distancing practices are possible
- Gyms can open IF strict physical distancing and cleaning practices are possible. Group classes are not be allowed at this phase.
- Businesses and recreation facilities NOT permitted to open in this phase will be based on epidemiological evidence of risk for transmission, populations that may be at higher risk for severe disease, and inability to meet the limitations on size of gatherings or congregations

### **ONGOING PROHIBITIONS:**

- Services to high-risk populations
- Visitation to hospitals and senior living facilities
- Schools and organized youth activities that are currently closed
- Bars

### **PHASE 2-**

#### **Public gatherings**

- Allow gatherings of maximum 50 people and maintain physical distancing whenever possible

#### **Businesses**

- Non-essential travel can resume
- Follow guidance for number of personnel in building based on square footage (based on fire code as the denominator)
- Maintain 6 foot physical distance in common areas where employees are likely to congregate.
- Consider accommodations for vulnerable populations

#### **Retail settings:**

- Bars may operate with diminished standing-room occupancy, as applicable



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- Gyms can remain open IF strict physical distancing practices are possible. Group classes can resume.
- Grocery stores maintain phase 1 operations, but relax the face covering requirement

**Education:**

- Schools and organized youth activities can reopen

**ONGOING PROHIBITIONS:**

- Services to high-risk populations
- Visitation to hospitals and senior living facilities

**PHASE 3-**

- Resume unrestricted staffing of worksites
- Resume visits to senior care facilities and hospitals
- Large venues (movie theaters, sporting venues, places of worship) can operate under limited physical distancing practices are possible

**NOTES:**

MCPH will continue to monitor the spread of disease through syndromic surveillance (COVID-like symptoms), testing, and hospitalizations.

- Newly reported cases of COVID-19 will be investigated within 24 hours
- All cases will be adequately isolated for minimum of 7 days with an objective of no household transmission

Complaints for non-compliance will be handled through the MCPH hotline 970-683-2300 and [healthinfo@mesacounty.us](mailto:healthinfo@mesacounty.us)