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Cosmetologists, barbershops can open Friday; dine-in can resume at eateries Monday, 5/11

Arizona **barbershops** and **cosmetologists** are able to **resume** appointment-based services **this Friday, May 8**, while following **guidelines** for comprehensive sanitation, physical distancing, reduced occupancy and capacity, **Gov. Doug Ducey** announced late Monday.

Dine-in services can resume at Arizona **restaurants and coffee shops this Monday, May 11**, again with physical distancing practices and stringent adherence to sanitation and health directives issued by federal and state governments. The governor said state government “has been working closely with the industry” to **prepare** for re-opening. His office released additional guidelines to keep customers and employees safe.

Next up – “we’re working with the **fitness industry**,” gyms, studios and swimming pools, to finalize what they need to re-open, Ducey said.

Ducey’s latest steps in a gradual re-opening come on the heels of announcements that allowed limited retail openings Monday, May 4, with **expanded** shopping this Friday, May 8, provided distancing is **respected** and sanitation and other practices meet public health

requirements.



Summary of guidance for cosmetologists and barber shops

For businesses:

- Maintain **physical distancing**, to the extent possible.
- Provide and require employees to wear **masks**.
- Wear **gloves** when possible.
- Provide **sanitizer** and **hand-washing** opportunities throughout, for use by employees and guests.
- Encourage clients to wear **masks** when possible.
- Operate with **reduced** occupancy and capacity.
- **Wipe** pens, counters and hard surfaces.
- Implement comprehensive **sanitation** protocols.
- Consider posting **signs** advising everyone of expectations and guidance.
- Reduce **waiting room** space, and sanitize regularly.

For customers:

- **Stay home** if you’re sick.

This latest round of openings is “**a safe and good** option at this time. Get your haircut, get something to eat, and head home. That’s where it’s safest.” Those who are **65 and older**, and with underlying **health** conditions, are **urged** to **limit** time away from home, and to practice good hygiene.

Under the order, barbers and cosmetologists can re-open **Friday** as long as they establish and implement safety protocols and best practices, including using face coverings for employees and customers, operate by appointment only, and follow protocols as directed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the U.S. Department of Labor Division of Occupational Safety, and the Arizona Department of Health Services.

[Click here](#) for a link to that guidance.

Operators of restaurants and coffee shops must establish and implement safety protocols and best practices, including physical distancing policies, limited numbers of diners, and following protocols as directed by state and federal agencies. [Click here](#) for a link to that guidance.

In addition, the governor issued an Executive Order requiring **expanded** reporting of COVID-19-related information to residents of long-term care facilities, as well as their next of kin and guardians and prospective residents. “Our largest concern is in these **congregate** settings,” as well as in **correctional** facilities, he said.

The governor shared Arizona’s symptoms, which show a **downward** trajectory in both COVID-19-like and flu-like cases over a recent 14-day period. In fact, new flu cases are near 0. “This is a good trajectory for Arizona,” Ducey said, and it comes even with an increase in testing. Hospitals are **well-equipped**, and have **capacity** for any new cases.

“Arizona is **prepared**,” the governor said. “That gives us the **confidence** to make some economic decisions safely.” The pandemic and its resulting closures “have done so much to **slow** our economy, and **affect** our citizens in Arizona.” Now, “Arizona is headed in the right direction.” It means he can give “a **green light** for our first step forward.”

“Arizona continues to focus on **protecting** public health, supporting those in need and ensuring we’re taking the necessary steps to return stronger,” Ducey said. “Our efforts to **slow** the spread of COVID-19 are working — and Arizonans are still encouraged to limit time away from home. Arizona will continue to take a steady approach and work with the Arizona Department of Health Services as we breathe life back into our **businesses** and provide guidance on reopening. More to come.”

- Stay at least **6 feet** from other patrons.
- **Don’t touch** your eyes, nose or mouth.
- If possible, use **touchless** payment. If you must handle cards or cash, use hand sanitizer.
- **Wash thoroughly** when you get home.

Summary of guidance for cafes, restaurants

For customers:

- **Stay home** if you’re sick.
- Consider **delivery** or **curbside** pickup.
- Stay at least **6 feet** from other patrons.
- Consider **off-peak** dining.
- **Don’t touch** your eyes, nose or mouth.
- If possible, use **touchless** payment. If you must handle cards or cash, use hand sanitizer.
- **Wash thoroughly** when you get home.

For businesses:

- Consider assigning duties to vulnerable workers that **minimize** contact with customers and other employees.
- **Enforce** hand-washing, covering coughs and sneezes.
- Develop **standards** for the use of non-medical grade masks or cloth face coverings by employees.
- Ensure **adequate supplies** for healthy hygiene.
- Consider posting **signs** advising everyone of expectations and guidance.
- **Intensify** cleaning, disinfection and ventilation practices.
- **Wash**, rinse and sanitize food contact surfaces, food preparation surfaces, and beverage equipment.
- Use **disposable** or **digital** menus, single-serving condiments and **no-touch** trash cans and doors.
- **Wipe** pens, counters and hard surfaces after every customer.

By the way, we're holding a virtual **New Member Orientation** tomorrow, **Tuesday, Cinco de Mayo, at 11 a.m.** [Click here](#) to join the **Zoom** meeting! Or email Kristen@orovalleychamber.com to be added to a calendar invite. We'd **love** you to join us if you are a **new member**, or even if you'd like a **refresher** on all the ways you can utilize the Chamber and **meet** new members!

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