

Top Re-Opening Tips for Businesses

While incremental reopening is progress, we must remain diligent about minimizing the spread of COVID-19. Even as we begin to return to “normal,” you and your employees can help keep each other, your customers and the community safe with these practices.

- Ensure that employees continue to [wear masks](#), [gloves as appropriate](#) and have access to [hand washing](#) and cleaning supplies
- Maintain regular cleaning and disinfecting practices as often as reasonable and warranted using CDC guidance and approved cleaners
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/cleaning-disinfection.html>
- Address reasonable concerns with staff by being open to accommodations (telework, alternate assignments that limit interaction, etc.)
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-small-business.html>
- Any sick employees should stay home and/or be sent home immediately
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html>
- Consider taking temperatures at the beginning of shifts to help identify potentially asymptomatic employees <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/general-business-faq.html>
- Place [social distancing](#) reminders and guides throughout the public areas
- Limit the number of customers in a confined space at once
- Encourage cashless transactions if possible
- Promote proper ventilation of facilities through HVAC maintenance or just opening windows for fresh air <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/stay-safe.html>

Details on these measures and more can be found on the Howard County Health Department Coronavirus website. <https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Health/MM-Alerts-and-Recalls>

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