COVID-19 Report
Reopening of State and Local Economies

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Hair salons open in some locations in state.

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Note: * denotes open in only parts of the state. Refer to the state description for details.
ALABAMA

STATEWIDE ACTIONS

The governor issued an amended Stay at Home Order which includes an expanded list of reopenings for May 11, including close contact personal services. The order requires retailers to limit capacity to 50%; implement social distancing for customers; and sanitize using CDC guidelines. The order requires close contact service providers to implement safety protocols including but not limited to requiring employees to wear face coverings. Refer to order. Guidelines have also been released for these close contact businesses. Refer to link.

The governor has released the Reopen Alabama Responsibly Phase One Plan from the Small Business Emergency Task Force. It focuses on close-contact services, childcare services, entertainment venues, medical and health services, beaches, pharmacies, real estate, manufacturing, and agriculture. This report contains recommendations.

The governor released five guideline flyers to help Alabamians adjust to the amended Safer At Home order. The guidelines pertain to a general safeguard for all businesses.

STATE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ACTIONS

None

LOCAL ACTIONS OF NOTE

None
STATEWIDE ACTIONS

On May 19, the governor announced the state was moving to Phase Three allowing all businesses to open at 100% capacity. All businesses may open.

The State released detailed guidance for businesses to follow during Phase Three of the reopening plan. Business responsibilities include but are not limited to maintaining opportunities for social distancing; encouraging face coverings; screening people; regularly disinfecting surfaces; and more. Refer to link

STATE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ACTIONS

The Alaska Board of Barbers and Hairdressers met on April 24 to issue the guidance on work and safety requirements referenced in Attachment G.

LOCAL ACTIONS OF NOTE
ARIZONA

STATEWIDE ACTIONS

The governor issued an order authorizing barbers and cosmetologists to resume business operations on May 8.

The governor announced additional guidelines for retail establishments on May 4. The Department of Health Services recommends the additional steps to be taken such as operating with reduced occupancy based on the size of business; implementing symptom screenings for all employees before the start of their shift; considering offering cloth face coverings to employees and customers; and more. Refer to guidance link.

The governor has ordered (Executive Order No. 2020-17) state agencies and boards will defer requirements to renew licenses that have an expiration date between March 1, 2020 and September 1, 2020 by six months from the expiration date, unless those requirements can be completed online. This measure went into effect on March 26.

Governor Doug Ducey (R) issued an order that, among other things, allows county and city officials to issue mandatory face covering rules. Previous executive orders had preempted local actions. Also pursuant to the order, the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) announced updated guidance for all businesses to follow to limit COVID transmission.

STATE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ACTIONS

Arizona Department of Health and Governor Doug Ducey (R) issued guidance and recommendations for barbers and cosmetologists for reopening including requiring and providing employees’ gloves for treatments that require touching a client’s face; implementing sanitation protocols; implementing employee screenings; and more. Refer to guidance link.

LOCAL ACTIONS OF NOTE

None
ARKANSAS

STATEWIDE ACTIONS

Governor Asa Hutchinson (R) announced businesses such as hair salons and barbershops can reopen May 6 but with new rules to curb the virus, including limits on how many people can be inside and screening of customers and staff. The decision also allows tattoo shops and massage therapists to reopen.

The governor announced starting May 18th all retailers are open with phase I restrictions specific to their industry under the Arkansas Department of Health guidelines.

STATE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ACTIONS

The Department of Health has issued guidance for employers in different sectors of the economy. The directive for Barber Shops, Body Art Establishments, Cosmetology Establishments, Massage Therapy Clinics/Spas, and Medical Spas is available here. These businesses are allowed to open on May 6 as long as they comply with the directive.

The Secretary of Health, in consultation with Governor Hutchinson, issued a directive for all businesses to follow. It implements safety protocols for operation during COVID-19. Protocols include but are not limited to limiting capacity in facilities; screening employees; providing sanitizers; and more. Refer to link. This order went into effect May 8 and does not have an expiration date.

The Secretary of Health, in consultation with Governor Asa Hutchinson (R), has issued an updated directive for barber shops, body art establishments, cosmetology establishments, message therapy, clinics/spas, and medical spas to move into Phase 2. Providers may now resume attending to walk-in clients as well as those scheduled by appointment; clients should be prescreened; face coverings must be worn; and more. Refer to link.

LOCAL ACTIONS OF NOTE

None
CALIFORNIA

STATEWIDE ACTIONS

Governor Gavin Newsom (D) announced on May 26 that counties approved for accelerated reopening can begin to reopen hair salons and barbershops. Personal services businesses must follow released guidance that includes but is not limited to creating worksite specific plans; requiring face coverings; screening workers; and more. The only counties not allowed to move into further reopening are Alameda, Contra Costa, Imperial, Los Angeles, Marin, Monterey, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz and Tulare counties. The governor also stated that the state was working on new guidelines for summer camps and childcare facilities. A county by county map is available here.

The state continues to keep nail salons, tattoo parlors and body waxing services closed.

Governor Gavin Newsom (D) announced on June 18 on Twitter that the state will now require face coverings to be worn in all public places. The Department of Public Health released guidance in conjunction with the announcement of this mandate.

Governor Gavin Newsom (D) announced that indoor operations of salons and barbershops must close effective July 13 in 30 counties that have been on the County Monitoring List for 3 consecutive days.

STATE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ACTIONS

The Department of Public Health released a statement confirming the governor's comments that retail stores may resume in-store shopping statewide under previously issued guidelines. Subject to approval by county public health departments, all retail stores can reopen for in-store shopping under previously issued guidelines. Under new guidance, places of worship can hold religious services and funerals that limit attendance to 25% of a building's capacity – or up to 100 attendees, whichever is lower – upon approval by the county department of public health.

The state released guidance for barbers and hair salons to operate outside after Governor Newsom’s announcement that indoor operations would have to cease.

LOCAL ACTIONS OF NOTE

On June 12, the State Department of Public Health, issued guidance that will allow nail salons, tattoo studios, and other personal care services to open back up beginning June 19. The guidance covers "expanded personal care services," which includes personal care that requires touching a client's face, such as facials, electrolysis, and waxing.

On June 12, the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors voted to ask the state for permission to re-open large sectors of the local economy, including dine-in restaurants, hair salons and gyms.

On June 12, Alameda County Health Officer Dr. Erica Pan said she plans to allow more activities, including all retail, outdoor dining, outdoor museums, outdoor fitness, and limited religious beginning on Friday, June 19, throughout Alameda County.

Riverside County announced it will allow additional personal care businesses, including nail salons and body art shops, may reopen in Riverside County on Friday (June 19) with increased measures to slow the spread of coronavirus. These businesses are part of the state’s new guidance to include more industries in accelerated stage two.

Los Angeles County announced that nail salons, cosmetology services, spas offering aesthetic and massages services would be able to reopen on Friday, June 19. Los Angeles County issued the executive order that allowed nail salons to reopen and the order has detailed guidance for personal care services is in Appendix R in the linked Executive Order.

On June 22 San Francisco officials announced that they have applied for a variance to open more retail businesses and group attractions as soon as June 29 if the state agrees, advancing their earlier reopening schedule by two weeks or more. Hair and nail salons, barber shops, tattoo parlors and massage businesses — originally slated for a July 13 opening — will be allowed to open June 29.

On Monday, June 29, 2020, Contra Costa Health Services (CCHS) announced that it will delay the opening of businesses and activities previously planned for July 1 until the COVID-19 outbreak in Contra Costa is better contained. “Personal services not involving contact with the face” were scheduled to reopen on July 1.
COLORADO

STATEWIDE ACTIONS

Governor Jared Polis (D) issued an Executive Order closing all non-essential businesses.

The CDPHE issued a Public Health Order in response to the governor’s order that will allow salons and barbershops to open on May 1. The order outlines the specific steps all businesses have to take with personal services beginning on page 6 and also in Appendix D beginning on page 21. Refer to the link.

The state also released a summary of the guidance for personal services to follow for reopening on May 1. Strict protocols must be following including but not limited to only providing services by appointment; requiring customers to wear face coverings; conducting symptom checks; having employees wear face coverings; and more. Refer to the link.

The state also released a summary of the guidance for large retail, department, discount, or outlet stores to follow for curbside pick-ups April 27 and reopening on May 1. Strict protocols must be following including but not limited to providing PPE for employees who are managing deliveries and returns; requiring employees to wear gloves and face coverings; limiting store capacity to 50%; implement marked 6 foot social distancing measures; increase availability of hand sanitizer; establishing one-way aisles; conducting daily temperature checks of employees in a log; and much more. Refer to the link.

STATE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ACTIONS

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment published a myriad of public health guidance’s and resources for businesses resuming operations.

LOCAL ACTIONS OF NOTE
CONNECTICUT

STATEWIDE ACTIONS

Governor Ned Lamont (D) issued an order allowing for barber shops and hair salons to reopen as of June 1 following the industry sector rules, which include staggering shifts; requiring face masks; keeping a customer log; and more. Refer to link. The order also allows for a limit of up to 10 people for indoor social gatherings, or 25 for outdoors. The previous limit of 49 persons for religious gatherings is now raised to 25% of the building’s capacity or 100 persons, whichever is smaller. For outdoor services the limit is 150. This Order went into effect May 29 and expires upon the end of the emergency.

The state issued updated guidance on June 1. Face coverings are still required in public when social distancing is unavoidable. All social and recreational gatherings are limited to 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors. Safety guidelines are available for state beaches; hair salons; hotels; museums; zoos; offices; retail; restaurants; and state parks. Refer to link.

Governor Ned Lamont (D) previously announced that certain business sectors will reopen June 17 as Phase 2 begins. Sector rules have been published for those Phase 2 businesses allowed to resume operations. Guidance for personal services is available here.

Governor Ned Lamont (D) issued the formal order to implement Phase 2 of the state’s reopening. The order reopens on-premise indoor dining at restaurants; personal care service businesses; gyms; fitness facilities; recreational facilities; movie theaters; and, public amusement businesses pursuant to sector rules and protocols.

