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Survey Results: COVID-19 Restrictions

Survey Info - This survey was sent on behalf of the City of Plymouth to the FlashVote community for Plymouth, MN.

These FlashVote results are shared with local officials

1483

Total Participants

1165 of 1705 initially invited (68%)
318 others
Margin of error: ± 3%

Applied Filter:
Locals only

Participants for filter:
1057

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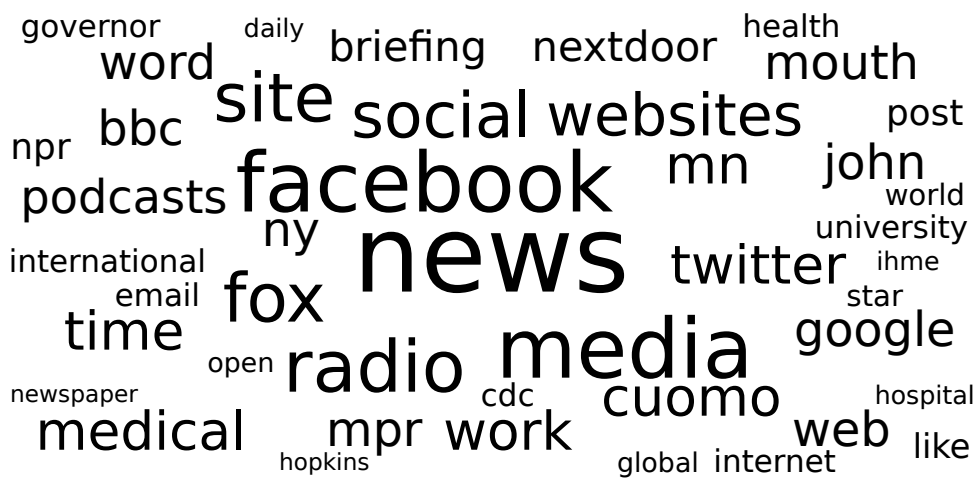
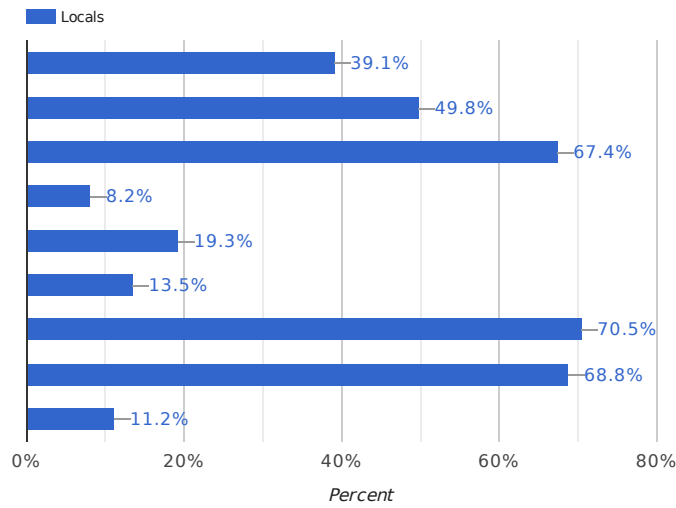
Target Participants:
All Plymouth

Q1 Although the City of Plymouth does not control the stay-at-home order or make decisions about when businesses open, we are gathering input to help local businesses prepare their operations for the future.

Which of the following are you using to get COVID-19 related news and information?
(Choose all that apply, if any)

(1053 responses by locals)

Options	Locals (1053)
Federal websites (www.cdc.gov, etc)	39.1% (412)
State websites (www.health.state.mn.us, etc.)	49.8% (524)
Governor Walz daily briefing	67.4% (710)
City of Plymouth website	8.2% (86)
City of Plymouth emails	19.3% (203)
City of Plymouth social media	13.5% (142)
Local news media	70.5% (742)
National news media	68.8% (724)
Other:	11.2% (118)



WebMd and other internet sites

fox news

Social Media

nextdoor app

NY Times, John Oliver, Stephen Colbert

IHME data

Work updates

MPR

Facebook

word of mouth

none. #FakeVirus

State Education Organizations & the MN Legislature news/hearings

International news media

Online publications by scientists

Medical experts

John Hopkins

NY Gov Cuomo's fact-based briefings

Word of mouth

MN Dept. of Health

Professional Medical Sites

Twitter

HealthPartners

As a franchise owner, I'm also taking information from my franchisor.

internet news feeds

Wall Street Journal & Fox News

Wayzata Schools communications

Online research

Nextdoor

Salem radio

Star n Tribune

International media

Fox News

Johns Hopkins

Blogs

various on-line publications

Plymouth can be brave- follow small town Lakefield MN's lead and vote to open...OPEN NOW.. choice!!

Internet

newspaper

trusted, nonpartisan news sites... Most are so biased that they are a waste of time.Include walz

WebMD newsletter

The Infection Prevention Nurses at my Hospital

My employer

University of Washington modeling data

Definitely NOT from Trump

AI from Watson on the Weather Channel, newspapers

a number of science sites: Nature, AAAS, Live Science

Other social media

Work

Office of Governor Tim Walz email

Less news, more nature. I don't want to hear the arguing sides of all this. No one knows the future

Coworkers, word of mouth

google

Medical websites, international news sites

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

Social media

Google News

Podcasts - National Review, The Dispatch

Reddit

Websites of specific businesses before I go to that business

Web

CCX local media on Facebook

Podcasts Washington post by NY times

CNN & MSNBC

WCCO AM Radio has the most sensible reporting!

Facebook

Twinwest and Midway Chamber

Too much disinformation available. Please trust the scientists; don't open irrationally

Who.int

Salem Radio and Fox Radio

Work Formal Announcements (Weekly)

Our company web-site

Blogs

University of Minnesota websites

CDC Facebook page

My employer

BBC

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CDC

Fox 9 facebook posts

Gov. Cuomo of New York

Mayo Clinic emails

International news like BBC

IHME.com

Worldometer

Work

Epoch Times, 1130AM radio, The Federalist, Dan Bongino Podcasts

Independent Research

the company I work for

Google

University websites (Johns Hopkins, University of Washington)

Word of mouth

MPR

Nextdoor

various web sites such as UofM's CIDRAP, and Medium Daily Digest

Multiple national web-based news sites

Radio outlet

Facebook

cnn

ny times, wash post, atlantic, npr radio

CCX Media

Social media

LeadingAge MN

President Trump

Twitter

Global news -- BBC

internet

Hennepin Co social media

Several podcasts

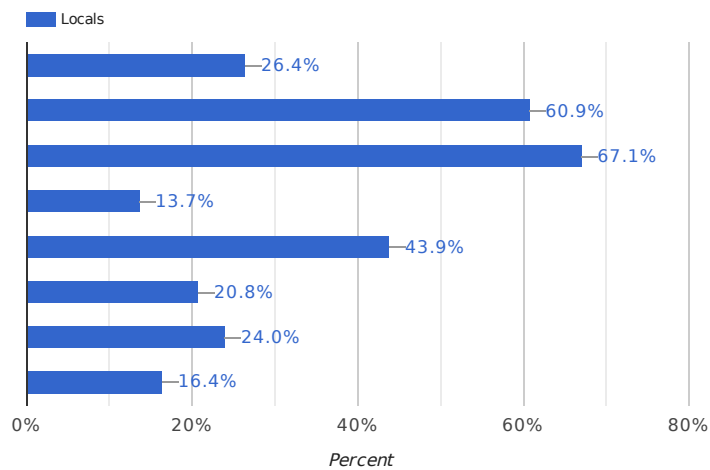
Friends and family.

Facebook and Google News

Q2 If the Governor lifts the stay-at-home order on May 16, which of the following activities would you resume, if any?

(1057 responses by locals)

Options	Locals (1057)
Eating in restaurants	26.4% (279)
Getting a haircut	60.9% (644)
Continuing to get food curbside pick-up or delivery	67.1% (709)
Going to a movie	13.7% (145)
Shopping at retail stores	43.9% (464)
Going to the gym or fitness classes	20.8% (220)
Summer camps or programs	24.0% (254)
Other:	16.4% (173)



playground continue gatherings friends outside stay
 store retail kids play baseball park
 soccer sports family visit
 salon use go nail open outdoor
 home small church wax youth activities
 tennis place social shop camps order grocery together
 daycare pedicure service curbside travel business

Visit to eye doctor

summer sports i.e softball/baseball/basketball

Dentist, Vet, theraputic massage, chiropractor, TJ Max, Kohls

Perhaps go to a wider range of outdoor venues. Probably go to the cabin, do some fishing.

Getting my cat's claws trimmed

Dog grooming

Golfing, boating

Would follow guidance from Mr. Walz on what is safe to resume.

Youth sports

Attending church

Visiting friends or family

if restaurants had outdoor or social distanced seating and if movie social distanced at movies

Church

Sports

Picnics, extended family gatherings

Depends on the safety precautions taken by the business

Parks

Outdoor sports like tennis or pickleball

Traveling to visit family

Rowing

go into coffee shops

museum lectures, going to museums / historical sites

Get together with family for cook outs and fun gatherings. Church. Monthly lunches with close gals.

POSSIBLY dine at outside cafe; will avoid enclosed area 4 longer than 15 min; short retail stops

continuing grocery trips at "senior hours"...pharmacy runs

I will be very cautious for a while!

Small family gatherings

I've skating and running in local races

If masks are required (including police officers) I would go to all of the above.

Soccer club

Youth soccer

Kids sports

dentist for non-maintenance care

My wife and I think Governor Walz's restrictions are completely unconstitutional and should end now

Wish my kids could go to school

Youth Baseball

Small family gatherings (fewer than 10 people)

Curbside pickup of retail and restaurant orders placed on line.

