



# Roadmap to Recovery

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This is an updated Roadmap to Recovery plan which is a negotiated modified phase 1 approach, different than the modified phase 1 approach in the Safe Start statewide plan. This plan was entered into as a containment strategy given the high rates of COVID-19 that were being experienced in Yakima County when other counties had infection rates that allowed them to advance into other phases. It was entered into only after significant efforts were made to increase the use of face coverings in the community, increased support for COVID-19 prevention and containment efforts by community leaders, and leadership from the business community to help ensure businesses would be fully prepared to re-open in accordance with safe start business guideline. The intent was to open up *some, limited, non-essential services* so Yakima County residents could receive services in-county (rather than go to other counties where disease rates were significantly less), carefully modify activities so as to not increase disease burden and hospitalizations, and provide some economic stimulus in the local community.

This effort is having a positive effect with disease rates significantly decreasing for a sustained period of time and face covering use increasing based on surveys showing at least 95% of people using face coverings. Given this progress, the Washington State Department of Health and Yakima County Health District have negotiated *some additional, limited number of activities* that may begin as of **Saturday, August 1, 2020**. Those additional activities are highlighted in yellow below.

We applaud the progress being made and know that the use of face coverings, limiting interactions, maintaining physical distancing, and maintaining good hygiene will need to be sustained for progress to continue. The State of Washington stands ready to keep assisting in your progress.

The Yakima Health District and the State Department of Health have developed this specialized plan to get businesses reopened in Yakima County and minimize economic impacts to the region while implementing additional COVID-19 response activities to help offset the risk of transmission in these businesses. The Department of Health is making an exception to the regular "Safe Start" process due to the high level of COVID-19 activity in Yakima County, the negative economic impacts to the community for remaining in phase 1 for a prolonged time period, and the concern of spreading virus as residents seek services out of county.

This plan allows Yakima County to reopen additional businesses and activities on August 1, 2020, if the county continues to implement activities to augment their response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The county must continue or begin implementation of all the activities in the below table to augment their response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Yakima Health District will send progress reports to the Department

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of Health to monitor progress in implementing the new response activities until hospitalizations for COVID-19 consistently decline in their community.

Individuals Response Measures	Required Activities to Address the COVID-19 Pandemic
Community masking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Require masks in all businesses</li> <li>- Continue distribution of masks to the public</li> <li>- Further develop local campaigns to communicate about the importance of masking and other individual community mitigation strategies</li> <li>- Perform a survey to assess mask use in several cities in the county every <b>other</b> week</li> </ul>
No gatherings with people outside the household	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Further develop local campaigns to communicate the importance of wearing masks and other individual community mitigation strategies</li> <li>- Regularly communicate with the public via press conferences and other means to remind the public not to hold gatherings</li> <li>- Encourage law enforcement to provide education to large groups that are gathered in the community to re-establish a norm in the community</li> </ul>
Public Health Response Measures	Required Activities
Testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Communicate with healthcare providers and the public about the need to test everyone with symptoms of COVID-19, even if they are mild, and all asymptomatic people with high risk of exposure including all household and other close contacts of cases, and persons exposed in outbreak settings</li> <li>- Maintain additional drive thru test sites in the county</li> <li>- Distribute educational materials and masks at all drive thru test sites</li> </ul>
Case/contact investigations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ensure healthcare partners are educating patient about isolation and quarantine when specimens are getting collected</li> <li>- Build capacity locally to do case / contact investigations (goal is 15 FTE / 100,000)</li> </ul>
Case/contact management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Establish mechanism for DOH case/contact investigators to communicate patient needs to local health jurisdiction staff</li> <li>- Dedicate core staff to provide wrap around services to cases and contact in isolation and quarantine</li> <li>- Use incentives to keep individuals in isolation and quarantine</li> <li>- Track services provided for review with DOH at weekly meetings</li> </ul>
Infection prevention and outbreak response in general businesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Require all businesses to sign a business pledge agreeing that they will follow all COVID-19 guidance and submit the pledge, along with a safe operating plan, to the Chamber of Commerce prior to opening and post the plan on the front entrance. Pledge form can found on the Chamber of Commerce website or the Yakima Health District website.</li> <li>- Require Yakima Health District to look for COVID-19 measures during routine inspections of restaurants</li> <li>- Dedicate core staff to outbreak prevention and response activities</li> </ul>