Governor Ned Lamont (D) has issued updated rules for indoor recreation; outdoor events; offices; personal care services; retailers; libraries; restaurants; and, hotels. The updated rules go into effect immediately. Businesses and nonprofits that have already completed the self-certification process as part of Phases 1 and 2 do not need to re-register but must comply with any new rules for their sector.

STATE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ACTIONS

None

LOCAL ACTIONS OF NOTE

None
The governor issued another press release detailing Phase 1 Economic Reopening Guidance. Delaware’s Phase 1 reopening plan provides general and sector-specific guidance for Delawareans and Delaware businesses. Phase 1 of Delaware’s economic reopening will begin on June 1. The newly updated guidance discusses contact tracing; outreach and education; and general guidance for the public. It provides general guidance for businesses including but not limited to requiring employers to close common areas where personnel are likely to congregate; requiring all surfaces touched by customers to be disinfecting at a certain frequency; requiring businesses to make hand sanitizer available; and more. Refer to guidance link. Industry specific guidance is also listed out within this document for Retail; Malls; and, Personal Care Services. Refer to guidance link.

Governor John Carney (D) announced Phase 2 will begin on June 15. Retail establishments, restaurants and other businesses that were permitted to open at 30% of stated fire capacity in Phase 1 may expand to 60% of stated fire occupancy in Phase 2. The Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) continues to encourage Delawareans to telework during Phase 2 of the economic reopening. Guidelines have also been released for Phase 2. Refer to link. Personal care service businesses were included in Phase 1 and can operate at 30% of stated fire occupancy.

Governor John Carney (D) issued an order moving the state into Phase 2 of reopening effective June 15 and extending the state of emergency until further notice. Personal care services and exercise facilities may open at 30% capacity in this stage.

Governor John Carney (D) announced youth and adult recreational sports guidance. Also, increasing personal care services to 60% occupancy on June 22, if safety guidelines are followed to prevent infection and community spread of COVID-19.

Governor John Carney (D) announced a delay in moving to Phase 3 of Delaware’s economic reopening. The move was scheduled to occur June 29. The Governor intends to make a decision early next week regarding the start of Phase 3.

STATE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ACTIONS

None

LOCAL ACTIONS OF NOTE

None
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

DISTRICT-WIDE ACTIONS

A group of advisers convened by D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser is suggesting a conservative four-phase process for reopening the city as the coronavirus outbreak becomes less severe — and that could begin as soon as May 29. The group has also made recommendations for various industry sectors to follow when reopening.

Mayor Muriel Bowser (D) issued an order that lifts the Stay At Home Order on May 29. This order implements Phase One of the reopening plan; gatherings of 10 or more people are still prohibited. The order allows non-essential retailers to open for pick-up and delivery. Barbershops and salons may reopen under strict protocols including but not limited to closing waiting areas and implemented social distancing measures. Phase One Health Guidelines have also been released for childcare services; cosmetology; dental care; elective surgery; for-hire vehicle, taxi, and rideshare vehicles; parks and open spaces; restaurants; and, schools. The public health emergency has been extended to July 24.

Mayor Muriel Bowser (D) will announce on June 19 when the City will enter Phase Two of reopening. This phase will not start until at least June 22, or thereafter. Guidance for industries operating in Phase Two, including personal services, is at the Phase Two link. Mayor Muriel Bowser (D) did issue an order implementing Phase 2 of the District's reopening plan effective June 22. The order allows nonessential retailers to reopen at 50% capacity.
STATEWIDE ACTIONS

On May 8, the governor announced that salons and barbers will be able to open on Monday, May 11. The governor issued an order expanding Phase 1: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida’s recovery. The order allows Palm Beach County to enter Phase 1. Barbershops, cosmetology salons, and cosmetology specialty salons may reopen May 11 in counties that are authorized for Phase 1. These businesses must adopt social distancing and safety protocols as outlined by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation which includes but is not limited to requiring employees to wear facemasks and prohibiting walk-ins. The governor issued an order allowing Broward and Miami-Dade Counties to enter Phase 1 of the state's reopening plan beginning May 18. Barbershops, cosmetology salons, and cosmetology specialty salons may now resume operations in these counties under already released protocols.

Governor Ron DeSantis (R) announced that the Original Phase 1 Florida counties (all except Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach) may enter Phase 2 effective June 5. Restaurants, bars, and other vendors licensed to sell alcoholic beverages may reopen at 50% capacity for indoor service. Entertainment businesses including but not limited to theaters; concert houses; auditoriums; playhouses; bowling alleys; and arcades may reopen at 50% capacity. Pari-mutuel facilities may seek to operate with a written request from the County Mayor. Personal services, including but not limited to tattooing, body piercing, acupuncture, tanning and massage, may operate with appropriate safety guidelines as outlined by the Department of Health. Also, the Governor has released Phase 2 guidelines. Retail establishments may operate at full capacity with responsible social distancing and sanitization protocols. Gyms may operate at full capacity with appropriate social distancing and frequent sanitization.

STATE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ACTIONS

The Board of Massage Therapy issued an emergency rule related to education requirements for board approved massage schools. The Order went into effect March 19.

LOCAL ACTIONS OF NOTE

On June 5, Palm Beach County announced it was ready to move into Phase 2 of the state's reopening plan. While most of the state has already entered Phase Two reopenings, Palm Beach County was excluded, along with Broward and Miami-Dade counties.

On Friday, June 5th Broward County issued Emergency Order 20-15, continuing a customized approach to reopening Broward County that incorporates guidelines and requirements for safe operations for opened businesses, amenities and services, based on local conditions.
GEORGIA

STATEWIDE ACTIONS

The governor issued an Executive Order (04.20.20.01) on April 20 that allows hair designers to begin in-person minimum basic operations on April 24. All of these businesses must implement safety protocols including but not limited to screening and evaluating employees for symptoms, providing PPE as available; enhancing sanitation; prohibiting gatherings during work hours; implementing staggered shifts; enforcing social distancing; and more. Refer to the Order link for the full list of requirements. This Order expires at the conclusion of the Public Health State of Emergency.

The governor issued an order entitled Reviving a Healthy Georgia. Businesses not considered critical infrastructure that continue in-person operations during this order including but not limited to providing PPE as available; screening workers; staggering shifts; enforcing social distancing; and more. Refer to order. This order goes into effect May 14 and expires on May 31.

Governor Brian Kemp (R) issued another order entitled Reviving a Healthy Georgia providing more guidance for reopening the state. The order allows for gatherings of up to 25 persons. The order requires retailers to operate at 50% capacity and to install protective screens and other mitigation measures.

STATE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ACTIONS

The Georgia State Board of Cosmetology and Barbers issued guidance on April 21 for the safe reopening of Georgia’s salons and spas. Owners and managers should use the OSHA “Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19” as a guide for reopening. The Board has also published a complete list of guidelines that follow those listed in the Executive Order.

LOCAL ACTIONS OF NOTE
GUAM

STATEWIDE ACTIONS

The governor has issued an order relative to the declaration of Pandemic Condition of Readiness (PCOR) 2. The order allows retail stores, cosmetic establishments, barbers, shopping centers, and mall operations to resume operations under protocols. These businesses must follow guidance provided by DPHSS. Refer to link. This order went into effect on May 10.

STATE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ACTIONS

None

LOCAL ACTIONS OF NOTE

None
HAWAII

STATEWIDE ACTIONS

The governor has unveiled the re-opening and recovery plan for the State of Hawai’i — a strategy that conveys the coordinated, statewide approach to jumpstarting the economy and recovery from the COVID-19 crisis. According to the plan — the state will start to gradually re-open medium-risk businesses and operations beginning in June — assuming the state’s COVID-19 activity remains manageable. The re-opening of high-risk businesses and operations will eventually follow, as long as Hawaii’s disease activity continues to remain manageable. Under the emergency proclamation, county mayors will have the authority to make decisions for their counties — including re-opening businesses and implementing restrictions — with the governor’s approval. Reopening will be a County by County process.

The governor has issued an order that announced rules relating to safety guidelines for barbers and beauty operators, including but not limited to requiring staff to wear facemasks. This order does not open these businesses. These rules can be found in Exhibit I. This order went into effect May 18.

Governor David Ige (D) approved, on May 27, Honolulu’s proposal to safely re-open more businesses and operations on O’ahu, under guidelines that will ensure the safety of employees and customers. Under the approved local proposal, personal service providers such as barbers, hairdressers, nail technicians, tattoo artists, and other beauty operators may resume operations with modifications on May 29.

STATE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ACTIONS

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IDAHO

STATEWIDE ACTIONS
On May 1, Governor Little issued his Stay Healthy Order, which allows Stage 1 businesses to reopen. According the stages of reopening, salons and barbershops will be able to reopen as part of Stage 2.

The governor and the Department of Health and Welfare issued an order requiring all employees to develop and implement measures to ensure social distancing; provide sanitation for employees and patrons; implement protocols established under the Governor's Guidelines for Opening Up Idaho (refer to link); and more. This order moves the state into Stage 2 of reopening effective May 16.

Governor Brad Little (R) and the Department of Health and Welfare issued an order moving the state into Stage 4 of the reopening plan. Mass gatherings of any size are allowed. Non-essential travel may resume. Employers should develop and implement measures to ensure employees and customers maintain at least six-foot physical distancing from other individuals whenever possible; provide adequate sanitation; frequently disinfect commonly touched and high-traffic areas; and more. Refer to link. This was effective June 13.

STATE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ACTIONS
None

LOCAL ACTIONS OF NOTE
None
STATEWIDE ACTIONS

Governor JB Pritzker (D) released Executive Order 2020-36, which begins Phase 3 of Illinois' reopening and resumes activities that were paused due to COVID-19. The order outlines public health requirements for individuals, businesses, retail stores, manufacturers, office buildings, restaurants and bars, gyms, personal service facilities, youth sports, and public amusement. Personal services are allowed to reopen in Phase 3.

Governor JB Pritzker (D) announced Phase 4 of Illinois' economic re-opening will begin on June 26. Guidance for industry-specific re-opening rules has been released; this guidance applies to day camps, indoor and outdoor recreation, manufacturing, film production, health and fitness, museums, meetings and social events, offices, restaurants and bars, retail and service counter operations, personal care, outdoor seated spectator events, theaters and performing arts, youth and recreational sports, and zoos.

