COVID-19 Phased Reopening - Public Health Attestation, Local Plan, and Letter to Governor Newsom and Dr. Angell

County Administration

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Governor Newsom made two announcements last week that positively impact some local businesses and activities. In his announcements, he stated that certain Stage 2 businesses and activities would be able to reopen statewide on May 8th, provided they incorporate specific mitigations into their operations as defined by the State. He also stated that he would allow some discretion for local Health Officers to attest that their county has met State-specified criteria, which then provides local authority to allow businesses and activities to reopen sooner than would be allowed statewide. The Public Health Department took the following actions in anticipation of a change in the State Orders and to align the County with the Governor’s requirements: 1) established a local health expert team to establish local measures for when to loosen and tighten restrictions, and 2) requested the County's Emergency Operations Center Liaison assist with establishing multiple public and private sector teams to review health and safety mitigation measures and provide feedback for their specific sector. The efforts of the health expert team and sector teams have led to the local we call Reopen Butte County. Supervisors Lambert and Ritter represented the County on the Local Jurisdiction Team.

Per State direction, Dr. Miller, as the local Health Officer, must submit his attestation that the County meets the State criteria, letters of support for the attestation from the Board of Supervisors and local hospitals, and a copy of the local plan to the California Department of Public Health, and must "engage in a phone consultation regarding the county's intent to seek a variance."

Dr. Miller has submitted the required documents and, along with Supervisors Lambert and Ritter, requests that the Board of Supervisors ratify the letter of support to the attestation signed by the Chair. In addition, Dr. Miller, Public Health Director Danette York, Sheriff Kory Honea, and Chief Administrative Officer Shari McCracken recommend the Board submit a letter to the Governor and Dr. Angell requesting an expansion of the sectors and businesses allowed to open with appropriate mitigations under Stage 2.

Fiscal Impact:
None.

Personnel Impact:
None.

Action Requested:
1) Accept the Health Officer's Attestation and local plan for information;
2) Ratify the Chair's signature on the letter of support for the Health Officer's Attestation; and
3) Approve a letter to the Governor and Dr. Angell and authorize the Chair to sign.

Administrative Office Review:
May 12, 2020

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Shari McCracken, Chief Administrative Officer
Danette York, Public Health Director
Dr. Andy Miller, Health Officer

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Phased Reopening Plan and Attestation

BACKGROUND

All jurisdictions in the State of California have been under State Orders to stay at home except when engaging in State-defined essential business, since March 19, 2020. The intent of the Orders is to reduce the potential impact of COVID-19 on the State and its residents, and it worked. California has not seen the impacts originally forecasted.

The economic and other public health and safety impacts of the Orders, though, are coming to a critical point, and Health Officers throughout the State have been working with the State to allow local Health Officers to determine when less restrictive measures can be put in place based on local data and capacity. Based on those discussions, Governor Newsom made two announcements last week that positively impact some local businesses and activities.

GOVERNOR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND DIRECTION

In the Governor’s announcements he stated that certain Stage 2 businesses and activities would be able to reopen statewide on May 8th, provided they could incorporate specific mitigations into their operations as defined by the State. He also stated that he would allow some discretion for local Health Officers by having them attest that their county had met State-specified criteria, which would then allow Health Officers to allow more businesses and activities to reopen sooner than would be allowed statewide. Further detail of the second announcement was provided to counties at noon on May 7th.

1. The businesses and activities allowed to reopen statewide effective May 8th, with no local action required, include:
• Curbside retail, including but not limited to: bookstores, jewelry stores, toy stores, clothing stores, shoe stores, home and furnishing stores, sporting goods stores, antique stores, music stores, florists.

• Supply chains supporting the above businesses, in manufacturing and logistical sectors.

2. The guidance provided by the State on May 7th established a Local Variance process. If a county chooses to seek a Local Variance, the local Health Officer must do the following:

• Notify the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and engage in a phone consultation regarding the county’s intent to seek a variance.

• Certify through submission of a written attestation to CDPH that the county has met the readiness criteria, as defined by CDPH, designed to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Attestations must be submitted with letters of support from the County Board of Supervisors and local hospital or health care systems.

Sectors that will be able to open with required modifications and mitigations, once a county has met the requirements stated above, include:

• Retail Sector

• Logistics Sector

• Manufacturing Sector

• Destination retail, including shopping malls and swap meets.

• Personal services, limited to: car washes, pet grooming, tanning facilities, and landscape gardening.

• Office-based businesses (telework remains strongly encouraged).

• Dine-in restaurants (other amenities, like bars or gaming areas, are not permitted).
  
  NOTE: The Governor announced that the required mitigations for dine-in restaurants will not be made available until Tuesday, May 12th. Therefore, dine-in at local restaurants cannot begin until the mitigations are provided by the State and restaurants have self-certified they are following the mitigations.

• Schools and childcare facilities
  
  NOTE: Schools are working through their plans and this local plan does not contemplate them opening at this time.

• Outdoor museums and open gallery spaces.

Please note that not all allowable sectors and businesses are considered in the current version of the Reopen Butte County Plan, as the State did not provide its list until late Thursday requiring additional local conversations to take place and mitigations to be clearly articulated for inclusion.
The County will continue to work with sector teams to get the items in place that will allow additional businesses and activities to reopen, and will issue notices as the Plan is updated.

CDPH may expand this list if the State’s Public Health Officer deems it to be in the interest of public health and safety, and as part of this agenda item, the Board is asked to consider a letter to the Governor and Dr. Angell requesting some expansion to allowable businesses from the “not permitted” list below.

The guidance provided by CDPH specifically states that the following businesses and activities are not permitted at this time.

- Personal Services such as nail salons, tattoo parlors, gyms and fitness studios.
- Hospitality services, such as bars, wineries, tasting rooms and lounges.
- Entertainment venues with limited capacities, such as movie theatres, gaming facilities, and pro sports (without live audiences).
- Indoor museums, kids museums and galleries, zoos (without events or shows), and libraries.
- Community centers, including public pools (but excluding water parks), playgrounds, and picnic areas.
- Limited-capacity religious services and cultural ceremonies.
- Nightclubs
- Concert venues
- Live audience sports
- Festivals
- Theme parks
- Hotels/Lodging for leisure and tourism

**LOCAL PLANNING EFFORTS AND REQUEST FOR LOCAL VARIANCE**

In anticipation of changing direction from the Governor and CDPH, and to support local businesses while protecting public health and safety, the Public Health Department implemented a health expert panel to provide data-driven metrics for reopening businesses in Butte County, as well as meeting the Local Variance criteria. A number of documents that provided guidance for the local reopening planning process include:

- The Federal Government’s “Guidelines: Opening Up American Again”;
- The State of California’s “Roadmap toModify the Stay-At-Home Order”;
- Criteria put forth by Resolve to Save Lives (RSL), a global health initiative that describes the “adaptive response” to the COVID-19 pandemic;
- Johns Hopkins Public Health Principles for Phased Reopening during COVID-19: Guidance for Governors; and
- Guidance and directives from the Governor’s Office and the California Department of Public Health.
In addition, sector teams were established to discuss and inform how mitigation measures could be operationalized by agencies and businesses based on State direction at the time, as listed below.

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The Local Jurisdiction Team included Supervisors Lambert and Ritter; the Mayors from Biggs, Chico, Gridley, Oroville, and Paradise; and the City/Town Managers and the County’s CAO. Sector Teams met during the last two weeks, and provided feedback and input to Public Health who has the ultimate authority within the Governor’s Orders to make local decisions in Stage 2.

Provided in **Attachment A** is the Health Officer’s attestation that Butte County meets the State-defined criteria for moving into a phased reopening of certain businesses and activities.

**Attachment B** contains the Reopening Butte County Plan as defined to-date and based on the most current information at the time of its writing. The Plan will be a living document, with new sectors added as mitigations are defined and/or as the State allows further discretion at the local level, as well as any changes the State might require to specific mitigations or criteria. By the time the Board sees the Plan on May 12th, it is most likely that some of the information will already be outdated as the State is giving new or updated direction on an almost daily basis.

The required letter of support from the Board of Supervisors, as signed by the Chair, is provided in **Attachment C** for Board ratification.

Important to note is the Reopen Butte County Plan also includes triggers that could lead to putting restrictions back in place and requiring businesses or activities to close down again, if there is a surge that could threaten our containment and mitigation strategies and overwhelm our local health care systems. It is incumbent on every business and individual to follow the required mitigation measures to
allow our local businesses to remain open. Whether one agrees with the measures, or not, if we are not successful in managing cases locally, which we have been able to do to-date, the restrictions that we have been under may be imposed again at the local or State level.

