

If my business can't open until Phase 3, what guidance document do I follow?

Answer: Please follow the Phase 3 safety plan:

https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/BusinessTemplate_Phase3_1.pdf

Why are these guidance documents/rules always changing? How do I keep up-to-date?

Answer: This pandemic is constantly evolving. We update according the rules to the latest data. As we learn more about the virus and how to treat COVID-19, rules and guidance are updated to reflect the best practices to keep our communities and loved ones safe.

Sign up for email or text alerts at <https://coronavirus.wa.gov/sign-email-or-text>

If my business falls within an earlier phase, what guidance document do I follow once my county reaches Phase 3?

Answer: You continue to follow the guidance document from the earlier phase that you were in, but check the coronavirus website to see if any requirements have been relaxed as a result of your county moving to a higher phase: <https://coronavirus.wa.gov/what-you-need-know/safe-start/whats-open-each-phase>

What if my business is not listed on any of the phase documents? How do I find out what phase I am in?

Answer: We are looking at every industry and sector, they are all under review. Any business that is not specified in an already publicized document on this website

(<https://www.governor.wa.gov/issues/issues/covid-19-resources/covid-19-reopening-guidance-businesses-and-workers/>) is either in Phase 3 or Phase 4. If you are uncertain as to

what phase you fall in, you can request clarification through the state's Business Response Center: <https://coronavirus.wa.gov/how-you-can-help/covid-19-business-and-worker-inquiries>

Does a business have to reopen once a guidance document has been issued for the respective sector?

Answer: No, any employer has the choice to reopen when they believe they can safely do so. The guidance documents only provide them the requirements that they must follow if they do choose to reopen.

What phase is my county in now?

Answer: You can find the phase status of your county at <https://coronavirus.wa.gov/what-you-need-know/county-status-and-safe-start-application-process>

What does Modified Phase 1 mean?

Answer: Please review the requirements for your sector or profession on page 7-8:

<https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/SafeStartPhasedReopening.pdf>. You can also visit your county's website to learn more about what is now allowed.

You can also track what phase your county is in here: <https://coronavirus.wa.gov/what-you-need-know/county-status-and-safe-start-application-process>

All activities must follow the health and safety requirements for your respective sector or profession (<https://www.governor.wa.gov/issues/issues/covid-19-resources/covid-19-reopening-guidance-businesses-and-workers/>).