



CLAY COUNTY COVID-19 RESPONSE

Due to an outbreak of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, in our community, it is necessary to implement prevention and protection measures for stopping the spread of the disease. These measures are put in place at varying times and degrees, based upon the current situation in the county. We hope this framework will provide insight into the fluid process that Clay County and public health officials will navigate to the best of their ability over the course of the outbreak.

PHASE 1: SLOW THE SPREAD

During this phase, important measures are put in place to prevent the continued spread of disease. These include:

- Maintain Physical Distancing**
- Increase Testing Capacity and Rapid Results**
- Ensure Functioning of the Health Care System**
- Increase Supply of Personal Protective Equipment**
- Implement Comprehensive COVID-19 Surveillance Systems**
- Massively Scale Contact Tracing and Isolation and Quarantine**
- Offer Voluntary Local Isolation and Quarantine**
- Encourage the Public to Wear Masks**

In order to safely move to the recovery phase, four things must be achieved:

- 1) Sustained reduction in cases for at least 14 days**
- 2) Hospitals are able to treat all patients with COVID-19 without crisis standards of care**
- 3) All symptomatic people can be tested**
- 4) Public health can maintain active cases and contact isolation and monitoring**



PHASE 2: RECOVERY

The recovery phase will be a series of gradual steps that will slowly reopen the community in order to protect the safety of the people and prevent the spread of disease. Each step within the recovery phase will be weeks to months in length. And if at anytime, the spread of COVID-19 increases to unacceptable levels, the county may move backwards through the steps, up to and including resuming a stay at home order.

Three Key Elements to Recovery:

Maintain Focus on Testing, Isolation Strategies and Health Care

Individual and Corporate Responsibility*

Adjust Physical Distancing Strategies*

STEP 1



Reopen businesses and organizations with occupancy limitations, no mass gatherings

STEP 2



Reduce limitations for businesses and organizations, reintroduce limited mass gatherings

STEP 3



Remove limitations for business, maintain limited mass gatherings, reopen schools

STEP 4

Expand mass gatherings

*More detailed guidance will be provided to businesses and individuals as we move from step to step.



When the community has sustained a low level of COVID-19, allowing it to progress through the steps of Recovery, there are three triggers that could prompt movement into Phase 3:

Availability of a vaccine
Widespread availability of testing and effective treatment
Minimal active cases

PHASE 3:

ESTABLISH PROTECTION THEN LIFT ALL RESTRICTIONS

Phase 3 will introduce long-term solutions to mitigate the spread of disease and lift all restrictions associated with COVID-19. More detailed plans for transitioning into Phase 3 will be developed as the time nears.

PHASE 4:

REBUILD OUR READINESS FOR THE NEXT PANDEMIC

Phase 4 will introduce long-term capacity and resource building to ensure our communities are ready to respond to the next pandemic or significant health event. More detailed plans for transitioning into Phase 4 will be developed as the time nears.