



Reopening the Big Sky FAQs

What is allowed to open in Phase 1?

- On April 26th, churches may reopen in a limited capacity with social distancing guidelines.
- On April 27th, retail stores and main street businesses may open with limited capacity and social distancing.
- On April 27th, salons, personal care, and tattooing may reopen with limited capacity and social distancing.
- On May 4th, restaurants, bars, distilleries, casinos, and breweries may reopen with limited capacity and social distancing.

What isn't allowed to open in Phase 1?

Per the Governor's Directive, places that are difficult to maintain social distancing will not be allowed to open until Phase 2. This includes facilities such as gym, museums, theaters, and large events.

How long will Phase 1 last?

The Governor's Directive does not specify how long Phase 1 of Reopening will last. The state DPHHS and the Governor's Office is monitoring the situation and will update as things change.

Are schools opening?

According to the Governor's Directive, schools will be closed through May 7th. On that date, the decision to open the schools will be decided by local school boards.

Will employees be wearing masks?

We are recommending that businesses provide cloth masks for their employees. We are also recommending that individuals wear cloth masks when out in public. There is currently no local or state mandate for the general public to wear cloth mask.



What are the new guidelines for businesses?

- The most recent Governor's Directive provides guidance for businesses opening in Phase 1. The full directive can be viewed here: <https://flatheadhealth.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/04-22-20-Directive-and-Appx-Reopening-Phase-One.pdf>
- FCCHD has written additional recommendations for businesses that are reopening in Phase 1. This information is available here: <https://flatheadhealth.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/4.22-Website-Reopening-Plan.pdf>)

Can stores and churches only have 10 people in them?

- According to the Governor's Directive, stores and churches can function with reduced capacity and where strict physical distancing protocols can be maintained.
- In spaces where adequate social distancing cannot be maintained, groups should remain at less than 10 people.