

Re Opening Pennsylvania

Reopening Guidance Resources

Process to Reopen Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania plans to proceed with returning to work cautiously.

Broad reopenings or reopenings that are not structured around ongoing social distancing, universal masking, or other public health guidance would likely result in a spike of cases and new stay-at-home and closure orders.

This guidance will reinforce and build on existing worker and building safety standards. It will also be able to adapt to the changing nature of the pandemic, as well as lessons learned from communities that return to work strategically.

- There are currently guidance protocol orders for:
 - Staff / Employee: [Employee Guidance](#)
 - Building Safety Measures: [Building Safety](#)
- [See the full plan for reopening Pennsylvania](#)

The 3 Phases & Your Agency – Red Phase

The **red phase**, which currently applies to the whole state, has the sole purpose of minimizing the spread of COVID-19 through strict social distancing, non-life sustaining business, school closures, and building safety protocols.

Current operations for your agency remains in place taking full outlined precautions and current COVID response recommendations.

Review and update your agency response & operating plan for the **YELLOW PHASE.**

Current Recommendations for **RED PHASE**

[DHS Universal Masking of Healthcare Workers and Staff in Congregate Care Settings](#)

PPE

- Assess ongoing need and supply process for PPE [strategies to optimize the supply of PPE and equipment](#)
- [CDC Printable resources for communities/staff](#)
- [How to Safely Put On PPE Video](#)
- [How To Safely Take Off PPE Video](#)
- [How to Put On and Take Off PPE Fact Sheet](#)
- [How to Put On and Take Off PPE Poster](#)
- [PPE Illustrations](#)

The 3 Phases & Your Agency –

YELLOW PHASE

- Telework Must Continue Where Feasible
- CDC Guidelines for [social distancing](#) and [cleaning](#)
- Adjusting practices for family/stakeholder interaction
- Communicating your plan with consumers & clients
- Businesses with In-Person Operations Must Follow Business and Building Safety Orders
- All businesses must follow CDC and DOH guidance for **CDC COVID-19 2020 updates can be found at:** [Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers to Plan and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019](#)
- [Posters To Guide Employees During In-Person Operations](#)

The 3 Phases & Your Agency – Green Phase

- All Businesses Must Follow CDC and PA Department of Health Guidelines
- Monitor public health indicators, adjust practices, policies and restrictions as necessary
- Continued Check in on Staff health & wellness
- What operations, practices, and policies continue
- How lessons learned guide future practice

Staff Health & Wellness

- The work you do is not only critical but is amplified when operating in long term crisis mode.
- Availability of PPE for site-based staff
- Consider establishing policies and practices for social distancing.
- Advise employees before traveling to take additional preparation.
- Take care when attending [meetings and gatherings](#):
- SAMHSA has created two documents that can be provided to or reviewed with staff
- [SAMHSA: Taking Care of Your Behavioral Health](#)
- [SAMHSA: Coping With Stress During Infectious Disease Outbreaks](#)

PA GOV & DHS Resources

Coronavirus-Related Provider Resources from DHS Agencies; [DHS Guidance Releases](#)

DHS [Coronavirus Information for Providers and Facilities](#)

[Updated Info from PA Dept. of Health](#)

Additional Resources

- [DHS Telehealth Guidelines Related to COVID-19](#)
- [Provider Quick Tips: Telemedicine Guidelines Related to COVID-19](#)
- [Telemedicine Guidelines Related to COVID-19](#)
- [Pa State Fingerprinting Location Map](#)
- [Free and Low-Cost Internet Plans](#)
- [**How to Prepare for Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) and Influenza: Training & Resources**](#)