Governor JB Pritzker (D) issued the executive order to implement Phase 4 on June 26. Individuals must continue to practice social distancing and wear a face covering in public places or when working. Mass gatherings of up to 50 people are now allowed. All businesses must implement safety protocols. Refer to order. Retailers, gyms, and fitness centers may operate at 50% capacity. Refer to order. Guidance for industry-specific re-opening rules has been released; this guidance applies to day camps, indoor and outdoor recreation, manufacturing, film production, health and fitness, museums, meetings and social events, offices, restaurants and bars, retail and service counter operations, personal care, outdoor seated spectator events, theaters and performing arts, youth and recreational sports, and zoos. This Order went into effect June 29.

STATE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ACTIONS

The Department of Commerce published Phase 3 business guidelines and toolkits for specific industries including manufacturing; health and fitness centers; non-customer facing offices; personal care services businesses; retailers; outdoor recreation businesses; service counters; day camps; youth sports; and restaurants and bars for outdoor dining and drinking. Under the Restore Illinois framework, certain businesses and activities are allowed to resume in Phase 3 with IDPH-approved safety guidance in place.

LOCAL ACTIONS OF NOTE

Mayor Lightfoot announced that the City of Chicago would be rolling back some business reopenings. Among other items, personal services that require the removal of a face mask will no longer be allowed, such as facials and shaves.
INDIANA

STATEWIDE ACTIONS
Governor Eric Holcomb (R) announced that the state will move to Stage 4 of the reopening plan on June 12. Some localities may not be able to enter this stage at the same time as the rest of the state. The governor has issued an executive order to implement this announcement. The order permits all counties to enter Stage 4 at 12:01 AM June 12. All businesses operating must develop a plan to implement measures and safeguards including employee screenings, social distancing measures, and enhanced cleaning; additionally plans must be publicly posted. Retailers and malls may now operate at 100% capacity. Personal care business employees must still wear face coverings. Refer to the Stage 4 plan for personal services requirements.

STATE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ACTIONS
None

LOCAL ACTIONS OF NOTE
None
STATEWIDE ACTIONS

Governor Kim Reynolds (R) has signed a new proclamation continuing the Public Health Disaster Emergency until June 25. The order includes guidance for businesses but lifts capacity limits on all businesses in the state effective June 12. Restaurants and bars; fitness centers; salons and barbershops; medical spas; theaters and performance venues; race tracks; enclosed malls; museums; zoos; bingo halls; pool halls; amusement parks; campgrounds; and other retail establishments must take reasonable measures to implement social distancing. Mass gatherings of more than 10 people may now take place if the organizer implements social distancing measures. The order continues to allow nonessential or elective surgeries and procedures pursuant to requirements. This order is effective June 12 and expires June 25.

Governor Kim Reynolds (R) extended the state of emergency through August 23. The order keeps capacity restrictions in place and extends other safety protocols put into place for restaurants, bars, retailers, salons, theaters, gyms, casinos, and other businesses for an additional month.

STATE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ACTIONS

None

LOCAL ACTIONS OF NOTE

None
KANSAS

STATEWIDE ACTIONS

The governor has signed Executive Order 20-34, which moves Kansas into Phase 2 of "Ad Astra: A Plan to Reopen Kansas", effective May 22. Businesses and activities that will be allowed to open in Phase 2 include nail salons, barbershops, hair salons and other personal care services. All businesses in operation should follow industry specific guidelines as provided. See link. This order goes into effect May 22.

STATE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ACTIONS

The Kansas Department of Health released guidance for barbering, cosmetology, esthetics, nail technology, electrology, tanning, tattoo, and body piercing establishments and schools as well as other similar but unregulated professions to follow when allowed to reopen. The guidance states that face coverings should be worn by customers and practitioners; customers should be pre-screened and screened upon arrival for symptoms; and more. The guidance does reiterate that these professions are not yet allowed to open. Refer to the guidance link for details.

The Governor signed HB 2016 which states that the COVID-19 state of disaster emergency will terminate on September 15, 2020. The measure states that after September 15, 2020, the Governor will be prohibited from ordering the closure or cessation of any business or commercial activity (for-profit or not-for-profit) for more than 15 days.

LOCAL ACTIONS OF NOTE

None
KENTUCKY

STATEWIDE ACTIONS

Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear (D) announced that the retail sector will be allowed to resume operations May 20. Salons, barbers, cosmetology businesses, and similar services will be allowed to resume operations May 25. This timeline is dependent on healthcare benchmarks being met. If the timeline stands, these sectors must implement strict protocols including universal face coverings and on-site temperature checks. Refer to link for more protocols.

All businesses must follow Healthy at Work timeline and industry requirements. Refer to link.

On May 22, Governor Andy Beshear (D) issued an order allowing cosmetology businesses; hair salons and barbershops; tanning salons; tattoo parlors; nail salons; and massage therapy businesses may reopen under safety protocols including but not limiting to capping occupancy at 33%; eliminating use of waiting areas; requiring staff to wear face coverings; and more. Refer to link. Refer to guidelines page for detailed guidance for each personal service. Effective May 25,

Governor Andy Beshear (D) issued an order allowing personal care services to increase capacity limits to 50%. These businesses must still be compliant with the additional safety protocols that have been in place. This order went into effect June 25.

STATE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ACTIONS

The Kentucky Board of Cosmetology has developed guidelines for reopening that were reviewed during the May 4 Board meeting.

The Kentucky Board of Cosmetology has released Health at Work requirements for salons. These must be met in addition to the above guidelines. The new requirements include but are not limited capping occupancy at 33%; authorizing employees to refuse service to a customer exhibiting symptoms; making facemasks available for customers; and more. Refer to link.

The Kentucky Legislature is on an abbreviated schedule. Adjourned April 15. House has adopted remote voting rules, the Senate has not.

LOCAL ACTIONS OF NOTE

None
STATEWIDE ACTIONS

Governor John Bel Edwards (D) announced that Louisiana will begin Phase 2 of its economic reopening on Friday, June 5. Phase 2 will last at least 21 days. Businesses that will be able to open at 50 percent occupancy does include barber and beauty shops, massage establishments, spas, and tattoo establishments (under strict guidance from LDH), esthetician services (under strict guidance from the Cosmetology Board). This Order goes into effect June 5.

Governor John Bel Edwards (D) announced that Louisiana's Phase Two order will stay in place for another 28 days, keeping in place occupancy limits and other restrictions. The state will remain in this phase until July 24. Personal care service businesses; shopping malls; casinos and racetracks; gyms and fitness centers; and all other businesses may continue to operate at 50% capacity and pursuant to additional safety protocols. Refer to extension order.

STATE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ACTIONS

The Louisiana Board of Cosmetology issued proposed guidelines for reopening salons after the executive order is lifted on May 15. It details placing signs, cleaning and disinfecting all areas, removing non-sanitized items, distancing between stations, and other guidelines. Salons should obtain cleaning and disinfecting products and appropriate PPE. Customers and staff should be screened upon entry to verify that the individual is not symptomatic. Refer to link for more detail.

LOCAL ACTIONS OF NOTE

None
The governor issued an order stating that beginning May 1 the DECD shall implement the Restarting Plan and identify businesses and activities where current restrictions may be adjusted to safely allow for reopenings. The order goes into effect May 1 and expires May 31. DECD guidance is available here. Barbershops and salons are allowed to reopen on May 1.

The Mills Administration announced that it is delaying the full reopening of nail salons in the state’s reopening plans in light of emerging research and experiences in other states of COVID-19 transmission related to these establishments.

Governor Janet Mills (D) issued an order that allows for the gradual easing of restrictions implemented under previous Executive Orders as the state continues to reopen under the Restarting Maine’s Economy plan. The order phases out the distinction between essential and non-essential businesses consistent with the implementation of the Restarting Plan. This Order went into effect May 31.

Governor Janet Mills (D) announced effective June 17 in Androscoggin, Cumberland, and York counties, bars, breweries, and tasting rooms are permitted to open for outdoor, seated service while gyms, nail salons, and tattoo parlors may also reopen. Updated health and safety protocols for Phase 1 and Phase 2 for numerous industries was also announced.

Governor Janet Mills (D) released COVID-19 Prevention Checklists for businesses and activities to voluntarily resume on July 1 as part of Stage 3 of the Administration’s Restarting Maine’s Economy Plan. The checklists, written in close collaboration with industry leaders and public health experts, outline health and safety protocols for businesses and activities to comply with in order to resume safely. The checklists posted today include: spas and skin care establishments, including laser hair removal and similar services; outdoor amusements, such as amusement parks and water parks; indoor amusements, such as bowling and arcades; movie theaters; and performing arts venues.

STATE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ACTIONS

On May 27, the state provided updated advice for barbershops and salons.

LOCAL ACTIONS OF NOTE

None
**MARYLAND**

**STATEWIDE ACTIONS**

The governor has announced that barber shops and salons may provide services to employees of essential businesses that have remained open during the Stay At Home order and during orders that have closed non-essential businesses. Additional requirements have been mandated for salons and barber shops that reopen. The businesses may not accept walk-ins; only one customer is allowed in the establishment at a given time; facemasks must be worn by customers and employees; and more. Refer to Guidance link.

The governor issued an order to reopen retail establishments; certain personal care services; manufacturing businesses and facilities on May 15 as previously detailed in his press release. Each of these sectors must implement safety protocols including but not limited to implementing the CDC’s social distancing guidelines; requiring employees to wear face coverings; abiding by any Local restriction; and more. Refer to order. It also keeps malls and retailers in malls with no external entrance closed. Refer to order.

**STATE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ACTIONS**

None

**LOCAL ACTIONS OF NOTE**

Prince George’s County, Maryland announced that it will begin a modified Phase Two on June 15. Under the modified Phase Two, retail stores may open for in-store services. Retail stores may allow five people per 1,000 square feet, not to exceed 50% capacity. Enclosed shopping malls must remain closed. Governor Larry Hogan has been pressuring both Prince Georges County (the state’s second largest county) and Montgomery County (the largest county) to open after he put the rest of the state into Phase Two May 15. Both counties neighbor Washington, DC.

