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CDC releases resources to assist states to open



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Across America, states and localities are experiencing different phases of the COVID-19 pandemic. Many have chosen to begin moving gradually and strategically toward resuming civic life. To help states, tribes, localities, and territories, as well as businesses and community organizations operate as safely as possible during the COVID-19 pandemic, CDC released two new resources to aide in reopening.

The first, [CDC Activities and Initiatives Supporting the COVID-19 Response and the President's Plan for Opening America Up Again](#) , summarizes CDC's initiatives, activities, and tools in support of the whole-of-government response to COVID-19. The document includes information on general and healthcare surveillance as well as previously posted guidance on infection control, contact tracing, and testing. Additionally, the document includes a standardized way to look at the gating criteria in the [Opening Up America Again](#)  guidance and tools to assist establishments after they open; this is a supplement to the decision trees CDC released May 14.

The second resource is a set of health considerations to be used by [summer camps](#), [schools](#), [youth sports organizations](#), [institutes of higher education](#), and [restaurants and bars](#), that are open. Considerations documents are concrete, actionable resources that focus on four categories of safeguards:

- promoting behaviors to reduce spread,
- maintaining healthy environments,
- maintaining healthy operations, and
- preparing for when someone gets sick.

Decisions and strategies about how to operate are implemented at the state, tribal, local, and territorial levels because every locale is different, and individual jurisdictions have the authority and local awareness needed to protect their communities. CDC is continuing to work with state, tribal, local, and territorial leaders to provide technical assistance, and resources that can help support decisions about how Americans begin to re-engage in civic life while adhering to mitigation strategies such as social distancing, hand-washing and wearing face coverings.

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