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To: All Kings County Businesses

From: Kings County Public Health Officer

Stage 3 Businesses Reopening Process Update

On May 29, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom announced that California counties with published variance attestations could begin to move into Stage 3 of the State's Resilience Road Map reopening plan. He further stated this expansion of the reopening would require eligible businesses to follow guidance consistent with operational protocols developed and issued from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). On June 5, 2020, the CDPH released its COVID-19 Industry Guidance regarding the first Stage 3 business reopenings allowed effective June 12, 2020. On June 12, 2020, the CDPH released further guidance for additional specific sectors that can start moving into Stage 3 with a recommended effective date of no sooner than June 19, 2020. The State guidance for the additional Stage 3 sectors does not allow for variances and should be implemented as presented.

The CDPH guidance documents provide direction on how local jurisdictions with attestations to readiness – which Kings County has – should monitor and modify business behaviors and operations to reduce risk for infection. The specific COVID-19 protocols include establishing a workplace-specific plan, training employees, implementing screening and control measures, cleaning and disinfecting and social distancing best practices. These protocols can be found by visiting the CDPH COVID-19 website at www.Covid19.Ca.Gov/Roadmap-Counties.

Please note, even though all of these guidance documents contain best practices and processes currently understood to slow the spread of COVID-19, all they can do is *slow the spread* of the virus. Until we reach herd immunity, generate a vaccine or create a therapeutic treatment, the virus will continue to spread. Implementing these mitigation practices will not “stop” the virus from getting into the businesses or spreading in the community. Slowing the spread of the virus is essential to ensuring that our healthcare systems are not overwhelmed with critical care cases caused by the virus.

The Kings County Board of Supervisors has elected to allow the following Stage 3 sectors to reopen so long as they meet the State protocols:

- Campgrounds, RV Parks, and Outdoor Recreation
- Hotels, Lodging, and Short-Term Rentals (for tourism)
- Cardrooms, Satellite Wagering Facilities and Racetracks
- Family Entertainment Centers (bowling alleys, miniature golf, batting cages, arcades and movie theaters)
- Restaurants, Bars, and Wineries (including brewpubs, craft distilleries, breweries, bars, and pubs)
- Fitness Facilities
- Museums, Galleries, Zoos, Botanical Gardens and Aquariums
- Indoor Museums, Kids Museums, Gallery Spaces, Zoos and Libraries
- Entertainment Venues (professional sports without live audiences)
- Film, Television, and Music production
- Schools
- Day Camps
- Casinos operated by sovereign tribal nations
- Hair Salons and Barbershops

The following additional businesses are now included in Stage 3 and will be allowed to reopen on June 19, 2020 so long as they meet the State protocols:

- Expanded Personal Care Services such as estheticians, skin care, cosmetology, electrology, nail salons, body art professionals, tattoo parlors, piercing shops, body waxing, and massage therapy (in non-healthcare settings).

The following businesses are not included in Stage 3 and will not be allowed to open until the County is allowed to move into Stage 4:

- Indoor Playgrounds such as bounce centers, ball pits and laser tag
- Live Theater
- Saunas and Steam Rooms
- Nightclubs
- Concert Venues
- Live Audience Sports
- Festivals
- Theme Parks
- Higher Education

Kings County Department of Public Health will be available to assist local businesses throughout the county to help interpret the guidelines and to provide educational assistance, if needed, to businesses wishing to reopen.

Although the stay-at-home order has been modified several times, State law continues to require that all possible steps be taken to ensure the safety of workers and the public from the spread of the virus. Preventative measures include physical distancing, the use of face coverings by employees and customers, frequent handwashing, regular cleaning and disinfection, and training employees on these and other elements of the COVID-19 prevention plan.

As such, all businesses that reopen must follow and implement the Statewide COVID-19 industry guidance specific to your operation and must implement appropriate preventative measures in all the operational aspects of the business.

This requirement includes avoiding situations and actions, such as sales, promotions or other incentives or enticements that can cause mass public gatherings, which will have negative public health and economic impacts that could force businesses throughout the County to close once again. Therefore, **businesses that are found incapable of effectively controlling the risk factors for spread of COVID-19 through proper implementation of the guidelines may be subject to closure by order of the Kings County Health Officer.**

For any questions, please call us at 559-584-1411.