Baltimore City will remain in the first phase of statewide reopening plans — despite pressure from local merchants and Maryland's governor to ease more restrictions — Mayor Bernard C. “Jack” Young announced Friday. However, as part of that announcement the city is allowing non-essential retailers to reopen at up to 50% capacity beginning June 12.

Mayor Bernard C. “Jack” Young issued an order allowing religious institutions, restaurants, libraries, gyms, hair salons and casinos to reopen at 50% capacity indoors. Face coverings are still mandatory. This became effective June 19, but was not posted on the city website until June 22.
MASSACHUSETTS

STATEWIDE ACTIONS

The governor has issued an order implementing the reopening plan and imposing workforce safety. Beginning May 25, hair salons and barbershops may resume operations. Retailers are explicitly not permitted to operate in-store sales during this phase; guidance shall be issued to permit curb-side pick-up beginning May 25.

Governor Charlie Baker (R) issued an Order in advance of Phase 2 of Massachusetts' reopening setting requirements for certain businesses to follow in Phase 2. The Order lists all Phase 2 enterprises, which includes nail salons and massage services. The chart also lists those enterprises currently categorized as Phases 3 and 4. The order does not technically allow Phase 2 businesses to reopen.

Governor Charlie Baker (R) has announced that Massachusetts will transition to Phase 2 of their reopening plan on June 8.

Governor Charlie Baker (R) announced that Massachusetts will transition to step 2 of Phase 2 of their reopening plan on June 22. Step 2 allows for the following to reopen: indoor table service at restaurants; close contact personal services, with restrictions; retail dressing rooms, by appointment only and offices, at 50% capacity. These sectors must follow the previously released guidance. Refer to link.

Governor Charlie Baker (R) announced that Phase 3 of Massachusetts' reopening plan will begin on Monday, July 6.

STATE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ACTIONS

The Board of Registration of Cosmetology and Barbering issued updated safety standards on June 8 for salons and barbershops that include but are not limited to implementing social distancing; requiring face coverings for employees and clients; limiting what services are offered; and more. Refer to link.

Safety guidance for all industries and services is available here.

The Department of Labor Standards adopted emergency regulations. This regulation establishes a uniform set of COVID-19 Workplace Safety Rules for all enterprises operating brick and mortar premises across the Commonwealth to ensure that all enterprises adopt appropriate health and safety measures to protect against the spread of the COVID-19.

LOCAL ACTIONS OF NOTE

None
STATEWIDE ACTIONS

The governor issued an order that requires all businesses to adhere to strict safety guidelines to protect their workers, their patrons, and their communities from infection. EO No. 2020-114 amends the order to include new provisions governing in-home services, personal care services, sporting and entertainment venues, and gyms. Refer to amended order.

Governor Gretchen Whitmer (D) issued an order that moves Regions 6 & 8 to Phase 5 of the Michigan Safe Start Plan on June 10. Gyms, hair salons, indoor theaters, tattoo parlors, and similar establishments will be permitted to reopen, subject to strict workplace safeguards. Face coverings must still be worn in public places. In addition, personal care services—including hair and nail salons— may reopen statewide as of June 15. This constitutes a partial step along the path of an orderly transition to Stage 5 for those parts of the state outside Regions 6 and 8. This Order goes into effect June 10. This order has been rescinded.

Governor Gretchen Whitmer (D) issued an amended order effective July 29 which requires businesses to develop COVID-19 preparedness and response plans, designate supervisors to implement and monitor those plans, and train employees on workplace infection control and use of personal protective equipment. In addition, barbering, cosmetology services, body art services (including tattooing and body piercing), tanning services, massage services, or similar personal-care services must maintain accurate appointment and walk in records, install physical barriers at cash registers, and more. Refer to order.

STATE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ACTIONS

The Board of Cosmetology issued an update on May 29 related to the ongoing impact of the pandemic on cosmetology schools and students. The Board decided that until January 1, 2021, or until the next routinely scheduled Board meeting thereafter, the Board will approve all cosmetology schools to temporarily move any scheduled theory instruction online.

LOCAL ACTIONS OF NOTE
MINNESOTA

STATEWIDE ACTIONS

Governor Tim Walz (D) issued Executive Order 20-63, which outlines the second phase of Stay Safe MN. Executive Order 20-63 implements Phase II of the Stay Safe MN Plan. This order salons and barbershops to open on June 1 at 25% capacity under strict protocols including requiring workers to wear face coverings. Refer to guidance link. and businesses must still follow EO 20-54. Executive Orders 20-04, 20-08, 20-18, 20-52, 20-56, and 20-62 are rescinded as of May 31.

Governor Tim Walz (D) issued an order outlining Phase 3 of the Stay Safe MN plan. Effective June 10, barbershops, salons, and other establishments providing personal care services may now have 50% capacity. Effective June 10, restaurants may now serve on-premise indoor dining under strict protocols including capacity limits.

The Governor signed HF 5 provides a grants of up to $10,000 to individual businesses, including any subgrantees, that among other things, are owned by a permanent Minnesota resident, employ less than 50 people and can demonstrate financial hardship as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak.

STATE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ACTIONS

Barber schools must prepare and implement a COVID-19 preparedness plan that addresses student safety before reopening. The Department of Health has released cleaning guidance for schools.

The Board of Cosmetology issued state guidance for reopening cosmetology schools on June 1 in accordance with EO 20-56 and EO 20-63. Occupancy must be capped at 25% or at 10 people if performing work on members of the public or other students. Clinic and salon floors must follow guidance for personal care services/salons released by DEED. Refer to link. Schools must implement the Department of Health’s cleaning guidance for schools. Refer to link. Licensed cosmetology schools in a K-12 High School setting are administered by the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) and are subject to the restrictions and guidance delivered in Executive Order 20-57, which establishes a Summer Learning Period.

LOCAL ACTIONS OF NOTE

Minneapolis will begin requiring people in indoor public spaces — including stores, schools and restaurants — to wear masks to help slow the spread of Covid-19 starting next week.
MISSISSIPPI

STATEWIDE ACTIONS

On May 8, the governor extended the Safer at Home Order but the order allows barbers, salons, personal care services and gyms to reopen on May 11. This order expires on May 25.

Governor Tate Reeves (R) issued a "Safe Return" Order which provides guidance for businesses to adhere to while open to prevent the spread of COVID-19. This order has been extended, with amendments (see EO No. 1496) until June 29.

Governor Tate Reeves (R) has again extended the Safe Return instituted via EO No. 1492 and 1500 until July 20. The order requires businesses and entities to remain operating at capacity restrictions.

STATE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ACTIONS

The Mississippi Legislature has reconvened.

LOCAL ACTIONS OF NOTE

None
MISSOURI

STATEWIDE ACTIONS

The governor has announced Missouri’s “Show Me Strong” Recovery Plan to safely and gradually reopen the state’s economy. According to the order issued by the Department of Health and Senior Services, all businesses are allowed to open as long as they follow specific protocols. However, this order does not prohibit local governments from issuing more stringent orders.

Governor Mike Parson (R) announced that the state will move into Phase 2 on June 16 and there will no longer be a statewide public health order in place. All statewide restrictions will be lifted, though local officials will still have the authority to put further rules, regulations, or ordinances in place.

STATE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ACTIONS

The State has published a website with Show Me Strong Recovery Plan Phase 1 Guidelines and FAQs. Local health authorities may enforce more restrictive public health requirements for businesses or individuals.

The Department of Health and Seniors Services issued an order to allow retailers to open between 10-25% capacities. This order implemented Phase 1 of the Show Me Strong Recovery Plan on May 4. This order expires on May 31.

LOCAL ACTIONS OF NOTE

On June 29, Douglas County issued a public health order that will require people to wear masks in all indoor public spaces where six feet of separation is not possible — including businesses, workplaces and public facilities such as community centers or libraries. This order went into effect July 1.
MONTANA

STATEWIDE ACTIONS

The governor announced a gradual and phased reopening of the state beginning April 26 for individuals, and extending to non-essential businesses on April 27. Personal Care Services can become operational on or after April 27 if they can certain safety protocols including but not limited to screening customers prior to appointment for symptoms; utilizing facemasks for staff and customers; implement 6 feet of distancing between stations; and more. Refer to Link.

STATE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ACTIONS

None

LOCAL ACTIONS OF NOTE

None

Statewide Stay at Home Order:
Effective Until April 24

Restrictions on Gatherings:
More Than 50 People

Workplace Facemask:
Yes
N. MARIANAS ISLANDS

STATEWIDE ACTIONS

The Homeland Security & Emergency Management issued a directive with amendments to the CNMI COVID-19 Emergency Directives of 2020, establishing the CNMI COVID-19 Community Vulnerability Rating System; moving CNMI to community vulnerability level YELLOW. Gatherings of 10 or more are prohibited including at sporting events and fiestas. All businesses that have facilities open to the general public shall only be open to the public from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Outside of those hours, businesses may operate but may not be open to the general public. Businesses covered by this section must implement social distancing guidelines. Refer to link.

STATE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ACTIONS

None

LOCAL ACTIONS OF NOTE

None
NEBRASKA

STATEWIDE ACTIONS

The governor announced upcoming changes that ease some restrictions on social gatherings and business operations in Nebraska. As of May 4, existing state DHMs will be separated into 19 local DHMs, which would be effective through May 31. As of May 4, in certain districts only, salons and barber shops will be allowed to reopen. Salons and barber shops must remain closed in 10 DHMs. Refer to link. A Public Health Order has been released to implement these measures. Refer to link.

The governor announced new DHMs that are taking effect on May 11 in Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department, West Center District Health Department, and Three Rivers Public Health Department. The Elkhorn Logan Valley Public Health Department will move to a less restrictive DHM on May 13. These less restrictive DHMs allow for the limited reopening of salons and barber shops. Guidance has been issued for reopenings including requiring clients and staff to wear facemasks; the staggering of shifts; implementing forms of social distancing; and more. Refer to link.

