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**SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SAPULPA
REGARDING SAFELY REOPENING BUSINESSES**

Dear Citizens of Sapulpa,

We're on the right path.

Thank you for your diligent cooperation of safe practices and adherence of the recommended guidelines to overcome the effects of COVID-19. From the beginning it has been the City's intent to protect the health and lives of our residents, especially our vulnerable populations, and to mitigate the impact these measures would have on our local economy and businesses. As a community, we have come together and complied with the Governor's "State of Emergency" orders and recommendations, and today, we will continue this course as we begin the Open Up and Recover Safely plan published on April 22, 2020. The link to this plan is here: [Open-Up-and-Recover-Safely-Plan](#)

What this means is that beginning today, April 24, the following businesses in Sapulpa can reopen for appointments only so long as they adhere to social distancing and sanitation protocols:

- Hair salons
- Barbershops
- Spas
- Nail salons
- Pet groomers

A copy of the protocols that should be followed by these businesses is available here: [Safety guidelines for going back to work in salons](#)

As we move forward, starting May 1, the following businesses in Sapulpa can reopen so long as they adhere to social distancing and sanitation protocols:

- Restaurants
- Entertainment venues
- Movie theaters
- Sporting venues
- Gyms
- Places of worship
- Tattoo parlors.

All of these businesses should leave open space between tables, booths and stations so as to adhere to the distancing guidelines. It is recommended that places of worship leave every other row or pew open to adhere to social distancing in those locations.

As we begin the process to "Open Up and Recover Safely" by shopping at our local businesses, please remember the Safer at Home order is still in place for our vulnerable populations until May 6, and that moving forward in all phases is dependent on experiencing decreased infection rates in our community.

Grateful thanks to the host of medical and emergency front line professionals, city workers, grocers, suppliers, civic groups, volunteers, and prayer warriors. This is but a small list of incredible folks that have all come together through this process. Thank you all!

To the families experiencing a loss of a loved one, my thoughts and sympathies are with you.

We're in this together! Let's stay safe. Stay well.

In Christ Jesus,
Louis Martin, Jr., Mayor
City of Sapulpa