Campgrounds

I would continue to stay home

none of the above

Go to church services

Using PPE

I do not plan to resume regular activities for a considerable time thereafter

Kids soccer

None of the above, I am staying away from people

Nail Salon

Really don't know - want to wait to see how the cases are & the ICU capacity before resuming

Everything!

Child sports soccer softball

Visit friends/family

resume life...

Nail salon

Little League - assuming comprehensive plan is in place (this applies to all of the above too)

Nail salon

Dentist check up

Church

None

None , too soon

honestly not sure about restaurants. I think it might depend on what their setup is, & how crowded

Camping

pickleball

Continue only essential grocery shopping during restricted senior hours.

Some activities with appropriate modifications

Youth Basketball and Soccer Camps/Tournaments

None or very little.

none of the above

Curbside at retail stores or shopping inside only for necessities at retail stores

none of the above. stay quarantined until better information is available

Dermatologist and vein clinic. Using precautions, I.e. masks by me and service provider.

Could potentially be all above if I am comfortable that they are requiring masks and separation

Outdoor sports such as tennis and pickle ball

Nail salons

Church

Youth sports

None

None of these

I will still stay home much of the time. I will watch if the cases spike again.

Getting massage, maybe going to yoga class, maybe going to restaurants, movie or shopping.

We would participate fully in all activities.

European Wax, nail salon, church services

Every business I used before I would immediately use again

Camping

None, I'm vulnerable and believe that the virus will surge again.

Until there is a viable vaccine, we are staying home.

I hope retail will offer curbside pick-up. I'd rather buy locally than order national deliveries.

Depends on what precautions businesses had in place. I would make my decisions based on that

Playing on playground equipment

Nails

Caribou coffee

I would take time and precautions when going out.

everything! please open up!

Outdoor photography sessions

more outdoor activities and maybe youth sports. We'd be cautious

retail grocery and pharmacy

Nothing will change. Will continue to get groceries and gas as needed but not ready to go back to a

Travel to cabin.

Going to salon/spas for services such as facials, waxing, pedicures and manicures.

We feel it is too early to lift the stay at home order

Church

Going to the library

Going to a park outside my neighborhood

Work rotation, grocery stores at 7:00 AM and Home Depot at 7:00 AM

no place until there is a reliable vaccine

Continue going to grocery store with mask and gloves

None of the above.

youth sports

fitness outside for 10 or less

None. I will wait for a month to venture out in public places for the safety of my family.

None

Go up north

Getting things delivered

visiting family/friends in small groups who have been sheltering

Go to an athletic event if one was held

Camping in Grand Marais maintaining social isolation

Manicure

Go to our cabin

Summer school age daycare

Nail salon - getting a pedicure and manicure

Curbside pick-up from retail stores

Church

Outdoor pickle ball

I will continue to shop at hardware stores, plant nurseries, pharmacies, and grocery stores.

None of the above

Visiting gravesites for Memorial Day

Shopping for groceries

Going to the library, neighborhood gatherings inside homes

possibly golf

NONE

Daycare for my child

playing pickle ball and having happy hour at home with friends

None

club sports programs

Massage, chiropractor

Using self-dog wash

Play pickleball; visit friends and family

Going to Mass

sports leagues - though I'd prefer to wait a bit longer than May

Pedicure

Drivers license renewal

No new activities. We will continue to stay home except for grocery shopping & medical appointment

None of those, believe its too early to rroup together stil

None

living life. i think it's horrible the governement is doing more damage than good.

Club sports

kids playing on playground

we will NOT change behavior until vaccine

My kids are figure skaters, so ice! Whatever fits the new guidelines for safety.

Would probably do as I am doing now ... only go out for groceries, drugs, walks in our cul de sac.

church

going to fitness class only if small group and everyone wears masks

Going to church

Immediately? Most likely nothing in person for an additional 2 weeks

Baseball & Gymnastics

Need to reopen all business

Youth Sports most of all, especially Fusion competitive soccer!!!

Have an couple over for a soirée

None. May 16 is too soon.

PWYBA Youth Baseball!!!!!!

Park playgrounds (outside)

Most excited for competitive youth sports, especially Fusion soccer

kids baseball

Go to a garage sale

None are essential. People MUST wear masks & social distance, yet many won't.

Massage therapy

Biking, hiking Plymouth trails, and golf.

grocery shopping

It's not as simple as whether or not the order is lifted for most of these activities

I would carry on as prior to Covid.

Other retail curbside pick-up

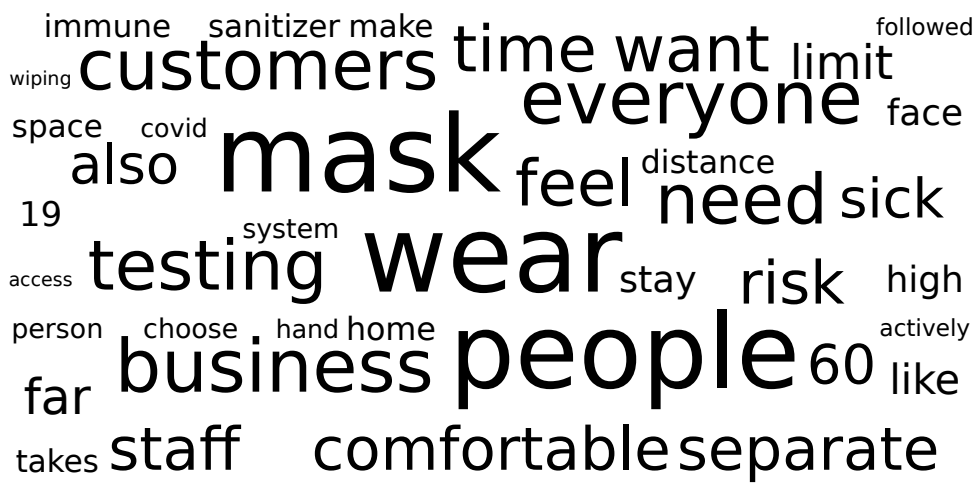
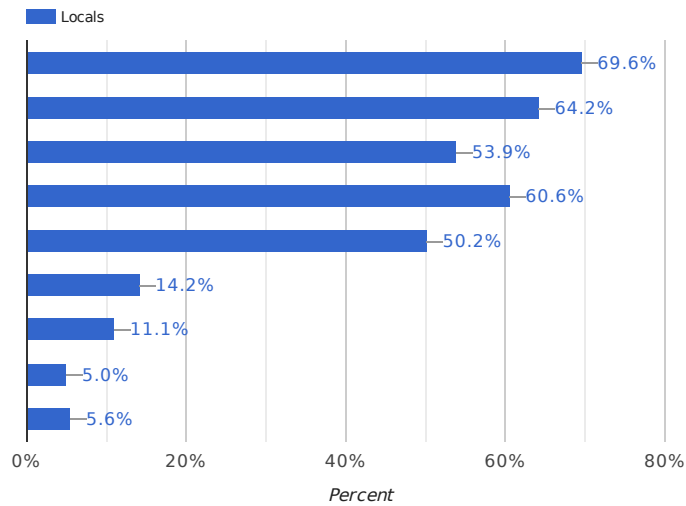
CAMPING

Bring kids to local playground.

Q3 Which of the following safety measures would make you feel most comfortable about resuming visits to local businesses? (You can choose up to FOUR)

(1051 responses by locals)

Options	Locals (1051)
Business staff wearing face masks	69.6% (731)
Other customers wearing face masks	64.2% (675)
Me wearing a face mask	53.9% (566)
Limiting the number of customers in the business at the same time	60.6% (637)
Social distancing measures to keep 6 foot spacing	50.2% (528)
Separating people over 60 from younger people (with access times or spaces)	14.2% (149)
I don't really need these to feel comfortable	11.1% (117)
None of these would make me comfortable enough	5.0% (53)
Other:	5.6% (59)



I feel mostly comfortable, but would prefer special times that will be safer for the elderly.

I would want to respect what would make others feel comfortable.

I will always wear a mask and gloves, that's a given.

with limited real data, I have to assume everyone is infected. any way to limit exposure is needed

Refusing sick to enter

everyone wearing masks

All of them are necessary I would want social distancing and separating people over 60 also

People of high risk choose if they want to be in these areas. They can wear a mask.

Widespread testing for COVID-19 for anyone that wanted it, not just those with symptoms

I would also wear a mask

Depends on what kind of business.

"Separating people over 60 from younger people (with access times or spaces)" very scary idea

Emphasizing sick people should stay home

FREEDOM IS ALL THAT MATTERS TO ME NOW. THAT'S ALL I WANT.

Ensuring frequently used items, spaces, check out pads are disinfected frequently

Limiting customers AND social distancing measures AND having times for 60+/immunocompromised custo

Back to normal.

All wearing masks (business staff, all customers, me)

Special times for HIGH RISK UNDER 60!!! I can provide proof if needed

No safety requirements. Each person makes their own decisions.for them

Standardized testing that is widespread

personal choice-continuing highlighting BASIC hygiene care-wiping things down- sick, contain it.etc

ALL CDC guidelines should be followed! People need to understand what 6 feet is!

All of these except 1.

Everyone wearing masks inside businesses with only do many people allowed in at the same time.

All of these measures

My answer isn't valid unless I can also choose other people wearing masks

Vaccine, testing, fewer people dying(testing supression doesn't make me comfortable, just angry).

Mass testing

Not sure. Just want to go back to normal.

Employees and customers all wearing masks.

Just general caution and courtesy on all parts.

I feel that separating the vulnerable is the only effective way to manage this issue.

More than comfortable with taking risks to let people's livelihoods continue.

Tell people how to boost their immunity system. It is possible to keep your immune system healthy.

I would like to use my own discretion and distance myself from others as I see fit.