The governor announced that less restricted DHMs will take effect in three additional regions in southern Nebraska on May 18. These regions are the South Heartland, Public Health Solutions, and Two Rivers districts. Additionally, Governor Ricketts highlighted new business reopening guidelines posted online today by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). These documents provide guidance to salons/barber shops as they reopen.

Governor Pete Ricketts (R) announced that new directed health measures (DHMs) will take effect on June 1, 2020. “Phase I” reopening DHMs will apply to the Central District Health Department (Hall, Hamilton, and Merrick counties) and Dakota County. “Phase II” reopening DHMs, which are less restrictive, will apply to the rest of Nebraska. Phase II Reopening DHMs apply to all counties except for Dakota, Hall, Hamilton and Merrick. Gatherings will be limited to 25 persons. Gyms, barber shops, salons, massage therapy services, wedding and funeral reception venues will be permitted to open at 50% occupancy. Personal care services workers and patrons must wear masks. Phase I Reopening DHMs apply to Dakota, Hall, Hamilton, and Merrick counties only.

Governor Pete Ricketts (R) announced that 89 of 93 Nebraska counties will move to Phase 3 of reopening on June 22. Dakota, Hall, Hamilton, and Merrick counties will move to Phase 2. The move to Phase 3 allows personal care services at 75% occupancy among other industries.

STATE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ACTIONS

The Department of Health and Human Services released an updated DHM which moved all counties into Phase 3 of reopening on July 6. Reopening details of Phase 3 include allowing personal care services at 75% occupancy. The next step in reopening is Phase 4. An outline of changes from Phase 3 to Phase 4 has been released. Refer to link.

LOCAL ACTIONS OF NOTE

None
NEVADA

STATEWIDE ACTIONS

The State issued an updated guidance document for barbershops and barber schools; hair care salons; nail care salons; retail and customer services; and couriers, transportation, and warehouses. Refer to link for specific sector guidelines.

Governor Steve Sisolak (D) announced that Nevada will be moving into Phase 2 of reopening on May 29. This will ease restrictions on personal services, tattoo and piercing parlors, gyms and fitness facilities, recreational areas and pools, movie theaters and arcades, and state parks. Gaming facilities are expected to follow with a limited reopening on June 4. Industry guidelines were not released during this announcement.

Governor Steve Sisolak (D) issued an order implementing Phase 2 of the state's reopening plan. The order requires nail salons and hair salons to continue to operate under Phase One conditions. On May 29, estheticians’ services may resume under strict protocols. Refer to order. This Order went into effect May 28 and expires on June 30.

Governor Steve Sisolak (D) issued an announcement about the above and released Phase 2 of reopening guidance on May 29.

Governor Steve Sisolak (D) issued an order requiring face coverings to be worn in public places. Businesses allowed to remain open in Phase 2 must ensure customers and patrons to wear face coverings and prohibit persons from entering the business without a face covering.

STATE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ACTIONS

The Nevada Board of Cosmetology published Enhanced Sanitation Guidelines for Nevada Salons on its website, detailing guidelines on strategic scheduling, PPE, service modifications, social distancing, cleaning and disinfecting, along with supplemental resources and information for reopening. Refer to link for details.

The Nevada Health Response has issued industry-specific guidance for Phase 1 reopening for retailers and barbershops and salons. The State issued an updated guidance document for barbershops and barber schools; hair care salons; nail care salons; retail and customer services. Refer to link for specific sector guidelines.

LOCAL ACTIONS OF NOTE

None
NEW HAMPSHIRE

STATEWIDE ACTIONS

On May 1, the Governor extended the closure orders until May 31, but with a phased reopening. Salons and Barbershops will be allowed to reopen on May 11. Page 41 on the linked page has detailed guidance for reopening.

The Governor's Economic Recovery Taskforce issued guidance for barbers and hair salons. Guidance includes no blow-drying hair; staff and clients must wear face coverings; staff and clients should be screened for symptoms; clients may must be seen by appointment-only; frequent disinfection must take place; and more. Refer to the link. Retailers must require employees to wear a face covering; report any symptoms before a shift; limit capacity to 50%; implement social distancing procedures; and more. Refer to the link.

Spas providing manicures and massages were allowed to reopen on June 1 with certain precautions in place.

Governor Chris Sununu (R) issued an order providing guidance for reopening. Exhibit A outlines Universal Business Guidelines and Exhibit B provides industry-specific guidelines, including for restaurants, personal care services, and elective procedures.

STATE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ACTIONS

None.

LOCAL ACTIONS OF NOTE

None
STATEWIDE ACTIONS

Governor Phil Murphy (D) issued an order which allows for the reopening of personal care service facilities, including barber shops and salons, as of June 22. The order also calls for these businesses to follow guidelines from the Department of Health. Cosmetology schools shall remain closed. DOH guidelines include but are not limited to providing face coverings to clients if necessary; requiring staff to wear face coverings; enhanced disinfection protocols; screening protocols; and more. Refer to link.

Governor Phil Murphy (D) announced that the state entered Stage 2 on June 15. This includes outdoor dining, limited in-person retail, limited gyms, and libraries. Personal care services may open on June 22. People are still asked to work remotely if possible.

Governor Phil Murphy (D) issued an order which allows for all retail establishments to reopen at 50% capacity pursuant to additional safety protocols. Refer to order. Personal care services may reopen July 2 pursuant to standards issued by the Division of Consumer Affairs and DOH and provided clients wear face coverings at all times before and after the service.

Governor Murphy issued an order that reduced the maximum occupancy of any indoor gathering to 25% of its rated capacity, although the order states that the limit shall not go lower than 10 people, regardless of rated room capacity.

STATE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ACTIONS

None

LOCAL ACTIONS OF NOTE

The Bergen County Executive issued an executive order stating that no worldly employment or business shall be performed or practiced by any person or entity within the County of Bergen until further notice except: a.) preparation and sale of drugs, meals, prepared food; b.) take-out sale of alcoholic beverages, newspapers, pet food and sanitary pet products, gasoline and food products subject to the conditions and limitations contained herein; c.) Auto repair shops will be permitted to remain open only if attached to and part of a gasoline station; d.) Health care facilities shall remain open with the exception of dental care facilities which shall close except as may be deemed necessary by a licensed dentist to treat emergency conditions; e.) Law firms, other entities or individuals specifically licensed to provide professional legal services, are hereby exempted from this Executive Order to the degree necessary to participate in Superior Court trials or other ancillary court proceedings or emergent matters or transactions; f.) Banks or banking institutions; g.) Funeral Parlors. It that states all malls, shopping centers, offices, construction and business activity of any type or nature, except as modified herein, shall be closed until further notice. This order went into effect on March 17.

Statewide Stay at Home Order:  
June 9

Restrictions on Gatherings:  
More Than 25% of Room Capacity or More Than 100 People (indoors); More Than 500 People (outdoors)

Workplace Facemask:  
Yes
NEW MEXICO

STATEWIDE ACTIONS

Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham (D) announced a new public health order to continue the Phase One reopening, effective June 1. This allows restaurants to operate indoor dine-in service at 50% maximum occupancy; personal care services may operate at 25% max capacity; indoor malls may open at 25% max capacity; and gyms may operate at 50% max capacity. Face-coverings still must be worn in public settings.

STATE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ACTIONS

None

LOCAL ACTIONS OF NOTE

None
STATEWIDE ACTIONS

Governor Cuomo announced on June 2 that Western New York would enter Phase 2 on June 2 and the Capital Region would enter Phase 2 on June 3. Barbershops and salons are included in Phase 2, while nail salons and other personal care services are included in Phase 3. See below.

Governor Cuomo announced on June 7 that the Mid-Hudson Valley and Long Island were on track to move to Phase 2 on June 8 and June 9, respectively.

Governor Andrew Cuomo (D) announced that the regions of Central New York, Finger Lakes, Mohawk Valley, North Country, and Southern Tier have been cleared to enter Phase 3 of the state’s reopening plan - NY Forward - on June 12. Phase three allows indoor restaurant and food services and all personal care services to resume. Each industry is subject to specific state guidelines to maximize safety and social distancing.

Governor Andrew Cuomo (D) announced that Monroe County and the Finger Lakes Region can move into Phase Three of reopening on Friday, June 12. That means personal care services (nail salons, tattoo parlors, cosmetology, massage therapy, etc.) can reopen - as long as strict health safety rules are followed.

Governor Andrew Cuomo (D) issued an order removing the reductions and restrictions on the in-person workforce at non-essential businesses or other entities that have entered Phase Three which includes restaurants and personal care services. As of June 12, the regions meeting the prescribed public health and safety metrics required for Phase Three reopening are: Finger Lakes, Central New York, Mohawk Valley, Southern Tier, and the North Country. This order has been extended through July 26.

Governor Cuomo announced that New York City will be moving to Phase 2 on June 22. Guidance for New York City Phase 2 businesses was also released.

Governor Andrew Cuomo (D) announced that the Capital region may enter Phase 4 of reopening on July 1.

Governor Andrew Cuomo (D) issued an order that allows personal care service businesses to reopen pursuant to safety protocols in regions authorized for Phase Two industries reopening. The order went into effect July 3 and expires August 2.

Governor Andrew Cuomo (D) announced that shopping malls may reopen in Phase IV Regions beginning July 10 if they have enhanced HVAC filtration systems and follow proper ventilation protocols. HVAC systems will be required to include filters with a Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value - or MERV - rating. The Governor issued an executive order to implement this announcement, effective July 9. This order expires August 9.

Governor Andrew Cuomo (D) issued an order that, among other things, formally amends Executive Order 202.36 that had closed all barbers and hair salons. While the phased reopening guidance has allowed those businesses to reopen, this executive order eliminates the conflict between the guidance and the formal executive order which simply ordered all personal services to close.

STATE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ACTIONS

The state clarified on its website what personal care services are considered Phase 2 and which are considered Phase 3. Barbershops and salons are listed in Phase 2 where guidance for those facilities can be found. The guidance for personal care listed in Phase 3 “applies to non-hair-related personal care businesses and services, including tattoo and piercing facilities, appearance enhancement practitioners, massage therapy, spas, cosmetology, nail specialty, UV and non-UV tanning, or waxing.” So those services are not allowed until a county moves to Phase 3.

