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EXTERNAL SENDER

Good morning,
The Governor's Office of Open Government has received your request for records, a copy of which is attached for your reference. Our office has previously released two requests that fit the search parameters of your request. They can be found on the Governor's website at the link provided below under "01-25-2021_SEXTON_06-P_Responsive_Documents" and "07-17-2020_BOUSQUET_16-P_Responsive_Documents". Please note that the records contained under "BOUSQUET_16-P" is just the first data sheet available. If you would like the entirety of the public comments submitted, we can send you a cost estimate.

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If there are other records you are looking for, please let us know with specificity and we would be happy to assist you.

Thank you for contacting the Executive Office of the Governor.

Sincerely,

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County	Area of Interest	Comments
Orange	General	I am a journalist for the Orlando Sentinel. I am submitting this comment to be included in the feedback system. Thank you.
Seminole	General	However re-opening is established please create some simple marketing graphics to help the public easily understand what the process is. I am attaching some sample documents Hawaii is using that seem to be very easy to understand.
Polk	General	Don't fucking do it. Wait until things get better. Of course you are putting profits over people like a typical Republican. You are Trump's bitch boy and will do whatever he says. Why don't you think for yourself for once? Now we are going to have to be in Quarantine for longer because of your stupid ass. When the death toll rises the blood will be on your hands. Fucking moron.
Charlotte	Healthcare	To open the economy back up when my small town alone is increasing by 20 at least a day in positive cases is purely irresponsible. I know money is a factor but who can spend money when they're dead. There should be a 10 day no positive cases at least or a serious decline in positive cases! Please make the right call.
Hernando	General	Florid needs to remain CLOSED until such time as the number of newly tested cases of COVID-19 drops significantly. We must TEST as many Floridians as possible to ascertain the true level of illness in our communities and not guess.
Orange	Healthcare	Greetings, I'm massage therapist and personal trainer. While I'd like to get back to work soonest. I'm also concerned about my safety as a massage therapist. I understand there are many variables to consider and it's a healthy balancing act between physical and economic health, but there will be egg on the faces of those in government more so than now (unemployment woes) if we open too early even with social distancing and masks. Based on a report I saw yesterday it seems like mid-June would be optimal. So following the President's guidelines would be best. Meaning the phases and if it happens to be June so be it. If it's sometime in May that's fine as well but opening early will and the backlash that would ensue would be ugly Mark's on many political careers. Thanks for your time.
Pasco	Information	Reopening Florida needs to be done in stages. Those jobs that can be done while maintaining distancing first, and then gradually jobs that have closer contracts going last. Last to open should be places that have hands on contact such as massage, skin/makeup services, barber shops and salons. Also to be taken into consideration is the availability of disinfecting agents and cleaners. Some items that are still hard to find are alcohol, disinfectants, and hand sanitizer. If the well being off the public is the first priority, then this is the approach that makes the most sense to me.
Charlotte	Food	Let's reopen the food service industry immediately at 50% occupancy for the first month we need to get these people back to work they're the hardest hit my area is Construction Services and I'm still holding my own just a little slow
Orange	Recreation	Please reopen all parks and camping areas with restrictions in place. Some people live in their vehicles/ vans/ or campers. We need more recreational places to be open. Thank you!

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Orange	General	Please do not open our economy to the virus. Our cases are still too high, I am very sensitive To small business owners since I was one before I retired, but our health and lives are much more important!
Orange	General	Hair, nails retail stores
Orange	Healthcare	Please instead of opening the whole state at once. Consider opening up the smaller counties first - and counties with least cases in previous months. If after one week there are no uptick in the number of cases- open more.. use layered approach. Open only the jobs. Not the recreational activities yet- sports stadiums, Places with seatings can still be opened- with guidelines- to occupy every 5-6 seat And wearing of masks in public
Palm Beach	Government	He absolutely should not reopen Florida we have not even hit the peak of covid-19!considering Florida's elderly population we have been relatively lucky thus far. reopening would be catastrophic. I am not elderly or at risk but I do care about my fellow Floridians and my fellow Americans....
Orange	Tourism	Let's re-open the state, enough is enough. Those who are at risk or want to stay home, do so and let the rest of us who are low to no risk get back to our lives and jobs.
Palm Beach	General	Please DO NOT open Florida back up. People are already not taking it seriously and still going out for leisure. There are infected people out there and we don't know who. People are careless with their PPE, licking their fingers after they touch things, not using their masks properly, or not wearing a mask at all. Social distancing is a joke to some people and they even take their young children out to restaurants and grocery stores. Once you open up the state it's going to get worse. Then you have our president suggesting that people should ingest Lysol... can you even imagine what would happen if someone went outside to a place that's reopening, accidentally exposes themselves and then goes home and takes some Lysol? More unnecessary work for our front line workers, mainly hospital staff due to stupidity. Please DO NOT open up Florida.
Osceola	General	I understand the reopening the state is a very hard decision as there are so many issues to consider. I have the main topic is the health of our state and stopping the pandanemic as all life are important. I hope we follow the recommendations of our medical doctors and state provide financial help to the people that need it (small business, unemployed/furloughed, and tourism and any other industry that was/is affected by the closing). We need to not only take care of each other by keeping us save but also help each other as this is affecting financially some more than others!
Martin	Government	Please do NOT re-open the businesses yet. It is way too soon. Studies from Dade county are showing many, many more active cases showing no symptoms than previously thought. Do not re-open!

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Hillsborough	Healthcare	testing needs to be made available first of all. one person at my essential business was out with severe flu symptoms. they could not get tested and eventually came back to work still untested. we may all have been positive and passing it on to customers. while still working I am aware of the difficulty of people trying to file for unemployment. full blame should be put on rick scott publicly for creating this system started by his administration based on cronyism. it is also partly the current governors fault for not fixing the system. no-one has indicated any improvements have been made. lastly these so-called freedom groups harrasing nurses should been dispersed at a minimum and possibly fined for civil disobedience or reckless endangerment of public health.
Brevard	General	No, No and No!!!!!! regarding reopening florida!!!!
Lake	General	Thank you Governor for the hard work that you've put in to everything that you've done for us so far. I know you can count on your task force and the help of the people to make decisions to reopen Florida. I stand behind you 100% in whatever decisions you make. And pray for you daily. There's a part of me that thinks we should just go back to normal because it seems like this flu is a terrible flu yes it is but is it any worse than the regular flu that has killed so many people. I would love to see the kids graduate this year at least in June not in August or September. They've worked way too hard not to get their diploma. I'd also like to see at least one hospital in every county open for surgeries only and also assign one for the COVID-19 only we are not New York we don't need every hospital to be assigned for the COVID-19. I don't have much to say because I back you whatever you decide. And thank you again
Palm Beach	General	My family and I leave in Palm Beach County and ask that you please take the reopening slow we have had so many deaths in our County and not taking this slow will increase the number of cases and deaths. Thank you for you consideration.
Collier	General	Thank you Governor Santis. I approve of how you have handled this crisis. Our hospitals were never overwhelmed, the curve has been flattened. I would like to see the state re-opened. The nursing homes are the hotspots. I would like to see resources aimed at prevention and safety for them. Jennifer Bittner

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Pinellas	Healthcare	I'm in a risk group. I will not go back to restaurants and movies and stadiums until we have widespread vaccinations and antibody testing. I think masks should be mandatory. I get restaurant takeout and fools without masks are loitering in the lobby while restaurant workers without masks are preparing food and handling payments. Even take out is risky. I am the only one wearing a mask. They have a dozen Covid19 patients in the Tarpon hospital. It's getting worse in my town. Please focus on clarifying and enforcing distancing guidelines. Please make masks mandatory. Please work to get N95 masks on the store shelves. Please work to get testing and tracing scaled out in Florida. Please fix the unemployment issue. My daughter is broke and getting worse. Please have smart rules like restaurants without carpet, severs with antibodies. I'm scared for my health and pushing to open businesses needs to be careful, gradual and science based.
Collier	Management	Please open Florida now! I am personally ok but the young people in the tourism industry are dying, my son is the head sales for a major company the people losing their jobs, if thie goes on we will be in a depression!!!!! Look at Sweden .....
Orange	General	Ron DeSantis has a log of Donald Trump's corny, greasy shit where his brain should be. Pretty embarrassing this idiot served in the Navy and is a lawyer but can't wipe his own ass. Probably wiped piss off the toilet seat for his CO. Thanks for the virus!
Osceola	General	Please make it mandatory for every person to wear a mask in public.
Lake	Tourism	It is too soon to invite the world into our home, Florida. Our stores are continually sold out of antibacterial cleaners. We can't buy Lysol or Purell or even rubbing alcohol. PPE is being sent to the front lines. We can not get an N95 mask. You are asking me to put myself and my grand daughter's lives on the line so tourists can feed romaine lettuce to giraffes? Risk carrying the virus into my house so some tourist kid can pet a llama??? WE CAN NOT BUY THE THINGS WE NEED TO KEEP OURSELVES AND OUR FAMILIES SAFE. It is just too soo .
Pinellas	General	Please do not reopen Florida until our testing is more prevalent and valid. People's lives are at stake. Keep beaches closed longer. We still have too many new cases and deaths each day.
Orange	Construction	I build assisted living hospitals and rehabilitation centers and remodeling also. My question is when will construction be able to resume? We are completely committed to the following safety protocols. We are in a area with no contact with residents. The area is sealed off and we provide negative air so particulates are unable to transmit to any residential areas? We need to get back to work please reach out to ACHA and set standards for us to resume work. Thank you

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Orange	Finance	My stimulus check was sent to the wrong bank. I've have my current bank for almost 2 years. I called social securi1ty and they couldn't beleive the IRS sent it to the wrong bank. Now I have to wait 3 weeks for a paper check. This is so wrong! I can't pay my rent or groceries. What am I supposed to do now. And FYI,I do not support opening places. It's too early. How can we slow this Covid 19 if we open too soon?
Lee	Government	Lee county should not open this week. The numbers are still on they rise. Perhaps in two weeks.
Brevard	General	We need to open Florida back up ASAP! I know the virus is horrible and it will continue to be as we continue to let others come into the state. However the homeless, hungry people that can't work will continue to rise along with the mental health. We can't stop this virus obviously we see that now but we can't continue live this life we all are living. If people don't won't to go out that their choice. Please open back up before the ones are are still working does have a job and the unemployment rises higher.
Volusia	Education	I feel that Florida schools should all go year around to get our children caught up. OR the kids should begin the first of august, only two days off for thanksgiving not the usual week plus a day, winter break be shortened and the end of the year be extended into June. This would allow extra time to be spent the first 2-3 months back to teach the prior year then move forward with the current grade curriculum I'm a nurse. Until this pandemic nurses received ZERO credit for our long hours, horrible medical benefits, hostile work environments and low pay. Yet teachers get alcaldes galore, excessive time off and affordable/free health benefits. I don't want to hear complaints from them about the upcoming year. This distances learning is not a learning tool but more keeping the kids minds fresh and present. My 4th header should not be held back. The state needs to step in and make a unified descion on prior year learning. I trust that our current Florida Lear ship is capable of seeing this through.
Sarasota	Professional Services	I provide permanent hair removal. If i can schedule time between clients to clean i would like to reopen and also i will be wearing a mask
Duval	General	Stop being a puppet of a moronic president and trying to rush to open the state. We will be seeing the increase in cases from Georgia shortly. Fix the unemployment system for those that need it and allow people to remain home and safe.
Broward	Recreation	To limit the opening of beaches, limit hours to non high sun times. ie: 7:00 AM-10:00 Am and 4:00 PM- 7:00 PM. this for 6+ weeks. This will also reduce the initial heavy impact on the beaches that happened in Jax. Local Government will complain that this is a drag on resources but it is not really. they are enforcing the beach ban now and this will in fact reduce the time spent on doing enforcment.

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Osceola	General	We need to wait on reopening the state there are more people testing postive and new cases . The death toll is higher and I think we need to wait on reopening. Lot of people are not following the cover your face order in Osceola county and I dont think it's a good idea not just yet. Disney has to work on something for safety for guests and cast. Do more testing be absolutely safe before opening things up.
Seminole	General	People don't listen now. Good example was my county where positive people were doing errands. Open up more things will only get worst. Especially with counties that have higher counts. At least with restrictions it was somewhat helping. The counties that have few cases are ones that should be less restricted if anything. Start easing up the younger will really be spreading it again
St. Lucie	General	It is too early to open everything up. Numbers are climbing.
Martin	Recreation	Open ALL the beaches. It's the safest place to be..and not for limited hours like Jacksonville did so people can flock to them during limited hours.. Really..use some common sense.
Hillsborough	Management	Open Fla economy now! Herd immunity works. This shutdown needs to end now!
Sarasota	General	Due to Florida's high older population and me being immunocompromised scares me terribly about re-opening the economy and Beechers without major restrictions terrifies me, all of my doctors have suggested that even throughout May I need to stay inside because of the heightened risk. If you do reopen Florida, Make sure there is extremely tight restrictions such as mandatory Face mask
Orange	Professional Services	Consider opening nail salons for pedicures only. All would have to be masked. But during a pedicure we are actually quite a distance apart from each other and we would be required to wear a mask. As WWE and golf have been considered Essential - it is time to look at some things for us ladies! I believe this is reasonable. Studies show that exposure is almost nil when EVERYONE is masked and distance maintained
Sarasota	General	Keep closed until SCIENCE gives us the go ahead to reopen. Let other states be test. Be safe, NOT SORRY.
Palm Beach	Recreation	Please open the beaches, boat ramps and marinas. Boating is part of our business and family recreation.
Collier	General	Please open the beach during the day for exercise & evening for sunset viewing. Please allow chairs at night. To keep away folks other than locals have patrols on the beach checking licenses to insure nobody from other coast coming over. Fines should be high to discourage these other people from coming over.
Columbia	Government	We need to reopen our economy. There's thousands of restaurant workers who haven't even got approved for unemployment yet and live off tips. If you don't feel safe, you can continue to stay home meanwhile, the rest of us will get on with life.

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Orange	General	At the very least, we should open up all businesses that put in procedures to maintain six feet social distancing. There is absolutely NO reason that we can go into a Lowe's with these restrictions but not be allowed to go into a furniture store or small business that could easily put in the same restrictions and have far less customers in the building. This should be done immediately! Next, have restaurants have these same social distancing requirements with their seating, tables six feet apart so each family unit is separated from other units. Save our economy before it's too late!!!
Palm Beach	Education	I feel that we should remain Social Distancing until it is medically safe to do so I I own a Preschool and it is temporary closed. I want to reopen in the worst way, but, I want to feel as safe as possible when I make that choice Opening up like Georgia is reckless and will only cause this disease to mass populate all over again That is my opinion
Lee	General	Do NOT open Florida yet.....many people are not taking this seriously.....the rebound effect will be catastrophic
Osceola	Government	I hope that you fix the unemployment prior to opening businesses. You cannot continue to be the leader for flattening the curve while at the same time being last in taking care of the displaced worker. There should be a very simple yet specific application, no more than one page. This will cut down on DEO processing time, call center traffic, website issues, and applicant errors. Honestly, everyone who applied should be approved since EVERYONE was affected by the COVID shutdown. I myself was not claiming UI, but was unemployed and was working and spending my savings on supporting myself and trying to open my own business. I have errors and incorrect information on my account that I didn't put there, now everyday I wake up and try to call DEO to get some sort of response, over 400 calls, not one answer. I wonder if I'll every get benefits, it sucks because until the beginning of March I was trying to avoid utilizing UI. Now that I need it, it's hard to get, doesn't make a lot of sense unless you're trying to hurt people. I've always said if you want consumers to consume or at the very least pay their bills the money should go directly to the people. Especially due to the nature of our economy. I do want you to open the State for business, just don't do it too quickly and make sure we are truly safe to due so. You know the influx of people that will travel to our state and you know as a hospitality and service based economy people are going to have to interact with each other. Thank you for collecting our thoughts, I hope you use this feedback to gauge your plan of action!
Palm Beach	Government	I would like to see small businesses be able to write checks (overdraft if necessary) for items needed to open up...i.e. masks, disinfectants, partitions in restaurants, etc. and have the government pick up the overdraft tab instead of all this rescue money. I don't think the government has any idea what to send to each business. For example, Ruth Chris and Harvard. Let the businesses write checks as they see fit. Also Pelosi and her crew can't add their nonsense to each business. That would kind of override her BS

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Pinellas	Retail	Open everything back up! The fear mongering and overreach has gone on long enough. Let the little people get back to work, open those small businesses and restaurants that were complying with social distancing, which is a farce. But leave the option open for those rich people who want to still work from home in their jammies to be allowed to do so in the name of health. Herd immunity is a REAL THING. You people should really be more educated on it than what you portray.
Lake	General	I am a resident of Florida. I am a healthcare worker. I continue to work. I have full knowledge of the COVID-19 pandemic. I am very much in favor of reopening Florida in a safe manner. With the climate that we live in as well as approaching our hurricane season I think it is essential that we get to business of re-opening our state. I believe they should be short phased approach. We should continue the CDC in presidential guidelines for a period of time. I have the full understanding that Covid will never be 100% gone as is the common influenza. We continue to learn more and more about the virus. We will win this battle! Our economy, our workers, our residences need to get back into some sort of normalcy. I am not fearful of contracting the disease yet I respect the disease. I will continue to follow all guidelines but I would like to have some normalcy back in my life. I advocate re-opening all social gatherings with limitations as well as our beaches, our accommodations and our extras in life. Once again I am very much in favor of opening our state and economy in a short phased approach. I have all the faith in the world in our healthcare system And our scientist that we will surpass this COVID pandemic. If you do not start this phasing I believe there will be more and more people who do not follow the guidelines and step outside the safe re-entry. We are the United States of America and need to get back to normalcy. All be it a little different. Thank you Ron DeSantis, President Trump and Vice President Pence and your casts fours you all have done a phenomenal job. I love the USA in my home state of Florida!
Palm Beach	Healthcare	Do not open till science says it is safe and then continue social distancing till a vaccine is proven to work.
Orange	General	The state is nor prepeare to open! The Pandemic is not under control!
Palm Beach	General	Don’t reopen until you have easily accessible and reliable testing.
Collier	General	I think Florida has taken reasonable and necessary precautions and now it is time to open up the country. Mental health is a huge deal and so is the economy. I think Florida needs to be reopened on May 1st to best benefit our country.
Seminole	Healthcare	In order to open the country we need a massive Covid-19 test. Parents will need to go back to work and the kids will be exposed in summer camps. Not everyone will have the benefit to be safe from this virus and hospitals might not have the capacity for everyone.
Brevard	Healthcare	To early to open beaches
Leon	Government	Continue to encourage remote working for state workers, especially those with children in school!

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Clay	Food	If restaurants reopen, how will we keep our employees safe from customers? What regulations will be in place regarding social distancing? How in the world do we serve food to people from 6 feet away? How do we keep people from grouping together and talking in the dining room? I would like there to be strict public requirements told to the general public to follow when out.
Clay	General	My personal opinion is that the health and well-being of our citizens is far more important than any economic loss or gain. As a mother, I am still frightened at the idea of the state opening back up. Many high-risk employees, including some of my family members will be forced to go back to work, risking their lives if the state opens back up, risking their lives and potentially exposing their family's members. I ask you to please, think of the citizens and their health before opening our state up too soon. We have already been warned of a second, more deadly wave of covid 19. The lives already lost are far too many- we don't need to lose anymore. It is my personal thought it is too soon to open our state back and I hope that Is taken into consideration. Thank you for your time. Thank you for working around the clock to make the best decisions for our citizens.
Palm Beach	General	Do the right thing, and leave the state closed until we are past this. Nearly 80% of the country believes we need to keep the country closed; do not listen to the uninformed who are disregarding CDC guidelines and denying science. As a government, you should be leaders so lead us in the right direction. Opening too early will hurt the economy longer and we all know it.
Hillsborough	Transportation	Our Transportation network has been crippled to the point that recovery is questionable. The bus, taxi and Limo industry are a lot of family owned businesses and support multiple families, employees and independent contractors. So few of these businesses have received any assistance . They are all willing to do what ever safety measures are required to get back to work. Several companies have developed screens between driver and passengers. I know the health issue is so very important but I believe the task force should look at the health risk of these of losing your 30 plus year business and everything you have worked for all your life. There is risk to our state going in either direction so a soft opening with safety requirements and most of all a date to give hope.
Clay	Government	There is still to many people testing positive for the virus. Opening everything up right now everyone is still at risk I have 3 children and I'm afraid to take them to the store because people are coughing and sneezing and not blocking there nose and mouth when they do. People aren't listening to what the governor already said to social distance no one is staying 6 feet apart. I think it's to soon to open Florida back up .
Orange	General	Everyone that goes into an establishment should be required to wear a face covering/ mask. That includes employees and customers. This is the only way to prevent the spread if we reopen
Duval	General	i think it's way too early to re-open florida or any state or any country - until the last person has died or the last effort to combat this killer has been taken we should stay as far apart as possible - STAY HOME - SAVE LIVES

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Orange	General	Hey I feel it's to early to open up Florida we steel have people that or coming in contact with this virus I myself already had sister that had this virus and a friend that had died from this virus if you open up more people will die i know people want to get back to work but you have to think of the bigger picture here you we will still be among this deadly virus please think about how money more lives will be lost.
Manatee	Tourism	Florida needs to restrict visitors for some time. Be more enforce social distancing Florida is not ready to open. I'm not happy with the speed Florida acted in the beginning. Many cases could have been avoided if action had been sooner.
St. Johns	General	Open it back up. People with depression and anxiety are having major mental health issues. Also if the people still shopping at Walmart, Target, home Depot, are not spreading it then why would another store change that? I personally think if you open other areas and make it mandatory to wear mask, practice social distancing, and only allowing a percentage of people into that store then FL could reopen. We have been on a downward trend for a while now, hospitals are not at capacity. Open FL upm let people go back to work. If some residents are worried about things being reopen let it be their choice to still practice safer at home nobody is telling them to go out. But let it be the residents choice if they would like to reopen or not.
Brevard	General	I feel with guidelines and suggestions people should be free to move about freely and allow commerce to commence. Understandable that these precautions were taken to avoid hospital shutdowns, but now with updated facts we should not be dangerously cautious. We are a free people with rights, we do not need a nanny state.... open up
Hillsborough	General	I think we should follow those experts in pandemics advice and those that listen to the experts advice with sound reasoning. Do not rely on nonsense created by fears of what if's!
Clay	Government	I don't think opening Florida is a good idea...the cases keep going up I agree with you on not putting a time line on it but doing it right... thanks for all your hard work.
Brevard	Education	END the school year and the distance learning at the end of this week. It's doing more harm than good and a complete waste of time for parents, students, and teachers. I'm a public school teacher and what we're requiring of students is ridiculous and NOT what "learning" should look like. It's busy work and I think just being assigned so we can say "we tried". Sadly, some kids are going to so hate school even more than they already did before this started.
St. Lucie	General	Follow the "Science to Reopen"!
Palm Beach	General	As a single mom, 1099 worker, no daycare, sick child, applied April 2nd online. Received a letter that no earnings for 2018 or 2019. Why didn't the application request copies of 1099 or taxes? Do I have to go to the back of the line now or just move to my car?

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Clay	General	As a Florida resident and concerned citizen I urge this task for and Governot Desantis to exercise extreme caution and prudent measures in reopening the state. Based on publically available data we have yet to "flatten the curve." New information regarding the impacts of COVID-19, including the high risk for long term respiratory damage and sudden major strokes in those in their 30s and 40s shows that we still do not fully understand this disease's potential long term impact on the lives of those infected. No amount of economic impact is worth risking thousands if not millions of live . Yes, isolation is difficult. Yes, the economy may suffer, but I beg that you please put ethics, morality, and the safety of your people above the almighty dollar. Follow the guidelines from the CDC and federal government at the minimum. Our lives literally depend on it. Thank you.
Duval	General	Please open up our state by May 1st. Let's get people of our great state working again. Don't cave to the naysayers. Please use stats and data and not emotion to make your decision. Floridians are ready to get their lives back. Thank you!
Duval	Healthcare	As a healthcare worker, I think all healthcare workers should be tested regardless of symptoms. I think that the healthcare worker may have the antibodies. I think this should be mandatory for healthcare workers. Businesses should be limited to the amount of people in the business. Possibly still limiting the hours of operation.
Sarasota	General	I do not believe we should even think of opening up Sarasota, or the whole state of Florida for that matter until at least June. And then with restrictions, guidelines, and social distancing still applying until we see what happens from there. I believe lifting all restrictions, opening up everything full force, will bring total disaster. We are far far from being free from coronavirus.
Manatee	Food	In the food service business, it’s a small cafe and people are not going to be coming in like they use to and the business is going to fail..unlike as soon as shopping opens everyone is going to go crazy and not social distance as we saw when the boat ramps opened up and we are going to be right where we were a month ago with possibly more fatalities. We should wait another month I believe until summer is here upon us and traffic and number of people decrease drastically.
Palm Beach	General	Phase it, reopen recreational areas such as parks, beaches and golf courses. Wait another 2 weeks to reopen small businesses,
Duval	Education	Summer camps are vital to the re opening of Florida and allowing parents to get back to work. Will the re opening plan outline this? Having all campers wear masks or maintain 6 foot social distancing is unrealistic. Camps are a separate entity from childcare and need guidance on reopening

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Orange	Retail	Good Morning. I have two issues-the first of which is the federal recommendation to open daycares in phase 2. This is especially worrisome for me as my daycare clos3d in the beginning of April due to lack of children-as so many of us were out of work. If things start ramping up but the daycare needs to remain closed I'll im worried about not being able to start back at work immediately. I'm the manager at a restaurant inside of food court at the Florida Mall in Orlando. I'm very curious to see where we will fit in to the reopening plan-given the logistics of the mall being a large enclosed building typically meant to see crowds of people. The food court in particular with its design I am very anxious to see how safety measures will be implemented. I'm also wondering the efficacy of temperature checks if someone takes tylenol or ibuprofen _it would be quite easy to fool the system. Thank you. I hope to hear something soon.
Orange	General	I would hold of longer to reopen. Make sure it's 100% safe, if not no one will come out anyway. More testing needs to be done. I agree with John Morgan legalize cannabis, it's time and could you imagine the economic boost that would give let alone the taxes from it. Think about it. Sam
Palm Beach	Healthcare	lets get back to work please
Brevard	General	As numerous health experts are warning, re-opening too early may lead to a new increase in a number of cases. There are still hundreds of new cases and deaths every day, and allowing people to return to normal activities will likely thwart all progress achieved by social distancing rules, closing beach parking, closing non-essential businesses, etc. It's extremely important to think about the potential disastrous effects of re-opening too soon. The longer the virus is circulating, the longer people especially vulnerable to it have to self-isolate, and every 5th resident in Florida is over 65!
Manatee	General	I believe that we should be very careful about opening the state back up. In my opinion we should wait another month just to be sure that it is safe to resume our daily lives.
Duval	Accommodation	To date, there is not enough evidence to support how Covid-19 affects pregnant women. I am 6 months pregnant, and am currently able to work from home. My concern is that if pregnant women are not specifically labeled under vulnerable people (which we are due to decreased immune systems and inability to take medications) that employers (especially my boss) will make us return to the field once stay at home orders are lifted. There needs to be specific guidelines to protect pregnant women and their unborn children until this passes because many workplaces don't see them as vulnerable individuals. Also, for the ones that are not able to complete their work from home once guidelines are in place, some financial assistance to those individuals would be beneficial so they can prepare and buy necessities for the arrival of new human life. Pregnant women must be protected as so many have passed because of this illness, and these women are bringing new life and hope back into America during this time!
Marion	General	Reopen the ocala national forest to Recreation and camping again

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Volusia	Recreation	Please open beach access ramps! We would love to get the fresh air too but we live in DeBary, and need parking access.
Palm Beach	General	Please do not open the state until New cases are zero U will Get a swarm of new positives if u open to soon Once u let up alittle people will become leas cautious ans be careless If u open beaches open just for walkig and swimming Golf no flags and one to a cart
Sarasota	Finance	I have been wondering why there are now over 22,000,000 unfilled jobs in the United States. The individuals who filled these jobs in the past did not die from #COVID-19. Most of us know that some very extreme measures were recommended by the CDC, Dr Fauci, Dr Birx and put into place by state and local governments. These measures have severely injured the livelihood of US workers, families and small businesses. Why did 'we' do this to ourselves? Why did with we let scientists with models in hand convince us that the #COVID virus was expected to kill 1,200,000 US citizens? The models were based on weak assumptions, guesses, and statistics based on negative selection (only very sick people were included) case counts which highly inflated the case fatality rate (CFR). But never mind. The projected death count has since been revised downward many times.... 250,000 expected deaths... 120,000 expected deaths... and now most recently 65,000 expected deaths. Wait a minute, in recent years, flu-related deaths have ranged from about 12,000 to (in the worst year, which was 2018) 80,000, according to the CDC. But the entire economy does not get shutdown during the flu season! Why did we let this happen? Science should only INFORM policy, not DICTATE policy. Did the media hype get the best of us? Panic Porn? #Scamdemic? The "cure" has been much worse than the #Coronavirus! We need to #ReOpenAmericaNow. We need to do it As Soon As Safe As Possible ASASAP!
Pinellas	General	I'm all for opening back up, BUT the stipulation should include that those that can work from home SHOULD continue to work from home. Putting office workers together in small 5 ft. cubicles, using the same elevator and such just doesn't need to happen if people can continue to work from home. If this is not a stipulation, employers will require people to come back into the offices. It is NOT needed and will put people in close contact together and will not help the economy any more than if they stayed at home. As someone with a pre-existing condition, this scares me to death to have to chose between working and possibly getting very, very sick.
Brevard	Retail	Please allow stores to open and limit the numbers inside stores. There are things I need and I rather support local businesses then buying online! I need my hair done too!

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Duval	Healthcare	Allowing father of expecting mothers back into a doctors office is needed. Beaches are open. I see fast food joints open. Allowing one person to be at an ultrasound should be allowed now. Being a first time mother at the age of 24 and just having moved to Florida with no family, this is already beyond stressful. Even more of a disappointment that we are unable to record/picture anything that happens in our appointments. Regardless, of other states being able to record. Let's start small in reopening Florida. It's the little things for a lot of people.
Volusia	General	I am in the age (+ 65) and ore-existing condition (COPD) so I have observed the stay-at-home guidelines. I like continuing distancing and masks in grocery stores. Any added retail outlets should follow these guidelines. Restaurant s and bars should have guidelines for seating and occupancy limits . Those entering and working in hair salons, gyms, fitness centers, theatres should wear masks. Servers and practcioners should also wear gloves. More testing should be available to general public. If positive, should contact county health department for more guidance. Social distancing should be practiced outside in open areas (parks, beach hiking trails, etc. All Floridians should be encouraged to maintain low paroles and limit their imprints as well as those of children and other HH members.
Pinellas	Government	1) Fix and fund Florida's unemployed First! 2) Testing, testing and testing. 2) Follow Federal guide lines for reopening.
Hillsborough	General	Florida should not reopen until credible scientists and the CDC say it's safe to do so. We have reduced the risk of overrunning our hospitals by social distancing, but if we stop now, we lose all the progress we have made. I love Florida and understand our economy is heavy tourism, and as much as I have "cabin fever" from being home all day everyday; it's still the safest bet to making sure I don't get coronavirus or spread it to someone who is higher risk, like my parents or neighbors. The economy will take time to rebuild - no question. But Florida is not ready to go down to the road of reopening. We're still not testing enough. Tests are still not accessible to all of those who want them. And in reality, without a vaccine, every person needs to be tested so that we can determine if it even makes sense to have the conversation about reopening Florida. Please don't only look at the immediate dollars at risk here. Please look at the health and well-being of all Floridians and understand that the economic impact of Coronavirus will be far worse if the amount of cases and deaths increase because we reopened too quickly. My vote is we shouldn't reopen yet. I'll admit my trust is pretty slim when it comes to the Republican Party and their overall lack of seriousness in handling this public health crisis, but I hope something happens and I hope they think about their kids, their friends and family members, and do what's best for all of us. Thank you.

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Orange	Recreation	Please open the state parks to Florida campers only. Many Floridians are avid campers but we rent able to use our state parks because of out of state snow birds. Campsites are far apart from each other providing for social distancing. We can enjoy our state and stay safe.
Duval	Administrative	Follow the simple processes of proper hygiene, social distancing, cover your cough and everything else you were taught as I child growing up and open everything up. Get back to business as usual. This is no worse than the other viruses we have year after year, and the deaths are no greater and far less than heart disease, cancer, diabetes and more. This craziness has to stop and the government needs stop putting more debt on the books and hurting the hardworking small and large businesses and business owners. Open it up and let's focus on growing our economy and not tearing it down.
Broward	General	Government should not be forcing small business, restaurants, bars and malls to close. Citizens know the risks and how to take precautions if they choose to go into public places at this point. It's common sense. Why is the government acting like a communist militia and taking control of businesses and Florida's citizens? More people die in auto accidents then from Covid-19 in the USA but I don't see Florida banning Automobile sales, etc! ALSO...Florida is allowing Target to sell non-essential items! I've been to 3 Targets and Walmarts and they are allowed to sell everything! Why are you shutting small businesses and illegally giving business to the conglomerates that are not suffering at all and are profiting from this lockdown? Even Detroit forced Target to rope off non-essential sections!

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Palm Beach	General	Open the Public Beaches Petition (& Natural areas to physically distanced use): http://chng.it/Z6xQXD2QSS Unlawful Private Property Infringement. No Executive order specifies closure of privately owned beach property. Private Beach Closures have been in effect for over 35 days in Palm Beach County, Property Owners (are due compensation, and forever protection from these current unlawful actions...ever happening again) Ch. 2019-155 LAWS OF FLORIDA Ch. 2019-155 http://laws.flrules.org/2019/155 PROPERTY OWNER BILL OF RIGHTS This Bill of Rights does not represent all of your rights under Florida law regarding your property and should not be viewed as a comprehensive guide to property rights. This document does not create a civil cause of action and neither expands nor limits any rights or remedies provided under any other law. This document does not replace the need to seek legal advice in matters relating to property law. Laws relating to your rights are found in the State Constitution, Florida Statutes, local ordinances, and court decisions. Your rights and protections include: 1. The right to acquire, possess, and protect your property. 2. The right to use and enjoy your property. 3. The right to exclude others from your property. 4. The right to dispose of your property. 5. The right to due process. 6. The right to just compensation for property taken for a public purpose. 7. The right to relief, or payment of compensation, when a new law, rule, regulation, or ordinance of the state or a political entity unfairly affects your property. Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019. Title XVII MILITARY AFFAIRS AND RELATED MATTERS Chapter 252 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SECTION 36 Emergency management powers of the Governor.
Lee	General	I believe that you, the Governor, took too long to close Florida. If it wasn't for the fact that the Canadians got called back earlier you would have triple the cases here in Florida. Do not open Florida pre-maturely like Georgia did. How can Georgia's hair stylists and tattoo parlor employees do their job and remain 6 ft way?
Gulf	Food	Dear Governor Desantis - A the owner of an independent restaurant I look forward to re-opening Florida in a responsible fashion as soon as possible. In Gulf County we have had only one confirmed case of Covid-19 and that person has already fully recovered. Currently doing take out only we are only able to employ 3 of our 32 employees. If we can open our dining room to 50% capacity we can bring back the majority of our employees on a part time basis while still maintain social distancing practices in our seating. We will continue to offer takeout for those who are not comfortable in public settings. Thank you for your consideration.
Seminole	General	It is too early to open Fl or lift the stay home orders. We don't need a second wave. Need to listen to all the Drs and cdc

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Palm Beach	General	I am a teacher and believe all public schools should remain closed for the remainder of the school year. I do believe that we should reopen our state very slowly when the curve flattens for at least two weeks. Being from Palm Beach County, where the number of corona virus patients are large, this is important for us. I believe the first things you should open are parks, and beaches, any outdoor activity areas. People should be allowed to be outside and exercise as long as they practice social distancing. If they do not, there should be police or some kind of enforcement to make them leave. Slowly we should bring back our economy with new social distancing requirements. And if people are not practicing these restrictions, they should have to leave, pay a fine etc...
Orange	Transportation	Open back up! People need to go to work.
Palm Beach	General	Please open up beaches and boat ramps . Not only to comercial fisherman but to everyone . Vitamin D is essential ! Since I'm not getting financial aide of any kind , unemployment , stimulus check and especially an SBA loan since it all went to large companies . I should be able to at least do these simple things . We should not be a police state ! It has been well over a month ! I was okay with two weeks but seriously it has gone on way to long . This is just another type of flu .
St. Johns	Retail	Is there a preliminary plan that outlines what might be open on 5/1/2020?
Manatee	General	By now everyone is very aware of the seriousness of the disease. Trust Floridians to make good decisions, and allow people to go back to work. Restaurants, Gyms, etc. will provide safe environments or people won't go.
Palm Beach	General	The tolls in deaths and positive cases are INCREASING why the FUCK are you going to open when it's not declining? There are old people down here and I for one think this has to be the stupidest thing you are doing? Governor DeSantis will not be RE-Elected if this reopening happens and more people will drop dead like flies
Manatee	General	Fix the Unemployment debacle ! You have families getting there power turned off and people getting evicted from there homes.
Monroe	Food	Let the restaurants open and follow guidelines. You can't say we don't trust the people as the reason to not let them open. If you don't let them open there will not be any left because the PPP is not working for small businesses. Everyone I talked to in the Keys around Marathon applies and no one has any money
Marion	General	To whom it may concern I think its to early to open fla we need another 30 days and more enforced stay At home orders no one in my area is staying home it needa to be better enforced And another 30 days or it will be a reapeat and start all over again and this time worsworse
Brevard	Healthcare	I really need to have elective surgery to start. Bern in pain. Surgery was suppose to take place in March until the virus hit. I cant sleep with the pain.

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Hillsborough	General	Where I live, it really doesn't matter if you reopen or not because social distancing is not a thing here. I go to Walmart and it's shoulder to shoulder , people not wearing protective masks and not be considerate of others. Walmart isn't doing anything about the amount of people in the store at a time. I have health problems so I limit my time out and try to do what I need to. I think stronger enforcement should be in place to knock the number down.
Osceola	Tourism	Don't think we should open if we have to wear a mask to go to the amusement parks, stores restaurant.Small (young) children would get scared if they saw hundreds or thousands of people wearing masks at a place that is suppose to be fun, or to shop or even to eat at restaurant. If it's not safe enough to go out without a mask on we should not open. Disney shouldn't open until everywhere has leveled off because you cant control who comes from where to go into Disney. Could open up Disney Springs on a limited basis, and resorts with a limited capacity, as we faze into opening theme parks eventually.
St. Lucie	Food	As a business owner . I want nothing to be open sooner then later. But on the other hand I don't as there is not enough testing going on. In slc there is very little testing. After talking with a er physician the other night he to said there needs to be more testing for both if you had covid-19 in the past or if you are actually simtamatic. People just don't have enough common sense to respect peoples personal space. My feeling is we will see a big upswing in cases and deaths if we just reopen.
Sarasota	General	I truly believe you need to follow the guidelines and not lift the restrictions until Florida's numbers truly plateau and go down. We continue to increase. Why would you open businesses and employees and clients to this risk this early. I say hold off for 2 more weeks and see if the isolation can continue to help reduce the deaths. No amount of business is worth dying for.
Lee	General	Reopen all of FL with recommendations for those at most risk to protect themselves.
Martin	Healthcare	Please do not issue a reopening at this time. There are still many unknowns about this virus and many people that are asymptomatic carriers. The population of Florida is too vulnerable and reopening could cause additional deaths and hospitalizations. If we reopened and had to shut down again, that would seem to pose more of a financial risk to the economy.
Sarasota	General	Open Sarasota County up. We are destroying small businesses with the fear mongering. Small businesses are the back bone of this county and our country.
Collier	Recreation	I would like to see the florida keys open back up to Florida residents only for now. I believe they should not be open to tourists until a later date, it should reopen for Florida soon.
Lee	Education	I think it would be a wise idea to re-open FL with some restrictions obviously, but begin the process of re-opening things that are currently shut off. Since it will be a slow process to turn everyday life back to what it once was, it is a great plan to begin that process now with the lifting of the stay-at-home order as long as residents practice certain social distancing actions if they wish.

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Sumter	General	Mandate face coverings in all public spaces where groups gather, including indoor and outdoor spaces. Continue to target vulnerable populations where data shows impact for fatality rates are highest. Testing among vulnerable populations is critical; with Florida seniors making up 25% of the population and those with underlying conditions even higher, that means testing including health workers and first responders likely means 3-4 million PER WEEK. How will that be achieved? We need to reopen but with implementation of some existing mitigation strategies for individuals. Businesses should be responsible for controlling customer flow at safe levels with masks required for workers dealing with groups of people. Florida has benefitted from common-sense approaches and targeting vulnerable citizens and there's no reason it can't continue with the smart reopening of businesses, but business owners and individuals remain the ultimate decision makers for their own safety.
Lake	General	I feel that hair and nail salons, as well as barber shops, and small family restaurants should reopen. Thank you for keeping our safety as a number one priority.
Palm Beach	Professional Services	Thank you for taking the time to read this. As a hairdresser who is successful and wanting nothing more than getting back "behind the chair". With that being said...I can not perform my services properly or safely with a 6 feet distance even if I'm wearing a mask. I know many see us as essential, however, no training that we received in school or online for our industry says, open, you and yours will be fine. People are selfish and even if we follow protocol, take temps, etc does not mean people won't take Tylenol, Advil to regulate their temp. Or any medicine to mask their symptoms. I'm begging you, please don't reopen mail, hair, massage, spas or anything of that nature until the 2nd or 3rd phase. We can't even get much of the PPE as it is not available at this time. Dentist and drs offices are closed, why would you open salons before them?
Palm Beach	General	Please start with opening our beaches for exercise and swimming. I believe that what North Florida and soon Indian river County are doing makes sense. The public needs sunshine and vitamin D to stay healthy and active. Social distancing can be enforced. I also believe that golf courses can enforce social distancing easily. One player per cart is easily managed.
Orange	Education	I'm currently a rising junior at FSU and would love to be able to return to campus for the fall semester. I'm a member of the marching chiefs and an honors student for the college of business. If classes were to be cancelled there would be no college football (at least in the fall) and likely many students would either take a gap year or graduating high school seniors wouldn't attend school in the fall if all classes were online. We are among the lowest risk demographics being aged 18-22. I would like for the decision to be made as late as possible and when as much information is gathered and not made in the month of May with over 3 months before the fall semester is supposed to even start. I would love to be contacted for more specific input on the gall college semester and other ideas I have regarding alternatives to strictly online classes for and entire semester of school.

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Broward	General	When planning on re-opening gyms, please keep in mind that many gyms offer Silver Sneakers classes for the 65+ age group. Extra pre-caution must be taken for this age group. Prior to the shutdown, I attended these classes 4 times a week. I was in a room with approx. 10-15 ladies. We use chairs, inflated balls, weights and rubber exercise bands that the previous class also used. Classes were at 10am, 11am and noon. So this equipment was not cleaned and sanitized before each class.
Volusia	Professional Services	I'm a barber and owner of a barbershop in Orange City. My business does not fall under the essential umbrella. Personally, we have been hit hard financially. We are in the process of building a home so deferring bills is NOT an option. I closed my shop before the state shut down for the safety of the community and my family. However, it is impossible to adhere to the cdc guidelines of the 6ft apart. I need my business open. We applied for loans. NOTHING! We applied for the SBA grant NOTHING! To date my family has not received the stimulus check! There can be safeguards put into place such as temperature checks, barbers wear face masks, questionnaire, one client per barber at a time with sanitizing (bleach/Lysol) between clients. I'm begging you have this industry return to work ASAP!
Palm Beach	Healthcare	It is too soon to open....if we open to early all of the lives lost and effort put in will be a waste. Why not wait a few more weeks, we will be in a better position to reopen in stages, otherwise our efforts have been futile. We have to be smart. Our elected officials need to show a leadership role, not reactive to deep pockets. It is important we take the high rode to do what is necessary to avoid a 2nd wave. I'm not fan of Scott, however I am a fan of his emergency protocols and that public health always seemed a priority.
Sarasota	Information	We have to make sure that there is adequate testing along with everyone to adhere the 6ft social distancing. If people do not follow the restrictions to the letter the spread of the virus will overwhelm the state and country.
Brevard	Food	I work in the food industry and I am curious how we can safely take care of our customers and stay socially distanced without antibody testing. If we are tested and have been found to have antibodies then perhaps we carry a card and then we won't need masks and gloves, but just good hygiene.
St. Johns	General	The Cov19 scare is completely overblown. OPEN FLORIDA 100%, IMMEDIATELY. Please. Thank you.
Hillsborough	Recreation	Please reopen the state. There are non essential small business owners with zero income because there wasn't enough to go around. Kids are missing out on their sports. They are missing out on tournaments, collage camps, showcases etc. Please let these kids get back to doing what they love

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Marion	Retail	I want to under stand how checking the temps of people entering the building is going to help. Asymptomatic people won't have symptoms including fever , but yet can be contagious. How is that protecting me. My 82 year old FIL lives with us and I worry bringing something home to him. We don't live in a large house where I can stay away from him. I work for a non essential retail coming that is currently closed but talking about reopening in about two weeks. Don't see a huge amount of testing going on in Ocala to feel safe.
Brevard	Education	Classes can be held on campus with temp checks before anyone enters building Max size capacity of 10 students per room. This allows students to work on labs and computers. No gathering of faculty or staff In public areas Schools are 75% online and 25% on campus so students rotate days and times on campus Suppliers of PPE are a year out on orders to non-health sector, so people need to make their own masks, but masks should be required. Continued ban on standardized tests
Duval	Healthcare	As much as will love for Florida to open back because I'm not making as much money as was before. I just don't think it's fair unemployment is making more than us that are working. Store I.e Walmart are price gauging and supplies are out! But at the end of the day can we make sure that we are completely safe. If we can't have assistance because at end of the day bills aren't stopping. I can't work full-time and I'm having to work in a position that I didn't get hired for.
Manatee	Information	Please increase testing before and during reopening of Florida. PLEASE SOLICIT AND HEED THE ADVICE OF MEDICAL EXPERTS. Please truly assess what is essential and what is not (opening beaches is NOT). If rushed, opening could cause more lives to be lost. Please increase public awareness as reopening occurs. Please increase public information regarding testing. EVERYONE MUST BE TESTED. Thank you.
Sumter	Professional Services	Hair salons and nail salons are ESSENTIAL services. They are low risk, if no one waits in the waiting room, a mask is worn, & everything is disinfected between clients, I think that is VERY low risk.
Osceola	Healthcare	Reopening right now is a slap in the face to healthcare. We are working hard to treat and stay safe. People could not even wear a mask for a couple of weeks to try to stop the spread. As soon as one thing opens they will flock there. We need atleast another month. The governor. Needs to get their unemployment under control and they will stop begging to go back to work. Bars should be the LAST thing open. There is no way for bars to social distance as most are very small and limited staff. Do not open the bars til the last phase. People will not know how to act and will start a spread. They will run from one bar to the next.
Orange	General	Everything needs to be back open with a rule that everyone that goes out in public is to wear a mask or can't go in and and reminding them that they need to wash there hands it's common sense to stay home if sick
Lee	Healthcare	Please protect my family. I am diabetic and asthmatic. My children are asthmatic also.

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Sarasota	Recreation	Opening state and county parks now will make people realize how important they are and appreciative users will support future state efforts to expand or enhance natural areas. I also think tennis courts have been unfairly targeted for closing as users are no less careful and social distanced than golfers. Mental health needs to be taken into consideration at this point in the quarantine episode.
Palm Beach	Finance	I'm 70 years old. I came to live with my daughters family, kids were in College. There are 6 of us. The food bill is extreme feeding six people three meals a day. We are fortunate to have pay checks coming in. My son in law has a small business. He has been working but is afraid If we do not open up soon we won't have money coming in. People are hungry and losing business. The nail techs always wore Mack and gloves. Home Depot, Walmart, Publix is crowed all the time. You touch everything in the store. Your money your purse you keys your sunglasses . We need recreation, some retail. People with mental issues are feeling trapped. . The beaches, boat ramps, we need are rights back. The nursing homes , that I looked at fir my mom at one time were very poorly run. No wonder it goes through the elderly they have no immune d system left. Open Florida. The virus will be here like the flu. We have to deal with it. We have to have our lives back before people loose everything. God Z less America. Trump 2020
Manatee	General	Just follow the guidelines already set in place by CDC. We must get our testing up to the recommended standard along with 14 days of declining numbers. Golf course and beaches should not be open, it just invites travel and commingling and is counter to a stay in place.
Hillsborough	General	Please listen to your medical and scientific experts when making decisions that will impact people's lives, literally. If Floridians just hunker down (we could easily if the unemployment debacle was solved..and get this thing under control. Clamp down now and the sooner we'll be back in business. We start loosening restrictions and the virus wil re-emerge. I'd like to be able to get back to my students and classroom in the Fall, but the logistics of doing that are a matrix of things that have to be very carefully considered. Listen to the health experts and your businesses will fare better. We don't want this prolonged any longer than is necessary. But people's lives are a stake. That should take priority.
Palm Beach	General	My take on this is to follow the phases that were given. There are a lot of businesses open here except for the service and travel/entertainment industry. We just need to be smart and safe while we reopen. There are a lot of people here that don't follow the rules and that is what concerns me. Right now if the hospitals are not full, then elective surgery should resume. As long as the dick patients are not anywhere near where these surgeries take place. Just my opinion.
Monroe	Professional Services	The marina we stay at has not received a dime of the money they were approved for. That has to be fixed.

