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AS BUSINESSES GEAR UP FOR GRADUAL REOPENINGS, COUNTY PROVIDES BEST-PRACTICE GUIDANCE

WELD COUNTY, CO — In preparation for the gradual reopening of businesses across the state, the Weld County Board of Commissioners and the Weld County Department of Public Health and Environment (WCDPHE) have published a set of Safer-At-Work Best Practices for employers and businesses.

"We understand the need to start to reopen our businesses and get our economy healthy again," said Commissioner Chair Mike Freeman. "We wanted to provide some guidance and best practices that will help employers and business owners do that in a gradual and responsible way."

The guidelines include direction on maintaining physical distance between employees and/or customers, sanitization of surfaces and work areas, and tips on educating employees on ways to reduce the spread of the virus in the workplace.

"It is crucial that businesses reopen gradually and responsibly for the safety of their employees and their customers," said Freeman. "No one should expect businesses to be operating at full capacity for a while, but it is important to let businesses at least start the reopening process."

Until there is a vaccine for the COVID-19 virus, the public needs to continue with prevention practices including maintaining a distance of six feet from others, covering your coughs and sneezes, washing your hands often or using hand sanitizer, cleaning frequently touched surfaces with appropriate disinfectants and staying home if you are ill.

The guidelines, along with posters for the workplace reminding people of ways to stop the spread, are available at https://www.weldgov.com/departments/health_and_environment/2019_novel_coronavirus/reopening_guidelines

Additional guidelines for other business sectors will be forthcoming.

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