

# THREE PHASE PLAN TO FLATTEN THE CURVE WITHOUT CRUSHING THE ECONOMY

*“Don’t underestimate TN Hospitals. If they are staffed and fully equipped with supplies, then TN will lead the nation in patient recovery.”*

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## PHASE I

### FLATTEN CURVE AND RESPOND

This is the phase that we are currently in and it is crucial to devote all efforts to slowing down the exponential spread of COVID-19 so that our healthcare systems can ramp up capacity. This first phase should be continuing through April 30th as Governor Lee has encouraged.

- ▶ Continue social distancing to flatten the curve and save lives. We must continue to ensure our most vulnerable Tennesseans—seniors and those with chronic conditions—stay safe, especially in cities where the virus is spreading rapidly.
- ▶ Continue providing daily metrics to the public
- ▶ Ensure we have enough Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs) such as masks and face shields and increase the number of ventilators to cover the projected need.
- ▶ Procure enough COVID-19 tests for all symptomatic Tennesseans to be tested quickly and accurately.
- ▶ Retrofit all available space in hotels, college dorm rooms, and other applicable facilities with treatment resources to help alleviate overcrowding at hospitals.
- ▶ Continue urging Tennesseans to stay indoors as much as possible but support our local businesses (i.e. restaurants) and churches that are adapting to the COVID-19 crisis.

## PHASE II

### PROTECT MOST VULNERABLE AND SELECTIVE RELAUNCHING

This phase focuses on slowly reestablishing business and social activities that are currently suspended while not losing ground on the healthcare gains from Phase 1. This phase should last from May 1 through August 1st.

- ▶ Continue protecting our most vulnerable, high-risk citizens in skilled nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, group homes and anyone in the state that is immunocompromised.
- ▶ Keep our hospitals fully staffed and stocked with all supplies needed to meet the daily needs of acute COVID-19 infections
- ▶ Begin selective relaunching on a county by county basis the following:
  - ▶ Reopen schools so our young people can finish the semester and participate in end-of-year activities.
  - ▶ Reopen nonessential businesses that cannot function remotely like restaurants, gyms, and hotels (specifically those that have crowds less than 50)
  - ▶ Allow dentists and surgeons to begin offering elective procedures
  - ▶ Consider fan-less sporting events that can be viewed online.

## PHASE III

### FULLY OPERATIONAL AND NEVER AGAIN

The final phase is about getting back to normal in a post pandemic world but putting the necessary guardrails in place so that we never face this crisis again so unprepared. This phase should begin by August 1st and continue until the end of 2021.

- ▶ Continue tracking all COVID-19 metrics for two years.
- ▶ Allow citizens to resume all aspects of their lives, businesses open and begin rebuilding.
- ▶ All gatherings of large groups of people resume. As well as international travel, concerts, sporting events with fans, conventions, and other entertainment venues.
- ▶ All schools from Pre-K through Graduate school reopen for classes for the fall semester.
- ▶ Our Never Again strategy includes stockpiling PPE and ventilators. Treat this pandemic the way we did the attacks of 911 when the Department of Homeland Security and the TSA were formed.