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Volusia	General	I don't believe Florida is ready to be open. The numbers keep rising and it's not safe to go back to the life we once knew. We need to have a vaccine to protect us and I think it needs to be free as a lot of Floridians don't have insurance. I understand our economy is hurting but we will be a lot worse off if we open up and more and more Floridians get sick and possibly die. I think that our residents need more financial and food help until it's safe to open back up. A lot of residents are barely getting hours if they are getting any at all and are having a hard time getting unemployment to help for the lack of income that they once had. A lot of residents have children as well and the extra help for the months of March and April with the snap program has been wonderful but I believe it should be extended until the economy is back and people can afford to feed their families again.
Marion	Healthcare	As a cosmetologist who works in The Villages I am quite worried about salons opening too soon. It's not just about the guests who may or may not be honest, it's also about my personal safety and those I come home to. Please open the state slowly and give the predominantly retirement areas more time. Thank you.
Orange	Recreation	Open metered parking up for brevard county.or titusville playlinda since there is enough room to distance State parks to be outside for mental breaks Orange county has no where to go to hike, walk in nature.
Palm Beach	Recreation	Honorable Gov Ron De Santes, first and foremost , Thank you for being our governer for such a time as this, and for your concern re:florida and your task force. i truly hope people can keep practicung hygienic measure's in every place. in my opinion i think the beaches in palm bch county should open as the parks, with a law to stay 6-7 feet away from people, other then your family n children. people need to get out, and beaches as parks is very important in Florida.. its a way where people can relax from this pandemic and get fresh air. but there has to be regulations regarding groups! well thats my opinion, dont know if we will get back to normal life, but in all God should be your first divine help, and put all your plans in his hands first for wisdom and hope. God bless you , your family n all who are a part of your task force. God bless America. thank you.
Seminole	General	There are still too many cases daily to even think about opening back up . I would wait several weeks more before even thinking about reopening.
Orange	Recreation	This should be a very gradual opening throughout June. Anything that opens must have distancing plan in place. Mask should be mandatory if you are within 6' of anyone. Business should have special consideration of senior employees or those with certain conditions and give them off through June with pay. Testing for everyone to continue.
Manatee	General	Please fix the unemployment system- that will get much needed cash into people's hands. They will spend it to reopen Florida!! Our unemployment website is a national laughingstock.
Sarasota	General	why put some many lives at risk reopening so soon?people will survive.Businesses will survive.if not then they probably wouldn't anyway.Many people will die because of this thoughtless and greedy decision

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Volusia	Management	Regarding opening the beaches during the virus. I am one that walks the beach on a regular basis and miss it terribly. That's why I moved here. However, during this very scary virus situation, I have to swing towards keeping the beach closed for several obvious reasons. First of all, it draws extra people into our community like a magnet - tourist that have no regard for the situation or rules (especially the younger generation). Bike week and Spring Breakers should have taught us something. As for the businesses - it us a tough call - but we can not survive without stores. We need to open them but with guide lines. I love my community and pray it makes it through this HORRIBLE experience
Orange	Healthcare	Please consider what you're doing before opening the state. We are not ready. You opened some beaches and then we saw a spike of numbers. We need more time. We will see a second wave and it's going to be harder to lock down the second time. Please consider our children, our elderly and our sick.
Duval	Finance	We need to open back up very carefully so that we don't cause a rise in coronavirus cases and end up shut back down. Businesses that are currently working remotely should continue to do so. Businesses that are currently closed but can open with strict social distancing should be allowed to after a 2 week period of declining cases. This should continue for a minimum of 2-4 weeks so that enough data can be gathered to determine if the number of coronavirus cases is increasing. If the data supports that the numbers are still declining, then more businesses should be allowed to open up. The last phase of opening should be businesses that are currently working remotely being allowed to return to an office. The option to stay working remotely should be mandatory for employees who feel it is too soon to risk their health. This allows people to make the choice to work remotely without becoming unemployed if they have an underlying health issue or children at home.
Manatee	General	Before a company can reopen all employees and owners should be tested and be confirmed negative. At least you would know you were starting clean. I would also want to know what their plan is for hygienic procedures.
Sumter	General	I would like to see businesses open that can open safely. With WalMart and Home Depot open there is no reason why other retail cannot open. Social distancing and masks would be safe for salons to open. The private sector needs to open. People need their paychecks.
Broward	General	I'm looking forward to more community access and resuming more business functions, however, I would like a plan that makes scientific sense to rollout to my employees. Florida employers need to relay safety measures confidently to employees and customers in order for consumer confidence to return. Please help us to do that before making any pronouncements. Testing for the virus, antibody testing and trace testing need to have a plan that's communicated to the public. Florida's government can make this happen. Put the plan together and share it with us all so we can open up. We all want to do the right thing for our families, business and our communities.

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Osceola	General	The government continues to state that it relies on data for decisions during this time. The data appears to be incredibly flawed. California reports their first deaths occured in early February. Florida reports our peak occurred on 23MAR. New York reports that their serological research demonstrates nearly 22% of the population has already had Covid-19. The data clearly demonstrates that the stay-at-home orders were late, at best. The lag time in decision making based on bad data has decimated the economy and destroyed countless lives. The opening of the economy needs to be based on good data rather than flawed data rooted in assumptions. In other words, open the economy full force. Isolate the high risk individuals.
Osceola	General	I think it is way to soon to open back up the state. I have watched the numbers rise in cases and deaths every day. Opening any venues that have large amounts of people will cause a quick spread of the virus. I understand the economy needs to start up although if all the workers get sick who will run these places? I honestly think we need lockdown until mid to late July.
Palm Beach	Recreation	Please open ALL Florida beaches for exercise!! We understand the restrictions of social distancing, please allow us our beaches to exercise...surf, swim, walk!!
Collier	General	Need to reopen now. Use social distancing. Older people and those with health issues should stay home. Too many people lost income. Small businesses hurting. If Walmart and target can be open then all retail should be able to open.
Lake	Retail	We need to get our state opened back up. There are businesses hurting here in our neighborhoods across the state. I believe that in one of the task force discussions it was mentioned that 1000+ local bars, and restaurants could go out of business. This has the ability to cause more deaths than the virus. More people Will be committing suicide due to money troubles. Just because we open the state up, doesn't mean you have to go out if you don't want to. But, at least give the businesses a chance to stay in business and provide for their families.
Sarasota	General	Although I would like to see people get back to work and be able to do a few things, I think opening in May is not a good idea. It is to soon. I believe the state will relapse and be right back where we are now. Wait at least until June.
Orange	General	Please reopen the state. Limit restrictions. Groups of 10 or more business at 50%. Please open bars and restaurants. Maybe standing only no seating. Open parks beaches and all other open spaces. Make it mandatory for masks. Promote small businesses. Open more testing sites. Make those on unemployment do volunteer work per week to stay on unemployment.
Pinellas	Accommodation	It is too early to open Florida businesses. According to experts, we need to get ahead of covid by the extensive use of testing and by contact tracing. Somehow this pandemic became political, but people of all political parties are equally at risk. If businesses open, I for one, will not patronize them. I will continue to buy food and other necessities as I have been doing for the past 6 weeks. I want my local businesses to thrive, but not at the cost of human lives. I am confident that you agree with me and that you are committed to saving lives.
Sarasota	Healthcare	Opening Florida early is a sure fire way to reduce the population, and cause hardships on the entire state.

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Seminole	Food	Please do not re-open dining rooms in restaurants. I work for a small franchise of a larger national restaurant chain and we do not have the access to Proper PPE to be able to come into any contact with guests inside the buildings I work at. I would feel comfortable with the continued guidelines for restaurants if we also continue to work to provide access to purchase of masks, goggles, etc. I am not looking for a handout from the state. I just want to be able to have access to purchase and I don't and I feel unsafe at work every day.
Lake	Government	Good Morning, I think it should have a better way to edit our claim. I'm filled up my claim thru DEO and got no error message. Some days later I went to check the status and I noticed a "submit" button that was not there before. When I tried to submit, I got a message that my Alternate Phone Number has the wrong format. I forgot to add a space after the parenthesis. I think on this case, the website shouldn't have to allow me to go to the next page but now, there is no way to edit the number and I can't submit the claim. I tried to call DEO number for the last two weeks but nobody answers and there is no "call back" option. I called CONNECT and they told me that it takes 3 to 4 weeks to process my claim and until there they can't do anything, I can't submit a new one because I have one opened and I don't have a PIN to filled thru CONNECT website. They can just give me one, after my claim is processed. I don't know what to do right now. Hope that in 3-4 weeks, they can process my claim and I can fix the phone number to finally submit.
Lee	Healthcare	I do feel that the damage being done by shut down has more impact on the mental side than any other. I understand protecting the venerable and moving a slow pace but, the uncertainty is more devastating, by far, than the risk posed by the virus.
Duval	Food	It is time to re open now. People in the restaurant business are literally starving and our leaders do nof care. Leaders lead by acting . Everything has risks but doing nothing is even riskier. Tearing the public like 3 year olds by not giving a timeline is disgraceful. We are tired of government leaders(with guaranteed jobs), millionaires and billionaires telling us what we can and can't do. This is the United States of America. Let us go to work before it is too late!
Broward	General	Diane is 78 and John is 83. We live in a Life Care Retirement Community. We feel that Florida should not reopen until every person is Florida is tested so we know who has COVID-19 and who doesn't.
Orange	General	At the very least, we should open up all businesses that put in procedures to maintain six feet social distancing. There is absolutely NO reason that we can go into a Lowe's with these restrictions but not be allowed to go into a furniture store or small business that could easily put in the same restrictions and have far less customers in the building. This should be done immediately! Next, have restaurants have these same social distancing requirements with their seating, tables six feet apart so each family unit is separated from other units. Save our economy before it's too late!!!

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Brevard	Information	Please publish daily the status of Florida with respect to the President's Virus Task Force Guidelines for reopening. For example: what day are we positioned on the 14 day schedule to decrease infection, etc Also consider posting the same info in a regional way.
Pinellas	General	Science, data and FACTUAL INFORMATION need to drive when beaches, businesses, etc... reopen. Frankly, you could open everything up tomorrow and I would still shelter in place. Until reliable testing for both active COVID Disease and antibodies from exposure are readily available, it would be irresponsible and life threatening to divert from the stay at home course we are already on. Masks in public buildings...grocery stores, retail establishments, etc should be mandatory. In fresh air situations such as hiking, walking, etc...they should be optional.
Orange	General	I am concerned that cleaning supplies are not readily available. How are we supposed to clean thoroughly if we cannot find disinfectants as consumers, that is a huge risk. I do not and will not put my health and safety in the hands of someone who may not practice appropriate cleaning routines.
Polk	General	I am not convinced that the MAJORITY of the population is at great risk for a SEVERE case of the corona virus. I believe this virus is very similar to the various strains of the common flu which can be fatal to elderly persons of those with underlying medical conditions. Please open up the state and treat this as you would the flu. Establish safeguards regarding visitors at nursing homes and medical facilities but for the sake of the economy and Florida businesses both big and small, PLEASE REOPEN THE STATE. As for myself at 72 years of age and in good health, I have no fear of this virus.
Lake	General	Start with counties with the least cases / lowest infection rate. Let them open to th degree they feel comfortable. Leave counties like Dade to the end as their numbers are still high. By keeping everyone at home, yes we are being safe, but we are also lowering our immune system. Sometimes to fight a virus we have to be in the elements.
Palm Beach	Education	Please please let our seniors have a "normal" graduation ceremony!! They have had so much taken away from them that have looked forward to for so many years, even my daughters band (Dreyfoos) to NYC to perform at Carnegie Hall -gone ☹. The graduation can be outside, with only immediate family attending and everyone wears a masks. Space the graduates apart 6 feet! This is affecting these kids socially and most importantly mentally. There will be no hugs or shaking of hands-just give them a "walking across a stage" ceremony!! They deserve it.
Clay	General	I dont think we should open until at least mid June and I think it should be done in phases.
Osceola	Tourism	EITHER LET US WORK OR PAY US!!! I WAS a bartender at a resort in Central Florida. My last day of work was March 18th. I applief for unemployment on March 23rd and am STILL PENDING. I have 3 kids. My bills haven't stopped. DON'T LET MY FAMILY LOSE EVERYTHING I'VE WORKED SO HARD TO GIVE THEM! I NEED TO WORK!

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Marion	General	DO NOT open to soon. We have been on shut down ALMOST long enough. However it is not long enough to reopen and be safe. If we wait a little longer our chances of beating this are so much better. If we open to soon our close down will all be for NOTHING. It will have been a waste of time and opening too early will be a waste of lives lost. Let's us all be a little more patient so we don't waste the good we have done.
Duval	Food	Let stay at home expire on April 30;open retail shops then the hair and nail salons then restraunts giving each phase 2wks lastly churches
Hillsborough	General	The state should NOT reopen at all until proper testing for Coronavirus is available. WHY haven't we focused on this??? We are going to end up dealing with his for a long, long time if our so-called "leaders" do not start showing true leadership. Stop listening to "Dr. Trump", idiot-in-chief. Be tough, be strong! Perhaps you all should read (or reread) Stephen King's The Stand as a reminder of what happens when a virus gets out of control, as it is now becoming in the US. We are nowhere near "reopening". There are too many ignorant and stupid sheeples who are already not following rules. Keep the theme parks closed! Stop playing politics with human lives!
Palm Beach	Finance	. My idea is to open the economy fully for 40 year olds and younger. The fatality rate for this group is extremely small.They would create herd immunity without overwhelming the healthcare system and start to bring the economy back. After perhaps 6 weeks open it to 40-50 year olds. During this time you continue to keep the most vulnerable group(50+) sequestered and hopefully by that time a therapeutic or vaccine will be available. If you think this has merit please pass it to whomever. Thanks, Lee
Sarasota	Education	The governors task is to get every Floridian and others tested ASAP. Start with state assistance program unemployment, food stamps, hospital assistance ect. Quit pandering to your special interest big money and attack the problem forth right rid the state covid19 ASAP.
Broward	Recreation	Please consider opening up Condo Association pools for exercise. Many of us have joint and muscle issues that benefit from the water therapy.
Palm Beach	Recreation	My suggestion is to re open the beaches with social distancing guidelines. No more then 5 ppl together, 6 ft distance between you and the next group of ppl . this will at least give us something to do on the weekends
Clay	Recreation	Please allow kids to go back to their recreation sports, they need to get out and play and get excuses sitting at home all day is not good for them.
Osceola	Tourism	I believe that we need to wait a while before reopening the tourist areas to local, domestic and international travelers. You will have individuals coming from all different counties, states and countries not knowing how advanced their area is in testing for COVID-19. We could just be reintroducing the virus in our area this undoing what our social distancing has achieved. For example, our area just now has a testing site, so our county doesn't yet fully understand the impact that COVID-19 has had in our area; how many others are just like our county?
Clay	General	Keep Florida closed it's too early.

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Sarasota	General	Hello It seems to me that it would make sense for business to open on an appointment only schedule til things get going. Thank you
Lake	Tourism	I think we should open the economy in July because it gives us plenty of time to get ready and the cases should go down more. July would be ideal so we can implement the safety protocols such as temperature checks, screening guests before coming into the parks. (Disney and Universal) And maintaining 6 feet distance in stores and quick service food areas. Shanghai Disneyland is already doing these protocols already and they have some success with it. Orlando can't survive if Disney world and Universal studios and sea world remains closed. If we gradually reopen portions of the theme parks, according in phases, then we can still stop the spread by starting with Florida residents only then national then internationally. So i strongly feel that July would be an ideal target to reopen the theme parks slowly!
Orange	General	To the re-open task force , I believe it is time to start re-opening businesses in Central Florida. We can no longer hide from a virus in fear. This will be something we need to learn how to live our normal lives with adapting. Open Florida May 1st!! Fyi- I'm a nurse , and democrat. (This is not a political divide)
Palm Beach	General	We are a state of tourism the weather is getting warmer and people want to be on the beaches and just out enjoying our great state. But I am a born and raised west palm beach resident and as much as I want to be out enjoying our beautiful city it's to soon to reopen. It's to soon because if we reopen now its going to draw people from other states and put our state at greater risk and it could be disastrous for Florida. People want to vacation here people want to be in the Florida sun. We need to wait. I know businesses are struggling but it's better to struggle now and get it right the first time in lieu of doing this again and again. I know families are struggling I am one of them 1200 didn't go that far but if we dont do this right the first time it will only be worse later. Please Mr. Desantis dont rush this look at Georgia they are opening things up and their numbers are still going up and they are our neighbor and it will spiil back into Florida if we are not careful. Keep Florida safe show the country its not about money or business but lives and our future lives living in Florida.
Palm Beach	General	1st appt places, 2nd parks & large spaces, 3rd small and large controlled business, etc. by then you will have opened most of the commerce and the rest will have opened by themselves. Too many have shut down that should not have closed. Many may not open again. This is the short answer for a more specific answer please contact me at 561 385 9915 voice 561 963 2267 fax

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Duval	General	All Stores should require a Mask !! No Public Pool.!,,, No Condo or apartment pools... They can NOT be sanitary not the chairs be cleaned after people lying on them.. No club house functions. Association are thinking about their a OWN personal adgenda , not the others around. The pools are not a lap pool for exercise.. If you give them a inch they will take a mile... The parties will continue, as to some have not social distance period , but they can't have the pool party since they were locked up..now they want them unlocked for their gathering..Just give it till after Sept to see where the would is with this ..Just some kind of guide lines..
Duval	General	I don't think we should re open Florida on May 1st or any sooner because what happens if we all get reinfected. There was a Spanish flu in the 1900s and it came in three waves. China opened back up and they all got reinfected. Even though we might have hit peak we still need to make sure the numbers have gone down before reopening or it will turn out even worse than what it already is
Seminole	Healthcare	I work at a major Hospital system in Central Fl. employed over 15 yrs . And because the State closed down all elective procedures my employer is now losing business and is in the process of possibly laying off many in slow departments (including myself) I am dcared to death to be almost 50 yrs old and through no fault of ny own possibly without a job in the near future. Our hospital is not overwhelmed or at capacity, in fact we are doing less business now than before. People are afraid to come into hospitals because the narrative has been stay away for so long please open healthcare back up and help change the narrative around patienst being able to access healthcare again and save our jobs. No hospital employee should be laid off during this national pandemic.
Orange	General	It is Time to open back up! We can maintain our practices of social distancing, hygiene and make the necessary new normal adjustments. May 1 st should be the day to begin phasing in and opening up the State. Everyone has done a great job but we need to get small business and society back on track. Don't bow to fear or pressure, May 1st is the day to begin. Thank you
Sarasota	General	Good day, in my opinion...we need to take things slow, listen to the advise from the health experts! Stick with the phases, wait until this settles down a little. It hasn't slowed down a bit in Sarasota/Manatee Co. Since the announcement of the beaches opening on Monday, there are people from other states on social media asking questions. Like, do they have to quarantine if they fly, asking about rental properties, etc!!! It's just too soon. Unfortunately people can't follow the rules. I work in a hotel so I am ready to be back to work ASAP! We can't mess up and make it even worse. Mr. DeSantis I filed for unemployment March 23, I'm still pending. Let's fix this issue first!!!! Sincerely, Amber

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Orange	General	I am a 24 yr/old medical student. Please consider extending the stay at home orders for the safety of our citizens through May. I understand that businesses are struggling, but the impacts that this virus would have on human beings if restrictions were lifted would be fatal. The right thing to do is never easy and for the safety of our citizens the right thing to do is extend the stay at home orders. If restrictions are lifted in Florida (especially Orlando and Miami), then so many people will travel here from other states. They were doing that at the beginning of quarantine, so what makes you think they won't do it at the end. Please consider the safety of our people. Thank you.
Flagler	Real Estate	Please lift the ban on short term rentals. Allow restaurants to open. Please allow us to work and be self sufficient. Limit government intrusion in everyday activities.
Hillsborough	Professional Services	I work in a hair salon with six employees, I've been there five years and over that time there's never been more than 10 people total in our salon. The 6 of us all work part time but is the main source of our income. We haven't received any help for Independent contractors. We need to get back to work to be able to survive. I think that reopening very small businesses like ours could re-open with sanitation regulations in place. We can keep the 10 person minimum in our salon.
Polk	Food	Good morning I feel that we aren't to be safe or the number will go down if you reopen the State I work in Hospitality and the we are going to be exposed to a lot of tourist that can be contaminated , I feel is to soon , I care of my Family and my Coworkers Family as well Thank you 🙏 and God Bless you
Orange	General	There is nothing for entertainment industry we are just as important as any other and are depended on as much if not more. I think we should wait another 2-3 weeks before opening. I have a low immune system and I have been in isolating since my last job on march 6th. I haven't gotten Unemployment yet or my Stimulus check. I understand where people are coming from that they want to get back to work. I own my own company. I won't have work until the conventions start up again and that might not be until next year.. However do we want this to get worse. we can't afford that either.
Okaloosa	Recreation	We need to open up our economy. We cannot continue living in fear. If a person has pre existing medical conditions,then they should take precautions. Or if you are elderly and frail. But to remain shut down isn't doing anything but harming our economy. The number of people that have contacted this virus is not as many as predicted. And there has been to much "junk science" behind the current number of cases. We need to get out to our beaches and enjoy the sun. It has been recently discovered that the virus doesn't live long in hot humid weather! So let's get people out in the ☼ and get our immunity levels built up with absorbing vitamin D.

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Duval	General	Reopen ASAP, please. PLEASE. We see that this virus has proven to be much, much less harmful and dangerous than originally thought. It has an extremely high survival rate. So few are dying from it and there's only a fraction of people that are contracting it and that is WITHOUT a vaccine. Now we have a safe and effective way to treat it. Let the healthy go back to work and allow vulnerable people to self-quarantine if they choose. We cannot lose our livelihoods over an illness we now know is not nearly as dangerous as we thought it would be. People were happy to stay inside when it was projected to be killing hundreds of thousands of us. Now that we all see it isn't, we want out. It's not worth bankrupting your people.
Brevard	General	Please open as many businesses as possible, immediately. Those at risk do not need to visit businesses or go to the beach. They should self-isolate and take precautions. Our economy is dying very rapidly and something must be done now. Thank you.
Clay	General	Let Georgia be the test dummy and Keep Florida closed.
Duval	Accommodation	Any club or bar that is allowed to reopen should not be allowed to have more than 50 people. All seats should be spaced apart so customers aren't touching each other. They should also be regulated to have wipes constantly on hand to clean surfaces and chairs frequently throughout the duration of people being in the establishment.

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St. Lucie	Healthcare	I work in a urology office and most of our patient's are over 65. My hours are have been significantly cut.. but I am thankful to be able to work at all.. my sister who lives with me filed unemployment 5 weeks ago and has yet to hear anything.. anyways with me loosing hours it is a struggle worryingly if I will loose my rental home.. I realize no one could have seen this coming.. and I believe this illness was around much longer than anyone knows.. I was born and raised in this great state.. my concern is I work and live around the villages retirement community..we implemented telehealth which saved me.. without it I would have been jobless. The great doctors I work for agreed to take no paycheck so that they could keep some of the employees.. they are hero's in my book!! I truly believe the phases that the state of Florida came up with can work.. thier is no perfect answer.. but as you can imagine I have a true fear of a rush of office patients coming back in the office due to the behavior of a minimal amount of patients we do see in the office. But that being said we have implemented every safety measure possible.. the job force has to open up.. but with very strict rules at first until we see what this virus does.. I also realize testing takes time .. but anyone working with high risk patients should have access to testing symptoms or not.. I am 52 with high blood pressure and diabetes.. and many people show no symptoms.. we see 70 patients a day before telehealth that is a lot of possible exposure and my sister who lives with me is a severe asthmatic.. I have followed all the rules and have worked from home when possible.. I order my groceries from door dash and do not go to public places.. I have strictly followed the guidelines..and don't want to be exposed to this virus by people who don't.. I pray for normalcy whatever that is now .. but all lives matter.. and for us people that work in doctors offices we have close contact with the elderly and even with ppe we could possibly be exposed and spread to many of the villagers and our families.. we take temps constantly.. I take my own temp three times a day.. but ready to try this return to normalcy but rapid testing ability has to be available symptoms or not
Palm Beach	Healthcare	Reopen Florida Now!!!! Imagine if restaurants simply hand out hand wipes with napkins. It's crazy so many are comfortable still having food prepared for them, via takeout orders, so the risk is other diners and servers? Reduce capacity for a while. It's better than this! I'd feel comfortable if there is zero tolerance for symptomatic employees going to work. I would go to Disney. Today. I would go to a hotel if I knew the sheets are laundered with intense cleansers. All stores/restaurants/hotels/spas must have hand wash at all times for guests to wash their hands.
Duval	General	At this time, we are not ready to reopen the general population. I understand individuals would like to get back to normalcy but we are not ready at this time. We need to extend the stay at home stay until May 30th. The state of Florida must do their due diligence to efficiently and quickly process the unemployment applications and provide those with back pay. Opening up too soon will be a catastrophe which we aren't prepared. We can't cut off our nose to spite our face.

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Clay	Tourism	I watch the news conference on opening up the state of Florida and the tourism within the state. You asked that the Floridians take in-state vacations to be with the economy. How are the Floridian supposed to do this when they've been out of work for the most part at the greater percentage of the state for the last 4 to 8 weeks and I've had no income. So with no money coming into the household how do you expect them to have the income to take a vacation?Are they going to have magic funds up here to take a vacation when they have not had funds to pay their electric the water their mortgage their car payment and the credit card or even feed their families? But yet you want them to take a vacation. Where is the priority and the people of your state?
Brevard	Management	Florida needs to maintain the Stay Home policy at least thru May. Most people aren't comfortable leaving their homes yet because the numbers of infections/non-infections aren't accurate. We need to feel assured that everyone that needs tested are being tested and the results are accurate. Right now it's very concerning and we don't know what to believe. We have NO TRUST in how this is being handled. People are desperate for money, the problems with the Unemployment System being the cause. Fixing this should be main priority. If you open things up now people won't be out and about for fear of the virus and because they are flat broke.
Martin	General	Dear Honorable DeSantis and all involved, Please open all Florida businesses to those healthy enough to do social distancing for a short time and then access the situation and open to all at some logical point. Please change the data gathering for death certificates to only primary cause of deaths and not the Wuhan virus unless tested and proved.. no more suspected. We lost a friend to heart disease and COPD. The doctor was forced into putting suspected Wuhan against her better judgement. This is not right to have doctors lie to give hospitals more money. We know that Governor DeSantis has always gone for the truth and will do the right thing. Kindest regards, Kathy Wittmann
Clay	General	When and if our state reopens, everyone should be required to wear mask. My family and I love traveling in our state, Orlando alone we visit and stay at least 6 times a year. I feel that for us to feel safe and relaxed enough to start venturing out thats what is needed. We have been at home since March 14, to follow the guidelines of our government but we do see that there are people who still do not care enough for themselves to stay at home or even social distance. With at least with the mask we feel protected from those people.
Osceola	Accommodation	With short term rentals being closed for all of April and no aid planning to come our way.... as short term rental investors with 5 homes in Windsor hills we are struggling beyond to pay bills. Short term rentals allow social distancing and need to be opened May 1st to allow any bookings for us owners. We have now lost 52 bookings between March and June in VRBO in our 5 homes with accounts for over $153,000 to date and no loans coming our way please allow these private pool homes opened to allow guests to safely travel to florida and still support local businesses. Please please please.....

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Collier	Professional Services	First of all, thank you for launching this portal, which I think is a great idea. I believe that the likes of Baker Park, Cambier Park, etc in Naples, as well as the beaches, should be opened now, but with people still encouraged to maintain social distancing. Unless there is a real surge in further cases, businesses in Lee and Collier County should be allowed to re-open starting Friday May 1st, including restaurants, hairdressers, vet offices, dentists, and hospitals having the ability to perform other elective or precautionary procedures, including CT scans and MRI's, etc. The availability of widespread testing will help, but the consequences of maintaining the shelter in place order are now starting to outweigh the benefits. No solution is perfect, and I think, by and large, the State of Florida - and in particular SW Florida where I live - has managed a very difficult situation pretty well.
Lake	General	The first mistake was closing to slow, now the second one will be opening to quickly! We don't have our numbers declining and you want to send more people out to spread this virus. The state was never really closed. People were still able to go about their normal lives if they wanted to. I hope all of the county leaders have better sense than our governer who is more interested in money than in human lives, to keep the stay at home requirements going. PLEASE!
Lake	Tourism	My 20 year old daughter works for Disney and has severe asthma. She is terrified that she will be forced to go back to work before it's completely safe to do so. Please consider requiring a longer furlough for employees who have underlying health conditions. Also, please require everyone in a public place to wear a face mask. This should be mandatory and fines should be assessed for anyone not doing so.
Orange	Healthcare	The success to re-opening Florida is to open it slowly with places that will be able to maintain social distancing such as parks and beaches. Places like arenas, massage parlors, tattoo parlors and beauty shops should be last as their is no way to keep a reasonable distance between people. Restaurants could open with limited capacity so there is at least 6-8 feet between tables on all sides and gradually increase their capacity in 2 week intervals till they are able to be run at full capacity. Schools should wait till August to go back at their regular set time because their would be no way to keep kids at a social distance if they were to start to early. If we open up all these things at full capacity before we have got a good control of the virus we will land up back at square one with a worse outbreak that could last longer than the current one.

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Osceola	Administrative	Hi, I work for the Department of Children and Families, on the Family Safety part of it, and I think is a good idea when they decided to let us work remotely from home, I am an asthmatic person and so are a few of my co workers, I work with attorneys and they are also working from home, doing virtual hearings with the Courthouse etc, it has been working really well and I think that the Courthouse will be working like this until the end of May or beginning of June, I ask if we can do the same because not only is working good, is protecting us from getting infected, my daughter works also in the same building and they are doing the same. So I think that offices that have the option of telework from home should keep doing it at least until the beginning of June because is really working for us. We don't have 6 feet between each other in the office, is an open space with people coming in and out constantly and my daughter works in a closed file room where they have no way of distance themselves from one another and is all closed up. Thank you
Sarasota	Recreation	Sarasota has opened Siesta Key beach but not the parking lot. This appears to benefit those in the upper income beach areas that live in walking distance. We are adults and have got the message about social distancing. There has to be some trust by our politicians for their citizens. Please set some logical guidelines for cities to follow.
Hillsborough	Food	I'm in hospitality industry in a tourist area and manage our concessions booth in the local major league sports stadiums. I haven't worked since 3-13-2020. I'm want to work. Open pinellas beaches where we have restaurant, I understand having restrictions and safety policies. I have no options, people have no options. Give us a choice.. I began my re-employment insurance 3-22, it was when you opened up mobile access and allowed printable application, before I was able to get my name in. Thank you for what you've done, protecting us from this China virus . Protect us again and let us go back to work and support our selves.
Orange	General	It is incredibly important for employees to be provided with masks, both at public facing businesses and at private offices. The employers need to provide masks to those who do not have one. The only way to slow this thing down and stop the spread is for the majority of us to wear masks whenever we are outside of our homes. I also think that location capacity should be heavily reduced for businesses and restaurants and then slowly go up over time as the covid positive numbers go down. Like say start at 15-20% capacity and go up as the science dictates. We all just want to be safe and feel like the government does care about everyone's safety and well being.

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Palm Beach	Government	I'm a marketing professional with no formal medical training. However, this virus continues to surprise the medical community because COVID19 is unique and needs to be studied more than 4 months! Tracing-Testing-Quarantine before we open up FL and potentially create a worse and exponential larger outbreak. The unacceptable ineptitude of the unemployment system and total lack of leadership is also a factor before opening FL. Will the thousands of homeowners who are forced into forbearance be made "whole" and not be saddled with credit issues that are no fault of their own. Will the millions of hard working Floridians who are owed unemployment receive retroactive payments when they are re-hired, and un-furloughed, and return to their company payroll? Additionally, what is the answer for treating those individuals who are irresponsible, ignorant and simply dumb who don't practice social distancing, who don't protect themselves and others in public by wearing PPE? These are historical and unprecedented times for FL and the world. Before we open FL, listen to the facts of Science and the experts who have dedicated their lives to protecting human life for a healthy future, not politicians protecting their own future. I appreciate this opportunity and thank the Task Force for having public comment.
Orange	Healthcare	Please reopen all of Florida! I work in healthcare and we have laid off 3,000, with more pending since we can't do surgeries and procedures. Our 9-hospital system is the 4th largest employer in Orlando. Please reopen our businesses to keep our jobs and continue treating patients. We also need our small businesses and churches to reopen immediately! With 1.3 million residents in Orange Co. Demings is keeping our county closed for 1,300 cases -- not even .5% of the population! Residents want to live their lives and decide for themselves what level of risk is acceptable, not have government decide it for them!
Lake	General	Although opening all parts of Florida may be ill-advised at this time, I do believe all government offices both state county and local need to be open for face-to-face business transactions. I do believe all beaches should be open, with restrictions. Groups no larger than 6 people and then of course social distancing between people and or groups. I do believe restaurants should be allowed to open unlimited capacity. Tables of no more than groups of 4 end table should be at least eight to ten feet apart to allow for seating to keep your six distance. There has been a lot of talk about voting in the upcoming elections. I do believe mail-in voting would be a big big mistake! If you can stand in line to go grocery shopping or to pick up your food at a restaurant or to check out at a department store or Home Improvement center, you can stand in line to vote in person and be safe. The government officials of Florida has to do something to open the state backup if not in full at least 50%, people are without work and there without their unemployment checks. To say your unemployment check will be retroactive is great but you have to wait three four and five months to get that still leaves people living on the streets. So it is time to open up the State of Florida get people back to work and put money back into our economy!
Manatee	Real Estate	YES, PLEASE open Florida businesses! Also, PLEASE encourage condo & HomeOwner Assoc communities to open up clubhouses, pools, tennis & pickleball courts do we can get some exercise!!

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Palm Beach	Recreation	please open the parks and boat ramps
Osceola	Government	Don't make the mistake keep us save. I'm not working but you can't get your luce back if you die. Money, you can work harder.
Pinellas	Recreation	Please consider re-opening the state parks to day use and overnight camping for in state residents only. Users must be pledge to follow guidelines by CDC as long as those are in effect.
Lake	General	Mandatory masks in Public please. Being over 60 with both my husband and I having auto immune disorders we have been in our house for almost 6 weeks. We have to rely on others for everything. We would love to feel comfortable to get our own groceries, prescriptions or go to the post office.
Duval	General	It's not my call nor my decision to re-open Florida but I don't think that its smart to re-open Florida its way to soon to even think about it if this virus is this serious. In my opinion it really didn't feel like a lock down people were everywhere out all times a day doing as they please as normal when this should have been taken way more serious then it has i think we should wait another month or two just to re-open.
Osceola	Technology	Please have the employer who wants to open business test the employees first I work in a building with almost 300 people if we all go back to work there's a chance of them get it and the spread it right now we working from home and should continue like that until testing is available for everyone . Thanks
St. Lucie	Food	PLEASE REOPEN ALL POOLS ASAP AND RESTERANTS
Pinellas	Tourism	Please open florida asap
Seminole	General	This virus isn't going away. It's a complicated issue— I think the healthy should be able to work and function normally while being mindful of the less healthy by social distancing/wearing masks to limit possible exposure. This is one of many viruses (and will not be the last novel one) in the world we can't afford to sit and wait for a vaccine. Reopen Florida in stages and monitor for outbreaks and plan accordingly.
Palm Beach	General	May 1: Open Beaches, Gold Course, Parks, Tennis courts with social distancing regulations Small Business, Medical offices & procedures, business offices and small stores. May 15: Larger business, movies theaters, places of entertainment, small bars & restaurants with capacity of no more that 50 max with social distancing. June1: Everything with social distancing.
Brevard	General	Would like to see retail and restaurants open soon, small boutique shops are hurting for no reason. They can contol how many people are in the store at a time and can sanitize easier than the large stores. In addition restaurants are getting killed and should be allowed to open with reduced capacity and wait staff etc. wearing face coverings. We should be honest about the fact that the Corona virus was here in December but we didn't know it. We all visited restaurants and stores for Christmas shopping etc. Let's use a metered approach and start opening our state up. Thank you.

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Duval	Healthcare	My comments are these: Employers should require everyone to wear a mask at work, Also no one should be allowed to enter any building (i,e, grocery, etc.) without a mask on. Also, antibody testing should be mandatory for everyone over 18 but starting with the working age population.
Osceola	General	I think it will be the crazyes thing to do to open up y because there no viccin, more people will die,,that is crazy to open up
Volusia	General	DO NOT OPEN THE STATE!!!! The state needs to stay locked down for at least another month. The order that was imposed on April 1st should of met with stricter guidelines. We should of followed other states orders where hardly anything was open. There is and was too many people out and people were acting like nothing is going on. Nothing has been handled well and with hurricane season looming around the corner we need to have a better handle on the states problems before we re open. If anything we need a stricter lockdown from anywhere from 4-6 weeks. Also, many people have been effected financially beyond belief we need more money people cannot survive off of $1,200 a month even my family of 4 can't last long with that. Please I truly hope the governor and his task force sees this and does something and listens to the people!
Seminole	Healthcare	I am a Healthcare worker and the cases in Florida are on the rise and have not decreased 14 days in a row as the White House Corona task for has recommended before opening. I have a private practice and I have had to furlough employees and I personally have lost money. I however, would not be comfortable with the Governor reopening Florida without adequate testing, enough ppe for all Healthcare workers and industries. It would be political malpractice to open Florida in the same manner as Governor Kemp of Georgia has. This pandemic is affecting people of color more than any other group and as Florida is a purple state I think the Governor should take that into account as the next election he will surely loose if thousands of minorities may sucumb to this awful virus.
Duval	General	It's is too soon to open up Florida you have people that think this virus is a joke so many not keeping 6 feet and I have seen alit of gatherings people not wearing mask or gloves I was in the grocery store standing in line and I had person so close to me I could feel him breathing on my neck I ask him to back up and he laugh so I got out of line and stood aside till it was my turn I understand people are out of work but if people can't becareful and watch out for each other why open up and make us have a relapse
Palm Beach	Recreation	Golf courses especially private in palm beach county should be open. Come on let's get with the program!!!

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Duval	General	Open slowly, so we don't have to do this again. When it comes time: Restaurants 5% then 10% and so on Stores same thing maybe a every week increase. Allows employees who cant return to work due to illness, kids or the vulnerable to stay home a little longer because less staff is needed in the beginning. People who can work at home are the ones stacked in cubicles that go from desk to desk visiting. They need to stay home as long as possible. These environments spread it just like hospitals. Tourism, only allow Florida residents to books hotels etc when it opens. As soon as hotels open to nonresidents its over everyone will come because people out of work and kids are at home. Please look at thia carefully
Brevard	General	Please reopen the state! The coronavirus will never 100% go away just like all other viruses. I know people who are out of work who need to be able to work. I've been working freelance for a few years now while I've tried to find full time work without success. With everything shut down I'll never be able to find a full time job. Those who are deathly afraid can stay home. The rest of us should be able to shop where we want to such as go to church, go movies, theme parks, eat at a restaurant, go to sporting events, and concerts. The Bible says almost 400 times not to be afraid. The Bible also says that God knows the day and time that each of us will die before we were born. Thus no virus can change someone's time of death. They would have died anyway. Open up the Bible! Open up Florida! Brian Hopkins
Collier	General	Please prioritize the opening of nonprofits. These organizations support those in need, vital aspects of our culture, while providing jobs and opportunities to serve. Please allow nonprofits to deliver their mission and bring back life and purpose to the millions they impact each day.
Duval	General	Provide face masks and gloves to residents, especially senior citizens and those people who are more vulnerable to dying from COVID19. I see people walking around without face masks of all ages. Providing protection from uncaring and selfish people should be a priority.

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Duval	General	The best way to reopen is to follow medical experts advice. We currently have no definitive vaccine or treatment to prevent deaths in a healthy patient more less a patient with comorbidities. Our economy is broken. Why risks lives when the damage is done. We need education that is at a third grade level dissimenated to the public regarding how the virus actually spreads (aresol), what protection equipment is required in public to prevent spread, how to properly wear the equipment and how staying home is best. There has been NO EDUCATION for the public only recommendations or mandates to restrict behavior. We also need to help people understand that “60,000+” die from flu in 12 months but 50,000+ have died in 3 months with minimal restrictions. I believe opening will cause people to relax, doubt the seriousness of this pandemic, create greater distrust of our government and result in higher death rates, food supply disruptions and devastating economic consequences. Freeze the economy. Ask people to pay what they can, provide assistance where possible and give the medical researchers time to create vaccines or proper medical management regimen before opening non-essential business. PLEASE!!!
Hillsborough	Healthcare	As a nurse, I'm concerned that if re-opening does not include wearing masks, social distancing, limiting people in stores and restaurants we will be right back where we started or worse. We see evidence that what we have been doing works. We must slowly and paying close attention to the infection rate re-open and be prepared to put the brakes on.

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St. Lucie	General	I have family members who are high risk, my grandfather is in a nursing home in the villages, my immediate family has medical issues ranging from heart to breathing problems, and I have other family and friends working on the front lines in hospitals and law enforcement. We need to let science and honest evaluation guide us. The health of Floridians must be paramount to any decision. Let's stick to the list provided by the federal government. How many can we say we have? 1. Downward trend in cases for two weeks. Yesterday was the highest. Two highest in the last week. NO. 2. Robust testing for essential workers. Seeing we only had 20,000 tests yesterday and there are more than than many essential workers. NO 3. Quick contact tracing. According to state data, half of known cases haven't been traced. NO. 4. Widespread Screening for asymptomatic cases. We need 30-40k tests per day. NO 5. Screening specifically for older and disadvantaged communities. Has every resident of a nursing home get tested. NO. 6. Ability to quickly replenish PPE. We are still in bidding wars with other states and the federal stockpile is depleted. NO. 7. Ability to surge ICU capacity. Can we ramp up to prevent a NYC catastrophe? NO 8. Extra protection for senior care facilities. 20% of deaths so far I'm nursing homes. NO 9. Ability to have safe mass transit for passengers and employees. Is there an organized detailed statewide plan been published? NO. 10. Can inform public on social distancing and face covering. I've seen no statewide public info campaign. State press conferences demonstrated the governor doesn't know. NO 11. Ability to quickly change your minds and take a step back. Is the governor willing to make his own decisions? The governor said he wants to wait on presidential direction. NO We are 0/11. Reassess these every two weeks.
Pasco	Government	Open everything immediately. This is ridiculous. Thank you for all you are doing
Sarasota	General	Governor Desantis has been ignoring a virus-killing idea for about a month. #GiveUsBackRealEverclear is its hashtag on Twitter. Both Alabama & Georgia allow the sale of 190 proof grain alcohol in liquor stores, yet somehow, neither state has devolved into Mad Max Anarchy. They both collect taxes Florida's politicians stupidly-refused, because apparently all FL citizens should be treated as frat boys. Wouldn't a "small" government politician enact this common-sense DEregulation idea, instead of trying to ignore it? And why must this state's "news" media be so-indolent when it comes to deregulation ideas from large-L Libertarians? Is my snark about their bias THAT painful???

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Volusia	Education	As a teacher, I am concerned about returning to school without the proper precautions and procedures in place to safe guard staff and students. Many teachers are older, and are part of the group needing to stay home. If schools open, you will see a huge second wave because of not social distancing and proper hygiene, plus parents will send sick kids to school because they need a babysitter. In my opinion, Florida could maintain online learning through the next school year until proper treatment and/ or vaccine is created. This is a pandemic. This is not a joke. We need to protect our school communities. If you do not want a class action loss suit for staff and students dyeing as a result of mismanagement of this situation, you would be wise to maintain distance learning for staff and students. Volusia is already putting proper measures in pace now, and I for see it will only get better if given time over the summer to build for the next school year.
Orange	Healthcare	Require masks in public. Everybody. Everywhere. People who have the virus won't be able to breathe it out so easily and people who don't have it won't be breathing it in so easily. Add hand washing stations in public places. Educational videos on proper way to wear a mask and hand washing techniques on social media sites. These are readily available as medical assistant and nursing training videos. I'm a 30+ year RN by the way.
Polk	Recreation	State parks and campgrounds enable you to still maintain social distance while enjoying nature and wildlife.
Sarasota	General	I would open up the economy. We should let the people with their individual freedoms decide what is best for them. We have heard from the gov and expert health people give us stats an medical advice. We are not restricting people because they may get the flue or cancer or they smoke but may get cancer. They make their own decisions. Let’s get on with living.
Hillsborough	Healthcare	We need to be able to access our medical care such as Dr offices and eye clinics and eye glass stores. I have pre glocouma and can not get my test and eye surgery to relieve the pressure. Procedure would be done in the office of the eye clinic, but it is closed due to restrictions on non elective surgery and maybe limited PPE. I can't take certain meds as I do not want to go blind. I am told I need to wait until I have excruciating pain then go to an emergency room, and I have 5 hours to have the pressure reliving surgery before I would go blind in that eye.

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Sarasota	General	Good morning, The officials we elected in the state of Florida have failed us all. I've now been waiting along side the rest of so many Floridians for unemployment for over a month now. This is completely inexcusable!!!! I can't even believe this is happening. As all of our elected officials sit around still getting paid by the tax payers money not having to worry about how they are going to pay their rent, utilities, car payments, car insurance, health insurance or even put food on the table I hope one day you have to feel the stress, anxiety, and feeling of despair that we are all feeling right now waiting for you to get off your ass and do your job!! Don't worry when election time comes around again everyone that's in office now will be voted out!! Thanks so much for failing us all, Mary Wilson
Orange	General	I believe it is too soon to re open. I am someone who suffers from severe anxiety, depression and type 1 bipolar. This pandemic has affected my mental health immensely and i do not feel comfortable returning to work at this time. Luckily i have been able to work from home and i wish that we may continue for a while longer. Also, my partner who is type 1 diabetic is already putting herself and our family at risk by working outside the home. Even though i am grateful that we both still have jobs, i still feel it is too early to lift the stay at home order for the safety of everyone!
Duval	General	Please tell the condominium association board of directors that it is save to open POOLS!! Also add it is SAFE to open Workout Room if they are Cleaned and provide Sanitary wipes and people follow safe practices.. OPEN THE STATE!! Lets Get back to WORK!!!
Clay	General	Keep Florida closed it's too soon and we'll end up right back in this mess. I think mid June would be okay to open but in phases. Don't be a idiot like Georgia's governor.
Palm Beach	Healthcare	I strongly believe that the borders to the state should be closed to incoming and outgoing traffic for a few months. If we then continue with a stay at home order for a little while we can severely slow down the spread of the virus here. This honestly should be done in each state. The only things coming in and out should be essentials like food, water, gas, etc. tourism, people "coming home" to their "other home" when they have been in another state for months should be forbidden- regardless of whether its leaving or coming into the state. Keep the states borders closed. Keep the airports closed to consumer traffic. Keep the ports closed to consumer traffic. Enough. Let's stop this virus. Again, this needs to be on a Florida level, but all states should follow suit.

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Sarasota	General	The virus is easily killed outside the body. For the past 6 weeks, people are herding to a few select specific locations, food stores touching the same freezer door, touching the same package of meat, etc. So everyone has been in close contact with strangers on a regular basis, despite the 6 foot distancing. I don't see a lot of difference with any type of store or restaurant. There's no reason why other stores and restaurants can't open. It would be nice to visually see the waitress or busboy cleaning the table and chairs after each use at a restaurant. Overall, there is some personal responsibility that every person has to follow. The open businesses would be required to sanitize regularly. Even hairdressers are okay because it's one on one contact, not one with hundreds of people around you. Since we live in Florida, and have already experienced multiple over 80 degree days and lots of sunshine, the virus probably doesn't live well to spread. I think a lot can open with some good, specific guidelines. Bars should be limited to 1/2 capacity. People WANT to do the right thing. If I find a business with poor COVID practices, I just won't go there anymore. I'll be watching to see how things are handled. Incidentally, Home Depot and Lowe's get an A+, Der Dutchman gets an A+. Chic Filet is an epic fail.
Manatee	Healthcare	I believe that healthcare supplies especially PPE are of the utmost priority to conserve. Therefore elective surgeries should be held for an additional thirty days in Florida. I work in healthcare and the supply hoarding in the surgeons' office that I am employed with is out of hand already. They even removed our surplus of PPE from our office and took it to one of our provider's homes so that it could not be confiscated. Additionally they are not supplying employees with masks nor are they providing patients with masks. The office is small but the patient load is large and patients and employees are on top of one another so it seems as if they're no concerns in regard to spreading the virus.
Orange	General	I'm a small business and being left to go bust , the ppp loans are not reaching small businesses as it's going to mostly big companies. We are a essential business as we are needed to help people retrain for delivery jobs, this sector is more important now than ever as posted items is the only way most people can obtain goods . This is also essential for prior to drive as we all know Florida pretty much doesn't have a public transport system , if you can't drive you can't get around . Most of our customers tell us the reason for driving is to get to a place of work as Uber is to expensive on a daily basis . We will have face masks on and disinfect the vehicles and take students temperature. On start of lessons . Regarding the virus , we are going to have to live with this for yrs to come ! It's not going to go away anytime soon , so we are going to have to deal with it the best we can . This lock down is doing more damage than any virus . My biggest fear is social breakdown , there is no coming back from that .
Hillsborough	General	Do not open up until it's safe. If we rush it, then everyone will get the disease and we will have to quarantine all over again.

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Pinellas	General	Open the beaches. Floridians will practice safe distance rules. DO NOT do the following: 1. Make masks mandatory 2. Ban sitting on the beach 3. Ban fishing 4. Ban coolers Just have the officers make sure large groups do not form and safe distance is practiced. Simple as that. Let business owners figure out what is best for them also. We are adults here! God Bless and have a nice weekend. Rick
Brevard	General	DO NOT OPEN FLORIDA! It's too soon!
Brevard	Healthcare	I think florida needs to stay closed until CDC is certain that it is safe and wise to do so.
Duval	General	In my opinion it is way to soon, there is still way to many of new cases even to this day. You keep saying to still practice the social distant,, but how can you when you open everything? I still say keep everything closed until there a zero new cases.... I
Putnam	General	I see how Georgia is not a good place to implement the reopening of certain areas of employment. They're still not seeing a curve. In fact more are testing positive due to more testing available. The same goes for Florida. More testing means more positive cases. Health versus economy won't help if it adds to more problems. We're a much bigger state also. I for one am not going anywhere.
Sarasota	General	When opening beaches let people park in parking area's. If you want to open businesses why not fully open beaches. Have more space than a confined building. I am a senior with husband with dementia and going to beach and watching sunset is a pleasure for him. We have always keep our distance. Or sat in car. Do not feel should open restrictions as yet. Feel too soon to endanger lives I understand that the economy depends on reopening but should go slowly
Palm Beach	General	I feel we should open business up first starting with restaurants, salons, doctors offices, and any company that is able to abide with the CDC guidelines for sanitizing and keeping distance between employees and customers. I don't believe gyms, movie theaters, sporting events or any large gathering should be opened at all for now as its a recipe for disaster for the virus to spread. But we definitely need to get things opened slowly so that people can get back to working and help our economy too.
Manatee	Government	Florida isn't ready to open after the COVID 19 pandemic. We need to see significant drops in cases for at least 14 days!
Manatee	Administrative	Too slow to react to Covid19 and now too fast to reopen! Not happy risking lives for the dollar!

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Lake	General	This family believes in herd immunity. Jobs have been lost, lives disrupted. It has taken a mental toll on all of us, including our children. Florida needs to open back up. Let's go!
Pinellas	Finance	My question is you can create a comment portal that works 100% affectively but you can't fix an unemployment system, so should I use your comment portal to pay my rent?
Duval	General	We should open our city up slowly, still practicing social distancing. Retail should only allow Certain amount of people at a time, following the same process as grocery stores. Small businesses should follow the same protocol. People know what to do to stay safe. Those that don't want to go out shouldn't. We have got to start opening up our city. This virus is going to be around, but we can resume some sort of normality.
St. Johns	General	Make testing easier to access and report positives accurately. Testing is still under-available and under-reported. We have all seen the stories about the state numbers not accurately reflecting those reported in South Florida. Nobody is going to feel safe "opening the state" until both of these issues are resolved, period.
Duval	Retail	Stores have done well attempting to practice social distancing during COVID. When we reopen those practices need to continue. Sanitizing carts, wipes at the entrance, distance markers on the floor, Large stores such as Walmart need to practice one way aisles inside the store to help with people not being so close. But they have done well with one way entrance and that should continue.
Hillsborough	Healthcare	In the interest of continuing to flatten the curve, we need accurate testing to be widely available before opening the state again. It has been proven that spring break vacationers spread the virus in their travels here and back at home. We as a state cannot take on the potential liability issues involved in the possibilities of causing outbreaks in other states. Not to mention the ethical issues of prioritizing money over people. The economy exists to support us, not the other way around. Without citizens, there is no state or economy. Fix the unemployment website, get the CARES act funding available for freelancers and the self employed. Those are economic issues that you should address, not reopening prematurely.
Brevard	General	I think it's a little too soon to re open the state, because I don't think people are taking this thing serious enough. When I go to the market, very few people are wearing masks and practicing social distance, and because of that I am afraid to go out.
Pinellas	General	We are not even at the peak yet in Florida. Why would the powers that be re-open the state yet? This will prolong the economic effect longer. More people pass along the virus, another surge in cases, more strain on the healthcare workers/system, more deaths. Come on, start being smart about this crisis!!!!!!