**ADVOCACY FOR ADDITIONAL BUSINESSES AND SECTORS**

Based on discussions between jurisdictions throughout the State, thoughtful discussions by health and other sector experts, and the Johns Hopkins guidance to Governors, staff recommends the Board consider approving a letter to Governor Newsom and Dr. Angell advocating that additional businesses and sectors be allowed in Stage 2 at local discretion. Specifically, staff and the sector teams believe that with appropriate mitigations in place services such as nail salons, hair salons, gyms and fitness studios, libraries, and playgrounds should also be allowed to open during Stage 2, and not held until Stage 3. Such businesses and activities are included as Stage 2b in the Reopen Butte County Plan, as there is not State concurrence at this time and businesses might be in jeopardy of State sanctions or removal of State licenses until the State concurs and respects that we know what is best for our communities.

Though the letter includes a request to discuss child care, it appears the Governor may have recently taken that into consideration and moved child care into Stage 2 allowable activities. The statement is left in the letter, though, as it is extremely important to enable people to go back to work.

**ACTION REQUESTED**

1. Accept the Health Officer's Attestation and local plan for information.
2. Ratify the Chair’s signature on the letter of support for the Health Officer's Attestation.
3. Approve a letter to the Governor and Dr. Angell and authorize the Chair to sign.
Variation to Stage 2 of California's Roadmap to Modify the Stay-at-Home Order

For County of Butte

Background

On March 4, 2020 Governor Newsom proclaimed a State of Emergency as a result of the threat of COVID-19, and on March 12, 2020, through Executive Order N-25-20, he directed all residents to heed any orders and guidance of state and local public health officials. Subsequently, on March 19, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-33-20 directing all residents to heed the State Public Health Officer’s Stay-at-Home order which requires all residents to stay at home except for work in critical infrastructure sectors or otherwise to facilitate authorized necessary activities. On April 14th, the State presented the Pandemic Roadmap, a four-stage plan for modifying the Stay-at-Home order, and, on May 4th, announced that entry into Stage 2 of the plan would be imminent.

Given the size and diversity of California, it is not surprising that the impact of COVID-19 has differed across the state. While some counties are still in the initial stabilization phase (Stage 1) of the pandemic response, there are a number of less affected counties. Provided these counties are able to demonstrate an ability to protect the public and essential workers, they may be in a position to adopt aspects of Stage 2 of California’s roadmap at a faster pace than the state as a whole. As directed by the Governor in Executive Order N-60-20, this guidance provides information on the criteria and procedures that counties will need to meet in order to move more quickly than other parts of the state through Stage 2 of modifying the Stay-at-Home order. It is recommended that counties consult with cities and other stakeholders as they consider moving through Stage 2.

Local Variance

A county that has met certain criteria in containing COVID-19 may consider increasing the pace at which they advance through Stage 2, but not into Stage 3, of California’s roadmap to modify the Stay-at-Home order. Counties are encouraged to first review this document in full to consider if a variance from the state’s roadmap is appropriate for the county’s specific circumstances. If a county decides to pursue a variance, the local public health officer must:

1. Notify the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and engage in a phone consultation regarding the county’s intent to seek a variance.

2. Certify through submission of a written attestation to CDPH that the county has met the readiness criteria (outlined below) designed to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Attestations should be submitted by the local public health officer, and accompanied by a letter of support from the County Board of Supervisors, as well as a letter of support from the local hospitals or health care systems. In the event that the county does not have a hospital or health care system within its jurisdiction, a letter of support from the
relevant regional health system(s) is also acceptable. The full submission must be signed by the local public health officer.

All county attestations, and submitted plans for moving through Stage 2 as outlined below, will be posted publicly on CDPH’s website.

While not required, CDPH recommends as a best practice the development of a county COVID-19 containment plan by the local public health officer in conjunction with the hospitals and health systems in the jurisdiction, as well as input from a broad range of county stakeholders, including the County Board of Supervisors.

In addition to pre-submission phone consultations, CDPH is available to provide technical assistance to counties as they develop their attestations and COVID-19 containment plans. Please email Jake Hanson at Jake.Hanson@cdph.ca.gov to set up a time with our technical assistance team.

County Name: County of Butte
County Contact: Dr. Andrew Miller
Public Phone Number: (530) 552-3826

Readiness for Variance

The county’s documentation of its readiness to increase the pace through Stage 2 must clearly indicate its preparedness according to the criteria below. This will ensure that individuals who are at heightened risk, including for example the elderly and those residing in long-term care and locally controlled custody facilities, continue to be protected as a county progresses through California’s roadmap to modify the Stay-at-Home order, and that risk is minimized for the population at large.

As part of the attestation, counties must provide specifics regarding their movement through Stage 2 (e.g., which sectors, in what sequence, at what pace), as well as clearly indicate how their plans differ from the state’s order.

It is critical that any county that submits an attestation continue to collect and monitor data to demonstrate that the variances are not having a negative impact on individuals or healthcare systems. Counties must also attest that they have identified triggers and have a clear plan and approach if conditions worsen for modifying the pace of advancing through stage 2, including reinstating restrictions, in advance of any state action. Counties must also submit their plan for how they anticipate moving through Stage 2 (e.g., which sectors will be opened, order of opening etc.).
Readiness Criteria

To establish readiness for an increased pace through Stage 2 of California’s roadmap to modify the Stay-at-Home order, a county must attest to the following readiness criteria and provide the requested information as outlined below:

- **Epidemiologic stability of COVID-19.** A determination must be made by the county that the prevalence of COVID-19 cases is low enough to be swiftly contained by an epidemiological response. Given the anticipated increase in cases as a result of modifications, this is a foundational parameter that must be met to safely increase the county’s progression through Stage 2. The county must attest to:
  - No more than 1 COVID-19 case per 10,000 in the past 14 days prior to attestation submission date.

  Provide county information
  Butte County has had 2 confirmed COVID-19 cases in the past 14 days (18 cases total).
  Butte County has a total population of 219,000.

  - No COVID-19 death in the past 14 days prior to attestation submission date.

  Provide county information
  No COVID-19 related deaths in Butte County at this time.

- **Protection of Stage 1 essential workers.** A determination must be made by the county that there is clear guidance and the necessary resources to ensure the safety of Stage 1 essential critical infrastructure workers. The county must attest to:
  - Guidance for employers and essential critical infrastructure workplaces on how to structure the physical environment to protect essential workers. Please provide copies of the guidance(s).
Provide county information
Butte County has provided guidance to all businesses and employers, to include all public and private entities. Part of that guidance includes the necessity for employers to have PPE available and have an established supply chain. We have messaged out to essential work sectors how to obtain supplies from vendors and how to obtain assistance from the EOC when necessary. The county has established relationships with vendors that will give priority to essential sectors and some that will provide supplies exclusively to essential sectors. The Public Health Officer has provided guidance to all citizens on the procedure for quarantine/isolation and the circumstances when these measures are appropriate. There are a number of programs to support quarantined individuals that do not already have in-home support or access the health care system. Programs for non-congregate sheltering are in place to serve ill workers that lack the ability to shelter at home. We are continuously searching and distributing new guidance for employers as it becomes available.

- Availability of supplies (disinfectant, essential protective gear) to protect essential workers. Please describe how this availability is assessed.

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<td>2. Maintain a list of vendors and check status of product availability each week.</td>
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- Testing capacity. A determination must be made by the county that there is testing capacity to detect active infection that meets the state’s most current testing criteria (available on CDPH website). The county must attest to:

- Minimum daily testing volume to test 1.5 per 1,000 residents, which can be met through a combination of testing of symptomatic individuals and targeted surveillance. Please provide the plan and the county’s average daily testing volume for the past week. If the county does not believe a testing volume of 1.5 per 1,000 residents is merited, please provide justification for this.

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<td>From the criteria provided above Butte County’s daily testing volume would need to be 328. Our calculation for Butte County’s Testing Capacity is 375 tests per day excluding the use of UCSF as our back up for high volume needs in an outbreak.</td>
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- Testing availability for at least 75% of residents, as measured by a specimen collection site (including established health care providers) within 30 minutes driving time in urban areas, and 60 minutes in rural areas. Please provide a listing of all specimen collection sites in the county, whether there are any geographic
areas that do not meet the criteria, and plans for filling these gaps. If the county depends on sites in adjacent counties, please list these sites as well.

