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COVID-19 INFORMATION



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California Prepares to Reopen

MENIFEE, CA- As California moves into stage 2 of the [Resilience Roadmap](#), every business should take steps to reduce the risk of COVID-19 and create a safer environment for workers and customers. Below is statewide guidance for businesses to follow, if they're permitted to open per county health rules:

[New Industry Guidance](#)

Resilience Roadmap

Californians are flattening the curve as part of the stay at home order issued on March 19, 2020. These efforts have allowed the state to move forward on the roadmap for modifying the statewide order. The [Resilience Roadmap](#) stages that California is using to guide its gradual reopening process are:

- Stage 1: Safety and Preparedness
- Stage 2: Lower-Risk Workplaces
- Stage 3: Higher-Risk Workplaces
- Stage 4: End of Stay at Home Order

When modifications are advanced and the state's [six indicators](#) show we've made enough progress, we can move to the next stage of the roadmap. We are now in early Stage 2, where retail (curbside and delivery only), related logistics and manufacturing, office workplaces, limited personal services, outdoor museums, child care, and [essential businesses](#) can open with modifications. Some counties may move through Stage 2 faster if they are able to show greater progress, and counties that have met the readiness criteria and worked with the California Department of Public Health can open more workplaces as outlined in the [County Variance Guidance](#).

Industry Guidance to reduce the risk

California has moved into Stage 2 of modifying the state's stay at home order on May 8, 2020. The state's progress in achieving key [public health metrics](#) will allow a gradual reopening of California's economy.

Business are being recommended by the State of California to reduce the risk of infection:

- Plan and prepare for reopening
- Make health measure changes within the workplace
- Adjust practices by employees and help educate customers and employees

The state has outlined guidance for each early Stage 2 business to follow. The goal is a safer environment for workers and customers. Businesses may use effective alternative or innovative methods to build upon the guidance.

Each business should review the guidance that is relevant to their workplace, prepare a plan based on the guidance for their industry, and put it into action. Business should start working in obtaining and PPE's, barriers, social distancing needs in order to open expeditiously once the State gives the approval to do so.

When complete, businesses can post the industry-specific checklist (below) in their workplace to show customers and employees that they've reduced the risk and are open for business.

Before reopening, all facilities should:

1. Perform a detailed risk assessment and implement a site-specific protection plan
2. Train employees on how to limit the spread of COVID-19, including how to [screen themselves for symptoms](#) and stay home if they have them
3. Implement individual control measures and screenings
4. Implement disinfecting protocols
5. Implement physical distancing guidance

The state has also set up a mechanism to gather input on future industry guidance through the [California Recovery Roadmap survey](#).

While many elements of the guidance are the same across industries – such as cleaning and physical distancing – consideration was given to industry-specific methods. For example:

- Retailers should increase pickup and delivery service options and encourage physical distancing during pickup – like loading items directly into a customer's trunk or leaving items at their door.
- Retailers should install hands-free devices, if possible, including motion sensor lights, contactless payment systems, automatic soap and paper towel dispensers, and timecard systems.
- Manufacturing companies should close breakrooms, use barriers, or increase distance between tables/chairs to separate workers and discourage congregating during breaks. Where possible, create outdoor break areas with shade covers and seating that ensures physical distancing.
- Warehouses should minimize transaction time between warehouse employees and transportation personnel. Perform gate check-ins and paperwork digitally if feasible.
- Warehouse workers should clean delivery vehicles and equipment before and after delivery, carry additional sanitation materials during deliveries, and use clean personal protective equipment for each delivery stop.

For more information about opening, industry guidance, or about the Governor's stages, please visit www.gov.ca.gov, or for COVID-19 information please visit www.rivcoph.org or the City's website for resource information at www.cityofmenifee.us/coronavirus or call the City's COVID-19 hotline at (951) 723-7965.

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