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Missouri - On Monday, April 27, 2020 Governor Parson outlines how Missouri will open back up now that we are flattening the curve in the fight against COVID-19. [Below is his Show Me Strong Recovery Plan for businesses.](#)

Businesses may open back up on Monday, May 4, 2020. The Director of the Department of Health and Senior Services issued Economic Reopening Health Order effective 12:01 A.M., Monday, May 4, 2020, and shall remain in effect until 11:59 P.M., Sunday, May 31, 2020, unless extended by further order not to exceed the duration of the effective period of Executive Order 20-09.

The Show Me Strong Recovery Plan requires citizens to maintain six feet of social distancing space in most cases. There are certain situations that require additional procedures to protect businesses, communities, and citizens. [Refer to the Health Order for more details by clicking HERE.](#)

Prepare to implement basic infection prevention measures informed by industry best practices, regarding:

Protective equipment;

Temperature checks;

Testing, isolating, and contact tracing; and

Sanitation, including disinfection of common and high-traffic areas (entrances, breakrooms, locations where there is high-frequency employee interaction with the public/customers).

Modify physical workspaces to maximize social distancing.

Minimize business travel.

Develop an infectious disease preparedness and response plan, including policies and procedures for workforce contact tracing when an employee tests positive for COVID-19.

Monitor workforce for indicative symptoms. Do not allow symptomatic people to physically return to work until cleared by a medical provider.

Develop, implement, and communicate about workplace flexibilities and protections, including:

Encouraging telework whenever possible and feasible with business operations;

Returning to work in phases and/or split shifts, if possible;

Limiting access to common areas where personnel are likely to congregate and interact; and

Ensuring that sick leave policies are flexible and consistent with public health guidance.

Social distancing requirements shall apply in all situations, including, but not limited to, when customers are standing in line or individuals are using shared indoor or outdoor spaces.

Social distancing requirements do not apply to individuals performing job duties that require contact with other people closer than six feet. They should take enhanced precautionary measures to mitigate the risks of contracting or spreading COVID-19.

Retail businesses shall limit the number of individuals in any particular location. Consult the Health Order and FAQs for additional details.

Restaurants may offer dining-in services, but must adhere to social distancing and other precautionary public health measures. Tables must be spaced at least six feet apart. Communal seating areas for parties that are not connected are prohibited. There can be no more than ten people at a single table. The continued use of drive-thru, pickup, or delivery options is encouraged.

People shall not visit nursing homes, long-term care facilities, retirement homes, or assisted living homes unless to provide critical assistance or in end-of-life circumstances.

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