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Palm Beach	Healthcare	I do not understand governor DeSantis's logic in allowing pharmacists to administer coronavirus tests. Encouraging those that suspect infection to enter essential businesses such as CVS, Walgreens, Publix, etc puts those employees and customers at greatly increased risk of infection. My employer is essential and requires that I stay away for 2 weeks if I suspect infection or contact with an infected person. This includes not visiting their own medical department. So why would it be wise for me to then go to publix where people are buying and selling groceries? Sure seems to me that more dedicated testing sites and more capacity at those sites is a far safer alternative. I hope he will revisit his decision , or if not then at least explain to the general public how pharmacies can ensure safety of employees and other customers at their facilities.
Sarasota	General	Do not reopen until Antibody and antigen testing is being done on all residents. Give the opportunity to give plasma where right now we don't without confirmed diagnosis. Since testing was nonexistent in the beginning many of us probably have already had no confirmed cases but have our hands tied to be able to donate without antibody tests. Resolve unemployment issues to apply for federal as well. Do not reopen until you have means and plan to do contact tracing Keep all non residents out of Florida that do not have proof of immunity. Please keep us safe by not overwhelming law enforcement and health care. This is our chance to do this right. We may not get another one before burning out or endangering too many.
Pinellas	General	Hello. First, thank you all for all that you do! I understand there are politicians, and there are those who are in government... I believe all of you to be the second group, as I see a genuine love and concern for our state and it's people. My response is to open things back up as soon as possible so that we can shift life back to "normal". Is there a concern for those at risk, yes, but the percentage of people actually getting the virus is so small, and the percentage of deaths in FL from the actual virus is even smaller. Let those at risk be phased back into normal life, but let everyone else get back to jobs, shopping, restaurants etc... The hospitality and tourism industry is Florida's lifeblood and needs to be infused again. Thank you.

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Clay	Professional Services	I believe that any company that can continue to work from home like offices that can keep the same level of working with no real impact to their daily duties and such, that doesn't affect their work should continue working from home to keep the population that must work in public at a lower risk. I work for a company that hasn't decreased in it's production because we are an advertising firm and have worked from home with no problem but if we all go back to the office too soon we risk cross contamination since it's in such close quarters, sharing bathrooms... Break room..it's so unnecessary if we continue the same level of production from a home environment. We do our shopping and local essentials on the weekends and weeknights. Even if certain departments of our company like the sales team had to continue going out to clients and getting business they can social distance and call people... But our team, the design team can remain working from home, like other members of our consent who work support roles.... Until we have a vaccine I won't feel safe because I have elderly parents and continue to support and must deliver groceries sometimes to them.
Martin	General	During this Pandemic I have observed people doing just what they want with total disregard to your orders or the counties orders. I am frightened that reopening will bring back a wave of virus. I am hoping that along with continuing to require businesses to space customers and social distance, etc. that you require everyone to wear a mask. I wish it had been a requirement once we heard about how it could help the spread by asymptomatic carriers. There are many people who will not want to chance going out if it is not a requirement. That will be money lost in restarting the economy if you want to look at it from a numbers viewpoint. I look at it from a safety viewpoint. Please consider requiring masks whenever out in public in stores. Not for while playing sports, at the beach, on your boat, or at restaurant of course. Thank you for your consideration.
Palm Beach	General	to soon to re open south fl
Duval	General	I believe the re-opening should begin as soon possible.! Businesses and beaches for relaxation not just exercise! It is time for everyone to take what they have learned in the last month and apply it in our communities. The virus is probably never truly going away just like all the other viruses and flu out there so if there is going to be a new normal way of living with Social Distancing, better hygiene, etc! . Its time for us to open up and start practicing these new things. Our economy nor our mental health cannot handle more shut down we need to get our small and large businesses re-opened and start figuring out how to grow again in a new environment ! Thank you for your hard work and your consideration! Elizabeth Affsprung

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Clay	General	I would like to see restaurants and retail start to open back up. This can be done with restrictions in the beginning such as limiting the number of people, the requirement of mask and gloves, proper social distancing with the store/ restaurants. Beaches should be open for sunbathing but again following the guidelines of very small groups and social distancing . It is important to start moving our economy. As we all know Florida and the unemployed. People cannot continue without revenue.
Polk	General	Please wait a few more weeks to reopen. Please give the virus more time to calm down before we start reopening. There are so many people in the state at risk that are not with in nursing homes. I have a child that is high at risk because of a lung condition he developed as he has grown and I have a husband who is high risk because of a heart condition he was born with and has had multiple open heart surgeries. We are both in the hospitality and tourism business by working for a large company in the Orlando area. Please consider keeping us closed for a few more weeks just till the second or third week of May and see how everything works out before you start phase one. We all want to open Florida and restart our lives but not at the costs of our families lives. I know so many people want to go back to work because of the issues with unemployment but since there has been progress on claims being processed and the people of Florida are starting to receive money and now the government is expanding small business loans this is the chance to say let's give a few more weeks to see what happens with the virus. By waiting it could really cut back the numbers because of minimum exposer but by reopening people may start rushing places and the virus may pick up speed. Also once businesses start opening up please give strict guidelines for health and safety of business whether it be a restaurant , theme park or convention please have all the same safe operation guidelines for everywhere so there is no grey area in protecting the people of Florida and when the time is right all the wonderful tourist that visit Florida. Thank you for giving the people this opportunity and for taking interest in our voices!
Duval	General	Please do not open anything until the doctors and scientists say it is truly safe to consider slowly reopening. Even then we should listen and watch closely as we see if cases begin to rise again. Nothing should outweigh the risk of painful contagious deaths from this virus. We also need to suspend all rent/mortgage and utilities until the virus situation is contained Whilst also providing UBI and medicare at least for the duration of this pandemic. We must be patient and make sure we quarantine off any households with infected by providing all of their essential needs to allow them the ability to stay home whilst also making sure they do not make contact and possibly spread the disease further. Until doctors/experts say otherwise.
Palm Beach	Healthcare	It is not safe to reopen Florida to tourists and outside individuals , virus needs to be taken under control there are too many people at risk with the COVID.by reopening Florida you are literally asking people to die

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Duval	General	Reopen the state! Keep the elder at home! This is crazy. 5 weeks now no unemployment for my wife.
Duval	General	So I believe that when we reopen the state we should take one day out of the week to self quarantine. On the day of Sunday everything should be close . I believe that we should leave the essential places open such as grocery stores and fast food . It would be nice if we could hire people to go around and clean the city while we are quarantining for that one day .
Collier	Construction	Reopen Florida!!!!
Sarasota	General	Open the economy, people are losing their jobs, homes, vehicles, ect. The prevention is worse than the virus. You are violating the Constitution you swore to defend against foreign and domestic enemies We are a free people and the constitution guarantees that. OPEN THE ECONOMY NOW!
Brevard	General	This has gone on long enough. As a State that relies heavily on Tourism we have suffered long enough. Yes the General Public is scared "Shitless" because of our Government. We the people are falling apart financially, emotionally and physically. Stop the madness. We live with Germs, Disease, Bacteria, Viruses and everything under the sun everyday. Our President has done everything he can to instill basic common sense to to the American People. Those who choose to ignore his Leadership regardless of political affiliation is well just plain ignorant. Let the Week weed themselves out. Process of elimination has worked for thousands of years and will continue to work without laying down to a few Butt hurt Fools. I am American to the Core. We need Strong People to get thru this Craziness. We need People with Good Common Sense to believe in each other.
Duval	Construction	I believe with the very low "confirmed cases" compared to the population we should open back up. We have way to many people out of work. the mental health of people is going to get worse. If people want to stay home after we re open that's fine but the majority of people I talk to want to return to normal life. I believe that this virus was here in November and many people already had it being a few people I know had symptoms and we're negative for flu and strep.
Orange	Healthcare	I work at a Hospital system in Central Fl. employed over 15 yrs . And because the State closed down all elective procedures my employer is now losing business and is in the process of possibly laying off many in slow departments (including myself) and through no fault of of my own possibly without a job in the near future. Our hospital is not overwhelmed or at capacity, in fact we are doing less business now than before. People are afraid to come into hospitals because the narrative has been stay away for so long. Please open healthcare back up and help change the narrative around patienst being able to access healthcare again and save our jobs. No hospital employee should be laid off during this national pandemic.
Pinellas	General	I would recommend u reopen the beaches and all the restaurants and fishing charters that have been shut down because of covt 19 my friend owns Hubbards marina and they are shut down because of covt 19 . I would love to see the beaches and fishing industry reopened first so people can get fresh air

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Lee	General	This decision to reopen is more than just making money we have families out here who can't recover who won't recover due to not working I agree that the virus is still out there and will always be out there but what will come with the aftermath all these people who are telling us to stay he have the financial means to do so they maybe losing money however they will recover unlike alot of familes. The online schooling is not the same some students have not done a thing since we closed the schools are we going to take away basic pleasure in life from students that we all enjoyed it's time to open back up! We are doing more harm than good long term mental health financial means business who won't be able to open it's it's we need to come together and understand the risk. For those who don't want us to open up that's respected and I understand but maybe this is a new normal for you to find a new reality of working from home and staying home we have always been social animals and we need that interaction
Hillsborough	General	The economy needs to reopen immediately. Hospitals are empty. Emergency rooms are empty. ICUs are empty. People are getting sick and dying of REAL treatable diseases because they can't get the procedures or treatment needed. That is the real health crisis. I cannot believe the hysteria surrounding this virus and the flat out wrong models that are STILL being peddled. I voted for our governor but if he doesn't stop giving in to pressure by the media and others, he will lose my vote next time. OPEN THE STATE!
Pasco	General	Do NOT reopen the state yet!!! Wait until the virus is contained and no longer affecting hundreds per day. Think about the PEOPLE, not the money smh
Sarasota	Food	I am a restaurant owner for 35 years and have been working 15 hours a day 6 sometimes 7 days a week. I have a family of 6 with 2 of my older sons and my wife work in the restaurant as well , my 2 younger children are 13 and 8 years old. We have. It received any government assistance as of yet, we closed our doors on March 16th in fear of any of our family, friends or loyal customers getting sick. Needless to say we are struggling to get back to work , we need income ASAP , BUT I do not feel it is the correct decision to open our business up at this time. The safety of our community and family is priority number one and the fear of someone getting this disease is not with the reward at this time. We should be 100 % certain that we will all be safe or else we are doomed. We have sacrificed so much up to this point and to go backwards would make it all useless. Thank you , Michael Calore
Manatee	Healthcare	Please keep the state closed until our numbers look better. Please access all available resources for data and statistics before making any decisions. Many of us are afraid of a surge in cases if things open too quickly. Please be transparent with all data and stop placating to the elite. Everyone deserves to know the truth about this virus and how it's affecting their neighbors.
Sumter	Healthcare	Open back up elective procedures. Still use same precautions as emergent procedures now. Everyone must be screened and temp taken. Only one person can come with patient. Everyone must wear mask entering the hospital.
Polk	General	How can you open up the state when some people have not even received an unemployment check to be able to buy groceries and gas? I'm a self employed contractor that's getting denied!!!!

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Duval	General	It is time to re-open small businesses and the schools. Both are creating unnecessary hardships on small businesses and the state's economy!!! Of course with appropriate precautions.
Hillsborough	General	Truthfully the state brings to much attention if it should open, people from all over find Florida and an escape goat and these are trying times, we have to much to risk and to much to loose. Florida should be one of the last states to open since it's such a big and lovable state being where so many come to gather
Hillsborough	General	more people will die from malnutrition cardio vascular disease suicides etc. than covid-19 will ever kill there are surgeries put on hold that people need,loss of jobs means no insurance to go to the doctor,no money for medicine.people die every day no one is promised tomorrow.GIVE ME LIBERTY OR GIVE ME DEATH
Polk	General	Try to enforce wearing masks in Public,stores,etc. But open up everything,ppl.are gonna still be sick,and might pass away. But I believe it's gonna happen wheathw or not the state is open or closed. My opinion.
Sarasota	Healthcare	WE ARE NO WHERE NEAR READY TO OPEN UP. THINK MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND TO START SLOWLYYYYYYYY REOPENING. AND ONLY REOPEN THINGS THAT CAN BE CONTROLLED. TAKE CONTROL OF THIS STATE MAN. that's your job. You can't make everyone happy but you can protect us , especially those who do not make choices to protect themselves. Okay good luck dude.
Polk	General	Please announce EARLY NEXT WEEK that Florida is officially in phase one. This will give businesses time to apply state guidance in time to open May 1st. Thank you for your leadership Governor.
Osceola	Government	In my opinion it is too early to relax social distancing. We have to increase testing facilities and must test even asymmetric individuals and wait until positive cases number starting to go down for at least a week before starting to relax lockdown in phases the WH recommended.
Palm Beach	Healthcare	My massage therapist had been dealing with my stenosis and radiculopathy, and I was improving. Now, since she hasn't been able to see clients, my pain has increased and I've seen vast reduction in my ability to move without a walker. I understand the risk and am in favor of keeping social distancing for the long haul; however, I feel that in my case, massage is essential to my physical improvement. If my massage therapist can incorporate safe practices - which I believe she can, I would love the opportunity to continue my treatments with her.
Orange	General	I continue to work in healthcare during the pandemic to say it's been challenging is an understatement! However I am grateful to be working. My children continue to do distance learning. We must continue to have stay at home orders until we have more of the community tested for Covid and for antibodies. Please extend stay at home orders until we can get a bigger percent tested. Thank you.
Sarasota	General	Open the economy to all residents and tourists that are not part of high risk groups. Those at higher risk and their families should self quarantine. The rest of us should social distance and wear appropriate PPE. Quarantining everybody is extremely harmful and unfair. I care for and about those at high risk, but treating us all as though we are high risk is doing FAR more harm than good.

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Brevard	General	Now is not the time for a wholesale re-opening of the state. Florida has not yet peaked due to a shamefully late and toothless shutdown order from the governor. There is very little testing and zero tracking. Look to countries like South Korea and New Zealand for successful examples of how to deal with this crisis. Under no circumstances should we be following the President's guidance for anything.
Palm Beach	General	Prolonging the stay at home order will affect our economy and negatively impact our lives for years. The harm caused by loss of income, bankruptcy, unemployment, etc OUTWEIGHS the harm to the population by exposing more people to the virus. People will suffer from divorces, child abuse, depression, suicides, misery and unhappiness that will impact the population greater than a larger number of virus deaths. The cure cannot be allowed to harm us more than the disease! Let us out. Open beaches, parks, stores and restaurants!
Seminole	General	We need to reopen the state to locals and allow our economy to start moving. Once we've had some time to see how the state does and then gradually allow others to enter the state.
Lee	General	Ok, time to stop with the task forces, listen to the people, make a decision and move on, adjust as we go but make a decision, that is the make up of a leader.....
Pinellas	General	Hi. I work with businesses small and large, and my small business has been impacted along with my family. The phased approach is going to be very important to how we navigate through the coming months. I believe that in mid May we can reopen to the 10 max per shop, restaurants at 50% capacity and beaches/vacation rentals remain closed. If there is no increase then go to the next phase, increase groups to 50, etc. It will be critical to not waiver if there is an increase to step back and put back the restrictions that were in place previously. The financial impact is great, however the loss of lives is what needs to be the primary concern. We all can work on added programs, funding, resources. Once someone dies, it's permanent. By minimizing the focus on lives, many feel that those lives must not matter to the decision makers. If we have to go back to closures if there is another peak, know that it is the right decision. This is not something in our control, and in this case going backwards in policies by out back the controls/restrictions is not a failure. It's going to save lives.
Palm Beach	Healthcare	We can educate ourselves, in some cases with help regarding the covid19 spread. Opening obviously adaptable public venues such as beach access and golf courses for limited use could help the public to more easily cope and comply with our safety regulations.
Orange	General	Please start easing the stay at home restrictions when they expire at the end of the month.

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Pinellas	Healthcare	As we are being told that we will be opening up as a society but required to wear mask , what is the state doing to help supply mask as they can't be found in CVS , Walgreens , Target , Walmart , Publix etc ... Tried online and they are upwards to $10-20 a mask and seeing reviews that make ordered 2 months ago still not being shipped. How can we open and be required to wear something that isn't accessible to us. On another note I believe the state ans Gov Desantis are doing a FANTASTIC job. Thank you
Pinellas	Finance	Let's get back to work! Open the state.
Orange	Healthcare	Please do not extend the May 8 closure for dentists. Social distancing will still be practiced for the patients not at the chair.
Clay	Healthcare	What about the dental field? I haven't heard about if the dental Field is still opening up on May 8th. That's when it's due to open. Is that still a good date to open back up? I think it's personally to soon to open. I work in the dental field and I am just curious.
Pasco	General	As a Florida resident and owner of a time / share condo I should be able to go to my condo on the beach in ft Myers. This is unfair that I can't move around my State an go to my own place because a mayor says he is keeping ft Myers Beach closed. I work for a retail supermarket that has been working everyday through this apidemic to have food on the table for all Floridians. Thank you for letting me voice my opinion.
Pasco	Healthcare	I am a dentist and we need to be considered essential business. We have been shutdown for emergencies only but we need to be able tot aje care of our patients, they need us too. Please allow us to open if we have the proper PPE to protect our team members and patients. We can reopen with a modified schedule and smaller team members. We need to be able to take care of our community.
Orange	Education	Open the state immediately, please. I voted for you, but I do not support you at this moment. You will NOT get my vote next time if you continue to take away my constitutional rights and freedoms. We need to go back to work!!
Osceola	General	I think Florida should open back up. WithOUT masks being required. Florida summer is too hot for that. My husband has been working through this whole thing and is only wearing a mask because his work just started forcing them to. And they're only making him wear them because of social media aspects. If people want to wear a mask then great otherwise don't force it. I also think cruises and Disney should open up as well.
Hillsborough	Agriculture	It would be nice if the Parks were reopened. It would help everyone be more positive from being able to walk through the parks and relax. But everyone should also make sure they continue with the Social Distancing!

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Seminole	General	I don't think we should re open the true numbers aren't being realsed to us. I already lost a close family Member in NJ. My daughter is a type 1 diabetic with a weak immune system she could due if this state opens to soon we already had people walking around in Seminole and Oviedo area who tested positive from my readings. Why danger millions? Slowly I mean slowly open. My daughter can't go to Nj to see her father who is in the United States Military because of the high numbers she's truly heart broken because she has a new baby brother but she doesn't want to dye we don't want to dye. She's also having a querintne birthday to. Please think of the ones who have weak immune systems I beg you as a mom I don't want to loose her because you opened up too early
Pinellas	Recreation	Please consider reopening the Florida State Parks to camping and other activities to Florida residents only until it's safe to open them backup for everyone.
Orange	General	Please re-open our state parks to Florida residents. We can safely enjoy the outdoors and still follow the CDC recommended guidelines sir social distancing. Thank you for your consideration.
Manatee	Healthcare	Open gradually as was the shutdown. Continue focus to manage long term care settings. Focus should be separate task force and on going for these facilities. Why not empty and clean facility by facility. Then admit virus free patients to the clean facility until all settings are virus free. Continue strict oversight. Test test test. Other test test . Continue precautions and social distancing all businesses and public areas. Develop testing and follow up tracking procedure for short and long term period. Enforce compliance.
Volusia	Healthcare	I work in a major hotel on the beach. We are not allowed to wear mask and gloves because they dont want to make guest feel uncomfortable. I fought to wear gloves before the shut down. There is no way to keep is safe while checking in guest or cleaning hotel rooms along with a long list of other things that are required of a resort. My husband has multiple sclerosis and I can bring home Covid 19 it would kill him. It is not worth my job. I have money in savings along with the stimulus check as well as recieving employment each week we are fine waiting until it is truly safe. Once the Florida beach is open it will be like spring break all over again and that is my major concern. Please keep is safe. I understand some companies are ready to open but please list think about all the times you have vacationed at a resort and how many people you see and come in contact with.

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Pasco	Healthcare	I work in the main lab for LabCorp in Tampa. We need to open all healthcare back up essential nonessential surgeries, routine bloodwork etc. I can't see an OBGYN until June and I am having to suffer with the issues. I have a professor in need of hip surgery that has been postponed. My company is talking of cutting hours and furlough if things don't change. This is a medical laboratory we are needed but because elective surgeries are cancelled, Dr. offices going to telehealth visits and lab orders not being completed like normal we are suffering. Please open all healthcare because it may not seem essential for you but to us having to suffer daily with our issues until things open back up, it is essential for us.
Palm Beach	Recreation	Open the beaches with this rules - NO COOLERS - GATHERING NO MORE THAN 2 - KITERS, SAILERS, SURFERS, ALLOWED THEY STAY IN THE WATER AND THEY ALWAYS KEEP DISTANCE
Marion	Retail	Hello! I am writing to urge you to please take care in reopening the economy for retail business. We are still seeing increases in cases. Reopening too soon would go against government suggestions for a plan to reopen safely. I have worked from home for a month now with reduced hours, and I don't want this to be in vain. Please help protect my family and loved ones!
Brevard	Professional Services	I'm a single mother of two children. I manage a salon. I do not think it's a good idea to open back up this soon and be in such close contact with other people. As well as most schools and childcare are closed. How are parents about to go back to work? If we can not find childcare we lose are jobs permanently.
Lake	General	Open up! This has been ridiculous. All viruses can kill people. The flu kills more than any other. Yet we don't close everything and ruin the economy for flu statistics. We need to get back to work.
Orange	Healthcare	Good morning: As a Health Care Provider, I recommend to wear face masks as a law in every public place. Getting alcohol, sanitizer, and disinfectant wipes accessible at stores. Medical Insurances should be make TeleHealth approved to the services, including psychology services, such as psychological testing, until phase 2 is over. Testing for immunity should be released to the public as soon as possible, When we have scientists evidence based.
Palm Beach	Recreation	Closing the boat ramps effectively closed recreational fishing. Fisherman do not spread the Coronavirus. If they did, you would have restricted commercial fishing as well. How long is this going to go on for?
Hillsborough	Government	I don't think we are ready to open the state up. I feel this will cause an upswing in virus cases, causing unnecessary death and strain on resources. Please listen to our Doctors and Scientists regarding virus protocols.

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Orange	General	I strongly believe the stay at home order should be extended by 2 weeks to help further see the downturn of the cases. My mother is immunocompromised and opening the state on May 1 is going to put her and so many others at risk.
Pasco	General	I do not think you should re-open Florida yet. There are still to many new cases and to many deaths.
Clay	General	Keep Florida closed to at least mid June. If you go about this too fast we will be right back where we started.
Pasco	General	I do not agree with fully opening the state. Essential activities should remain until we get a better handle. Honestly can if the state opens I will not feel comfortable taking my family out to experience anything. The threat is still out there and is very scary. I value my family's lives.
Orange	Healthcare	We need to start testing everyone before we can start back to work. Where I work we have several elderly people, if I have antibodies I can go back to work without fear of carrying the virus and making the elderly people I work wit sick. We also need a task force that weighs the science and data then clearly communicates it to us without political bias. Thank you
Hillsborough	General	I am a hairstylist in brandon Fl and have my own suite and would like to re -open May 1 st and I will do everything possible to stay sanitized, 1 client at a time, wear a mask for me and client, also take their temperature, use disposable capes. I really would like to get back to work and also keep everyone and everything clean , safe, and sanitized. Thank you Stephanie Patterson
Hillsborough	Healthcare	Please respect the needs of Floridians and keep the state closed. I miss the parks. But for the greater good, a decent long term Florida, please do not reopen the state yet. Respectfully, Robin Morrow
St. Lucie	Food	I work in the restaurant industry and my jobs were flosed down to to go only. I have been working a retail job part time to help but it is not nearly enough to survive on alone. I need my jobs to ooen back up because. I'm going further into debt by being out of work. I having been working in all this since it started. I am convinced media blew it up and made it worse than what it is.
Orange	General	I really think it's not a good time to reopen right now. It's hard for us to cope with this virus and not being able to work and not having a pay check. More people are testing postive for COVID-19, some people show no sign of this virus opening open these states the spread of this virus is going to get worse. It's just putting more flame to a fire in my opinion
Hillsborough	Healthcare	I think there is not enough known about the COVID-19 virus. There is too much here and there. I have 4 children that I do not want exposed in any way to this horrible disease. There are still high number of people dying in nursing homes. What is the path of this disease and how long can it live on people's clothes and shoes and be tracked back home? For instance nursing home workers brining this back home and then it goes from there. It's too risky yet to te open the state.

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Hillsborough	Real Estate	Please give us until the end of May before reopening. Most small businesses operate in tight quarters and Florida is definitely not there yet with testing and numbers are still high. Productivity has increased tremendously by working from home. It's too early to reopen. Maybe beaches and parks but the risks outweigh the economy at this time. Begging for 4 more weeks before you consider small businesses opening. Majority are fearful for their lives at this point. Thank you.
Palm Beach	General	Please reopen palm beach county! Businesses must reopen
Pasco	General	Unfortunately due to backlash from the Republican Party as a life long Democrat I can not add my name. ! Yes I'm fear of what could happen to my family. ! Desantis I know and understand that you are UNDER Donnys thumb I respect that it's YOUR CHOICE to be a PUPPET This state needs to be COMPLETELY SHUT DOWN. I know people need to work. My kids lost their lawn business because of all this. So as someone who has always lived far BELOW POVERTY LEVEL I understand how desperate people need money. However if we are ALL DEAD not ONLY will there be NO ECONOMY but there WILL BE NO NEED FOR MONEY. ! Get your head out of your butt. DO WHAT IS RIGHT ! DO YOUR JOB !!! Or Ron YOU WILL BE A 1TERM GOVERNOR !
Citrus	General	Please do not rush to open. This has been difficult on all of us - but if we have to go back into lockdown because we rushed to open - well it will be even harder on all of us! Please listen to science and health experts . If you have a healthy population then your economy will come back strong! Thank you for listening
Pasco	General	Please do not re-open the state. Floridians are not practicing social distancing as it is, and too many people have contracted the virus as a result.
Orange	Tourism	Please can we stop being political about this - how are hotels still allowed to operate freely and yet short term rentals remain closed and when the Governors own legal team know that short term rentals are safer, enable isolation, enable pool families current stuck between homes to live somewhere, away from dense accommodation in hotels and resorts.
Pinellas	Food	May 1st is what we all agreed to, so I won't gripe Too much. I'll say this though, I truly believe that the entire state's businesses could be opened NOW. No restrictions, but continue following guidelines. Get it done.

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Palm Beach	Education	my son is immunocompromised, he has type 1 diabetes, it is extremely common now in schools and those students have to be very very careful. Please make it mandatory for masks in schools, hand sanitizers at every door in schools and the schools supply the hand sanitizer since parents won't be able to get it. Make hand washing before entering the cafeteria and meals. But especially allow virtual learning to continue if there is an outbreak in a school or if those students just don't feel comfortable going back to school just yet. This will allow them to be part of it but not be exposed. Thank you
Duval	Healthcare	Here in Jacksonville The Mayo Clinic is opening to appointments for advanced Parkinson's patience such as my wife. PT, Nuerology, opthamology are areas that appointments are available. Problem is facility she resides at has no process to get her to these appointments and back to the facility She resides at Beach House Senior Living 3015 2nd Ave North Jacksinville Beach FL 32250 I'm her husband and POA Sebastian Turso 904-509-3280
Pinellas	General	I'm not in favor of opening up the county just yet. We don't know that much about this virus and I feel so much safer just being at home I'm not in favor of opening up the county just yet. We don't know that much about this virus and I feel so much safer just being at home. I am retired on Social Security so it's easier for me than some people that have children and need to put food on the table go to work. So I'm very sorry, I guess I haven't really been much help I have mixed feelings about it maybe we opening with a curfew might help
Orange	General	All I have to say is don't listen to any Democrat's and open Florida
Hillsborough	General	Everything needs to open .use sense of health like was hands and use 6 feet rules !!! The roads are packed with people out there so open it up ..people are losing there homes because they are not working and the unemployment in not coming through !!!
Pinellas	General	I truly believe the only way to open our area is to test everybody for antibodies test ,everybody for COVID-19 until then I don't feel that we will be able to be safely accommodate in any tourist attractions any beaches or parks, any restaurants. We definitely have to accommodate our citizens with the fact that they would be able to be treated at a hospital facility in case of a second wave of this virus, at this point I do not feel that we are totally up to handling the amount of numbers in cases that could possibly happen if we open to soon. For me it has been challenging since I am a new resident to the area, so I am definitely challenged in meeting new friends since this untimely virus. I have called my physician to please have me screened for antibodies as soon as I can, I feel when I came back from New York after the Christmas holidays I had the virus. Please don't give into pressure from a few, I believe testing is the only way to reopen!!! Thank you for your time, Debbie Strong

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Orange	Healthcare	I work in a local hospital and we have made plans for the worst while praying for the best. We have seen many cases of COVID-19 but thanks to God not as many as was predicted. People in our communities have been very responsible. But we cannot carry on with so many not working. We must allow our citizens to go back to work. It must be done sooner than later or our problems will be much worse than the disease we are trying to prevent. Please allow people to return to work ASAP. Life and restrictions will be new and different but I have faith we will be responsible. COVID-19 will not just go away but we must find a way to move forward. Testing is increasing but I will take time. Research is occurring but it takes time to be done right. We must reopen FL and allow our citizens to be responsible. Continuing education is needed but I do believe most have got it and will react with caution as we go back to work, school, and enjoy the entertainment in our state. Praying for your wisdom.
Brevard	Management	I am a 1099 contractor worker who has been put out of a job due to the Coronovirus. I even added that piece of information on my unemployment application and it STILL got denied. Ive been waiting patiently while the website and phone lines do not work Please approve the 1099 contractor applications via the federal CARES act
Manatee	General	I'am an older member of my community, & all though I agree that the state can't remain closed forever, I do believe we have not given this virus enough time to stop It's deadly rampage. I look at Europe who have been under attack longer then us & they are just starting to try to get back to normal, whatever normal is today. They are still compelled to use mask & to obey all the rules that are in place. As of today from what I've read & watched on the news some in some areas it is returning. Do we want that here? I strongly feel we need to keep things the way they are at the moment & when we do slowly try to bring back our so called normal , that we keep many of the guideline in place & slowly relax them when we see the virus has not returned. People are scared, especially your older citizens. I realize people need to get back to work, but is it worth doing all this if we need to shut down again in a few weeks. Thank you. Please remember that Fl. Is made up of older people that have come here to enjoy the rest of their lives, & don't need to have it taken from us to soon. Thank you again.
Duval	Professional Services	I believe if you are thinkng to open hair salons, barbershops, nail salons, waxing establishments, tattoo parlors, and spas you may want to add someone from state board on your task force (head of cosmetology). All the above places have to most personal and unavoidable contact with people. I personally work at a waxing place and want to make sure the staff and our clients know the proper sanitation as well as safety precautions are put in place prior to open up.
Collier	General	Do not reopen until there is a cure. People have shown themselves to be irresponsible when it comes to protecting themselves and others. I see this every day as a grocery store employee.

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Seminole	Recreation	I believe the beaches need to be opened up but limited on number of people in each gathering. . A couple should be allowed to go sit on the beach and enjoy their day not have to stand walk bike or jog. I do not think movie theaters, bowling alleys, or gyms need to be open quite yet as they are breeding grounds for disease even on a good day
Sarasota	Healthcare	1.Please continue massive testing of as many people as possible for antibodies. 2. Also, protect your elderly, a large tax base, and immune compromised individuals as much as you can with public service television announcements. 3. Each day share public acts that model positive and helpful behaviors.
Miami-Dade	General	Opening the marinas and state parks including RV parks is likely the safest places to open up first. People who have boats or RVs can continue to practice social distancing within their own spaces/equipment. It helps get children out of the house to play while maintaining quality time with their family. A lot or children in miami do not have backyards or open spaces to go outside safely. An RV park is not the same as a hotel. Families can remain in their living spaces but have the opportunity to still be in an outside setting. Please re-open but under strict guidelines to social distance and not co-mingle with others within these locations. This gives us as parents a way to provide our children something to do besides watch tv and play on the iPad. Thank you.
Palm Beach	General	Please open parks, outdoor activities, beaches. Distancing, hours specific, for 2 weeks then losen up restrictions if things go well. We need to have more opportunity to release stress Open up outside dinning, open air retail and farmers markets. Inform people more of hospitalizations vs people getting virus. If there are few hospitalizations then we should loosen up restrictions. People that are at high risk need to be the most careful but we need to trust more that Floridians have more information now and we can make better choices.
Highlands	Healthcare	I know a lot of businesses are eager to start up again. But with the stimulus checks available to small businesses they should be able to wait until it is safe. What will they do if by opening right away they contract the COVID-19 virus? I believe it is too early to open the state back up. Better to be safe than sorry. We don't need another spike in deaths in our state.
Volusia	General	How about even and odd days for shopping/ restaurant/ boat ramps / maybe even schools businesses/ maybe by home address ? The should cut everything in half! Can't use license plats 2 cars in household could have even odd plate numbers. But drivers license would same address !
Charlotte	General	Time to fully reopen Florida. The infection rate is less than the flu; the death rate is far below other causes of natural death,including the flu. Just because NYC is a hot spot is no reason to shut down the economy. Quit being afraid and open up Florida. We will survive. It is not worth destroying people's lives and businesses because some government flunky is scared. Get on with real life.

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Hillsborough	General	Only when all citizens are properly tested and hospitals have all the PPE they truly need, then you can re-open. Right now we do not know the extent of who has the virus, who are carriers, who are asymptomatic. You are playing a numbers game. Our lives should not be so easily played with. Our hospitals are not properly equipped with the supplies they need. There are not enough test kits, not enough masks, not enough PPE. TGH is using MANICURE AUTOCLAVES to try to sanitize used N95 masks!!!!!! It is not working. It is premature to even think of opening up at this time. You put our lives in DANGER.
Duval	General	Though I want the state to reopen, because I am a small business owner, I fear that reopening prematurely will cause another wave of Covid-19. If we weren't prepared for the first one, we most certainly won't be prepared for the second wave because we've utilized a lot of our resources. I think is important that this turn around, we be very proactive. Florida wasn't tested as many people as northern states like NY and NJ, so I think the numbers bring reported are inaccurate. In order to save lives and prevent the spread, there needs to be mandatory testing on-site for businesses that reopen, in the first phase. Secondly, there has to be a log of people that go to businesses, so that if their test come back you automatically know who needs to be quarinteened and/or tested.
Palm Beach	General	Open beaches and parks. Golf courses and private clubs by their discretion. Restaurants - outside dining or take out Shops by limited capacity and/or appointment No to malls and movie theaters
Pinellas	Education	I'm in favor of reopening. I think we are capable of being smart about it.
Palm Beach	Education	Schools should either start in August by splitting the kids and doing odd and even days or half days. Some kids go in the morning some go later, maybe with an option of online learning as well for the first 3 months for any parents that don't feel comfortable.
Volusia	General	Based on a plethora of information available, this pandemic was overblown and wreaked havoc on our livelihoods, economy, well-being. It has been proven that it is in line with the yearly death toll and infections as the flu. Most citizens adhere to common sense practices of frequent hand washing, cleaning surfaces, covering our mouth when coughing/sneezing, not going to work or out on the town sick and staying home. We don't go near our elderly or immune deficient family members to keep them safe. We don't shut down our economy and force house arrest based on false models and 2 doctors. Dr Fauci is a proven fraud. Covid-19 has a less than 1% mortality rate in this country and we should open our state/country by adhering to safe practices. I have an autoimmune disease and do not take chances that threaten my health. I also take hydroxychloriquine with no known side effects. I am for the use of that drug to treat Covid-19 patients. Please open Florida so we can get on with our lives.
Martin	General	I think 🤔 they should open beaches and state parks with social distanting in mind. Boat ramps. See how that goes. Then, places of business with social distanting in mind. Find vaccine and cure as soon as possible.

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Palm Beach	Education	My opinion as a teacher in Palm Beach County for over 20 years: Do not re-open schools until December or January of 2021. My suggestion: Begin in January with re-opening all K-12 schools as "year round" and extending the school day by one hour each day. This model has been previously used in multiple school districts.It would take approximately 1.5 years to get back on our regular schedule for 180 days, with summers off. The upside is that students as well as faculty could be safe from a recurring bout from COVID-19, which is highly likely in the fall. I miss my students so very much and I know they and their parents may be struggling to keep up with the technology. However, the health and welfare of my students comes before their education. Since technology is available for online learning, we should not risk even one student, or faculty , for the sake of opening schools in the fall. Thank you for allowing this open comment portal.
Palm Beach	General	If the use of facial masks, gloves, and social spacing continues, i believe more business should re-open. If you go to home depot or lowes, the stores are full of people. Everybody is wearing masks. Is the virus spreading at home depot or lowes? I think not. The elderly or people with weak immune systems should still avoid people. Other people should be allowed to return to work because the economy needs to move forward. Another big problem is that many people I know have not received any unemployment benefits and have been out of work for over a month. These people are not screaming yet, but that is around the corner. I have heard, high temperatures and high humidity shorten the amount of time dramatically that the virus can survive outside the body. Is this true? I think it is time to ease restrictions in Florida!! Keep masks and social distancing as a strong message moving forward. Sincerely, Herb Beck
Palm Beach	Manufacturing	Thank you for allowing your residents to speak . We all are eager to get back to work and back to some normal life . We are stuck in our homes with our children for weeks already. California opened their beaches this weekend and we don't have anythubg open yet . This is taking to long , the virus will not disappear , you asked Floridians to flatten the curve not wait for the end . Curve is flattened , hospitals are fine and we all know majority of people need to get this virus and I'm sure a large percentage did during Super Bowl this year . We are ready for normal activity and life .
Pinellas	General	Hello Governor DeSantis,can you possibly find a safe way to open the gyms?I don't see how liquor stores are considered essential and gyms aren't?.Dont get me wrong,I am glad they are open but exercise is essential to the well being of some people.I am not a runner and my job requires a lot of heavy lifting and the gym is essential so I can continue to do my job.Thank you,Deena Collamore
Duval	General	I would suggest to please push quick & easy antibody testing. As you know, those tests in some of these large metro areas are showing millions have already had it with little to no symptoms. If you extrapolate that to the entire country, its likely tens of millions. And if so, it sounds like we reacted to the tail end of this thing only once regular covid testing ramped up. Without that antibody testing, we can't fully understand what we're dealing with & the continued shutdowns in general could very well all be for nothing.

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Hillsborough	Healthcare	Do NOT reopen the state too soon. In the 1918 flu pandemic the first wave killed 3 million... the government was pressured to reopen too soon and the second wave killed 30 million... those who ignore history are doomed to repeat it.. another 4 weeks may save countless lives and not overburden our healthcare system. Carole Pettijohn, Ph.D
Indian River	General	Quarantine the sick and elderly and fully reopen everything else. This 'cure' is far worse then the problem.
Osceola	Food	I feel that when the stAte does reopen the DBPR needs to look at buffets, self service drink stations, self service condiment stations and make it mandatory that all places have a hand sanitizer dispenser at the front doors. Being that I work in the foodservice industry/sports and entertainment industry I thank Florida will be looked at closely to see how we handle foodservice at the theme parks to protect the guests.
Hillsborough	General	Thank you for being honest and careful! Praying as you move forward, that it will be With much prayer and wisdom as how to go back to normal. Normal should look Different and we are depending on those of you who know the facts to make decisions based off of what the educated advisors recommend. Again thank you for leading us SO well. We trust your recommendations and know that you will move with caution to protect the people in the state of Florida.
Orange	Healthcare	Please don't reopen Florida right now. The essential stores are trying their best to keep people 6 ft apart, however I've seen areas where it does not work. Florida has a large population of vulnerable elderly people, that need to be protected. I have asthma, I think a rush to open hair, nail salons and the theme parks will be a devastating mistake.
Seminole	General	I think Florida should open with caution. Take temperature for workers and people entering the stores.
Wakulla	Government	Premature opening of business as usual has too high risk of a second, serious wave of infections that will result in repeat shutdowns, so in the end, we have more people harmed and greater damage to our economy and tax base for local governments.
Pinellas	General	I feel that we should open up in stages, as is being planned. But we need to figure out how to get the proper supplies available, like: Lysol spray, Clorox wipes, paper supplies, etc. These items are so essential in killing germs, yet they are no where to be found in stores or online anywhere. If we are going to be open, we need to have these available. Also, all public venues should have requirements in place to be sanitized properly on a daily basis, And should be required to protect their employees better.

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St. Johns	General	Governor, I am sure this has been a nightmare for all of us. But at some point we have to start opening up our State. Start with the smaller business that attracts smaller crowds, like small retail, bakeries, ect. Proceed to bigger retailers, hair salons, nail salons, but put in place social distancing, mask, and sanitizers. Then proceed to reopening of restaurants. Making sure there is space beteen customers of social distances. I want to commend you, that you are doing an excellent job for all Floridians . I pray that the right decisions will.be make by you and your task force. God Bless you for your service and dedication. Mrs. Bobbie Jean Spangler
Columbia	General	Open everything back up. Covid-19 doesn't appear to be any worse than the Flu. This is stupid. Get our state back open!
Pinellas	Professional Services	I am a licensed hairdresser of 49 years who has spent a couple hundred dollars on sanitation items. Our salon will make it MANDATORY to wear face masks and use hand sanitizer. We will keep number of people in salon to a minimum. I am ready to go back to work. But then on the other hand let's watch Georgia and see what their numbers do. I trust what ever decision you make Governor.
Sarasota	Government	I think they ought to wait a week or two and see how things are going and if the virus is dropping. Make sure people wear masks for a couple more weeks and see how that goes.
Palm Beach	Education	I am a preschool teacher..at risk due to age/asthma. Social distancing and hand washing are important to me. Opening up the state of Florida I believe should be "slow as you go"...businesses need to continue to sanitize, appropriate distance for customers,...open beaches should be for exercise only with common sense..so want the State to open Thank you and be safe.
Pinellas	Construction	Open public venues last!Movie theaters malls restaurants parks and beachs ect and ENFORCE public distancing. Grooming and beauty, appt only and strict mask and glove for provider and clients. All others strictly enforced social distancing discourage shopping as entertainment,

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Orange	General	I am a nurse--a nurse educator. I understand the concept of social distancing but there has to be a happy medium. Nursing schools must be allowed to have nursing students in the pipeline so that we have nurses in the future. We can't be on lockdown indefinitely. I suggest the following... -mandate masks in public for a time so we can move on with our lives. -Continue social distancing but NOT closures. -Encourage business to have workers work from home but allow business to open. I can shut the door of my office and wear a mask. Social distancing would be in place. The entire building does not have to be closed. -Allow laboratory skill experiences in nursing schools and other healthcare programs to continue with social distancing in place. -Allow student nurses to return to hospitals or we won't have nurses in the future--then what??? No nurses, no doctors, no healthcare providers then you really have a problem in a year when they should be graduating. -Mandate that people who have pre-existing conditions/risk factors to stay home--not everyone. -Save the economy. My theme park friends are in fear reading that the parks may not open until 2021 because of the opinion of an "analyst." Allow the "imagineers" to reinvent the experience at least temporarily. That's what they do. Open the parks with limited attendance to start. -This is like a pressure cooker, the longer everything is closed the more people will explode on the scene when restrictions are relaxed. --This is unsustainable-if south Florida is problematic then restrict south Florida--not the entire state. Target problem areas, not the entire state. We can't continue to be imprisoned in our homes. If someone is afraid or at risk, they do not have to leave the house. Allow the rest of us to leave with social distancing guidelines in place. We have curfew in Orange County? Really? This is over the top. Thank you for your time and interest in my comments. Thank you for trying to find a way for us to get on with our lives.
Miami-Dade	Education	Good morning, I think it would be selfish to reopen Florida. The misleading information that we are flattening the curve is absurd. You stopped test and that is being negligent to the people that elected you. The people arguing for the state to reopen are selfish because it will not affect them. They are arguing for others to go back work and for selfish reason and putting these people in danger. If you want to reopen then set a mandated curfew and go follow other countries leads and sanitize street. Put in requirements of procedures for business to reopen. Care about the essential workers!
Polk	General	Even though it is an inconvenience with everything closed, and having to stay at home, I believe that in the best interests of ALL Floridians, it is prudent to make sure that it is safe before opening up the state. If it is opened too soon, more people will get sick, more people will die, and we will have to stay at home that much longer.
Polk	General	Florida must not open until the Federal guidelines for reopening are met. These guidelines have been set by Dr. Fauci, Dr. Birx and the CDC in order to keep people safe and need to be followed especially because of the older population in the state.

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Pinellas	Recreation	gyms, fitness centers, and places of physical activity NEED to be reopened under guidelines as they do more good and are necessary for peoples mental health and well being under times of stress. We have family members who are recovered substance users who rely on their ability to workout strenuously as a key ingredient to their daily sobriety structure. Isolation without physical activity and release is a long term major problem for a subset of Florida's vulnerable community. Please consider this in your evaluation.
Hillsborough	General	Please do not reopen the state. Until proper testing can be.done.
Clay	General	Everyone should be mandated to wear mask in every facility. Hand sanitizer stations through out store or building. Continue 6ft social distancing and limited number of people in building at a time. Restaurants have to have one empty table in between guest or follow the 6ft guideline. Any medical facility (not including hospitals) should adhere to the social distancing, limited amount of people in waiting/lobby area, and have hand sanitizer available to patients.
Osceola	General	Too soon to open. Needs more testing. Wait for few more weeks to see cases go down and open in phases as recommended by WH. Must close beaches also till then.
Palm Beach	Recreation	I am in country club member services . I just have one suggestion and that is open slowly and cautiously. In the manner we closed one step at a time . My members are older and many have underlying health conditions. Start with golf course Thanks Cathy
Palm Beach	General	I would encourage you to re-open Florida as soon as possible. There is absolutely no evidence that lockdowns are beneficial, and the economy is being destroyed.
Hernando	General	You should open anything outdoors first. They say the virus doesn't do well in sun and heat. So why not open park's, beach's anything outdoors and then move forward from there.
Palm Beach	General	It is waaaayyyyyyy too soon to open the state.
Duval	General	Florida needs to reopen May 1st. Some businesses will not survive if they stay closed. People need to take responsibility for themselves if they don’t want to get sick and keep social distance and wash hands. The virus is here to stay, we have to learn to protect ourselves on our own. Open back up please!!!! We can’t do this much longer!
Martin	General	Open up with social distancing now. The numbers do not justify destroying our economy.
Pinellas	General	The governor is obviously working extremely hard. First he is in charge and he needs to get this unemployment situation resolved. Then people need to understand if we have a slow startup program and they think it’s wrong that’s ok. They don’t need to go there. This is not hard to understand. I’m just concerned the possibility of a revolt against this whole situation could happen anywhere and anytime and we don’t need that

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Orange	General	I believe that the communication has been repeated enough. It's time to get back to work and open this economy back up. Yes we need to wear face masks, keep sanitizing, and practice social distancing until June 1 but we also need to be aware of our surroundings at all times. We cannot continue down this path or our suicidal rates will increase, more crimes will happen as people need to take care of their family, pay their bills and eat. If the government can continue to hold us on lock down then maybe they should reach into their pockets and pay us all what we average income weekly. Open up Florida please.
Palm Beach	General	Florida needs to follow the guidance of public health organizations when it comes to establishing a timetable for safely reopening. We cannot sacrifice our family and friends (or lay down our own lives) for the sake of industry. Many people will not adhere to social distancing guidelines and prematurely reopening will cause another devastating wave of infections. Please exercise caution and use the most conservative schedule in order to protect our elderly and vulnerable citizens.
Palm Beach	Education	Keeping kids well when we all go back to school is key. Too many kids are sent to school sick already on a daily basis, many kids have no options to go home as parents are working so they are sent back to class and the germs continue to spread. It is not the teachers fault and the schools nurse job to babysit sick kids. There needs to be a firm sick policy in place that is abided by. Secondly the emotional support and well being of kids and staff returning to school one day is the goal. Kids are so receptive to everything around them, if the staff isn't equipped and ready for their return they will feel it. Kids will have experienced something unprecedented in their lives, we can not pretend to let them back in the building and immediately return to standardized data mining. I'm hoping we can give time to process what the last months have meant.
Palm Beach	Recreation	Good morning I would open up marinas for boating first – and then second open boat ramps. But I would keep the sandbars closed Thank you
Sumter	General	My husband and I are in the immune compromised category. We have been Floridians since 2004. It is our suggestion that children return to school and businesses reopen immediately while advising immune-compromised people to practice all of the safety requirements including masks, restricted travel, restricted interaction with others, and common sense cleaning habits. The majority should not suffer loss of jobs, school, and livelihood for the elderly or immune-compromised. It is like the "tail wagging the dog". Thanks

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Pinellas	Tourism	I am 6th generation Floridian...I'm sure you can tell by my last name!! I live, eat, sleep and breathe FLORIDA as I have my entire life!! As my ancestors have as well! We are restauranteurs in Tarpon Springs, FL. Please let us open back up soon, our employees are literally starving...take out does not pay the bills. We are so proud of how you're handling this. However, we've already missed the end of tourist and snowbird season...our busiest month of the year... we were forced to close ....ENOUGH has been taken from us!! RE OPEN FLORIDA NOW LET US HANDLE AND APPLY THE RECOMMENDATIONS SAFELY OURSELVES!!!!! We can do that!! Most citizens can be trusted to safely continue living!! Don't let less than 6% of the population continue killing the ones who were thriving. Thank you!
Manatee	Information	Open the state of Florida. But keep the beaches closed and limit all tourist activities. We must limit the spread from other states.
Pasco	Food	As a restaurant owner, I do see the need to open up .However, considering the number of cases has not declined I feel people would still opt for takeout. I am a fifth generation Floridian and teacher but I fear Floridians will not adhere to guidelines. We need to get the economy up and running but we do not want to go backwards. If people were able to receive unemployment checks and proper funding it would lessen the stress. I believe Georgia was extremely irresponsible. Many businesses will not be able to staff up due to the fair of the virus. I have personally known, four people who have passed from this virus and we do not want to continue to see deaths. In other words, it needs to be done slowly. Shutting the schools was the right move but what are the parents going to do with their children when they report back to work? I voted for you, but am disappointed on how you have handled this situation.
Duval	General	Regarding reopening the state of Florida: Business need to strictly limit numbers and proximity. We know that AC spreads the virus in a contained space, so we need to be massively cautious with restaurants. Stage one -Outside seating is an option in FL. Outside seating only - distances of 6 feet between tables. Enclosed places of business need to limit numbers like the recommended 10 people maximum. This includes staff, so businesses need to consider how to reopen their closed spaces maintaining the 10 person max and maintain distance of two arms length between people. MASKS for everyone. Every establishment must require their customers and employees to wear a mask at all times. This is essential. Employers need to encourage work from home if possible. It will be massively unfair to force unemployment on workers who 1) are immunocompromised 2) live with or care for compromised family members 3) have children out of school.

