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PRESS RELEASE

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The City of Lawton will adhere to the **April 24** reopening recommendations for certain businesses via Governor Kevin Stitt's "[OURS](#)" plan. Reopening conditions may have additional safety measures outlined for business managers at the local level, which must also be adhered to.

PLEASE NOTE: All safety measures and given requirements must be in place at the time of opening.

- Hair salons, barbershops, spas, nail salons and pet groomers (both in-store and mobile) may reopen. The businesses may open for appointment only and must adhere to sanitation protocols, social distancing and various requirements posted here: lawtonok.gov/publications/reopening-requirements-cv-19-response-42420.
 - These businesses must post social distancing signage (which may be found here: lawtonok.gov/publications/covid-19-response-signage-required) and given rules provided in the first link.
- These businesses must also adhere to given requirements currently in place for all city businesses – such as the installment of sneeze guards at all indoor points of transaction and the availability of sanitizer or sanitizing wipes at all points of transaction. See more information on this and other specific requirements: lawtonok.gov/sites/default/files/publications/2020-04/COL%20Business%20Safety%20Requirements%20Facebook.pdf.
- Local occupancy limits must be adhered to for these businesses to operate:

- For buildings with a square footage of 75,000 square feet or larger, the customer occupancy level will be 150.
- For buildings of less than 75,000 square feet, but more than 1,000 square feet, the number of square feet of the building shall be divided by 500 to determine the new reduced customer occupancy level.
- For buildings of 1,000 square feet or less, the customer occupancy level shall be two.

Furthermore, all Lawtonians are encouraged to follow individual guidance provided from the State, to include the continuance of following Safer-at-Home guidelines for those older than 64 or those who are part of a vulnerable population, as well as the avoiding of groups or facilities that may not readily allow for appropriate social distancing.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL INFORMATION:

- Beginning April 24, ALL essential businesses listed on the current State list (lawtonok.gov/sites/default/files/publications/2020-04/Oklahoma-Essential-Industries-List.pdf) may operate traditionally or indoors versus curbside/delivery if desired.
- All previously disseminated guidelines and information on lakes, boating or various recreational activities remain in place. Playgrounds and basketball courts remain closed.
- City Hall and city sites remain closed for the time being, with limited exceptions.

Additional information concerning local direction in regards to the “OURS” Plan and May 1 openings is expected to be finalized and disseminated in the near future. An emergency order is also expected to be released 4/24/20 and will be published online at lawtonok.gov and distributed to media partners.