

# Roadmap to Recovery – Benton & Franklin Counties – Final

In partnership with local health experts, the Department of Health has developed this specialized plan to get businesses reopened in Benton and Franklin Counties to 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 these counties and the negative economic impacts to these communities for remaining in phase 1 for a prolonged time period.

This plan allows Benton and Franklin counties to reopen some businesses if the counties begin immediate implementation of new activities to augment their response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

During the week of June 29, 2020, the counties must continue or begin implementation of all the activities in the below table to augment their response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The counties will send weekly progress reports to the Department of Health to discuss progress in implementing the new response activities until hospitalizations for COVID-19 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 mask and other individual community mitigation strategies</li> <li>- Perform a survey to assess mask use in several cities in the counties every week</li> <li>- Require law enforcement to enforce masking in businesses--??</li> </ul>
No gatherings with people outside the household	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Further develop local campaigns to communicate about the importance of mask 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> <li>- Require law enforcement to decrease communications about not enforcing proclamations</li> </ul>
Public Health Response Measures	Required Activities
Testing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Communicate with your 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>- Establish 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 to 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 that they will follow all COVID-19 guidance and submit a plan to their respective county prior to opening.</li> <li>- Require LHM to look for COVID-19 measures during routine inspections of restaurants</li> <li>- Dedicate core staff to outbreak prevention and response activities</li> </ul>
Infection prevention and outbreak response in the agricultural industry	<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>
Infection prevention and outbreak response in LTCFs	<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>
<b>Health Care Response</b>	
Hospital capacity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Counties must have 20% surge capacity in hospitals, including ICUs, prior to opening.</li> <li>- Counties must have adequate capacity to transport patients outside of the county if their hospitals and/or ICU becomes overwhelmed</li> </ul>

After the Governor’s Press Conference on July 2, 2020 and as decided by each county, the following businesses may reopen under the following parameters if adequate progress is made on the above required activities:

- 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 for outdoor seating only at 50% of existing outdoor capacity.
- d. In-store retail at 15% indoor capacity with indoor activities limited to 30 min.
- e. Personal services at 25% indoor capacity
- f. Dog groomers at 25% indoor capacity
- g. No gatherings with people outside of the household except for small behavioral health support groups of  $\leq 5$  people

Benton and Franklin needs to 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.