Following conservative recommendations from medical/disease experts

We need to do all of these.

EVERYONE wears a facemask and curbside options

The top six are all important and 6 feet isn't far enough.

I'd like other custs wear face mask too, but a restaurant that won't work for them or me to eat

I am 66 years old and do not want separating for myself, but do not object it for those who choose.

Increase in hvac or air cleansing systems in indoor businesses

Personal Responsibility For Your Own Safety

Sick people stay home!!!

No touch operations where possible

Taking temperatures

EVERYONE wearing face masks - business staff, me and other customers

people should live life the best they see fit. employers should do more based on employee needs

Good ventilation / outdoor space options

people need to be able to monitor their own health needs and not be limited in what they do by the

everyone wears masks. Mandatory

All customers and myself wearing masks in public places

All customers, staff and myself wearing a mask. (except in restaurants--only staff wear masks)

Business actively cleaning and disinfecting

Face masks for indoor activities. Feel much better about outdoor youth sports like soccer

I feel good about outside activities, but masks are needed inside. Will do whatever it takes

I would feel most comfortable if all these precautions were followed

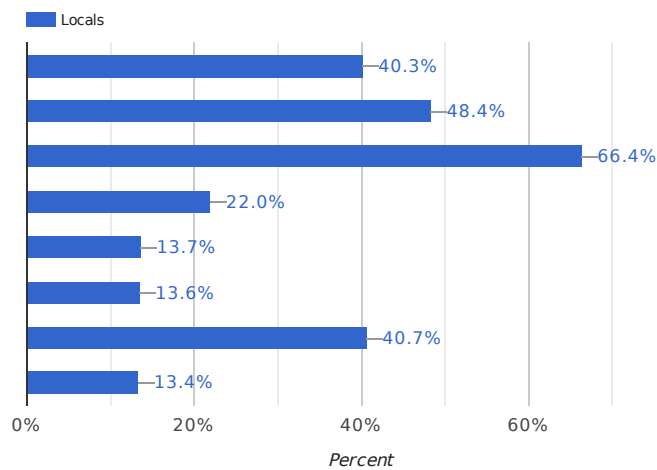
Strict sanitizing protocols

For retail- think everyone should wear a mask- staff & all customers

Q4 Which types of things are most important to reopen for you, if any? (You can choose up to FOUR)

(1046 responses by locals)

Options	Locals (1046)
Restaurants	40.3% (422)
Retail stores	48.4% (506)
Personal care (hair/nail salons, barbershops, etc.)	66.4% (695)
Child care and/or tutoring	22.0% (230)
Entertainment (theaters, concerts, sporting events)	13.7% (143)
Wineries, breweries and bars	13.6% (142)
Recreation (league sports, swimming pools, campgrounds)	40.7% (426)
Other:	13.4% (140)



camp nothing family library summer
doctors church without able health
youth open parks go facility need people kids
dental recreation school gym important work
small want playground safe club closed
tests rink outdoor sport safety
reopen fitness based places courts center dentists state

I don't think any of these should reopen any time soon

None of these are important

Summer Camps/Programs

Pickleball Courts

Places with LOTS of outdoor seating

None of the above are critical to me

Fitness centers

Individual sport activities like swimming

Small Business!!!!

Playground

Gyms

gym with restrictions on number of people

None

All Manufacturing

None

Campgrounds

Curbside pick up

dentists

All

Dog care facilities

Church

Driving testing for teenagers

Parks, Pools, Beaches and Playgrounds

Safety is more important than opening up

doctors, dentists, libraries

All the above should remain closed to keep eye of public transmission down.!

ALL OF THE ABOVE, PLUS SCHOOLS SHOUD OPEN ASAP, AND I WANT THE STATE FAIR!

YMCA

Churches

Yoga classes

Recreation but w/ bodies being able 2 distance (not teams/large groups) parks/camping, outdoor food

None, stay closed

Gyms

None

gym

Household staff (ie house cleaner)

Library

Nothing without curbside pick up or delivery. I wouldn't let anyone in my family do any of those.

Honestly, there hasn't been much impact to us. Restaurants would be nice but not required

all

Medical/dental

Religious services

PARKS and PLAYGROUNDS they should Never have been closed...

None at the moment...I'd rather be safe and keep my family safe!

I would put breweries in same category as restaurants, both should open

Movie theatres

Libraries

outdoor open pickleball, baseball on TV

Tattoo/piercing shops

Fitness center

certain retail stores where I find I need necessities

Schools. Our daycare reopened but I won't send my kids because nothing has changed since it closed

Doctors, clinics

Church with safe practices

health clubs

BWCAW, tennis etc courts

Churches

courts

None

None of these should reopen soon

I can live without these things for at least the next year, it is not vital they be open

None

Dentists, Eye Doctors, primary doctors

Places of worship, Parks,

None. Fine as is.

Family gatherings

Libraries

DMV

medical and dental healthcare facilities for routine check ups and non emergency treatment

Churches

none

Educational facilities

Playgrounds and church

None

Nothing qualifies as more or less important until it's safe.

exercise places

I want all these to return but this question isn't timing specific?

Gym / work out facility

Arboretum

Photography

I'm not concerned about certain types of places opening. I'm concerned about people being smart

Massage Therapists

Church

libraries

None

Outdoor concerts, farmer's markets

None

None of the above.

parks for gatherings of 10 or less

Not ready yet

No opinion

none

Pet services

None, based on the previous answer.

None

None

Gym

all above

Non-essential Dr. appointments

None

Libraries

Summer camps

None should be open

YMCA gym

Gyms

None are important f not opened with appropriate safety measures

fitness gyms

Gyms

Gym

Medical appointments

Health care centers

government services

While i'd love to see all of the above open, major modifications need to be made to be safe

All outdoors

I would like them all to reopen. However until we have testing, etc not safe

None

ALL of THE ABOVE

Gyms

club sports

Ice rink please!

arboretum, gardens, parks. trails are too crowded to use.

When safe

Playgrounds

Gyms

Churches

schools

Churches

Youth summer sports clinics, lessons & programs. My child needs his social and sports connections!

Local parks

#1 Fusion competitive soccer

Gyms

PWYBA Youth Baseball

Parks and playgrounds (outside)

None

#1 competitive youth soccer, then gyms (Lifetime)

None if May 16th. All if we're talking about after it's safer, therapies avail, & masks req'd.

Massage therapy

The ones that can reopen safely without increasing the spread of the virus

Ice rinks with modifications for safety, tennis courts

Outdoor Playgrounds

Q5 Any other comments, concerns or suggestions that we can share with businesses about transitioning out of the stay-at-home order?

(382 responses by locals)

like safe let distance time think
back people mask store
require everyone continuereopen risk keep
live feel business employee
sanitize stay home
use take please safety social
place go need open health want
limit way go see customer make wear allow

I will be first in line when businesses reopen.

Quarantine the elderly and those with preexisting conditions and open everything backup

Minnesota is doing a great job.

MASKS!!! Every single person should be wearing a mask to enter any public place. Required 6' social distancing. Limiting children that don't understand what these things mean.

I would like to see as cautious of an approach as feasible

Let's get back to and school

I would only feel comfortable if everyone wears masks and there is testing for anyone who needs/wants it.

Right now Minnesota's cases are still rising, deaths are leveling off. This means our situation will improve over the next four weeks or so. Let's try to stick it out for longer, the longer term benefits will be great. Listen to the science.

Enough! And enough with a survey soliciting comment for what should be done. 80% of the deaths from Covid -19 are from senior living facilities/long term care. Handle that to contain the virus. Walz and the nanny state have crashed our economy out of an "abundance of caution." THAT is sarcasm...OPEN UP PLYMOUTH! Enough!

Open up! We need to keep our businesses going.

Walz needs to open up before we all go belly up. our taxes should not go up due to this craziness.

We need to get this state open asap. They need to be prepared if positive testing increases.

When things reopen, I will really be looking for stores to visit that are taking this seriously. Masks required for customers and staff, social distancing required. If staff aren't wearing a mask, I won't be going there. That's non-negotiable for me and my family.

Until Minnesota has built up the necessary testing and tracing capacity, and the hospitals have enough PPE, we need to relax restrictions VERY slowly. It's not clear that we've met those criteria yet. Thank you for listening.

We want them open and to get back to business so they have a chance at surviving. Hundreds of people are in the grocery stores, target, and home depot. There is NO reason these other businesses cannot open as well. No reason.

Open it all up. Keep social distancing. Let virus take its course...slowly. We will all eventually be exposed

Opening a business is really irrelevant if it's not safe to do so. Just because the Chamber of Commerce forces places to open, I'm not going to visit those places until it's safe to do so.

Please make sure all customers follow the rules you set. Be prepared to turn some away! I was on a Delta flight last Friday and while all wore a mask to get on the plane, most of the passengers took it off for the duration of the flight - except me!

Require 6 foot distancing within spaces. Set requirements for masks on all staff & customers, PPE on all staff & customers to the extent possible.

Please do what is needed to protect your workers.

There are ways to open gyms, dance studios like private lessons with one family at a time reserving a time

If there are a number of people who want to be out and about, let them. We can learn how the virus transfers through them. For those of us that feel uncomfortable going back to work and out in public we should have the ability to stay home working. Don't force us into socializing again.

Open at 25% capacity

Please don't open too soon.

I hope our businesses reopen soon. We need to get our economy up and rolling again.

Prefer more aggressive measures now so we can get back to normal sooner

I believe people will be quite reluctant to resume normal activities while the risk is so high.

Make Masks Mandatory for now.

I want choices about where I go and what precautions I decide to take, not mandates.

Important to maintain social distancing, open day care so employees can go back to work and have strict access to senior citizens in nursing or assisted living locations

it is past time to open up all businesses. people can make their own decisions about when they want to resume more normal living.

