

May 9, 2020

The Honorable Tom Wolf 225 Main Capitol Building Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Governor Wolf:

As elected officials of Franklin County, this letter serves to inform you of our intention to move out of Red Phase effective May, 15, 2020.

Franklin County has met the requirement of your original Stay-at-Home Order, which was to flatten the curve of the COVID-19 outbreak and allow hospitals the time to gear up for COVID-19 patients being admitted to the ICU and in need of ventilators. The residents of our county have heeded your instructions to practice social distancing and other mitigation efforts, an as result, our local healthcare facilities do not lack the capacity to effectively treat these patients going forward. Both PPE supply and the availability of COVID-19 tests have increased since mid-March. These factors have provided our local healthcare facilities with the confidence to address any upcoming concerns as Franklin County moves to reopening.

We, the undersigned, as duly elected state and local officials take the safety of our constituents very seriously. Reviewing the analytics, and the initial conditions laid out by your administration, Franklin County has achieved the milestones delineated by the Secretary of Health. The curve has been flattened, ICU beds are in abundance, and access to ventilators is not in question, therefore, the undersigned stand with any business in Franklin County that chooses to reopen. Subsequent movement to returning to normal operations will be at the discretion of the undersigned when certain thresholds are achieved.

Senator Doug Mastriano 33rd Senate District

Senator Judy Ward 30th Senate District

State Representative Rob Kauffman

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