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Pasco	General	The entire state needs to be reopened with the emphasis on protecting the elderly and folks with preexisting conditions. Hospitals, beaches and parks need to be opened immediately and safe distancing rules need to be advocated and enforced. Restaurants, bars, movie theaters and the like should reopen with a 50% capacity with spacing emphasis. The 50% rule should be lifted after 30 days as we see our cases continue to decrease. We can do this, we need to get back to work! Just give the people the rules they need to adhere to and we will do the rest.
Palm Beach	General	We need to open the beaches and parks up soon. The beaches on a limited time basis 6/10 am and 4/7 pm would work just fine. People use the beach to find there sanity by walking, running, fishing or surfing. No gatherings and practice public distancing and it would be just fine. The same goes for the parks, not being able to play tennis is ridiculous. How much farther apart do two people need to be? Again the stress relief this sport provides is very important during this time. Thanks for listening, Mike
Palm Beach	General	The numbers are still on the rise. I do not believe the governor nor the news reports, I've heard from several health care workers. I do not believe anything should be open until we have a decline, which we do not at the moment. Does Florida even have enough testing? I know they do.n't because I was one of those who was at high risk but could not get tested. Two weeks later, I am finally well
Hillsborough	Healthcare	Please consider carefully the lives if those caring for the public. I am a nurse and work in a hospital with sick pregnant and newly delivered mothers and babies. Please protect this vulnerable population - their health impacts our whole community. I believe we can protect them - and ourselves- by continuing social distancing, mask wearing, and staying home as much as possible until there is sufficient testing to show who has the disease, who doesn't, and who is possibly immune. Thank you for your consideration.
Highlands	General	Please consider opening up Florida's economy with keeping in mind those counties with high numbers remaining on stay at home. Nursing home and ALF's must remain on lockdown and limited visiting to hospitals. I am fortunate to be in an essential field of work and still able to work everyday. But there are many that aren't, my daughter for one works in a dental office and has just started collecting her $92 a week unemployment which doesn't pay the bills. I have many friends who own restaurants and are losing their livelihood. I understand covid is a dangerous virus but so is the seasonal flu. Our Country never shut down during any wars, Spanish flu pandemic, measles or any other disease or dangerous world event. Those that want to remain "stay at home" can, their choice. We all should have a choices. We have to get back to some form of normalcy to save the Florida we know and love.
Manatee	General	I think it is too soon to open Florida. I think we need to wait until at least the end of May and see where we stand at that time as far as new cases. Once we have leveled off some, we can possibly do a partial opening and require masks when in public.

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Manatee	Professional Services	My wife and I currently own and operate 10 hair salons in Manatee, Sarasota, Pinellas, Charlotte and Desoto county. We are Franchisees of Regis Corporation the largest operator of Hair Salons and Barbershops in North America. Regis has nearly 400 locations in Florida, has been doing business for over 25 years here and wishes to continue for many more years and they have asked me to be their advocate with the government on reopening salons. Regis has worked in cooperation with Epidemiologists at the University of Minnesota to develop a complete reopening plan and customer journey. We would like to share this with Governor DeSantis' reopening committee but are not sure how to do this. Can you put us in contact with the correct person. We want to be proactive and not reactive in this process. Thank you in advance.
Duval	General	Please continue to be one of the lead states in opening .... with the proper precautions every thing will be fine ..... the problems of a shut down economy will be much greater than COVID 19. Artificially manufactured fear by our media has been our real problem ... time to show real leadership.... thanks
Sarasota	General	Please be patient in opening Florida. The largest demographic in Florida are those over 65,, and they represent a very vulnerable Covid 19 population. However, our younger residents are at risk also. Hospitals are seeing young people in their 30's, 40's and early 50's gravely ill with Covid 19. Devastating strokes are occurring in the younger population with Covid 19. Wait as long as possible, before opening, at least until after the summer vacation season, where an influx of visitors will bring more cases of Covid 19, and tax our hospital system. It's good common sense to wait!
Duval	General	Hello yes I'm very concerned about the reopening of Florida. At this time I don't think it such a good idea. I feel if we start to reopen the virus will come back fierce because nobody will follow any rules put in place . I think we should at least wait till the middle of May.
Duval	General	I would say for places like Duval and Clay counties it is time to open up childcare facilities, church programming, and ability to operate summer camps. Jacksonville's case percentage is one of the best in the country, and I think we can both safely social distance and practice these things. Restaurants can open up with a capacity number and other activities should be able to resume with some sort of social distancing as well. The virus is always going to linger around and this should not make us fearful. Just like the flu and the common cold it is not going anywhere. We can get back to a new normal while keeping those at risk safe, and I trust Governor DeSantis to make this decision to benefit both those that want to get back to normal life and protect the most vulnerable.

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Palm Beach	General	Until we have a proven vaccine that a high majority of our population has taken, I do not feel like we our safe to open Florida to many of the things we are used to. We have an elderly population that is vulnerable. While we are dependent on tourism, that is one of the reasons why we had more cases. I will not be comfortable eating in restaurants, going to bars or entertainment venues, getting my hair cut, etc. for a very long time. This might not happen until 2021. I see myself wearing a mask in public until this time. I'm currently working from home. I am in my early 30s with asthma. I do order takeout from local restaurants. The more open Florida gets the less I will be able to order takeout and go to the grocery store out of fear that I am around too many people.
Sarasota	Food	Hello, I've been planning a baby shower for my daughter at a country club, which was suppose to have been last week, and we now rescheduled it for May 3rd. The country club has been very patient with me trying to give me an update if they can open up on May 3rd. I know this isn't the most important matter, but I need to start planning a drive by shower if need be. Thank you Governor DeSantis for doing such a great job.
Pinellas	Recreation	When r they going to open Honeymoon Island? We have yearly passes. I have never seen any large groups of partying going on. Being outdoors in the humidity is the best thing for people and the virus doesn't last long outside. Please open it up,
Indian River	General	If we reopen too soon, we will get hit with another wave of sickness.. we need to be the turtle in this race not the hare. We have broken the stigma of us being the next epicenter, lets not prove them right. The government acted slowly in fl, but due to local municipalities reacting we have possibly flattened our curb. We need to enjoy that victory and not put our population at risk..
Sarasota	Government	I am ambivalent about opening the beaches, however if doing so it is blatant discrimination to keep parking lots closed. It feels like the opening is to accommodate only those who have the ability to live on the properties adjacent to the ocean. I am outraged at Georgia's governor for his short sightedness in opening the most at risk businesses. I strongly urge my state government from making the same asinine decision. My hope is that when we start reopening, we will do so in a thoughtful well planned way as so to not lose the gains we have made and the lives that were saved by all our sacrifices. Thank you, Julie Weiss

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Brevard	General	Florida is not ready to reopen. Widespread testing, as identified in the federal gating criteria, has not occurred. Barely 1% of the residents in Brevard County have been tested, and the vast majority of those who have been tested are those with the transportation, health insurance, financial ability, and information access to do so. Those who work(ed) in the hospitality and service industries may have none of those yet will be in high contact with the remainder of the population. There is also still a huge shortage of PPE which will affect the ability of medical and dental procedures. I'm a three-time cancer survivor with kidney disease and would like to have the confidence that if I need serious medical attention, the limited PPE will be available and not have been used by those wanting face lifts, tooth whitening, or breast augmentation. I also know that due to the stay-at-home order, fewer cars are on the road, which results in fewer car accidents. When normal activity resumes, more crashes will require the use of that PPE. Please keep your elderly at-risk population in mind -- we vote, and we don't like the idea of this "death panel."
Pinellas	Government	I'm getting really tired of this whole unemployment bullshit. Over 1 month without an income, Still pending and we have no income coming in. Are you going to pay my bills, Rent, and feed my kids!? I highly doubt it.... Either fix the damn system or open the state back up so my husband and I can get back to work to provide for our family!
Polk	General	Florida should not reopen until at least mid June and everyone should still practice social distancing and wear face masks and only go out if necessary and please fix the unemployment so people can pay their bills and rent. Thank you.
Clay	General	Don’t ReOpen. Period
Lee	Healthcare	Please follow the science during this pandemic. Our Florida cases are spiking so we need to stay home and keep trying to flatten the curve. This is not the time to open up yet.
Clay	General	It's too soon to open. I understand that the economy needs to function but what happens when everyone is infected and businesses have to close due to no employee's. This is big. Please continue to stay home precautions for a while longer. It will benefit everyone. Thank you.

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Hillsborough	General	Please consider these issues when re-opening. First that it's way too soon! I used to work for Amazon in Tampa. And because I have underlying health issues that put me at risk? My last day with them was early March. I made a choice. My life or my job. Because Amazon does NOT adhere to cdc guidelines in those warehouses. At all! They don't care. It's looking like us little people in poor household communities also aren't going to be cared about either. I'm not a tourist. I'm also a full time college student at age 55. I'll be damn if a dangerous virus kills me. I haven't left my home in over a month because of this virus. I feel like a target with everyone saying that us older people will die anyway. I'm frightened that society thinks that way. I'm frightened that tourists are more important than residents. I have no health care. Thanks to Scott who didn't expand Medicaid. I lost my health insurance and cannot afford it on my own. I can't get tested because of it. So I am at home and too frightened to go anywhere and be normal now. If you open because of tourists? Without caring about the older population like myself the virus wins. Tourists and theme parks can stay closed for all I care. I'm worried about the huge poor population like myself and others that have no access to health care and can't afford to catch this virus. Because stores aren't abiding by cdc rules. Work places and theme parks will become Petri dishes. I can't go back to my job because it's a close quarters warehouse at Amazon. A petri dish. Please don't let desperate corporations drive the decisions of reopening. Take care of us residents first please! I want to start my bachelors program in school. I don't want to die alone in the hospital because I was forced into the public again. Because the public doesn't care about the vulnerable and senior citizens now!
Palm Beach	Tourism	I would like to see Disney open back up, perhaps with a much lower limit on capacity. Possibly even rotating the parks that are open instead of all open daily. Maybe start with resort guests or Florida residents. Virtual line for the rides that routinely get a long line. Disney could also permit face covering and masks.
Seminole	Professional Services	I think most businesses bars, restaurants, hair salons can open with appropriate social distance and sanitary conditions in place. For example our church holds 1200 people. I'm sure the parishioners would rather stager the amount of people at each service rather than not attend at all. My daughters wedding was cancelled. I would have agreed to a smaller amount of attendees rather than cancel. Most hotels etc in their ballrooms can accommodate smaller numbers in a larger space rather than cancel and close. Personally I have 2 children who are front line health care workers and one child in retail who has lost her job. Neither situation is a good one. Thank you for tour efforts.

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Palm Beach	General	RE-OPEN THE STATE! People who are losing their jobs, houses, apartments, etc. will be and already are unable to afford food, medication and other necessary items to survive which would clearly be worse than this virus. A virus in which no one actually knows the true prevalence. The prevalence is likely much higher according to multiple studies which would make the mortality rate similar to or less than the seasonal flu. Not to mention, who are you or anyone else to tell one person their business is essential while telling someone else their business is not essential. If you depend on your business for a paycheck, IT IS ESSENTIAL! If people can go into a grocery store with a mask on then they can go to the gym or any other business with a mask on for that matter. As far as kids go, they need to be IN SCHOOL. It is well documented that students do not learn as well when they are not in a classroom with peers. At home, they have multiple distractions that inhibit their ability to learn. While this last bit is more of an opinion than anything, I find it interesting that most people who are complaining that places should remain closed are people who's paychecks are guaranteed regardless of whether business re-open or not.
Pasco	General	I'd start with opening the parks. Let the people get out for some fresh air. Next I allow all charitable orgs to continue normal operations. This includes charity thrift stores such as the Salvation Army. The closing of their stores not only hurts them, it hurts the people in need which they help every day through their programs. The elderly and those considered "at risk" should continue to stay home at their own discretion.
Palm Beach	Real Estate	OPEN THE STATE!!!
Hardee	General	I know this is an extremely tough time for everyone. I am an elementary school teacher here in Florida. While transitioning to distance learning has been trying, it was the best decision to protect our children, which is a teacher's main focus. That being said, I understand this pandemic has impacted us all in a different way. However, even though each demographic of FL is different I think it would be detrimental if we open different counties at different times. Why you may ask, if one area is open and others are not we are going to see an increase of people into those areas. These people may still be asymptomatic which will only continue the spreading of the virus. As many of us have personal experienced this virus comes on fast and it takes the lives of our loved ones extremely fast! Please continue to protect Floridians even if this it isn't the popular opinion. Lives are more precious than economic growth at this point in time.
Pinellas	General	We need to start opening up ! People need to work ! Unemployment isn't working to help anyone . Can open up with some restrictions but give people a chance to act responsibly.
Seminole	Tourism	I live in Seminole county but work in Orange in the tourism industry. I am also what you would consider a vulnerable person. I think we need to go by the guideline that were put out by Dr. Birx from the task force. I know our numbers fluctuate alot due to testing but I would like to see that 14 day decline before we go into phase one and so on.

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Duval	General	We can not safely open until citizens can obtain items such as disposable masks, HAND SANITIZER, rubbing alcohol, and portable disinfectants such as Clorox wipes. How can we clean off without hand sanitizers?? I work as a traveling therapist, and I rely on using public restrooms throughout the day. I am VERY uncomfortable going back to work without these items to help keep me safe. I want to open our economy ASAP, but please bring back the essential items to keep me safe!!
Duval	General	I want the state of Florida to open next week. Please just open the state of Florida to all non essential business on May 1st . Please open the economy.
Orange	Government	The issuances of new IDs needs to happen again ASAP. I feel this could be achieved with offices reopening solely for things that are unable to be accomplished by internet and only by appointment.
Clay	General	Please provide government support for helping businesses get the PPE and safety supplies they need to open including masks for employees and for patrons that do not have them. They will need hand sanitizer for everyone and it is out of stock everywhere. The health department needs to require surfaces like tables and chairs are sanitized with bleach between customers and unfortunately bleach is no longer available and needs government action to support businesses. I encourage keeping senior hours for vunerable population who need to remain separated thru most of the phases Tourists need screening as they enter the state. Cruise ships need more regulation to prevent infection spread on their ships
Hillsborough	General	I ask you to reopen beaches and public parks immediately. As long as people keep distancing there is a minimal chance of transmission. Compared to the constitutional temporary violation of depriving citizens of the opportunity to move about this is more than adequate now. The virus will be diluted in open air air sunshine will destroy it so activities in open air need to be enabled again. Don’t delay this!
Polk	General	I am appalled to hear that every time someone who tested positive was retested it could Ed as another case. So our numbers are incorrect. Add to that if you die of any cause but had COVID it’s a COVID death it’s time to get back to work. This state needs to open up.
Manatee	General	What talking points can you provide for business owners to ensure that the general public is complying with established, protective guidelines such as safe distancing and wearing masks? And,I’ll food establishments should have hand sanitizers to clean their hands upon entry and exit. Due to the shortage, work and obtain these products?
Citrus	General	Please open only with cdc full approval and restrict your tendency to open beaches as you did for spring break. That mistake probably cost lives. A second spread could cost the state two or three years of recovery and life won’t look anything like we have been used to. Resist the urge to open for the sake of lost profits, lives matter more.

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Manatee	Food	My husband is 66 years old and has SEVERE COPD/emphysema. I am a 46 year old woman who doesn't have a spleen due to a car accident years ago. We're both high risk so we're staying home and having groceries delivered. My hours were cut at work and after 3 weeks of less than half of what I would normally make in a week my husband and I decided it was not worth the risk of me bringing the virus home to him bc it would be a DEATH SENTENCE no doubt about it. I have ONLY left this house for absolutely essential business. Otherwise we stay home and have since mid March. We do NOT think Florida should be re opened right now. With 30,000+ cases n our state and rising everyday and with such a huge elderly population here n our state of Florida we need to stay home for now and until we have at LEAST 14 days of consecutive decline in cases we shouldn't even consider opening this state back up. Thank u for allowing me an opportunity to give u my input.
Sarasota	Healthcare	Hello sir, Where are the statistics for the number of deaths diagnosed with the secondary code, U07.2, "for clinical or epidemiological diagnosis of COVID-19 where a laboratory confirmation is inconclusive or not available"? Also, please advise how to receive unemployment benefits and how we are supposed to complete work search during a lock down, where most places are closed and not hiring. Also while being temporality laid off, people do not want to hire me because i will be going back to my regular job soon. Please advise Thank you, Josh
Orange	Information	I think it's not safe to open up when Poeple still dieing n get sick.n some are not following rules that already in place . i understand poeple want to go back to work because of the unemployment issue but if we open to early we be ready back where we started but in a worst place please gave it 2 or 3 more weeks with the stay at house n hard curfews
Escambia	Tourism	Bring back our booming economy. Let people work again. Let people live again. Perspective matters. There are other far worse death statistics that we should be doong something about, too. Thank you!
Manatee	Recreation	I do not think we should reopen the state too soon. I believe we should close until May 15th at least and then reevaluate opening.
Hillsborough	General	It's time to have a meeting with all county executives to assess the ability to implement re-opening based on White House Task Force guidelines. In counties under control, allow hospitals to start doing elective but medically necessary surgeries (e.g. cardiac stents, etc.). Allow beauty and barber shops to re-open with strict guidelines and by appointment only - this will boost citizen morale. Open up all food, grocery and medical supply chain businesses to restock shelves in accordance to guidelines. For the remainder of businesses, assess each county based on the phases (Phase 1, Phase 2, etc.). Publish map of each county based on phase ranking - publish and share to social, print and digital media.
Duval	Management	it Is too soon to reopen

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Seminole	General	You have to give businesses the opportunity to open with public distancing. People are free to stay away if they feel they are endanger, but destroying the economy isn't fair and unamerican. People that need extra protection can take additional measures and avoid certain places. Everyone else is suffering financially and emotionally because of an over reaction. Kids are out of school for no reason, it is totally ridiculous to make everyone suffer because if a few. These new antibody test prove that there has been a massive overreaction. The death rate doesn't justify the actions.
Palm Beach	Recreation	Open up parks for walking ,running and biking. Open up beaches for walking ,swimming and sitting 9 feet away for families. No play ground play. People need an outlet!! Boating with no tie ups or sand bar
Lee	Recreation	Please open the BEACHES. Just OPEN them .... but, make announcements on our news stations, run commercials, put signs up EVERYWHERE along the Beaches "urging n advising" Everyone to be caut8n try and maintain safe distances from ea other and that " IF" Lee County sees a abnormal spike in Covid19 New cases n or deaths ... the Beaches WILL be closed again for 1 month ! For 'many' of us, the Beaches are our escape our stress relief (till someone puts their towel right next to yours n lights up a rotten smelling, cancer causing cigar or cigarette) N open the Movie Theaters, just have them LIMIT the # of guests n restrict (blackout, if you will) the seats that are available. N if you read this, I'll eat my dirty ol' hat
Manatee	Healthcare	My mother is a resident of an assisted living facility. I appreciate and understand the measures in place to protect these vulnerable people. But after 6 weeks of lockdown and no cases at her residence, can there be a plan for these citizens to interact and see others? Even if it was with masks & a 6ft distance, she would benefit from being able to associate with others. I was seeing her 3 times per week before the lockdown, taking her to church each week, and even at a distance, with masks, staying at her facility, would be an improvement over no interaction. Allowing some type of interaction should benefit these residents that have been so isolated since March 13. My mother's residence is on the 4th floor of her facility and she hasn't left that floor since lockdown. Even an opportunity to sit outside in fresh air would be a welcome change for individuals where she lives. Not all facilities have the same successes/challenges so there probably isn't a one size fits all solution, but please consider some options for those of us who miss our seniors. Thank you

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Osceola	General	I personally think it's to soon. We still have people passing away. the numbers are still going up. I want to see a decline first. If the unemployment issues are fixed. People would get their money so they could pay their bills and buy groceries. Alot of undue stress. Meanwhile schools are shut down but people want Disney open. Education is more important. If we open back up up to soon. I think it would be worse. If we open restaurants you will be putting more people at risk. It just takes that one nasty, uncaring person to cough, sneeze, with no mask on due to eating and spread the virus to unsuspecting people. They don't feel sick but maybe a carrier. Than the whole place is contaminated. We need to know more before putting peoples lives at risk. Plus if it spreads via droplets can that be spread more by air conditioners?
Palm Beach	General	Don’t let your guard down,we are almost there.Give at least one more month to see where we are at.You should also think about people that need their drivers licenses renewed.
Sarasota	General	I strongly suggest the state take a conservative, cautious position towards reinstating life /work activities. Erroring on the side of caution is the prudent course of action as knowledge of the virus, it’s sources, remedies and connectivity to others still is largely inaccurate and evolving. Whether it is distancing between people, supposed drug solutions and other “expert” guidance we simply do not know the true inter workings of this virus. Although I empathize with those whose financial challenges are real and increasing another 30 days of social distancing and separation will provide far more societal benefits than premature returning to normal or even semi-normal life. We need to stay the course in valuing life.
Palm Beach	Recreation	At least open pools and beaches where we can social distance ourselves

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Orange	Tourism	Hello, I wanted to bring to your attention that many people want to see Disney World and Universal Studios re-open. Yes, this virus is deadly to particular demographics (the elderly and those with pre-existing conditions). But, for many others we are either asymptomatic or have likely already been exposed given the coinciding results of several recent exposure studies conducted across the country. As a result, I think that given particular safety guidelines these parks can be opened safely. First, waivers are a must, given that attendees could be in the groups aforementioned, and thus would be higher risk. Second, it occurred to me that temperature testing or similar would help weed out obviously visual and severe cases. Third, virtual lines could be considered. I understand the difficulty in perfecting the technology to administer this method, but maybe consider it for the most popular attractions as is already done for some (ex. Star Wars at Disney). Fourth, definitely do not cancel shows or parades or indoor attractions. Seating can be spread out assuming capacity is capped and graduates back to normalcy over a period of time. People want to see the shows, the fireworks, and everything beyond just the rides. Separation is key for a time. Fifth, require masks for a short time, at least until guests start to feel safe without. I'm sure you have all heard these particular suggestions and have already been weighing them, but I want to tell you that for those who want to go out and experience their lives and help rebuild the country, amusement parks and other tourism is a must. Many people are wise enough to be smart adults and continue practicing common sense social distancing. We need good news now more than ever, thank you and please feel free to reach out via email to discuss more should you wish. I have many ideas.
Sarasota	General	DO NOT REOPEN! I want this to be over just like everyone else. I want to leave my house and go back to work and for my son to have a great/normal senior year BUT going back too soon will have disastrous effects. Unless we KNOW who is a carrier, who may be walking around as an asymptomatic carrier then we are shooting ourselves in the foot. Unless we can test everyone whether for the virus or for the antibodies we are just asking for another surge in outbreaks. This is not about me. This is about everyone. My ability to get a haircut, go out to eat or go to the beach CANNOT be more important than someone else's life. FL needs to stay closed until we actually see a continuous drop in cases and have implemented high volume testing for ALL residents-sick or not. In the meantime FL needs to improve its ability to get unemployment payments & small biz loans out to everyone who needs them.
Palm Beach	General	We need to follow guidelines established by cdc and health experts. Any premature reopening puts us at the greatest risk health wise and ultimately economically. We should not reopen anything before the health experts indicate it is safe to do so and we should follow the protocol laid out by the research and science that supports it.

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Citrus	General	According to the news, Florida cases seem to be still increasing but people need to get back to work. I think that could be done with rules like capacity, face masks, and washing hands/using hand sanitizer, however it must be enforced. We have seen so many not following those things just in going to the grocery stores. Also, how much longer are we not allowed to visit family? My daughter lives in Ocoee and I have not seen her since early Feb. None of us are sick and none of us have been anywhere in almost 2 months to catch anything. I need to get some items to her, can we visit each other? Being away from family greatly affects ones mental health and mood.
Sarasota	General	For retail stores to open up, require all patrons to wear a mask. Open up all beaches and public parking. For now, only Florida state license plates are permitted. That will prohibit tourists overfilling the beaches. And, it will allow the locals to enjoy what they have moved here to be able to enjoy. Open restaurants and bars, but outside seating only for now.
Marion	General	I hope you're looking at recommendations by county or region.not statewide. Let the northern counties open. People need to work We also need a date when decisions will be out. It's not fair to residents to wonder everyday if we'll hear today. Seeing other states open and we are kept in the dark. I don't need to hear everyday there's a task force.
Okaloosa	General	Please start reopening Florida now. We are causing more harm to people by killing the economy and developing severe mental health issues with people out of work and stuck at home. We stayed at home to help flatten the curve and to give our medical community time to prepare for it. We have done that. Continuing to sit at home while waiting for this to disappear is ludicrous. Make people wear masks in public but it is past time to begin reopening and learning how to coexist with COVID19. You cannot continue to force people to sit at home. This is a complete misuse of power. Open Florida NOW, please!
Polk	General	I think the state should be very cautious in opening the state too early it could cause a rise in risk for everyone All people don't practice the. CDC guidelines even though we hear it on the news and public Information They we need to be sure to protect all . Opening to soon could cause a rise in cases and death.
Hernando	General	Please go very slow with this. As a retired nurse/respiratory therapist I have high level of concern about the 2 phase of this virus. We still don't all we need to know about how this virus acts.
Sarasota	General	Please open up the state

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Clay	General	Regarding reopening Florida I highly disagree with the idea of re-opening at this point. If the state was to reopen I feel things must be mandatory like masks being worn by everybody in public settings. I also feel no restaurants should open for inside eating and businesses should be limited to how many people per office due to social distancing guidelines I also feel the importance of more testing before anybody returns to work meaning testing at offices daily by temperature. This is a very uneasy time and I feel like too many people will die if we release the state too early. My daughter-in-law has a friend who just lost the wife and husband with 6 more in immediate family sick leaving behind 3 young children. Please re consider. Thank you
Palm Beach	Retail	We are self employed small retail business owners . We rent space in a vendors market that is indoors but all open booths. The building has been closed since March 20. We sell reading glasses so our products are touched and tried in the face and returned to display. We have thousands of pieces and see no way to control the sanitation of these products. And f limited to having only several customers a day we could not even meet our expenses . Sharing common area with hundreds of other businesses under one roof , how could the amount of vendors and customers be safely controlled for social distancing.? Please do not rush the reopening of retail. We had to close in the height of season and can not make up for this financially but are more concerned about our health. We applied for PPP on April 5 but just received notice today April 25 that our application will be submitted when more funds are available. Very frustrating and difficult but we can't rush into reopening what is not essential for the health and safety of all .
Pasco	Professional Services	I work in salons and I personally think it is just to soon to reopen. I feel like with most people having not even been tested. The virus will spread even faster than before our lockdown.
Hillsborough	Education	I've emailed both the Lieutenant Governor and the Governor on this - have you addressed the college off campus housing crisis? The schools asked the students not to return from spring break, they refunded housing expenses and put everything on line till the fall, but the off campus housing will not let us out of our lease or offer a reduced payment. Causing us to pay the lease in full through the end of the summer. They say it's on a case by case, but declined any assistance to my family and everyone else I've talked to. Please help?

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Hillsborough	Government	Why did the Governor appoint everyone but Nikki Fried, elected Commissioner of Agriculture and Commerce to the Reopen Florida Task Force. She is the only Elected Cabinet member not allowed to be instrumental in this monumental task of reopening Florida with the Covid-19 pandemic. Her position alone should be Qualification and a voice for the consumer and our States Agriculture business. DeSantis should stop immediately his Politicizing Covid-19 decisions. This is life and death decisions! All Floridians deserve better from our Government and our Governor. This is about the safety and welfare of each and every life in our State of Florida. Nikki Fried is the only Democrat's voice on this cabinet. I am a Republican and find it appalling! How many members are on this task force, 22? I have called the Governors office, Attorney Generals Office and Department of Agriculture Office addressing this issue. All hands on deck to address Covid-19 reopen Florida Task Force Florida deserves better!
Palm Beach	Transportation	Please allow businesses to reopen statewide. This shut down has been unconstitutional and needs to stop now. People are starving while their place of work remains closed over fear of a virus that has been hyped up by the media. Please end the war on Americans freedoms and open the state now.
Orange	Government	I strongly urge you NOT to reopen Florida yet. I am not alone in feeling this way. Over 73% of voters feel that Florida should NOT open right now. You have everyone on your task force EXCEPT for medical/health care staff and disease experts. If you don't listen to the EXPERTS, more citizens will suffer and die. I have 4 underlying health conditions and I don't want to die! If you open now, we will be right back where we started! PLEASE DON'T DO THIS!
Hillsborough	Food	It would be foolish to open too soon and see a spike in cases. We rely heavily in the state on tourism. We have to make sure the world and country trust that we did everything we can to keep our cases down so that they have the confidence to come back here once this is over. If we open too soon and risk lives before we should peo0le will be reluctnat to visit us again
Flagler	General	I am tired of watching and listening to this being dissected Federally, state and locally. Through specific county officials in Flagler County, there is this pressure and urgency being placed on opening the county when we keep even though positive cases keep rising. If the lockdown was based on the decisions coming on the Federal level, then why isn't any re-opening being based on the same. If we are going to look at this on state by state basis ... then let there be only one voice that will make any decisions on openings, closings, criteria, mandates, etc..... The biggest problem is the many officials that all want to make decisions. That causes confusion and anger while you have some that believe in opening and others that do not. All those, "voluntary Stay at Home Orders" by mayors meant nothing. It was the executive order by the Governor that had to be followed. So, please, put a stop to these local officials making claims of re-opening, especially when re-opening needs to be done very methodically and slowly

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Orange	General	https://youtu.be/xfLVxx_IBLU This video attached is from a press conference held in California by two physicians. Please take the time to watch the video. I am a registered nurse who believes this whole situation is worse than it actually is. I (we) have basically been put on house arrest. If people who are fearful of this virus let them stay home and not expose themselves. But for people like me who are healthy, let us go on with our lives.
Polk	Recreation	Please open use of our beaches. Not being able to sit in the sun and read a book? ??? Seriously. I can understand parties and large crowds gathering but not allowing parents to sit and watch their kids swim in the ocean and enjoy being outside in the summer here in FL is too much and too cautious. Especially if you own property on the beach or have beach rentals. Public access points maybe limit number of people that are permitted at public point at one time? Or for beaches like Daytona were driving is still allowed, why not limit the number of cars and people in a car onto the beach? Shutting it all down with no ability to sit in a chair or let your kids swim is crazy. FL is too hot for this in the summer. There needs to be some outlet for sanity.
Orange	Food	I do not feel safe yet returning to the food service industry. I feel as those we need to extend the stay at home order until we have better access to PPE, testing, etc.
Charlotte	Education	I am concerned about reopening my county because I run a childcare center and I am expected to go back to work on May 4th. I need to go back to work because I am out of money and my stimulus check isn't here. The only problem is that I will NOT be able to do the social distancing when I return. I have a school that has 50 child ranging from 6weeks to 12 years and 9 staff members. I am not worried about getting it but my 88 year old mother in law lives with us.
Pasco	General	I understand that everyone wants to get back to work. But I think we should stay shut down for at least another month. Just so we can be on the safe side. It is naive to think that people will adhere to the social distancing practices. People don't adhere to it now at the stores I have been to and we are on shutdown. I want everything open as well so I can get my hair done, nails done, go to the mall etc. but not at the expense of getting others sick or them infecting me. I think Florida is being very naive in how they have been handling this from the get go. We could very well spike in the next couple weeks. We don't know. And Desantis doesn't go by facts or what the experts say. He is soo far up Trumps butt that its insane. Like he waits for his approval. Like I said before I think we should wait another month, as I am afraid if we don't, we could have a worse situation than what we have now. It terrifies me.
Volusia	Food	The “one way” aisle concept is great; it keeps people moving and they don’t get jammed up. Where possible, I wish stores would do this on a permanent basis.

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Lee	General	It is time to re-open everything now. Open the libraries, the beaches, the Courthouses, the restaurants and all stores. Florida can impose reasonable public health restrictions. No large indoor concerts, reasonable limits on indoor capacity, and social distancing. The pandemic panic has to stop. The statistical models of doom and gloom were wrong. Allow all the businesses to reopen now. If you want, make business make their first hour opening for seniors only, but allow ALL businesses to reopen now. Severely restrict visiting nursing homes and assisted living facilities. COVID-19 is only a severe threat to the very old or the already sick, but it is really not a major threat to the rest of us. Reopen Florida and stop the shutdown.
Volusia	Recreation	Gyms are a critical piece of the exercise portion of essential services to a persons health and welfare. What is largely overlooked is the mental health aspect. As annowener of a small gym with membership at 100 many of our members are veterans suffering from PTSD. They label the gym as the only place they feel safe. To date we have had no members with infected by the virus. However we have had one murder/suicide. I understand the concerns of gyms and germs, but with capacity limits you would be assessing this largely. Small gyms memberships view into as their home and even in normal times keep it clean which is untrue in larger commercial gyms. I hope that the governor will follow the federal guidelines and include gyms in first phase. Thank you for all you are doing I know it is not and easy task.
Palm Beach	General	Please don't open anything until the medical field gives the all clear. this is too much like the 1918 Spanish flu pandemic that had a 2nd wave when people were bored had a parade and killed thousands later. Please please please dont let history repeat itself.
Palm Beach	Education	Smaller classes, desks spread apart, temperature checks at the doors, staggered attendance in person. Ex. 6 th grade only m, t, 7th, w, the... Etc rotating schedule on calendar and the rest is remote Thank you
Hillsborough	Food	Please open restaurants, even if at 50% capacity to start. I want to support my local restaurants. I do not believe there to be much harm in sitting on a restaurant patio, several feet away from other tables, having a meal. My family is ready to go out and support our local businesses. Thank you.
Collier	General	Opening Jacksonville beach demonstrated the lack of concern by many..they violated all guidelines and place everyone in danger. I believe that everyone should wear a mask. .it protects others from you & you from others and is said to 90% effective in combination. All public place & business need hand sanitizer stations & sanitization wipes everywhere.. touch businesses like salons, barbers etc need n95 masks etc. As they cannot social distance. Temperatures need to be taken for entry to grocery stores, businesses etc. Violationd need to carry weight..fines etc. We need to let people know that they are responsible for everyone's safety. Testing needs to be for everyone & tracking on cell phones so we can keep ahead of the spread. Thank you.

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Palm Beach	General	RE-OPEN THE STATE. This ridiculousness of telling one business they are essential and telling another they are not, has to STOP. If you depend on a paycheck from your business or place of work, that business is essential! How many people are going to die from heart disease, strokes or diabetes from living an increasingly sedentary lifestyle thanks to the stay at home order? The "cure" at this time is obviously worse than the disease.
Clay	Healthcare	We need to reopen the economy and people are smart enough to take precautions. I own a massage therapy practice and have not been given any guidance by our board whether we are allowed to operate or not. What does not make sense is chiropractors have been allowed to practice and massage therapist within chiropractor offices have been allowed to continue to practice but it has been stated by some massage therapist cant practice in a stand alone business. Both professions perform manual therapy. I am a paramedic as well has considered a health care provider as a massage therapist and see clients with real issues that are essential to their well being. People seek us for pain relief that dont want to take pain medicine and seek a holistic approach as an alternative treatment. I have been open for about a year and was in our best months with plans to open multiple practices but may never come back if I am not able to continue As a health care provider I feel we should be allowed to make decisions based of being a professional in a field to help others. Anxiety and depression are also helped with massage and has become a real issue for those during this shutdown and those issues are a real problem for society and can help people with these real issues.
Pinellas	Retail	Governor-Thanks for asking for input. I would like to see more resources put to restaurants and grocery stores. Those are the things everyone HAS to use. I think helping grocery stores with disinfecting and protecting their employees will go a long way toward stunting the growth of the Covid. Restaurants-help them set up ways of doing take out and delivery that have standards set up by professionals in the field of disease transmission. They may need financial help or equipment delivered to them to achieve that goal.
Hillsborough	Food	Dear Gov. Desantis, When you were elected I had high hopes for you & your administration. You may not have gotten everything right but I was impressed with your thoughtful & moderate stance. However at this time you seem to be following the President's lead or at least one of his confusing leads. I believe in science not Trump's "gut or his ideas". I have had friends contract the Covid19 - fortunately they survived. How ever I have family members on the front line. I am concerned if we open up society too soon we will have a resurgence of the virus. Please keep the economy closed till new cases go down. And testing is in place to confirm there are no new cases. I have a small business that has been closed since March 12th & would I like to reopen- yes but I prefer to live to see my family again. Thank you

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Nassau	General	I strongly encourage your team to work closely with the healthcare professionals to understand if we are ready to reopen. I can tell you that most people do not realize that people with no symptoms can be carriers. Even with the stay at home mandate people still do not understand social distancing. Our grocery stores as an example are still not set up to ensure the safety of their employees or customers. We have a lot of work to do if we are going to ensure that reopening doesn't result in an increase in positive cases. We also need more testing. Please do. It be hasty to reopen. And please get the governor to stop acting like he knows best. When he can allow churches to be open it's clearly a statement that he doesn't get this. More precautions and training and education are desperately needed so everyone understands what they need to do to be safe and keep others safe. We are not there yet.
Hillsborough	General	Do not open the state yet! It is far too soon and we aren't ready. It's going to cost too many lives which will in turn be a bigger threat to the economy. Please listen to the people of your state!
Pasco	General	With all due respect and appreciation for our states dedication so far, I believe the current shelter in place and social distancing guidelines should continue through the end of May at the very earliest. It is better to be safe than sorry especially when people's lives are at stake. This has been a huge sacrifice for everyone, including my family, but it is an American's duty to band together for the good of all. I believe this is necessary because sadly there are many people not taking this pandemic serious, especially while the strict guidelines are in effect. Imagine what will happen if the rules become less stringent. This will be a recipe for disaster and Cause much unneeded deaths. Thank you for this forum. I know you all will make the right decision for us all. God bless Floridians and God bless America
Taylor	General	It has taken this long to get where we are with this Pandemic. What is two more months to save human lives? I understand essential businesses, but beaches, tattoo parlors, beauty shops and many more. Those are luxuries we as American citizen can't afford to have open, if we are trying to control the spread. It's almost as if the government wants us to die.
Orange	Accommodation	Support the opening of Florida, I am sure already stated, but be smart and have most open by Mid-June. 1. All employees in establishments wear masks 2. Staggered seating in restaurateurs or more outside seating still in staggered in outside areas. 3. Hotels, run at 50% occupancy till fall then increase. 4. Public advised and/or required to wear masks when in public area 5. Attractions: 50% or less capacity until Fall. 6. Increased cleaning by cities and private business 7. Employees (food servers) have gloves available - not sure on this as disposal and multiple use is an issue. 8. STRICT policy with employers and employees. If one is sick stay home. 9. Where possible, keep the 6 ft distance 10. Install plexi glass at hotel and other contact areas.

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Highlands	General	Florida is not ready to be opened at all. I believe that if Florida opens this early it can become even a bigger problem. we still have a long road ahead of us. ti ll everyone understands that its not a joke we need to keep these people under lockdown.
Pasco	Healthcare	Because many people do no practice social distancing, or wear mask, it should be mandatory to wear some type of covering of the nose and mouth to go into any place of business or store to shop. People are probably walking around with COVID-19 without symptoms, thus putting the rest of us at risk. This is the least you could do to keep us safer if reopening the state.
Pinellas	General	Open the state.
Citrus	General	Everyone should have access to N95 Face Masks. At some point in time the age group of 60+ years old will probably have the desire to participate in the State's reopening. But since Phases One & Two basically ask us to be homebodies but then to suddenly be brave-ol'-scouts in Phase Three, the ability to purchase a quality N95 Mask(s) should be a priority.
Duval	Government	I think it's time to stop the police state. We are a free nation. This is a terrible overreach of power on all fronts. We aren't even seeing the numbers of flu related deaths, and we're destroying people's businesses and livelihoods? Enough of the hysteria pushing media. Let's get back to business!
Manatee	General	Please open Florida! Us small business owners are dying! PPP is a joke! We need to get back to work asap! There is NO help for us. No unemployment, no ppp funding. If you dont open we have to close forever.
Charlotte	General	I think it is very irresponsible to start opening the state up now. The numbers are still rising, we are not at a plateau. And when the numbers come in from the nursing home testing, well see a jump in those numbers. My husband and I will continue to stay home until we think it's safe, which is sad that we can't rely on experts to help us make this decision. I believe we will continue to see a rise in the numbers now that beaches, dog parks, etc will be open. It seems that some people are not responsible enough to do what is safe for themself and others, and must be told, or ordered to do so. The governor has taken the stance to let people decide for themselves which is not good enough. More people will be infected and more will die because of this attitude.
Lee	Recreation	Hello to All, Thank You all for all you are doing for the best interest of Floridians. I only had to select one so I picked Recreation. Lee County can open the beaches. As other Beaches are Opening Lee County is waiting. In meantime Residents of Lee County will drive to the other counties to go to the Beaches. Honestly I will be one of them. Please open Lee County Beaches. Also please Open Restaurants. I have been supporting local restaurants by ordering Take-Out. I feel it's time to start Opening the Economy back up. I feel the public will continue to be safe and social Distance as I think most Floridians have followed the Social Distance and safer at Home.I also Feel if the ones that have underlined Conditions and the elderly fear this Virus I bet they will stay home until further accessing the Track of this virus. With the confidence in the Public to continue to follow Social Distance We can Open the Economy Again Thank You all for Everything you are doing. Cyndi Elser Cape Coral FL.

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Martin	Food	I think all the businesses need to open ASAP ! The damage to our economy is going to worse then the virus . You can mandate face coverings for all people out in public and continue with social distancing. Each business can regulate themselves accordingly . There are so many areas in Florida where the cases are so low . Why continue to keep businesses closed ? Open the state please! There are people going hungry and the state cannot feed everyone nor pay $$ for the loss of wages . I think caution is needed , but the state must reopen .
Sumter	Retail	If stores such as Walmart and Home Depot can stay open while practicing social distancing then why can't smaller businesses do the same.
Pinellas	General	Do not open things up until testing is truly available, we are at an infection level of less than 1 per million population and our transmission rates are less than 1.
Polk	Tourism	I am all for opening the state of Florida, especially tourism as that is my line off work. But my biggest fear is that we may be looking at making profits over the safety of the workers. I believe, especially when it comes to flooding our state once again with tourists that we listen extremely close to what health officials have to say and open this great state very slowly even if it means not working a little longer. Better safe then sorry.
Bradford	General	Things are going to fast to reopen have called about the boat ramps being used and people not staying there distance at the ramp but no response from your office also you don't seem to care about the older people I understand you can't stay closed forever. If people can't stay home and not have something to do something is wrong. I know I'm only one person to vote but I know what I will do at a later date. My family has been here since the 1700 So I pray you are not going to fast.
Lake	Government	For the safety of the people I suggest you do not open Florida back up. We will be doomed. I work in retail at the Orlando outlets and I fear for my life. I am high risk and have 2 young boys and can't risk getting sick because people want to buy materialistic things. Our numbers for COVID are increasing, we do not have control of the virus yet the government seems to think so. Everyone needs a reality check.
Polk	General	It is to soon. We need wait to the number of cases goes down. I am currently fighting cancer and if we keep spreading this virus people like me will never be able to leave our homes. It is easy for healthy people to say let's open up but then it will jeopardize people with compromised immune systems. We need to wait a little longer so every Florida citizen and leave home.
Hernando	General	Although the state wants to open and businesses are in very dire straights due to the pandemic, we need to do things smartly. Opening up before the peak does NOT seem to be a smart way. I realize that some counties have fewer cases than others, but are you going to try to keep people from crossing into those counties? Listen to the health experts, not the economists in this medical crisis. It won't be pretty if the virus comes on a lot stronger in the coming months.

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Citrus	Administrative	Please don't reopen too soon. This state along with all the other states can not stand a relapse, and that can happen very easily. Be sure everyone is healthy and will abide by the restrictions that will be inplace.
Pasco	General	Do not open Florida! Please continue social distancing for at least 30 more days ! Please people are still dying !
Hillsborough	Healthcare	Opening the state at this point in time is to early- we will have a spike in virus cases. Life is more important than money. You can survive without money you can't do anything when your dead. Start testing, stop excuses and get job done
Miami-Dade	Healthcare	I work in healthcare, and my company has been totally laid off . We have been stuck home for weeks , we can't go to parks , beaches , shops . This has lasted to long 90% people get the virus and move on with their lives like other illness . People under 60 should be able to work and go back to normal life . Please end this
Putnam	Food	I would like to see restaurant workers wearing face coverings so that they aren't breathing on the food as they are prepping it. I'd also like for them to be handling either food or money but not both. Or at least washing their hands or changing their gloves after handling money.
Broward	Healthcare	Facial coverings, preferably N95 Mask or similar, should be worn by all persons interacting with the public in any fashion for at least the next 90 days to 6 months. Cloth facial coverings such as bandanas or t-shirts are not an acceptable form of protection. It should remain mandatory that all businesses and public areas mandate this and any person not wearing a facial covering will not be served. Small businesses and sole proprietors such as medspas, massage therapists, personal trainers, hairdressers etc should be allowed to re-open and see a limited number of clients per day. Anyone who is experiencing ill symptoms and knowingly goes into public without regard for human lives shall be fined. Social distancing practices shall remain in effect for at least 12 months.

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Clay	Manufacturing	Dear Governor Desantis, I can only imagine how difficult it is for you and your team to make such a hard decision amid not only the pandemic, but also the scrutiny and misinformation from the media outlet. My wife and I are being very blessed in not being affected financially during these times doing to the essential nature of our careers, but we are sympathetic with those surrounding us that are being directly impacted by the virus, and change the lives of millions of Floridians in such a short period of time. I understand that you are in a position that no decision you make will please everyone, and this decision, regardless of what you and your advisers come up with, will be exploited by the media and your adversaries in a negative way. I ask you and your team to keep it a strong posture as we move forward in the next few, turbulent, months. Both sides have strong feelings and reasonable arguments regarding their particular situation. There are some that cannot afford getting sick, so opening up the state might be perceived as a death sentence. On the other hand, you also have those that are living paycheck-to-paycheck, or cannot get adequate child care due to school closure, and so on. For those, extending unnecessary closure might leave some on the edge of poverty, and that's just as scary, specially when you have small children depending on it. All that can also lead to additional stress to a whole family, potentially causing other psychological illness that can lead to acute pathological symptoms that will be just as detrimental to our society as the COVID-19 pandemic. At this point, April 25th, I believe we have enough data to make a responsible decision and take a comprehensive approach to reopen the state. Although I personally disagree with the approach used by Sweden in keeping the majority of business open, we could use their model as a baseline for us, where we isolate the high risk population, while getting the healthy ones back to the workforce. To cite our household as an example, I'm a supervisor for an aircraft maintenance facility and we utilized this approach and we have not gotten any cases. Our high risk personnel were given the option to take leave during the period while the rest proceeded to work. We
Hillsborough	General	NO! Its way too soon going to open a new can of worms and prolong and cause more deaths! It’s a no brainer!!! Dont do it!!! If you do there will be a lot of regrets and wont be able to turn back time and consequences will be paid!!!!
St. Johns	General	Please fully reopen Florida. Current findings show that the death rate is on par with a seasonal flu death rate, a poverty death rate will far exceed that. Fresh air, sunshine and a return to normalcy is the healthiest course of action.
Palm Beach	Recreation	Please open the beaches even if just to walk with parents.I have a teen it is hard for teens mentally with nothing to do. Most teens don’t golf or boating even though it is wide open so are the beaches. Most parents are doing the right thing keeping them safe at home their life has been turned upside down with school closing and not being able to do anything. At least open the beaches so they can get some sunshine a teen only can do so much biking and walking around the neighborhood..
Orange	Government	Open Florida Nowwwwww
Hillsborough	General	We should not open up the state until we meet the criteria set forth by the government with the cases falling consistently for 14 days. Then we need much better testing and tracing and masks for indoor activities. Must be able to keep the 6ft distancing in all venues. Also limit capacities in restaurants etc

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Lake	General	I understand keeping a lockdown in counties where there have been higher cases of Civid, however small businesses are hurting and employees of those business are taking desperate measures to feed their families. Let's go! Open FL for business!
Orange	General	I believe that with the very small percentage of testing done that the county should not reopen. Currently people are not following guidance re masking, distancing and simple requests to keep themselves and others.safe. If you reopen there must be more enforcement of masking, distancing and safety procedures, especially at grocery and drug. Stores and other retail outlets. The management must keep the public safe by having the courage to confront those who do not comply with new regulations. Post the rules and hold customers accountable. Thank you.
Martin	Finance	Please do not reopen Florida. Our population is to high a risk. People do not know they are sick amd the will travel, shop, and spread this virus. They are still to many unknowns about this virus. Governor Desantis please do not risk lives for money.
St. Johns	General	I believe reopening Florida is a good idea, but areas that have dense populations such as Miami, there should be extra caution in that area. For other areas that have a lower density of people, I believe as long as people do the right thing and keep their distance like we have been everything will be fine. I work in healthcare and I'm a physical therapist and I have not worked in 6 weeks. I work in an outpatient clinic located within a hospital setting. I am looking forward to resuming work and caring for my patience.
Hernando	General	Open the state now. Rescind all state and local restrictions. If people are scared to go out, business will close or reduce hours due to lack of customers. Businesses dont have to open. Open beaches. Outside fresh air and sunshine are healthy. Please let the free market and freedom work. SD and Sweeden did, and they are better than NY and FL. Hernando had been great. Was better before state order. Let us go back to being great. Sincerely Richard Weeks
Clay	General	We definitely need to reopen businesses. If a business wants to stay closed or a person wants to stay at home they can but business should not be FORCED to stay closed when the threat is nowhere near what the models predicted. Just like during flu season, people should use caution and sanitary practices when around each other.
Santa Rosa	Government	Fuck the reopen task force, fucknyour business bailouts, pay your people what they're owed before they lose their utilities, their homes and they starve! Were suffering out here while you live in your cushy mansion without having to worry about these things! Release our money!

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Charlotte	Food	I am in the service industry and I have been a bartender for 25 years. I have never seen this before in my life. No on has. I am for opening back up the economy. I have not received my 120p stimulus money nor any unemployment!! I am tapped out. I cannot make it if the economy doesn't open back up. I am concerned for my family's health. I live with my parents who are in a high risk age group. They even understand the ramifications of not opening back up the economy again. It is imperative!!! Please I need money. I have none and I have no light at the end of the tunnel. If you dont open back up, there will be evn more deaths...suicides and murders. I can see it now. No on can survive not working and getting no money or help from anyone!!! Please please help!!!!
Pinellas	Government	How are we protecting First Responders
Clay	General	We need to reopen this state to all businesses. We are headed for bad times as it is now and the longer we delay the worst it will be on all industries. We are a service and tourist state. We need the money tourism generates to keep us going. And because we are service oriented; a great number of people are out of work. This is the worst disaster we have ever had and I truly doubt it the virus is as bad as the media portrays. They hate Trump and are throwing every road block they can in his way. He is doing good because he is a businessman and knows how to get this state and country back to GREATness. Btw....I have a compromised immune system and I know how to protect myself from potential harm I don't need the government stepping on my rights. Thank you for reading this.
Marion	Recreation	Please consider opening up the Florida State Parks and all campgrounds ASAP. I believe that this could be done and still use the safe "social distancing" procedures! Thank you so much for this consideration! Sincerely, Ms. Tammy Little
Pinellas	General	Please re-open. Workers of non-essential businesses, especially hair dressers and nail techs live paycheck to paycheck. Residents can follow social distancing guidelines and be responsible. If residents choose not to resume going out in public, it should be just that, their choice. For those who are healthy and have no underlying medical conditions who choose to support small business, let them! People are responsible to make their own decisions. If face masks are required then so be it but let people get back to work!
St. Johns	Retail	I believe it is too soon to open a number of public places, mainly retail and entertainment venues where people gather and touch products. In my opinion, we should open outdoor parks and beaches for 14 days. If the beaches are open all day, even with large crowds, people tend to spread out and find their own spot. Obviously reports indicate UV light will do this some good. Let's reevaluate after that. I do not see the need in reopening the economy too soon in order to have to close again for not doing it right the first time. June 1st sounds like a safer time frame and will ensure we are well beyond the curve.