Provide county information

Everywhere in Butte County is within 1 hour driving distance of one of our testing centers.

- **Containment capacity.** A determination must be made by the county that it has adequate infrastructure, processes, and workforce to reliably detect and safely isolate new cases, as well as follow up with individuals who have been in contact with positive cases. The county must attest to:
  
  o Sufficient contact tracing. For counties that have no cases, there should be at least 15 staff per 100,000 county population trained and available for contact tracing; for counties with small populations, there must be at least one staff person trained and available. Please describe the county’s contact tracing plan, including workforce capacity, and why it is sufficient to meet anticipated surge.

Provide county information

**Butte County currently has the following in place:**
- Primary Contact Tracers - 12 Staff Members, 5 of these primary contact tracers are currently enrolled in the State/UCSF/UCLA training pilot.
- Secondary Contact Tracers - 81 Total County Staff, 36 of those 81 have been trained in reserve.
- Tertiary Contact Tracers - Potential State Resources

  o Availability of temporary housing units to shelter at least 15% of county residents experiencing homelessness in case of an outbreak among this population requiring isolation and quarantine of affected individuals. Please describe the county’s plans to support individuals, including those experiencing homelessness, who are not able to properly isolate in a home setting by providing them with temporary housing (including access to a private bathroom), for the duration of the necessary isolation or quarantine period.
provide county information
within butte county, 400 people could be accommodated in isolation/quarantine with wrap around services. this includes those experiencing homelessness or anyone with covid who would need to be separate from their household during isolation. the last pit count number for unsheltered individuals was 891 in 2019 for butte county. the state provided $473,000 and fema has approved pa to meet the needs for non congregate sheltering. we currently have 131 fema qualified individuals in hotels through project roomkey with another 14 caretakers (who are homeless) for these folks also in the hotels with them. we have additional funds coming from the cmssp grant. so, at this time we can accommodate

• hospital capacity. a determination must be made by the county that hospital capacity, including icu beds and ventilators, and adequate ppe is available to handle standard health care capacity, current covid-19 cases, as well as a potential surge due to covid-19. if the county does not have a hospital within its jurisdiction, the county will need to address how regional hospital and health care systems may be impacted by this request and demonstrate that adequate hospital capacity exists in those systems. the county must attest to:
  o county (or regional) hospital capacity to accommodate a minimum surge of 35% due to covid-19 cases in addition to providing usual care for non-covid-19 patients. please describe how this surge would be accomplished, including surge census by hospital, addressing both physical and workforce capacity.

provide county information
there are three hospitals in butte county that will each handle a surge of covid-19 patients. each hospital has a scalable surge plan that includes a pre-establish unit or area designated for covid-19 suspect or positive patients including the icu/ccu. these plans include converting patient rooms from private to semi-private to provide additional bed capacity. a field medical station is located at the enloe rehabilitation hospital that can be mobilized in 24 to 48 hours with an additional 125 beds with a logistics and staffing plan developed by enloe hospital.

staffing plans include dedicated rn, respiratory therapists, phlebotomists, and cnas who will be used to staff and care for covid-19 patients. criteria has been developed for assignments from labor pool staffing in order to ensure appropriate ratios are observed.

enloe medical center surge census: licensed bed capacity 298/ surge capacity 467 (56%) –fms surge capacity included.
oroville hospital surge census: licensed bed capacity 131/ surge capacity 177 (35%)
orchard hospital surge census: licensed bed capacity 24/ surge capacity 45 (86%)

  o county (or regional) hospital facilities have a robust plan to protect the hospital workforce, both clinical and nonclinical, with ppe. please describe the process by which this is assessed.

provide county information
each hospital in butte county has a procurement team that works to source ppe needed to protect their workforce. the resource request process through the butte county medical health operational area coordinator (mhoac) is in place and utilized if they are unable to locate the necessary ppe. assessment of hospital ppe needs is accomplished through this mhoac system as hospital staff notifies the local mhoac if they need help locating and acquiring specific items. if the mhoac is unable to locate the ppe locally or regionally, they then submit a resource request to the state in order to fill the need. additionally, public health staff maintain a list of vendors and check status of product availability each week and are able to share an updated list of available products with our hospitals.
• **Vulnerable populations.** A determination must be made by the county that the proposed variance maintains protections for vulnerable populations, particularly those in long-term care settings. The county must attest to:
  o Skilled nursing facilities (SNF) have >14 day supply of PPE on hand for staff, with established process for ongoing procurement from non-state supply chains. Please list the names and contacts of all SNFs in the county along with a description of the system the county has to track PPE availability across SNFs.

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<td>California Park Rehab Hospital - Brian Collier (530) 894-1010</td>
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<td>Country Crest - Kari Abbott (530) 532-6600</td>
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<td>Hovid Community Care Center - Jessica Olah (530) 797-8600</td>
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<td>Oroville Hospital Post Acute Center - Joseph Miceli (530) 533-7335</td>
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<td>Riverside Point Healthcare &amp; Wellness Center - Tracey (530) 343-6596</td>
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<td>Windsor Chico Care Center - John Crowley (530) 343-6084</td>
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<td>Windsor Chico Creek Care &amp; Rehab Center - Dan Skillman (530) 345-1306</td>
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• **Sectors and timelines.** Please provide details on the county’s plan to move through Stage 2. This should include which sectors and spaces will be opened, in what sequence, on what timeline. Please specifically indicate where the plan differs from the state’s order. Please note that this variance should not include sectors that are part of Stage 3.

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• **Triggers for adjusting modifications.** Please share the county metrics that would serve as triggers for either slowing the pace through Stage 2 or tightening modifications, including the frequency of measurement and the specific actions triggered by metric changes. Please include your plan for how the county will inform the state of emerging concerns and how it will implement early containment measures.
Provide county information
Please see attached Reopen Butte County plan. The triggers identified for tightening are listed in a chart on page 6 as Appendix B. Any efforts in tightening or reinstating business or activity restrictions would be instructed by information obtained in local contact tracing. Decisions could be made to revert back to Stage 1, State supported Stage 2, or only to specific activities and sectors based on the transmission dynamics observed. The county will inform the state of emerging concerns through the local Health Officer contacting the appropriate staff at CDPH.

- Your plan for moving through Stage 2. Please provide details on your plan for county to move through opening sectors and spaces that are part of the State’s plan for Stage 2. A reminder, that this variance only covers those areas that are part of Stage 2, up to, but not including Stage 3. For additional details on sectors and spaces included in Stage 2, please see https://covid19.ca.gov/roadmap-counties/

Provide county information
Please see Stage 2 within the Reopen Butte County plan starting on page 2 of the plan. The section outline which sectors are moving through Stage 2 ahead of the State based on local conditions including a chart of page 4 indicating the sector, the timeline for reopening, and the required mitigation that must be in place prior to reopening. Please note the individual recommendations that should continue during Stage 2 as listed on page 3.

**COVID-19 Containment Plan**

While not mandatory, CDPH strongly recommends that counties requesting a variance to increase the pace through Stage 2 create a county COVID-19 containment plan as noted above. While not exhaustive, the following areas and questions are important to address in any containment plan.

To be completed at a later date

**Testing**

- Is there a plan to increase testing to the recommended daily capacity of 2 per 1000 residents?
- Is the average percentage of positive tests over the past 7 days <7% and stable or declining?
- Have specimen collection locations been identified that ensure access for all residents?
- Have contracts/relationships been established with specimen processing labs?
- Is there a plan for community surveillance?
Contact Tracing

- How many staff are currently trained and available to do contact tracing?
- Are these staff reflective of community racial, ethnic and linguistic diversity?
- Is there a plan to expand contact tracing staff to the recommended levels to accommodate a three-fold increase in COVID-19 cases, presuming that each case has ten close contacts?
- Is there a plan for supportive isolation for low income individuals who may not have a safe way to isolate or who may have significant economic challenges as a result of isolation?

Protecting the Vulnerable

- How many congregate care facilities, of what types, are in the county?
- How many correctional facilities, of what size, are in the county?
- How many homelessness shelters are in the county and what is their capacity?
- What is the COVID-19 case rate at each of these facilities?
- Do facilities have the ability to safely isolate COVID-19 positive individuals?
- Do facilities have the ability to safety quarantine individuals who have been exposed?
- Is there sufficient testing capacity to conduct a thorough outbreak investigation at each of these facilities?
- Do long-term care facilities have sufficient PPE for staff, and do these facilities have access to suppliers for ongoing PPE needs?
- Do these facilities (particularly skilled nursing facilities) have access to staffing agencies if and when staff shortages related to COVID-19 occur?
Acute Care Surge

- Is there daily tracking of hospital capacity including COVID-19 cases, hospital census, ICU census, ventilator availability, staffing and surge capacity?
- Are hospitals relying on county MHOAC for PPE, or are supply chains sufficient?
- Are hospitals testing all patients prior to admission to the hospital?
- Do hospitals have a plan for tracking and addressing occupational exposure?

