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Kent to Move into Stage Two of Recovery

June 4, 2020- At yesterday's press conference, Governor Hogan announced that Maryland will begin to move into Stage Two of the "[Maryland Strong: Roadmap to Recovery](#)" with a safe and gradual reopening of workplaces and businesses, along with additional personal services and state government offices. Beginning at 5:00 pm on Friday, June 5th, non-essential businesses in Kent County may open to the public. Specific closures are still in place. Read the [press release](#) and the Governor's latest [executive order](#).

New Best Practices Guidance:

- [General Business](#)
- [Professional and Financial Services](#)

Kent County residents, particularly those who are older and more vulnerable, are strongly advised to continue staying home as much as possible. Employers should continue to encourage telework for their employees when possible. Individuals who can work from home should continue to do so. Kent County citizens must continue wearing masks in indoor public areas, retail stores, and on public transportation. Additionally, Kent County citizens must continue practicing physical distancing, continue avoiding gatherings of more than 10 people, keep washing their hands often, and frequently sanitize high-touch areas.

Kent County leaders will continue to monitor this phased implementation closely and will put additional safety measures into place should the need arise. "Resuming non-essential business operations is an important step in getting our community back on its feet," commented Bill Webb, Health Officer. "Moving into Stage Two of the recovery is a good sign, but the coronavirus is still very much present across the state. I strongly advise our citizens and business leaders to follow the strict safety guidance and requirements. I would also encourage our residents to take advantage of the free drive-thru testing for COVID-19 that will be offered by appointment beginning June 8th."

For details on Drive-Thru Testing visit Kent County Health Department's [site](#). For additional information, call Kent County Health Department @ 410-778-1350, M-F, 8 am-4:30 pm.

Residents can also call Maryland's 24/7 information line at 2-1-1. Anyone feeling ill should contact their health care professional. All emergencies should continue to call 9-1-1.

To review previously published best practices, go to the state's [Back to Business](#) site.

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