



King County

June 3, 2020

John Wiesman
Secretary, Washington State Department of Health
101 Israel Rd. SE
Tumwater, WA 98501

Dear Secretary Wiesman:

As leadership of King County, we are writing to request modification of King County's current Phase 1 status in King County as provided for in Washington State's Safe Start Phased Reopening Plan announced on May 29th. King County's request is made with the full support and recommendation of our Local Health Officer, Dr. Jeff Duchin, as indicated in the attached application.

While King County has not yet met key criteria to enter Phase 2 of the Safe Start plan, we are seeking approval move forward with a modified approach, including partial re-opening of the businesses and activities noted below.

Activity Area	Limits and Requirements
Outdoor recreation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All activities may operate subject to Phase 2 guidance.
Fitness	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All outdoor activities may operate subject to Phase 2 guidance, which limits the occupants to no more than five people outside of a household (excluding the instructor).• Indoor fitness studios may operate subject to Phase 2 guidance but is limited to one on one activities only.
Social Gatherings	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Only allowed outdoors with five or fewer people outside the household.
Additional construction	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All activities may operate subject to Phase 2 guidance.
Manufacturing operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All activities may operate subject to Phase 2 guidance.
Real estate (residential and commercial)**	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All activities may operate subject to Phase 2 guidance with the exception that at no time may an office's occupancy be higher than 25% and indoor services are limited to 30 minutes.
In-home/domestic services	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• As outlined in Phase 2 guidance.

Activity Area	Limits and Requirements
In-store retail**	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All non-essential retail activities may operate subject to Phase 2 guidance with the exception that at no time may an establishment's occupancy be higher than 15% and indoor services are limited to 30 minutes.
Personal services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All activities may operate subject to Phase 2 guidance with the exception that at no time may the number of customers be more than 25% the number capable of being served at any one time, or 1 person if it is a single bed/chair studio.
Professional services**	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All activities may operate subject to Phase 2 guidance with the exception that at no time may an establishment's occupancy be higher than 25% and indoor services are limited to 30 minutes.
Photography	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All activities may operate subject to Phase 2 guidance.
Pet grooming	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All activities may operate subject to Phase 2 guidance with the exception that at no time may an establishment's occupancy be higher than 25%.
Restaurants#	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All outdoor dining activities may operate subject to Phase 2 guidance at 50% outdoor capacity with all tables and chairs maintaining 6 feet of distance. Additional or new outdoor seating would be allowed subject to maintaining 6 feet of distance between tables and chairs, as well as receiving a city permit as is typically needed. All indoor dining services may operate subject to Phase 2 guidance with the exception that at no time may the number of customers be more than 25% of the tables provided such tables and chairs are more than 6 feet away from each other.

***Real estate, professional services, and in-store retail businesses will be directed to provide signage encouraging indoor visits to less than 30 minutes. At no time may face to face interactions last longer than 30 minutes.*

Public Health – Seattle & King County will release guidance by Friday, June 5 to advise how additional outdoor seating may be offered in the lowest risk manner.

Restaurants will need to go through the normal process within their city to seek approval to expand outdoor seating.

We will continue to reevaluate King County's data and needs as outlined by the Safe Start Washington Phased Reopening Plan. Please see the full application to review our summary of the epidemiology of COVID-19 in King County, the county's key metrics, and our work to ensure appropriate response, including addressing the needs of communities disproportionately impacted by the pandemic.

We in King County are eager to safely and thoughtfully resume additional economic activity based on the guidance offered through the Washington's Safe Start Phased Reopening Plan. Keeping our residents safe and reducing the risk of COVID transmission are among our highest priorities.

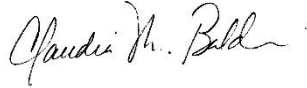
Please have your staff contact April Putney, Director of Governmental and External Relations, at 206-263-1905 if you have questions about our request or application materials.

We appreciate the partnership of the Department of Health and your continued leadership and collaboration. Thank you for your timely consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,



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King County Executive



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Chair
King County Council



Joe McDermott
Chair
King County Board of Health

Enclosure

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