Mayor Wosje should open Plymouth up ASAP. Send a message to Walz.

The Governor needs to have a PLAN! You can't just snap your fingers and say "open." Businesses need BETTER communication from their elected officials to explain the timeline and the plan. They are killing our economy by not doing so!

Need Clarification that small gatherings in neighborhoods is acceptable!!!

No just allow them to open

Waiting is better!

Too early. Extend stay-at-home till June.

Break down the number of persons who have tested positive by those that had no symptoms, mild symptoms with no treatment needed or symptoms that required a doctor, urgent care or hospital visit.

I'm not sure when I will feel comfortable going to an indoor restaurant again. Our kids needs some form of activity and programming structure over the summer - how do you open the economy and expect parents to work if their kids are home all summer without engaging activities, even if online? We need to know what Plymouth community ed is planning ASAP so we can plan!

I believe that it's time for restrictions to be relaxed. I will wear a mask is asked.

Be firm on the established guidelines. Say no to people who don't want to follow the guidelines. If I'm in an establishment were others aren't following the guidelines, I'm not returning.

Curbside pickup is great and small businesses need to think about how they can offer this more.

Please don't rush to reopen. Community health is the most important factor in suppressing Covid19

Open the patios all up all the time and have them staffed. Being outside rather than in makes transmission of the virus more difficult.

I won't be going to businesses in person unless strict social distancing, limited numbers of people, AND face masks are mandatory, at least until a vaccine is widely available.

Home cleaning services will need guidance on when/how to reopen. This could be done if homeowners are isolated while cleaning staff is in residence.

Is there guidance for open businesses like Target? If so Target not following anything. How can you put restrictions on other businesses?!

I will not go anywhere that isn't making the safety for customers AND employees a top priority.

I may have missed it but there was no mention of churches.

I think limiting capacity should be the number one precaution enforced.

I will not frequent businesses unless all people are required to wear face masks and it is enforced.

perhaps reservations to go into businesses to avoid overcrowding or having to wait for your turn to enter

Clearly mark 6 feet distancing. Do not allow customers in stores without masks. Sanitize carts, check out areas, touch points.

Establish a well defined safety program including social distancing and then require that customers respect and adhere to the requirements.

The biggest way to may me feel safe when shopping/taking advantage of services is SPACE between me and other customers. The second biggest thing is my perception that the business is taking care of their staff, too.

My main concern is being able to be with family.

No one is safe from Covid 19 unless they have a vaccine for it.

Businesses are the ones who are serving others so if there is something I can do as a patron to help you feel safe, please post it clearly on your entrance. This survey was all about how I would feel safe as a customer but it does not ask how businesses would help their workers feel safe from me. I am already doing what I need to do for my family such as exercise, good nutrition, etc. so if you would like us to keep a distance and wear a mask, if you think that would help, please let us know your clear instructions or requirements. We are looking forward to your re-opening!

Please ask our businesses to be extra cautious !!

Educate the public. Let us choose the risk we will take. Otherwise go through the appropriate steps of enacting a new law. Enough is enough.

Businesses should reopen as soon as - and not before - there is a plan to keep employees safe and employees feel safe. If employees don't feel safe, I'll read that as it's not a safe environment for me either.

Don't rush into opening just because you can, significant decrease in new cases must happen before it will be safe for the public. Continue to offer safer alternatives (curbside pickup, delivery, gift card sales, etc..) until it is truly safe and the spread won't be worsened.

Keep science the guide as provided by expert epidemiologists.

Protecting their own staff (including janitorial staff) is just as important as protecting customers/visitors.

We need to open up for the mental health of people

If big box stores can be open we should let small ones open too. It would be GREAT if we can require mask wearing for all customers and workers. Seems like that is a no brainer

Protect the nursing homes, assisted living and hospitals. Let the rest of life activities move forward.

The more safety measures that are in place, the more likely I am to show up in person somewhere.

We need more testing.

Recognize that life will never go back to "normal"...get "creative" in ways to serve customers...put a priority on safety of workers/customers

It should be mandatory for everyone to wear a mask when out of their homes to stop the spread of the virus. It's very scary that so many do not understand how important this is.

I'd love to see the police and private security taking charge of enforcing guidelines to wear a mask - it should not be up to retail associates. We've seen too many instances of people attacking retail workers in places where they've started reopening. As a customer, I would not feel safe knowing that could happen here.

Until there is an effective vaccine for the virus, I will severely limit my exposure in any public setting.

Enforcing social distancing needs to still be a priority

Ideally keeping summer camps and classes closed as those have large groups

This is NOT over yet and underestimating the gravity of COVID and relaxing too soon will lead to another surge in cases

I understand that many people want to open up. Just please still allow "safe" times for at-risk people, so we can continue to get what we need in a safe manner. As crowds increase, it becomes much less safe for people with high risk factors.

The response has exceeded the threat. reopen ASAP

Be vigilant about patrons wearing masks. They may feel that they have the right to not wear a mask and endanger others, but that does not mean that they have the right to enter any establishment they want. Can't enter some places without tickets. A mask is a ticket.

We have to be careful. I know we want things to go back to "normal," but until we have a vaccine, I don't see the best way to make that happen. Requiring masks and gloves and social distancing in stores is an important transition.

I fully support Governor Walz's current limitations but can also see that if businesses are able to verify that it is safe for clients and customers to access, then they should be allowed to reopen. But I don't think there is yet enough information about this virus to allow blanket reopening.

We are ready to move towards opening back up.

I wish we could get number of cases by city (Plymouth, Wayzata, Minnetonka) for awareness. It would help to know how big of a concern it is within our own immediate area.

this should be over and things open.

This whole COVID-19 is polluted with politics as I how wished it was so. My 90 year old mother passed away last Monday and the corner report noted she tested positive for the virus. While the media pushes deaths to scare people, it fails to note that ~80% of the deaths are for people like my mother take place in nursing homes. Society has little value in life, whether it's in born babies or the elderly.

This is a long-term new normal, not temporary. As many people as possible should continue to work from home. Those that can't need support from the community to keep them as healthy as possible. Sick employees and customers is a real downer on business as well.

allow for self check out, instead of clerk touching all items in order to scan them.

I would like to see hand sanitizer placed at, or near, the checkout at retail stores, and at the front door for other stores or restaurants.

Be smart, don't rush

Require face masks

Still provide curb side pickup for those who do not want to go inside the store even after the restrictions s have been lifted.

Any measures put in place need to be enforced

Require staff and customers to wear face masks. Frequent sanitization of high touch surfaces. Hand sanitizers easily available throughout establishment. Shopping and dining hours separately from younger people and not just 6:00 AM to 7:00 AM in grocery stores. Just because people are older doesn't mean they go to bed at 8:00 PM and get up at 5:00 AM!

Sanitizer everything all the time after every customer etc

Let's open Plymouth back up!

Just open! In the beginning, it was scary. Now we see that COVID -19 really isn't as serious for most people as it was at first feared. Now, it seems, Gov. Walz, like most governors and politicians, is just continuing it, and continuing to spread fear, so that he can fool people about his initial over reaction. Well, he's not fooling us anymore. We just see it as un-Constitutional tyranny. I would like Plymouth to lead the way to our freedom. It is not the role of government to protect us from death. That is impossible. We all die. But, we do have a right to live with freedom and courage. This has just all gone way too far.

Establishment of best retail store practices BASED ON SCIENCE to minimize transmission of Covid-19: For any public establishment, face masks must be required for all people at the business. Floor markings to indicate appropriate 6 foot spacing between customers in a line. One-way direction of aisles in stores. Temperature checks for all who enter the public establishment. Those running a fever higher than 99F are disallowed entry. For retail stores, at checkouts, every other checkout line is closed. Plastic shields between cashier and customer. Optionally, separate times for just elderly, those with weakened immune systems, or "critical" employees (healthcare/grocery workers/etc.) Continued messaging from the city, county, state and healthcare industry to keep practicing social distancing. The life you save may be your own. Maybe even get some local sport team members to show wearing a mask.

We need all people to take this virus seriously- Specifically large childcare settings should be considered like schools & remain closed because it is nearly impossible to keep younger children 6 ft apart. Staff members are placed at high risk of exposure due to the nature of the work in caring for children in a loving & nurturing environment that children need. They say the worst of COVID-19 is yet to come & we have come too far by sheltering in place already to just stop & go back to normal. Health & safety must remain a top priority in these uncertain & challenging times.

We are in our 80's and relatively healthy for our age. Question: will the ONLY way for Seniors to return to normal life be the discovery and administration of a vaccine??

Please do not forget about HIGH RISK under 60.

I would be curious to know if small restaurants will find it viable to be open at 25 or 50% capacity. They may need to find a break even that makes sense for everyone.

Enclosed spaces for extended time seems to be the risky conditions; recycled, contaminated air that gets breathed in. Limiting exposure time to a very few minutes seems key. High risk groups should remain secluded until therapeutics/vaccine developed.

Make it easier for parents with young and school-aged children to stay active and do as many "regular" activities as possible - opening playgrounds, parks, camping, beaches, and other outdoor activities would help with my ability to manage work and family responsibilities.

require masks and gloves for all

I am 36, married with two young kids and I am immunocompromised. I am VERY concerned that restarting everything too quickly will result in continued spread, and I am vulnerable. We're only as safe as the person who is least following the rules, and my husband continues to see people without face masks everywhere when he goes out on urgent shopping trips. With so many people behaving responsibly and many business pushing to open too quickly, I and many friends feel we won't be

resuming normal activities for at least a year. It's sad we can't trust our neighbors to act in the best interests of the whole community - they only care about themselves.

Health over economy should be the priority. Focus on long term not short term. Campaigns about importance people not being hatred against minority Asian groups is important.

