



NEW MEXICO BUSINESS COALITION

New Mexico, Let's Get Back to Business

A safe, sensible and incremental plan to get New Mexico back to work*

NMBC's suggestions to reopen New Mexico are as follows:

1) Identify all businesses that can operate under the same guidance currently in effect of a maximum 20 percent occupancy and utilizing masks and social distancing. Open these businesses immediately. Identification should be that every business is allowed to open with 20 percent occupancy and the above guidelines, unless there is a specific reason that operation poses a threat to the public.

2) Open outdoor recreational facilities with the same constraints as businesses. Again, identification should be that every recreational facility is allowed to open with 20 percent occupancy and the above guidelines, unless there is a specific reason that their operation poses a threat to the public. This will allow people and families positive enjoyment to help them stay mentally and emotionally healthy.

3) On May 4, 2020, almost two full weeks past the anticipated virus peak of April 22,ⁱ and 7.5 weeks past the initial declaration of a public health emergency, allow every business, government agency and outdoor recreational facilities to begin operating at 50 percent capacity.

4) On May 16, 2020, allow early voting to take place with the same protective gear and restrictions as used for businesses.

5) On May 18, 2020, two weeks past the initial opening and with no significant virus issues, increase all business, government and outdoor recreational facilities capacities to 75 percent. Begin opening indoor recreational facilities at 25 percent capacity.

6) On June 1, 2020, assuring that there are no significant virus issues, increase all business, government and outdoor recreational facilities capacities to 100 percent. Increase indoor recreational facilities to 50 percent capacity. Continue incrementally increasing indoor recreational facilities capacity until operating at 100 percent.

7) On June 2, 2020, allow the New Mexico primary election voting to take place.

* The full report is available at nmbizcoalition.org