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SMALL BUSINESS GUIDANCE

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INDIVIDUAL BUSINESSES SIGNIFICANTLY VARY, THEREFOR ADDITIONAL RECCOMENDATIONS CAN BE EXPECTED FOR EACH BUSINESS SITE

In regards to COVID-19 concerns, it is the duty of the Ripley County Health Department to keep our community safe. Ripley County Health Officer David J. Welsh, MD, has set forth the following guidelines for all businesses planning to reopen:

- Actively encourage sick employees to stay home and away from coworkers.
- If an employee becomes sick while at work, they should be separated and sent home immediately.
- Promote etiquette for coughing and sneezing and handwashing. Provide tissues, no-touch trash cans, soap and water, and hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Develop flexible policies for scheduling and telework and create leave policies to allow employees to stay home to care for sick family members or care for children if schools and childcare close.
- Have conversations with employees about their concerns.
- Perform routine environmental cleaning. Routinely clean and disinfect all frequently touched surfaces.
- Provide education and training materials in an easy to understand format.
- Plan to implement practices to minimize face-to-face contact between employees and customers.
- Business are highly encouraged to submit reopening plans to the Ripley County Health Department for review and recommendations.

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