I feel its way too soon to lift the stay at home orders. Lets see how other states do when they re-open and not put more peoples lives in jeopardy.

I prefer to wait until a vaccine is available. Even though I'm not in a vulnerable population it sounds like an awful disease to catch if you're not one of the lucky ones with mild symptoms.

Don't let people into the store w/o a mask on, ask them to leave if they take it off.

Everyone should wear mask, keep social distancing at 6 ft or more and limit the number inside.

We fully support MN Governor and his recommendations. We do not support Trump's lax recommendations that do not support the science.

Stay at home order is unconstitutional.

Child care is my biggest concern. Haircuts are a desire, but not 'needed'... I'll wear a mask until we get a vaccine or until I think I can keep others safe, and want others to do the same for me and our community.

If I am going to go into businesses I want to be reassured that business employees are ALL going to adhere to the store's policies and enforce them with all customers. If that can happen successfully, I think people will feel confident to return. I don't need to wear a mask, but I do for the protection of others if I was asymptomatic. I expect others to do the same or not be allowed in to shop. No exceptions. Please also provide hand sanitizer at the door and throughout the store.

Our community and state has complied with staying home for the past two months to protect our our most vulnerable and it's now time to start opening up. We can't continue to keep businesses, youth sports, city fields and parks closed for the unforeseen future. It's not economically sustainable and it's detrimental to the mental and physical health of adults and children. We have been pleased with the consortium of Minnesota Youth Athletic Services (Gopher State), Metro Baseball League and USA Softball Minnesota that has banded together to advocate for a consistent approach to returning to youth baseball. I ask that the city thoughtfully consider their plan for returning to the diamond for a modified summer season as it is crucial for the social/emotional/physical well-being for our youth athletes.

Work to follow the rules and best practices. Masks worn by employees improperly do not work. I think masks should be required by all - it's to protect others and I think it will help slow the spread to get us in a place where we can start to open safely. I am only going to support businesses that take the strictest measures and someone needs to monitor them to ensure public safety.

I'm not sure that this fits, but I have a HS senior. I really want the Wayzata commencement and senior party to happen on 8/1. That far out, and applying precautions like wearing masks and vulnerable people able to watch real time on video for the commencement seems reasonable.

I don't think business should resume until the cases in MN have showed a regular decline and until there is the capability for contact tracing and widespread testing

It would help if the workers wore masks and the company ensured they're taking proper cleaning precautions.

Wait until the curve lowers significantly. Giving the whiners the right to make others sick and possibly die is manslaughter in my opinion

I am happy to wear a mask as a customer for everyone's safety. I encourage stores to require masks of anyone able to wear them (not infants, etc). Restaurants and theaters could open and allow no masks if groups of customers are spaced out and made safe for employees.

update your website with information on how to best access your business (updated hours/procedures/general information number to call, etc.) We want to support you!

We are staying home. But if and when we venture out, we won't go anywhere unless masks are required by the business.

basic environmental hygiene practices are important - JUST DO IT__JUST OPEN NOW!

Individuals can decide for themselves if they want to visit any business that's open at any time. I know what I'm comfortable with and others should not decide that for me. Open up MN and let consumers decide what/where they walk into.

Government needs to quit telling us what we can/cannot do.

honestly, with how much noise there is about how bad this is or isn't, it is hard to really understand the actual severity/magnitude. Honestly, my advice to businesses is to put in place common sense things to keep everyone safe. So, things like making sanitizer/wipes available, and requiring patrons to wear masks, are all ways that we can ensure everyone's health and safety until the situation is really, truly, understood. Businesses should mandate that to be a customer, and we as customers should mandate that from the businesses.

I would love to see signage on walking paths (around Medicine Lake in particular) telling people to stay 6 feet away from each other. People DO NOT respect this distance!

Too soon, I am elderly and feel too afraid at this stage

It's important to me that businesses are thinking about ways to keep everyone safe with a new reality. I will absolutely not patronize businesses that have little/no concern for public safety. I am happy to continue supporting businesses with online/curbside services. I would consider salons/haircutting places if I knew that every measure possible was being taken to protect me and others.

Ignore the talking head walz... Let the people make their own decisions.... He and his party DFL haven't a clue...

Slow and steady wins the race. There is surely a way to reopen thoughtfully and purposefully without resuming business as usual. Let's ease into this new normal so we don't create our own spike in cases or deaths.

Staying safe at home

Think about safety for everyone- staff, customers , 6 staff feet away plexiglass in front of registers.

I will continue to support curbside and eventually distanced businesses that choose to continue to keep the community safe.

EVERYBODY MUST wear a mask, sanitize hands going in and out of a facility, keep social distancing, restrict number of people in a facility. Protect the elderly, immunocompromised, those with chronic illness.

People who own businesses should have the right to choose to be open or not. Customers always have the right to participate or not and can maintain their "personal" social distancing.

Prop the front door open and put trash can by the bathroom door. (I don't like opening doors)

There is no cure and no vaccine for months and then who knows how effective it will be. People & businesses are getting killed economically. People 65 or over are the ones we need to self-quarantine and certainly not the young. Herd immunity is the only way to get through this or we guarantee another huge outbreak in the winter again. Our governor needs to let go of his power hunger.

I would like us to choose science and safety as the primary drivers for decision making.

I'll feel safe when the case rate is reduced. I won't risk going out w infection being rampant. This is an ugly disease and should not be taken lightly for the sake of making a profit.

The Governor and health commissioner of this state should resign immediately. Here is why. 80+% of the deaths in MN (400+) have been in senior long-term care and assisted living facilities. What special, extra effort has been taken to minimize the death and exposure to these sites - NONE. What did he and his control freaks do? Locked down the entire state (only 100+ deaths most in the metro). One size DOES NOT FIT ALL. Outstate should NEVER have been shut down and the metro should have been allowed to remain open when businesses could show that they could safely conduct their business activities. This social distancing stuff is dumb and stupid. You go into grocery stores or gas stations and everything has been touched and no one is 6 feet apart. So why is OK in these facilities and we ban movies and restaurants, and create the economic havoc we have - only because a bunch of bureaucrats need to maintain power and control because the don't know what the H they are doing.

truly enforce safety precautions

These are very difficult decisions to make for our leaders. I hope that people are understanding when some of the decisions are ones they don't agree with.

control access to your establishment, social distance and clean, clean, clean as often as possible.

I support and trust the MN Governor. I believe he listens to our experts and is trying to do "the right thing" and nothing short of that.

I don't know if it went through or not but I don't want to go somewhere unless I have to unless business staff, myself and other customers are wearing masks and social distancing is required as well as limiting the number of people in the business at one time

I want businesses to open up! Do what you must to practice safe measures, but I can practice good hygiene. I don't need to wear a mask or have you wear a mask to be comfortable going into your establishment.

Many of the questions suggest that the Plymouth City Government is considering additional restrictions beyond what is required by the State. The City should not do so. The City does not have its own Health Department, and doesn't have health experts or the public health support on staff to make these determinations. The City should allow whatever the state allows to be opened, and should not impose additional restrictions.

Most important for me is having clerks and customers with masks!

I believe the stay at home orders, while necessary, have been hard on families and their mental health. Restarting kids activities should be a priority. But I think this all needs to be done responsibly. I think people should wear masks and limits should be placed on event sizes store capacities.

Be careful, stay clean, help your employees stay clean too

I hope that the City takes a cautious approach to re-opening that is based on science, not ideology. The right-wing bias of the City Council and their demonstrated ignorance of science when it comes to climate change greatly concerns me and gives me no confidence that they will be up to the task.

Where are the tests? This thing will spread and kill people if we let it.

I won't shop at stores that require me to wear a face mask.

as long as we all take reasonable measures - MN should reopen and get back to work

Safety First! That is the MOST important thing.

Protect the elderly, but for the most part, others without immune deficiency issues seem to be recovering from Covid and eventually we must develop herd immunity to truly fight this disease.

Let's do it slowly with adequate science data not politics

Our hearts and minds go out to affected business owners -- we want to do what's right to serve you since you serve our society. Let's think how to balance the risk to people while getting your business back to operation. We can distance and wear PPE, and continue to use curbside/delivery. Thank you for your patience with this difficult time.

I'm happy for now not spending money except for groceries.

I would only feel safe if the utmost caution is used at all times.

While we sympathize with the needs of business owners to stay in business and employees to return to their jobs, there is very little-- if anything-- beyond the absolute essentials, which we can already obtain from Cub and Target during restricted hours, that would be worth risking our health for at this point. We appreciate the leadership of the Governor and Plymouth city officials in making cautious and reasonable decisions during this extraordinary crisis.

Need to restart the economy before the damage becomes permanent and many businesses never re-open.

I am a healthy 70-year-old who can do without a lot of retail activities; however, I am sensitive to people's need to work and earn a living. That said, no government action or mandate, on its own, will result in me resuming all my previous activities. Only my feeling safe and not at mortal risk will do that. I need to see a continuing reduction and/or control of contagion. Right now, I probably need to see widespread testing, tracking and isolating of potential carriers in order to build my confidence that risk is sufficiently minimized.

Masks are important to me and my family, some who have underlying medical conditions. I feel everyone should wear a mask when in stores etc unless they have a medical condition, and everyone should understand the need to wear them.

Some grocery places are using face masks but employees are seen keeping their noses out of the masks.

Would love if customers for retailers and places it is conducive to wear masks. Might be harder to do in restaurants, but there you could do more spacing of tables.

cancel so called "child support "

Help for small businesses did not run smoothly. I personally know some owners who have still not received any help and are still being forced to close.

I think the stay at home order should remain in place until MN Covid cases show reductions for 14 days in a row. It is not safe for anyone with our numbers continuing to increase.

