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## State Releases Guidance to Businesses for Developing Safety Plans

The Office of the Governor and California Department of Public Health (CDPH) today released updated industry guidance for businesses to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission as they begin to reopen.

The state guidance outlines measures all businesses must have in place prior to and following reopening as part of California's four-stage recovery plan. View the updated guidance here: [covid19.ca.gov/roadmap](https://covid19.ca.gov/roadmap)

Retail businesses that can operate by serving customers through deliveries or curbside service, as well as their logistics and manufacturing supports, can open as early as Friday, May 8, if the following measures are in place:

- Wearing and requiring facial coverings for all employees and customers in accordance with the Order of the Health Officer
- Allowing for six feet of social distancing at all times for employees and customers
- Providing access to handwashing and hand sanitizer for all employees and for customers as appropriate in this setting
- Frequently cleaning and sanitizing the facility following Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reopening guidelines
- Adhering to a plan to identify and exclude sick employees from the workplace.

Shopping malls must remain closed per the state's Stay-at-Home Order.

Humboldt County Health Officer Dr. Teresa Frankovich said, "Our goal is to have all businesses able to open and thrive, providing the employment our community needs. The guidance provided through the state website will provide the robust guidance needed for various business sectors to develop their operations plan as we begin to move through Stage Two."

The Office of the Governor and CDPH will allow each county to tailor the remainder of Stage Two business reopenings based on local conditions if the county can attest that certain criteria have been met. Additional information about Humboldt County's Stage Two planning process is expected to be released in the next week.

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