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Status of Re-opening Stage 2 Businesses in Plumas County

On May 8, 2020, the state’s gradual re-opening of certain businesses in Stage 2 took effect across all counties in California, including Plumas. Non-essential retail can provide curbside service; related manufacturing and logistics are now operating. While some counties have been significantly affected by the pandemic of COVID-19, there are a number of less affected counties; such as Plumas County. Because of this and our local containment efforts, Plumas County has the option to reopen businesses in Stage 2 more quickly than the state as a whole once we demonstrate an ability to protect the public and essential workers. Plumas County must submit a request for variance to the state in order for our local Stage 2 business to open at a quicker pace than the rest of the state.

Plumas County is able to meet the criteria but must take the following steps:

<u>Step 1:</u> Create supporting documentation and gather supporting documentation from other stakeholders; such as local Healthcare Facilities	<u>Estimated date of Completion</u> May 8, 2020 COMPLETED
<u>Step 2:</u> Create a rough draft with the template provided by the state	<u>Estimated date of Completion</u> May 8, 2020 COMPLETED
<u>Step 3</u> Plumas County Public Health Officer and Director of Public Health has phone meeting with state Health Officer, Dr. Angell	<u>Estimated date of Completion</u> May 11, 2020 COMPLETED
<u>Step 4</u> Finalize the template for the state.	<u>Estimated date of Completion</u> May 11, 2020 COMPLETED
<u>Step 5</u> Present finalized template to BOS for ratification and a letter of support	<u>Estimated date of Completion</u> May 12, 2020 COMPLETED
<u>Step 6</u> Submit finalized template and BOS letter of support to the state	<u>Estimated date of Completion</u> May 12, 2020 COMPLETED
<u>Step 7</u> Re-opening of all Stage 2 businesses in Plumas County	<u>Estimated date of Completion</u> May 13, 2020 WAITING ON STATE APPROVAL

Today, Plumas County submitted the variance to the state demonstrating our ability to meet the state's criteria for re-opening Stage 2 businesses earlier than the rest of the state. The state has made it clear that counties are not able to move forward in Stage 2 until the variance has been posted on their website; thereby, signaling the approval of the variance. The state's website is as follows:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Local-Variance-Attestations.aspx>. It is unknown when Plumas County's variance will be posted. Plumas County will post the variance on our website once it has been posted on the state's website.

The state determines which businesses will open in each stage. Provided they have a written Operating Plan, the following Stage 2 businesses will be allowed to open once the variance has been approved:

- All retail business to on site sales (in store) including swap meets and malls
- Personal services, limited to: car washes, pet grooming, tanning facilities and landscape gardening
- Office based businesses (telework remains strongly encouraged)
- Dine in restaurants (bars and gaming areas, not permitted)
- Outdoor museums and open gallery spaces
- Childcare

It is unknown at this time the duration of Stage 2 and when we will be able to safely and legally re-open Stage 3 businesses. The State has made it very clear that any county that moves into Stage 3 without the state's approval may jeopardize receipt of state funding. Plumas County has already created a plan to move to Stage 3 as soon as the state allows. Being able to safely and legally re-open Stage 3 businesses is a community effort.

Stage 3 businesses as determined by the state:

- Movie theaters
- Religious services (depending on size)
- Hospitality and tourism services/
- Wedding venues (depending on size)
- Nail and hair salons
- Barber

Plumas County has made our desire very clear that we want to re-open our county quickly and safely. The actions we take now and over the next couple weeks will determine how quickly and safely we can re-open Stage 3 businesses. If Plumas County has an increase of COVID-19 cases, then it will take longer to re-open our county. Please continue to stay strong and maintain social distancing, practice good hygiene, wearing face coverings in public, and minimizing going into public

If you have any questions please contact the Plumas County COVID-19 informational phone line 530-283-6400 or send an e-mail to COVID19@countyofplumas.com or visit our website at www.plumascounty.us