

MINGO COUNTY, WV

Business and Community Transition Plan



Mingo County Commission



Mingo County's Business and Community Transition Plan is to serve as the framework to plan and prepare our community businesses and partners to reopen our communities as safely and efficient as possible as we emerge from this Novel Coronavirus Pandemic.

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The COVID-19 situation has tested our community resilience, pandemic response and community resources in a way that has never been seen. As we started our education on social distancing, moving into business closing with only essential businesses operational and our fellow community members finding themselves unemployed, it has created a dynamic with enormous impact in the fabric of our daily lives. As we transition into the reopening of our business community, the Mingo County Commission and the Mingo County Local Health Department stands as a resource to our business partners, healthcare partners, county and municipal governments, first responders and all our community members.

This document can serve as an outline for an appropriate and reasonable process whereby our community can reopen its businesses in accordance with federal and state guidelines and ensure as much mitigation of the transfer of COVID-19 as possible. This document serves as a community framework to plan and prepare our community businesses and partners to reopen to address individual needs as we move forward. It is not meant to be all-inclusive, but to be flexible and fluid, two terms we have become very familiar with during this pandemic emergency.

Guidelines

There are three very important topics to consider when reopening our community

1. Adequate testing for the COVID-19 virus.
2. Robust community epidemiologic contact tracing capacity.
3. Availability of personal and public protective policies, equipment and supplies.

Local guidelines must align with state and national initiatives such as the White House's Opening Up America Again guidelines and the executive orders of our West Virginia Governor, Jim Justice. All efforts must comply with all applicable laws and they must protect the safety of workers and the public.

To obtain input and feedback from a broad set of stakeholders the Mingo County Health Department will:

- ▶ Coordinate a meeting with a Steering Committee (previously our Mingo County COVID-19 Coalition Team) to develop, provide feedback and build a structural framework for the transition. Representatives have been identified from:
 - Mingo County Commission
 - Mingo County Local Health Department
 - Mingo County Emergency Management
 - Mingo County Board of Education
 - Mingo County Healthcare Providers
 - Mingo County Essential Service Providers (i.e. Child Care, Senior Programs, Long Term Care)
- ▶ Develop a broader community base team to facilitate and develop a Mingo County Plan to open the community with the above representatives along with:
 - The Mingo County Commission
 - The Cities of Delbarton, Gilbert, Kermit, Matewan, and Williamson
 - Mingo County Healthcare Providers

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- Logan Mingo Area Mental Health Systems
- Southern West Virginia Health Systems
- Williamson Health and Wellness Center
- Private Physician Practices
- o Mingo County Board of Education
 - Mingo County Schools
- o Mingo County Emergency Management
- o Mingo County Child Care Facilities
- o Tug Valley Chamber of Commerce and Business Association(s)
- o Faith Community
- o Substance Abuse Prevention Centers
- o Law Enforcement (State, County, and City)
- o Professional Businesses (Attorney, Accountant, Financial etc.)
- o Long Term Care/Nursing Home/Assisted Living/ Home Health Care Services
- o Judicial Representatives
- o Other

Development of Concepts to reopen a business or sector of business

- ▶ COVID-19 Health Education
 - o Hand washing
 - o Wearing a face covering when appropriate in public
 - o Availability and use of supplies such as hand sanitizer or personal protective equipment as in obtaining/wearing a mask or face covering
 - o Social distancing at all opportunities – 6 feet spacing
 - o Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth
 - o Recognize symptoms and avoid those with symptoms
 - o Self-isolate if showing symptoms of COVID-19
 - o Cleaning and disinfecting surfaces in your home, car or things that you and others touch
- ▶ Non-Essential Businesses
 - o Have the ability to source, obtain and sustain delivery of protective supplies and develop policies and procedures to address:
 - Gloves for staff members
 - Disinfecting and/or hygienic supplies such as disinfecting spray/paper towels or hand wipes, adequate soap in restrooms
 - Hand Sanitizer placed through the business at appropriate levels
 - Maintain social distancing of 6 feet
 - Follow the guidelines in effect, which currently include:
 - Implement a plan to limit staff, contractors, and vendors to essential personnel
 - Supplying adequate PPE to include disinfecting and hygienic supplies, disinfecting wipes or spray, hand sanitizer, and soap and water consistent

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with the number of persons allowed on the premises

