



Open Safe, Open Now

The Republican plan for Phase 3 and beyond

What does Phase 3 of the governor's plan to reopen the economy look like? No one knows. Despite repeated inquiries from the press, legislators and the people of Washington, we are no closer to having a clear path for getting Washington back on track than we were when every county was in Phase 1 of the governor's current regional approach.

Republicans DO have a plan. *Open Safe, Open Now: The Republican Plan for Phase 3 and Beyond* is a simple, practical and consistent plan that **respects local control** and **trusts the people of Washington** to do the right thing. It abandons the current failed regional approach. And the governor could implement our plan **TODAY**. In fact, the governor should release his emergency powers so that Washington can return to the regular order of business as soon as possible.

PHASE 3: Effective immediately

- **RETURNING STUDENTS TO THE CLASSROOM**
 - All children in grades K-12 would immediately return to the classroom for in-person instruction.
 - School districts would implement safety protocols provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Experts from Harvard University's T.H. Chan School of Public Health have said distancing in schools should be reduced from six feet to three feet.
- **PUTTING PEOPLE BACK TO WORK**
 - Hospitality businesses and public venues statewide, such as restaurants, bars, gyms, movie theaters, museums, libraries and other entertainment venues, open to 50% capacity.
 - Bars and restaurants would stop serving alcohol and close at midnight.
 - State parks and other state agencies whose function is tourism/recreation would resume bookings for day-use and overnight facilities at 50% capacity.
 - Indoor weddings and indoor religious services would open to 50% capacity.
 - Professional services would open to 50% capacity.



PHASE 4: Effective three weeks after implementing Phase 3

- **FULLY OPEN AT 100%**
 - After a county has operated at Phase 3 for three weeks with no significant spike in COVID-19 hospitalizations, all activities return to 100% capacity.
 - Bars and restaurants would return to serving alcohol until 2 a.m.

LOCAL CONTROL VS STATE MANDATE

- All counties would immediately be allowed to move to Phase 3.
- After three weeks, all counties would automatically move to Phase 4.
- If a county health jurisdiction (e.g.- County Health Department) determines its county is not prepared to move to the next phase, county health officials would need to demonstrate why based on trends in case and hospital admission rates, Intensive Care Unit (ICU) bed capacity, and the virus positivity rate. It would also provide a plan forward for the county to get to the next phase.

BOTTOM LINE

As the rate of COVID-19 hospitalizations declines, the state must **trust the people of Washington** to **demonstrate personal responsibility** and do what is necessary to get children back in school and people back to work.

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