Provide summary for this section and attach complete plan

Essential Workers

- How many essential workplaces are in the county?
- What guidance have you provided to your essential workplaces to ensure employees and customers are safe in accordance with state/county guidance for modifications?
- Do essential workplaces have access to key supplies like hand sanitizer, disinfectant and cleaning supplies, as well as relevant protective equipment?
- Is there a testing plan for essential workers who are sick or symptomatic?

Is there a plan for supportive quarantine/isolation for essential workers?

Provide summary for this section and attach complete plan

Special Considerations

- Are there industries in the county that deserve special consideration in terms of mitigating the risk of COVID-19 transmission, e.g. agriculture or manufacturing?
- Are there industries in the county that make it more feasible for the county to increase the pace through stage 2, e.g. technology companies or other companies that have a high percentage of workers who can telework?

Provide summary for this section and attach complete plan
Community Engagement

- Has the county engage with its cities?
- Which key county stakeholders should be a part of formulating and implementing the proposed variance plan?
- Have virtual community forums been held to solicit input into the variance plan?
- Is community engagement reflective of the racial, ethnic, and linguistic diversity of the community?

Provide summary for this section and attach complete plan

Relationship to Surrounding Counties

- Are surrounding counties experiencing increasing, decreasing or stable case rates?
- Are surrounding counties also planning to increase the pace through Stage 2 of California’s roadmap to modify the Stay-at-Home order, and if so, on what timeline?
- How are you coordinating with these counties?
- How will increased regional and state travel impact the county’s ability to test, isolate, and contact trace?

Provide summary for this section and attach complete plan

In addition to your county’s COVID-19 VARIANCE ATTESTATION FORM, please include:

- Letter of support from the County Board of Supervisors
- Letter of support from the local hospitals or health care systems. In the event that the county does not have a hospital or health care system within its jurisdiction, a letter of support from the relevant regional health system(s) is also acceptable.
- County Plan for moving through Stage 2

All documents should be emailed to Jake Hanson at Jake.Hanson@cdph.ca.gov
I, hereby attest that I am duly authorized to sign and act on behalf of Butte. I certify that Butte has met the readiness criteria outlined by CDPH designed to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and that the information provided is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge. If a local COVID-19 Containment Plan is submitted for Butte, I certify that it was developed with input from the County Board of Supervisors/City Council, hospitals, health systems, and a broad range of stakeholders in the jurisdiction. I acknowledge that I remain responsible for implementing the local COVID-19 Containment Plan and that CDPH, by providing technical guidance, is in no way assuming liability for its contents.

I understand and consent that the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) will post this information on the CDPH website and is public record.

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Signature
Position/Title Butte County Health Officer
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Reopen Butte County
A Plan to Reopen in Stages while Limiting the Spread of COVID-19

The plan to Reopen Butte County outlines stages that may be phased in, or out, based on data-driven measures for loosening or tightening restrictions to limit the spread of COVID-19. The plan outlines the measures, lists the stages of reopening, and includes guidance for industry sectors that were developed in partnership with public and private sector representatives, or provided by the State. The stages align with the State’s Resilience Roadmap, and stages 3 and 4 are still in development. The plan is consistent with guidance issued by the California Department of Public Health: Variance to Stage 2 of California’s Roadmap to Modify the Stay-at-Home Order: Guidance to County Government.

Note: The plan to Reopen Butte County is based on State guidance as of May 8, 2020, and will change as the State Resilience Roadmap changes. The plan was developed using best available information.

Measures for Loosening or Tightening Restrictions to Limit the Spread of COVID-19

The measures for loosening or tightening local restrictions are considered in three categories: epidemiology, healthcare, and public health. The model is provided by Resolve to Saves Lives, a global health initiative that describes the “adaptive response” to the COVID-19 pandemic. A local Health Expert Panel representing the three areas was established to review the model and adapted the measures for use in the plan to Reopen Butte County.

Health Expert Panel
- Andy Miller, MD, Butte County Health Officer
- Danette York, MPH, Butte County Public Health Director
- Linda Lewis, DVM, MPVM, Butte County Health Scientist
- Mike Wiltermood, MHA, President/CEO, Enloe Hospital
- Robert Wentz, President/CEO, Oroville Hospital
- Steve Stark, MHA, MSOP, CEO, Orchard Hospital

Measures for Loosening Restrictions – See Appendix A
Measure for Tightening Restrictions – See Appendix B

Reopening Butte County in Stage 2

The plan to Reopen Butte County, further into Stage 2 than the State, aligns with the State’s Resilience Roadmap. The planned reopening of sectors in Stage 2 is based on the potential risk for spreading the virus within a specific workplace or facility.
Stage 1:
State Stay-at-Home Order in place without modifications.

The Governor announced modifications to the State’s Stay-at-Home Order on May 8, 2020, which allows some sectors to reopen with modified operations as shown below in Stage 2 – State Resilience Roadmap.

Stage 2
State Resilience Roadmap

The State outlined a resilience roadmap for modifying the Stay-at-Home Order. As of May 8, 2020 the State indicates the following are allowed with no local action. Review the State guidance online for full details.

- Curbside retail, including but not limited to: bookstores, jewelry stores, toy stores, clothing stores, shoe stores, home and furnishing stores, sporting goods stores, antique stores, music stores, florists.
- Supply chains supporting the above businesses, in manufacturing and logistical sectors.

The State indicates the following sectors/businesses will be opened later in Stage 2 by the State, but may be opened sooner by some counties that meet the requirement for a Local Variance.

- Destination retail, including shopping malls and swap meets.
- Personal services, limited to: car washes, pet grooming, tanning facilities, and landscape gardening.
- Office-based businesses (telework remains strongly encouraged)
- Dine-in restaurants (other facility amenities, like bars or gaming areas, are not permitted)
- Schools and childcare facilities
- Outdoor museums and open gallery spaces

Butte County – Moving Further into Stage 2

The State issued guidance that counties may move further into Stage 2 and allow businesses to reopen with greater operations once businesses meet mitigations measures to slow the spread of COVID-19. The guidance allows counties to attest to local readiness and move through Stage 2 and reopen more businesses before the State as a whole.

This plan describes Stage 2 for Butte County as of May 8, 2020. Updates to this plan and the progression through Stage 2 in Butte County will be listed at www.buttecounty.net/ButteReopens. Stage 2 includes workplaces and activities rated as low and medium for contact intensity and number of contacts by the Johns Hopkins guidance.
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Workplaces that reopen and activities that resume in Stage 2 must do so in accordance with the required reopening measures, listed in Appendix E. State guidance can be found online, https://covid19.ca.gov/roadmap. Stage 2 in Butte County has two subsets of industry sectors: 2a and 2b. The industry sectors in Stage 2a are rated as low and medium by the Johns Hopkins guidance, and appear to be considered in Stage 2 by the State. The industry sectors in Stage 2b are rated as low and medium by the Johns Hopkins guidance, but appear to be considered in Stage 3 by the State.

During Stage 2, individuals should continue taking steps to reduce exposure and limit the spread of COVID-19 as shown in the list below.

**Individuals Actions:**

- **Anyone who is feeling ill should stay home.**
- **Vulnerable (high risk) individuals** – should continue to follow the State’s Stay-at-Home Order.
- **Wear face coverings** – individuals are strongly encouraged to wear a face covering when in public. See Appendix C for face covering guidance.
- **Continue physical distancing** – When in public, maximize physical distance from others (at least six feet).
- **Maintain good hygiene practices** – Washing hands, use hand sanitizer, cleaning frequently touched surfaces, covering coughs and sneezes.
- **Social Settings** – Gatherings are not allowed at this time.
- **Non-essential travel is discouraged.**

**Workplaces and Facilities**

**Stage 2a**

The industry sectors in Stage 2a are rated as low and medium by the Johns Hopkins guidance, and appear to be considered in [Stage 2 by the State](https://covid19.ca.gov/roadmap). Businesses in the sectors listed in Stage 2a must implement required mitigation measures, as shown in Appendix E, before reopening.

