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SUBJECT: Del Norte County Received Approval from State to Begin Reopening

On May 14, 2020, Del Norte County submitted the local variance plan and attestation for businesses and organizations in Stage Two to open at a quicker pace than the rest of the state. Today, the state approved the variance. Del Norte County has met the criteria required by the state. The state determines which businesses will open in each stage. The following Stage Two businesses are now allowed to open with COVID-19 Operations Plans in place and meeting the COVID-19 mitigation measures:

- Clothing Stores
- Thrift Stores
- Furniture Stores
- Auto Dealership
- Childcare
- Golf Courses
- Public Parks, non-congregate portions and trails
- Office-Based Businesses, though telework is still encouraged whenever possible
- Limited Services of landscape gardening, pet grooming, and tanning facilities
- Dine-In Restaurants

All businesses must have a written COVID-19 Operations Plan to mitigate the risk of transmission of COVID-19. Del Norte County has developed a template and document of best practices for businesses to use. However, where guidance documents from CDPH are available online, for businesses in Stage Two, the state recommendations must be met as well. These plans must be submitted to Del Norte County Public Health for approval, though businesses above may reopen with pending approval of COVID-19 Operations Plans. More information about this process is available at <https://bit.ly/DNR2R>

At this time, it is unknown how long Stage Two will last or when we may transition to Stage Three legally and safely. To view the variance attestation, please visit the state website: <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Local-Variance-Attestations.aspx>