Be careful with ageism. Discrimination is not safety.

If Big Box stores can be open, so can Mom-and-Pop stores. A safety plan must be in place, of course.

Does it REALLY hurt to err on the side of caution? We need widespread testing, tracing, isolating...unless we are trying to save on Social Security payments or something.

Curbside pickup is wonderful

I hope they plan for flexibility to wax and wane restrictions as the data indicates.

THANK YOU for all your hard work! I think we take it slowly and baby steps and allow larger and larger groups to meet as we assure health and comfort levels!

I think people need to stay at home as much as possible. I think only going out for essentials should still be encouraged, until COVID-19 is truly under control.

Visibly looking like your sanitizing and maintains social distancing with crowds

Safety before profit.

I have no concerns about exiting the stay at home status.

I'd like to see libraries and playgrounds open with some signage about what if any disinfecting maintenance is being done so I can take appropriate measures.

customers and staff should be required to wear masks. distancing is essential

Thank you for doing your best to both stay in business and keep staff and customers safe. I know it's a difficult balance.

With take-out, quick grocery trips, and online shopping, I'm in no hurry to resume activities indoors which increase exposure risks. Please be thoughtful about mitigation steps to avoid exposure when we start reopening businesses.

Open up!!!

Clear signs and instructions on websites about rules and changes are very helpful! I'm more likely to patronize a business that is clear about their precautions.

Appreciate how city has put up signs reminding about 6 ft and also some of parks are locked.

Caution...masks & gloves on staff.

Small measures of opening first and see what happens to the numbers of infected. Testing for fevers at the doors.

I think we need to be sure that we aren't reopening too soon. If things are open, strong safety measures need to be put in place and enforced. I will still be limiting my interactions even when things open. Will not feel 100% comfortable until we have a vaccine or understand enough about Covid to make property safety decisions.

We may never have a vaccine. The lock-down was intended to buy us time to prepare, not to prevent infection entirely. It's time to reopen slowly and cautiously.

Use temperature taking devices for all staff and customers. Refuse entry to any person with higher than normal temperature. Table spacing in restaurants to assure adequate distance. Place orders by mobile device (phone or restaurant device) to reduce contact. Payment by same method using credit card.

We didn't go to restaurants much before COVID-19. With curbside pickup at grocery stores, Home Depot, and Target our lives haven't changed much. My main concern is that summer sports are able to happen so the kids don't miss that stuff.

I would like businesses to supply a hand sanitizer dispenser at the door and request that every customer sanitize when they walk in (they do this on cruise ships). Require staff to sanitize their hands when returning to their work station (they have often touched door handles on their way back to their station)--especially for restaurant workers. Have designated "clean staff" at restaurants that set tables and bring food or other needed items to the table so someone does not clear one person's dirty dishes and then bring someone their meal. Do not refill glasses. Bring out new ones for refills so staff is not touching glasses on one table and then picking up the patron's glass on the next table. Bring out sanitized condiment containers and salt and pepper shakers each time the table is set. Eliminate hand dryers in rest rooms that just blow droplets around the room. Bring back paper towels. Put a waste basket by the rest room door to encourage people to use paper towels to open door

We need to have tests and tracking before we open anything up

We need people to understand that sitting at home penned up in your house for weeks at a time is going to compromise their immune systems. Our bodies need exposure to the day-to-day non-virulent viruses and bacteria in order to be fit for living. If people allow their immune systems to weaken, they will likely succumb to all kinds of viruses and bacteria once they stop sheltering in their homes. Not just COVID-19.

I would like to see more frequent/thorough sanitation procedures of high-contact touch areas (door knobs, table tops, chair backs, etc. and to have hand sanitizer at the door so people can clean their hands before entering.

Don't.

There needs to be a requirement for face masks(employees and customers) as well as a limit of people in spaces until there is a known treatment and/or vaccine. This bologna of people feeling their freedoms are taken away by requiring a mask is insane and all levels of government need to set the example that it's a mask or you don't get services you want. Period. They are putting those of us with medical conditions at risk. It's irresponsible and un-American to let these uneducated gun-toting citizens to hold our safety and country hostage by their reckless behavior and ideologies.

It's too early.

I will be making an effort to only visit businesses that are respecting the health and overall wellbeing of their employees.

Forcing regulations on small businesses is hard on them to implement. Allowing them to take their own precautions to accommodate their business and customers is important. Patrons have the choice whether or not to go there.

Have a plan to enforce compliance with face masks for all policies. Communicate it through all their methods - in advance, often and diplomatically. Protect & respect their employees. By doing so customers will return regularly.

So important to get small business up and running.

Don't rush it. No sense getting everyone sick... Better to create an environment and economy that can thrive in this new normal.

please lift all restrictions asap!

If they can, screen customers, limit number customers, wiping down common surfaces

I'm worried about people who don't feel safe but are forced to return to work by bosses or lack of unemployment benefits

I don't think there will be normalcy until (a) There is a vaccine (b) there is a treatment which can reduce mortality. Remdesivir has no impact on mortality, just reduces hospital stay by 4 days. MN has a very high case mortality rate, and I am unlikely to

resume normal life until either of the above happen.

We need a plan for schools to re-open in the fall. I'm concerned about those who aren't thriving with distance learning because of internet access or other hurdles. A bad re-open this summer puts schools at risk and that should be our highest priority

I have full faith that most business will do whatever they can to be safe and clean. I'm more concerned with other customers and what they will do. I will visit businesses that enforce social distancing policies.

Wearing a mask and allowing less at risk groups more access is a good way to move forward.

Continue to encourage social distancing and ask public to be careful with themselves and others so the spreading can be contained. More public awareness of handwashing, sanitizing will be very helpful. All public places, malls, parks should have enough sanitizers for public use.

They should require patrons to wear face masks.

We have got to get the state open asap.

Implement well known and communicated precautionary measures. Stop using surveys like this when drives personal, non-medical and knowledgeable, opinion. This is almost as back as NextDoor social media. Cannot believe this is real - hey, let's ask a bunch of opinionated uneducated people in their houses after two months - then let's distribute their thoughts to businesses. A new low.

The governor should comply with CDC guidelines before opening the state and that won't happen by mid May. People will die in the resulting spike.

all people in the business facility should wear good facial masks. Also, their business cleaning processes should be posted for us to know before entering

It's hard to comment on overall feelings of safety, as I think sometimes it would depend on what that specific business is doing, how it is set up, and what other patrons of the business are doing to ensure safety of all.

Continue to keep everyone safe! US has an abysmal record with COVID-19 so far, hate to see that replicated locally/statewide.

Age separated hours in businesses and sanitizing are important.

I think we can safely open restaurants by having all restaurants be reservation only and following strict policies on temperatures and ensuring testing of the wait staff and cooks. Personal care even though I needed is a risky business... Nail salons are known for being unclean as they are let alone the virus... Not smart

Please go slow.

If others don't seem to be following conservative approaches, especially if they don't want to, I will continue staying home a lot. (IE crowded stores, unmasked people in small areas, etc)

Don't open, switch to online shopping

Family of 5 with 3 kids under age 14. We won't resume any activities without a vaccine

No one tells us where we can find face masks - either manufactured or sewn.

Thank you to business owners who are providing curbside and/or delivery service! Also, the City of Plymouth list of local restaurants providing take-out is not up-to-date - Plymouth Garden is closed.

Limit # of patrons, wear masks, disinfect a lot (esp. doors, counters, etc), leave doors and windows open.

Just don't rush it!

Too soon

I am in support of re-opening businesses but I will limit my visits at least for a month for the safety of my family

Tell us what you are doing to make things safe. Email existing customers and have it clearly posted inside your business.

Too soon to open any but essential businesses. Need to have effective widespread testing to track, limit spread, and isolate active cases of Covid-19, as-well-as a vaccine available for universal inoculation.

I could not select enough choices - everyone should wear masks (business operators, other customers, me!) and businesses should also enforce physical distancing measures, even if that means limiting the number of people inside stores/businesses at one time. Need to be sure the public understands that everyone has different views - for some, they feel less risk, and others feel life/death risk, so let's all work together and be kind and keep our distance so we can reopen as best we can and live 'til we have have a vaccine or treatment. Thanks for asking.

Only a business that fully supplies the PPE that the employees need/request should qualify to re-open.

Cases are growing everyday specially Hennepin county .At this point there should not be any risk taking....people should maintain calm and stayhome. I would rather stay home safely then face what new york faced .

Slow and steady wins the race. Do it right the first time so we don't have to go through this again.

I would like to know what our access to testing would be before we transition out.

I am very concerned for the small businesses in our community. I want them to be allowed to open up asap in order to keep their hard earned businesses.

Hair salons need to present a good plan before I'm comfortable getting a haircut.

social distancing myself I think establishments and face mask use is really the only thing that would even make me consider going out again

Just get the state open again and back to normal.

Stay safe and take this pandemic seriously. The virus can spread rapidly and is deadly; you can't wish it away. It's here until we find a vaccine. No one is immune to the social, personal and economic affects of this pandemic. Be careful and learn from professionals who have studied pandemics and infectious diseases. They are as close to experts as we have; anyone other than these experts is only guessing; myself included.

We won't feel comfortable until vaccine is available.

The sooner the better!

I think it's time to begin to get back to NORMAL, but in very formal stages. I believe even the least informed person should be aware of what precautions we should practice. If people violate these precautions there should be a high dollar fine.

Workers need masks and gloves

Please do everything you can to stay distant and safe for the people that will feel comfortable visiting your business.

I am most concerned by the lack of medical/dental services.

Tell the governor to open the state back up and keep older vulnerable in isolation.

