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MAYOR LONDON BREED ANNOUNCES TIMELINE AND PLAN FOR SAFELY REOPENING SAN FRANCISCO

Plan formulated by the Economic Recovery Task Force allows outdoor dining, indoor retail, and certain outdoor activities to resume on June 15th, assuming they are allowed by the State; additional activities will be permitted to resume with modifications in phases.

As part of plan to safely reopen, San Franciscans will need to wear face coverings when around other people not in their household.

San Francisco, CA — Mayor London N. Breed today announced a plan for reopening San Francisco that will allow certain businesses and activities to resume with modifications in phases over the coming weeks and months. As long as San Francisco continues to make progress slowing the spread of COVID-19, meets key health indicators, and state guidance continues to allow more activities, San Francisco restaurants will be able to offer outdoor dining, retail businesses will be able to allow customers to shop inside with modifications, and additional outdoor activities can resume on June 15th. The City plans to allow additional activities and businesses to resume in July and August.

“Our residents have a lot to be proud of with how we responded to this pandemic, with many people making enormous sacrifices to protect the health and safety of their fellow residents,” said Mayor Breed. “We’re entering a new phase of this crisis and we feel comfortable that we’re at a place that we can begin reopening parts of our economy, but that is not to say that this virus doesn’t continue to threaten our city. As we begin recovering and reopening, all of us are going to have to play our part to adjust to the new normal until we have a vaccine, and we’ll continue to do everything we can to offer clear guidelines and precautions to support residents and businesses with the new adjustments that will be needed moving forward.”

San Francisco’s reopening plan is aligned with the State’s guidelines and is based on a San Francisco-specific risk model to control the spread of COVID-19 and protect public health. The plan is also informed by the work of the San Francisco COVID-19 Economic Recovery Task Force. The timeline for allowing certain businesses and activities to resume will be adjusted as needed based on public health data.

Part of San Francisco’s plan for safely reopening includes requiring residents to wear face coverings on most occasions when they leave their home and are near other people, both indoors and outdoors. The public also must comply with other health and safety requirements and recommendations such as social distancing, handwashing, and cleaning frequently touched
surfaces. The Department of Public Health will issue a new Health Order today with updated requirements regarding face coverings.

San Francisco’s Plan separates the State’s second stage into three phases – Phase 2A, 2B, and 2C. San Francisco’s Phases 3 are 4 are aligned with the State’s stages. San Francisco has already entered into Phase 2A, which allows curbside pickup permitted for most retail, construction, elective surgeries, and outdoor businesses like carwashes, flea markets, and garden stores to operate.

San Francisco’s current Stay Home Health Order does not have an expiration date and will be amended over the coming weeks and months to allow for a gradual and safer reopening. Today’s plan details the next phases, and provides dates that the City anticipates additional businesses and activities can resume with modifications. The dates in the plan will be finalized through amendments to the Health Order or directives, and will be guided by health indicators. If the City makes progress faster than expected, then the timeline outlined below may shift to allow some reopening to occur earlier. For each phase, guidance will be issued to provide businesses and operators with adequate time for planning and compliance with health and safety requirements.

Guidance for personal activities and interactions, such as visiting friends, having play dates and dinner parties is forthcoming. The plan and timeline to reopen businesses and activities was created in coordination with the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency’s (SFMTA) Transportation Recovery Plan. For each reopening phase, SFMTA will add and adjust services incrementally.

“San Francisco’s early and aggressive actions were key to the success we have had fighting the coronavirus,” said Dr. Grant Colfax, Director of Health. “As we move to reopen, continuing to prioritize community health will be essential. Every San Franciscan can and must help if we are going to reach better times ahead. That means, covering your face, keeping social distance and getting tested if you have any symptoms. These actions have saved lives and are going to be more important than ever as we start to move around the city again.”

“San Francisco led the way with our public health response and we can lead the way again with a thoughtful and responsible approach to reopening,” said Assessor Carmen Chu, co-chair of the Economic Recovery Task Force. “Through the task force, we heard from hundreds of San Franciscans on the need to balance our public health needs with our ability to make ends meet and today’s announcement provides a roadmap for all of us to plan and prepare for the future.”

“As we move to reopen, this framework provides business with the information they need to plan their next steps towards recovery,” said Joaquin Torres, Director of the Office of Economic and Workforce Development. “And as our communities follow good public health practices, we will see an increase in the activities necessary to move San Francisco towards full economic vibrancy.”
San Francisco Planned Reopening Timeline

The list below does not include all the businesses and activities that the City has included in the plan for reopening. San Francisco will only allow reopening of businesses and activities that are permitted under the State’s guidelines. For full information about the City’s plan to allow additional activities and business to reopen in phases, go to SF.gov/reopening.

Phase 2A – June 1st
- Child care
- Botanical gardens
- Outdoor museums and historical sites
- Outdoor curbside retail for services with minimal contact (shoe repair, dog grooming, etc.)

Phase 2B – June 15th
- Most indoor retail
- Outdoor dining
- Summer camps
- Private household indoor services
- Religious services and ceremonies
- Outdoor exercise classes
- Professional sports games, tournaments, and other entertainment venues with no spectators
- Non-emergency medical appointments

Phase 2C – July 13th
- Indoor dining with modifications
- Hair salons and barbershops
- Real estate open houses (by appointment only)

Phase 3 – Mid-August – to be determined, will be more than one sub-phase
- Schools with modifications
- Bars
- Other personal services
  - Nail salons
  - Massage parlors
  - Tattoo parlors
- Gyms and fitness centers
- Playgrounds
- Swimming pools
- Indoor Museums

Phase 4 – Date to be determined
- Concert venues
- Live audience sports and performances
- Nightclubs
- Festivals
- All hotels and lodging for leisure and tourism

The Shared Spaces program, which Mayor Breed announced on Tuesday, May 26th, will allow neighborhood businesses to share a portion of the public right-of-way, such as sidewalks, full or partial streets, or other nearby public spaces like parks and plazas for restaurant pick-up and other neighborhood retail activity. Outdoor dining is permitted to resume locally on June 15th, and if the State allows outdoor dining by that time, restaurants will be able to apply for a permit to set up tables and chairs in the public right-of-way.

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