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Top Re-Opening Tips for Businesses

While reopening is in progress, we must remain diligent about minimizing the spread of COVID-19. Even as we begin to return to "normal," you and your employees can help keep each other, your customers and the community safe with these practices.

- Ensure that employees continue to wear masks, gloves as appropriate and have access to hand washing and cleaning supplies

- Maintain regular cleaning and disinfecting practices as often as reasonable and warranted using CDC guidance and approved cleaners https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/cleaning-disinfection.html

- Address reasonable concerns with staff by being open to accommodations (telework, alternate assignments that limit interaction, etc.) https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-small-business.html

- Any sick employees should stay home and/or be sent home immediately https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html

- Consider taking temperatures at the beginning of shifts to help identify potentially asymptomatic employees https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/general-business-faq.html

- Place social distancing reminders and guides throughout the public areas

- Limit the number of customers in a confined space at once

- Encourage cashless transactions if possible

- Promote proper ventilation of facilities through HVAC maintenance or just opening windows for fresh air https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/ventilation.html

Details on these measures and more can be found on the Howard County Health Department Coronavirus website. https://www.howardcountymd.gov/Departments/Health/MM-Alerts-and-Recalls

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