LOCAL ACTIONS OF NOTE

None
NORTH CAROLINA

STATEWIDE ACTIONS

The governor issued an order to implement Phase 2 of the reopening plan. Effective May 22, stay at home provisions in EO No. 138 are lifted. Personal care and grooming businesses may reopen at 50% capacity and under safety protocols including but not limited to requiring employees to wear face coverings; conducting employee screenings; implementing social distancing measures; and more. Refer to order. Retail businesses allowed to open in Phase 1 (EO No. 138) at 50% capacity will continue at that level. This order expires on June 26. Governor Roy Coopers (D) announced that he will be keeping the state in Phase 2 of reopening for an additional three weeks - until July 17 - as cases have increased.

Governor Roy Cooper (D), in cooperation with the Department of Health and Human Services and North Carolina Restaurant and Lodging Association, announced an innovative training program, Count on Me NC is a free online training program to help restaurants, hotels and other businesses learn the best ways to protect customers and employees from COVID-19.

STATE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ACTIONS

The Board of Barber Examiners issued an emergency rule effective May 20 amending requirements for barber school instruction and extension of renewal deadlines.

The Board of Barber Examiners issued requirements and guidance for salons and personal care businesses that have been scheduled to resume operations on May 22. These businesses must implement safety protocols including but not limited to capping occupancy; requiring employees to wear facemasks; implementing social distancing; and more. Refer to link.

LOCAL ACTIONS OF NOTE

None
NORTH DAKOTA

STATEWIDE ACTIONS

North Dakota has released required safety protocols for hair, nail, and tanning salons, barbershops, and other cosmetology related businesses. Protocols include but are not limited to developing a check-in process and waiting area setup that can accommodate physical distancing; having clients wear face masks to the extent possible; screening employees prior to provision of services; implementing hygiene and cleaning; and more. Refer to the link. Businesses are also encouraged to limit the provision of services that require removal of PPE.

Governor Doug Burgum (R) announced that North Dakota is moving to the next phase of its ND Smart Restart plan. This moves the state into the green, low-risk level.

STATE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ACTIONS

None

LOCAL ACTIONS OF NOTE

None
OHIO

STATEWIDE ACTIONS

The governor announced that personal care services such as hair salons, barbershops, day spas, nail salons, and tanning facilities can open May 15.

The governor announced members of the personal services advisory group who will develop and recommend best practices for reopening hair salons, day spas, nail salons, barber shops, massage therapy locations, and tanning facilities throughout the state. This advisory group created a detailed list of guidelines and best practices for personal care service providers to follow. The full list of mandatory and recommended best practices can be found here.

STATE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ACTIONS

The Secretary of the Department of Health has issued an order that reopens hair salons; nail salons; barber shops; and tanning facilities beginning May 15 under strict protocols including but not limited to providing hand sanitizer; implementing social distancing; requiring staff to wear facemasks; and more. Refer to link. This order went into effect May 15 and now expires on July 7.

The Interim Director of the Ohio Department of Health issued an order to (1) extend the expiration date of various orders, including orders related to personal services businesses, schools, and restaurants, through the end of the state of emergency and (2) provide further guidance on masks and social distancing. Refer to link. This order will remain in effect until the end of the emergency.

LOCAL ACTIONS OF NOTE

None
OKLAHOMA

STATEWIDE ACTIONS

The governor announced the Open Up & Recover Safely (OURS) Plan. There are three phases that begin April 24 and end June 1 with staggered business reopenings. The first phase allows hair salons, barbershops, spas, nail salons, and pet groomers to reopen under strict guidelines. The second phase allows entertainment, places of worship, and additional retailers to reopen under strict guidelines. Further details on phase three will be released at a later date.

The governor has required businesses to adhere to the Open Up & Recover Safely (OURS) Plan safety protocols.

Oklahoma is moving into Phase 2 of the OURS plan on May 15. This phase does not release explicit guidelines for cosmetology; manufacturing; or retail as did Phase 1; but it urges all employers to close common areas or enforce social distancing; to honor requests of personnel who are members of vulnerable population; and to use proper sanitation and equipment.

Governor Kevin Stitt (R) announced that Oklahoma will proceed to Phase 3 of the Open Up and Recover Safely plan on June 1. Under Phase 3, businesses may resume unrestricted staffing at their worksites while observing proper CDC-recommended social distancing protocols.

STATE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ACTIONS

The Department of Commerce released guidelines for hair and nail salons and barbershops to reopen under the OURS Plan. Strict protocols must be followed including but not limited to restricting customers to appointments only; using sanitation and disinfectants products approved by the State Board of Cosmetology and Barbering or EPA-registered and labeled tools for salons; and more. Refer to the guidance link.

The State Board of Cosmetology and Barbering has issued Safety Guidelines for reopening that have been revised for Phase 2 of the OURS plan. This new guidance keeps appointment-only bookings; using disinfectants approved by the EPA; and more. Refer to link.

LOCAL ACTIONS OF NOTE

None
OREGON

STATEWIDE ACTIONS

As of June 1, every county except Multnomah County (Portland), has entered Phase 1 of reopening. Approximately 25 counties have submitted plans for review to move to Phase 2 once health metrics are met. The Governor's Office and Oregon Health Authority are to determine whether a county meets the criteria. Guidelines have been released. Refer to press release.

Governor Kate Brown (D) issued an updated order of state phased reopening guidelines for Phases 1-3. This order rescinds and replaces Executive Order No. 20-25. The order states that all businesses and nonprofits shall facilitate telework to the maximum extent possible. Counties in Phase 1 may now permit gatherings of up to 25 people. The following sectors may open for Phase 1 pursuant to OHA guidance: food and drink establishments pursuant to Phase 1 guidance; person care businesses; indoor and outdoor malls. Workplaces that have employees returning to work must implement and enforcement social distancing policies.

Governor Kate Brown (D) announced on June 4 the approval of 26 counties to move to Phase 2 of reopening on June 5, 6, and 8 under her framework for building a safe and strong Oregon. Under newly released guidelines for Phase 2, gathering limits will be raised to 50 people indoors, and 100 people outdoors. Increased travel will be allowed throughout Oregon. Updates to sector specific guidance has also been published. No changes to guidance for salons and barbershops, which were part of Phase 1 reopening.

Governor Kate Brown (D) announced on June 17 that she will be instituting a requirement to wear face coverings while in indoor public spaces, such as grocery stores and other businesses, for the following counties: Multnomah, Washington, Clackamas, Hood River, Marion, Polk, and Lincoln. This mandate will be effective beginning June 24. The Governor announced that Marion, Polk, and Hood River Counties will be moved into Phase 2 on June 19. Multnomah County will be allowed to move into Phase 1 on June 19. Additionally, moving forward the Governor will treat Multnomah, Washington, and Clackamas Counties as a single regional unit - known as the tri-county region - for future reopening decisions. Marion and Polk Counties, which each include parts of the City of Salem, will also be treated as a unit going forward. The entire tri-county region will remain in Phase 1 for at least 21 days after June 19.

STATE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ACTIONS

The Oregon Department of Human Services released updated guidance for providing salon services in long term care facilities.

On June 2, the Department of Human Services issued an implementation plan for reopening salons and barbershops in nursing facilities, residential care, and assisted living facilities. Personal service providers must follow already established guidance as well.

LOCAL ACTIONS OF NOTE

Multnomah County (Portland area) Chair Deborah Kafoury said on May 14, that the county isn’t ready to reopen, as other counties throughout Oregon got the green light from the governor’s office to commence the first phase of reopening plans.
Pennsylvania is still on track to move to the yellow phase of re-opening on May 8. Governor Tom Wolf (D) has issued a guiding document of procedures businesses must follow to conduct in-person operations. Guidelines include social distancing, the use of masks, encouraging continued teleworking if possible, operating at a limited capacity, and operating by appointment only if possible. On May 2, during a press briefing, the Pennsylvania Secretary of Health explained why barber shops and nail salons won’t reopen in the “yellow phase” of Pennsylvania’s reopening plan. They can reopen during the green phase. The full reopening plan is available.

Governor Tom Wolf (D) announced eight additional counties will move to yellow and 17 to green, effective at 12:01 a.m., May 29. All remaining counties in red are expected to move to yellow by June 5 at 12:01 a.m.

Governor Tom Wolf (D) and Secretary of Health Dr. Rachel Levine issued an order to elaborate on the reopening process for green phase counties and guidance on businesses allowed to reopen. This Order went into effect May 29.

Governor Tom Wolf (D) announced that 16 counties will take another step forward and move to green effective 12:01 a.m., June 5.

Governor Tom Wolf (D) issued an order allowing additional counties to move into the green reopening phase on June 12. With these orders there will be 46 counties in green and 21 counties in yellow. The green phase allows salons and barbershops to reopen at 50% capacity. Most other businesses are allowed to move up to 75% capacity. Refer to reopening plan for details.

Governor Tom Wolf (D) announced that eight more counties will move to the green phase of reopening from the COVID-19 pandemic at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, June 19.

Governor Tom Wolf (D) announced that 12 additional counties will move to the green phase of reopening at 12:01 a.m., June 26. Those counties include Berks, Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Erie, Lackawanna, Lancaster, Lehigh, Montgomery, Northampton, Philadelphia and Susquehanna. Philadelphia County met the criteria and will move to the state’s green phase on June 26; however, local officials will maintain some additional restrictions until July 3.

Governor Tom Wolf (D) announced today that Lebanon County is slated to move to the green phase of reopening on July 3, putting all 67 counties in green.

STATE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ACTIONS

The state released guidance for cosmetology salons that are allowed to reopen in the green phase.

LOCAL ACTIONS OF NOTE

Philadelphia will continue with its move to the yellow phase of Covid-19 pandemic recovery Friday. The city will allow businesses with existing outdoor seating to resume outdoor dining June 12, said Managing Director Brian Abernathy.