- Provide protective barriers from employees exposed to the general public
 - Barriers include a shield
 - Face mask or face shield
 - Limit customers to 2 individuals per 1,000 square feet of customer floor space
 - Businesses less than 1,000 square feet of customer floor space shall not permit that space to be occupied by more than 5 people.
 - For businesses whose sales are 80% grocery, not more than 3 individuals per 1,000 square feet of floor space at any given time
 - Each business shall track the number of people per square foot who enter and leave the premises. Control should occur on a one in/one out basis
 - All businesses shall take actions to establish appropriate social distance of 6', including but not limited to, marking areas a minimum of 6' where people may stand or wait in line, creating one-way isles, provide signage outlining the distancing guidelines and any other restrictions which limit close contact of people
 - To as much extent as possible, businesses shall encourage its customers to place their order ahead to allow customers to pick up and pay without entering the business
 - Any business open to the public shall prominently display the directives required by this section in a conspicuous manner at each public point of entry to the business
 - All workers are encouraged to wear a face covering over the nose and mouth while in spaces with customers and other workers (considered a barrier)
 - All customers are encouraged and/or provided a mask or face covering that covers their nose and mouth
- ▶ Healthcare - clinical and elective medical care
- The assessment and sourcing of appropriate Personal Protective Equipment to include
 - N-95 masks
 - Surgical Masks
 - Gloves
 - Gowns
 - Face shields
 - Booties
 - PAPR
 - Tyvek Coveralls
 - Hand Sanitizer
 - Hand Soap
- ▶ Child Care Centers - essential and permitted
- Assess the operations of child care centers
 - Capacity of child care centers as determined by their Critical Care Site licensure

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- o Each center shall develop a site-specific infection control plan
- o Screening and documentation of temperatures and/or symptoms of staff and children
 - If symptomatic, exclude immediately
- o Only authorized staff and enrolled children are permitted inside the location as long as the center is under a Critical Care Site license
- ▶ Non-Essential Business Opening Again for Business.
 - o Does the business have policies, procedures and supplies?
 - o Can these be sustained and appropriately adjusted?
 - o How can the business follow the guidelines established?
 - Flow of people in and out.
 - Maintaining parameters established by the CDC, the State of West Virginia and the Mingo County Health Department.
 - 2 per 1000 square feet
 - 5 total people if under 1000 square feet
 - o Each business should develop a site-specific plan to ensure compliance with the regulations in place at the time the business prepares for operations
 - Sectors include but not limited to
 - ATV Related Business and Activities
 - Hotels/Motels, Tourist Lodging and Cabins
 - Beauty Salons
 - Nail Salons
 - Barber Shops
 - Restaurants
 - Tattoo Parlors
 - Non-essential retail
 - Bars
 - Churches and Religious institutions
 - Entertainment facilities
 - Gyms, fitness centers and other like facilities
 - Funeral Homes
 - Performance Halls and Movie Theaters
 - Malls
 - Amusement facilities
 - Playgrounds, parks or other congregate areas for children
 - Pools
 - Bowling alleys
 - Pool halls
 - Bingo Halls
 - Organized sports
 - Social Clubs
- ▶ Individual or Personal

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- o Must be able to source and have available personal protective supplies
- o Strongly encouraged to wear a mask or face covering in public
- o Limit participation in groups larger than guidelines allow
- o Limit to as much extent as possible the time spent in public places
- o Call ahead for items if possible
- o Limit non-elective medical care to as much extent as possible
- o Limit going out in public to small numbers such as 1-3 when going to a place of business
- o Follow hand washing guidelines
- o Social distancing at all opportunities - 6'
- o Avoid touch eyes, nose and mouth
- o Recognize symptoms and avoid those with symptoms
- o Clean all surfaces of your home, car or things that you touch at recommended intervals

The Mingo County Commission and the Mingo County Health Department recognizes the need to adapt to a transitional model in the mitigation of the spread of COVID-19. The health department along with community partners continue to improve, promote and protect the health and well-being of our community by providing education and guidance to ensure the safety of our residents.

Available Resources

- ▶ The Mingo County Health Department at (304) 235-3570 or on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/MingoCountyHeathDept>
- ▶ The Mingo County Court House at (304) 235-0380 or on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/Mingo.Commission/>
- ▶ The Mingo County Emergency Management at (304) 235-8551 or on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/mingooem/>
- ▶ WV DHHR COVID-19 Hotline at 1-800-887-4304
- ▶ WV DHHR COVID-19 website at: <https://dhhr.wv.gov/COVID-19/Pages/default.aspx>
- ▶ CDC COVID-19 website at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- ▶ United States of America White House – Opening Up America Again website at: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/openingamerica/>



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