We have no leader ship at the federal level and as such the USA is a complete mess over this pandemic. Those of us who are at high risk are facing life have been permanently changed. Too many people are on educated regarding the seriousness of this pandemic. More public education including how quickly and easily this virus spreads as well as the proper way to wear a mask and use hand sanitizer as well as gloves

If a mask order is in place, masks need to be readily available for purchase and available to businesses. I think there should be a mandatory mask policy but it needs to be enforced to be effective.

Some people do not follow the recommendations to slow the spread. I see it in my own friends and families behavior and activities they are involved in. For this reason, I am not comfortable venturing out. So far I have been able to manage my essential business from home.

I am concerned about businesses re-opening and forcing employees to report to work in unsafe environment. There should be protections for employees.

I have been wearing a washable mask (that I made) already when I go out shopping, to me this is a great way to keep germs to ourselves. I also appreciate businesses that have sanitizer at the checkout counters or at their entrance and exit....that makes it extremely easy to quickly disinfect before I go into the business and as I leave. We need to open up businesses but with protocols to keep everyone safer...which I feel face masks are a basic requirement.

Wide-spread testing would help give confidence in re-opening, both COVID and antibody testing.

We want them all to be able to reopen and get back to some form of normality. It's just so difficult with the unknown trying to determine what will or will not be safe. We pray it can be figured out and it will be a positive for all. This is simply horrible for everyone!

I plan to resume all my previous activities which includes freedom to see my family members and friends without constraint, Church, groups I have been participating in with more than 20 people and large occupancy election gatherings. I would like people who are ill to be personally responsible and were masks, but do not believe masks are necessary for those who are healthy. We cannot 'wait-out' a virus, its illogical nor should we live in fear of it and be controlled by others who are fearful. We must be responsible for our own health care and that of our families.

If restaurants limited the customers and had 6' distancing and a means to order and pay from a distance, I would like to support them. Especially outdoor dining. I support the contact tracing by phone.

Until anti viral drug comes out, I don't prefer entering into any shop

I remain critical of the decision to have some business's declared critical and others non critical. For instance, liquor stores critical.....

Please mandate every business' employee and every customer wearing masks.

Small & privately owned businesses should have priority for support and aid. They are the most likely to fail without support and consideration.

There is risk no matter what is done. The economy HAS to open up more or the negative health, social, budgetary, crime impacts will be greater than the virus impacts. It's not an either/or choice. Focus on protecting those who are most at risk

(elderly, underlying health risks). Employees should have temps checked, answer health questions, wear masks. State of Minnesota's death projection modeling is flawed, over estimates number of deaths (July estimates)

Please allow youth sports to start. This is the most important to me.

Return to normal ASAP.

I believe all businesses should require face masks unless unable to wear them (e.g., under two years of age, medical conditions, working with lip readers, etc.). If they are not totally effective they still serve as reminders to follow guidelines such as physical distancing and frequent hand washing.

Curbside is the best thing since sliced bread

Open up Minnesota

My first priority is childcare for my two elementary-aged children this summer. Ideally I would love for them to attend their summer camps with some extra precautions taken. Thanks for asking!

Food, health care, and emergency house repair (hardware stores) are the only essential services that should be allowed at this stage. Per medical experts, we are opening things up TOO SOON and will increase infections.

With 80% of tests negative and the overwhelming majority of people infected over 70 and the vast majority of deaths from seniors in group living situations target them for prevention and protection.

Keeping door handles clean and sanitizing often would make me feel better. (Door handles on the entrances and also inside, if applicable). Also keeping registries sanitized if necessary to sign or touch a screen while checking out.

Please follow CDC and WHO guidance, and ignore ignorant politicians.

If we stay in too long, we will have no resistance to anything and just being in the world again will make us all sick. Not necessarily w/COVID, but w/cough/cold/flu/strep, etc. We can't stay home forever. Take smart precautions & let's get back to life.

be careful but not scared

We would rather stay in place and wait out the pandemic than see our neighbors die because someone wants a haircut!!!

Let's be smart and wait to open up.

Continue to clean often and well. Help employees know the importance of wiping surfaces down between customers.

Don't go too fast.

Resist the urge to rush; take the time to consult reputable sources and varied opinions about how to proceed. Get feedback from your employees about what they think would work for safety and efficacy. Think outside the box to find/create new approaches to doing business. This is a time to innovate!

Mandatory masks. Common sense isn't always common.

Make sure the store staff are wearing masks correctly, not lowered so their nose is exposed. I've seen a lot of that. REQUIRE nail salons to have "sneeze guard" plexiglass or similar shields with openings at the bottom for doing nails. VERY IMPORTANT.

Outdoor activities are safest. Social distancing indoors is much less effective.

Masks required to enter establishments. One-way aisles. Enforcement of restrictions. Continue curb-side pick-up even after you re-open

Masks should absolutely be required everywhere in all public places, workplaces, and retail. They aren't enough without also personal distancing, hand washing, and avoiding crowds, but they are important enough to be mandatory.

Continue to offer hours for seniors/vulnerable. Refuse to allow people to enter without masks.

Open us up! This is ridiculous and has gone on long enough. Let the businesses be open or we are going to lose them. I do not feel that the science is backing up the need for this lockdown any longer. It's time to let ALL businesses be open.

don't use the word "safe" Nothing is or was safe. Ex. Plymouth Park and Rec should not say our programs are safe. You can say we have applied safety measures. We can't guarantee the outcome (never could) so don't say it.

We will very likely be dealing with covid19 for many more months and years. It is important to be careful! Thank you for your interest in hearing from residents! It is greatly appreciated!

I care for 2 people 65 + so I will continue to social distance, wear protective gear and avoid crowds. I am concerned we will reopen too soon and see an uptick in cases, causing pressure on our medical system and risk for vulnerable populations.

take it slow and be intentional with how this is done. understanding that this significantly impacts business livelihood, so let's get them open and working within this new environment responsibly.

Air flow and outdoor, distance all need to be in place then open up

It will be weeks after re-open before I feel comfortable being with others. I especially will not go anywhere if others aren't required to wear masks.

Anything we can do online is great.

Go slow with only a few people allowed in at a time. Communicate how you are sanitizing the store and how often. Allow elderly people only in at a specified time. We need to be sure opening up stores does not accelerate the transmission of the virus.

Please continue to develop safety measures and implement with best advice from CDC, NIH etc.

Try to still keep everyone safe

Our family is not a high risk family and we have no extended family near us. We believe in exposure and our immune system and feel its time for herd immunity to happen in order to move towards a more "normal" life. We think its time to open up and let people decide for themselves and to continue to protect the elderly and vulnerable. Think of how good it would make the young, healthy and already exposed feel to help with programs aimed at supporting our at risk population instead of being told to stay home and be scared of a virus that has very little probability of causing significant harm to them.

keep the establishment clean, ask sick employees to stay home and make it ok for them to stay home with no fear of being fired.

Mask requirements would help.

Only after we have a vaccine we are both 72

I approve of businesses requiring masks. I also hope businesses limit the number of people in their store & somehow enforce social distancing. It's disappointing to go to places like Cub, Target & Lowes to see crowds packed so tightly not respecting social distance, not wearing masks, etc. (Sometimes) not the store's fault...not sure what stores could do to try to gently remind rude customers of personal space. Some sm. businesses have such tiny spaces, there's not much room for social distancing...I hope they can rearrange stores to make distancing easier. Restaurants will have to spread tables out for me to feel comfortable eating there. I like seeing businesses showing me they're trying to sanitize - HyVee cleaning checkouts btwn customers & Target wiping down carts btwn customers. contactless payment. or if I swipe my card - how I can use your credit card machine w/out touching same buttons & signing pen as others? (sanitize? disposable cover on cc machine per customer?)

Keep safety measures and don't let up. This will take some time, maybe a long time!

Provide early hours for those over 60. Be consistent across businesses.

People are smart, and one size doesn't fit all. So those who don't want to go out aren't begin forced to. They can continue with their own version of a SAHO as long as they'd like. But it's ridiculous hundreds of people can gather in Target, Menards, etc. but small family businesses can't be open? That's horrible and unpatriotic.

Based on historical data, the second wave is considerably worse than the first. Judging by what has happened so far, it appears we are still on the upward curve of the first one. Opening up without significant changes to the way everyday business is conducted seems unsafe.

Yep those who are most vulnerable need to continue to take precautions but the rest of us need to get back to work and resume our lives.

More "outdoor" space options if and where possible. Take care of your employees as much or more than the public. Don't let people come in sick and give them pod sick time

I don't understand why food prep and delivery people and cashiers don't wear gloves and masks?

Our family would take proper precautions and avoid places we don't feel safe, but not everyone will have those same choices to make. Walz has done a great job, and I think opening SOME retail would be good so long as preventative measures can be made. Many places that so far have opened have been absolute chaos - we won't go to places that operate like that. If the store/place doesn't have a policy in place to keep their employees and customers safe, we won't go.

happy to stay at home, continue shopping online, doing curbside pickup, wearing mask, physically distancing in order to ensure the health of our community

Open back up so we don't loose our small businesses.

Please do not rush it. As much as we all want to feel normal again, it isn't worth risking the lives of our friends, family, and neighbors.

I feel that is very important to resume business operation quickly. I understand and appreciate the need to be safe, and there are ways to allow businesses to operate safely without imposing heavy restrictions how people conduct their lives. My thought is - if the general population is smart enough to elect a president, they should also be allowed to run their lives and make the decisions best for their families.

Do it slowly. I realize we need to balance the economy and public health, and public health needs to win. We also need to be prepared for wave 2 and 3 of this virus as more business open, and fall comes.

If establishments are opened, I think they need to adhere to restricting customers and distancing. The Target in Plymouth is horrible and I refuse to shop there anymore because there are way too many people and no one is practicing safe distances.