The mitigation measures for the public and private industry sectors were developed in coordination with local public and private sector representatives. These representatives continue to work with the County in partnership for Reopen Butte County and limit the spread of COVID-19. See Appendix D for a list of public and private sector team leads.

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<td><strong>General business, office</strong></td>
<td>May 9, 2020</td>
<td>Reopen; See Appendix E, Section 1 for reopening measures.</td>
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<td><strong>Retail</strong></td>
<td>May 9, 2020</td>
<td>Reopen; See Appendix E, Section 2 for reopening measures.</td>
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<td><strong>Personal services, limited to: car washes, pet grooming, tanning facilities, and landscape gardening.</strong></td>
<td>May 9, 2020</td>
<td>Reopen; See Appendix E, Section 1 for reopening measures or other applicable sector measures.</td>
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<td><strong>Manufacturing</strong></td>
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<td>Reopen; See Appendix E, Section 4 for reopening measures.</td>
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<td><strong>Restaurants</strong></td>
<td>May 9, 2020</td>
<td>Reopen once the State releases State mitigation measures. (Estimated May 12, 2020) See Appendix E, Section 3 for sample reopening measures. (these will be updated once State measures are released)</td>
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<td><strong>Child care</strong></td>
<td>May 9, 2020</td>
<td>Reopen; See CDC Guidance for Child Care Program that Remain Open</td>
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<td><strong>Parks/walking paths/trails/dog parks</strong></td>
<td>TBD</td>
<td>Reopening measures are in development with industry representatives.</td>
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<td><strong>Athletic fields and other outdoor congregate settings</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Schools</strong></td>
<td>Not currently planned for opening in local Stage 2.</td>
<td>Reopening measures are in development with education representatives.</td>
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### Stage 2b

The industry sectors in Stage 2b are rated as low and medium by the Johns Hopkins guidance, but appear to be considered in [Stage 3 by the State](#). Sample mitigation measures are listed for businesses in Stage 2b, but the County does not have local authority to provide guidance for businesses in these sectors to reopen. The County continues to advocate for local authority to move through Stage 3 based on local conditions. Licensed providers such as cosmetology, dental, medical etc. should refer to State Licensing Boards for guidelines, provisions, requirements, and timelines for reopening.
The mitigation measures for the public and private industry sectors were developed in coordination with local public and private sector representatives. These representatives continue to work with the County in partnership to Reopen Butte County and limit the spread of COVID-19. See Appendix D for a list of public and private sector team leads.

### Stage 2b - Lower Risk Workplaces and Activities
(currently listed in Stage 3 by the State of California*)

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<td>Hair Salons, Barbers, and Nail Salons</td>
<td>TBD – Butte County does not have local authority to reopen Stage 3 businesses at this time.</td>
<td>See Appendix E, Section 5 for sample reopening measures.</td>
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<td>Gyms and fitness studios</td>
<td>TBD – Butte County does not have local authority to reopen Stage 3 businesses at this time.</td>
<td>See Appendix E, Section 5 for sample reopening measures.</td>
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<td>Libraries</td>
<td>TBD – Butte County does not have local authority to reopen Stage 3 businesses at this time.</td>
<td>Reopening measures are in development.</td>
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<td>Playgrounds, skate parks, and other outdoor recreation spaces</td>
<td>TBD – Butte County does not have local authority to reopen Stage 3 businesses at this time.</td>
<td>Reopening measures are in development with industry representatives.</td>
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*Note: Licensed providers should refer to State Licensing Board and National Associations for guidelines, provisions, requirements, and timelines for reopening related to their particular profession.*

### Stage 3 – Higher Risk Workplaces and Activities
Please refer to the State Resilience Roadmap.

Local plans for Stage 3 will be developed in partnership with local jurisdictions and public and private sector representatives.

### Stage 4 – Broader Reopening for Butte County
Please refer to the State Resilience Roadmap.

Local plans for Stage 3 will be developed in partnership with local jurisdictions and public and private sector representatives.
Appendix A

Measures for Loosening Restrictions. All must be met.

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<td>• Decreasing cases in the context of stable or increasing testing for at least 14 days. OR, When no or very few cases are being reported, no significant increase in disease prevalence for at least 14 days.</td>
<td>• Ability – including staffing – to double number of intensive care patients treated from current census.</td>
<td>• All cases interviewed for contact elicitation.</td>
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<td>• Decreasing numbers and proportions of cases not linked to a source case (goal less than 3 unlinked cases per 2-week period)</td>
<td>• Ability – including staffing – to screen adequate numbers* of symptomatic patients safely.</td>
<td>• Contacts elicited for at least 90% of cases.</td>
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<td>• low or significantly decreasing levels of influenza like illness syndromic surveillance for at least 14 days.</td>
<td>• Sufficient PPE for all health care workers.</td>
<td>• 100% of symptomatic contacts and others with symptoms undergo testing within 24 hours of identification of symptoms.</td>
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<td>• Sustained low levels or declining COVID-19 related deaths for at least 14 days.</td>
<td>• Sufficient face masks to provide to all patients.</td>
<td>• Adequate hand sanitizer is available for use as recommended.</td>
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<td>• No or rare infections among health care workers.</td>
<td>• Significantly more discharges than admissions for COVID-19.</td>
<td>• Designated facilities for non-hospitalized, COVID-19 infected people who can’t be safely cared for at home (e.g., because of space constraints, homelessness, medically vulnerable household members, or otherwise)</td>
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<td>• All symptomatic persons should be able to be tested within 24 hours of illness onset.</td>
<td>• Health care facilities enforce policies and redesign to minimize possibility of exposure at triage and all other locations.</td>
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<td>• Counties sharing a border with Butte County have decreasing or low levels of illness.</td>
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*all statements of significance evaluated by the local Health Expert Panel.

**Case means a confirmed lab case for COVID-19

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Strict Mitigation Measures Should be Considered When One or More Criteria in at Least 2 of 3 Categories are Met.

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<td>• A significant increase in new cases over 3 consecutive calendar or work days in the context of no substantial increase in testing</td>
<td>• Inability to scale up to 2x the number of ICU patients from current census (including staffing)</td>
<td>• Cannot elicit contacts for 20% or more of cases</td>
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<td>• Doubling time of cases less than 5 days</td>
<td>• Can no longer screen significant numbers* of symptomatic patients safely (including staffing)</td>
<td>• 10% or more of symptomatic contacts fail to get tested or get tested in more than 24 hours of symptom onset.</td>
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<td>• More than 3 unlinked chains of transmission in a 14-day period</td>
<td>• Inadequate availability of PPE for healthcare workers</td>
<td>• Insufficient hand sanitizer to place at entry of buildings including workplaces</td>
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<td>• High likelihood of exposure at mass gathering or congregation of people or delayed detection of a case (&gt;5 days) from a mass gathering or long-term care facility)</td>
<td>• Insufficient face masks to provide to all patients seeking care</td>
<td>• No designated facilities for non-hospitalized COVID-19 infected people who can’t be safely cared for at home (e.g., because of space constraints, medically vulnerable household members, or otherwise)</td>
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<td>• Concerning, persistent increase in Influenza Like Illnesses in syndromic surveillance.</td>
<td>• Unacceptable ratio* of admissions to discharges for COVID-19</td>
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<td>• Increasing number of new health care worker infections for 5 consecutive days</td>
<td>• Health care facilities can no longer be structured to reduce possibility of exposure at triage and all other locations</td>
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Appendix C

Face Coverings to Limit the Spread of COVID-19

What is a face covering?

A face covering is a covering made of cloth, fabric or other soft or permeable material, without holes, that covers the nose, mouth and chin. A facial covering should not hide or obscure the eyes. Examples of facial covering includes a scarf, bandana, or neck gaiter. Facial coverings can be cleaned via laundering in the warmest setting possible and dried.

When to wear Face Coverings

- **When Indoors**: Wear Face Coverings while indoors when social distancing of six feet or more cannot be achieved between persons from separate households. When a person is in their residence, they do not need to wear a facial covering. When a person is alone or with only their household members, they do not need to wear a facial covering.

