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I'm Jennifer Johnson, Director of your Public Health Department. I know you're probably overwhelmed with Coronavirus news, so I'll keep this brief: I'd like to share an update about next steps for businesses and workers.

We expect that COVID-19 activity will go up and down for the next few months – if not longer. This is incredibly hard on our economy, our workers and our business owners. We are looking forward to modifying physical distancing guidelines. Step-by-step, in a way designed to maximize safety, businesses can reopen. To be ready for that day, businesses should begin planning now. Plan how they can resume business and make sure staff and customers can maintain physical distance. Plan to have face coverings for staff to wear for as long as it is recommended and provide places for handwashing or hand sanitizing for both employees and customers. Businesses should plan continued opportunities for employees to telecommute. Make sure no one comes to work sick. Not even a little sick. This is our new normal and it'll take planning and effort to succeed. But for the health of your business, your coworkers, your job, yourself and your loved ones. Plan and be ready!