Philadelphia officials are delaying the planned July 3 move to the green phase of reopening by several weeks after a recent uptick in Covid-19 case, according to local news. Some activities, however, will be allowed to restart under the city’s modified green phase. The move delays the start of limited indoor dining and the reopening of gyms and fitness centers, but it permits museums, libraries, casinos and indoor malls to reopen with restrictions. Barbershops and nail salons were not provided an exemption, so they will remain closed. The move to the full green phase is delayed until at least Aug. 1, but the city will reevaluate its standings on a weekly basis, Health Commissioner Dr. Thomas Farley said Tuesday.
STATEWIDE ACTIONS

The Department of Labor issued a regulation establishing that each employer is responsible for evaluating risks existent in the workplace regarding COVID-19 and establishes the adequate controls for each place. Once the analysis is done the employer is responsible for implementing controls for the management of risk. The regulation also requires that employers that are exempt from the stay-at-home order submit to the Department a “self-certification” of its Plan of exposure control to COVID-19 to the Department.

The Governor establishes a gradual reopening of additional sectors of the Puerto Rican economy. Starting May 26, except stated otherwise the new order would allow the following: 1) Extend the state curfew until June 15, from 7:00pm- 5:00am 2) Allow restaurants to open at 25% of capacity and extend the delivery orders until 12:00am (exempt from curfew) 3) Allows barbershops and beauty salons to open from 9:00am to 5:00pm Monday-Saturday, requires services to be performed by previous appointment and follow social distancing guidelines 4) Allows retail businesses to open Monday-Saturday, 9:00am-5:00pm following social distancing and at 50% maximum capacity. Clothing stores cannot offer fitting. 5) Allows shopping centers to open to employees for training and allows them to be open to the public on June 8, Monday-Saturday 9:00am-5:00pm; open format shopping malls will be operated at 50% of capacity and closed format shopping malls will be operated at a rate of 1 person per 100 square feet This Order went into effect May 26.

Effective June 16, Governor Wanda Vazquez (NPP) signed an order that eliminates the territory’s lockdown, and among other things, allows new business sectors to open including spas and estheticians.

Governor Wanda Vazquez Garced (NPP) has issued an order that extends the curfew for residents in Puerto Rico from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m., until July 22, 2020. Textile companies, gas stations, banks, laundromats, vehicle inspection centers, car washes, beauty salons, retail stores, shopping centers, dealer stores, advertising agencies, museums, gyms, spas, childcare centers, film industry and funeral services are to abide by the curfew. The order states public and private schools can open in order to develop a protocol for COVID-19 in accordance with the recommendations of the CDC and the Department of Health for the next school semester.

Governor Wanda Vazquez Garced (NPP) has extended the curfew from 10:00pm to 5:00am Monday through Saturday until July 31. On Sundays, citizens must stay indoors unless they are going to the hospital, buying groceries, or they are providing assistance to elderly or vulnerable populations. The order states retail, barber shops and beauty salons can operate as long as they maintain 50% below their maximum capacity.

STATE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ACTIONS

None

LOCAL ACTIONS OF NOTE
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STATE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ACTIONS

None

LOCAL ACTIONS OF NOTE

None
SOUTH CAROLINA

STATEWIDE ACTIONS

The governor announced that close contact service providers will be able to open in a limited capacity on May 18 under strict safety protocols including but not limited to implementation of social distancing; additional sanitation standards; and more. Refer to the guidance in link. The governor issued an order to implement his announcement, authorizing barber shops; hair salon; nail salons; tanning salons; threading salons; and waxing salons to reopen May 18. The order authorizes DHEC to issue any necessary guidance, rules, regulations, or restrictions. This order went into effect May 15 and expires upon the end of the emergency.

Governor Henry McMaster (R) has issued an order extending the state of emergency until June 26. The order removes the requirement on reopening retail businesses that they adhere to an emergency maximum occupancy rate, require social distancing practices, or have mandatory sanitation.

STATE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ACTIONS

The South Carolina Board of Cosmetology has alerted that the renewal start date for Salons, Booth Renters and Schools is May 4 and the renewal deadline has been extended to September 30.

LOCAL ACTIONS OF NOTE

None
SOUTH DAKOTA

STATEWIDE ACTIONS

Governor Kristi Noem (R) has implemented the "Back to Normal" plan for North Dakota that outlines guidance for employers.

STATE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ACTIONS

The Department of Health has published myriad of resources, recommendations, and checklists for businesses currently operating during COVID-19. The state did not order any business to close but EO 2020-12 is still in effect which placed additional restrictions on businesses operations. This site also has CDC guidance for sectors.

LOCAL ACTIONS OF NOTE

None
TENNESSEE

STATEWIDE ACTIONS
Tennessee's Economic Recovery Group released reopening guidance for close contact services that will be allowed to reopen on May 6 if protocols are followed. The protocols include limiting occupancy to 50% capacity, services by appointment only, and more. Refer to link.

Tennessee's Economic Recovery Group issued updated guidelines to enable retailers to increase capacity as long as social distancing protocols remain in place beginning May 22.

STATE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ACTIONS
None

LOCAL ACTIONS OF NOTE
None

Statewide Stay at Home Order:
Effective Until April 30
Restrictions on Gatherings:
50 or more people
Workplace Facemask:
Yes
TEXAS

STATEWIDE ACTIONS

The governor has issued an order allowing cosmetology salons, hair salons, barber shops, nail salons and shops, and other establishments where licensed cosmetologists or barbers practice their trade, to open on May 8. Protocols and check lists for reopenings have been issued and include employee screenings before shifts; providing disinfectants and sanitizers; implementing social distancing measures; and more. Refer to link.

On May 7, the governor issued an order to reopen, retroactive to April 2, personal care services, and to stipulate that an individual may not be jailed for violating an executive order issued in response to COVID-19. This order was to deal with a salon order who was jailed when she reopened her salon in advance of the May 8 reopening date.

STATE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ACTIONS

The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation issued a statement on April 28 that Under Executive Order GA-18 issued by Gov. Greg Abbott on April 27, all cosmetology salons (including nail salons, estheticians, and mini-salons), barber shops, and massage establishments shall continue to remain closed. Executive Order GA-18 overrides all local and county orders. Whether a salon or shop is a sole proprietorship or not, they are to remain closed until Executive Order GA-18 is amended or rescinded.

LOCAL ACTIONS OF NOTE

None
STATEWIDE ACTIONS

Governor Gary Herbert (R) updated Utah's public health risk status from Moderate to low risk for all counties in the state other than Grand County, Summit County, Wasatch County, Salt Lake City, West Valley City, and Magna metro township. This reopens a large portion of the state. Other than the exceptions listed above, all other areas of the state are to comply with the Yellow provisions of the State's revised 4.4 Phased Guidelines. All businesses may reopen if guidelines are followed which include requiring employees to wear face coverings in settings where other distancing measures are difficult to maintain. Refer to link for retail; personal care services; and additional sector specific guidelines. This order went from May 15 and expires on May 29.

Governor Gary Herbert (R) updated Summit and Wasatch Counties' public health risk status to low risk. These counties will now comply with the Yellow provisions of the State's revised 4.4 Phased Guidelines. The order also updates the municipalities of Bluff and Mexican Hat to transition from yellow, or low risk, to orange, or moderate risk status. Moderate risk guidelines include limiting gatherings to 20 or less people. High-contact businesses can operate under strict protocols as can restaurants for on-premise dining. Schools must be closed. Employees and volunteers must work remotely if possible. Guidance for personal care services in moderate risk areas is available here.

Governor Gary Herbert (R) issued an order which moves Grand County, West Valley City, and Magna metro township to the yellow low risk phase. This Order went into effect May 29 and expires on June 5.

Governor Gary Herbert (R) issued an order that moves Salt Lake City, the town of Bluff, and the census-designated place Mexican Hat to the Orange (Moderate Risk) level of reopening. All other parts of the state are in the Yellow (Low Risk) level of reopening. The Order expires on June 12.

Governor Gary Herbert (R) issued an order moving Kane County to the New Normal Health Risk Status, or Green as well as Bluff and Mexican Hat to the Low Health Risk Status, or Yellow. Salt Lake City will remain in Orange. Along with these changes the Governor has adopted updated guidelines (Version 4.6) for various industries, including retail and personal services.

Governor Gary Herbert (R) issued an order updating guidelines (Version 4.7) for all business sectors in the reopening phases process.

STATE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ACTIONS

The Office of Economic Development adopted an emergency rule related to the Small Business Bridge Loan Program. This rule will codify the Utah Leads Together Small Business Bridge Loan Program by establishing the purpose, authority, eligible business entity criteria, minimum application requirements, and the approval process. The program will provide immediate assistance to small businesses in the state that have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

LOCAL ACTIONS OF NOTE

None
US VIRGIN ISLANDS

STATEWIDE ACTIONS
it with a Stay Safer at Home Order. This order allows many non-essential businesses to reopen including almost all retail and personal care services.

Governor Albert Bryan Jr. said he is initiating the blue “Open Doors” phase on the Territory’s path back to normalcy effective June 1.

STATE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ACTIONS
None

LOCAL ACTIONS OF NOTE
None
STATEWIDE ACTIONS

Governor Phil Scott (R) announced the resumption of additional business operations, including outdoor seating at restaurants and bars, hair salons and barber shops and some additional health services on May 22. The Agency of Commerce and Community Development issued guidelines for personal services businesses that are effective May 29. Salons and barbershops may reopen on this date pursuant to guidelines that include but are not limited to capping occupancy at 25%; implementing social distancing; maintaining a log of customers; and more. Refer to link.

Governor Phil Scott (R) issued an order allowing gatherings of 25 or less people. The order also directs the Secretary of the Agency of Commerce and Community Development (ACCD) to issue mitigation requirements and procedures for the limited, incremental and phased resumption of close contact businesses such as gymnasiums, fitness centers and similar exercise facilities, nail salons, spas and tattoo parlors business, effective June 1. This Order expires on June 15.

Governor Phil Scott (R) signed an executive order to update and extend the State of Emergency in Vermont to July 15. The order reflects all current re-openings and eased restrictions, which have been underway since late April to account for the State’s low case counts and continued slow growth rate. It restated that close contact businesses must follow state guidance on operations.

