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## **Phase Three: Reopening of businesses and additional testing sites**

(Oklahoma City) - With the 14-day downward trajectory of influenza-like illnesses and confirmed COVID-19 cases, a sufficient hospital capacity and the ability to quickly set up testing sites for symptomatic individuals along with plenty of trained contact tracers of COVID positive results, many Oklahoma businesses will be reopening Monday, June 1st.

Employers can resume unrestricted staffing of workplaces. The White House guidelines calls for employers to develop their own plans around how and when to resume business travel.

As we enter Phase Three of the reopening of our community, the Oklahoma City-County Health Department (OCCHD) still encourages the use of face coverings while in public, social distancing of six feet whenever possible, and recommends the continuation of good hygiene ranging from hand washing with soap for twenty seconds or use of hand sanitizer. People should still avoid touching their face, and sneeze or cough into a tissue or the inside of your elbow. People who feel sick or have a temperature of 100.4 or greater should stay home. Contact and follow the advice of your medical provider.

Under the Governor's order, vulnerable individuals (age 65-plus, those with lung disease, diabetes, obesity, asthma, and compromised immune system) are encouraged to shelter in their homes, leaving only for essential needs like groceries or prescriptions. When doing so, they should practice physical distancing of six feet and wear a face covering.

OCCHD will begin COVID-19 testing at the Northeast Regional Health and Wellness Campus located at 2600 Northeast 63rd Street on Monday, June 1st along with the Southern Oaks Wellness Campus at 6728 South Hudson Avenue from 7 to 9 a.m.

### ***About OCCHD***

*OCCHD was established in 1910 and was one of the first public health departments in the entire nation to be awarded accreditation status by the Public Health Accreditation Board. Currently, OCCHD has multiple locations around Oklahoma City. The mission of the agency is to protect health, promote wellness and prevent disease by working with the community for a healthy future.*