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A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR WASEEM AHMED, REGARDING FUTURE PLANS ON OPENING LOCAL CHOWCHILLA BUSINESSES

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The City of Chowchilla would like to thank all businesses for their patience during these difficult times. The City understands the impact this pandemic has had on all of our community, and we appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate to an optimal plan.



We want to remind businesses that the statewide shelter in place order issued by the California State Governor, Gavin Newsom, is still in place and active; this order supersedes all local orders. Because of this, the City of Chowchilla has no choice but to enforce the order that is in place. There will be no changes to our procedures until the State and the Madera County Public Health Department makes any modifications to the order.

The City of Chowchilla monitors the progress daily with the Governor's office. Today, the Governor announced they plan on issuing guidelines on Thursday, May 7, 2020, for moving into Phase 2, which could hopefully begin as early as Friday. If this happens, certain industries will be allowed to reopen with restrictions on how they plan to operate safely to reduce the risks of spreading the COVID-19 virus.

Public health guidance for certain Stage 2 sectors:

- Lower risk workplaces
- Non-essential manufacturing (toys, furniture, clothing, etc.)
- Schools
- Childcare facilities
- Retail businesses for curbside pick-up
- Offices where working remotely isn't possible but can be modified to make the environment safer for employees

For further reference, please visit <https://www.gov.ca.gov/2020/05/04/governor-newsom-provides-update-on-californias-progress-toward-stage-2-reopening/>

The Phase 2 stage is planned to allow for curbside pick-up at businesses such as book stores, clothing stores, sporting goods, toy stores, and florists, as long as they follow additional safety protocols. The Madera County Public Health Department has been working diligently to come up with guidelines needed to further our progress with these phases.

We feel the announcement of moving into Phase 2 is very encouraging, and we look forward to working with the Madera County Public Health Department to allow as many businesses to reopen as possible. Again, there will still be specific industries that will be required to stay closed until further modifications are announced. We strongly encourage all businesses to have a plan in place that demonstrates how they could open on a modified basis safely once the guidelines are issued.

The City of Chowchilla would like nothing more than to see our businesses open and thriving when it is safe to do so. We again want to thank all businesses for their patience and understanding; we are doing everything we can to help as much as possible. If you have specific questions, please email them to info@CityOfChowchilla.org, as we are limited on social media comments for appropriate public record procedures.

Thank You,

Waseem Ahmed
Mayor, City of Chowchilla