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### What's happening with the disease?
- Increasing number of new cases every day, likely to overwhelm the health system
- Stay Home, Stay Safe: Strict social distancing, travel restrictions, face coverings, hygiene best practices, remote work

### What do we need to do to stay safe?
- Critical infrastructure
  - Final responders
  - Health care workers
  - Critical manufacturing
  - Food and agriculture
  - Essential retail (e.g., grocery)
  - Transportation

### What work can we do?
(Examples)
- Critical infrastructure
- Additional types of recreation allowed

### What factors determine progression to next phase?
- Analysis shows epidemic growth rates slowing
- Hospital and treatment capacity built, alternative care facilities established
- Infrastructure for crisis response and data systems to monitor progression are in place

### Cases, deaths decline for extended period
- Monitor impact on vulnerable populations
- Sufficient healthcare system capacity in place
- Improved testing, contact tracing and containment capacity

### Case and deaths at low absolute rates per capita
- Healthcare system capacity continues to strengthen
- Robust testing, contact tracing and containment protocols in place

### Continued case and death rate improvements and outbreaks can be quickly contained
- Safer at Home: Continued distancing, face coverings, safe workplace protocols
- Small gatherings

### Sufficient community immunity and availability of treatment
- All businesses
- Events and gatherings of all sizes with new safety guidelines and procedures
- Social distancing rules are relaxed and large events are permitted

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Note: This framework is being updated and refined as additional guidance from CDC and public health experts becomes available.
STAGES OF OUR RESPONSE

In Governor Whitmer’s Safe Start Plan, we evaluate where the state and each of its regions are across six phases of this epidemic:

1. **Uncontrolled growth:** Increasing number of new cases every day, likely to overwhelm the health system. Only critical infrastructure remains open.

2. **Persistent spread:** Continue to see high case levels with concern about health system capacity. Only critical infrastructure remains open, with lower-risk recreational activities allowed.

3. **Flattening:** Epidemic is no longer increasing and health system capacity is sufficient for current needs. Specified lower-risk businesses can reopen given adherence to strict safety measures.

4. **Improving:** Epidemic clearly decreasing and health system capacity is strong with robust testing and contact tracing. Additional businesses can reopen given adherence to strict safety measures.

5. **Containing:** Epidemic levels are extremely low and outbreaks can be quickly contained. Health system capacity is strong with robust testing and tracing. Most businesses can reopen given adherence to strict safety measures.

6. **Post-pandemic:** Community spread is not expected to return (e.g., because of a vaccine) and the economy is fully reopened.

Assessing which phase we are in involves a comprehensive review of the facts on the ground. Guided by our experts, we are closely monitoring data that allows us to answer three questions:

A. Is the epidemic growing, flattening, or declining?

B. Does our health system have the capacity to address current needs? Can it cope with a potential surge of new cases?

C. Are our testing and tracing efforts sufficient to monitor the epidemic and control its spread?

We have also worked with our best public health experts and the business community to assess the infection risks posed by workplaces across every sector of the economy. In general, those businesses that are likely to re-open sooner are those that present lower levels of infection risk and whose work cannot be performed remotely. We have also evaluated risk mitigation strategies to minimize the chance that any infection will spread at the workplace. Within each phase, businesses may reopen in a staggered manner to ensure safety. Finally, as our understanding of this disease improves, our assessments of what is appropriate in each phase could change to match the latest scientific evidence.

We are also establishing working groups to advise the state on how we can safely re-engage child care and summer camps, as well as businesses such as restaurants and bars, travel and tourism, and entertainment venues, so that when it is safe, there are best practices established for how to partially open in a low-risk manner.

The following sections outline our approach for moving between phases as well as details on each phase of the MI Safe Start Plan.
PHASE 4: IMPROVING

What does it look like

This phase occurs when the number of new cases and deaths has fallen for a period of time, but overall case levels are still high. When in the Improving phase, most new outbreaks are quickly identified, traced, and contained due to robust testing infrastructure and rapid contact tracing. Health system capacity can typically handle these new outbreaks, and therefore case fatality rate does not rise above typical levels. Though a community might be in a declining phase, the overall number of infected individuals still indicate the need for distancing to stop transmission and move to the next phase.

What work can we do

Businesses and organizations
Most business and organizations will be open throughout this phase under strict safety measures. These include:

- **Retail:** Permitted with additional safety measures and guidelines (e.g., limited capacity)
- **Public Transportation:** Permitted
- **Restaurants & Bars:** Available for take-out, delivery and drive-through only
- **Manufacturing:** Permitted with additional safety measures and guidelines
- **Construction:** Permitted with additional safety measures and guidelines
- **Food & Agriculture:** Permitted
- **Offices:** Open (remote work still required where feasible)
- **Education:** Remote learning in K-12 and higher education, summer programs in small groups
- **Outdoor work:** Permitted with additional safety measures and guidelines

What do we need to do to stay safe

Personal and social

- **Social Distancing:** In place, maintain a six-foot distance from other when outdoors / in public
- **Face coverings:** Required
- **Gatherings:** Limited to small groups with social distancing
- **Outdoor Recreation:** Walking, hiking, biking, golfing, boating permitted. Activities permitted in small groups with social distancing
- **Quarantine/Isolation:** Individuals who have confirmed or suspected COVID-19 must isolate, and any individual with a known exposure must quarantine, according to CDC and public health guidance
- **At-risk populations:** All at-risk individuals should continue to shelter in place. Members of households with at-risk residents should be aware that by returning to work or other environments where distancing is not possible, they could carry the virus back home. Precautions should be taken to isolate from at-risk residents. Businesses should strongly consider special accommodations for personnel who are members of an at-risk population