



COVID-19 Update & Announcements

April 30, 2020

Governor Walz Announces Extension of Stay at Home Order

Governor Walz held a press briefing today beginning at 2:00 p.m. to announce that [Minnesota's stay at home order will be extended](#) to May 18th.

Re-Opening of Some Retailer Business

On May 4th, retail businesses that can offer curbside pick-up or delivery will be permitted to re-open. This will put approximately 30,000 Minnesotans back to work. Every business that re-opens must post a plan on how they are doing this safely and templates are available online on the [DEED website](#). A [symptom screener](#) has also been launched to help businesses be more effective on health screening.

The state is also asking that retailers use online payment, if possible, and continue with social distancing and using masks. This signals that we are on a path to re-opening more workplaces and settings if we can do it safely, continue to social distance, use smart processes, and not overwhelm the system. The governor acknowledged that the stay at home order is difficult for businesses and the state is going to continue strategic efforts to get Minnesotans back to work.

The state has requested those who are able to telework to continue doing so. The state will also be strongly encouraging wearing face masks in public to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 and will ask employers to screen for COVID-19 symptoms.

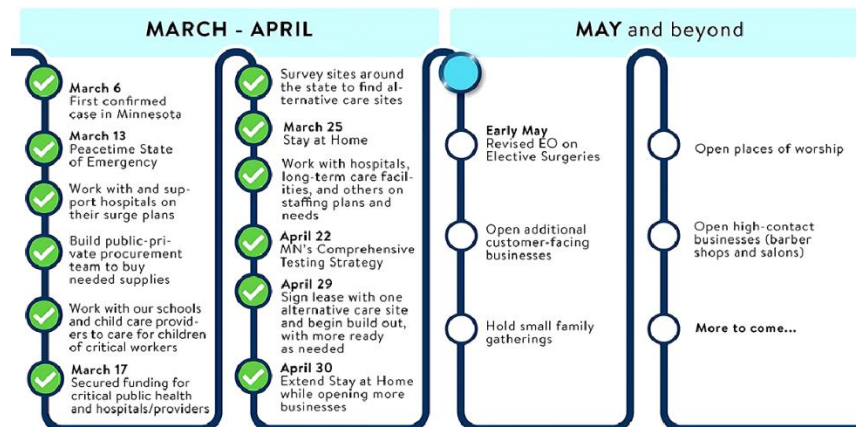
Testing and Prevention of Cases in Minnesota

The governor stated that we must continue to implement contact tracing, increase testing, and isolate those people who have tested positive or been exposed. The goal is to continue testing all symptomatic individuals and designing systems for surveillance and proactive testing in underserved communities. The other goal is to continue response to hotspots. Minnesota is on track to get to our goal to deliver 20,000 tests per day. Minnesota continues to be amongst the lowest rate of cases per 100,000 residents.

Current Ban on Elective Surgery

Within a few days, the state hopes to announce a revision of the current ban on elective surgery. If we are making good progress on testing and social distancing, we will continue turning the dial and opening back up for procedures. The state will continue to work with healthcare providers to determine when the time is right. This action will also help bring people back to work and allow hospitals to rebuild lost revenue.

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