MN is a hotspot, cases skyrocketing, doubling every 10.5 days. you are nuts to consider lifting shelter order now. i will NOT do anything differently- might even be LESS inclined to leave the house if you lift it, since more people will be out.

Do the reopening slowly and we will all learn.

Thanks for asking!

While I want everything to reopen, I don't feel we are in a safe place to do so and will not go back to normal until the spread is stopped.

policy isnt consistent. not sure why groomers were restricted but going to costco or home depot is ok?

We have now learned that we all need to continue to wash our hands extensively, continually disinfect surfaces, and we've learned how to social distance 6ft apart. Let MN'ers put their knowledge to the test! Advise the elderly and the immunocompromised to stay home but let us get our economy back on track! So many people are going to lose their jobs/businesses if we don't. Taking the extra precautions will continue to flatten the curve in a relatively safe manor. Save our economy and open up!!

Stay at home is great! Keeping everyone safe should be the highest priority before vaccine is developed

Lead by example.

This illness is not going away any time soon. Keeping the state closed down is no longer doing any good. The govt. needs to realize that we are trustworthy and will do our best to stay safe without then imposing their will on us. Open it up. People will get sick and people will die but there's nothing that the govt. can do to change that.

As businesses open, I want to be reassured that employees are being screened carefully.

Let our people go.

It would be nice if they followed cdc guidelines. I want things to reopen, but I would like for it to be smart, with restrictions in place to keep everyone safe. It can't be a free for all.

Masks and distancing seem to make the biggest difference.

I would most likely stay at home for an additional 2 weeks after the shelter in place order is lifted. I would like to see the effect lifting the order would have on the number of cases. When I do return, I would expect the people and employees around me to respect social distancing, limited number of people in a space and masks to protect each other. Common curtesy and respect should be shown by all.

Ensuring proper sanitizing efforts throughout the facilities. Options for purchasing online/curbside pickup in some of the smaller shops.

Limit # of people permitted in the store/restaurant/business, require social distancing, require masks for all employees and encourage masks for customers. When possible, permit online pre-purchase (for haircuts, manicures, etc.) to minimize touching/handling of \$\$, credit cards, pens, transaction kiosks, etc. Hire an employee whose sole responsibility is to wipe down grocery carts at grocery/retail stores, wipe down door handles, etc. Train ALL employees on proactive prevention...e.g. don't touch people's credit cards, wash your hands every 20 min, etc.

Businesses will take appropriate measures to make people feel safe. Schools need to reopen now

Businesses need to be putting pressure on the state to have testing and contact tracing in place. I will not feel comfortable going out much until I know that clusters can be caught and isolated quickly to stop the spread.

Please make sure Park & Rec fields are ready once the governor lifts the stay at home! We need to be outside playing!

I think regular cleaning of common areas - playgrounds, benches on bike paths, etc, should be added.

I feel May 16th is too soon. Give it another month.

It is extremely important to me and my family that youth sports open up. The kids have suffered enough already with the lack of quality interactions brought on by distance learning. Please allow the PWYBA to use park facilities, as our association will be safe and responsible in doing so. For those families who don't feel safe and don't want to participate, they have the option not to. But for those willing and able to participate, please don't make the choice for us.

People should wear masks outside of their home - even walking on the paths and around the neighborhood

Stay at home until number of cases are lower than they were before stay at home orders made and testing as well as contact tracing is VERY available.

Please allow competitive youth soccer to resume June 1st! Also, looking forward to Lifetime opening up again

We need to move all people with Covid-19 from retirement homes into central facilities while they are contagious. 100%, and staff. Then test 100% of the other residents 3 times/week along with staff and limit their exposure to outside people. PROTECT the vulnerable. Its ridiculous that we have 200+ homes with infected residents instead of ZERO.

Enforce any rules you come up with. There are many different views on this & many are not educated enough to know the truth of what is happening.

I am fortunate to work at home at this time, I want businesses to be able to open but do not want to risk lives or create another surge. It rules are not in place to keep people safe I will not return to that business.

My opinion, people are not taking this serious, and we should continue social distancing, limiting people in stores, and everyone should be wearing masks.

don't make blanket decisions, advise elderly to avoid close contact with others

We need antibody tests readily available to find out who has already had it. Also I would feel more comfortable with kids returning to school if a COVID-19 test were available for all students and teachers weekly.

I appreciate measures to protect people from getting COVID-19. I am not sure how many services I will use if the restrictions are lifted. I plan to use on-line and curbside pick-up for restaurants and shopping as long as statistics about the disease continue to be increasing regardless of whether restrictions have been lifted. So far MN has been making decisions that I believe are in the public interest and aligned with science. However if that changes, I will use the science available to help me make choices about what services I am willing to expose myself to.

Learn that masks are required now, for everyone. Asia gets this, the US needs to in pandemic times. Distance helps, but masks are far more effective and will afford us all greater freedom. Protect and promote Asian restaurants and services (nails) from the completely unfounded discrimination Asian-Americans now face today.

The stay at home order was supposed to allow for time to get prepared. We are prepared. The models have not been accurate. Let "cure" is now doing more harm than good. Open up.

Follow CDC and State guidelines to keep everyone safe. If you don't take safety seriously there will be setbacks. I will only patronize businesses that I feel are doing all they can to keep me and my family safe. We will have choices of who is doing a good job keeping us safe. For the sake of the public and your business, you should be one of them.

Most places should remain closed until 14 days of death and diagnosis decline

Please let us get back to normal soon. I am not concerned at all with covid

We need activities for youth

Please put forward smart business plans for how you can re-open safely. This will do more to help you re-open than anything.

Absolutely no consequences for calling in sick.

Safe spatial and social distancing and seating at houses of worship and knowing if singing projects too much exhaling of breath to be safe at six feet of separation.

I am not high risk, but will choose to still socially distance and support local business through curbside pickup and online purchases. Based on the companies that are currently operating, I am a fan of those who require staff to wear masks, provide contactless pickup or payment options, and are making an effort to minimize the amount of people in stores. Every store seems to be doing something completely different than one another though, and it would be nice for the city or state to provide clear guidelines for businesses to run during the pandemic. For restaurants, Mark Cuban has a very good set of criteria that we could learn from, such as restaurants having contactless payment and disposable tableware and menus.

Stay safe, we're all in this together. #OneMinnesota

Perhaps some businesses could have customers register on line to come in to shop (basically taking reservations)

I need to see strong, impressive safety measures or I'm not entering the business. People who refuse to appropriately wear masks (some pull it below their nose) should not be allowed inside businesses. All employees should definitely wear masks. My current habits aren't changing until things are safe — minimal shopping trips only for necessities and once or twice per week takeout/curbside pickup. Love the Mann Theater in Plymouth and miss going there, but no movies because it's not worth the risk.

Make things Touchless, contactless, minimize contact and spread and use overt sanitation.

I think we are all responsible enough to open safely. Businesses and people are not doing well and need to work to support themselves. We can't live on unemployment and not everyone is fortunate enough to be able to work from home receiving full pay and benefits!

Please continue to offer curbside pick up as an option in addition to being able to go into a store or restaurant

It would be helpful, although probably unrealistic if business Would stagger people in, instead of closing early and opening late. It makes people come in all at the same times. I would also love to see sanitizing Wipes actually being utilized or available so people could chose to use them.

Business owners need t be given the requirements for opening and let them innovate how to make that happen. Let them be checked they are accomplishing the requirements. We have to start learning how to live with this virus. It isn't going away.

I would like to see ways for outdoor concerts to happen with social distancing so music in Plymouth can go on as scheduled. Perhaps the hilde center could host more outdoor concerts this summer too if measures are in place- possibly even daily concerts of all kinds.

Covid 19 impacts the elderly and the infirm much more than young people. Young people and children should not be shut at home in order to combat a disease that hits old people.

Continue Curbside Pick up. Without a vaccine or a good drug for this virus I won't go eat in a restaurant or go to a salon. I can support by buying food and salon products or even taking online classes from the salon. I am just scared.

THIS HAS GONE ON LONG ENOUGH, WE NEED TO REOPEN THIS COUNTRY AND LET PEOPLE LIVE THEIR LIVES.

Until a vaccine is created, the only thing the government should be focusing on is protecting the elderly and people with underlying health conditions. Requiring healthy people to stay at home doesn't make sense. The government needs to protect the population that is seeing the more severe symptoms.

Just OPEN!! regardless of rulings....its time! be smart but open

Everyone should wear a mask, and wear it properly. No one should be exempt. And complaining about wearing it will only drive my business away. No one wants to do this, but this is the world we live in. We all have to do our part, act like grown ups, and deal with the challenges. Otherwise, we will be forced to live a worse existence for longer.

Careful thought needs to be given to resocialization. Let's not rush our re-opening due to social, emotional, political or economic pressures. Continue using fact-based information to drive decisions, as we are learning new information about this virus that can only be discerned with time.

I am looking forward to shopping at local stores and that my husband can resume Lifetime fitness. He has ataxia and the physical exercise strengths his ability to walk.

Get a massive box of cheap pens to sign paper credit card charge slips with, then have customers keep the pen. There is no need to reuse the same pen. Businesses MUST enforce a high standard of safety in order to reopen the economy - viruses don't play nice just because some people aren't prepared for the new reality. Freedom requires more responsibility and forethought than before the pandemic. Often when I get tired of all the annoying precautions it take to do anything out of the house; I ask myself "whose grandparent do I want to unknowingly infect if I don't slow down and be smart about this?"

Really appreciate all that the city and the state are doing to protect the people and to keep them informed. Great job!!

Even if the stay-at-home order is lifted, people are going to be bracing for a second wave. Local business shouldn't get too excited. There's still a long road ahead.

Take it slow and make decisions to keep people safe and healthy. Masks should be required for all, along with physical distancing.

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