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Hello Zach, Adam and Matt,

I want to thank all of you again for the extra time spent on the Dane Forward Plan this past week, as it was truly time worthwhile. I am excited to share the *almost final* draft of the Dane Forward Plan, where you will be able to see how your insights have been incorporated in these specific ways:

- Much time was given to provide clarity in all areas of the document, by simplifying the phase descriptions within sectors, and making sure that specific sectors were not missed. For instance, an additional sector for businesses already operating as essential was added so to not have new orders be more restrictive than what is currently taking place.
- The language was changed to be less regulatory and showing more positive progression through phases. No phase is more restrictive than Safer-at-Home or any other phase preceding, showing progress through all phases.
- Outdoor spaces are less risky places, therefore, the plan shows additional capacity for outdoor dining and higher mass gathering numbers.
- Similar sectors (such as outdoor playgrounds and outdoor amusement activities) were aligned in phase limits to avoid confusion and for consistency in messaging to our community.
- Summer camps, recreational educational camps and daycares were also aligned to provide expanded childcare opportunities during these upcoming phases.
- All employers will be required to have policies on employee illness, hygiene, PPE, social distancing, which allowed for alignment and room for more business sectors to open with some innovation of their business model.
- As much as possible, the terminology “essential” and “non-essential” was avoided.
- Capacity still remains on the document as a way for all sectors to support a gradual safe reopening through the phases, and can be defined in various ways depending on the usage within the business sector. For instance, a restaurant’s capacity is based on seating, a pool on patron load, and office spaces either be by workforce or workstation number. In the end, the intent of the order is for businesses to show that they are committed to reopening gradually and safely by reducing their overall capacity in a way that makes the most sense to the use and space.

The plan is for this document to be communicated to all tomorrow along with the companion PHMDC Safe Reopen Orders, and additional PHMDC guidance documents for various sectors available shortly thereafter. Please review and, as always, interested in your thoughts, and what the business community may need to be supported in our community’s Safe Reopen phase.

This is a rapidly evolving situation; please check [our website](#) for the latest information and recommendations.

Regards,

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