

What You Need to Know About Trump's 3-Step Plan to Restart American Economy

President Donald Trump released guidelines for "Opening Up America Again," a three-phased approach to help state and local officials when reopening their economies, getting people back to work and continuing to protect American lives after many schools, churches and businesses closed due to the coronavirus issue.

President Trump said, "America wants to be open and Americans want to be open. A national shutdown is not a sustainable long-term solution."

The guidelines for "Opening Up America Again" outline three phases for states to gradually ease their lockdowns. The president promised governors they would be handling the process themselves, with help from the federal government.

The Trump administration had previously stated May 1 as a possible date to begin to reopen the nation, but some states may be able to reopen earlier.

The guidelines include some recommendations across all three phases including good personal hygiene and employers developing policies to ensure social distancing, testing and contact tracing.

Phase one includes many of the current lockdown measures, such as avoiding non-essential travel and not gathering in groups. However, large venues such as *places of worship*, restaurants and sports venues can operate under strict physical distancing protocols, which means no more than 10 people and maximizing social distance.

In the second phase, large venues including churches can operate under moderate physical distancing protocols, and in the third phase, they can operate under limited physical distancing protocols.

Liberty Counsel Founder and Chairman Mat Staver said, “We are beginning to see light at the end of the tunnel. Closing businesses and locking down America has resulted in catastrophic damage. These lockdowns are not sustainable. We must begin to open America.”

Staver continued, “The lockdowns have closed churches at a time of greatest need. Many of the orders from governors and local officials violate the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. These closures must end.” {eo}

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