

SBC Chambers Webinar ... Reopening Your Business – Understanding the County’s Self-Certification Program – June 2, 2020

Questions submitted by audience:

If our business has several different types of services, can we certify to open just one type of service at a time or do we have to do them all (with various different guidelines) at the same time?

- Yes, you can self-certify only the portions/services that you are opening at this time, as long as they are allowed to be open. As you open other services, applicable checklists and protection plan(s) shall be incorporated with those for the already opened services.

We are eligible for PHASE 3 reopening. Do we start the attestation process now? Or do we wait for Phase 3 opening to start the process?

- While you cannot attest at this time, you are encouraged to start planning and preparing for reopening by obtaining supplies, such as for disinfection or screening, as well as reviewing guidance. Please note that guidance is updated as necessary, such as when new information is received, and while guidance is provided for broad industry sectors, more detailed guidance may be available from related associations.

There is no category for con halls, theaters, and other performing arts venues. Will that be added later, or is the process different?

- These are anticipated to be allowed to reopen with modifications in Stage 3 and 4. As industries are allowed to reopen, those categories will be added with guidance, checklist, and prevention plan templates.

Our law firm has 2 offices. Do I need to submit all for both locations? One for SB and the other for Costa Mesa in that county?

- While we cannot speak for the process in Orange County, for your Santa Barbara location please complete the Santa Barbara specific attestation.

Is a prevention plan the same as site-specific covid-19 protection plan?

- Yes.

Where do 12 step recovery fellowships fit?

- It is anticipated that limited group gatherings will be allowed to reopen with modifications in Stage 3.

In a shared office situation, both the building and the individual businesses would have to complete this process? How two different businesses share the responsibility to re-open or ensure compliance? Are all tenants in a building responsible for their own plans? What are responsibilities of the building owner?

- The provider of the shared space and their tenants would need to submit their own attestations. It is recommended that the building owners plan be provided to the tenants as the foundation for their plans, where they could add further modifications specific to their work. All tenants would be responsible to adhere to the buildings plan and any specific modifications they specifically require. The building owner would be responsible for ensuring their plan is followed.

We're a 501C3 social non-profit. We have some groups who use our building who have 10 or less members. Can they use our space if they agree to spacing and masking?

- Group gatherings of any size are not permitted at this time.

With the Carpinteria Arts Center and we have three core activities: gallery/ classes/ events. Assume we need three different attestations since they are in different phases of opening?

- These activities are currently not permitted. Only one attestation would be needed after these activities are permitted to be resumed, however the checklists and protection plan would need to be updated prior to additional activities are added.

Do I need to supply masks, gloves, remove seats in break room?

- It is recommended that a facility have some spare facial covering available should an outside contractor/vendor or employee not have a facial covering. Gloves should be provided to employees who perform disinfection tasks and cleaning. Removing seats or otherwise making them unusable is recommended to remind employees to comply with social distancing.

If you have a museum (phase 3) and a retail store, will I need to submit just for retail, then submit again for phase 3? Also, are there sanitation standards/requirements posted somewhere for gift shops/retail stores in terms of individual product cleaning?

- Only one attestation would be needed, however the checklists and protection plan would need to be updated prior to the museum reopening when it is allowed. We are not aware of posted sanitation requirements in related to cleaning of individual items.

If you are planning on bringing back employees in to an office space in a phased approach over a several month process, do you have to certify each time you enter a new phase of bringing more people in?

- While you do not need to certify as you phase in more employees, please ensure you are following applicable checklists and your prevention plan and revising as necessary.

Could a performing arts organization perform in a place of worship if they open up before concert halls?

- No.

Do the certifications need to be posted @ each construction site? It says "we're open" however our jobsites are NOT open to public so I didn't want to cause confusion

- Yes, the certifications and associated checklists and prevention plan templates need to be posted and made available to employees and others, however they could be located where they do not create the perception that the job site is open to the public.

Is there an industry sector guideline for specific businesses? What about Virtual Reality arcade?

- Industry sectors are generally broad categories, virtual reality arcades and other arcade venues are categorized with entertainment venues in the State's Resilience Roadmap

In Solvang we have a private gym for one client in the past at a time always with a personal trainer following all health department codes. Could they open?

- Private treatments under the guidance of a licensed physical therapist for a medical condition would be allowed, however gyms are not permitted to be opened at this time.

Do our employees have to self-check each day prior to coming to office? Do we need to provide a health check list?

- It is recommended that employees self-check prior to leaving their residence, a health checklist should be included as part of your reopening plan. Currently associated symptoms are available from the CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

SB County Health has Attachment A, B, C which shows list of businesses that are essential and low-risk businesses that are allowed to open. Attachment C not allowed to open at this time!

- Correct, businesses listed in Attachment C are not allowed to open at this time. Health Officer Order 2020 No. 2020-8.2 (as amended by 2020-8.3), County of Santa Barbara, includes Attachment A (Defined Essential Businesses that May Remain Open with Social Distancing), Attachment B (Defined essential businesses and defined lower-risk businesses that may remain open with modified operations and social distancing, or open more fully with self-certification), and Attachment C (Businesses that Must Close Physical Locations).

Are there restrictions/notifications regarding elevator use?

- While there are not specific restrictions/notifications to elevators, social distancing and other modifications such as frequent cleaning and disinfection of high touch surfaces are required.

Can a Stage 3 Business certify in preparation for opening? Or is that not possible at this time?

- No, businesses cannot certify before their associated industry is permitted to be opened. However it is recommended that the planning process for reopening be started.

If your business was essential and never stopped operating, how specifically do these re-opening guidelines/regulations apply?

- Defined essential businesses are required to complete the self-certification process by June 5, 2020.

What stage does a library fall in?

- Libraries can reopen for curbside pickup only at this time. It is anticipated that libraries will be able to reopen with modifications during Stage 3.

As a vocational training center- we were doing distance learning. What stage would we fall into for bringing our students back to our center for instruction?

- It is anticipated that training centers will be able to reopen with modifications during Stage 3.

We went to the County business reopening website earlier and couldn't locate an option to select Financial Services (Insurance) - probably because it is considered an essential business. But if we were closed and are reopening, what industry do we select if ours is not listed?

- For defined essential businesses, if a more industry specific category is not available, please select "Office Workspaces" or "Retail" or for healthcare providers "Life Sciences".