STATE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ACTIONS

The Agency of Commerce and Community Development has, as the authority was granted by the Governor, issued additional guidelines for businesses, non-profits, and government operations. Updated on May 15, the guidelines require all businesses to follow mitigation requirements and procedures for the limited, incremental and phased resumption of close contact businesses such as gymnasiums, fitness centers and similar exercise facilities, nail salons, spas and tattoo parlors business, effective June 1. This Order expires on June 15.

The Agency of Commerce and Community Development has published a Restart Vermont resources webpage. Governor Scott’s Work Smart and Stay Safe initiative lays out how businesses can return to work. This resource is designed to be a one-stop portal of tools needed to comply with the Work Smart and Stay Safe initiative.

The Departments of Health and Labor have released a powerpoint outlining mandatory VDOH, CDC, and VOSHA requirements all businesses must follow.

The Agency of Commerce and Community Development updated the guidelines due to the governor’s new addendum order. Close contact businesses including gyms, salons, tattoo parlors, indoor recreational facilities; and business that require home visits may resume activities June 1 under these new guidelines. Guidelines have been issued for overnight summer camps to resume June 7. Libraries, galleries, museums, theaters and other indoor arts may reopen June 1 under the new guidelines. The guidelines expire on June 15.

LOCAL ACTIONS OF NOTE

None
VIRGINIA

STATEWIDE ACTIONS

The governor issued an order allowing some businesses to resume operations per his earlier press release. Brick and mortar retailers may resume on premise shopping under strict protocols including but not limited to requiring employees to wear face coverings. Refer to order. Personal care and personal grooming services may resume operations May 15 under strict protocols including but not limited to capping occupancy and requiring employees to wear face coverings. Refer to order. Those essential businesses that have remained open during this time must comply with the Guidelines for All Business Sectors. Refer to link for full detail. This order will go into effect on May 15 and will remain in effect until June 10.

Governor Ralph Northam (D) issued an order implementing Phase 2. This order excludes the City of Richmond and the Northern Virginia Region. Facemasks must still be worn statewide in public. Personal care and grooming services may resume operations under safety protocols including but not limited to capping occupancy and requiring staff to wear facemasks. Refer to order. This order rescinds the Stay At Home executive order (EO 55) at 11:59PM June 4. This order goes into effect on June 5. Governor Ralph Northam (D) issued an amendment to this order allowing the Northern Virginia Region and the City of Richmond to enter Phase 2 effective 12:00AM June 12.

Governor Ralph Northam (D) announced the third phase of the “Forward Virginia” plan to continue easing public health restrictions while mitigating the spread of COVID-19. The Commonwealth does not yet have a targeted date for entering Phase Three, but the announcement included detailed guidance for businesses.

Governor Ralph Northam (D) announced that the full state will move into Phase 3 of the reopening plan on July 1. Restaurants and retailers will no longer have indoor or outdoor capacity limits but must still operate pursuant to other safety protocols. Personal care services may operate without capacity limits but still pursuant to other safety protocols. Entertainment and public amusement businesses may reopen at 50% capacity pursuant to safety protocols. Governor Northam has issued an executive order to implement Phase 3. Face coverings are still required statewide.

STATE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ACTIONS

None

LOCAL ACTIONS OF NOTE

None
WASHINGTON

STATEWIDE ACTIONS

The governor announced that through the Washington “Safe Start” plan, more businesses and activities will re-open in subsequent phases with adequate safety and health standards in place. Phase 2 includes salons and barbershops. County variance applications will be approved or denied by the secretary of the Department of Health. Eight counties have received the variance.

Washington State Secretary of Health John Wiesman announced on May 11 the approved applications from Wahkiakum, Skamania, and Stevens counties to move into Phase 2 of the Safe Start plan. This brings the total to 8 counties. Last week, Secretary Wiesman approved variances for Columbia, Garfield, Lincoln, Ferry and Pend Oreille counties. The governor issued guidance for resuming personal services and professional services for counties granted variance under the Safe Start Phase 2. For counties granted variance to move to Phase 2, personal services may resume, effective May 13.

The governor issued a statement and memo related to voluntary contact information as part of phased reopening. The memorandum serves to clarify any requirement in a COVID-19 safety plan that businesses maintain logs of customers’ contact information. Effective May 15, the state no longer is requiring customers to provide a business with contact information, and businesses should not condition service on a customer’s unwillingness to do so. Businesses are still obligated to maintain a customer log of those who voluntarily provide their information.

Governor Jay Inslee (D) released a statement after the Washington State Department of Health announced additional counties are eligible to move to Phase 2 under the Safe Start plan. A total of 14 counties have now been approved to move to Phase 2: Adams, Asotin, Columbia, Garfield, Grays Harbor, Lincoln, Lewis, Ferry, Pend Oreille, Skamania, Spokane, Stevens, Wahkiakum, and Whitman. Eleven counties are eligible to apply for a variance to move to Phase 2: Clallam, Clark, Cowlitz, Grant, Island, Jefferson, Kitsap, Mason, Pacific, San Juan, and Thurston. Kittitas County’s application is on pause until May 26 due to an outbreak investigation.

Governor Jay Inslee (D) released a template for businesses in Phase 3 of the Washington “Safe Start” plan. Each business or entity operating in Phase 3 must develop a written safety plan outlining how its workplace will prevent the spread of COVID-19. A business may fill out this template to fulfill the requirement or may develop its own safety plan.

Governor Jay Inslee (D) Proclamation (20-25.5) which extends all of the provisions of previous Safe Start proclamations, provides minor clarifications, and adds the following requirements for employers: cooperate with public health authorities in the investigation of COVID-19 cases and outbreaks; cooperate with the implementation of infection control measures; comply with all public health authority orders and directives; and comply with all Department of Labor & Industries interpretive guidance, regulations and rules. This extension is effective until 11:59PM July 9.

STATE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ACTIONS

None

LOCAL ACTIONS OF NOTE

Snohomish County is seeking Gov. Jay Inslee’s permission to enter the next stage of his reopening plan for the state amid the COVID-19 pandemic, officials said in a Thursday news release.

On June 19, King County moved into Phase 2 of the states reopening plan. Phase 2 allows hair and nail salons to reopen. King County is the home of Seattle.
WEST VIRGINIA

STATEWIDE ACTIONS

On April 27, The governor announced his weekly-phased plan, West Virginia Strong, for reopening the economy. When the state achieves three consecutive days of a statewide cumulative percent of positive test results below 3%, certain businesses will be allowed - but not required - to open. Week one will allow elective medical procedures, outpatient healthcare, and testing of daycare staff. Week two (May 4) will allow (i) small businesses with fewer than 10 employees, (ii) salons, barbershops, and pet groomers, (iii) outdoor dining spaces, and (iv) churches and funerals to open, all with the requirement to maintain physical distancing and face coverings. Weeks three to six will reopen all other businesses except entertainment venues, and will not allow nursing home visitation or gatherings larger than 25 people.

Governor Jim Justice (R) issued an order that formally allows spas, swimming pools, and businesses with indoor amusement to reopen May 30 pursuant to safety standards. This measure states that spas and massage businesses are permitted to resume operations as long as social distancing and hygiene guidelines are maintained. In addition swimming pools, limited video lottery retailers, and businesses with indoor amusement, such as bowling alleys, pool halls, and roller rinks, are allowed to reopen. Safety guidelines have been issued. Refer to link.

STATE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ACTIONS

None

LOCAL ACTIONS OF NOTE

None
STATEWIDE ACTIONS

On May 13, the State Supreme Court struck down the Administration’s Stay At Home order. Governor Tony Evers (D) released a statement regarding the ruling “that puts the health and safety of Wisconsinites across the state at risk by ending Wisconsin’s Safer at Home order, effective immediately, and requiring the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) to go through the rulemaking process to be able to respond to an epidemic.” The governor states that, “Up until now, Wisconsin was in a pretty good place in our battle against COVID-19. We had reached almost all our gating criteria... We need everyone to continue doing their part to keep our families, our neighbors, and our communities safe by continuing to stay safer at home, practice social distancing, and limit travel, because folks, deadly viruses don’t wait around for politicians and bureaucrats to settle their differences or promulgate rules.”

STATE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ACTIONS

The Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation has released sector-specific guidance, relief and recovery resources for the eventual reopening of the state’s economy.

The Department of Safety and Professional Services issued memos notifying barbershop and cosmetology credential holders of the guidelines and encouraging credential holders to follow them.

Cosmetology Memo: https://dsps.wi.gov/Documents/5.15.2020-CosmetologyCredentialHolders-SalonReopeningUpdate.pdf
Barbershop Memo: https://wedc.org/reopen-guidelines/

LOCAL ACTIONS OF NOTE

In response to the Wisconsin Supreme Court ruling which struck down Gov. Tony Evers’ “Safer at Home” order, suburban Milwaukee County released its own stay-at-home order and local business guidelines late Wednesday evening, in effect immediately through Thursday, May 21.

Businesses in the city of Milwaukee can allow more customers in their establishments starting Wednesday, July 1, with the city now announcing it is moving into phase 4 of its Moving Milwaukee Forward plan. Under the city’s new guidelines for this next phase, retail stores could operate at 50% capacity; stores that sell groceries and medicine can operate at 75%; restaurants and bars can operate at 50% capacity; salons and spas can have capacity for one client per service provider; and hotels and motels could operate at 50% capacity with their pools and fitness rooms at 50%, one person every 30 square feet, or a maximum of 250 people. Capacity is waived for restaurants that have a health department-approved Covid safety plan.
The governor announced that the State Health Officer has ordered hair salons, barbershops, cosmetology, electrology, and esthetic services may begin reopening or continue operations on May 15 under strict protocols including but not limited to implementing social distancing; screening employees; requiring patrons and employees to wear face coverings; and more. Refer to order. Countywide variances may be granted. This order was extended to August 31.

STATE LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY ACTIONS

The Wyoming Board of Cosmetology issued reopening guidelines and a reopening checklist for cosmetology clinics to implement the governor’s executive order allowing operations to resume.

LOCAL ACTIONS OF NOTE

None