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## **WBMA Member Update** **April 22, 2020**

### **Alaska**

Governor Mike Dunleavy accelerated his timeline to open up segments of the economy, announcing today that under certain restrictions, barbershops, tattoo parlors, nail salons and tanning salons can open starting Friday the 24th, allowing one customer in at a time.

"We're going to give these businesses an opportunity to be open, and really it's one provider, one client, no waiting room," Alaska Department of Health and Social Services Commissioner Adam Crum said.

Restaurants can open up for dine-in service, but with reservations. They can have up to 25% capacity. Retail stores will be allowed to open for limited shopping, operating at 25% capacity with hand sanitizer at the entrance. Bars, bingo parlors and bowling alleys cannot open yet, state officials said.

Some mandates were extended. International and out-of-state travel restrictions were extended to May 19 and social distancing requirements are extended until further notice. Dunleavy said Anchorage will follow in the state's path, opening the same businesses on Monday.

### **Montana**

Starting Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, the Montana stay-at-home order will be lifted, but Governor Bullock says that does not mean it's time to hold a barbecue or block party or celebration.

As of Sunday, places of worship can reopen as long as physical distancing is possible.

Starting Monday April 27, retail stores can open for business, but they must set out limitations to accommodate distancing. Places like movie theaters, gyms and other spots where large numbers of people can gather will remain closed for now.

Starting May 4, restaurants, bars, etc. can start providing some in-establishment services. Restaurants can operate at most at half the regular capacity. No more than 6 people can sit together. You can't sit at the bar. Closing time will be 11:30 p.m.

On May 7, Bullock will lift the statewide school closure. The decision to reopen will be up to local school districts.

Travel restrictions and mandatory quarantine for people coming into Montana will remain in place for now. There will not be an expiration date on phase one. Bullock says we need to see how the first phase works in Montana before moving to phase two. He also says local health departments may put other limitations in place.

## Washington

### *Still no change with residential construction being deemed essential*

Gov. Jay Inslee spoke directly to Washingtonians Tuesday evening to lay out his vision for the eventual safe return to public life amid the COVID-19 outbreak.

Inslee said it is unlikely many restrictions under the “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” order will be modified before May 4. Rather, this plan is intended to be a framework for the loosening of restrictions contingent on a steady decrease of the spread of COVID-19.

“It will look more like a turn of the dial than a flip of the switch,” Inslee said in the address. “We’re going to take steps and then monitor to see whether they work or if we must continue to adapt.”

Depending on health projections for the spread of the virus, some distancing restrictions may be in place for weeks or months to come.

“In the coming days, we will receive additional health modeling projecting the course of this virus,” Inslee said. “We hope it will give us cause to begin lifting certain restrictions.”

The return to public life will occur in measured steps. It will be guided by science and informed by our public health needs, our ability to mitigate impacts, and the response of Washington communities.

The Governor's plan has three overriding goals:

1. **Protect the Health and Safety of Washingtonians:** Guided by data and science, we must continue to suppress the virus, protect our most vulnerable and treat those who are sick. We must ensure that COVID-19 infections and deaths are decreasing and that we have sufficient testing and contact identification in place before taking steps toward loosening restrictions.
2. **Facilitate a Safe Start and Transition to Economic Recovery:** A healthy workforce is needed for a healthy economy. When it is safe, we will take measured steps to get people back to doing what they do best in a way that protects themselves and their communities’ health.
3. **Support All People and Communities:** We will use an equity lens for recovery efforts to enhance people’s physical, emotional and financial well-being, with particular attention to those who have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19, including communities of color, individuals experiencing homelessness, individuals with disabilities, as well as those experiencing unemployment, poverty, and food insecurity.

The Governor’s plan emphasizes the necessity for community leaders from across the state to work together to provide guidance for a safe and sustainable recovery for all Washingtonians. The governor will appoint three leadership groups to advise on public health, economic recovery and social supports.

The Governor said that if the data continues to indicate it’s safe to do so, the state may soon be able to consider how to modify restrictions around elective surgeries, construction and outdoor recreation.

“We are looking forward to making advances against this virus,” Inslee said. “Only science, data and informed reasoning can lift us out of this crisis.”