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Berks County Preparing to Go to Yellow June 5th

Reading, PA— 5/22/2020 — Berks County was notified today through Governor Wolf’s office that Berks County will be moved to yellow effective June 5th. Berks County is working with our healthcare partners and business leaders to make certain Berks is ready for yellow on June 5th. This first step of going to yellow moves us toward the goal of opening all businesses in Berks County responsibly and safely.

Preparing to Go to Yellow is the next step for Berks

“Berks County is working with our healthcare partners and business leaders to make certain Berks is ready for yellow on June 5th,” stated Commissioner Christian Leinbach. The commissioners understand how hard this has been for business owners, employees and residents of Berks and acknowledge that this is a step in the right direction.

Businesses and Individuals need to prepare for June 5th

This is not the time to let down our guard. We need the people of Berks County to continue to do the right things to protect themselves and the people around them. This is especially true of those that are most vulnerable and that is the elderly and those with underlying health conditions. The commissioners are directing people to resources available at www.DoYourPartBerks.com

It is also critical that businesses step up now and plan to implement effective procedures and policies in order to protect the health of employees and customers. Here are some resources.

- <https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3990.pdf>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-businessresponse.html>
- <https://www.uschamber.com/co/start/strategy/business-owner-tips-coronaviruspandemic>
- [HIGHMARK Employer Workplace Toolkit](#)
- [PA Dept. of Health COVID-19: GUÍA PARA NEGOCIOS ESENCIALES](#)
- [PA Dept. of Health COVID-19 GUIDANCE FOR ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES](#)

At the weekly COVID-19 Update scheduled for Wednesday, May 27th at 3:30PM we will specifically address preparing for Berks “Going to Yellow” on June 5th.

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