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<p>Infection prevention and outbreak response in the agricultural industry</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Regularly convene or communicate with agricultural industry to ensure businesses are following state <a href="#">DOH</a> and L&amp;I guidance</li> <li>- Establish mechanism for DOH case/contact investigators to notify local health jurisdiction staff of agricultural workers with COVID-19</li> <li>- Follow <a href="#">DOH guidance</a> when investigating potential outbreaks in agricultural businesses               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Visit agricultural businesses when a case is identified and perform an outbreak investigation.</li> <li>o If an outbreak is detected (2 or more cases), test all staff and employees to identify both symptomatic and asymptomatic persons within the building or site and make site specific isolation and quarantine orders.</li> <li>o If a single member of a housing unit or group shelter tests positive, test the entire group shelter.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>Infection prevention and outbreak response in LTCFs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Regularly convene or communicate with long term care facilities to ensure they are following state guidance and have the supplies they need</li> <li>- Complete point prevalence testing at long term care facilities</li> <li>- Implement weekly testing of staff</li> </ul>
<p><b>Health Care Response</b></p>	
<p>Hospital capacity</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Must have 20% surge capacity in hospitals, including ICUs, prior to opening.</li> <li>- Must have adequate capacity to transport patients outside of the county if hospitals and/or ICUs becomes overwhelmed</li> </ul>

The activities below are approved activities of this negotiated modified phase 1 plan, with the yellow highlighted activities being new activities that may begin on Saturday, August 1, 2020:

- a. Construction as permitted in Phase 2 guidance. (new construction projects can occur)
- b. Manufacturing as permitted in Phase 2 guidance. (non-essential manufacturing)
- c. Restaurants/**Wineries/Breweries/Bars** for outdoor seating only with proper distancing and operating according to State Department of Health guidelines. Only members of the same household may be seated together. See guidelines for restaurant, tavern, breweries, wineries and distilleries here: <https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/COVID19%20Phase%20%20and%20%20Restauran%20and%20Tavern%20Guidance.pdf> and note that indoor seating is NOT allowed in Yakima County at this time and that outdoor seating at a table is limited to household members only. Also note that alcohol service at all establishments must end no later than 10pm.
- d. In-store retail at **25%** indoor capacity with indoor activities limited to 30 min.
- e. Drive-In Movies. Only members of the same household may be in the same car. Concessions, if sold, must be ordered from the car and must be delivered to the car by servers wearing face coverings, and occupants of the vehicle wearing a face covering when the food is delivered.
- f. Regulated pools may open with a supervisor of the pool present whenever it is open for use. Authorized operations include appointment-only lap swimming, one-on-one lessons, and small group classes (groups of 5 or less) at general use swimming pools only (e.g., athletic club pools and municipal pools) as defined in WAC 246-260-010(34) and WAC 246-260-010(74). General use spas, general use wading pools, general use spray pools, limited use pools as defined in WAC 246-260, and any recreational water contact facility regulated under WAC 246-262 are not included in this authorization at this time.

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- g. Personal services at approximately 25% indoor capacity or
  - If capacity is 1-4 stations, can operate 1 station
  - If capacity is 5-8 stations, can operate 2 stations
  - If capacity is 9-12 stations, can operate 3 stations
- h. Dog groomers at 25% indoor capacity
- i. Outdoor spiritual gatherings with open-air tents/canopies (no walls).
- j. No gatherings with people outside of the household except for small behavioral health (includes mental health and substance use) support groups of  $\leq 5$  people. Masking and social distancing must be practiced.

Yakima County will focus on the public health goal of decreasing hospitalizations for COVID-19. This metric will be monitored over the course of implementing this plan. If hospitalizations for COVID-19 significantly increase throughout the course of implementing this plan, the state will consider a strict lock down of the county, including closure of nearly all businesses.