Overview

Hamilton County Emergency Management has been actively working to support all county response operations to COVID-19 and has been looking toward reopening/recovery planning over the two weeks. On Friday, May 1st, 2020, Governor Holcomb announce the "Back on Track" program, which is a five-phase incremental reopening program for the State of Indiana to resume operating in a "new normal." Part of this program is the provision of guidance for all business sectors in how to safely reopen each sector of your community to the public once again, with this document providing a brief overview of the "Back on Track" program, as well as resources for further information on industry-specific guidance. This document is designed to provide a summary of Governor Holcomb's reopening plan and provide sources of information for all sectors of the community to utilize during reopening planning.

Key Principles for Transition to "New Normal"

The key principles provide minimum standards for a county to progress on the next stage of the reopening. These are shown in the graphic below.

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Number of hospitalized COVID-19 patients has continually decreased for 14 days 2

Surge capacity has been retained for critical care beds and ventilators to ensure that a medical infrastructure can meet temporary increased demand

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Ability to test all COVID-19 symptomatic individuals, as well as healthcare/essential workers, first responders, and highrisk patients 4

An established mechanism for comprehensive contact tracing is operational

Governor Holcomb stated that failure to maintain these principles might result in a temporary halt being placed on a county to move forward into the next phase until that county has regained the ability to meet the above criteria.

More information on the Principles and how the program works can be found by clicking on the following links:

- 1. Reopening Principles
 - a. https://backontrack.in.gov/files/BackOnTrack-IN ReOpenPrinciples.pdf
- 2. Reopening Engine
 - a. https://backontrack.in.gov/files/BackOnTrack-IN ReOpenEngine.pdf

Five-Phase Reopening of Indiana

Governor Holcomb has identified five phases that incrementally reduce restrictions placed on sectors with communities allowing for a gradual transition towards the "new normal" way of life. Each phase has been designed to incorporate guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the White House/Trump Administration, and the World Health Organization. The chart below represents these

incremental reductions, with the following providing more detailed information for each stage of reopening - https://backontrack.in.gov/2348.htm.

Stage 1 This phase is now complete for most counties and occurred during the "Stay at Home" Order Scial Gatherings of up to 25 people permitted Retail and commercial business can reopen at up to 50% capacity Restaurants at 50% capacity for dine-in Personal care businesses can reopen on May 11th Statewide travel restrictions lifted	Stage 3 Social gatherings of up to 100 people Face coverings recommended in public Movie Theatres can reopen at 50% capacity Gyms and Fitness Centers can reopen No travel restrictions	Stage 4 Social gatherings of up to 250 people Face coverings optional Cultural, entertainment, and tourism businesses may reopen at 50% capacity Large venues may reopen, in compliance with CDC guideline	Stage 5 Social gatherings of over 250 people Face coverings are optional Retail, shopping malls, and restaurants can operate at full capacity Conventions, sports events, fairs, festivals, and special events can resume
March – May 3 May 4 - 23	May 24 – June 13	June 14 – July 3	July 4 - Onward

Industry-Specific Guidance

Governor Holcomb has also provided information for the safe reopening of numerous sectors within the community, including but not limited to retail, food service, gyms/fitness centers, office-based employment, and personal services. These resources have been developed with input from leaders within all sectors to Governor Holcomb's Office, as well as with consideration given to CDC, WHO, White House guidelines. Below are links to industry-specific and general guidance for reopening. Please note that not all industries have guidance at this time, due to the stage that they are reopening in. An example is a special event planning, which is not scheduled to resume until July 4th, the links below should be updated with additional information for these sectors as Hamilton County moves through each phase.

- 1. Industry Guidelines
 - a. https://backontrack.in.gov/industryguidelines.htm
- 2. General Guidelines for All Businesses
 - a. https://backontrack.in.gov/files/BackOnTrack-IN IndustryGuidelines-Businesses.pdf
- 3. Manufacturing and Industry
 - a. https://backontrack.in.gov/files/BackOnTrack-IN IndustryGuidelines-Manufacturing Industrial.pdf
- 4. Retail
 - a. https://backontrack.in.gov/files/BackOnTrack-IN IndustryGuidelines-Retail.pdf
- 5. Restaurants
 - a. https://backontrack.in.gov/files/BackOnTrack-IN_IndustryGuidelines-Restaurants.pdf
- 6. Personal Services
 - a. https://backontrack.in.gov/files/BackOnTrack-IN_IndustryGuidelines-Personal.pdf



Lastly, an additional graphic provided by Governor Holcomb's Office shows which sectors may open within a certain phase; in some cases, business sectors are permitted open during a phase but offset to the "official" start date of the phase. For example, personal care businesses, such as barber shops, open during phase two but halfway through on May 11th. See below for additional information.

