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## County of Berks / COVID-19 Leadership Team Press Release

*Berks Commissioners Announce Planning for Responsible Reopening of Berks*

**Reading, PA— 5/9/2020** — We've heard from our businesses owners and workers and understand the crisis they are facing. Businesses that tell us the longer this crisis goes the less likely they will reopen. Several businesses have already announced permanent closures. We've heard from men and women that aren't sure how they will pay their rent, mortgage and car payments and whether they will even have a job when the restrictions are finally lifted. As a result, the Berks County Commissioners are committed to businesses reopening in a safe and responsible way.

Over the next several days the Berks County Commissioners are going to secure input from Healthcare professionals, the Chamber Alliance and other business groups to develop a responsible and safe plan to reopen businesses in Berks County.

The Commissioners also urge our businesses and residents to "Do Your Part to Stop the Spread." Reopening Berks must come with each of us taking responsibility to do so safely. That means we all need to do the right things to protect those around us. It will also require continued special precautions when it comes to those that are most vulnerable, the elderly and those with underlying conditions. Please visit [www.DoYourPartBerks.com](http://www.DoYourPartBerks.com)

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