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Pinellas	Accommodation	Please re-open Florida beaches and pools. My 11 year old daughter has a debilitating connective tissue disease. She is to have daily water therapy. We live in an apartment community with a heated pool that we have been unable to use for almost 2 months. With the beaches closed we can not even take her to the ocean to swim. Her joint pain has more then doubled and I am fearful she will regress to the point that what was lost can't be gained. The numbers of cases go up with the number of tests and the numbers , though higher Bc of increased testing DO NOT support the closures. So many people have no income and are losing everything they own. My husband and I are blessed to still be able to work from home but so many are not. If Florida doesn't re-open we may however lose our last chance tin purchase our own home a sots in limbo due to the virus and the lender fearing that you will not re-open the state and we will lose our jobs. Please listen to the voice of reason and not the many voices of fear. Thank you!
Pasco	General	I am a member of our home owners hoa board of directors. Your order states that swimming is essential, yet our pools remain closed. Many are ok with this, yet some truly miss the opportunity to swim and exercise. Guidance on this area would be greatly appreciated. Also, hopefully some arrangement can be made for beauticians and barber shops. Pasco is impacted in a moderate way. Perhaps the county can be opened up more quickly than Pinellas and Hillsbouough
Palm Beach	Recreation	I have a beachfront condo on Singer Island. Even though it has a private beach with private access, I have been unable to set foot on it. This stretch of beach is never crowded even in the peak of season. It is beyond logical reasoning why I am unable to use this private, desolate stretch of beach without fear of getting a fine. I understand the need to close public beaches because of the crowds of people that congregate, but not the backyards of private condo owners. The Riviera police patrol this stretch of private access beach all day long as if we are criminals. The idea of spreading corona virus has everything to do with congregating masses of people NOT individuals getting exercise and fresh air on our beautiful, sandy, sunny beaches. We all understand the idea of social distancing by now and there is no reason to deny us access to our own backyards. If the police still feel the need to patrol, I do not have a problem with that. They should be more concerned about crowds than individual people just trying to stay mentally and physically healthy during these trying times. Instead of forcing us onto the sidewalks and streets for exercise, where it is getting congested, PLEASE be reasonable and open the beaches!!!!!!!!!!!!!! It just common sense.
Palm Beach	Retail	Let Washington, D.C. re-open first. Once the consequences are seen, then lets decide if it is too soon.

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Lake	Healthcare	As a healthcare worker (current pharmacist, former nurse), we should open Florida back up. Let businesses open up at lower capacity at first to allow space between people, then after a few weeks, open back up fully. Suggest those who are susceptible stay home and wear a mask when in public. Ask anyone with symptoms to stay home. Healthcare workers are getting hours cut, hospitals are hemorrhaging money, ERs are empty, hospital beds are empty. Florida either did an amazing job at social distancing or the virus was never going to be prolific down here in the first place. I have a nurse friend in NJ that tells me about the horrors up there. Florida is not NY or NJ. I realize that by letting people travel, the virus will eventually affect other states, but in all probability it won't be nearly as bad as it is in the northeast. Herd immunity will eventually take over. Thank you for all you and your team have done.
Pinellas	General	I have 5 hair salons that have been closed since March 22nd. I have applied for any funding that has been available to me and have received nothing! All my employees are in the same situation. My landlords are all requiring that I pay rent regardless if I am open or not as well as utilities. If I cannot reopen my 5 salons soon I will lose everything I worked for so hard all of my life and be unemployed with the rest of my employees. My employees as well as myself need to work to survive.
Clay	General	I believe opening the state prematurely could end gravely. Please re-think this, as many of the Floridians are of retirement age. Instead of re-opening Florida, lets look at ways to restrict movements, and to prioritize living. Living and being healthy is more important than trying to open up to early. China opened up and they had to re-close things due to the outbreak happening again. Honestly there should me a mandatory stay at home except for the super-essential workers. I put my life and my families life in danger everyday to come to some lame ass job for windshields on vehicles. Healthcare, law enforcement, firefighters, EMTS, and grocery stores really should be the only ones out. That's the essential team right there. People need to slow down and really think what is more important.
Hillsborough	General	We will limit gatherings to 50 until hopefully September? No large venues like concerts. Limit restaurant capacity for safety. Also can we use portables again at schools yo limit class overcrowding for safety. We have many students and stsff with conditions that make them highly susceptible To the Coronavirus and complications. Thank you. Large businesses that can function, filter their areas and provide distancing For safe return should be allowed to function. Farmers should also be allowed to Have workers back as they can safely distance.
Pinellas	General	Extend stay at home orders through May and re evaluate. It is too soon to go by "numbers" was o determine trends of transmission.as we are only testing the sickest people. Sincerely a registered nurse in Pinellas County.

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Hillsborough	Education	I work for a school district in the Administrative offices. I believe we should open but not all at once and only 10-20% of employees at first. I also believe we should keep the distancing rule of 6ft, and the employer should have the buildings disinfected. Before employees are allowed to go back to work, they should be tested for COVID-19 and if the employer does not want test than masks should be mandatory. This is the only way to be safe, especially for older employees like me.
Pinellas	General	We need to just ride this out. I understand the economy is taking a hit, but the hit will be even worse if we open to soon. I am caring for my 2 year old granddaughter and she has been home for over a month now and we are all feeling the pressure of being inside, but to wait to reopen the state would make it easier to not have a bad second wave. We also need statewide testing. If only certain people get tested who is to say that some of the people not being tested is asystematic and opening to soon those peiple are out there respreading this disease.
Citrus	Recreation	The Withalacocce multi use trail has been closed because it is considered a state park. This trail is primarily operated by volunteers, and is a significant part of daily exercise for retirees in Citrus County. This is a mostly rural area, thus social distancing does not present itself as an issue for the vast majority of users. Regular riders had been left to ride roads resulting in at least one death. Only potential congregate areas are in Inverness where a city park exists parallel to the trail, as well as Floral City. In these area riders normally are not a congregate issue, but park users in Inverness. For senior health issues, noting all gyms are closed, is necessary for the health of seniors.
Polk	General	Open florida! We can’t stay in our houses forever! Many people are suffering not because of the cornoavirus but from not working. My husband and I are blessed to still be working but i’m seeing how it’s affecting friends and family. We want to be able to enjoy the beaches, parks, even theme parks! This is affecting my mental health and i’m sure it affecting others with mental health issues. Do what you need to do to safely open florida back up! Please i miss universal studios and my walks through nature!
Orange	General	Open Florida. We are a free country. This is a socialist test being led by Big Pharma. Keep the elderly and medically challenged home. Open everything and leave us alone. We are broke, hungry and getting desperate. Yet all of you politicians are just fine, still eating collecting paychecks and living the norm. Stop controlling us. People get sick, people die, people get well and build immunity. It's BIOLOGY! Stop this nonsense already!
Pinellas	General	I can't thank the Governor and his Task Force enough, as well as all who contributed to the discussions! I have listened to the conference calls and am proud to be a resident if this state! My main concern would be our unemployment system and its inability to get the unemployed the help they desperately need. Although as a Real Estate professional I have experienced loss of income due to COVID, I have not even attempted to file for unemployment. But my heart goes out to those who have. We desperately need to fix this problem!

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Pinellas	Accommodation	Most of my doctors have limited hours and of course, don't want you to be seen in their office. If you declare "open" . . . because I have underlying health conditions, I still will not visit my doctor for routine visits because of the residents/snow birds/tourists in this area. They have continued to gather together; are determined to be on the beach and the visitors are still renting. I realize that the County Commission is responsible for some of the responsibility for opening up this area to tourists and seasonals from out of state but there MUST BE RESTRICTIONS ... i.e. quarantines, checking motels and resorts for arrivals, registrants, and new rentals. 25 nursing homes in this county have become infected. I live in a house, shop for myself with a mask, but it's not safe to go anywhere including my own doctor's office. What in the world are your intentions when your neighbors don't respect the "vulnerable" --- they say ..... "the vulnerable will have to take care of themselves so that we can go to work and do normal things." WOW... that's their attitude. What do you think should be done. Maybe some PSA regarding how to respect the "vulnerable?"
Duval	Professional Services	Please reopen small businesses related to hair salon, nails. Also optometrist by appointment only type services as well as elective surgery for hospitals. All of these would present minimal social distancing issues and could get part of our economy moving again. Thanks for considering my suggestion. B/R Clint
Duval	General	Good Morning, I am a director of a child care center, having worked with children for a lifetime. When I think of this pandemic in terms of where we began, where we are, and where we will be, I think of the education of a child. We were stopped in our tracks, we have been told repeatedly what is right and what is wrong with our behavior, we were shown that we are loved and protected, and we were taught how to defend ourselves. As with children, it is now time to open the door and let us go forward. We know the risks, and it now up to US to show how mature we have become. Thank you!
Sarasota	Professional Services	I understand the concerns on re opening the state however we own a barbershop and haven't been able to work since March 20th and because the unemployment system is so flawed we have yet to summit hours to receive unemployment pay without the website crashing. Our frustration is growing more and more everyday. That is why o believe you should reopen the state under certain CDC guidelines yes but hair salons and barbershops should be deemed essential and allowed to work under proper sanitation and health guidelines. Because we can't work and can't receive unemployment we our un able to feed and pay our bills as a family of six please Governor if we are allowed to go to the grocery stores and other businesses we should reopen certain things slowly. Masks for every client and barbers one on one clientele by appointments only proper disinfectant after each person these are all things that can be practiced to slow the spread.

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Pinellas	Healthcare	I do not feel at this time there has been enough testing to prove it warrants the state for re-openin. I feel let's give it another 2 months and see where we are at the end of 6-7 weeks as to the decline. I have nurses in my family also doctors and it just seems there are a lot of people who really do not think this is that serious. I have friends leaving to go to other states where they own property but are not residents but yet they think they are entitled to roam the states. I just hope this is thought through because the outcome could be crippling. If iwas governor I would do what's right and not what the people think they need. Money can be replaced peoples lives cannot..????
Pasco	Administrative	With the world in such terrible turmoil now is not the time to jump so quickly into trying to reopen our wonderful state. We have no idea if we have peeked or if we are still climbing up the graft. No one can predict when we have or have not made it to the top. Officials are more about counting numbers and not thinking about what those numbers represent. They represent humans, very young and old. The government and media have made this virus sending our friends neighbors into panic mode. STOP the RUSH to REOPEN. It's a day by day situation, make our world and our lives wonderful and beautiful again.
Broward	Transportation	I understand why some people when you the state reopened. Our current shutdown was never a real shutdown. People we're still out and about and doing unessestional traveling. I understand as the government you want to do right but not lose the trust of the people. Just as a parent you have to lead first. Look at Monroe County for example drastic but in time very efficient! I VOTE TO KEEP IT CLOSE FOR MID MAY. LETS FINISH WHAT WE STARTED!
Pinellas	Healthcare	We need to listen to medical experts about when it is right to reopen businessed. More testing is clearly needed so tracing can take place. Until we reopen you the government needs to do its primary job and take care of its citizens. Get the unemployment site working ASAP. Pay the unemployed back wages for the delay. Take out one of the many very cheap loans available right now since interest rates are almost zero to complete all of this. Test everyone, especially the essential workers regularly. This can all be done if you put politics aside and put lives first. Any other excuse to not put lives first shows how corrupt and soulless you are. It's sad that I feel I need to point that out.
Seminole	General	Florida should not open until June 1. We need to be safe and let the curve be in the downward direction for a couple of weeks before reopening. UCF is not making a decision until June. I think that is a good barometer for the rest of the state.
Polk	Healthcare	When will elective/non-emergency surgeries be reinstated at Tampa General Hospital?
Palm Beach	Recreation	Please reopen parks and beaches to recreational and exercise activities such as biking, surfing, swimming, fishing, running, etc. Exercise is vital for staying healthy and having a strong immune system and exercising outdoors in the sunshine is even more beneficial for physical and mental health! Thank you all for working through these unprecedented times.
Brevard	Healthcare	I believe it is too early to reopen Florida. Opening up too soon will be counterproductive to the progress made. Health and safety first.

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Pasco	Healthcare	Hell Governor DeSantis, please follow the 14 days of decline rule before making any changes. Read the history of the Spanish Flu and see that the 2nd and 3rd waves were catastrophic. This is no fun for anyone right now but this is about lives and not money. Money comes and goes but death means your loved ones are gone forever.
Sarasota	General	it seems there is two sides,people still getting paid an those that are not. i have not really been effected. please open back up everything with masks and distance. restaurants for example could just use 1/2 there tables.or the max that would work. to close parks and beaches has always been short sighted at best. PLEASE OPEN FLORIDA SO PEOPLE CAN FEED THERE KIDS!!!!!!!!! people will get what they need, lets hope are supposed betters don't make people turn the wrong way.
Pasco	Government	Please listen to health professionals when deciding when and how to reopen FL. Everyone has an agenda, but at least their agenda focuses on the health of the residents,. PLEASE don't be like Donald Trump!
Hillsborough	Government	I agree that we need to reopen Fl and our economy; however, this needs to be done in phases . I do not think we are there yet. We cannot risk a larger spread of this virus. Ensure the citizens know that they still need to take protective measures. Put in place rules for employers to protect their employees and customers. Please do not take things lightly. The mitigation strategy worked and we did not overwhelmed our hospitals.
Osceola	General	I am a hairstylist. I live in Osceola county and work in Orange County. While I'm anxious to return to work, I don't want to return before it is safe for myself and my clients. Ours is an industry where we are constantly hands on with our customers and never capable of performing services and maintaining social distancing. I think to include cosmetology in the first phase of businesses to open would be unsafe until we can see the ramifications that may come from reinstating business. Please consider the environment and close proximity that beauty professionals operate in when decided what to do with us. Thank you for your time and consideration.
Marion	General	Want to have all business open back up, have each company stiil keep the 6ft rule if appliable. Need personal care, hair and barber shops, gives a person chance to take care of self. Working in food can not always wear hair nets, shaving - bear trims is a must. Remember we are adults and want to be safe. There is no quantee for not getting coroa virus, but appreciate everyone tryingno top. Get back to Work.
Duval	General	Stores should reopen now that essential stores have realized ways they can protect us and themselves with the plexiglas and marking the floors showing 6 ft apart and in busy stores, arrows representing safe travel through the store.
Orange	General	Hi!! I think it's ridiculous if you chose for us to reopen the economy as early as May. I believe if we rush opening up the world in global pandemic in return it's going to screw us over. This has just begun and I'm sorry but my health is what matters the most!!!!!!

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Palm Beach	Healthcare	Why are there only 4 physicians on your task force to re-open Florida, only 2 of whom probably practice full-time?? Are you stupid? Putting in politicians (from one party no less) and CEOs as if they know anything at all about pandemics, public health, or biology? The overwhelming majority should be doctors, scientists, and public health officials, not a tiny minority! You are a disgrace and clearly you put money ahead of lives. The economy and opening businesses must wait. It makes ZERO sense if people get re-infected, there's a worse second wave of infection, or people die. You think tourism is hurt now? Wait until the second wave and see how long FL suffers for years to come. Stop listening to that criminal and idiot Trump. You have NO duty to him or his psychopathic ideas. Your responsibility is to the people of FL first and then the businesses, not vice versa.
Palm Beach	Healthcare	Testing of entire state population is a priority to identify extent of epidemic and act accordingly. Social distancing and face masks in publicly active areas should be enforced. No business should allow public entry unless these rules are complied with. I do not feel safe opening up the state until these testing measure have been done on at least 50% of the population. The ban on selective surgeries should be lifted at this time provided icu bed capacity is plentiful, which I believe it is based on resent public reports. Sincerely, James
Collier	Construction	Florida is doing so much better than New York. With the exception of the three counties in the southeast, Florida should slowly get back to work. Stop the stay at home order; those who are vulnerable will still stay at home anyway. A measured get back to work is what most of Florida is ready for. I agree with the article in the New York Times this morning, "America shouldn't have to play by New York Rules"
Collier	Education	For those employees over 65 with health conditions, is it advisable for them to continue to work from home when their work activities allow them to do so? My concern is that the University will re-open for all students, faculty and staff and those of us who are at greater risk will be hit, creating a new wave of infections. There are a large number of employees who have a safe and peaceful home environment, which allows them to be even more productive working remotely. I'm hoping that the direction and guidance that will be issued from the Florida re-open task force will continue to protect us "old" folks. Thank you, Karen (and George, my husband).
Hillsborough	Healthcare	Please re-open dental offices. I am a dental assistant that cant work until after the 8th of may. The unemployment benefits are not working for me knowing I applied over a month ago. I would love to go back to work. We can limit the amount of patients we see and still comply with social distancing by wearing PPE when we are in direct contact with a patient.
Duval	General	Here’s an idea: DON’T... unless you want thousands more to die.

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Sarasota	General	Thank you for the great protective job of those most vulnerable. Keep those sequestered, release everyone else. Herd immunity does work. Those afraid stay home. Take the masks off as recommended as as all medical know it does not protect against viruses.
Hillsborough	Government	As a Florida resident and retired business executive I fully support getting our state's economy restarted. However, I condition my support on the State of Florida resolving it's dysfunctional unemployment system. We have far too many residents who cannot pay their obligations (including taxes) and provide basic support for their families. It's time for Florida state government to accept responsibility, quit talking, and take the actions necessary to fully resolve the problem. No more excuses!
Seminole	General	Re-open the state! The economy and state can't continue like this. People are losing their homes, jobs and livelihoods due to a stay at home order for a disease that is likely no more deadly than the seasonal flu for the majority of people. Several studies and multiple infectious disease experts have stated publicly that it is likely that many people are already infected with COVID-19 and are asymptomatic. Given this information, it is obvious that the estimated mortality rate currently given is grossly overestimating the true mortality rate which is likely no worse than that of the flu.
Nassau	General	One of the requirements prior to entering Phase one of opening the state is that we must have 14 consecutive days of declining cases of CoVid 19, which we have not yet met. In fact, just 2 days ago we tied the all time high for number of new cases. Additionally, the numbers we currently have are due to the stay at home order. If this order is lifted, our numbers will likely go much, much higher. It would be irresponsible to even begin to open the state so soon.
Palm Beach	Tourism	I work in 2 industries I work at a domestic violence shelter and I also work for hotel I'm asking you that you reopen Florida I have been working at my essential job I have been furloughed from my hotel job but the majority the people that are working are over worked they have willingly taken a pay cut just to survive this pandemic and to come out with a job at the end of it. Some of us may not qualify for unemployment benefits and therefore what is the point of applying but we'd like to keep the lives in that we had before this pandemic started and we need money to do that. And if we can pack Walmart we can open a park
Duval	General	Dear Gov. Desantis, Please allow our employees to get back to work. As long as there are safety rules to follow. As far as the restaurant industry, they should have been disinfecting back then as they do now. That goes for the fast food industry as well. Just goes to show, we have nasty unhealthy places to be eating. Please don't open the food industry up till after the state of emergency has been lifted on May 17th. 2020. We can eat at home as long as our economy gets its boost. Thank you Governor for your consideration of your state's people.

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Pinellas	Wholesale	I work(ed) for a distributor of surveillance equipment. Although we have some walk-in customers, we are NOT a retail shop. I don't feel there is any necessity for this company (or any like it) to be closed as long as we follow all the CDC suggestions. Additionally, our business had been hurt almost irreparably by lack of business. Sales dropped from ~$20K daily to about ~$5K daily. We can't sustain that. We had to let several people go (including me). The CURRENT - DEO SYSTEM HAS DONE NOTING TO HELP SUSTAIN OUR EMPLOYEES! It needs to be fixed ... in a hurry!! This is not fair to our employees who have put in years of honorable and dependable work for our company.
Palm Beach	General	Get unemployment funds out correctly! Applied MRch 15th, got one random payment yesterday. Still hAvent gotten the 600 from the government. Get antibody tests done before opening. Open slowly, starting with outdoor activities. Things like gyms should be last! Be cautious so we don't go backwards
Duval	General	DO NOT require masks to be worn as a condition for reopening. Masks have not been required up till now and the infection rate has been low anyway. Masks should be a choice not compulsory. And a dirty reused mask will not protect anyone! Obviously the models used to shut everything down were all wrong and the antibody testing is proving the mortality rate is much lower than was predicted. Isolate and quarantine the infected not the healthy. I think that opening should be done as soon as possible but if it gives people comfort then reasonably limit crowds temporarily. I find it ironic that people have been flying on planes or crowded in subways or shopping in grocery stores with very little adverse effects but now that we are reopening everything has to be spaced out and separated. We the people were told to shut down to prevent hospitals from being overrun not until the virus was gone. Viruses never go away so populations must develop herd immunity. Open our economy before it is completely destroyed!

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Osceola	Healthcare	I am a nurse living in Osceola county. In the beginning of April I took a crisis assignment in NYC. Since then I've been working in a hospital in south Bronx. There are no words that adequately describe the devastation Covid19 has caused to the people of NYC. There also no words, for me as a nurse, to adequately describe how much I will be haunted by what I've seen here. Perhaps if we opened back up, the results would not be comparable to NYC. On the flip side of that thought, perhaps they could be even worse. I understand that people want freedom, and protection of their rights. I understand this this shut down has been traumatic to the economy. But I promise you our healthcare, no matter how much we've prepared in Florida, is not ready for an impact even comparable to what I'm seeing here and the reality I'm living every day that I work. Everyone has Covid19. Everyone I'm seeing is critical, struggling to breathe. The fear in their eyes is something no one can ever forget. The cries of grown men because they're struggling for air. The tears of elderly because they know there is no chance for them. The devastation and terror that you visibly see well up in the eyes of loved ones when you tell them they must leave now, and they already comprehend that this is the last time they'll see this person alive. I understand that unless you've witnessed what I'm seeing every single day, the average American will never understand the risks that opening too soon have a chance of impacting Florida. I'm pleading with our state leaders. Please consider this decision long and hard, and consider your own loved ones as you make this decision. Americans are strong. Americans are resilient. We CAN come back economically. We can rebuild. But we cannot bring back countless lives that are taken because we acted too soon.
Manatee	Construction	Keep up the good work!! We need to open by May 1st.
Polk	General	Governor DeSantis, It is time to reopen our state. Our citizens and economy have suffered enough at the hands of this crisis. A phased "soft opening" would be understandable if that's the best route. That being said, the citizens of this great state and our great nation are smart. We understand the risks of everyday life and are capable of adapting to new risks. When it rains here in Florida, the people change the way in which they drive, the same is true with an outbreak of a virus, the people will change (on their own accord) the way they go about their every day life. It's time to reopen and let the people take responsibility for our actions. The level of risk that we are willing to take should be left to the judgement of the people, not mandated by the government. Thank you for your time and consideration. Regards, Keelan Haworth
Duval	Recreation	Let's reopen the Restaurants, Salons and State Parks and trails. Enough of the stay at home! We can all take care of ourselves. Stop the insanity!

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Hillsborough	General	Reopen but keep capacity levels for places like restaurants etc. at 50% There has to be outlets for business to continue but at the same time we don't want further outbreak. I feel that opening businesses but keeping the max capacity at 50% or even less would be a good starting place to get back to normal operation.
Lee	General	I believe it is the safest Choice to leave things as they are at least for next 30 days to monitor our numbers and not rush and put everything and everyone at risk I understand as well as anyone being out of work (and I'm small business owner not collecting anything) but feel its safest choice overall.
Lee	Accommodation	Hello, My question is; Do you see a possibility that the entry for German citizens who are owner of a house in Florida can re-enter for vacation as soon as flights are available and provided that the entry ban from Germany has been lifted ? Maybe this could be underlined by a medical attest stating that we are Corona free and wearing masks. With kind regards and stay save Angelika
Clay	General	Reopen Florida ASAP.
Pasco	General	I feel it is time to at least start the process. Give the citizens a chance to decide for themselves... Open up restaurants on a limited basis for a few weeks and then keep adding to it.... Let the hair and nail salons open with the owners making sure the salons are set up to keep people six feet apart - have both the patron and the stylist wear masks to help prevent exposure....It is time to get these people back to work and start to open up our state. You can feel the unrest really starting... more cars on the roads etc. Open it up slowly but open it up.
St. Johns	Healthcare	I think Florida should be very slow to open, I think the openings should be coordinated with the number of covid cases in each county and go county by county.
Sarasota	Government	In my opinion I don't think opening the public beaches is the right thing to do-its too soon & it is going to create more problems. It doesn't help the economy in any way! If you want to help the economy let the businesses open (ie, restaurants, hair salons, barbershops, etc) with limited occupation. Being able to walk, run, or ride a bike on the beach is not detrimental to our economy or our wellbeing!! PLEASE RECONSIDER, ALL SURVEYS SHOW THE MAJORITY OF THE PUBLIC ARE AGAINST THE REOPENING OF THE PUBLIC BEACHES!!
Collier	Recreation	Please open all of Florida's beaches. In a time where peace is hard to find, the beach is a natural anti worry zone. If heat, sunlight, and fresh air are deterrents for this virus...the. The beach had all three.

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Polk	Education	I fear that as we loosen restrictions we will see a spike in cases once again which will have defeated our efforts to date of flattening the curve. I also fear that Governor DeSantis is more focused on the economy than the well-being of the citizens he serves. I also am interested in the implications and changes that will be instituted to mitigate a future outbreak or reoccurring spike in cases if/when school resumes in the fall. How will we practice social distancing in classes of 25-33 at a time? How can we provide a safe and clean environment when we don't commonly have hand soap in bathrooms, sanitizer is purchased with teacher's own money, and tissues too. Please urge Governor DeSantis to please consider the workers (all educators and school providers) and their families when looking toward the future of schools —- not just whether being out of a school building inconveniences other areas of the economy. Thank you!
Palm Beach	Healthcare	It's time start living. Our new normal is now. Begin the structure of re-opening. Open the parks, not playgrounds or barbecue areas. Begin now. We must go on living and with life. It is time. Gina.
St. Johns	Retail	Please consider requiring masks at the onset. As you know, masks don't necessarily protect you, they protect others. I'm an other that has vulnerabilities. (Diabetes and possibly Covid-19 acute kidney failure). I would love to rely on human kindness that others would wear masks to protect the vulnerable but there are many that are defiant on any restrictions of their own personal rights. That means I must stay in. If we can require seat belts and outlaw texting and driving I think it's ok to temporarily require masks. Also, my husband is a store manager of a popular retail chain and he fears mask less customers will expose him and he could bring it home to me. Will he have to wear a mask in our home to protect me? Thank you for your consideration
Duval	Education	Until we have a vaccine or treatment, I am concerned about sending my kids back to school. I understand that some families need to, however, we should consider allowing those who can to continue virtual learning. By not overloading the schools, it will make it safer for those who do need to attend in person. If some kids stay at home, the schools will be better able to ensure some safe social distancing in classrooms which is needed for kids and teachers to safely return to school. We should also require kids and staff to walk through thermal temperature taking devices and anyone with a fever should be required to return home. Hand sanitizer should be provided throughout school and more frequent hand washing breaks must be instituted.

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Pinellas	Food	I work in a mom and pop breakfast place . We are prepared to open with 50% capacity. My bosses are very responsive to having sanitizer for both front house and back house. We took this time to deep clean restaurant and do some remodeling and now we are ready to open ! Although we understand what you did was a right move then. We have progressed in medical staff and treatments it's time to let the American people survive and get back to work. People all around are getting depressed with no income coming in. We get calls on a daily if we are open. Please let all of us survive. Thank you for listening
Polk	General	While all the areas are of interest to me, but I can only choose one. I can't even comprehend how we're discussing reopening while the numbers are still rising everyday?? Manatee and Sarasota, for instance, are still opening test sites. I with all the push back from people urging you to reopen the state, just goes to show that people are not wise enough to make their own decisions to stay home. I still people at the grocery store not wearing masks! Now meat processing plants are shutting down because of the spread. Opening gyms, salons, and bowling alleys (for example) will still great opportunity for spread, just not in large numbers due to their capacity. I know people are suffering not being able to afford the roof over their head or food, they need another stimulus check. But we are far from ready to open the state. I appreciate being able to voice my opinion. Thank you.
Pinellas	Food	I recently read an article that says the hospitality industry makes up 38.5 % of the GDP of Florida. I myself am in this industry. My concern about reopening the restaurants before everyone feels comfortable going will hurt tipped employees more then it will help. I was furloughed like all my other coworkers so when we re open with all these restrictions our hours will be cut in half along with the clientele. We will have less then half the amount of guests which means less money but just enough where we will not qualify for state or federal unemployment. I personally have been waiting since 3/15 to be approved for unemployment but it's still pending. So if we re open then how are we supposed to make ends meet? I want to go back to work. I've been a server for 18 years. You give us $5 an hour and now take away our only source of income with these restrictions. I now have to look into another career
Pinellas	Tourism	I would like beaches and pools and church and restaurants to open ASAP! We need to have some thing to do !! It's been 6 months now enough is enough! PLEASE LET DISNEY OPEN SOON! I miss Mickey Thanks

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Palm Beach	Government	It's time to re open the tennis courts, parks and beaches.The hospitals from Broward to PBC EMPTY as are cov tents. This is a political nightmare. You have seen the real numbers, perhaps not. How about the furlough of 1400 plus doc and nrs from Jup Hospital All elective surgeries and appts. canceled. How about Doc's having to lie about dx on death certif. , all for fed funding? This is a sham and we must OPEN back up now. People are depressed, lonely and angry. Do the job you were hired for, please. I had confidence in your, when we voted. Now, Gov De Santis, we question this. Please, open us now.....WE know how to avoid people, disease practice, etc. Thanks for listening. Be brave, be strong, listen to your citizens. Taking civil liberties is against the law. The time is now, thanks!!!
Palm Beach	General	Go ahead and reopen the state so long as you're willing to accept responsibility for the consequences of the spike in covid19 related deaths. Way premature.
Palm Beach	Food	I think we should go slow opening anything cases are still rising and so are death tolls , in live oak Florida they are out of control , beaches and restaurant and bars have a lot of people out of work but I don't believe they should open for a little while longer
Orange	Recreation	I believe gyms should be in phase 1... more specifically small business gyms. Owners are suffering but those who frequent the smaller places definitely do so not only for health but for mental health. I agree with still requiring social distancing and cleaning, absolutely. But being allowed to open to where people sign up in 2 hour increments to ensure no more than capacity would be great.
Seminole	General	I would like to see the stay at home order modified but extended and a slow phased re-opening that looks at things over 3 weeks versus 2. So, opening up a small portion of the economy once we meet the criteria stated by the healthcare experts, then wait and evaluate after 3 weeks, then open up a little bit more, wait 3 weeks and evaluate, etc. If we don't take a slow and phased approach, I think we will see a huge spike in the number of infections and hospitalizations and death in the state. I know people are suffering from not being able to work and unemployment needs to quickly be approved and paid to lessen that panic and urgency to get back to normal. Please don't just open up things and throw caution to the wind and think that we can go right back to how things were in February on May 1. That would be a HUGE mistake. I also think we need to limit travel in to the state for at least another two months to make sure that people don't flock here that could be infected and spread it more in our community. I know that is extremely hard when we depend on tourism dollars here, but life is more precious than the economy in my opinion. I know that we are all sick of staying at home, but this will pass in time. The federal government needs to do more with payments to citizens and small businesses to help them survive this time.

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Pinellas	Recreation	Good morning, I personally do not think that opening the state right now is a good idea . We are one of the highest states . People are still getting it. I think once you open it then the people who have it that may not know yet that they have it, they will just be affecting other people again. Then we will be back where we started. On the other hand I beg you to please open the pools. I live in Teakwook village west and all of the Canadian are gone there is only a few of us left that live all year round. I go to the pool every morning for exercise and there is only 3 of us at the pool and I stay till 1 no more people have come. Most of our park here are older and do not come to the pool.All day long there is no more than 7-8 people . Or at least open the beaches. Listening to the President he did say the virus does not like heat. There is another reason why you should think about opening the pools and the beaches. It sounds like a safe thing for people. Thank you for giving me the time to voice my opinion. Thank You Dianne Potenti
Hillsborough	Government	This is something that we definitely should not rush into. If we were to open everything up before we really get past this, people that have not had the virus will be exposed to someone who has it and the contraction rate will begin to rise again. If done correctly and given the correct amount of time to get past this, we will not have to start from the beginning again in the next couple of weeks.
Pinellas	Healthcare	I suggest a 14 day of consistent drop in positive cases. By 10% daily minimum. Imminent enforcement of distancing and gathering. Allow citizens photos as prosecutable evidence. Mandate employers take employee temps and keep logs. Mandate sanitation. Cleanliness. Employers restaurants in particular keep logs. Mandate fines if not met. I can tell you the first restaurant server will grab a dirty finished plate. Stick it in the dish bin and immediately grab a fresh plate and take to the next table. Without washing hands!! Happened in every restaurant before and it will again. This must be stopped
Lake	Construction	Stay yall ass home untill at least may 5 !!!!!! Fuck everything else worry about yall lives wtf!
Brevard	Recreation	Recreation Centers should be last in the plans to reopen! If they open everyone will flock to go lift weights and play basketball, which is NOT social distancing. It is putting all the workers at risk for exposure to Covid-19. When Florida is legitimately ready to reopen, all theme parks should reopen to Florida residents only at 50%-75% capacity. We do not need to flood Florida with tourists to increase travelers bringing in the virus.
Orange	Government	It is well known that the state's unemployment system was destroyed by Senator Rick Scott while he was Governor. The appalling actions have left millions of Floridians in dire situations, unable to pay for housing or food. There is no excuse for not holding him accountable. He proved himself a reckless, self-serving, incompetent elected leader. We need to call for him to step down from public office now. Let him make restitution with his own assets he acquired while in office as well as those ill-gotten from his Medicare-defrauding company. Floridians deserve justice!
Alachua	General	face-masks please

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Volusia	General	My personal opinion is that please use your heads I would to open up totally but I don't think that's a really good idea as you have seen people want follow the rules so for that reason I say wait till this mess has completed it's run and yes I'm older 69 to be exact but that doesn't matter I just would love to see my family and not worry that they or myself possibly to catch this virus so please as you are look at Opening the State please think about our risk Thank you Regards David J. Rarley
Polk	General	First of all, you are doing a very good job! It is not an easy decision. We all need to get back to work. We all need to pray about this decision as it's not an easy one to make. I say do this in baby steps. If we have another out break then we need to stop. My Son can't wait to get back to work. I am sure a lot of other people feel the same way. If everyone says to do this. We all still need to go by your guidelines until we are all free of this deadly virus. Thank you for letting the public in making this decision.
Volusia	Healthcare	Massage THERAPY. It is ridiculous that I can go to the grocery store and be around 100people in 20minutes but I cant be around 5people an entire day at my massage THERAPY clinic.
Osceola	Food	I work in a restaurant and a bar and I'm pregnant I don't feel safe going in there collecting everybody's forks plates and glasses with this virus having no cure, it's to soon to open them up.
Palm Beach	Management	As an operator- manager of local restaurants, I believe if we open slowly it would be best for everyone. We will have to adhere to the initial action of 50% occupancy maximums we were practicing before going to take out only. Also the staff will have to have their temperatures taken daily before starting work. The guests will have their temperatures taken before being seated. Both the front of the house staff and back of the house (kitchen) staff will need to use masks and gloves at all times. The gloves will have to be changed frequently with hand washing made a priority at all times. It will be unusual to say the least as the mask hides our smiles which is the greeting card of our profession. Safety is paramount, and if executed properly I believe South Florida restaurants can open under these strict conditions. I look forward to serving our guests now more than ever as the need is great to get out and enjoy quality food and service again. Be safe, take all the necessary precautions, and lets open all of our struggling small businesses as soon as possible before they shutter for good.
Walton	General	If we open the beach they will come. If we lift the rental ban they will come. If they come, we will go backwards. We have worked hard. We have been patient and vigilant. Don't punish us for doing our part to contain this beast. We must suffer a little longer so we can be free of this mess. If we directly or indirectly bring tourist back too soon we will suffer a devastating set back. Here in Walton County we are lucky to have had minimal infections. Help us keep it that way.
Manatee	Real Estate	We must OPEN.

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Polk	Administrative	I feel Hair stylist such as myself will never see a dime from unemployment! It's a botched system ! I've been waiting since 3/21 when I applied. Now in my 5th week. Still no money and no approval to help me. I'm a registered voter and trust my eyes are open to know who not to vote for again
Orange	General	I'm a nurse for two group homes. Things can reopen like hair salons, barbers, dentists, healthcare offices. Restaurants should reopen like normal, shopping goes back to normal. Movie theaters just need to sanitize in between. I'm all for things going back to normal!! Schools need to reopen in the fall! Thank you for doing this.
Volusia	General	With the exception of a few counties, our state (in comparison to the northeastern states especially) has faired well throughout this pandemic. While quarantine and social distancing MAY have helped "flatten the curve", there is absolutely no way to prove that it actually did. It IS possible that our numbers would be only slightly worse if we went about our daily lives. Floridians have suffered this financial devastation long enough! It is time to reopen Florida. Having said that, I realize there may be some risks we want to avoid. Our first stage should be for Floridians first. We should sustain from opening hotels, theme parks and other tourist attractions, and especially assisted living centers. We do not need to open ourselves up to outsiders coming in just yet and we need to protect our elderly and vulnerable. Speaking to so many people in our community, I know that our small businesses are itching to get back to their normal. They are all finding ways to adjust their businesses to try and keep everyone safe and I think it is time we let Floridians do just that.
Brevard	Tourism	Start opening the theme parks. This will in turn open restaurants, hotels , small stores, hair salons, nail salons, etc. Open them in 3 stages. 1- Florida residents 2- National residents 3- International residents If they want to give lower capacities for cleaning that's good. But don't "require" masks. Florida is too hot to be wandering around with face masks on. And if folks are too worried about going to theme parks without a mask, they probably shouldn't be out going to theme parks. Once the international travel is open, then open the cruise lines. But every ship needs to be COMPLETELY cleaned and disinfected before allowing passengers. Tourism is Florida's lifeblood. We need it to get our lives back to normal. And not this "new normal" everyone keeps saying. We need our lives back to normal. Period.
Orange	Healthcare	Test everyone for antibodies. I'm sure a vast majority have had it or have been exposed. Then open the entire state back up.
Hillsborough	Government	Please reopen our state we cannot live like this any longer nothing is normal anymore we need your help to bring us back as soon as possible from this living hell not being able to socialize with friends and family is destroying us, grocery shopping is a nightmare. You are killing us faster than any virus. Please i beg you from my knees. Bring us back now!!!!we cant go on being held hostage.

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Marion	Food	I believe a Soft Re-Open would be best. Restaurant and Sports Bars with food do half occupancy. Salons minimum occupancy just so some can feel normal again by appointment only. Open boat ramps so family can get out a little more. I can use some clothing stores open basically my clothes now don't fit so good. Theme Parks probably not to open as if yet may be good. I do have annual passes that are going to expire soon. Zoo's would be okay to open. They could really used money for the animals including Busch Gardens & SeaWorld even though they are considered Theme Parks. Open for pass holders only. Movie theaters are not a necessity. Fast Food can stay drive through only. Thank You for doing all one can. Sincerely, Scott Lash
Pinellas	General	I want to commend the Governor and the actions he has taken during this crisis. It is now time to re-open the state and allow residents to get back to work and get our state economy going strong once again. The state and even national numbers reflex that the worst appears to be behind us. We as a society have done all we could to do our part in stopping the spread. I feel that if we keep measures in place to protect our most vulnerable residents success can be achieved in returning the state back to “normal”. While I personally was against the “lock downs” to the level they were levied I understand why they were done. We have to open and get back to a normal way of life for many reasons. We cannot let fear of this Virus who many experts say has a less than 1% chance of taking your life continue to rule our lives. I hope the Governor will make the right decision and start a robust opening process. God Bless and Stay Safe
Brevard	General	It’s important to have Doctors and science rule on when and how Florida opens. This is not a popularity contest. Get this wrong and many will die. It’s time to lead and stop looking to POTUS he gets his cues from Fox News pundits. My daughter is starving been out of a job for over a month used all her saving to pay mortgage and taxes like a good citizen. She has been forced to get food assistance. Where is the Federal money if you can’t fix your state unemployment. There are no safety nets in Florida, expand Medicaid now . You are failing.
Manatee	Tourism	We need to get everybody back to work now. No masks , just use common sense , PERIOD !!! We need our beaches back open and even more important , Disney , Universal , etc. etc. !!!!
St. Johns	General	Please reopen Florida! Restaurants, 1/2 capacity. Hair salons, per GA guidelines. Beaches, all day opening (exercise only for two more weeks then open for anything). Movie theatres, 3 seats bw ppl (must prepurchase and choose designated seat online). This is a start to get people back to normal. There is going to be a resurgence regardless. Let’s bring our economy back ASAP!! BUY AMERICAN! Thanks

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Lee	Healthcare	I am a massage therapist. While I want to go back to work, I am very concerned about contracting COVID-19 and passing it on to my clients especially my older clients. There are times that my face is 18 inches from my clients face. I have thought about this over the last month and do not see how I could safely go back to work without transmitting it to clients. My room is the average size of a massage room which is 6‘ x 10’. If LMT could get the antibody testing and then go back to work accordingly I think this would be a safer standard.
Pasco	General	Please do not open Florida or its beaches until WIDESPREAD TESTING for everyone has been done, not just people with symptoms. We also need contact tracing and more protection for people on the front lines. PLEASE SHOW LEADERSHIP AND STOP LISTENING TO TRUMP.
Sumter	General	Governor, how can Fl have “peaked” weeks ago, with new cases in the 100’s coming in daily, and deaths rising?? Why would we re-open our state to massive travelers from other states hard hit, i.e., NY,NJ, etc...to come here. If 90+% of our population is in the 65+ &up..that’s like signing death certificates. NO ONE, knows what this thing will do next; why would we take the chance. Keep the mandate in place: NO MORE THAN 10 OR LESS in a group; You have done a great job during this crisis; DON’T SCREW IT UP NOW! If Disney stays closed, so should we. Keep our state borders CLOSED! Yes, we will take a hit, but you will save lives! Holding firm thru 6/30, can’t hurt us that bad; and gives more time to evaluate stats (which we all know can be adjusted to suit the need).
Sarasota	General	First yes start to open !!! our lives matter our economy matters those who choose to stay in fan. Those who choose to go out can. BUT MOST IMPORTANT....GET A GRIP ON YOUR UNEMLOYMENT ISSUES IN YOUR STATE. AS YOU KEEP US OUT OF WORK WE ARE GOING BROKE, HUNGRY & SOME HOMELESS DUE. TO YOUR LACK OF HANDLING THE UNEMLOYMENT CRISIS PROPERLY...PHONE LINES SHOULD BE OPEN AT THIS POINT 24 HOURS A DAY TILL THIS IS SOLVED.... THIS IS NO JOKE I ALONE HAVE BEEN IN PENDING going on 6 weeks as self employeef. CANT WORK...CANT GET UNEMPLOYMENT. FLORIDA IS A JOKE
Manatee	Finance	Please reopen the businesses. I have not lost my job and neither has by husband. Financially, we have lost little during this pandemic, thankfully. However, it is time to get Florida back to business. There are always risks associated with large groups of people however I have to believe that getting people back to work does more for the health of our citizens than protecting a few (and generally those with medical problems already).
Palm Beach	General	A phased opening is essential to dispel fear and to get the community back in action. Excercise for kids and adults is key, including group workouts at gyms. Lets start getting back to our routines. Businesses need detailed plans that will help them open safely.... guidance from the state is key. Once that is set the community will gladly start to resume activities nwithin guidelines. Fear alone cannot leasd the us out of this. Let's do it swiftly with guidance. Palm Beach is ready to start reopening.

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Sarasota	General	If there is any doubt/hesitation.. it's too soon. As a healthcare industry worker with family as Nurses and Doctors, this virus is unlike anything we have seen before and we really have no idea what to expect and do. I think we should continue to play the safe hand with this situation.
Sarasota	Healthcare	What are the plans for the virus to return with a vengeance when you drop all the precautions set in place. You know this state has a huge population over age 65.
Palm Beach	Healthcare	I believe some things can open where you can do social distancing and some one supervise that. We don't have anything in place to help us from this virus. Opening things other than for some outside excercise would be putting lives at risk. It's scary just going to the stores to get food now. We don't have medical help for the virus yet no vaccine. Opening up the state will bring more harm than good. The economy is not more important than people's lives. Opening will help the virus grow and the economy will get worse. That's the price you will pay.
Palm Beach	General	Open Florida now this is destroying my business and life! The hospitals are empty and the death rate is less than 1%. Quarantine the elderly and sick but let the rest of us get back to work!
Duval	General	I feel just like hurricane season here in Florida, the doom and gloom media has blown it way out of proportion, causing widespread panic, hysteria, and uncertainty.. focus more on finding a cure, or a vaccine. Focus more on the positive, and less on the negative. We need to start opening up the economy. We don't want to become another 3rd world, poverty stricken country.
Lake	Government	Do NOT open Florida YET. Its too early for that. We need to control this virus first.
Palm Beach	Recreation	Please consider reopening not only beaches but community pools. We need our exercise. You could do restrictions for pools if needed. Like less than 3 in a pool. Or suggest sign up sheet for using pool at different hours. We need some way for communities to utilize their recreational areas safely. Thx. Denise
Alachua	Healthcare	There have been millions of people staying at home so to not increase the negative effects of overloading our healthcare system. Some people had no choice but to go into this invisible danger. Plz don't open up without using scientific knowledge. I understand that people have bills to pay but they act more like they don't believe this is as serious as it truly is and less because they are afraid of not paying their bills. And what's up with not having any medical/ MD/public health people on your reopening committee? Are you saying their voices are less important than those you choose to represent on the committee? Also, I personally will not even consider going into a business that doesn't require masks and provide for social distancing. Thank you and stay save. Help everyone stay safe. You ran for this job and it is your responsibility and burden now.
Pinellas	General	I believe it is too soon to open the state. I am in Pinellas County and our numbers are still growing. I have a son with asthma and can not take the chance of him getting sick. Please consider this in your decision.

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Osceola	General	Keep Florida closed, my children's lives are to important. I'm a single mom, and yes I am struggling, we stay home everyday, we homeschool, if anything should happen to me my children would be orphans. That is not a risk I can take. I'm a single income household. It's not worth the risk. If you open Florida up, I will have to go back to work, even though I have diabetes and asthma. I'm a server at a restaurant and would not be able to do social distancing. This covid-19 would spread faster than any other virus or plaque we have dealt with. PLEASE KEEP FLORIDA CLOSED.
Pinellas	General	There is no retail on the list above. My suggestion is to start reopening of non-essential stores by allowing orders to be placed online for curbside pickup.
Orange	Tourism	Please wait to open theme parks as opposed to opening to early which might result in more cases. I would prefer a latter than needed open date as opposed to opening early and then having to close again in the fall.
Duval	General	We should allow for an opening in the retail and personal service markets. The area we need to continue to ask to stay home are the large corporations, call centers, and collection agencies. These companies pack employees into confined spaces and employees feel obligated to work in the office regardless of their health. They can work from home. These jobs are being done from home. This also allows working parents to stay home and keep their children safe at home for the summer as many camps and youth groups have closed.
St. Lucie	Tourism	Please open state parks for camping Florida residents only during covid 19 pandemic
Pasco	General	I am in vote against reopening Florida for as long is the virus is here. Obviously there's two aspects to it. It's either going to be open for financial or closed for safety. I've been home since the beginning of March and have gone nowhere. I have not even been to a grocery store. There's so much information out there and everyone's making decisions and information we don't even know if it's correct. But there's one thing for sure everyone has done pretty well staying home for the most part. If you look at the other states the state that's outside protesting they're on top of each other they want what they want this is exactly what would look like if it's re-open. People will not know how to function differently so they will go back to exactly the way they were and this illness will spread and you will have far more cases then you've had an a big mess on your hands. So when you're looking at this I would look at which disaster is going to be easy to clean up a financial one or a deadly one.

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Hillsborough	Food	I think things need to open up as soon as possible. I have much respect for the governor of Georgia who is providing guidance based on data but also trusting Georgians to use common sense when opening up their businesses including restaurants. I honestly thought that governor DeSantis would be more like that and I'm a little disappointed that he is being more slow about the opening. There are places in Georgia that have been given the opportunity to open back up but have decided not to because they know they aren't quite ready and need a little more time to prepare their space etc. That shows that they are using common sense and not just rushing into opening back up. We need to trust that people want to open their businesses but they want to do it safely and responsibly. My son works for a company that distributes beef and seafood to restaurants and hotels so obviously he is unable to make a living right now. The longer we stay shut down the harder it is going to be. I foresee a very bleak future for the state of Florida because of our dependence on tourism, hotels, restaurants, and theme parks. If we have any hope of ever recovering we need to open up now and trust businesses to use their creativity and ingenuity to open their business as back up in a responsible manner. Please don't be wishy-washy governor DeSantis! Trust us! Help us! Thank you.
Palm Beach	Recreation	At this time i think we should open the parks, beaches (maintain distance), golf courses, tennis court/pickleball courts, golf courses - start gradually. Must keep hands washed constantly and stay home if not feeling 100% healthy. Start gradually nothing with large crowds.
Duval	Professional Services	I am a beauty shop owner with no income since the stay at home order. I have new precautions I am going to implement when I open. I plan on keep social distancing and have mask for my employees and hair dressers. Please open ASAP. We are ready to fight this together.
Sarasota	General	I do not feel that it is wise to completely re open the economy in the state of Florida. Our numbers are not going down and still continue to rise. With all of the people who are already ignoring the governor's stay at home order, releasing these people completely in to the public will only be detrimental to our state's health and our numbers will only continue to rise. Had we had a real stay at home order that was enforced maybe 30 days would have been enough, but it wasn't enforced and people have been out and about in Sarasota and Manatee counties from day one. Governor desantis needs to put a real lock down in place for 30 days, enforced, then may be we can re open.

