

Hello and welcome to the 2020 Glendale Legislative Link Program.

Below is a summary of the latest Executive Order signed today by Governor Doug Ducey. This information was taken from a press release issued by the Governor's Office.

Governor Ducey Announces Next Phase Of Arizona Recovery

Stay At Home Order To Expire On May 15; Replaced By New Guidance For Economic Recovery That Prioritizes Health And Physical Distancing

Governor Doug Ducey today announced that the Stay At Home order in Arizona will be ending on May 15 and replaced by new guidance for the next stage of economic recovery. The new guidance aligns with gating criteria issued by the White House and Centers For Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and aims to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 resurgence, protect vulnerable populations, and guide the reopening of businesses with enhanced physical distancing and safety measures in place.

Arizona's new Executive Order, which takes effect on Saturday, May 16, builds on Arizona's comprehensive efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19 and protect public health, including: ramping up testing availability and frequency; implementing tracking of key health metrics such as reported symptomatic cases and emergency room usage; standing up surge hospital capacity to be used as needed; expanding statewide contact tracing; bolstering supply chains for personal protective equipment for frontline medical workers and emergency responders; implementing enhanced safety protocols to protect those living and working in high-risk facilities such as nursing homes; and providing public health guidance for businesses and individuals to ensure continued physical distancing.

Governor Ducey also announced today an accelerated plan to test all staff and residents of long-term care facilities as well as individuals within Arizona's prisons. As part of this plan, the Arizona Department of Health Services will partner with private-sector labs to expand testing to 147 long-term care facilities and provide antibody tests for correctional officers. Additionally, major league sports can resume limited reopening, without fans, this Saturday, May 16.

The Arizona Department of Health Services also released additional guidance for businesses and customers as more industries resume partial operations. This guidance includes:

- Pools, with physical distancing and enhanced sanitation - can reopen Wednesday, May 13 ([GUIDANCE](#))
- Gyms & Fitness Providers, with physical distancing and enhanced sanitation - can reopen Wednesday, May 13 ([GUIDANCE](#))
- Spas, with physical distancing and enhanced sanitation - can reopen Wednesday, May 13 ([GUIDANCE](#))

While never formally closed, many places of worship opted to temporarily change or suspend services in order to follow physical distancing guidelines. As they resume operations, the Arizona Department of Health Services released [GUIDANCE](#) for enhanced physical distancing and safety precautions.

View today's Executive Order [HERE](#).

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Best regards,

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