- **When Outdoors**: Wear Face Coverings when outdoors and social distancing of six feet or more cannot be achieved between persons from separate households. Wearing a Face Covering is not required while engaging in outdoor recreation such as walking, hiking, bicycling, or running. But each person engaged in such activity should comply with social distancing recommendations including maintaining at least six feet of separation from all other people not part of the same household to the greatest extent possible. Additionally, each person engaged in such activity should bring a Face Covering and wear it at times when it is difficult to maintain compliance with Social Distancing recommendations of six feet or more from another person. Because running or bicycling causes people to more forcefully expel airborne particles, making the usual minimum 6 feet distance less adequate, runners and cyclists should take steps to avoid exposing others to those particles, which include the following measures: crossing the street when running to avoid sidewalks with pedestrians; slowing down and moving to the side when unable to leave the sidewalk and nearing other people; never spitting; and avoiding running or cycling directly in front of or behind another runner or cyclist who is not in the same household.

- **When Driving**: You do not need to wear a Face Covering while driving alone, or exclusively with other members of the same family or household, in a motor vehicle.

Evidence shows that approximately 20% of COVID-19 infectious persons are asymptomatic – lacking all symptoms. Given this, the risk of unwitting transmission to another person is high and forms the basis for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s recommendation for the public to wear cloth face coverings in public settings when social distancing is not possible (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html).
# Appendix D

## Public and Private Sectors Team and Team Leads

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| Local Jurisdictions                              | Steve Lambert  
Chair, Board of Supervisors |
| Law Enforcement                                  | Sheriff Honea, BCSO                           |
| Education                                        | Mary Sakuma, BCOE                             |
| Park, Recreation, Outdoor Activities            | Ann Willmann, CARD                            |
| **Private Sector**                               |                                                |
| Agribusiness                                     | Colleen Cecil, BCFB                           |
| Building, Design, Construction                   | Amy Rohrer, VCE                               |
| Chambers/Downtown Business Associations (general business, personal care, non-profit, restaurants) | Katy Thoma, Chico Chamber  
Monica Nolan, Paradise Chamber |
| Faith and Cultural Organizations                | Justin Tolman, LDS                            |
| Labor                                            | Justin Meyers, Labor Council                  |
| Lodging                                          | Carolyn Denaro, EBC                           |
| Manufacturing                                    | Andrea Campos, Grow Manufacturing Initiative  |
Mitigation Measures to Slow the Spread of COVID-19

The following sections outline required mitigations measures for businesses aimed at limiting the spread of COVID-19. Employers/businesses should use this document as follows: Section 1 includes mitigations measures that all employers/businesses should follow as applicable. Subsequent Sections provide additional measures identified for specific industry sectors and specific business types. Those specific industries should reference both Section 1 in conjunction with the section(s) applicable to its business.

Butte County will continue to monitor State and Federal guidance materials to determine modifications needed, if any, to create alignment. The County will also continue to work with specific industries and business types to seek input as these mitigation measures are implemented.

NOTE: The State of California may issue guidance for employers/businesses that is different than these mitigation measures. The County may update these measures to align with State requirements and guidance, or other best practices as data becomes available for COVID-19.

These measures were developed to speed up the reopening of businesses in Butte County, and the development occurred prior to State guidelines being complete.

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SECTION 1. ALL EMPLOYERS

NOTE: The State of California may issue guidance for employers/businesses that is different than these mitigation measures. Butte County may update these measures to align with State requirements and guidance, or other best practices as data becomes available for COVID-19.

Section 1 includes recommended guidelines and best practices that all employers should follow. The best practices are written to describe the current understanding of actions that can be taken to limit or mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in the workplace.

In addition to these measures, additional best practices and guidelines have been identified for specific industry sectors and specific business types, as listed in the following sections. Those specific industries should reference both Section 1 in conjunction with the section(s) applicable to its business.

A. Training:

☐ Train employees on all measures and protocols applicable to their function or role prior to returning to work at place of business.

B. Signage:

☐ Post local self-certification window placard in a visible location. Visit www.buttecounty.net/buttereopens to download templates.
☐ Provide signage at each entrance of the facility to inform employees and customers of common COVID-19 symptoms and that they must not enter the facility if they are sick with or suspect they may be experiencing COVID 19 symptoms.
☐ Provide signage regarding the social / physical distancing protocol at the facility; persons to maintain a minimum six-foot distance from non-household members as much as practicable and not engage in any unnecessary physical contact.
☐ Provide signage regarding proper hand washing technique should be posted at all hand-wash sinks.
☐ Provide signage encouraging regular hand washing in breakrooms and other locations where employee information is provided.

C. Measures to Protect Employee Health:

☐ Direct all employees to stay home if sick.
☐ Instruct employees to notify a supervisor if they are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, such as fever, cough, and/or gastrointestinal symptoms.
☐ Direct sick employees with symptoms associated with COVID-19 to be evaluated for testing by their doctor or urgent care.
☐ Direct all employees to self-monitor for symptoms of COVID-19.
☐ Direct all employees to maintain at least six feet distance from customers and from each other, as much as practicable.
Provide face coverings to employees and encourage employees to use face covering when physical distancing is not feasible.

Encourage customers to utilize face coverings when entering the facility.

Separate workstations by at least six feet.

Do not share office supplies, tools, etc.

Provide separate seating in common areas such as break rooms and conference rooms.

Utilize and encourage virtual meetings where possible.

Encourage telecommuting where possible.

Discourage congregation of employees during breaks and lunches, unless physical distancing can be maintained.

Instruct cleaning staff to wear applicable Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) such as disposable gloves and eye protection for all tasks in the cleaning process, including handling trash. Direct staff to wash their hands immediately after removing disposable gloves.

Disinfect high contact surfaces in break rooms, restrooms, and other common areas (i.e. door handles, lobbies, etc.) frequently. Those areas receiving more traffic should be disinfected more often. As a best practice, all businesses should disinfect on the following schedule and maintain a log capturing actions, at a minimum:

- Public Restrooms: Twice daily
- Employee Breakrooms: Daily
- Employee Restrooms: Daily
- Other employee shared areas: Daily
- High contact surfaces (door handles, light switches, etc.): At least daily and more frequently if needed

Sanitize incoming packages, products or materials as part of the receiving process.

Direct employees to regularly clean their workstations daily, or at the start and end of their shift for shared workstations and areas.

Make sanitizer / disinfectant and related cleaning supplies available to all employees at specified locations.

Ensure employees frequently wash hands using soap, water and single-use paper towels. In situations where hand washing facilities are not available, provide hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

Provide hand sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol to all employees and customers at common points of ingress/egress and in common areas such as conference rooms, breakrooms, or other locations used by multiple employees.

Provide hand sanitizer to employees at their workstation when their role requires regular interaction with customers.

Post copies of measures and protocols being taken related to COVID-19 in a conspicuous place and provide to all employees.
D. Measures to Prevent Crowds from Gathering / Encourage Physical Distancing:

☐ Limit the number of customers in the facility at any one time to the maximum number which allows for customers (or groups of household members) and employees to easily maintain at least six-foot distance from one another, at all practicable times.

☐ At retail counters or in other locations where queueing is possible, placing tape or other markings at least six feet apart in customer areas inside the facility and on sidewalks at public entrances with signs directing customers to use the markings to maintain distance. If groups of household members often wait together, increase distances between markings so that separation of household groups of at least six feet is maintained.

☐ Where long lines can form, assign an employee to monitor lines in order to ensure that the maximum number of customers in the facility is not exceeded.

☐ Limit use of lobbies / waiting rooms. Develop a system(s) that allows customers to wait in cars or other locations.

☐ Offer service by appointment-only.

☐ Offer and encourage on-line product ordering with curbside pickup or delivery.

☐ Create one-way shopping aisles in higher traffic areas.

☐ Separate order areas from pickup and delivery areas to prevent customers from gathering.

☐ Implement protections for cashiers, pharmacy workers, and other workers who normally have regular, close interaction with the public with engineering controls such as Plexiglas screens or other physical barriers, or spatial distance of at least six feet.

☐ Develop restroom occupancy plans that will help ensure 6 foot physical distancing can be accomplished, limit restrooms to single user if necessary.

E. Measures to Prevent Unnecessary Hand Contact / Increase Sanitation / Disinfection:

☐ Provide contactless payment systems or, if not feasible, sanitize payment systems frequently, depending on volume of use.

☐ Provide hand sanitizers at check-out stands/stations.

☐ Provide disinfecting wipes containing an EPA-registered disinfectant or other disinfection measure(s) for employee or customer use where appropriate.

☐ Eliminate or restrict use of self-service sampling unless provided from a single use container (personal care products, foods, etc.).

☐ Assign employee(s) to disinfect high-contact surfaces frequently (point of sale terminals, counters, common tables, restroom surfaces, doorknobs, phones, keyboards, light switches, etc.).