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Sarasota	General	1. Masks to be mandatory in retail or closed settings (extremely important) 2. Limit the amount of customers at restaurants and retailers and flying. 3. Beaches will be a problem area. We should have learned from spring breakers 4. Businesses should still practice safety with their employees. I think if employees are dealing with the public should wear masks and possibly gloves. 5. Continue Monitoring flights from the heavily hit areas. 6. Cruise ships are a mini city and should be equipped and follow strict safeguards. ** Just keep in mind there are still 1,000's of people that don't believe they should have to comply or think this is a conspiracy. If everyone could get tested it would certainly solve a lot of the mystery and aid our government in dealing with this virus.
Palm Beach	General	Have a curfew
Sumter	General	We as a state and a nation need to reopen asap. We may never recover if this goes on much longer. Small businesses are hurting bad and many people are out of work and their families are suffering. I beg the state, the governor to please reopen Florida. Let's try to get back to normal. Kids not being at school as hurt them sociable as they aren't seeing their friends.thanks
Polk	General	It's not a good idea right now. We haven't even reached are peek yet! I know families are in need of money and other things but your life means more. Please give it another month or so and see how we can move forward then. Thanks for reading this. Stay safe
Duval	Recreation	As the owners of a summer camp and public school teachers, the economical impacts of this virus is effecting both mine and my wife's careers. We want our children to be safe, we have two, but we also know that we can't live in fear forever. As citizens, we feel we have done our part in reducing the spread and preventing our hospitals from being flooded with cases. With each passing day, we feel that we are slipping further and further in to a financial situation that is going to be hard for our state to recover from. For us, the question is how long can we hide from a virus and at what cost? We lost a relative in England to this virus so we're not ignorant to it and how devastating it can be. We're just left asking, when will life return to normal? Even then, how can we guarantee that the virus will not spread? We could lose everything due to being closed as a state.
Pinellas	General	If in fact ones temperature is an initial symptom Of Covid19. Why not have an non contact thermometer at the door of every business for employees and patrons. No fever business as usual 6ft 6ft apart.
Palm Beach	General	Have a dedicated hospital only for Covid19 patients as this is likely to continue in waves for sometime. This will enable elective surgery to resume, and a specialty Covid hospital will be able to focus on methods that have better outcomes. Reopen all the beaches for everything but lounging/tanning/socializing. Allow pools to reopen but limit capacity.

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Duval	Government	Governor DeSantis and his team have done an outstanding job thus far and recognize that small steps to reopening Florida should be followed, regardless of outside pressures. The citizens of Florida need to be protected in spite of themselves or outside forces. Thank you Governor. Re-open Municipal Offices after 5/15 (preferably 6/1) to appointments only, no walk-in traffic. A system for appointments that is easily accessible like some of the colleges use would be worth looking at. And strict guidelines for employees as well as the customer base which is face coverings a must, not an option. Limit lobby access & wait outside until your appointment time. As for the businesses, small or large, they should have access to the same appointment system or limit the entry of customers according to their retail, store, lobby or service size. Most restaurants have been following a policy of place the order and step outside and the server will bring it to you. They should continue this avenue for awhile along with limiting seating for inside dining. Reservations will be needed. Regardless of which industry the employee is working or the citizen is doing business at, it should be mandated and adhered to "Face covering required" until Florida is deemed safe. Unfortunately the new normal is going to effect us all for quite a while.
Pasco	General	Do not open yet. The guidelines from the CDC and WHO have not been met yet. Flatten the curve then wait 2 weeks. Florida numbers have not even flattened yet. Fix the unemployment system
Duval	General	I as a Florida resident am absolutely floored that you people think Florida is ready to re-open. It clearly is not. Do you not realize the danger of not waiting for this to fully pass? We will see numbers start to rise and more people will be infected. Why you people are doing trying to reopen our state right now is dangerous. I along with many other people I talk to believe you don't care about us you just want money from opening the state back up. I think this is foolish greed and does not need to happen at this time because you will have a lot more lives on your hands. Sad to say I voted for this governor now and I had such high hopes for him. Not anymore.
Sarasota	General	Open Florida please! Most of our fellow Floridians are smart, reasonable and respectful. Let us make our own choice to move about, go into or not stores, etc. Thank you
Sarasota	General	We welcome beach opening to nearby neighbors, but not to travelers. To do so, just keep the parking lot closed please.
Pasco	General	Opening the state of Florida is absurd at this point. No one has been tested except for the few in Broward/DADE counties. There will be a surge of cases and we are not prepared for this. Our medical care is poor at its best and in no way can they handle the onslaught that opening up will bring.

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Martin	Healthcare	Under no circumstances should Florida open up without following carefully the guidelines which include CLEAR reduction of new cases for a total of 14 Days. This really matters and put us all at risk and ultimately actual worse economic impact when increases are seen with premature opening. Also WHAT to open is also key and again the guidelines for PHASE 1 when we reach eligibility should not be expanded.
Pinellas	General	Please keep the stay at home orders in place. Florida has a toxic combination of being a top tourist destination with an aging population. Not to mention the number of cases is still high with stay at home orders in place. Florida is not ready. It's been proven that people given the freedom cannot act in a responsible manner for the greater good.
Sarasota	General	Please wait and Slowly open our state! Healthy People= Successful Economy. We do not need to do this again!!!
Sarasota	Retail	Please let small retail businesses reopen asap!! Small retail businesses should be able to reopen asap if they continue to practice social distancing guidelines!
Hillsborough	Recreation	Please reopen State parks in Florida for people who have an RV, and, we have had a hard time finding a place to stay and we are in our RV full time right now. Also for exercising too.
Lee	Recreation	I firmly believe that it is too soon to open any recreational areas even for certain activities. There are way too many people who have not abided by the current stay at home order, due to not believing they will get sick or that this sickness is just a hoax. I personally do not want to get sick, I personally know people who have gotten sick and who have died from this virus and they are not the older population. The new number of positive cases and deaths have not shown any decline in the spread of this virus. So again opening for recreational activities would bring us right back to the beginning and possibly even worse.
Brevard	General	No. It shouldn't open. We know this is not over yet and opening now would be taking a huge step backward away from our goal. I know it's not easy or ideal but it is safe.
Palm Beach	Recreation	We need to get moving again. The outbreak has stabilized, our health care system is not near being over run. Those with higher risks can take precautions. We have been a month into this, no money coming from the state as they can't get their act together and fix the unemployment. Open beaches and overrule the little dictator wannabe in palm beach county before he causes riots and protests. WE ARE ADULTS, quit treating us as children, we are more than capable of taking care of ourselves and our families.

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Polk	General	Me. DeSantis, I say keep the state closed until we can safely reopen. I work for Publix. I'm currently on leave only due to the fact that wearing a mask is now required. I've been working in the thick of it from the beginning, without a mask. All of a sudden it was required last week. Not everyone can wear a mask. Thankfully I will still have my job when this is over but until then , I have no income. I don't think that aspect was thought out throughly. So my hope is if the state is to reopen soon, you and your task force will also come up with an idea to keep everyone safe with an alternative to this "voluntary " mask requirement. I'm not alone with this issue. Not to mention all the precautions Publix has taken during the pandemic minus the limitations on the number of people in the building at one time. Lena Tanner
Highlands	General	Lockdown should be extended in all areas in order to stop the spread of the virus.
Duval	Education	I get it! I get that People are bored and are ready to get back to work! But! We've got to look at the ELEPHANT in the room!! COVID 19! We should hold off for another 30 days, and see if number of the coronavirus will drop by many. The are People who are carrying this virus showing no symptoms at all! I may go to work at my Preschool and just taking care of the Babies, or the Teachers and will be at great risk of catching the virus. I say Governor/ Mayor please extend another 30 days. Many lives would be saved🙏
Sarasota	General	It will take a long time to get our economy back. It will take even longer if we put people in harms way so that are so sick they end up in the hospital with bills they can not possibly pay. We need to put our citizens first and the economy second. Please keep this in mind as you ponder our future here in this beautiful state of Florida.
Pinellas	General	Do not open ANYTHING until testing and tracing in place. Better to be safe than sorry.
Hillsborough	General	Claimed Unemployment starting 22nd of March and have yet to received anything. I'm an independent real estate agent and the NAR told us we would qualify for the first time due to the Pandemic. Then I heard Florida will probably deny the state portion of the payments yet I would qualify for the federal weekly stimulus and that it would be paid through the state site. I'm like everyone else running out of funds to pay my mortgage, car, food, etc. when can I expect a payment?
Lake	General	I think we should definitely re-open and follow the guidelines provided by the White House. People need to get back to work. This State and this Country are not meant to be shut down. People just need to use common sense and decide what is right for them personally

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Pasco	Agriculture	A serious investigation of the mortality rates given by Fl DOH (3.65%) and The CDC (5.3%) needs to take place. Both are reporting deaths that are either suspected to be CV related or in the DOH's case, reporting deaths that at one time were tested positive for CV., not necessarily caused by CV. Relative to other empirical data from cruise ships , the numbers driving policies are artificially inflated. The Roosevelt death rate is .11% and the Princess Cruise was 1.1%. Highly transmittable environments, where the entire population was tested are showing exponentially lower mortality rates. DOH and CDC need to be held accountable . Also, now is the time to consider shoring up Fl Agriculture with meaningful incentives for the private and public sector to purchase Florida agricultural product's exclusively.
St. Lucie	Healthcare	As a healthcare provider working in surgical services department, I feel it is safe to reopen outpatient surgeries. With that being said, surgeries where patients are expected to go home the same day. Orthopedic surgeries, knees, hips and spines are usually at higher risk to begin with and spend a minimum of 2-4 days in the hospital. I do not think it is safe to open for those types of outpatient surgery. I would like to keep the stay at home in effect for a minimum of 3-4 weeks. Our numbers are not going down, with more testing available they are going up. We need to be prepared to be ready for increased hospitalizations. My county does not encourage wearing masks. I went to the post office yesterday and 2 out of 9 had masks. The employees had a sheet of plastic hanging from the ceiling with zero protection for those employees. The employees had no masks or gloves. Sometimes employers need to be told by governors what to do to ensure safety for their employees. This is a perfect example. I feel dentists need to stay closed except for emergencies due to aerosols. I feel orthodontist could reopen because they do not use aerosols.
Hillsborough	General	Please use some common sense. We have bought into a lie regarding this virus caused the fear to hold us hostage and exchange precious freedom. Are there dangers? YES, but what price are we willing to pay? There are many I know right now needing medical services that are no longer available to them. There are many wondering if their jobs will return and where are the rent and utilities payments coming from? There are many unable to properly mourn the deaths of loved ones, or visit those that are infirmed....depression is a killer also. Please stop this insanity! Reopen NOW,
Hillsborough	General	Please be slow to reopen the places where large crowds may gather. Reopen only where social distancing is easily practiced while we remain in the midst of this pandemic. Thank you for listening to the people.
Brevard	General	Keep it closed a little bit longer

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Duval	Transportation	We (my family) has a small trucking company in Jacksonville. We have been working through the pandemic and although most of our businesses we work with are essential the trucking industry is horrible. When we broker a load throughout the state of Florida it's horrible. Brokers are raking us through the coals. They are heartless and relentless to the fact that we are maintaining drivers pay, insurance, truck payments, and fuel yet they are continuing to give us horrible prices. Loads that use to go for $500-$600 back from Miami to Jacksonville are now going for $100. It's disgusting how brokers are treating our hard working drivers and there is no repercussion for making us take loads for .25 a mile. Truck drivers are being praised across America right now but no one is looking into how brokers are cheating us out of money. All the loads we broker we get off truckersedge.net please look and see how low brokers are making us take loads for. We have no choice either. Another example would be Jacksonville to Miami. These loads use to go for $900.00 -1200.00 they are now for for $500.00. That's not enough to feed our families, pay our drivers and exorbitant insurance costs, fuel, and , truck payments. We need to get back to work in Florida! We have to start this economy!!! We can't live in our homes afraid forever! Let's open up Florida!
Osceola	Finance	I have been out of work for a month! Your stupid unemployment website says that it looks like I went back to work. Who is doing these and why not check my paystubs abs call my job and make sure to see if I'm not really working instead of assuming. I also haven't received anything and I am entitled. I have worked, pay my taxes and am entitled to this if I need it and I do need it. Also do NOT open back up. There are new cases and people haven't stayed home. Especially in our area they are still out. It is not safe. DO NOT OPEN!
Pasco	Government	DO NOT REOPEN FLORIDA, it is not safe

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Duval	General	Extend the stay at home order until May 31st. If businesses can allow employees to work remotely, make it mandatory that they do. With the reopening of certain locations for recreational use, it gives individuals who want to go out in public the opportunity to do so, while also accommodating those who are not comfortable risking outdoor exposure yet. No one should be forced to reintegrate so soon, with so much unknown, just for the sake of getting back to "normal". Apart from minor tweaks to essential businesses, nothing's really changed since March. To truly re-open Florida, processes need to be in place first. Doing things the same way as before, but in smaller groups and 6 ft away from others, will not be enough. Also, considering virtual learning is in place through the end of the school year, families may not have access to the childcare resources necessary to return to work. Such determinations should not be left with the employer. Instructing those who can work remotely to continue doing so, in combination with school closures, will keep a large portion of Floridians at home, making the essential workers and those ready to dabble with public recreational activities lead the reopening one step at a time. Please be mindful that it could take two weeks for the virus to show, which means with every new step towards reopening, there is an expected delay in measuring how well the reopening is going. Playing it safe shows integrity and a conscientiousness for Floridian lives. Until tests are so readily available that if I have I fever, I can walk into the grocery store or a pharmacy and buy a test that gives me results within minutes, full reopening of the state should be off the table.
Hillsborough	General	Please show real leadership during this pandemic and include all voices, democrats and Republicans, instead of just Republicans and your donors. We are suffering more because programs designed to help in real emergencies, like the unemployment system, are ineffective and weeks later people are still not compensated yet. Make all decisions based mostly on the science, so that we dont enter into returning to normal life only to be hit with a second wave of Covid-19.
St. Johns	Transportation	DMV needs to re-open in some aspect so private vehicle sales can properly complete tag transfer and title transactions. My son bought a replacement car to get to work but can transfer the tag so he can legally drive. This is ridiculous. He should be able to do this online by scanning the documents or set up individual appointments but doing nothing is harming hard working Floridians.
Seminole	Food	Restaurant dinning rooms opened at 50% capacity, supply lines need to be rebuilt.

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Alachua	General	I don't believe we should be reopening businesses or public spaces until we have wide-spread, near instant response COVID-19 testing available at no or little cost to the general public. Doing so will lead to a cost greater than that to our wallets. I have seven friends who have all had difficulty getting unemployment compensation and this is their first time ever applying in Florida. We need to be concentrating on the greater good versus the immediate good or the typical political response. It's time for Florida to take care of her citizens and not put them in danger simply to feed their families. Make unemployment applications completely online and expedite the process for all, include contract labor and the self-employed. Rent subsidies and mortgage relief need to be legislated now or we're going to see millions of Floridians homeless and starving by summer. We may not like this new reality but it is the hand we've been dealt, regardless of political party or ideology. As Governor, you have been charged with protecting and serving your entire populace, now is not the time to be careless or appear less than empathetic. Believe science, please. What happens now will define your legacy. Thank you for listening. God bless. I hope you and your family are safe and healthy.
Orange	Recreation	I definitely think the beaches should be reopened because there is plenty of space to keep 6 ft away from each other and enjoy some relaxing time do to all the stress the Covid-19 has put on us .Thank You
Pasco	General	open the state but keep beaches closed.
Volusia	General	Don't open until a least June 1, 2020. To be safe if then. Florida's population is made up of a lot of Senior Citizens who are great risk
St. Johns	Retail	I own a brewery and the shutdown has drastically impacted my business since I have not been able to make sales via my taproom. We were grouped into bars and night clubs when they were all closed in mid-March. Our business is more like a restaurant than a traditional bar and certainly not a nightclub. I want to begin selling beer for on-premise consumption on May 1. Even though you may open up businesses for retail sales, it is going to be awhile before people come back in the same numbers. Also, by closing the bars and restaurants, you took away 70% of my distribution business. ALLOW ME TO OPEN UP MY TAPROOM BUSINESS FOR ON-CONSUMPTION SALES AND OPEN UP THE BARS AND RESTAURANTS SOON OR YOU WILL HAVE A BIGGER CRISIS ON YOUR HANDS COME MONTHS FROM NOW!!!
Brevard	Healthcare	Florida should not reopen until we have a real 2 week, no travel lockdown. The only way to stop the spread of the virus is to stop the spread of people. The only way to do that is a mandatory lockdown with no one moving. We have the worlds largest military and we aren't fighting a war. Use the military to bring supplies around like ice cream trucks. Put that $2 trillion to actual use and help the people instead of worrying about your wallet for 2 weeks.
Pinellas	Food	We need to re open restaurants. so many people with no job. Absolutely no hope of getting money from the unemployment system. Bill's may be postponed but are not cancelled. things are going to pile up on everyone. Make unemployment payments retroactive.

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Duval	Healthcare	Absolutely NOT. Too early all results are not in from testing. Many havent been tested yet. I belueve we have a wnd roynd and naybe a third. J kniw ppm need their jobs and its devastating. Many dknt think this is reak and not following the y ft distance or masks. My neighborhoid alone ppl hanging ouf visitjing having dinners and bbq's. I'm amazed. I'm 68 yrs old totally stuck inside and not one of my neighbors has checked on me for any reaskn. Thank God I'm self sufficient. Georgua opening hair salons and nails big mistake. They will not follow rules. Its down to money as always and working for a Nationwide Medical billing company with 1100 hospitals'Urgent care our dics and nurses are putting themsekves in danger and gave lost 70% of revenue. Life vs Money whats more important. You be the judge. I know it cant last forever but my gut says to wait a little longer. What we're doing now is great except we need ppl to follow and police should be checking neighborhoods because if i must follow so should everyone else as they are endangering me and I'm the one you're protecting.
Jackson	General	Do NOT begin to "open up" the state yet. Florida has yet to reach its peak, and you already have crowds of people at the beaches you opened. I am an "essential" healthcare worker with loved ones in the high risk category. Opening up too soon will see a spike in cases, which will amount to an increased risk of exposure to me, and therefore my loved ones. Also, please stop with all the "essential workers are heroes" talk and do something to back those words up. Mandate hazard pay for all essential workers immediately.
Citrus	General	Asking the public's opinion about re-opening the State of FL is a great political move. Unfortunately the people of FL are not scientists. Listen to CDC and other scientific agencies. Embrace data, not opinion. Strive to test the general population for the anitibody. Open up FL when Ab (antibody) testing shows a prevalence of the Ab in society.
Broward	Recreation	Beaches and public parks should be open to Florida residents, provided social distancing requirements are adhered to. Our state is much less crowded now that most tourism has been halted and social distancing is much more attainable.
Orange	General	I am an Orange Country resident and live in Winter Garden Florida. I also work as a surgical and anesthesia coder. I have watched our little town shut down and people lose their jobs and businesses close not knowing if they will be able to reopen. The shutting down of our state has devastated more lives than any virus has touched. I think for the good of the masses the state should definitely reopen with everyone being responsible for themselves. If someone is uncomfortable being around others in public they should take the precautions of wearing a mask or staying home. I feel like those at risk (the elderly and immunocompromised) should quarantine and limit social interaction but the remainder of the public at large should be allowed to continue on with their daily lives.

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Lee	Recreation	quickly closed beaches, parks, sports grounds, simply because one person as the governor gave the command, although fresh air and sports never did anyone any harm. Stop PR and say that the governor first of all thinks about people if he thought about them wouldn't close beaches, parks and sports facilities
Orange	General	This move serves only to further the Republican agenda, specifically the reelection of Captain Clorox Donald Trump. There's absolutely no consideration for the health and welfare of the citizens of the state of Florida. If Vince McMahon would've offered $20 million to keep the beaches closed #DumbDeSantis would've done that instead. The answer to all of your questions is money!
Seminole	Tourism	I'll be honest. I have no "ideas" on how to re-open Florida. All I do know is that it NEEDS to happen. So many people are out of work, it's imperative that we get to work again. Tourism is, of course, our states primary source of income. We have to get the theme parks and the cruise ports open. Yes, I said cruise ports. I'm sick of the bad press the cruise ships always get. We are frequent cruisers (83 of them since 2004 to be exact) and there is no where on earth I feel safer. Even before this virus, the cruise ships have always been diligent about cleaning. You see them cleaning everywhere, all the time. Handrails, elevator buttons, even the slot machines. There are hand washing stations as you enter the buffets and hand sanitizers outside of all restaurants, the shops and even when we embark and disembark the ship. We are very anxious to get back to our cruising. I find it ironic how our government won't bail out the cruise lines because they're not American companies yet expect them to follow our rules with no sail orders and port closures. So, the government is ok with killing their business. Apparently they overlook how much money the cruise lines bring into the state with flights, hotel stays, extending their vacations at theme parks etc. Not to mention Royal Caribbean and Carnival's headquarters are in Miami. So, as you see, the cruise lines are vital and necessary to our state's economy. Please let them begin to sail again. We are happy to take safety precautions (as we always do) but do not punish them for the spread of this virus. Thank you.
Orange	General	I'm 68. Not sick. But I don't feel enough people have been tested to determine we are safe enough to open without the possibility of reinfecting relapse. I don't have a computer so I had to apply for reemployment via papers so I can't trace my forms or status. I know people are getting stir crazy but we must think if their greater good and stay safe for a few more weeks until we can get a handle on this.
Hillsborough	General	Please reopen Florida ASAP. It's becoming clearer that the death rate is much lower than what they were saying. Let's get back to normal.
Volusia	Finance	I feel that we need to start opening back up the state. I do believe it needs to be gradual. Start maybe with restaurants and maybe beaches with social distancing. Then after a week or two add some of the other businesses. Until all of Florida is back opened again. The reason I say this is I am concerned that if people don't get back to work making money that the depression and maybe even suicides might be the next big thing to happen. Please open Florida back up!

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Pinellas	General	I am concerned about the reopening of the state. I feel that it is too soon and extremely unsafe for Florida to reopen. I know that we want to protect the economy in Florida but most people are not going to travel here anyway if they think it's unsafe because we have not shut down for long enough. Based on what I have read I believe the safest choice for the people of Florida is to remain shut down until June 1. As a parent of two young children I can say that I also feel that parents were struggling to get the schoolwork done and can't do this if they are asked to return to work. We are putting their education in danger if we can't support them properly. As someone who works in the field of early childhood education I feel it would be incredibly unsafe to bring these kids back together too soon. We need to make sure that our state is safe, that our kids are protected and that parents can be available to help their children maintain their education until the end of the school year. June 1 it's a good day that will show the state that we care about families.
Palm Beach	General	Please do NOT reopen the state until there's a clear downward trend. If schools are closed so should the rest of the state. Who will watch people's kids while they have to work?? I cannot homeschool and work at the same time Please consider our elderly!
Pinellas	General	Just be smart on this. My philosophy on many things I do in my personal life and professional life is "GO SLOW TO GO FAST". If you do it right the first time, even if it takes longer to do, you will have saved time, energy, and in this case LIVES. WE WILL GET THROUGH THIS. THE WORLD WILL NOT END AND WE HAVE A FUTURE AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, we are responsible for our CHILDREN'S FUTURE/LIVES.
Broward	General	Thank you for seeking public input. Our family has been staying at home except for grocery trips (contactless pick up) and a few visits to our places of work. We are fortunate that we can both work from home. We have one USF student and one MSD HS student doing well with their online classes. We have followed the guidelines and believe it is now time to begin re-opening the state. Open the parks, golf courses and beaches so that people have more places to go where they can maintain social distancing. Allow businesses to open with guides for how many people can be allowed in or offer curbside pick up. Common sense is needed and personal responsibility. If sick, stay home. There are areas less impacted than SE FL, let them open sooner/faster, but we need to start leaving our houses. Thank you.
Sarasota	Retail	30 Sales Tax suspension. This would drive spending and get people off unemployment.
Seminole	Healthcare	We need widespread antibody testing that is free and open to the public.
Miami-Dade	Recreation	Our condos pools and amenities are closed this is ridiculous we pay for these services . We have been home for weeks . It's time to open other states are doing it including California beaches what are we waiting for ?
Brevard	Healthcare	Being in the frontline daily i can tell you it is not a good idea to open everything! Wait until second week of May and slowly open things back up 1/2 services at a time with mandatory mask wearing and regulations!!!!

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Pasco	General	As you start this process to reopen Florida, please consider this, as businesses open employees will need and want to return to work. The schools are closed, daycares are closed and Y's that offer child care camps for the older children are closed. I know social distancing will still need to be in place for sometime, but without the schools what will kids do? Small businesses should be considered for opening quick. It will be easier for them to implement limited number of shoppers than the larger stores. Strong suggestion KEEP social distancing in place. Aisles one way 6 ft apart at doors and registers are helping to keep our COVID19 numbers down. Thank you for hearing from us the citizens.
Pinellas	Education	Wait a couple more weeks. Don't open up too soon. I know people need to get back to work but isn't human life more important? Give it until mid May.
Manatee	Recreation	Please reopen our beaches and parks! We need the sunshine and fresh air. It's not healthy sitting inside every day all day.
Brevard	General	We can only base decisions on facts and simply put we do not have enough facts to make an educated decision to "re-open" doing so at this juncture would be irresponsible and deadly!
Osceola	General	It is time for the government/state to stop acting as surrogate parents to the citizens of Florida. As an adult I for one am fed up with others making decisions for me as if I am a child. The sad fact is, as contaigious as this disease is, it is inevitable that at some point we will all be exposed to this disease. As with influenza, a percentage will recover with no ill effects, others will require hospitalization and some will not survive. There are resources available if the need arises. Hiding like rats in their holes is not the answer. Leave us be to make our own decisions based on the most current data available. This is not a communist country or run by dictators. WE the people are tired of the efforts to denie our inalienable rights. Allow us to peacefully reopen our businesses as we see fit.
Sumter	Recreation	We are Florida residents who are also Full-time RV'ers. We have been basically displaced by the cancellation of State Park campgrounds. We plan and pay in advance for our campsites from October to June each year. All of our campsites (planned 11 months out) were cancelled without warning up to May 15, 2020. We feel the opening of campgrounds would benefit everyone as we are self contained and require no services when we stay except the dumping station.
Brevard	General	I am an essential worker and have not lost my job. But I am at high rist with heart disease and auto immune disease. And my weekends consist of spending it with grandkids shopping and eating out. I do this every weekend. But in no way shape or form am I ready to go out nto the public. I know Brevard is not as bad as many places but I do not want this virus. And daily our count keeps going up. If you open up everything I myself will continue to stay at home. I work in a office with me and the owner so my risk is low there. Good luck with you decision. I know it will be a hard one.

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Polk	Management	Open Florida up people need to work, if sick stay home, we are intelligent human beings that know how to take care of ourselves and everyone around us people are going hungry
DeSoto	Government	I feel Florida was late in "stay at home" and now I'm afraid we will be told to open back up and people will not practice safe distancing or wear masks because alot aren't doing it now. Some are, but half think this is not necessary. I say we need to remain as we are for at least a few more weeks till we really see a difference.
Palm Beach	General	As a resident and US Citizen in PBC FL me my family and friends have all adhered to your social distancing, isolation and restrictions for the last 6 plus weeks and have had ENOUGH. It's time to practice herd immunity and take into account ALL that has been learned about the virus in these 6+weeks. Restrictions need to be lifted NOW. The economy in Florida cannot wait any longer. Sincerely Isolated
Hillsborough	General	I feel that we have all sacrificed so much already and of course we all want normality in our lives but are we all ready to take a chance of loosing all we have gained by reopening our state too soon? I truly beautiful we have to wait a little longer and do it right, baby steps. Thank you for allowing us to voice our opinion.
Flagler	General	Please do not reopen yet. If you do we will have a big spike in people getting sick due to them thinking it must be safe. It is not safe people are still dying from this.
Hillsborough	General	Hello everyone, I just wanted to say that I think we need to be very careful about opening and keep an eye on the whole state which numbers are still rising daily. Their may be cities who have better numbers but not all of Florida. We have too many people thinking that this is taking out of proportion, which it is not. I have many friends who are nurses and doctors and they all are saying this is bad. If we start reopening we know people will not adhere to social distancing because they already have trouble doing so. Masks can protect us all, I am talking about Fabric no one should wear the ones needed for our front line workers. Please think careful. Again as soon as we relax more of the guidelines we will have people completely dropping them. I am open for peaceful discussion of this as I see it first hand how people are and I know enough people in the medical field nor am I one of those conspiracy people. Just an educated concerned citizen. Thank you for listening.
Duval	Professional Services	For the safety of our children, please be sure and reopen childcare facilities simultaneously. We cannot expect people to go back to work without also having a safe place for our kids to go while parents are working. Children will be left unattended or in unsafe environments if childcare facilities are not made available.
Manatee	Professional Services	Please have a detailed protocol for us to follow in hair salons.
Polk	General	We need to stay put another 2-3 weeks. We need learn from history off the Spanish Flu. Let's flatten the curve!!!! Then over the summer gradually open the state back up.

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Marion	General	The COVID19 ruse never produced the number of infections which we all were threatened with by the CDC. The real issue behind this National Travesty is that POTUS TRUMP has produced an economy which George SOROS, and other Leftist leaders, including our Leftist Democrats found unacceptable because it scuttled their plans for the demise of The United States Of America! POTUS has had to deal with Fifth Column Media and their collective disrespect for him, and The Domestic ENEMIES who have taken control of The House Of so-called Representatives. AMERICANS KNOW and we are ready to send the Democrats straight to Hell! OPEN FLORIDA NOW AND LET'S GET BACK TO WORK!
Volusia	General	I believe that close contact businesses such as hair salons are too dangerous of exposure. If people could adhere to social distance some places such as restaurants could open on a limited basis however people dont seem to be able to do it. On the news i see so many people crow ding especially the selfish protestors..
Lake	General	I am a nurse practitioner in Lake county, Fl. The social distancing has not shown to be effective as people who have been isolated still spread it to the rest of their family. This is just one example. This closure has created mass chaos & economic failure. Our children's education has come to a halt. People in general are more angry and rude when in public. The state should reopen on May 1st and encourage people to wash their hands frequently and stay home when sick. We need to get our state open so the economy can start to recover.
Palm Beach	Professional Services	I am a hairdresser and suite owner. We work in suites one on one. I have not received any unemployment and have not been paid in 5 weeks. Please I need to work and make money for my 2 children. Thank you!!
Clay	Healthcare	In clay county I work for a dentist. 80% or more if our patients are over 55 years old. We need to ensure all safety protocol is outlined for there safety and staff. We need to be able to purchase proper PPE in order to see these patients. Also have to keep in mind most of these patients may not want to come in and get cleanings and elective dental treatment. Also feel that all staff needs to be tested as well as the antibody test. Keep in mind most dental offices dont provide medical insurance and the cost of those tests are expensive. Thanks

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Leon	General	Gov DeSantis' public stance on re-opening our state for business is at best negligent and at worst actively malicious. As COVID-19 continues to ravage not only our state, but our country and the world, we face an unexcuseable lack of testing and PPE supplies for our medical community and first responders. The Trump administration, supported by our Governor, is stealing PPE from local counties, as was reported today in the Orlando Sentinel (Headline: Feds confiscate 1 million masks meant for Miami-Dade firefighters, rescue official say). This is tantamount to murder, and worse yet it is being done so that private enterprise can profit from the re-sale of PPE to states desperate to protect their citizens. Gov DeSantis has shown a willingness to place the needs of business and the economy over the lives of the citizens of this state. Re-opening any non-essential business before epidemiologists say it is safe, or promoting the needs of private enterprise over the lives of citizens is appalling and should carry with it strict legal consequences up to and including jail time. Gov DeSantis should be held personally responsible for the deaths of every single Floridian due to Coronavirus. The lives of our citizens are worth more than the economy or DeSantis' political aspirations.
Manatee	General	Please do not open back up, our covid cases are still rising. We own a small business and financially it hurts, but it will hurt more if we lose family or friends.
Pasco	General	I feel reopening the economy is very importan but not as important as safety I feel small private businesses that can open safely should be allowed. They need to be able to maintain CDC guidelines. Masks need to be worn. I know the owner of the hair salon I go to used to be an ER nurse and know all precautions would be taken. I would not open big shopping malls, theme parks, etc. Restaurants should remain take out. I would start there and wait 3 weeks and see what the data shows.
St. Johns	General	I understand we need to get the economy moving. As an older person that may be at a higher risk, re-opening makes me very nervous. Please do this gradually. I think constant communication with the hospitals is mandatory. If they start filling up, shut back down. I would like a little more detail about where positive cases are located. There are 42 cases in my zip code. Did any of them go to my Publix? We need to be informed. Regulate occupancy of any enclosed area. Maybe give forehead thermometers to all businesses so they can check temperatures of people prior to allowing them to enter. For people that are able to work from home, they should continue. Make that mandatory.

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Suwannee	General	Hello, I am an independent contractor with no employees. I have not received any help except the stimulus check on the 24th. My landlord wants his rent money, so my stimulus check will go to him. No what do I do?!? I cant get Unemployment or the PPP Loan. Unless we get another stimulus check, I can't pay my personal bills. Mortgage, electricity, phone, insurance, food etc... Please open Florida back up! We can't take no more of this lockdown!
Sarasota	General	Where to begin? I won't begin with unemployment because everyone has that problem. I will beg of you not to open us up yet. Not only do I feel it to soon but it being done for the wrong reasons. People want to return to work because of the lack of money they have not received; however; if families would have saved their stimulus instead of spending it on TV's at Walmart, they would not be so eager to put themselves in danger and other residents of Florida. I work for a dental office; very high risk; we don't want to be there yet! Our schools were closed, for a good reason but what are families to do with their children now? Who will teach them and care for them? We can't send them to grandma's; not able to. For these reasons, I beg of you as a permanent resident of our great state; to wait. Our jobs will be there and our people will respect you much more for putting us first.
Brevard	General	I believe we need to ply it safe when we return-open Florida. We don't want to jump in just to have a second wave that would be worse then what is going on right now. A soft open would be best and of course with keeping social distancing at a premium. Open up restaurants and bars and things like that but they could only be no more than 50% capacity. Give that a week or so and if no surge in cases go from there.
Marion	Agriculture	You are completely out of your minds if you open anything that can house more then 10 people at a time. You MUST keep anywhere children gather closed. There are to many parents who did not listen to the stay at home order. If you open anything for kids it will turn everything upside-down. The general public may want things open but they don't grasp norbcare about social distance. If this viruse did not effect them directly they don't listen in the most part. You have business operations open now letting in more people then allowed, direction of flow not marked, carts not cleaned. You MUST put very detailed rules in place nothing in a gray area. I work directly for and with the public and I am amazed how they don't care about my health. If opening open the way you closed start very small outdoors.. walking trails, hiking etc. If you allow events, Disney (I'm a annual pass holder too) to open things will get out of control form possible restart of virus to folks stressed when someone gets to close to them. Think wisely opening needs to go slow. I'm a household of one income of a family of four along with taking care of two sick elderly parents...we all canake things work when we really need to.

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Pasco	General	Please Governor , reopen the state . The only way things will start to feel normal is to get back to normal . We never shut down after swine flu , avian flu and any other flu. We all have the freedom to still social distance or not go out if we choose not to . But for the rest of us , who are okay with going back to our lives before March , reopen Florida . Businesses are struggling , unemployment is high , and people are going stir crazy . This has set a precedent beyond imaginable . Everytime there is a new flu , it will be an expectation that the state shuts down . I urge and beg you to please consider reopening this state and allow the many thousands of us who want to get back to normal , the opportunity to do so . Thank you for your time .
Pasco	Healthcare	As a nurse I'm very concerned that reopening of the state needs to be done in a very responsible way. There are too many people who are not taking social distancing seriously as it is! Older people are not wearing masks in stores, young mothers are letting their kids run around stores, and no doubt hand washing is not being taken seriously! As cases increase we're still in danger.
Flagler	General	I believe we need to take our time before things go back to “normal” and reopen it will be worth the sacrifice. Please value MORTALITY over money. Also value our Healthcare workers we do not want to cause a second wave by reopening which generally tend to proved worse than the first wave.
Hillsborough	Construction	As a Plumbing Contractor we should start thinking about touchless faucets and toilets at all public and business restrooms. That way it minimizes any contact with any virus. Thank you
Volusia	Healthcare	Please reopen gyms. In a small capacity. 10 people at a time with. 2 hour time cap?!
Alachua	General	It’s NOT safe to reopen a state the remains outside mainly.. its gonna hurt us in the end..
Orange	Healthcare	I think elective surgery should be allowed
Seminole	Recreation	Club swimming has been crippled by school closures and the risk of permanent closure of these small businesses is very high. There risk of Coronavirus to children is nearly nonexistent. Swimming can be done safely and teams should be allowed to conduct practice on school grounds (where most of these club teams “rent” their pool). Allow these businesses to reopen even if schools remain closed. Exercise, chlorine, and fresh air are not harmful, and these businesses should not have to close because schools have decided not to reopen. This should also apply to outdoor practices, clubs, and sports that utilize school property to conduct business.
Pinellas	Tourism	Please take into consideration the health of the employees of the hotels that will be immediately overrun when the beaches reopen. We are going to be thrown into the front lines very quickly. Please allow things to be taken slow.. don't let these massive hotels allow to fill to capacity right away. We are scared and worried for our health and the amount of exposure we are going to be forced to work in. The health and safety of people has no value. Please tread lightly and remember that you cannot under estimate the lack of common sense by the general public.
Manatee	Professional Services	Do not open up Florida. There are so many sick people, if you open up too soon it will be so dangerous for all of us. Let us continue to practice social distance and face covering. Thank you

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Lee	General	When determining how to reopen the state, please consider the compromised immune systems of the younger citizens, not just the elderly. I am 37 years old with Type 1 Diabetes. The stay-at-home order has kept me and my family protected from the virus. Once the order has been lifted, my employer will require me to return to work, putting me at risk. I DO NOT FEEL SAFE!! Please keep this order in place for the people with compromised immune systems until we have more testing or a vaccine available. In addition, retail businesses should be required to install plexiglass barriers to protect their workers from the public. If food stores, restaurants, and banks have them...retail businesses should also have them.
Palm Beach	Education	My area is actually arts and entertainment. Probably low on the government agenda however hugely important to many. Children are suffering. We need to contain this for their stress and anxiety levels to not soar. Dance studios should be allowed to reopen with restrictions being- no more than 10 in a room and distancing themselves at least 6 foot apart. Thank you for your consideration
Collier	Government	It would be a huge mistake to reopen Florida - we have not seen the peak of this here and with many in the healthcare industry it's only getting worse - only essential business should be allowed open - to follow Georgia would be disastrous- you are only looking for more death and YOU must be held accountable if you allow reopening!!!! Protect your people first and foremost- anything other than that is criminal
Pinellas	Healthcare	Florida should continue the "stay at home" directive until the number of coronavirus cases drastically decreases. I live in one of the most populated counties. and the number of infected cases is on the rise. I have sheltered for 5 weeks with two trips out to grocery store. My 90 year old mother is in an ALF. I miss hugging her and checking on her daily, but know with restrictions, she has a better chance of staying safe. Too many people are carelesss with their behavior. The disease will spread faster without restrictions. Tourists and bored citizens will flood the beaches. We cannot go backward. Have patience. Wait!!!
Hillsborough	General	Open the state now!!!
Brevard	Tourism	No need to bring back tourist so soon, let's wait and see how other states do with these accelerated opening.

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Marion	General	hi. I am a very small business owner..i have had to close my salon due to this virus...I am glued to the tv to find out when we can reopen...before this happened closing the hair salons...I was all ready working a lone, cleaning after each customer, one customer at a time..not allowing any walkins...it worked! NO one is my shop had been infected with this virus... I am begging you to reopen the hair salons and nails salons...we can do this! our industry is dieing because of this clossure. please please I am begging you... just because we are closed doesn't mean our landlords are waiting for their rent, we still have to pay our other bills during this time...we can't keep these business's going with out money to pay these things.... this is how I feed my family...also...how I pay my taxes on my home...if we don't go back to work we all will be living on the streets...no money to pay our taxes..then what? so please open our state...or county by county marion county only has 148 positive and 4 death we are ok here don't allow other hot spots to destroy our county... thank u for listening if any one even reads this... begging to open up my salon Connie Moser
Brevard	General	I think we need to expand testing and see a drop in positive numbers for 14 days before we start reopening Florida. Because Florida is a tourist destination we have so many more people coming in from out of the country and just allowing people to come in and live their lives normally will put our entire state at risk. We should also be rapid testing people flying in. More focus has to be put in paying out reemployment than opening the economy back up.
Pinellas	Healthcare	Don’t re open to soon . What if we reopen to soon it spreads more then ever ? Concerned about my kids health please just wait a little longer I understand people have to get back to work but it’s better to be safe then sorry
Orange	Information	I have experienced citizen & business LOCKDOWN of the entire country, carefully listened to Government predictions that turned out to be grossly inaccurate & ISOLATION advice? The astronomical economic damage of jobs/businesses is UNSUSTAINABLE & businesses should all be REOPENED now or we cannot recover! WE NEED TO BE TALKING ABOUT IMMUNITY? I believe science shows a virus can only be finally contained by IMMUNITY from vaccine /population exposure. ISOLATION only delays ending of CV, natural population HERD IMMUNITY can only develop through population exposure that protects 60-75% of people, finally allowing the immunity cycle to irradicate the virus!
Polk	Government	I’m responding to reopen Florida. I feel as if with the proper placements we should be allowed for reopening. My job as a business owner Is suffering. The banking institutions and financial institutions need people back to work as does the public. I feel we should reopen and let Florida begin living again.

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Palm Beach	Healthcare	It you open to soon there might be a second wave, unfortunately in this state there's a lot of immigrants and low income household and while testing is free, those people won't come get tested because they are afraid and for that reason we don't know actual numbers. I know the economy is important and re opening Florida is important, but lives are important too and if we loose more people that's more devastating. I think we should wait a little longer. Thank you for the opportunity to participate.
Brevard	General	Please do not reopen until the end of May. We have not tested enough people and coastal communities are not social distancing. All of us who have been following the rules beg you to require more testing in the coastal areas. We have tons of older Americans and they will be the hardest hit. Brevard should not open all businesses as these people have not known anyone to have the virus and die . I beg you do not open next week!!!! Major companies nationally are waiting until May 15 to make any decisions we should follow that lead.
Indian River	General	It is too soon to start opening Florida. My County has only tested .01% of the population. I am trying my best to avoid contracting Coronavirus and am aware that people may be shedding the virus while asymptomatic. Testing for the virus and antibodies and tracking positives are the only way we can begin to open the state. I am a small business owner of which I am the sole employee. I do not want to subject myself nor my customers to the virus. I will remain closed until our safety is more assured.
Nassau	General	I think that all businesses can reopen with restrictions.I think the state is not giving the people enough credit to follow the guidelines.There are people out there that are hurting from the financial hardships this has caused.Do you ruin there lives by killing them financially or give them the choice.Just because you get the virus isn't necessarily a death sentence.The media portrays it like it is.Let life return to some normality.Enough is enough!!!
Sarasota	General	Thus far Covid-19 has killed .004% of the population of the State of Florida. Meanwhile the unemployment rate continues to climb, leaving at minimum 4% of the population without the means to put food on the table due to either their the overwhelmed technology of the UI system that was never designed to handle such a massive influx at once or because they cannot qualify for Unemployment at all. It has long been accepted that the duty of good government is to server the greater good, even if that good causes increased risk to some. The current situation is seeking to protect a small segment of the population from illness by sacrificing a larger one to starvation. Any nation with of any civil liberties at all should possess citizens capable of making their own choices as to their own safety, hit is not the place of government to control its citizenry, nor to condemn them without due cause.
Palm Beach	Retail	I think lifting stay at home is ridiculous without testing, where I work it is impossible to follow 6 ft distance. We don't need more people dead. Unemployment is beyond crazy in Florida it truly embarrassing.

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Osceola	General	It's time to open up our state. Herd immunity and providing paychecks are more important at this point than isolation. Many in my community were sick in December before any of the media had even heard of covid. Keeping people who are already immune from earning a paycheck is not helpful for anyone. Businesses need to open. Hospitals and doctors' offices need to open for everyone, not just covid cases. Telehealth can only help you so far. Sometimes you need to be seen in person to be properly diagnosed. Labs need to be open for tests other than covid and emergencies. There is risk in everything in life. You could be in a car accident, lose your home to a hurricane, have an unexpected stroke, etc. That doesn't mean you spend your own life inside your safe bubble. Let large crowds gather. People know there is always a risk of getting sick by going to a theme park. They also know they will make memories that they can share with their families for a lifetime. It's a calculated risk. Let the people decide. If you are healthy, go to a park. If you are not, stay home. If you don't want to risk it, stay home. We have lost the freedom to make our own choices. There's a time for being overprotective and there's a time to let go. The state was being responsible and protective. Now, it is time to let go.
Seminole	Healthcare	I am a retired Nurse Practitioner. We should quarantine the sick and the vulnerable, NOT the healthy. We could continue with masks and social distancing while businesses reopen. If people don't want to go out, they are not being forced to go out. But my rights should not be taken away because of someone else's fear.
Pinellas	Retail	I own my own Antique shop and we have been closed for two months. My husband had openheart surgery and didn't get home until the 15th of March. Then the pandemic came along and you closed all non essential stores. We do not have a lot of money and it is now running out. The little guy can't get loans because we don't have enough clout. We have had a shop down here for 24 years and now we are probably going to have to close it. all because you think we are non essential. What I want to know is why gun shops are essential. Do you think this is the Wild West???? Why is Best Buy open??? I sell furniture and people still are buying it from Rooms To Go, but not me because you consider me non essential. Why is Rooms To Go essential and I am not??? It is time to let us open up. Unless you want to pay our bills.
Orange	General	We should start te opening little by little, with control entering in stores, stands of hand sanitizer and a desinfecting team on every location like malls, stores etc
Brevard	General	I would like to see atleast restaurants open at 50% capacity and also hair salons and nail salons. People need to start working again and just taking caution. You would have less people gathered together at rivers and lakes etc if you re-opened some stuff for people to do.
Palm Beach	Recreation	Please open the community pools, than beaches and than the parks - children need to go outside and activities.

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Pinellas	Food	Dear Governors Desantis , I am a mother of two one child with asthma. I also have a autoimmune disease. We all appreciate what your doing for our state and what to get back to work just as bad as the rest. However we ask you to please WAIT till it is safe for us all to go to work and school. I am a waitress at a local breakfast restaurant and was laid off 3/16 . I to am struggling but I would rather struggle and deal with all this then to rush into opening and risking lives of our people. I have only received one federal unemployment check in these last 6weeks but again I would rather keep us home and safe. You start opening stuff with restrictions everyone is going to flock to these places and our poor sheriffs and local police have already so much on their plates. They don't need to add trying to control restrictions for those that don't want to follow the rules for others safety and lives. So we all again beg of you to please wait to open up when these numbers are FLATTENED not still rising. Even without my sons asthma or my autoimmune disease, I still would not want us to rush into opening for all those others that we will be putting at risk. Thank you for your time and concern and hope we can get our stated back up and running when it's safe for us all!
Manatee	Education	Why open the up early? Is money more important than lives? I say we wait until this is over before opening up the state.
Hillsborough	General	Everybody wants to go back to normal. We have clearly seen the benefits of your actions, but don't react to pressure, see this through and use the phased approach. 2 weeks of downward trends to enter the next phase. That will put us at June. If we react to quickly it will have minimal positive impact to the economy, we see the results now in Georgia. People are not flocking to businesses. However, if we follow this approach you will build trust and the people will feel safe by June due to data to support the result. With this approach people are more likely to venture out and we will return to normal in socializing and the economy faster with better results. If you guess wrong it could be a disaster to our health, the economy and your ability to hold office. If you guess correctly and that is a phased approach it is a win for everybody. Focus now on getting the money to the people that need it. beingkevin.com
Hillsborough	Healthcare	Do not open Florida up under any circumstances until there is widespread testing for the virus. Due to the "unseen" nature of the virus and no available vaccine the public is in grave danger of getting sick and spreading it further.
Palm Beach	General	I believe a set number of maximum positive cases should be considered. If the number of positive cases is below that maximum number for more then a couple days then that county can start slowly opening. As the county starts to slowly open and the numbers do not increase then that county can open up a little bit more and so on.

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Manatee	Retail	Hello ~ We are a small Business (4 apparel stores) located in SW Florida, Butterfly 🦋 Beach. Our business has been closed since March 26th due to the virus. Financially we are very stressed however the thought of opening our business with the rate of infection and deaths continuing to climb in Florida is terrifying. We do not feel there is enough concern for the health and well being for our workers, customers and children. Who will pay for the lawsuits if I re-open and am sued. We do not know enough about the virus at this point to keep our citizens safe.. we need a little more time. Would you or your children work in my store today?
Pinellas	General	I agree with a tiered methodical re-opening where restrictions are enforced and monitored. Either way, I will continue to social distance and stay at home for another 30 days to allow more testing and just as a buffer to keep myself safe.
Duval	General	We are absolutely not ready to reopen anything. You have florida lives on your hands already. Why take the chance and continue to see the virus cases and deaths go up. We need leadership. Florida needs to feel as if they're lives and health matter more than the financial drop. Where are the leaders people desperately need in this time of crisis. We are scared. Of course we want to go back to work and back to living our lives as normal., but work is not worth lives. We are all struggling right now in some way. Please do not sacrifice our citizens for the economy. In the end it will back fire. Hospitals will become overwhelmed, people will point the finger with blame where it would rightfully be deserved. Please out people's life first.
Marion	General	Please open up slowly with guide lines. People need to wear there face coverings. Stay 6ft apart. No more large numbers of people together. Limit to 10 like you said. Places that can be open. Limit the amount of people in ther places. People just have to get used to it. It will be hard at first. But it can work. Thank you.
Hillsborough	General	Is not safe tu open,no yet,many people can die and we will have a new wave making everything worst
Pinellas	Government	It’s to early to reopen, just look at the numbers. They are still climbing. Also I work in the restaurant business. What happens if I catch the virus and bring it hone to my wife who has a underlying issue. Please be smart and let scientists make the call . Thank you.
Duval	Retail	Although I appreciate the company I work for, I still dont feel safe or comfortable working retail. The closeness to the public, fingers on tablets, credit cards, pens, paperwork etc not to mention the virus living on fabrics leather and mattresses is unsafe. The company can and does sell online so all is not lost. We all need more time to defeat the covid19 at this time in my opinion.
Hillsborough	Professional Services	I am a licensed massage therapist who works for a major massage chain in Tampa. I am concerned that if Florida reopens too soon I will be put in a tough situation where I would have to make a choice between Keeping myself and family safe or being employed. My employer is targeting a May 6th opening and I fear that given the current trajectory of the cases, that day is way too soon. I hope the State of Florida makes the right decision and maintains strict social distancing requirements even if some businesses are allowed to open.

