

To Our Community Partners:

Thank you for the sacrifices you and your families have made in responding to the COVID-19 health crisis. We commend you for staying home and doing what you can to protect your family, friends and neighbors throughout this pandemic.

Due to your efforts, we have “flattened the curve” in the infection rate in our County and have saved lives.

Now, it is time to **start** the conversation about how we ease back into economic and social activity without losing the great progress we have made and inadvertently cause a new wave of infection.

Summit County formed the “Stabilization Working Group,” to structure the next phase of this COVID-19 emergency: the Stabilization Phase. It is anticipated that as we pass through the Urgent Phase of the emergency, businesses, organizations and commerce will be able to gradually and safely return to operations under specific conditions and guidelines. Public Health must continue to guide our conduct as a community in this phase. Operations that can be done safely while continuing to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus should be able to take place. To this end, Summit County has been working with some community representatives, neighboring counties, and the state to make this process as uniform and coordinated as possible.

This notice serves as a call to action. We invite businesses, associations, nonprofits, faith-based organizations, and others to work with us on sector-specific proposals for how, and under what conditions, your sector of the economy may reopen safely for business. This effort will not be a one-size fits all approach, understanding the unique operations of each business and organization. With 3,500 licensed businesses within the community this is a daunting task. We ask that you come together in your specific business sector or organization and choose leaders to represent your sector or organization in working with the County on a plan for how to return to operations. The County’s Stabilization Working Group will review the applications and appoint the representatives.

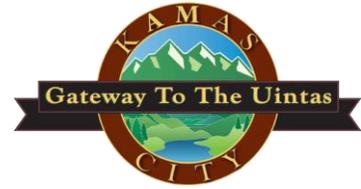
In a new health order anticipated for mid-May, Summit County will issue minimum mandatory standards, in coordination with the state, which all businesses and organizations must follow. We are looking for innovative and creative strategies specific to your business sector that can be layered on top of those minimum standards to keep the public safe while allowing people to return to work.

Attached to this notice is an open letter from the County Manager and Public Health Official to business and organization sectors. Those interested in serving as a sector or organization representative, should complete and submit the attached application form to [EOC@summitcounty.org](mailto:EOC@summitcounty.org) by **April 20, 2020**.

We look forward to working with you in getting Summit County back to work.

Questions? Call Summit County Community Concerns at (435) 333-0050.

Summit County's Stabilization Working Group



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