F. Additional Measures to Protect Health:

☐ Require employees to wear face coverings when physical distancing of at least 6 feet cannot be maintained. See face covering guidance.

☐ Discourage customers from bringing their own bags, mugs, or other reusable items from home.

☐ Clean visibly dirty surfaces with soap and water prior to disinfecting.
Use EPA-approved disinfectant against COVID-19 and read the label to make sure it meets your needs and application. A list of approved disinfectants can be found at: https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2

Only allow service animals into your facilities.

G. Other Considerations for Employers:

- Review and follow guidelines by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) to develop, implement, maintain, and revise your cleaning and disinfecting plan as new information becomes available.
- Read instructions and wear gloves and other Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) as specified by the manufacturer for the cleaning and disinfecting products you are using.
- Consider what items can be moved or removed completely to reduce frequent handling or contact from multiple people. Soft and porous materials, such as area rugs and seating, may be removed or stored to reduce the challenges with cleaning and disinfecting them. You can find additional reopening guidance for cleaning and disinfecting in the CDC’s Reopening Decision Tool.
- Implement flexible sick leave and supportive policies and practices.
- Consider how your facilities will operate if absenteeism spikes from increases in sick employees, those who stay home to care for sick family members, and those who must stay home to watch their children.
- Prepare to perform cleaning and disinfection if persons suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19 have been in your facilities.
- Follow all industry guidance issued by State and federal regulatory agencies. See industry guidance published by the State of California.

*Note: Throughout these Standards and Guidelines, face coverings shall refer to material that fully covers a person’s nose and mouth.*
SECTION 2. RETAIL STORES

**NOTE:** The County may update these measures to align with State requirements and guidance, or other best practices as data becomes available for COVID-19.

In addition to the measures listed in the [CDPH and Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Industry Guidance: Retail](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/PEMS/Files/COVID19RetailGuidance.pdf), additional measures have been identified for Retail Stores. Employers within this Industry should implement the following measures in order to open for in-store shopping.

A. **Training:**

B. **Signage:**
   - Post local self-certification window placard in a visible location. Visit [www.buttecounty.net/buttereopens](http://www.buttecounty.net/buttereopens) to download templates.

C. **Measures to Protect Employee Health:**

D. **Measures to Prevent Crowds from Gathering / Encourage Physical Distancing:**
   - Assign an employee to monitor that the maximum number of customers in the facility is not exceeded.

E. **Measures to Prevent Unnecessary Hand Contact / Increase Sanitization / Disinfection:**
   - Close fitting rooms until required guidelines can be finalized.
   - Suspend returns and exchanges until a store policy is established to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 for returned items.

F. **Additional Measures to Protect Health:**
   - Require employees to wear face coverings when working in places accessible to the public. See face covering guidance at [www.buttecounty.net/buttereopens](http://www.buttecounty.net/buttereopens).
SECTION 3. RESTAURANTS (RETAIL FOOD)

NOTE: The State of California may issue guidance for employers/businesses that is different than these mitigation measures. The County may update these measures to align with State requirements and guidance, or other best practices as data becomes available for COVID-19.

In addition to the measures listed in Section 1 All Businesses, additional measures have been identified for specific industry sectors and specific business types. Employers within this industry should implement the following additional measures in order to open for in-restaurant dining.

A. Training: No additional measures. See Section 1.

B. Signage: No additional measures. See Section 1.

C. Measures to Protect Employee Health:

- High contact surfaces in break rooms, restrooms, and other common areas should be disinfected on the following schedule:
  - Public Restrooms: Hourly
  - Ensure employees more frequently wash hands using soap, warm water and single use paper towels at hand wash sinks.

D. Measures to Prevent Crowds from Gathering / Encourage Physical Distancing:

- Maintain occupancy at or below 50%.
- Designate an employee who will monitor that the maximum number of customers in the facility is not exceeded and physical distancing is maintained.
- Provide seating by reservation.
- Encourage to-go service, where applicable.
- Control physical distancing of people consuming food and beverage by limiting at-bar service, separating dining tables and restricting table use to keep household parties separated from others by a minimum of 6 feet.

E. Measures to Prevent Unnecessary Hand Contact / Increase Sanitization / Disinfection (beyond requirements in California Retail Food Code):

- Do not allow customers to sit or stand within 6 feet of food, glassware, consumables, or other materials that will be provided to other customers. In bar situations, if 6 feet of separation from such materials is not possible, install Plexiglas or other smooth and easily cleanable shielding materials to prevent contamination.
- Discontinue self-serve operations, such as salad bars, buffets, food sampling, and beverage service stations that require customers to use common utensils or dispensers. Consider single use disposable utensils or containers and provide packets of condiments, not bulk dispensed items.
- Provide cups, lids, stir sticks etc. upon request and do not provide them via self-service.
Utilize online ordering, menu boards, single use disposable menus, or utilize menus which can be sanitized between use (i.e. laminated).

Consider physical barriers for employees that normally have close interaction with customers such as at cashier stands or check-out counters.

Assign employee(s) to disinfect high-contact surfaces frequently (point of sale terminals, counters, tables, restroom surfaces, etc.).

Make disinfecting wipes containing an EPA-registered disinfectant or other disinfection measure(s) available near shopping carts and shopping baskets.

Assign employee(s) to disinfect high-contact surfaces frequently (point of sale terminals, counters, restroom surfaces, etc.).

F. Additional Measures to Protect Health:

Require employees to wear face coverings when working in places accessible to the public. (See measures in Section 1 for all other employee) See face covering guidance.
SECTION 4. MANUFACTURING

NOTE: Butte County may update these measures to align with State requirements and guidance, or other best practices as data becomes available for COVID-19.

In addition to the measures listed in the CDPH and Cal/OSHA COVID-19 Industry Guidance: Manufacturing, additional measures have been identified for Manufacturing. Employers within this Industry should implement the following measures.

A. Training:

B. Signage: No additional measures. See Section 1.
   □ Post local self-certification window placard in a visible location. Visit www.buttecounty.net/buttereopens to download templates.

C. Measures to Protect Employee Health:

D. Measures to Prevent Crowds from Gathering / Encourage Physical Distancing:

E. Measures to Prevent Unnecessary Hand Contact / Increase Sanitization / Disinfection:

F. Additional Measures to Protect Health:
   □ Require employees to wear face coverings when working in places accessible to the public. See face covering guidance.
SECTION 5. HAIR SALONS, BARBERS, AND NAIL SALONS

NOTE: The State of California may issue guidance for employers/businesses that is different than these mitigation measures. The County may update these measures to align with State requirements and guidance, or other best practices as data becomes available for COVID-19.

Butte County does not have local authority to provide guidance for businesses in these sectors to reopen in Stage 2. Licensed providers such as cosmetology, dental, medical etc. should refer to State Licensing Boards for guidelines, provisions, requirements, and timelines for reopening.

If the State allows counties to move these sectors to opening sooner than the State does, this section will apply. In addition to the measures listed in Section 1 All Businesses, additional measures have been identified for specific industry sectors and specific business types. Employers within this Industry should implement the following additional measures in order to reopen sooner than the State once authority has been granted to counties to allow reopening in these sectors.

A. Training: No additional measures. See Section 1.

B. Signage:

- Post signage that warns customers that masks are needed because social/physical distancing is not possible.
- Post signage that non-clients are prohibited from entering the facility.

C. Measures to Protect Employee Health:

- Require face coverings for both practitioners and clients.
- Require that practitioners wash hands before starting a new client, immediately after working on a client, and after cleaning up post-client.
- Require that practitioners wash hands (using soap, water and single use paper towels) before donning gloves and after removing them.
- Provide sanitizers or EPA-registered disinfectants and related cleaning supplies to all practitioners and employees.
- Evaluate the use of face shields to provide additional protection to employees and customers.
- Keep the facility as well ventilated as possible for increased exchange of outside air.

D. Measures to Prevent Crowds from Gathering / Encourage Physical Distancing:

- Limit the number of customers so there is at least a 6-foot physical separation between workstations during service delivery.
- Limit procedures to be conducted by appointment only, with no walk-in customers.
- Encourage clients to wait in their cars until their practitioner is ready, rather than waiting inside the facility.
- Limit people inside the facility to employees and clients only.
E. Measures to Prevent Unnecessary Hand Contact / Increase Sanitization / Disinfection:

- Provide practitioners with hand sanitizer and surgical (case) masks that completely cover the nose and mouth to use during a procedure.
- Use only medical-grade surgical masks and gloves that are changed with each procedure.
- Do not use cellphones while services are being delivered.
- Require sanitization/disinfection of workstations, equipment, tables, chairs, and other surfaces touched by clients between each procedure and maintain documentation logs.