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Seminole	Education	I'm concerned about social distancing in a VPK classroom. Is it possible to change the ratio to 1 adult to 10 children for next year?
Orange	General	I agree with reopening Florida Orlando but there needs to be something in place to control the crowds. Opening restaurants would be a great idea but control the people sitting inside the restaurant like minimize the tables and chairs cuz that's part of my business which I've been out of work they only call me in one or two days a week and I have to pay rent and I don't have April friends and I'm having issues trying to get help with it opening theme parks that's an easy way of controlling a guess as well so that would be another way of opening up but as for beaches I really don't think we should open as of yet. It's hard to control crowds on beaches especially in open public place like that. I have diabetes and I am terrified of getting the Coronavirus and I do wear masks and I think it should be mandatory that everybody in Orlando needs to wear a mask. I do know somebody that passed away recently from the coronavirus and it broke my heart and I'm really serious on trying to get shoulders so if we can pass the law to have everybody wear masks that would be amazing and also keep the curfew at night because it also helps the crime go down and keeps people inside that should be indoors this is just my opinion
Lee	General	TOO SOON!!!
Volusia	General	I believe that we should not open until the end of May at the earliest. I would also recommend the use of mask but all residents went out in public.
Palm Beach	Recreation	Boat ramp closure is no longer necessary. With continued restrictions on a anchoring and rafting up In place, families who have boats would benefit from recreational fishing.
Hillsborough	General	I don’t think opening the state just yet should take place . We still are having daily number of cases of this virus .As someone who works in healthcare I fear that opening any Business would cause the virus to spread I don’t think people will follow guide lines at all we have seen that now . I understand that many want to get back to normal and people want to work but I think it’s just to soon .As many other country’s have done as soon as opening the had a second wave come through . We already have but appears to be a spread within the ALFs and other senior living areas . Until we have better testing and can test more effectively I don’t think we should reopen anything .
Miami-Dade	General	Masks..everyone MUST wear in situations where unable to maintain safe distance. TESTING....testing for all...need to know who is sick or who has been exposed CONTACT TRACING.... occupancy limits...gyms, restaurants, churches...need to enforce new lower limits on number of people in the establishment

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Duval	General	I do not think that there is any real choice in starting to open up Florida. This virus is not going away any time soon and the closures will have a longer lasting impact on more lives than the virus based on the current exposure to illness rate. I think that the way the restaurants and other businesses were being run before the mandatory stay at home was working and should be brought back ASAP. Those employees that have a legitimate reason (health issues, live with someone with health issues, etc) should be given a legitimate time that their jobs can be held before they come back to work, but as I stated that is really a moot point since the virus is not going away and a vaccine will not be available for at least a year. Social distancing will be honored by most people and masks will probably become more of a norm for a while. I have not lost my job at this point but I am a realist and know the economy cannot survive any longer shut down. I truly believe that the only people who truly have a voice in this reopening are those that have and need to get back to work. All others can do what they must and if that includes staying in home detention, that is there choice.
Brevard	Government	With so few tests administered and schools closed, I believe it's too soon to reopen at this time.
Brevard	General	I feel everything should stay in place until at least the end of May when the students were going to get out of school. The majority of the people are not following the suggestion of staying at home and wearing a mask. I feel that as this becomes our normal that people feel that they are safe and don't have to follow any guidelines.
Sarasota	Information	My opinion on reopening the state is one of great caution. I think the stay at home order should remain in effect until at least the end of May for the entire state. Then providing our numbers are still going down a county by county opening, with a lot of restrictions could be implemented. Most of us are at the mindset that we do not want to have to start over with the stay at home after we have come so far. Another month wont kill any of us but opening too early could. I would also like to see a mandatory order for people to wear masks when in public. Providing people don't abuse the rules at the beaches, leave them open so some have something to do. It's probably the safest place providing the rules are observed. Also although it doesn't affect me, the people need their unemployment and quickly. That is why they are screaming to go back to work, they have bills and need to feed their families. Please get them their benefits and they will be a lot more comfortable obeying stay at home orders. Thank you for your consideration.

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Palm Beach	General	We have a daughter who attends FSU in Tallahassee. She s in an off campus apartment with a lease ending in August . The rent is $900 a month. She is there through April to complete finals and then will be returning home to Boca Raton for the unforseeable future. The apartment complex is not offering any discount on the monthly rent during this tine of crisis . All amenities are closed and most tenants are not there since spring break when the stay home orders began. Please consider making these off campus complexes reduce the monthly rents as it is a burden on students and their families who don't have income at this time. Thank you
Hillsborough	Healthcare	I believe the threat is this virus is still high. If any reopening, start very small...such as the recreational excercise at the beaches. Too much too fast and it's going to put us all right back to the beginning. No opening of theme parks ,sports of any kind is going to be Beth hard to control crowd control or 6 feet distancing. I think we still need to wait until mid summer . I am an essential worker do I see first hand the carelessness aa of right now.
Hillsborough	General	What an incredible decision to make. As the beaches open, I do think people should be able to sit & watch the water & be out in the fresh air. But understand it is hard to monitor large crowds & knowing not everyone will do the right thing. I do think opening restaurants & bars could open if they have outdoor seating. Whereas I would love to get my haircut & nails done - that is a dilemma for sure. Maybe forcing masks could be a solution. I have faith that whatever decisions are made, will be done with what is best for the State, Counties, and individual communities. Good luck!
Volusia	Tourism	Open the state slowly in June. Start with retail stores who would follow social distancing guidelines of course. Floridians can get out and about and shop while slowly stimulating the economy. Then , slowly begin opening restaurants with limited capacity. Do NOT open hotels and beaches, it just brings more and more people from other locations that puts Floridians at risk. Opening Hotels and Beaches will cause overcrowding at convenience and grocery stores. We need a good solid month of a decline in cases before we begin inviting people here. Opening up our state too early could be catastrophic to our citizens. Start slow and continue from there.
Palm Beach	Recreation	Public parks, beaches, golf courses could be opened but keep social distancing requirements in place (mask 6foot rule). Suspend permits for parties on public parks. Keep the schools closed for the remainder of the year. Taxpayer dollars could be better spent on PSAs to continue to inform at risk population of proper hygiene and how they can protect themselves. At risk population could be provided pick up locations for free or discounted masks and hand sanitizer. The immune system will stay stronger with regular exercise and outdoor activities, being quarantined and idle for long periods will only bring morale down as well as put more people at risk for participating in self harming activities. Mike Aliff BSN, RN

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Hillsborough	General	Even in the earliest phase, I would encourage the Task Force to allow all businesses to resume operation if appropriate social distancing or other targeted measures can be observed. For example, barbers and hair salons could reopen if (a) the barber and client both wear masks or other facial coverings, (b) the barber/stylist wears gloves, and (c) the shop or salon is otherwise arranged to achieve customary social distancing. You could also require that services be provided by appointment, with no walk-ins. We need to let Floridians get back to work while applying reasonably tailored measures to protect health.
Volusia	Construction	Please do not put our citizens at further risk. We need more time and precautions put into place before reopening. We have not only endangered our own residents but we slap the states who are doing the right thing in the face when we let their fools come here on vacation and galavant all over becoming infected, just to go home and spread the virus to areas who did quarantine. Do the right thing for lives and not money.
Palm Beach	General	I do not think we should reopen the state until the end of May. Our numbers have not gone down significantly yet. If we just wait a little bit longer we will not have a second wave and have to shut down again. Keep us safe. Give us just a little more time.
Lake	General	I would like to see as we start re-opening in phase 1 and two that when people go into retail stores people are required to wear a facial mask also when people are in large crowds that Fishel mask should be on .. Also I think it would be a good idea when people are standing in lines at Disney or universal studios have mask on .also in the retail stores at the parks as it can get very crowded in these places. I myself have a special needs son that's a heart transplant patient and also take care of two elderly family members . . I am the main person that Goes out and takes care of all the stuff that needs to be taken care of for the family and this will give people like me extra reassurance and safety. Thank you for allowing me to share my input and Thank you for all your hard work . Mrs, Grant
Palm Beach	Healthcare	I think businesses should reopen gradually, starting May 15 with masks and social distancing. Everything- other than crowded movie theaters, sporting venues and convention centers- and unfortunately Disney and Universal should not open.
Broward	General	Reopen everything and require everyone to wear masks in public. Obviously, if you go to a restaurant to eat, you will take it off. But it will need to be put back on once you get up from the table. All employees should have masks on at all time. The same thing would apply to schools, especially 6-12 grade. Children in this age group are responsible enough to wear masks daily. Taking online classes for this group is difficult especially when they are taking advanced classes such as AP, Dual Enrollment, IB, etc.

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Putnam	Healthcare	I don't think it's the time to open fl up. I don't agree with the mayor of Jacksonville to reopen the beaches up. I don't think he is a very smart man. I work with apd Adults they have been confined to their group homes. Ofcourse I have no money coming in, because of our governor Ron and his junkie unemployment system. I applied march 23. The governor has money so it's Not a issue to him. He was voted In and will be voted out. I hope he has more brains than the mayor of ga. We are not ready to open up fl. We are morons to have opened the beaches up. Shame on you. Stop counting your money and give me my unemployment money !!!!!!!!!
Miami-Dade	Education	Being a daycare owner. I feel it's too soon to open because of the neec of testing here. I'm afraid of opening and kids bring in the virus to the daycare by being a carrier is going to wipe out the daycare staff and kids and create a liability for us in possible of a lawsuit. 30 more days wont hurt
Palm Beach	General	I am fine with my son learning from home. I am fine with the social distancing. We could let up on some restrictions on parks. Hairdressing and nail salons need better social distancing but should reopen. Holiday big gatherings like Memorial Day and Fourth of July should be cancelled. I do not want anyone in my family to get sick or die. Better restrictions on when people have to be in the same place masks are fine.
Sarasota	Healthcare	I believe it is time to open our business. Our small businesses is what keeps this country going. The loan's were taken by large companies. I am over 65 with a compromised immune system so I wear a mask if I go out and I stay home. Let the young families get back to work. Our food supply is going away being dumped into the fields.

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Lake	General	With schools being out and no summer school or camps. Kids need social interaction with other children. My son is tired of being cooped up with two grown adults and craving play with friends, open up the playground or allow parents to get together for play dates. We need a form of entertainment outside of house for escapism be it movie theaters or theme parks or just ability to go out to a hotel for a swim in the pool. Maybe open like Disney Springs to Florida residents it's spread out and many of the food places is already order and go so they can get out and walk. Disney already had increased A frames with what to do, hand wash signs in bathrooms and sanitizing stations through out. I feel more so than just stay away from each other we need to get people to have basic hygiene of washing, covering mouth to sneeze,cough had we of had that it wouldn't have been this bad to start. We went to Citywalk for Minigolf and stayed at Disneys French Quarter before the stay in place orders went into effect and never felt in danger of catching the virus and the guests even from other countries all respected each other more and being a native central Floridian and pass holder for all central Florida theme parks for over 30 years before we went stay at home and just pushed smaller groups and hygiene i never saw as many other guests at parks acknowledging others and making eye contact to say I know your physically there. I appreciate your allowing the general public to voice ideas of reopening, I am a retail supervisor and have been furloughed since April 2, I can't wait to get back to work but first priority is my sons well being and mental status. The message when we open too needs to be if you don't feel safe going out you don't have to, General public needs to take some responsibility on themselves. Theme park rides have a list of warning outside saying if you have these symptoms or ailments do not ride, they don't say oh this ride may injury someone with heart conditions and close the ride from everyone else to protect those with heart conditions, they open the ride and warn those not to ride that maybe susceptible. Open the stores, parks, theaters, resorts and warn everyone what may aggravate COVID and tell them stay home if they feel they may be more susceptible.
Lake	Food	I recommend that we open Florida back up! Ive been laid off for over a month now and have yet to recieve unemployment benefits (of course it still pending) or my stimulus check, even my tax return is in limbo! People need to be able to help provide for their families and since the state has dropped the ball,TREMENDOUSLY, on paying people unemployment benefits, most people dont have a choice. I personally will be looking for retropay from unemployment and will begin to seek council from an attorney after May 1st. This is ludicrous.
Hillsborough	Education	Please keep closed a little longer. We are still getting positive cases and we have a lot of elderly in our state.
Hillsborough	General	Please open up Florida, while the mitigation has surely helped this virus has been here longer than we have known about. There are so many people I know, including myself who had these same symptoms back in December and January. I have never felt that bad before!! In fact, more antibody testing would be great!! Those who are vulnerable can be careful and take precautions themselves, now it should become a personal choice if someone wants to go out. Also, please don't decide about Fall semester for colleges until as far out as possible for students and the colleges.
Volusia	General	Please reopen the state. We are facing an economic crisis equally as devastating as the pandemic if we do not. Thank you.

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Hillsborough	Education	I am a teacher so of course education is of interest to me. But I am also interested in childcare opportunities and availability for families. My daughter-in-law is forced to take a leave of absence when she cannot financially afford to do so because she has no childcare available for her daughter who is entering kindergarten in the fall. Her daughter's little school shut down when all the other schools were ordered to shut down This is an extreme hardship on her and her little family. I find that this Is a topic that is not addressed enough. It seems that most people think that there are always opportunities for people to work from home but that is not always the case. There are people who still need to go to work and then they do not have childcare opportunities or availability. Some day cares have stayed open but only for Frontline workers and their families. There needs to be consideration for families who are struggling to make ends meet because their child has to stay home because schools are shut down. Please provide guidance and opportunities for daycare's and a little preschools to open back up as soon as possible. Certainly for the summer months. People cannot afford to just stay home with her children indefinitely. Thank you.
Polk	General	As many Americans and global citizens, I am overly concerned with non-strategic, unthought out, not orchestrated open of the state. Being in healthcare I have seen the affects of this virus and am aware of implications if not contained and or widely spread. I understand the need to be careful of the economy and the affects of prolonged closure because I run a small healthcare business. I'd like to see a careful design of the next level/categorization of businesses that could be semi/quasi essential with a development of limited contact in order to satisfy economy and personal needs/wants. Then a slowly phased approach. I live close to the parks and hope they are lower in priority (as in the last phases post containment or vaccination proven to work). Florida can not suffer death rates as New York has.
Hillsborough	General	I unfortunately believe it is too early to open up the state. Trust me my heart goes out to all that are not working and families struggling. Unemployment needs fixed. But I have concerns for my health and my kids and we cannot isolate why the world goes on as people suggest we should stay home. Also working in education, people do not care as they should - kids go to school all the time sick and with active fevers. And the parents do the same. Also school is closed to only virtual teaching, what are families to do that have young kids and have no family to watch them. The kids schooling will suffer more then it already is, parents may still not be able to work and permanently loose their jobs. What happens if we do have this second wave like the Spanish flu, education, economically will suffer even more. I do not have the answers I wish I did but if we truly have so many active positive cases as we do, we are not ready to open for all. One more month please.

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Palm Beach	Government	I'm fortunate my job allowed me to work remotely during this time. With schools closed for the remainder of the year, what are we suppose to do with our children? The office I work is going to want us to come back to the office, but summer camp doesn't start till June. It's not safe to open schools, so are you all saying it's safe to open camps in May? The schools should have opened, even if part tine. One month of school would have kept the students up to grade level and helped ease EVERYONE back to life. I was able to work from home during the pandemic, and now when business starts to open up, I'll loose my job because of lack of childcare? The schools take attendance through zoom. I am homeschooling them. My children rely on me for everything including their school work.
Seminole	Government	We need to get DMV opened again. I just graduated college and have chosen to stay here I. Central Florida, but I still have a California license. So my job options are limited during the lockdown because I can not drive a company vehicle until I can get a Florida license.
Hillsborough	Professional Services	We should not reopen at this time.
Brevard	General	I think most counties are doing a great job staying home and observing the social distant rules. We as a nation and state; need to do this right thing and not get back to normal too soon. I think, more testing is needed in our country and in Florida. Require at minimum one person per household be tested. I know, I do all the shopping for my household. It probably would give people a sense of peace knowing, that they were fine; after being tested. They may even be positive and not know it. I would hate to go back to work and not know, that I'm contagious. We need to know, if others have been tested, when we go back to work and track it. I have asthma and this virus, really scares me. Some people I know, think we should open everything now. There's no way, I would go out to dinner or be in a crowd now. It's just not over yet.
Volusia	General	I believe our economy needs to reopen. If only slowly at first. I think starting with smaller places such as local stores and smaller large company stores. I do believe big tourism things still need to wait having a rush at theme parks probably wouldn't work well. But I believe national parks should reopen, the springs. There's so much we can do to still distance ourselves while beginning to start life again.
Orange	Government	You are making a grave mistake! Over 76% of Floridians DO NOT want Florida to reopen yet. Over 73% of voters also DON'T want this. If you reopen now, there will be even MORE suffering and death! I am 51 with 4 underlying health conditions and I could DIE if I get this virus! You need to listen to the CDC, WHO, and disease experts. DONT DO THIS! You will have even more blood on your hands!!!
Hillsborough	Healthcare	In regard to re-opening the state during the COVID-19 pandemic, as of this date: Apr 25, 2020, my view is that we should not do so until we can insure the health and well-being of hospital staff. They need PPE and time to rest. Florida has not hit the peak of this virus and it is likely to return in the Fall along with the flu which will cause an insurmountable workload for our hospitals and have a ripple effect throughout the population. It is better to err on the side of caution.

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Hillsborough	General	Dear Mr. DeSantis: I am a single mom with a child that has level 1 autism. I have not worked a full time job until this week.4/20/20) I was fortunate enough to have someone willing to re-train me in Title processing. Due to my (Now) ex-husband's military move in 2007, I didn't work again until 2012 when we separated. If it were not for child support, I'd be homeless now. The adult education program is supposed to start having classes on "Microsoft Office" soon as no one has had any that were more than 1 day long without going to a University. The Unemployment Career Center only offers it for people on welfare. I have do have a little money set aside for my retirement (I got it when my mom passed away and it is under $50K) While I could run through that money in a year to 18 months, It still would not solve the issues of me be homeless in the near future. I am grateful because I still have much more than most and I want to get more comfortable with computers so I can get ahead, but almost no one wants to take the time to train. I have not used anything other than "Word" My current boss said she is giving me a month to learn the software so I am doing my best. I had been out of work since Sept.2019 and while I have a Real estate license, I only do family & friends, it is not a steady income for me. I had to mail a letter to unemployment , which was received on 4/17/2020, but I have not heard back. So except for money from my ex, I had no income coming in, were it not for child support I'd be homeless. More needs to be done as I fall in the gap as far as finances go . I should not have to deplete all me money just to live on welfare in my old age. I have worked since I was 16 yrs. old. am educated & and have skills.This is not meant as a "Poor me" letter; however, I think more needs to be done for single parents with children that have autism and would very much like to meet with you in person in the future. I spoke to Cathy Castor a few years ago on this matter, & while I never knew her in school, I met her at my class reunion. Respectfully, KIm
Orange	General	Please open lottery ticket redemption place which says Orlando
Polk	General	I think a slow opening is correct way. Resturants is a must open but with rules. Time limit for inside seating with proper distance. This is like a really bad bug so cleaning is a must. Small business is a top priority or they won't be able to reopen. Just remember you can't always please everyone and there will always someone that's going to disagree. And let's not forget the round 2 that everyone is talking about think ahead and don't get caught with your pants down. Thank you for all you do
Palm Beach	Recreation	Open boat ramps. People can safely put their boat in the water with social distancing. No tie up or sandbar. But people should be able to use their boat without obtaining a commercial Fishing license
Manatee	General	I would like to see the Governor make it mandatory that mask are worn in public. Especially the grocery store. Also wait till Florida Covid cases are on the decline for at least a week.

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Miami-Dade	Healthcare	I understand that we need to open up Florida due to the economy situation that we are facing but I believe that keeping Florida close until June 1st at least would help the spread to be reduce before we can safely start opening locations. The healthcare system will get overwhelmed due to the amount of more infections if we let Floridians go out and start getting infected. If the number of cases are going up by 500-800+ a day and people are “Home” imagine when we let everyone out
Leon	Recreation	I believe we need to start reopening as soon as possible. Standards of safety can still be applied. High risk or overly concerned people can stay quarantined longer voluntarily. I’m a 60 year old diabetic heart attack survivor. I used to go to the gym daily. This quarantine is damaging my mental and physical health. Not to mention the financial and economic devastation it is causing. Open gyms and fitness facilities back up. The virus will always be here in some capacity. We need to be mentally and physically healthy to defeat it.
Brevard	General	The fact is many businesses are already open from Publix, box stores, pharmacies, roofers, contractors etc... Until recently employees weren't wearing masks, and gradual steps to implement social distancing. Lessons learned for best practices for COVID19. If these practices were made Best Practice Guidelines for businesses (masks, social distance marks on floor, one way aisles, limited customers) - then why not allow any business that can implement social distancing and other guidelines to do so? Obviously, there are people who are more susceptible to COVID19 and they should also have the choice to not work. Research shows that people with 0 type blood have fewer symptoms and less contraction of disease statistically, as well many healthy and/or young people want to get back to work. America is the land of the free, so choice is important so long as responsible implementation so not to impact innocent people. Obviously, certain industries such as salons, tourism etc must not yet open We also need clinical studies on immunity testing as some are junk. Please work with our medical university departments to evaluate as this could also be an important tool for getting people back to work. (As an aside this was called the "pneumonia pandemic" before it was named COVID19 - yet we do not prioritize pneumonia cases for testing (symptoms are priority 3 CDC testing but not enough tests for this). Having been diagnosed for pneumonia and not being able to get testing makes it very clear that our numbers are far underrepresented in Florida. For insight on when this started and how many people impacted - please compare the late 2019 and 2020 data on pneumonia cases to prior years - nationally this shows that COVID19 was here in November. A lot of people have been through it - and ready to get back to work.
Duval	General	Don’t re-open too soon
Manatee	Information	Please do not rush to open Florida. We want to be safe.
Polk	Tourism	Either unemployment claims need to be paid to 90-100% of Floridians by May 1st, or we need to all be able to go back to work. People are dying, and not of Coronavirus!

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Brevard	Healthcare	My husband is an essential worker. During this shutdown the only source of consolation we have with him going to work each day is that he's not exposed to as many people as he normally would be exposed to if restrictions were lifted. My husband is in his 40s. He has high blood pressure and is pre diabetic. If he gets sick he could die. He works for a defense contractor, helping to keep our country safe. I ask that you use caution when considering easing restrictions. Please keep people like my husband in mind. I think a prudent course of action would be to watch what happens in places like GA in a couple of weeks and move forward from there.
Orange	General	Please do not open until late May. Not enough testing done. Almost 22 million in Florida barely 300 k tests. Way too soon to determine true exposure of virus.
Pasco	Tourism	Hello Governor DeSantis, My husband and I own a neighborhood bar with 5 employees in Pasco County (The King's Seat). We have been open for 4 years, and I am a Veteran. Our bar does serve food, but we are not considered a restaurant because we don't derive 51% of our sales from food. Due to this, we have been shut down since March 17th with no options to try to keep our doors open. With no PPP or EIDL assistance, it has been very difficult to say the least. We understand the need and desire to open Florida safely (and we definitely need it for the economy and our small business). We are on the brink of having to keep our doors shut permanently and loosing our lifetime dream that we have worked so hard to get open and keep. There are a couple of items/comments that we would like you to consider: 1. If restaurants are open for 'dine-in" only during phase 1 (which most of these have bars in them as well), we believe that bars should be able to open in phase 1 also - as long as there are safety/sanitization/and CDC recommendations being followed. We believe all of these are best accomplished by business owners (not just bar owners) by going to 50% capacity. 2. If bars are not allowed to open during phase 1, there will be MANY TRUE SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS (businesses with less than 20 employees) that will never re-cooperate financially and neither will the communities that support them. BARS are a VERY LARGE PART OF TOURISM DOLLARS IN FL, and should be recognized and assisted as much as other small businesses (restaurants, salons, barbershops, ect). Thank you for all of your heard work during this pandemic and dealing with all of the States concerns. Respectfully, Kristal Sedlak & Matthew Coheley Owners of The King's Seat Bar and Grille 3434 Grand Blvd Holiday FL 34690 www.thekingsseat.com
Seminole	Professional Services	Please do not open the state until we are able to fully access the items needed to perform as nornal of daily life as possible. As a hairstylist and salon manager, the protocols for opening the state while still not understanding the virus in a salon environment could create disastrous situations for both stylists and clients alike.

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Lake	Professional Services	Hair Salon, Barbershop, Restaurants. Even before the lock-down my salon followed more then protocol in cleaning, 6ft apart, gloves, and cleaning after each customer. The same with my husbands barber. Restaurants spreading out tables, cleaning, waiters wearing a mask, they will not risk losing a business - they will follow the guidelines. You say golf and WWE was essential yet an elderly gentlemen that relies on grooming is NOT. An elderly female that can't wash her own hair relies on her stylist to wash her hair once a week is NOT essential. You didn't think about these people. You say you did because of their age - but these salons would not risk the health of these clients/they would not risk their businesses in that way. They care about them, too. They would follow the guidelines. You need to open them as soon as possible.
Osceola	General	I say open it slowly don't rush to open everything at once. Make sure that the businesses practice social distancing and that people continue to use mask when out in public. If you see that cases have increased after opening then we go back to a stay at home order but open things one at a time. Do it in phases.. phase 1 then wait 3 weeks and then phase 2 then wait 3 weeks and so on. If you rush it then I think we will start having cases again.
Orange	General	PLEASE do not rush in reopening - nothing would be worse than reopening and then having a resurgence of cases in Florida. I know everyone is anxious to reopen, but we need to reopen SLOWLY, METHODICALLY and CAREFULLY.
Palm Beach	General	I am sure some counties would be fine but I am not sure about Palm Beach. The sense of entitlement is such people are not concerned about their effect on others. But I know it needs to start. Open the beaches for a few hours a day for exercise and walking. If you open the golf courses you are going to have a problem. I have been in the club business for 17 years. Most club members are only concerned about themselves and not the safety of others. This will get out of hand. If you open and the number covid19 cases increase dramatically ..... how do you put the genie back in the bottle?
Palm Beach	Tourism	I think in about 2 - 4 weeks (after memorial day) that the beaches can be reopen only if they have a temporary rule to mandate face mask coverings on all people if they can get the amount of patrol officers out and of course also 6 ft distance apart. . summer begins rainy season so we dont get a lot of people there as much! Thank you and God bless your best and wisest decisions. Maurice
Seminole	General	If Florida has to reopen in order to survive mandate everyone to wear a face mask covering their nose and mouth at least a minimum for the next three months when they're out in the public.
Hillsborough	Recreation	Please open all walking trails at parks. You can close the playgrounds and pavilions but please give us a chance to be out in a beautiful natural setting. It is good for the body and for the mind. Thank you!

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Highlands	Professional Services	I am a cosmetologist I work in a salon of 8 hair stylist .our stations are 3 and 1/2 foot apart. With the way things are going having trouble finding masks in Highlands county or sanitizing wipes or sanitizer or gloves. It will be really hard to continue services when we can't find supplies to keep us safe. As much as I would love to get back to my professional career I have found an essential job to tide me over to support my family. A lot of hair salons have elderly people and it will be very hard to keep sanitation the way it should be. With places opening up and not having the masks and gloves On the shelves, it will be hard for all salons to follow instructions. And some salons unfortunately don't care once you let that okay to work happen. making sure that the salons follow instructions will be difficult and if all 8 stylist have a client in their chair even just one at a time that will be 16 people on our salon floor. Our salon has invested and an ozone machine but only can be turned on at night. Please do not reopen hair salons until the numbers stop going up.
Clay	General	This is very frustrating! I do not understand why 'nonessential' businesses are not allowed to open here in Northeast Florida. The murder rate is higher than the so called COVID deaths. This media generated hysteria has gone overboard. Open up the economy...more death and suffering will occur from the shutdown than actual death from the virus. Let the people That are not afraid to live LIVE. and the people that are elderly, sick, with underlying issues shelter in place. ... that's their prerogative. However, it is also the right of the people that Want to get on with Life to go about Life... there are dangers everywhere....that's Life! You take safe precautions and go on.. As the saying goes...You don't burn down a village in order to save the village The government needs to quit burning Down the village!
Brevard	Tourism	It is ESSENTIAL to open up vacation rentals and hotels to get tourism back. Our entire state is dependent on tourism to fuel our economy. When we don't allow tourists to come we kill Our entire state's economy. Even if theme parks are not open, the beautiful Beaches are and we need those tourists to enjoy our beaches and purchase food.
Pinellas	Finance	Open the state back up please! Every one is struggling and it is not fair, let us get back to our normal lives!
Sumter	General	Until we have an active and comprehensive testing program in place, and vigorous plans to quickly identify and quarantine newly infected individuals and their contacts, this is not a plan to "re-open" the State. It is a plan to crest a disaster of biblical proportions. Listen to qualified medical experts, not economists.
Brevard	General	I would love to see places open as they use caution. Yes, social distancing needs to stay in place but stores, restaurants, beaches and beach parking need to open. No one should be forced to work but people should not be denied that either. Although school building closed to students teachers should be allowed back in. We need to be thinking how we can have hybrid classes next year. We can do this safely but we have to open before the economy completely crashes.

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Orange	Healthcare	I don't feel we can safely reopen most businesses until we can deploy proven antibodies testing en masse. If we can identify those who are likely immune, those folks can start up our economy both in the capacity of worker and consumer.
Broward	General	I feel that it would be a great error and harmful to our citizens to open the state up. We have been lucky to start things sooner in the process than New York did. However, we still are having new cases and deaths every day. Even opening counties to the North of us will be detrimental. People are willing to drive an hour or 3 to spend time at a beach or a park. That is not only risking them but others in safe areas. By allowing people to travel to our state you are risking our safety. Do you really think someone on vacation is going to self quarantine?
Hillsborough	Finance	As much as I am depressed and ready for this to be over I believe it is way too early to open everything back up. We must wait until we are certain there is an effective form of treatment that will work for most people and until we have enough tests to test anyone not just people with severe symptoms.
Lee	Accommodation	I am not a full-time resident of Florida, but I do have partial ownership in Ft. Myers Beach. Please keep in mind that there are many people like me who have a vested interest in the area and would like to see my building reopen since it was lumped in with "rentals & hotels" in the 90 day closing. I am in agreement with social distancing guidelines and have no problem with screening procedures or limiting restaurants, bars, beaches, etc. I would simply like to enjoy my residence and soak up some sunshine on the privacy of my own patio. Thank you for your consideration in this matter!
Charlotte	Recreation	Please reopen state parks and pickle ball courts...with social distancing criteria.
Clay	General	Please reopen the local gYMSand open the beach fully!!! This is outlandish that you can shop at all these retailers but can't go the beach drive away from the crowd. Please get Florida reopened and let the ADULTS POLICE THEM SELFS. again do your own research but you can see that every retailer is being absolutely run thin because no American is staying home with a stay-at-home order they're deciding the shop Non-Stop. I am absolutely okay with this as this is great for economy but if we're going to allow this open up other retailers so weit will drop the unemployment rate and let's get people outside and take some of the burden off these other stores. OPEN GYMS AND THE BEACH AT MINIMUM.
Okaloosa	General	As we learn more about the covid 19 virus , we are coming to understand that heat and humidity play a role in the decrease of the virus. As we get into the warmer months that means we will be seeing less and less. With that being said our economy can't take much more being completely closed down. We need to get back up and running as soon as we can. A short trial period for businesses to open up and keeping a close tab on increased cases of the virus should tell us if it's safe to keep them open without restrictions. We must think about the small business owners and how this is crippling the economy to the point of no return. And no I do not own a small business.

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Orange	Tourism	Governor DeSantis & task force, As you know having our economy re-open is vastly important to our state however our health is also at the upmost importance at this time of uncertainty. As our curve has been flattening it is encouraging however not a sign that we are in essence home free and escaped from potential risk. I believe our tourism in central Florida is very important to our economy especially here in Orange and Osceola County. However during this uncertainty, I believe it is way down on the bottom of the scale of importance especially when opening back up our theme parks. So much is a risk and having spacing in que lines, wiping down every attraction after every guest, etc. although great ideas; is only going to make lines longer and increase wait times thus increasing wait times on transportation only making guests who stay at resorts angry and making it a frustrating time. Most attractions go into in door close tight spaces where a simple cough or sneeze can spread a virus extremely quick amongst several hundred people. We must be smart and be able to open these places with extreme care and the latest as possible. An infection can spread very rapidly at these places and not only for guests attending but employees at risk also. My concern is opening up tourism too quick will cause people to rush into these places and pose risk to spreading the virus especially after being at stay at home orders. This is not a priority for our economy at this time and needs to be later than sooner. Until we know most of the US is somewhat under control we can't allow people to travel from all over into our great state and flood the tourist areas spreading this virus into our local communities causing potential massive outbreaks. We must wait and be vigilant in this area of business for the mean time and act appropriately to protect our health and well being. We need to make sure we don't have a huge outbreak that is it of control forcing multiple shut downs again, which will only hurt our economy worse having to do this all over again. Please take this into heavy consideration as a taxpayer of Orange County and wanting to keep everyone safe and healthy. We will one day flourish and prosper again but we must take the time and steps to ensure we can reach that prosperity once again. In the future our tourism driven state will flourish again but please once again, let's make this one of our final steps to re opening our economy keeping our HEALTH first and
St. Johns	Healthcare	Be courageous. Reopen everything with social distancing, handwashing, masks. Our country is being voluntarily destroyed by our leaders. Yes it's a bad virus, especially to the fragile elderly. But so is the flu. I am a retired healthcare worker and this shutdown lacks solid epidemiological science. I am extremely concerned about the shutdown of so many of our healthcare facilities and the lay-off of personnel. Very dangerous and short sighted. A total destruction of our way of life
Duval	General	I feel until the virse is over we need to continue to be safe at home
Orange	General	I believe that once we reopen , it would be smart to change business hours and keep social distancing as a requirement in stores.
Polk	Government	Florida should open slowly ,and monitor the increases or decreases in covi19 cases.
Hillsborough	Government	Do not reopen. Numbers are still increasing. There is still no solution in place. Terrible idea.
Collier	Tourism	We are ready for a smart, responsible reopen of our state and country. The Governor did a great job and had shown great leadership when we didn't not have all the facts. After weeks of data and knowledge, we know how to be safe and cautious. People suffering with no income and worry will soon overtake this virus.

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Brevard	Retail	My current workplace was deemed essential during the pandemic. My area has, for the time being, only been lightly affected by infections and deaths. Unfortunately there is very little effort to follow the CDC guidelines. The employees do not feel safe and completely helpless regarding their own safety. What, if anything, is going to be fine to ensure employees safety of the owners of a business refuse to do anything to protect their employees?
Escambia	General	If science governed our decisions to close up our state, then let the science showing this virus isn't as bad as we thought govern our decisions to open the state ASAP. We appreciate the governor's moderate stance with regard to restrictions but they are ruining the lives of many Floridians.
Nassau	Healthcare	I am the Administrator of two assisted living facilities. We have tested all staff and residents on March 34th (all negative) and again April 21 (results pending) - the Dept of Health broken testing strategy for our residents has cost lives.!further the Dept of Health has no idea of our limitations under our license which in my view in dangerous . We need a testing protocol that is focus on asymptotic detection inside our facilities. The Dept of Health will only test when residents show symptoms which is a formula for disaster. The CDC investigation at Kirkland made it clear our focus should be on identification and detection of asymptotic carriers. I believe many deaths can be tied to this broken policy and we need Ahca to take over this critical mission to endure residents get testing. We will also need FLORIDA housing to make available grants for building modifications to help create safe places for families and residents to come together. We also need to ensure third party providers like home health are tested prior to entry to a facility
Seminole	Tourism	We need to wait to open the state for a little while longer. Maybe phased opening starting 5/15 but we are not ready yet.
Orange	General	Open our state NOW! Before it's too late!! People can still practice good hygiene and wear masks but we MUST GO BACK TO WORK! Printing fake money is not the solution. And our constitutional rights are being trampled. We have the right to life, LIBERTY and the pursuit of happiness. We need to be liberated and allowed to pursue our happiness, which is providing for our families.
Brevard	General	Please consider extending the stay at home order. We are getting a ton of cases everyday. And by reopening Florida you are putting everyone at risk. You also need to do a better job in enforcing this
Seminole	General	I believe closed business all other areas (parks, recreation, churches) should open at 30% capacity week 1 using masks /social distancing, then increase increase capacity by 10% a week until 100%. If they start finding any COVID 19 cases along the way they should close down fix the problems that allowed the spread of the virus and restart over again.
Osceola	General	It's way to soon to reopen Florida
Volusia	General	Open the dang state & quit treating us like lab rats! This shut down has been a complete democratic farce and you are forcing us to join! OPEN our economy up! This is a disgrace

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Palm Beach	General	florida is not ready to open yet. our cases seem to be going up. we need to do further testing in palm beach county. we need to wait to end of may to re-evaluate and do it smart. to open prematurely will send it to a backward spiral. a little patience now will pay off later. DO NOT OPEN YET!!
Indian River	Education	Follow the national guidelines: 14 day decline for gating to a phase Re-open Responsibly; 6 / 20 / 100 Rule Communicate clear guidelines from the Dept of Education AND the Office of Early Learning on how to proceed when schools re-open in Phase 2 Present phased opening information to the public based on evidence and data driven decision making.
Manatee	General	Face mask or coverings for everyone
Orange	Healthcare	I am a front line worker. All the tests in the world won't help except the antibody test. You could be exposed and positive before you even get your results back. The virus is here to stay. Offer suggestions of distancing, hygiene and keeping sick people out of businesses. If you are hesitant to go out stay home. It is the height of selfishness to think you can stay home and have sanitation workers, transit workers, grocery store workers care for your needs. Open us up, make everyone accountable for their lifestyle. Save our economy and country. As a front line healthcare worker, I see both sides, but the way this has been handled, the cure will be worse than the disease.
Brevard	Healthcare	Please push back the open day of dental offices for non emergency visits. Offices are not prepared with the proper PPE for opening as dental staff are at a very high risk for infection due to the aerosols.
Sarasota	General	Please do not reopen for another 3 weeks wait for the curve to flatten
Brevard	Recreation	I am 66 and in that risky group. Fortunately I am healthy. I think beginning in May start opening under restrictions. I don't have all the answers but I figure put my mask on and go. This thing is going to be around for a while and I am not going to stay isolated.

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Polk	Healthcare	What must be considered 1st is the safety of the citizens of this state. I understand that people want to open the city up but I have to be honest if they were getting their an employee met they would not be so eager. Opening Florida for business to soon will in deed damage our tourism because though people are at to work, if infections are rampage who would want to common visit if those that are working are dying at higher rates. I am a graduate from the University of South Florida and my degree is in public health, the 1st thing you need to do is hire people who are trained in this area of Preventative measures Because I do not see any currently. The problem is that no one saw the value in public health officials and having professionals holding the reins because outbreak and infection is inevitable. This will not be the last pandemic that we do with and how you deal with this and if you allow people to bully you into opening the state to soon will set the tone of the next pandemic that will or may require us to shelter in place. People need to be confident in their officials if they are uncertain or do not have faith in you then they think that they have to go out and get it themselves which is the reason why so many people are just saying open it up. With so much misinformation that has been presented to us In the beginning it has caused confusion. I am an independent and a vote independently so a person who is elected does not influence my decision to open or close it is my education and research that influences my decision.I have a three-year-old son and I am married to a Barber so these people along with myself IA higher risk.
Hillsborough	Healthcare	Open Florida entirely. Citizens will distance, stay home, or work as needed. Don't treat people like they are stupid. Ruining the state's economy and future for young adults with this control over citizens. Routine surgery must return immediately. Most ASC surgery patients have procedures that don't utilize the N95 masks or items that the hospitals failed to have in their inventory. Please, get people back to work. This is ruining the State of Florida. Fear driven.

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Pinellas	General	I am retired Pinellas county schools emergency management, and have a son about to enter high school this fall. In general, I agree we should allow small businesses to start opening up with plans to continue social distancing, monitor the numbers of patrons inside, require masks, hand sanitizer. For restaurants it is going to be harder as air circulation in an enclosed area will need to be altered to help dissipate the virus particles. Beaches, parks, playgrounds, should be open again, but people must use some common sense and stay separated. On the matter of schools, I understand we are 4 months away from fall semester, however, a vaccine will not be available by then. So, unless we can increase testing, there is zero chance of social distancing with kids. It does not matter that children are less susceptible, they can be carriers and all it will take is for one child or multiple children to bring home the virus to parents or grandparents to have this explode again and we are back to the open/shut scenario. Any parent, teacher or student that gets sick will have parents pulling kids out of school. The online schooling is working. Yes, kids miss the social interaction, sports, theatre, etc. but this is not a cold, or the flu. No one has immunity to Covid-19 except those that were already sick. In addition, the data is still not showing that the antibodies protect you from getting sick again. Keep schools closed. No parent is going to chance their child or family member getting ill from this.
Manatee	General	Mandatory covid testing for everyone

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Pinellas	General	First of all, I want to thank Governor DeSantis for allowing a public comment portal to be set up so we as citizens are able to communicate our interests and concerns. The first concern I have is that Pinellas county in general has not had a large increase in cases except in the nursing homes and assisted living facilities. I hope these will not keep Saint Pete and lockdown . Obvious businesses that can reopened would include the beaches and parks with strict social distancing guidelines. Open-air restaurants and bars with masks and reduced clientele. I think businesses should continue to encourage employees to work from home oh, especially when they cannot assure proper distance between employees. I think many of the boutiques and stores in St Pete could be opened as well if people wear masks and reduce the occupancy. I do not think we are to the point that we can open up businesses that with very closely with the public, such as, nail salons, hair salons, massage therapists, etc. I think we need to see a consistent 14 days decline in cases, death, and hospital admissions. I am concerned about children who have been at home alone and have had very little supervision with their school work. I think those kids who have not participated in the online school this quarter, should have to attend summer school so we can make sure that the students as a whole are not so far behind in September. I think the lockdown is worked in Florida and there are many places that should be able to open, especially that rural areas. Even a city like Saint Pete has not had a huge increase in cases. It is time to start opening up, but make people wear masks and reduce the occupancy and let's get our people back to work!
Seminole	General	It is too early to open. There is not enough testing. There is not enough PPE. The only thing driving the decision is $$$
St. Johns	Management	Stop!! Do not reopen. Look at the numbers and do the math. The numbers are going up.
Brevard	General	I think that it’s too early to re open before the middle or end of May. Our numbers have not stopped increasing. We have not yet started to flatten the curve. I understand people are hurting financially and that is a tough decision but it’s one that needs to be made cautiously. Too early could have terrible consequences.

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Marion	Government	To whom it may concern: Good morning to all and I hope this message finds you and your family in good health. I will start off by saying our state has done a wonderful job on dealing with this pandemic, but as we move forward the biggest challenge will be the re opening stage. Our small businesses and hard working citizens who have been told to stay home during this time cannot wait to get back to normal but as we all know we want to contain this virus as much as possible and keep the people safe. My idea for the re opening stage would be in levels, but this will need the public's understanding and commitment. The first level would be a soft opening of five or less in small businesses such as salons, small restaurants, gyms, and etc. The first level would stay in effect for three weeks. The second level would be the same with the number being 10 or less, for another three weeks. At this point we find ourselves at the six week mark and we can re evaluate these levels and adjust as needed. I recommend this with my experience in dealing with the public working as a law enforcement officer and a park ranger for the last 10 years. I understand the public very well and I understand this will not be an easy task, both for our public safety departments as well as our anxious citizens. Thank you for allowing me to communicate with you on this topic. Sincerely, Andrew J Curbelo
Brevard	Professional Services	Doesn't the federal guideline require 14 days of no increase in deaths or positives for 14 days. Percentage of positives should be secondary since testing is conditional, not general population. Please don't follow a fool (Trump)! Be smart, safe, and healthy for all. Economic come back will naturally follow. Thank you.
Lee	General	Open up everything ASAP, let everybody go back to work! Don't pay attention to the news media, they will never approve so open up Florida now!
Duval	Healthcare	Task Force: Thank you for participating on this valuable committee. The path that seems viable to the safety of the Florida residents is to take a wait and see position. Delay the opening for 2 more weeks and evaluate Georgia and Tennessee's results. As citizens we don't want the virus to start roaring through the population. You are in a "Catch 22". You cannot make the citizens 100% happy. Evaluate other states' results, pray about the best path to take, and then just go for it. I do not envy your position. Thank you for the opportunity to express my thoughts. God Bless. Mary McGinnis

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Osceola	Recreation	I think we need to have a detailed plan for each kind of business. I think it's too soon since even next week would not give business's adequate time to do this correctly. 1. Have specific requirements such as workers wear face mask. How many customers allowed If it's a restaurant is it every other table Have consequences for buisiness that doesn't follow such as if they got a loan they have to repay, gave possible closure or fine Let fla residents be the first to go to beach, hotels and theme parks until a larger opening is done
Hillsborough	Healthcare	More testing and tracing of Virus spread before work places that can't guarantee sanitizing and distancing; venues that attract groups. Our present lockdown is working. Fix the State employment Dept that former Gov. Scott sabotaged. Work on supply of necessities and hoarding.
Orange	Education	My student loan was in default ,they took my tax refund ,and put it in offset. Did to the Carina virus that was supposed to be refunded back to me but it hasn't . please help as I need the 1622 for medical thankyou.
Bay	General	Please continue to enforce stay at home rules for a few more weeks. If you do not, we will have a second wave, and it will be more deadly than the first outbreak. Be Patient.
Duval	General	I think you should have business that have employees working from home successfully to continue. I think food trucks could open w/social dist. Including retail if able to social dist. Maybe a partial opening for bars & rest business A-L Mon '& Wed M-Z. Outdoor events like Jumbo Shrimp etc should open prior to non essential biz but they have to figure max capacity first, maybe 50 then next game 100 etc only have 1 or 2 concessions open at games. I think everyone esp 40-80 have physicals now to determine underlying conditions
Orange	General	First of all, thank you for you service to this state Mr. DeSantis. You are doing an amazing job and both my wife and I keep you in our daily prayers for the work you are continuously and tirelessly doing. Secondly, we think that it's time to safely open the State allowing businesses to open and get our economy back on track. While there are no arguments either way that you haven't already heard, we simply wanted to share a "re-open" the State comment on this site. Again, thank you for being such a dedicated Governer and we absolutely know you will make the right decision based on the information you are receiving. Dave and Jean Shawgo Orlando, Florida
Highlands	Government	Open businesses back up. Open beaches even for sun bathing. People that choose to stay home can. School resumes in August like normal. We are not stopping the virus. We are just slowing it. Opening up now will determine if we need to close again before August. I have a reservation in the Keys in June. I would really love to go!!

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Lake	General	Until we have a vaccine the public is subject to getting the virus. When you open up, it will be a test case for all those people that chose to go out to businesses. there is a decrease of cases at this time because we are all staying inside. Good Luck.
St. Lucie	Construction	I got laid off from my construction job due to the covid virus. I still have not been approved for unemployment after 1 month of filing. Need money to survive or I will be homeless soon. Need to get back to work really soon
Brevard	General	While I like most would love to get out of the house and be able to go shopping or to the beach or anywhere else other than Home at this point I think it's still too soon to be reopening everything back up
Seminole	General	I think we need to make sure.
Miami-Dade	General	Would like more infection tracing and mandatory testing before opening back up. That way we know who has it and where it came from so decontaminations and quarentines can be started. Another thing to address in all of this is that no one seems to want to talk about how you can get re infected with this virus over and over again. Stray animals need to dealt with as well as it has been proven that Corona virus can be transmitted directly from animals to humans. Enforce the quarentines better before opening. And please for the love of God fix this unemployment fiasco! I've been out of work since march 22 without the stimulus I would've lost my car.
Seminole	General	I understand the need to maintain social distancing but feel the degree we currently are living under can lifted in a measured approach. We're headed towards complete society breakdown where not only the general population of Florida is going to be broken but the state that relies on their tax dollars to operate along with the businesses will all be in ruins. We need people working again, let's get them back into the work place with safety features provided (masks, gloves, hazmat suits if wanted), let's get our farmers working, construction crews building, hotels and restaurants going as well but at a percentage of normal business. Jumping back to normal would be insane but slowly reopening and rebuilding our lives back should give all of us a chance to ease into this and (I'm not sure if this is a thing or not, conflicting reviews) build up our immunities to this virus. I, along with a lot of people I know, feel useless which leads to depression and could lead to suicide. Thank you.
Osceola	Food	Unless you want thousands more to be infected a worsen the situation, the state should not reopen
Pinellas	General	I feel it's too soon to open up Florida, I'm afraid we could have a relapse, and even more, people wood get COVID 19 Thank you
Orange	General	I feel that the state should stay closed until we have see everything plateau and the amount of infected people starts to decline.

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Hernando	General	I don't believe you made the right decision not to open schools. Did you think about how kids are going to be after 5 months of no structure. They get board during summer break. School is a 7 hour day. This online stuff my two kids are done in about 4 to 6 hours for the whole week. Have a middle and high schooler. What about the parents who cant go back to work because they can't afford daycare. I dont think mentally it will go for our kids.
Marion	Healthcare	No we should NOT OPEN till cases decline not while they are going up but in the meantime fix unemployment so we can get paid.
Lee	Government	As a 46 year old college graduate with ALS, I am vehemently opposed to the government of the state of Florida as the Scientific FACTS are PROOF of the COVID-19 virus being highly contagious and hence, the state of Florida will be the direct result of my fellow Floridians deaths in lieu of MONEY? I hope that this state takes the responsibility for representing the people that they took an oath to do so and not decide to kill others like my elderly parents that will have been married for 60 years, IF they are not put at risk from this horrific virus and others that are my age and unable to fight the virus if I get it from the government officials I voted for allow this complete irresponsible and dangerous early opening. Thank you for taking the time to read this and I hope you have a wonderful day. Jill
Marion	Utilities	Yes open back up, people need to get back to work!!
Hillsborough	General	Please don't reopen Florida yet until the number of new cases drop.
Brevard	Construction	Open Shilohs. Now. Thanks.
Miami-Dade	Healthcare	As a person who uses corrective lenses like I need to get my glasses fixed and my optometrist is closed .. I didn't ask to be blind.
Volusia	General	Florida's infection and deaths numbers are going up with (ridiculously lax) restrictions already in place. We have no widespread testing in place. Opening things up will only increase those numbers. But go ahead and put greed ahead of our health and safety. The consequences will be evident come election time.
Orange	Tourism	I believe the state needs to see 14 days of declining numbers of positive tests and then we should start to open businesses with social distance rules still in effect
Volusia	Recreation	Open all beaches
Orange	General	Keep it closed or cull the herd.
Duval	General	All ideas are for public spaces *Masks for everyone. *Shoe cleaner floor mats. *Anti-viral coatings for high touch areas. *UV light technology for HVAC systems. All are readily available and are relatively inexpensive.
Brevard	General	No, Florida does not need to reopen right now!
Marion	General	I feel the State should re-open, so everyone here can get back to some kind of normal, an everyone can make their money, an support their families.
Palm Beach	Recreation	Open boat ramps, beaches,restaurant, parks, and small businesses

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Seminole	Retail	I do not think we should reopen until we see how the numbers track with expanded testing which we are just starting to see. I would wait until memorial day or June 1.
Collier	General	To soon to open beaches
Pasco	General	New time-released cure; two TIDE PODS, swallow light bulb, call Dr. in the morning.... this is the new GOP mantra ...
Palm Beach	General	Very Slow opening. Mandate masks in all stores, offices, etc. Continue work at home for non-essential. Reduce office occupancy levels. Open parks and beaches but don't allow gatherings. No permits for gatherings. Reduce max occupancy in all retail, restaurants, offices, etc. Mandate throw away menus. Servers and store clerks must wear masks and gloves. Allow elective surgeries and medical treatments, doctor appointments but put limits on time between appointments, number of people in waiting rooms, etc. continue push for teledoc. Assess remote learning and staggered classes for schools. Consider having 50% of students physically in school on two days while others are remote. Teachers would be teaching live and remote at the same time. Students would alternate days. This allows for labs, etc. assess technology in the classroom to allow for this. Need staggered lunch hours to avoid large crowds. Masks required for all on campus. We need to look at the positive impact to the earth as the positive of the many negatives and promote this new way of living. We need to look at this as an opportunity to reduce the negative impact to the earth. Reducing our emissions, reducing our dependency on oil, etc. More work at home and limited travel improves family time, parents helping with education at home, reduced costs for family and businesses, positive impact to the earth within just a few weeks.
Orange	General	Open up the state! With any medical condition, look out for yourself. Take precautions, but don't shut down the state! Deploy UV-C solutions, practice reasonable distancing and continue to educate.
Pasco	Professional Services	Pet Groomers , Car washes ,Restaurants, Dentists etc. Thank you for allowing us to voice our opinion. My heart is heavy but no one should starve so, I believe we can open all services that can limit inside contact. Pet Grooming is essential to my dog. My groomer before shutting down only allowed one person at a time to drop off and pick up your pet. It was perfectly done! Dentist rooms are already set up for one person. I have never seen any large crowds at a car wash so let them open too. I believe restaurants can open with a very very limited amount of people and if very very well ventilated. Outside areas to eat at would be preferable. Restaurants can mark floors and areas just like Publix has done. But I suggest 12 ft between tables. Hair salons should open as long as masks are mandatory for both the stylists and patron. Make masks mandatory for everyone when going in public near crowds and anyone not feeling well. Thank you!

