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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Memo

MEETING DATE: May 11, 2020

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: **Jill Blake – Public Health**

SUBJECT: Resolution approving a letter of support for Nevada County's Novel Coronavirus Reopening Readiness Plan, and Authorizing the Chair of the Board to sign the letter, as a necessary step to safe, phased reopening.

RECOMMENDATION: Approve the attached resolution.

FUNDING: There is no county funding associated with this agreement.

BACKGROUND: The state's plan to gradually re-open certain businesses in Stage 2 began Friday, May 8th across California. Non-essential retail can provide curbside service; manufacturing and logistics are all able to operate starting yesterday with COVID-19 Prevention Plans in place. While many counties and other parts of the nation continue to experience significant COVID-19 outbreaks, Nevada County has seen a decrease in new cases, and has built the capacity to contain new outbreaks. Because of the work of the community and our local containment efforts, Nevada County has the option to demonstrate our ability to protect the public and accelerate the reopening of businesses in Stage 2.

Steps to Begin Accelerated Reopening:

Required Step Steps to Reopen Stage 2 Businesses	Estimated Date of Completion
<u>Step 1:</u> Readiness plan according to the State's eight criteria as released on 5/7 has been completed and is being reviewed by Public Health Officials	Sunday, May 10, 2020

<u>Step 2:</u> Nevada County Public Health Director and Health Officer have required phone meeting with California Department of Public Health	Monday, May 11, 2020
<u>Step 3:</u> Incorporate State's feedback into final plan	Monday, May 11, 2020
<u>Step 4:</u> Obtain letters of support from the hospitals	Monday, May 11, 2020
<u>Step 5:</u> Emergency meeting of Board of Supervisors to approve letter of support from the Board	Monday, May 11, 2020
<u>Step 6:</u> Submit final Plan and letters of support to the State	Monday, May 11, 2020
<u>Step 7:</u> Re-opening of all Stage 2 businesses in Nevada County	Tuesday, May 12, 2020 (Pending state approval)
*One caveat to our readiness, is that one metric any county needs to meet in order to attest to readiness to open Stage 2 businesses is no more than one COVID-19 case per 10,000 residents. Testing for COVID-19 has increased substantially since the new testing clinic opened in Grass Valley on Tuesday, and if there is a dramatic increase in laboratory confirmed cases of COVID-	

Once steps 1-6 are completed, then step 7 will happen, allowing for the re-opening of the following business sectors, with modifications in place:

- All retail business to on site sales (in store) including swap meets and malls
- Personal services, limited to: car washes, pet grooming, tanning facilities and landscape gardening
- Office based businesses (telework remains strongly encouraged)
- Dine in restaurants (bars and gaming areas, not permitted)
- Outdoor museums and open gallery spaces
- Childcare

Business Reopening Guidance

In order to reduce the level of risk of spreading COVID-19, each business should implement a COVID-19 Prevention Plan, which will address implementing risk mitigating practices in their business to create safe environments for workers and customers. The state has provided [guidance for multiple sectors](#) that can be found at covid19.ca.gov/roadmap/. Businesses should review the guidance, prepare a plan, and post a checklist in their workplace to show customers and employees that they've reduced the risk of illness and are open for business.

Nevada County's Recovery Advisory Committee includes representation from cities, business community, faith-based community and schools. Since convening for the first time in late April, the Committee has produced [local guidance](#) and [business plan checklists](#) that can be found at www.mynevadacounty.com/coronavirus/businesses. More local resources will become available as we continue to work through Stage 2 and Stage 3 reopening as a community.

Next Steps

Nevada County residents have done an exemplary job of slowing the spread of COVID-19 by staying home, practicing social distancing and good hygiene habits. We can collectively continue to mitigate the followings risks as we re-open our economy:

- COVID-19 cases are still being identified in Nevada County and neighboring counties.
- Re-opening the County will be a continuous and cautious process.
- Though not allowed in Stage 2, we anticipate a potential increase of visitors from outside the county; many of whom will come from areas where there is a larger incidence of COVID-19.

It is unknown at this time the duration of Stage 2 and when we will be able to safely re-open Stage 3 businesses. Being able to safely re-open Stage 3 businesses requires community effort. To get there, Nevada County needs to continue practicing social distancing, good hygiene, wearing face coverings in public, minimizing going into public spaces, and educating friends, family and favorite businesses on the current recommendations.

Item Initiated and Approved by: Ryan Gruver, Director of Health and Human Services