F. Additional Measures to Protect Health:

- Install Plexiglas or other smooth and easily cleanable shielding materials if services can be delivered from a fixed position.
SECTION 6. FITNESS CENTERS/GYMS

NOTE: The State of California may issue guidance for employers/businesses that is different than these mitigation measures. Butte County may update these measures to align with State requirements and guidance, or other best practices as data becomes available for COVID-19.

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A. Training: No additional measures. See Section 1.

B. Signage: No additional measures. See Section 1.

C. Measures to Protect Employee Health:

   - Disinfect high contact surfaces in break rooms, restrooms, and other common areas on the following schedule:
     1. Public Bathrooms: Twice daily
     2. Employee Breakrooms: Daily
     3. Employee Restrooms: Daily
     4. Other employee shared areas: Daily
     5. High contact surfaces (door handles, light switches, etc.): Daily or more frequently if needed
     6. Gym equipment: After each user.

D. Measures to Prevent Crowds from Gathering / Encourage Physical Distancing:

   - Evaluate only allowing access via appointment.
   - Assign an employee to monitor that the maximum number of customers in the facility is not exceeded.
   - Use an “every other machine” approach to ensure 6 foot distancing.
   - Suspend group classes.
   - Common equipment touch points on all equipment need to be disinfected between each user. Develop systems for those waiting to use a piece of equipment.

E. Measures to Prevent Unnecessary Hand Contact / Increase Sanitization / Disinfection:

   - Stop use of water fountains, shared water bottles, and water stations - provide or encourage customers to use individual water bottles.
☐ Provide disinfecting wipes containing an EPA-registered disinfectant or other disinfection measure for customers to wipe down equipment after each use.

F. Additional Measures to Protect Health:

☐ Require employees to wear face coverings when working in places accessible to the public. (See measures in Section 1 for all other employee) See face covering guidance.

☐ Offer special hours or appointments for immuno-compromised and other vulnerable populations.

☐ Implement mid-day halts, where gym members are stopped from entering the facility and a full, secondary cleaning can be completed.
May 8, 2020

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Dear Dr. Angell and Dr. Miller:

Per the requirements defined by Dr. Angell in the May 7, 2020, Variance to Stage 2 of California's Roadmap to Modify the State-at-Home Order: Guidance to County Governments, the Butte County Board of Supervisors provides this letter of support for the written attestation submitted by Dr. Andy Miller, Butte County Health Officer, to the California Department of Public Health.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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Dear Governor Newsom and Dr. Angell:

The Butte County Board of Supervisors commends you for the swift action taken by the State in March including the Orders that allowed California to have a fighting chance in the COVID-19 pandemic. The steps taken have proven to work, as the trend in California has not matched predictions and forecasts. The mitigation measures have allowed hospitals and health care systems to expand surge capacity and gather sufficient supplies and resources, and testing has become readily available.

Thanks to our residents and businesses who have voluntarily adhered to all State restrictions and guidance for almost two months, Butte County had only 18 confirmed cases as of May 5th - one of the lowest lab-confirmed case counts in the State and equating to a rate of approximately .00008 per 100,000 population. Of the 18 cases, five (5) were hospitalized, two (2) of those hospitalized were in the ICU, and we are so fortunate to have had no deaths to-date. All 18 cases were released from isolation as of May 9, 2020.

We appreciate your announcement last week that the State will allow local Health Officers, based on data-driven metrics and an attestation, to begin a phased reopening of some lower risk businesses and activities at the local level. On behalf of the County of Butte, and at the recommendation of our Health Officer, Public Health Director, Sheriff, and Chief Administrative Officer, the Board respectfully requests you amend your statewide Orders a bit further by allowing local Health Officers to phase in reopening of a mix of the State’s Stage 2 and 3 businesses and activities, based on local data and studies such as the Johns Hopkins Public Health Principles for Phased Reopening during COVID-19: Guidance to Governors. You might consider it a hybrid of Stages 2 and 3 in your roadmap. Examples of differences between the State’s defined Stage 2 and the Johns Hopkins guidance, are businesses that fall into the personal care sector such as hair salons, barbers, spas, and gyms and fitness studios, as well as recreational facilities such as lap pools and playgrounds. In consultation with our business
sector teams and trade associations, these are businesses and activities that we believe can put successful mitigations in place and reopen during Stage 2 rather than waiting for Stage 3. The health expert panel commits to tightening restrictions and closing businesses or activities if the panel determines a problematic outbreak from a particular sector has occurred.

The primary purpose of California counties is to protect the health and safety of our residents. Health and safety is all encompassing, and it is a constant balancing act to ensure that we are doing all we can on that front. There is no doubt that the COVID-19 virus has taken its toll across the world, including hard hit communities throughout the nation and some in our own State. In protecting the public from COVID-19, which we cannot eradicate at this time but can only manage through containment and mitigation, we must not lose sight of other threats to public health and safety.

- Economic hardship has public health and safety implications, especially when so many have lost their sources of income and health care coverage.
- Isolation, along with reduced in-person physical and mental health services, have significant public health and safety implications.

In an attempt to protect people from a virus that might make them extremely ill, or potentially kill them, we may be subjecting them to different public health threats that could have the same negative results.

The Orders, though absolutely called for in March, are placing undue burdens on individuals and businesses in Butte County who have already been impacted by multiple disasters and the related economic fallout in the past three years. As you know, Butte County has had its share of disasters including:

- the federally-declared Lake Oroville Spillway Incident in 2017;
- one federally-declared and three State-declared wildfires in 2017;
- the federally-declared Camp Fire in 2018 (the most destructive wildfire in California’s history); and
- COVID-19.

Some businesses in the Camp Fire burn area were just getting back on their feet when the COVID-19 Orders closed their doors again. Many of them may not be able to survive the compounded economic hits. The County and its residents cannot sustain a shutdown of so many businesses any longer. We implore you to support our residents and businesses so many of them can get back to work and support themselves and their families, with appropriate mitigations and protections for the public and employees alike. The layered economic impacts to individuals, businesses, and local governments and districts may be far greater in Butte County than other areas of the State, due to the back-to-back-to-back disasters we have experienced.

Under the current status of the State’s Orders, Butte County is experiencing the following:

- An observed spike in 911 calls from people with chronic health conditions who may be fearful to go to the doctor, hospital, or emergency room in light of COVID-19 and, therefore, exacerbate their health condition to a level where emergency response is necessary and/or death occurs;
- An increased level of violence, especially domestic violence, in the calls received by law enforcement; and
- Reduced reports of child abuse, as the community eyes that normally assist children in need are no longer there, and children are at home with only their potential abusers.

The community-wide trauma from multiple disasters weighs heavy on Butte County’s residents and the isolation and economic fear many now live with is only exacerbating that trauma. We are a strong and resilient community, but as human beings we have our limits – and this latest disaster is pushing our residents to those limits.

Please consider immediately amending your Orders to move businesses and activities identified earlier in this letter from Stage 3 to Stage 2, where supported by local data and appropriate mitigation measures. Such action will allow for more individuals and businesses in Butte County to begin a phased-in return to work, with appropriate mitigations in place to protect the public. High-risk individuals will be requested to remain at home and vigilant. Individuals who are not high-risk, but are still fearful, can self-determine if they want to participate in local services and activities and may always choose to stay home. While businesses will have to modify operations to comply with necessary mitigation measures, the private and public sectors are up to the challenge in order to provide some economic relief while continuing to keep cases low.

Butte County, its local jurisdictions, and our private, public, non-profit, and faith-based partners have come together to create Butte County’s plan for reopening, which has been submitted to the State with the Health Officer’s attestation that we meet the criteria as defined by Dr. Angell. We look forward to your swift action to modify your Orders in such a way that allows local authorities to determine the best path forward for our unique situations.

In closing, thank you again for your leadership as the pandemic unfolded and know that we are here to help you and the State be successful as we collectively lessen restrictions with appropriate safety measures, to protect our State and its residents from other, very real public health and safety threats besides the virus. Our Public Health Officer, Dr. Andy Miller amiller@buttecounty.net, and our Chief Administrative Officer, Shari McCracken smccracken@buttecounty.net, are available if you have any questions

Sincerely,

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