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Pinellas	Healthcare	I want to make sure that we are not too quick to open out of concern of increase in a raise of numbers. Staying at home has helped lessen the numbers and would not like to see history repeat itself a second it didn't with the Spanish flu.
Palm Beach	Healthcare	Make one hospital in the county for covid and covid like illnesses while all other hospitals continue as normal. Retro this hospital to negative pressure for its entirety. This ensures most healthcare workers can go back to normal. Triage patients outside in mobile conditioned unit with negative pressure. Most of all get ppe supplies do that nurses do not have to reuse!
Brevard	General	Open as you feel. Yes I want to work but I kno this is serious so I'll follow your decision for Florida
St. Johns	Healthcare	The shut down was to be able to provide hospital beds for Covid and to ensure we have enough respirators. We have that now so the state should be open in full with concerns to elderly and medical comprised people should be responsible and self quarantine. I feel the closer is worse then the cure. I work in the dental field which is about as high risk and I am in my 50's. We are about the worst field for this but an essential field as well and I still feel the is more harm with keeping the state closed. I have been out of work since March 19th, still no unemployment. People need to live and pay their bills. Again this was supposed to be for hospital and respirators issues. Let's open all, including Disney and Universal
Lake	Recreation	Opening up the state now would be like taking off your parachute before reaching the ground.
St. Johns	Real Estate	The country needs to open back up May 1st. Everything.
Baker	Information	I think we need to wait a little longer. I'm going to wait a two weeks after you all open to go out. I'm going to wait to see happens to y'all. Cases continue to climb and deaths continue to climb. I just think it is too early.
Orange	Recreation	Please allow gyms to open asap.
Volusia	Government	This used to be the land of the free. There is absolutely no way the government should have the power to shut down small businesses with signing an executive order. The Tierney that has been displayed by our government is unforgivable. It will reverberate throughout the country for years and hopefully never happen again but I fear that you set a precedent over a Virus. That was completely blown out of proportion by the media
Orange	General	Please make this decision based on science and medical data, NOT politics. The Unemployment problem is going to be bad enough for you with everything that's not working right with that system. Don't kill people on top of that.
Brevard	General	Please use science and data to determine when and how to open the economy and removing restrictions. Nobody wants to do this again. Now is not a time for politics.
Pinellas	General	I feel we should lift restrictions very little at a time as the numbers are going up still, yes some county's are different and the governors decision should be based on just that! Making mantory wearing of face masks should be done in order to open Florida at all. Baby steps one at a time please. We don't need to hurry protect those of us who have sense reguarding this virus!!
Marion	General	We are a healthcare family and our point of view is that it is too soon to reopen without a 14 day downward trend and increased testing north of Orlando. Unemployment needs to be fixed and people would be more likely to stay at home until mid May before we think about reopening

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Hamilton	General	It would be crazy re-opening life is more important so what if the state declares bankruptcy. We have a president who doesn't have the knowledge or education to lead our nation . It's up to you the governor to make a right decision. Whenbit comes to the lives of kids ,parents, grandparents, all those who have been putting their lives on the line. Many of us would rather stay at home with our kids due to school closures then risk the live of the innocent people and continue the spread . Openings would be a catastrophic and will lead to more death's 😟😟 You have a family make the right choice and wait a bit longer. Dont be Trump and keep making the wrong choices it will just make it worse be a leader and make the right choice not only for us but your family's as well . God bless
Sarasota	General	As an out-of-work employee in the service industry, I am a victim of Florida's failed Reemployment Assistance program and stuck in what is widely referred to as the "March Black Hole". Like many abandoned Florida families, we are desperate to get back to work in what is now, undeniably, a failed state. A restaurant operating at 50% capacity with only a small fraction of customers willing to risk exposure, especially in a senior driven economy like Sarasota, the income will be extremely limited but much better than receiving nothing at all. While the Governor approaches his responsibility to his constituents with his "donors before voters" rationality, widespread testing, mitigation and containment are key as many experts have pointed out, to safely re-open Florida. It's really the least he can do since the economy being able to "snap back" is now going to be a recession driven fallacy due the enormous amount of debt being forced upon Florida families caused by the malicious malfeasance from the Governor and the FLDEO.

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Hillsborough	General	Open May 1st using a phased approach with specific instructions and restrictions for each segment opened for next month : keep nursing home/alf /hospital restrictions in place until all staff/resudents/visitors are tested in future issue “passed” covid testing cards to individuals so they can visit these medical facilities mandatory face masks for any facility where over 10 people gather and then relax limit to 50 in june recommend continued working from home whenever possible for may open in may restaurants retail stores business operation centers zoos aquariums movie theaters car washes beaches parks sports w limited attendance provide detailed instruction on required behaviors / protocols for people at each of the above continue to set up ease of access for testing great idea having it available at pharmacies set plan in place NOW for reopening schools and colleges in August
Orange	General	It is way to soon to start trying to open things up. Start by fixing the unemployment website. Theres the first issue. If you try to open things to soon were going to have another wave of cases of covid.
Escambia	Professional Services	Please re open hair salons.I work in a small salon, we can use all precautions, 1 client at a time,wear a mask and gloves,etc. I am single,I'm going to lose my home if I don't get back to work.
Clay	Healthcare	So called “ elective” medical and dental procedures need to restart. I have patients that are missing all or many teeth that have now been waiting for their prosthetic fabrication to continue for almost 2 months. Others are having progression of dental disease. As I can’t perform routine exams, oral cancer screening is not being performed. As far as medical, I am acquainted with multiple people that are waiting on joint replacement, sinus surgery and cataract removal. Please don’t deny the citizens of Florida these necessary services any longer

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St. Johns	Professional Services	I own a children's salon in Clay County (one of the highest death rates) my concern is that parents have multiple children who can't wait in the car. Also the kids will not wear a cape much less a face mask. While I am ready to get back to work. I fear opening hairsalons way too soon. We have no way of maintaining 6ft. Also if other hairsalons open I will need to open to prevent my clients from going to other salons. Please take trumps advice when he said he felt that Kemp opened salons to soon.
Hillsborough	General	Do not open Florida until we know it is safe to open it to soon would bring more people sick and dying I myself work at Tampa Airport I am scared to go back to work a lot of people do not care nor understand the issue everyone has to work but if you are dead how are you going to do this MAKE SUCH Before Another Misstake Is Made
Duval	General	I understand the difficult situation the Coronavirus has put Florida in, trying to balance economic interests and people's lives. I'd be a lot more supportive of re-opening if, and only if, there was more testing. Testing every hospital worker, every nursing home resident and employee, every person confined to or working in a jail, every teacher and student, etc. And people need to be tested regularly. The question of reopening Florida would be different if this virus was only spread when infected individuals were symptomatic. I'm praying for Governor DeSantis and appreciate the work he's doing. He's doing a good job handling this once in a century crisis.
Orange	Professional Services	Open the state for business!!!
St. Lucie	General	Most of everything is already open already what I see closed in my area is Beaches Hair salons Nail salons Mall Restaurant sit down Barber shops So if we can go to a grocery store and use safe distance and wear a mask I don't see why we can not open safely we should all use common sense
Sumter	Recreation	I think it is way too early to start opening recreational areas in Florida for elderly people. There's no way you can do social distancing in a pool with people exercising with the capacity of 75 people. It took quite a while for people to start distancing in the first place, if you open it up now everybody's going to get sicker.
Orange	Tourism	Open please! Disney Springs
Orange	Retail	Have a curfew. For example retail stores only open till 6pm. This will cause less people out shopping all hours. Allows retail to control traffic
Seminole	General	Its too early to re-open. We need to get a firm grip on testing and get the number of cases down much more.
Sarasota	General	It is to soon to open the state. Numbers are still going up and people are still dying. Until the numbers too off and stop increasing we should stay closed. The second the state opens people will be traveling her so fast and then we will all be doomed. Protect the Florida residents please
Volusia	General	Keep stay at home order. It's too soon to re-open.

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Martin	General	Continue with CDC recommendations and include wearing masks/face covering in public Places inside and outside. also Include services such as salons for example; the hairdresser to wear a face covering when the client may not be able to during a chemical process.
Broward	General	We should reopen slowly but especially outdoor activities. The beach and pools with social distancing. Golf with sin glp e riders and precautions. Keep masks for grocery pharmacy visits. Wait on restaurants and when they open only at 50% for first month.
Hillsborough	Management	I am very concerned that Florida is reopening too soon. I have been staying at home since spring break. I work at a child care center which has been closed since spring break . When going to the store as needed, I have not seen people social distancing properly. I am worried that if florida reopens, my job will reopen. When caring for children it would be impossible to keep them 6 ft. apart. They are kids and naturally are impulsive and want to be together. Quite frankly from age 2 to 4 alot of them pick their nose, then touch something. I don't see how there would be enough supplies to keep everything sanitized, since I myself can't find these supplies at the grocery store. Certain places should remain closed. It's too soon to reopen. Please consider things seriously before you reopen. People are not properly following guidelines now, they are not going to follow them after reopening.
Palm Beach	Technology	Please open beaches for non gather activities. Walk, swim, surf and sit in groups of three or less only
Martin	General	Please reopen Florida. The small businesses need to be allowed to reopen. The businesses and the consumers can take the steps needed to reopen successfully. Also please reopen all beaches and parks. It is time to go back to work and play. Let those who want to go back do so and those who do not have the option of staying home. Right now we do not have a choice in many businesses and activities. Please reopen Florida ASAP.
Seminole	Recreation	I'd like to reopen hair salons, gyms but keep sanitary requirements with social distancing. Use of face covering. I'd like to start at the beginning of May.
Lee	Accommodation	Hello, I have fractional ownership on Ft.Myers beach which is forced closed until the Government “opens “ up . It’s not a hotel or rental, but was “thrown” in with them. - open beaches to walk, fish, just not sitting 1st 2 weeks in May. - fishing allowed on beaches , keep social distance. Bottom line, individuals need to take responsibility for their own health. If folks are unhealthy, have underlying conditions, they shouldn’t be out! Let the other 95% get back to some normalcy. Thank you, and God bless.
Marion	Information	It was mentioned that people 55 and older you had a plan for us, also I have heart and COPD. What is this information.

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Manatee	Healthcare	I feel, as a nursing home worker with a compromised immune system , before we open the state up ,we need to do more testing and not limit testing to the big 3 symptoms. I know our testing is no where near ten percent of the population. I live in manatee county and you cannot get tested without the big 3. My daughter also has co morbidities , CP and Neuro impairment, and had headache,low grade fever and fatigue, she couldn't get tested. She then had 10 seizures within 40 minutes waiting for ems. The next day her neurologist on zoom said she believes she had /was exposed please quarantine. I might add my daughter works for amazon and they had her taking temperatures w/o ppe the last 2 days she worked prior to her seizures. She was incoherent when brought to ER and they wouldn't let me in or talk to me . They just released her . Both my children were poopooed about COVID-19 when they went to 2 different ER 's. I believe there is too much confusion and misinformation around to safely just open the state w/o substantial improvement in testing and antibody screening.
Volusia	Food	New smyrna is doing Realy well in relation to cov19.my Resturaunt needs to be open more soon to survive
Marion	Healthcare	Florida should not open yet, it is to soon. I am scared to go to work and bring the virus home to my family. Please keep Florida closed a little longer
Palm Beach	General	It is time to start opening the county to get people back to work. I believe if we have guidelines to wear mask have sanitation sites when entering buildings we could get things moving again.
Polk	General	We need calm, nuanced and evidence based decision-making that realizes things like Queens and American Samoa are not the same. That take account of whether people are complying with guide rails. We need to be unified the best we can even if not physically. I am concerned I may die, that my mother may die, that I might never see my children again, that many more Floridians and Americans may die or suffer permanent bad health consequences.
Sumter	General	Make available antibody testing for vulnerable populations so we can see if we have had it
Marion	General	Our economy is in a devastating period. The health of the citizens is important but I would like to see the state start opening back up. We as humans and citizens need to take responsibility for our part in social distancing and personal hygiene and be held accountable for this. We have no choice but to start opening back up, unemployment benefits are taking way to long to get approved and people are suffering getting back to work would alleviate some of this by going back to work with social distancing. Businesses need to make sure strict policy's are in place for this to happen and follow through with it.
Brevard	Healthcare	As a senior citizen, I think the shelter in place rules should continue, at least, until mid May and then be re evaluated. 14 days of reduced numbers of infections before any loosening of restrictions.

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Volusia	General	I believe the parks are essential to health, studies have shown the viruses does not live as long outside, and maybe only seconds. So open the beaches and parks so we can all air out. I think incremental opening of small business including barber shops and small retail should be starter as well. I am a nurse and have had family affected. But as a nurse we are taught fresh air is always best, Florence Nightengale knee what she was talking about. Thanks
Orange	General	I believe it is dangerous to open the state before their is an adequate supply chain of necessary protective gear for citizens. Until we have access to hand sanitizer, face masks, disinfectant spray/wipes it is going to be difficult for citizens to go into public and not rush increase exposure and transmission. Places like courthouses and other places that have a regular high volume of foot traffic need to have these protective items available to the public before you open them back up. If you have 400 jurors coming in for jury duty that will create a huge risk of increase exposure if the government cannot provide protective gear for those who do not have the ability to purchase it themselves. It should be mandatory to wear face masks in public places such as courthouses, grocery stores, theme parks, sports events, and so forth. If we don't put in place mandatory protective measure we will see a resurgence because the section of the population that does not take this seriously will infect those that do.
Marion	Tourism	Please open everything. Theme parks as well. Please give us back our freedom to chose.
Orange	General	Until we can widely test across the entire state and there is a glimmer of a hope for a treatment, we cannot risk the lives of our neighbors. We need to get the unemployment site fixed ASAP!! People are going to die from poverty if we don't fix this state.
Orange	General	Please reopen Florida! Let us start getting back o some sense of normal and save our economy!
Osceola	Professional Services	Please reopen theme parks, restaurants and salons.
St. Johns	General	We need to open the state back up, people have lost jobs, incomes, as President Trump stated, America was not meant to shut down,. The shutdown has gone on far too long, it will be very hard for business's to pick up where they left off. Nail shops.. the employees can wear a mask, i have had my nails done for 30 years.. i have never so much as caught a cold. these people are very clean, wash their hands, wear mask any ways. Hair salons.. the same. Resturants.. open them back up.. We shut it all down.. OPEN back up! I personally feel its a bunch of bogus BS any way.. Heck the crazy people are already trying to botch up the election as they talk about how bad things will be in the fall.. BOGUS!! Everything will be fine! thank you!
Duval	General	I feel that if the proper amount of testing is in place, all business practices social distancing, and large crowd venues are not permitted, then it is time to re-emerge.
Sumter	Healthcare	I work in the dental industry in The Villages. I have not heard any suggestions supporting dental practices seeing they are one of the higher risk industries. My request would be to have a few dental professionals to weigh in with guidance on reopening and how it should be done.

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Marion	General	I work at Walmart, and I am very disappointed that the people that come to our store do not practice the 6 ft rule, not do they wear masks. I worry if we open too soon, the virus will spread like crazy because the same people will not respect how serious this situation really is.
Seminole	General	I don't think it's ready to re open yet. If it does, we need to do so gradually and can't return to business as usual. Sick people are still going out and running errands even though they've tested positive. We can't shut down the state a second time and hope everyone survives it. Look to NYC - they suffer as much from no tourism as we do, and they are hesitant to re open.
Duval	Education	Good morning, I am writing regarding the reopening of Florida my concern is I have a 5 year old who is in Kindergarten and with school being virtual through the remainder of the year and her having to log in for attendance between the hours of 8:30 and 2:30. My concern is if the work from home order is lifted and i have to go back into the office how do you expect her to get her schooling done it's not the grandparents responsibility to do that..... and we are still putting elderly at risk if i go back to work but have them watch my child. Honestly it's too many different websites and log ins to even ask. I would never even ask so i guess she would be marked absent everyday if i had to go back into the office. So I am asking for the children's sake please keep the work from home order through May to help these kids finish off the year strong.
Hillsborough	Government	Working in school district office , I'm taking care of my elderly parents that have copd , I will like this to not back open until June when the curve is flat flat , to limit my risk of getting copd and infecting my parents
Orange	General	We need either a rest in place or measures set when reopening, that will determine the asymptomatic population. These are the people I fear coming into contact with since they are not aware they have the virus, and more than likely don't feel the need to wear proper protection nor use safe healthy practices.
Sarasota	Healthcare	I think it's absolutely ridiculous that we even consider opening up Florida. Way too early! Let's be sure and wait! If you do open I will still stay home until I see some really good results. Probably won't see that until many many people are tested! Federal response has been a fight. How ridiculous. No to opening.
Orange	General	Please do not open the state until the Doctors and Scientists say it is safe. Doing so too early will be so much worse for us, our businesses and our economy. Adults don't listen to impatient children and I am begging you to be the adults in the room.
Polk	General	Do not open anything non-essential until numbers have continuously gone down to a very low number. Like when it very first started. As long as we have thousands of cases, we should not open.

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Hillsborough	General	Keep health workers and other critical workers safe.. top priority. All workers who comein contact with public should wear masks.. Especially in food establishments.. many do not wear them in grocery stores and take out restaurants. All who shop should also wear masks and limit amount of people allowed. However, there needs to be some way to get outside for mental health. Be smart about this so perhaps open beaches:parks to certain groups at certain times.. with fines for The wrong group going at incorrect times. Enforce masks and distances. Use volunteers if necessary. For example, households from certain zip codes or people of certain ages go to Beaches from 8am to 12 PM... limit the number allowed and fine if they don't comply.. Just tell public you will randomly check to deter cheating.. and enforce it. With less crime/traffic around should be some available police for some Monitoring..
Polk	General	We do not have enough testing capability to even know who has this. The data is grossly off and being used to make important decisions. We are not paying attention to what it's like for the people who do have this. Weeks of a high fever and exhaustion. It's debilitating. Please look at the models that say we should not open until the first week of June. That will protect Floridians and the economy. Problem can't work when they are running a 102+ fever for a month. None of us will feel comfortable spending money until we feel safe from the virus.
Marion	General	Open the state. Let's get back to business
St. Lucie	Professional Services	I am a barber and have been out of work since March 23 I'm not getting unemployment I haven't got my SBA I still haven't gotten my stimulus and I need money to live.I am ready to get back to work but will do it safely wearing a mask and only one person in the shop at a time but I'm ready to re-open Florida as long as it is done safely
Seminole	General	I am in the medical field myself and out of work right now. I would like to see the state reopening, even if it means in stages.
Orange	General	KEEP FLORIDA CLOSED. WE DONT NEED A SECOND WAVE OF DEATHS. KEEP EVERYTHING SHUT DOWN TO PREVENT THE SPREAD.
Orange	Finance	Open when a statistics shiw a decline in new cases for 14 days per CDC guidance. And of course, with increase testing.
Orange	General	For the health of our citizens we need to open asap. We are at the point where basic things like a rise in unemployment will raise the suicide numbers. The mental health or our citizens are being challenged and soon to snap. We also have evidence we didn't have a month ago, such as UV light destroying the virus. The virus has a very low effects on young and healthy people; we also need to isolate seniors and at risk.This would allow the virus burn thru the rest. Its time to reopen Open the state in phases laid out by the CDC this will raise employment to help combat suicides rates. People being outside will help cleanse us the of and lastly allowing it to burn thru naturally. Lets get to work.

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Lee	Recreation	Please re-open State parks and allow camping. People already social distance when camping. I'm a family of 8 and we need to get out and enjoy nature. No desire for the beach as they become too crowded but people with tents and campers keep their distance. Re-opening state parks allows so much for people to do. Everyone in my house is an essential worker and we come into close contact everyday in our jobs. We need a break from everyday and going to the State parks allows us to still enjoy life a little without being near anyone. We all live together anyway so camping would allow us to breathe a little. I know we a just a tiny part in all of this but essential works need to rest up and enjoy life a little to. Please and thank you from the Flaugher/Walsh Family
Orange	General	Open hair salons, restaurants and coffee shops, bakeries. Car dealers
Volusia	General	I think the state should open slowly. Asking people to continue safe distancing and masks. Maybe even doing it by county
Orange	Government	We need a better crime hot line we need more access to programs that help you get a car we need more ways to get a job ... We need more ways to weed out the bad people in or at the jobs so the market dont crash again
Volusia	General	I know people are hurting for money with the stay at home order. But please keep in mind that there would be more deaths without the order. Please do not open things up too quickly! It could be devastating. Folks have worked very hard to keep the number of people getting sick and dying to a minimum. If things are opened quickly, I fear it will signal an "All Clear" and it will be much more dangerous to be out in the community. I want it to be as safe as possible for everyone. Please don't rush things Sincerely, Diane Chatham
Sarasota	General	I would like to see restaurants open with 50% seating capacity to start. Allow people to sit on the beach while maintaining social distancing. Allow condominiums to open their pools. Thank you for your consideration.
Brevard	Food	Please reopen our state to all businesses! Not just restaurants but all small businesses!
Pinellas	General	Gov DeSantis, You are doing a great job, please open tge State ASAP. WE NEED TO GO TO WORK BEFORE NOTHING IS LEFT TO GO BACK TO!! God Bless, LM
Palm Beach	Recreation	We need to start opening South Florida soon! Boca Raton has been at stay home order for longer than a lot of other parts of the state. We should start with reopening parks. Beaches on a limited bases. Social distancing must stay in effect. Let;'s see how this works.

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Sarasota	General	Reopening non essential businesses when our numbers are still growing is a mistake. We need to get the numbers under control and mass testing as a standard before we open it up to new infections. We still don't have enough information to know how quickly it transmits to others so fewer people interacting is key.
Palm Beach	General	In the end the responsibility for socal distancing falls on the individual!! I firmly believe that golf courses, beaches and pools should be reopened with the stongest recommendations of social distancing with potential fines for blatant disregard. If public safety officials can monitor the beaches in Duval County to ensure people are not sitting on the beach they can patrol those same beaches reminding people and enforcing the proper distancing. Boat ramps should also be reopened.
Orange	Tourism	I work for the Walt Disney Company, based out of Celebration. My office is a shared space and our desks are an open concept, not even 2 feet apart. When the rest of the company began shutting down, my bosses tried to find ways to keep us open. The majority of us have compromised immune systems, myself included. Social distancing will not be accommodated and will put us at risk. We know we can easily take our work computers home and do our jobs there- we simply view photos for a living, nothing harsh. Our bosses won't relinquish the control. My health and safety is too important during this. At this point, it is time for Disney to create more work from home opportunities for office work like mine, and that will eliminate fear about returning to work early for certain cast members.
Seminole	General	I believe that we need another 30 days of stay at home. After that start to evaluate every 2 weeks. This will be a regional reopening and I think that any of the major metropolitan areas must stay closed for at least another 30 days. No way May 1 should anything change other than 100% wearing masks when in public.
Orange	Government	DO NOT OPEN STATE YET! TOO SOON
Seminole	Recreation	Allow small boutique gyms to reopen along with big box gyms. Small boutique gyms have ability to cap attendance and control timing of patrons better than big box gyms. Limit capacity to 5 ppl per 1,000 sq ft
Collier	Healthcare	I think opening the parks and beaches should come first. It is important to be outside and receive natural Vit D as we are all lacking right now. My son has asthma and he does well every year with flu and cold season but we do a lot of outdoor activities to keep our immune system strong and to get as much vit d as possible. It is a known scientific fact that summer months are healthier because of the high levels of Vit d we are exposed to. They literally put Spanish Flu victims outside of tents to get Vit d. If we all continue to stay indoors our immune systems will weaken and we will all be more susceptible to cold and flus and covid I think anything outdoors should be priority. Then if that goes well throughout a two week period then perhaps restaurants as well. I think that any job that feels safe to open should be able to as well. Maybe salons etc Can see half of what they normally would for a set amount of weeks then add to that on a week to week basis. If you don’t start now during the summer when we can all be healthier then you are setting us up for failure once fall hits again.

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Orange	Tourism	Please extend lock down until Mid May and then re-evaluate. I'm unemployed and would love to get back to work but too risky now! Any unemployment help is appreciated as well! Thanks, Carolyn
Seminole	Food	I don't think we need to reopen until people are positive the virus and all conditions are safe. Nobody is going to go out as long as they fear for their life or that of their children. I would think June at the earliest.
Polk	General	To the Governor, You have a plan to open us up safely once you have valid data. I'm beside you. We need to get things moving in an intelligent manner. Please don't let the media induced paranoia drive your decision. Depend on your experts as any good manager/leader would. I think you are doing a great job. I am a 71 year old Florida native. I love my state, perhaps not the over development, but the state. 👍👍👍👍
Volusia	General	Should open when it is safe to do so and we can be around people.
Duval	General	Fidelity Monitor, an investment newsletter, yesterday downgraded all Municipal Bond funds from "Okay to Buy" to "Okay to sell." Expect a large sell off on Monday and expect cities to default on their bond obligations. Florida could lobby Congress to amend the Bankruptcy Act to permit municipalities to file for bankruptcy.
Palm Beach	General	Hair salons
Orange	Government	I think Florida should wait a little longer to reopen Florida until this corona virus takes a seriously deep i know some businesses may be hurting but there's precaution that need to be taken.
Brevard	General	Fully understand the need to get things back up and running, with sales tax being the main income source for the state. But we need to follow the science, not the money. Unless we're requiring masks by all parties, most close contact locations such as gyms, nail salons, hair salons, should remain closed until either A) we are on the bottom end of the bell curve, and are seeing minimal new cases, or B) the vast majority of the state has been tested, Symptomatic or not, where we can identify and isolate the sick, utilize contact tracing to identify and potential cases, and cut things off for the spread early
Orange	Government	When will those who filed for unemployment on 03/22/2020 receive payments? It has been over a month and the status still says pending. People who filed in April are already receiving payments plus the $600 from the federal government. This is an insult to hard-working Floridians. Rectify this immediately. We are the laughingstock of the country.
Marion	Government	To soon
Volusia	General	Keep Florida closed as long as necessary to keep us safe! You are doing a great job so far, please continue as long as you feel it is necessary, to ensure our safety.

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Seminole	Tourism	I am a furloughed Disney cast member While I really want to get back to work , I do believe that it needs to be done safely There are days I come into contact with over 1000 people and you cannot control how careful they are I trust Disney completely when it comes to safeguarding their employees But I do know that we do need to reopen and get all the great cast members back to work
Volusia	Retail	Open the state back up immediately
Brevard	General	You couldn't get the shutdown right, although that should have been a no-brained. I have ZERO faith in your ability to safely re-open. As for that unemployment portal, you should be ashamed. People are suffering needlessly thanks to the GOP and your willingness to put yourselves first. You disgust me.
Volusia	General	I do not think we should be opening our state back up. The virus is still ongoing and will be but until we get ahold of the virus with a proven track record of having less tremendously less cases I believe we should be holding off. It defeats the purpose of everything we've been doing. I have a 4yr old son who has severe asthma. If we open up this state too soon and act as if nothing has happened our cases will only spike up again. Now is not the time to open up the state. It's like being told to take antibiotics and just because were feeling better we stop taking them instead of competing the full course of treatment.
Brevard	General	Some people need very basic directions. My father and his friends golf and are over 75. They said if the governor says it's ok to golf, it must be. They drive their own carts and social distances at home. But at the flag, I see groups standing together. I live on the course too. They say, my friends are old and don't go hardly anywhere. They're safe. I try to explain the one person sees one person sees one person... but I get blank stares.
Pasco	General	Please for the health and safety of all Floridians DO NOT open the state. We need at least another few weeks
Orange	General	FL SHOULD NOT re open unless cleared by health officials. Central Florida especially due to the our tourism industry. Re opening prematurely will just cause a second wave of an outbreak. The government needs to cover at least 80% of payroll so not to over burden the unemployment system and people won't have to worry about wanting to reopen prematurely and risking their lives.
Osceola	General	my feeling is to wait a little longer. Be careful about jumping into soon
Orange	Tourism	I think we are ready to phase into reopening everything now! I do like the idea of only allowing FL residents into theme parks, etc, for the near future. I also think it's important for summer camps to proceed for kids.
Lake	General	I would be cautious especially in gyms and places where multiple people go and use the same equipment. Restaurants are also something you would have to be very careful at.
Orange	General	I am very interested in how we can help our small businesses get going again. However, I am very concerned about putting a group of people back together before we have antibody testing for Covid 19. I don't think there has to be a rush. Provide antibody testing for all citizens and then we can see how much social distancing we actually have to do.

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Orange	General	Please don't open quite yet. Lives are at stake. Please don't. Also don't falsify data.
Osceola	General	I think it's to early to open the state more testing and if it is reopened every one must wear a masks it must be mandatory
Hillsborough	General	Re-open the state. We live in the USA and we have rights that are being taken away. As you can see many people already have the antibodies. The death rate if you calculate the direct result of civil-19 is much lower than they said at the beginning. Many famies are suffering as a result of losing their jobs due to this and jobs will be fewer when this is over. The unemployment system is so bad that people haven't received any money even though they lost jobs in March! Keep the nursing home restrictions in place to help the most at risk. One of the biggest issues is that the most at risk are the main people out shopping right now. People need sun, they need to be outside or this will never go away. Bring back the state so people can have their rights back.
Brevard	Healthcare	I am writing to you today because I am concerned for my personal safety at work, and for the safety of the patient's that I care for. I am a licensed Dental Hygienist in the State of Florida. As you know, dental office are planning to open soon. I understand that dentists, as business owners, are eager to reopen as they are concerned about finances. However, resuming elective dental services at this time puts the health of their staff and patient's at risk. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is still in short supply, and some dentists are expecting their hygienists to work without proper PPE and new infection control training. Dental Hygienists have the highest risk of contracting the coronavirus of any occupation due to the unique nature of our work. We work in very close proximity to the patient, and utilize dental instruments which create aerosols. These aerosols can suspend the virus in the air for hours, potentially infecting us, the rest of the dental team and our patients. It is virtually impossible to have your teeth cleaned without generating aerosols. The aerosols created by Patient A at 8:00 are still lingering in the air and dropping down on surfaces on Patient B at 9:00 and Patient C at 10:00. It is estimated that 50% of people actively shedding the coronavirus are asymptotic. Without the ability to test, we must assume that everyone is infectious (Universal Precautions). The Center for Disease Control, CDC, recommends that dental facilities postpone elective procedures, surgeries and non-urgent dental treatment until further notice. I urge you to enforce the CDC recommendations to postpone dental hygiene services at this time, and mandate resuming elective dental services As you consider next steps in reopening businesses, I hope you understand the unique risks to dental hygiene professionals. I ask you to make decisions that will ensure the safety of dental hygienists, their families and the patients they serve. Thank you for your consideration.

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Orange	General	We need to wait until the national task force guidelines have been met - a fall in cases for 14 days and the ability to test and contact trace to stop a new outbreak quickly. We also need to make sure healthcare providers have all the PPE they need before businesses open up needing PPE. We also need to fix the unemployment system so people can get their claims processed and get paid. Vulnerable people need to be able to stay on unemployment when the economy reopens.
Pasco	Recreation	Please reopen our Private beaches so that those that live at the beach can go out and enjoy the fresh air and sunlight that is needed for optimal health. Please reopen our Parks and recreation for the same reasons. There is so much space that Social Distancing is not a problem. Get people out of the house.
Pasco	Education	To the members of the Task Force: I am writing to say that the public school education system needs monetary support more than any other time. The dedication of employees to work and keep children safe is astounding. The stunning deficits of funding to this system is obvious at this time. Schools take on the social needs of the community without blinking an eye, it's what we do. The public voted and said class size needs to be small. Now in this pandemic we see this is paramount. Teacher accountability measures, again, are obviously overdone and crafted to pit one category over another. This needs change. Testing during trauma of students is just wrong. My recommendation as a 19 year teacher in Fl is a reboot of the mandates that restrict the good work that could be happening in our schools. Not everything can be a business model and our schools are more than a business producing a product. We cannot be used by the business community solely to be a training ground for workers. We need to be recognized for the work we do; educating the future.
Brevard	Accommodation	too early to open up due to areas hat the numbers are still going up. it is just not count of beds look at some o the other counties not just the big ones
Volusia	Retail	We are nowhere near ready to open. I work in wholesale wine distribution & its a bad move. Many more will be infected & many more will die. Social distancing WORKS. People are more important than an economy.
Hillsborough	General	Please do not open until more testing is done. Please stop taking the lead from Trump. It's too early to return to business as usual. Ask yourself if you'd feel safe having a crowd of people next to your wife and kids for a long period of time, at this moment. Really do that . Then ask yourself in good conscience how the people of FL are less than the importance of your own family.

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Volusia	General	I do not think our state is ready to re open, no one has been taking proper safety measures. No one has been listening to the guidelines we should be following. Honestly nothing has changed, everything is still open, there more people out and about now than ever! It's ridiculous! I work in fast food and my mother has an autoimmune disorder, so for me to have to go to work everyday while these people are just out goofing off infecting people. It's just unbelievable! Please tell me how fast food establishments are essential!!??????? You can use food stamps at these restaurants, they don't provide essential items. If you ask me I think they should shut everything down that REALLY is non essential, like Dunkin' Donuts coffee every day
Volusia	General	Please open all beaches, parks, nature areas for all.
Lake	General	It is time to reopen the state. Everything in my residential community has been closed for more than 40 days now. Let us get back to living instead of existing.
Marion	General	Marion #s continue to rise. More testing, then re-open things that have safe protocols. Nail salons as long as limit on customers and masks, hair salons as long as limit on customers and masks, restaurants continue curbside and pickup, retail use curbside pickup. Safe but slow. And encourage vulnerable to continue to stay home.
Pinellas	General	Iceland study found 50% tested positive for COVID 19 did not know they had it because asympotlmatic. Even 25% CDC indicates asymptomatic significant. Testing only way to know and certainly not only those with symptom. Open up slowly and with masks and social distancing.
Orange	Recreation	Open state park campgrounds to Florida residents only.

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Orange	Tourism	Getting people back to work as soon as possible must be the first priority. As one who lived through the SARS epidemic in Toronto in 2003, I reject the premise that the shutdown, lockdown and crackdown was necessary in the first place. In 2003, the CDC assisted the city of Toronto, the province of Ontario and the Canadian federal government. Sick people were quarantined. Precautions were taken (screening, extra cleaning, masks, etc), but everybody went about their business. Restaurants, hotels and other public places remained open. This contrived crisis was nothing more than an excuse for public health totalitarians and some overly-enthusiastic "law enforcement" to run amok. In contrast, the CDC has been wrong about everything up to this point. Their models and their predictions haven't even been close. Dr. Fauci and Mrs. Birx have taken the mantra, "If it just saves ONE life, it's worth it!" To beyond the extreme. Trillions of dollars in economic productivity have been destroyed and are never coming back. I would assume that, in the past month, the parks, hotels, bars, restaurants and other places of businesses have had ample opportunity to perform a deep cleaning of their facilities. Nothing is left to do other than "turn the switch back on" and hope people come back to Florida. The corporations who own Florida's four biggest parks, the Walt Disney Company, Comcast and Anheuser-Busch need to take the lead on this. For the next six months (at a minimum), they will need to cut their admission rates dramatically. Hotels and resorts will need to reduce rates accordingly. The big resorts will have to get used to Las Vegas-style $30-per-night rates for the foreseeable future. They can call these "Welcome Back!" promotions. The Canada-U.S. border has been closed since this contrived "crisis" began. Given the punishing exchange rate between the Canadian and U.S. dollars, I recommend the various local tourism
Orange	Government	Do Not open For at least another 3 weeks. Do more testing.
Hillsborough	Professional Services	My name is Hope Springs, I am a small business owner in the Tampa Bay area. Thank you for ALL your hard work! I really do appreciate everything you have done. Our company has been in business since 1972 and my husband and I took over the business in 2011. Since then we have made our business and incredible give back. You see we own a small dog training company that offers service dogs that are specifically task trained to an individual WITH A DR NOTE. We also work with many non-profits and we are a part of all local chambers. We were set to make the most income our business had EVER made this year, UNTIL COVID19. We are close to going out of business. If we do not have the opportunity to open soon we will go out of business. We have not gotten any loans, or PPP. We have applied since day 1 and are in que, whatever that may mean..... but to lose everything because we are considered non-essential is unfair. We are able to work per the CDC guidelines however our clients won't allow us to come out because the state is shutdown. If it opens we can work again! Please open the state so we can resume our business!!!!!!! I am not looking for a hand out I am looking to open my business so we can work!

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Orange	Technology	You need to talk to us in the entertainment industry. Technicians, actors, musicians, hospitality workers. It is a huge part of Florida and we need to get back to work. There are things we would recommend and we would like to be included in the discussions. I submitted my CV to the governors office but didn't hear back. I would be happy to talk with you and consult if you need someone from this world.
Volusia	General	Please don't open right away! Give the virus some time to disapate. The economy isn't completely shut down. People are buying. The numbers are higher now then when the state was shut down. Ask this would have been for nothing!! Wait until the numbers are below what they were at the start of the state shutdown. Please follow the numbers and the science. Those people protesting are not the majority. Thanks and stay safe.
St. Lucie	Retail	I think you should open fitness centers but limit them to 10 people at a time so social distancing can still be maintained and the company is required to disinfect the equipment after every use.
Marion	Professional Services	I definitely don't want to see Florida open too soon. In our county 35% of the residents are 63 yrs or older vs approx 18% nationally. Florida residents are especially vulnerable.
Polk	General	I am a government Worker and I think it's a bad idea to reopen the state this early. Reopening the state this early would have a negative effect on the economy. My reason for saying this is, if we reopen and more people who are infected with the virus are out among everyone else then you would have just tripled the cases in a more confined area. I personally know someone who is at day number 40 trying to recover from this virus. To see what him, his wife and 3 daughters have gone through being infected, this is not what we need society to have to go through. I completely understand small businesses and everything else that are having issues but they are going to have more issues if we reopen and their staff gets infected then they're gonna have to shut back down again. As a public worker, you would be putting me at a higher risk of contracting the COVID-19 and I personally do not want this virus. Thank you!!
Marion	General	I don't think we should reopen until there is more testing and the numbers have gone down considerably and who has contact with with with the COVID-19
Seminole	Recreation	I own a Scuba shop, supply oxygen etc so have remained open for essential stuff whilst the shutdown was on. Business is almost non-existent but hoping to bounce back. Floridians love to be outside and active please let us start to use the Springs and parks again so we can dive and teach. We will have to implement social distancing in the classes but that is easy. I totally understand and appreciate the reason for the shutdown but hope we can get back to a limited for of work before we lose all our season.
Lake	General	TOO SOON TO REOPEN FLORIDA!!! YOU PEOPLE CRAZY??? ALL THESE DEATHS AND YOU WANT TO REOPEN???

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Seminole	Government	I have a compromised immune system and I have been laid off due to all of this. I am not receiving any unemployment, or CARE money. I am far from rich and live in THE HOOD. You open everything back up people like me are at risk. We don't return to work once they open back up we are considered quiting and now are not eligible for unemployment. So I find it hard to believe that I have to sell my life for a paycheck. I am a nobody to you and well my boss too but to my grands and kids I am someone. I can't afford to get this crap. I'm bored as hell at home and wish I was at work but here's the thing WHEN IT IS SAFE... Stop putting me in a position to decide between my job and my life. We have not gone down in case for 1 day let alone 14 days. I just think people are worried about their hair and nails i mean really so you feel if a hair stylist dies from this it's OK cause she was working. Come on guys get it together. Yes I am worried about my bills, food, keeping aloof over my head and even more than that I'm worried about dieing alone in a hospital or causing someone else to die all alone.
Orange	General	Please reopen the economy for the love of God. At this rate, all of our local businesses that we love won't make it through this time and we'll be forced to eat at Red Lobsters and Longhorn Steakhouses when this ends.
Brevard	Tourism	I have heard some good ideas and some bad. In my humble opinion, a limited opening beginning May 1 should be considered. Allow vacation rentals to resume, hotels to open in limited numbers based upon occupancy and restaurants to reopen based upon occupancy. People are hurting. They need work and income. We all know the risks now. If we choose to stay home then stay home. If one chooses to go to a bar or restaurant and recognize the distancing requirements, it is our choice to do so. We need tourist dollars in the state.
Orange	General	Social distancing should be practiced.. like wear face masks and restrictions of people allowed at a time in a business, grocery store or other place being reopened. Also, feel hours should remain on curfew until things decrease and not increase while reopening the businesses again. Caution should be the key and communication to not have a widespread of the virus !!
Collier	General	Please reopen our beaches for the mental health of our communities. For many of us, exercise and the beach go hand in hand. I am a 70 year old woman. I walk 5 miles daily (normally down the beach in Naples, zip code 34102.) Because of social distancing, I normally ver off the sidewalk when I am approaching others and walk in the streets. This to me is way more dangerous (especially with the number of landscape vehicles/trailers that drive very close to me while I am socially distancing. All it would take would be a distracted driver on his cell phone and I would be a casualty for sure. I believe we would all be safer if we could social distance on the beach where there is plenty of space to spread out. Thank you.
Volusia	General	I understand that the government needs to keep social distancing but after all this time I'm afraid our economy cannot take much more time.
Duval	Education	Cancel state testing, specifically FSA which is dependant on built-upon knowledge from previous years, for the 20-21 school year so teachers have a FULL YEAR to catch students up from their time during distance learning.

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Marion	General	I'm so torn. I feel we should wait another couple weeks. But I have been out of work 5 weeks and unemployment has yet to come. Have no money in my account and can't feed my kid. Bills staking up. Feel let down and forgotten by our state.
Marion	General	I have a daughter with asthma, the thought of re-opening quickly is terrifying. I'm thankful you closed schools but I am concerned that so many people (based on comments I have seen on the press conferences) are only worried about themselves and have a "if I get it I get it" attitude Unfortunately, that could kill my child, or my parents, etc I know people want to get back to work, I get it. I just think we are rushing things and if we reopen, people will be required to go back to work or face not being eligible for unemployment. That puts so many families at risk, if their only option is to feed their families or not. We need to consider those that choose to stay home and how that will impact them. I don't envy the position our Governor is in one bit, there is not easy solution. However, we are still seeing large jumps in this virus, I don't think we are in a place to re-open.
Brevard	General	Everyone just needs to practice good hygiene wash your hands carry hand sanitizer if you can't wash your hands. People need to get back to work and children need to get back to school...just be safe if you feel sick have a fever follow the guidelines.
Seminole	Professional Services	Prefer everyone stay home but make masks mandatory. I'm a caregivers and it's very annoying those who don't take others into consideration. Open everything slow. If not for hair and nail salons require masks and gloves for those performing service and attendees.
Pinellas	Education	I am a preschool teacher. I am very scared about going back to work at this point. I would rather wait a while before School start opening back up.
Polk	Recreation	Please open State Parks for hiking and camping. Please open County and City parks as well. Please open beaches. We are interested in being outside and being active. We agree with Social distancing and masks when we are around people. Please let us enjoy our beautiful state, safely, of course. Thank you for your consideration.
Seminole	General	The State of Florida should not be opened. Opening the state will cause so much damage that the past month of quarantine will have been for nothing. People are already not following the rules and not staying home. Opening the state will cause people to believe that coronavirus is going away and does not need to be taken seriously. Opening the state will cause an extreme increase in cases. Please do not open the state. It is too soon and too dangerous. We need at least another month of quarantine.
Brevard	Healthcare	My daughter and I both have underlying health problems.

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Hillsborough	General	We aren't ready here in the state of Florida. We have too many overlooked confirmed cases that need to be handled. Schools should remain closed. What about the preparedness measures that president Obama discussed years ago? We would have been ahead of the curve. Everyone doesn't live in the same working class as you Mr. DeSantis, nor like president Trump. Stop being worried about your pockets and making decisions because you and your family are healthy. We the people elected you, so what about us? Aren't we priorities? Without the people, we have nothing. Our government could easily be overtaken during a pandemic like this. History repeats itself and the probability of human exhaustion is possible. Please don't make it worse for us.
Volusia	General	Florida is not ready to open. I believe that that East Coast of Florida has just started to do more testing and that we have not reached the peak.
Orange	Education	I do not think Florida should be reopened. This stay at home order needs to continue unless testing increases significantly. Schools definitely should not be opened, as these could become hotspots of infection. Even if kids aren't getting very sick, they could spread it to teachers and loved ones.
Hillsborough	Healthcare	We need to reopen the economy immediately. Our dental office has been closed and cannot afford to survive any longer. We have applied for every loan and assistance ad possible. no unemployment has been paid to anyone and this virus has no overwhelmed our hospitals. We have the capacity and the the damage that is being done to the economy and our lives is far worse than this virus. We need to re-open immediately! This has gone on far too long. We appreciate Governor Desantis for his leadership, please do not give in to the unions and the liberal media. Thank you!
Brevard	Recreation	Utilize a system of odd/even dates correspondent to respective street address number or end of license plate number. This would be a great way to get people out in the recreation areas and limit the amount of people to potentially half of what it could be each day. Remember the gas crisis in 1970s? That's how they allowed long lines to be controlled at the filling stations. Go for the odd even days to allow parking at beach areas please it's pretty simple.
Seminole	Administrative	It is very important to open the state of florida so People can go back to work. Since unemployment has not happened as Of yet . It' is also important in order for the economy not collapse even more:
St. Lucie	Healthcare	To soon to reopen. Cases and deaths are still rising and from what I've seen Floridians don't like to follow the rules. Example. Winn Dixie in Fort Pierce very few customers where masks or follow social distancing rules.
Suwannee	General	With the numbers going up still and for the safety of everyone I suggest we wait to reopen.There will be people who behave as they should but there are also people who will not and that will be the issue.I live in a small town but there are numerous sick here.The life of my family and friends is more than important than any economy.

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Orange	General	Please re-open Florida. Citizens are smart and can keep social distance and wear masks etc. But open up workout places, restaurants with maybe 50% capacity or distance etc. The economy needs to open up! We are already going into grocery stores with social distance and masks. Well the same can be for other merchants. Let's be smart and open up the economy
Flagler	General	I think it's just way too early to open back up The numbers are still not going down enough
Palm Beach	Healthcare	Absolutely not ready to open Florida. I think it would be a mistake & cause another wave of infection
St. Johns	Tourism	I just want to be sure it is safe to go back out. The numbers are on the rise along with deaths. Please consider everyone when you open up. It's dangerous for the older generation.
Miami-Dade	General	I thought long about what i would say here but theres not enough space to speak my mind. So im just going to say this. Stop being cowards, none of you want to be held responsible for the decisions you need to make. On the one hand you dont want to be blamed for reopening too soon. And on the other, if you dont reopen soon your going to have a massive problem on your hands. My advise, we are Americans and most of us will choose to safely go back into society. But we need the chance before its too late.
Sarasota	Transportation	I am a small business owner in Sarasota County working as part of the paratransit program. My funds are down to bare bones after applying for every funding program available and receiving nothing. I have take 9 of my 14 wheelchair equipped vans of the road and furloughed 17 employees. If you open up the state at this time I have no money to insure the vehicles to put them back on the road our people to drive them. Funds have to come in before I can make that happen. Nancy Head/owner and president of South County Transport Ventures Inc.
Orange	Food	Please understand, opening restaurant dining rooms will not make restaurant operators whole. Reduced capacity and public concern about dining in will impact restaurant sales for a very, very long time. Please consider extending the temporary off-premise alcohol sales permissions for the duration of the emergency & until restaurants are back to 100% capacity.
Volusia	General	Start with opening restaurants, retail stores, and hotels first.

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Manatee	General	As a caregiver to my 85-year-old mother and a 60-year-old husband that resides at the Riviera Palms Rehabilitation facility in Palmetto, FL, where there have been a high number of cases resulting in deaths, hospitalization, and quarantine within the building, I am totally against the reopening of the state. At this time, especially with the cases on the rise. Allowing more individuals to spread the virus is completely irresponsible, knowing that unfortunately a large number of people don't get the need for social distancing, nor do they practice it. I'm terrified that my husband is going to contract the virus given the conditions surrounding him. Opening the state would increase chances of the current medical staff to carry the virus into the facility; currently with a large percent of staff testing positive vs. an almost equal percent of residents. How does that happen anyway? I don't allow my mother out of the house except to ride along with me if I need to go out for supplies. I'm not at all happy about the transparency of conditions at the facility even though they now say that they're releasing the numbers of cases; they don't line up with the numbers the state is reporting. Please, please don't open the state until the numbers go down and more testing and retesting has been done.
Osceola	Finance	Per county evaluate and slowly re open. Financially people will lose more if they dont return to work. Reopen with new guidelines to make things safer. If they fall behind on payment it will also hurt their credit etc. One or two months can impact their future drastically. .
Volusia	Retail	As we reopen the state and let "non-essential" retailers get back to work, they should be encouraged to continue "social distancing" and cap capacity at 50% of the store's stated capacity. Maybe the state should also partner with POS companies that manufacture self-checkout systems, so as to educate some of these companies and give smaller businesses a tax break on installing these systems, since that would decrease the amount of human physical contact.
Orange	Education	I don't think we are ready to reopen yet. Maybe reassess around May15.
Brevard	General	I think we could open up most place besides restaurants and large venue places. We just need to require all stores, Dr. Office, nail salons, to wear masks. The employees and the customers. If you want in to those establishments you must wear a mask. Walmart has been open as well as other stores and I think there is no difference between them being open then other stores, like Ross, home goods etc. Require masks & limit amounts of customers in stores.
Lake	General	Do not open the state at this time. Keep stay at home order in place for another month or two. Rely on medical professionals & science, not Trump or politics! Now is not the time for politics & appeasing Trump. Opening now will set us back & cause more deaths.

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Orange	General	It is far too early to consider opening the state. We have not seen enough of a decline in cases and there are no guidelines in place to prevent a resurgence of the virus. History has shown a second wave in pandemics that has been worse than the first wave. If this virus has an incubation period of 2 weeks, we should be waiting to attempt to open businesses at least 2 weeks after a sufficient decrease in cases. You must understand that as soon as Florida is open, tourists will come flocking back and without proper protocols for testing, tracking, and containment of the virus, we will be welcoming further disaster.
Marion	Healthcare	Marion county has not been tested in fact there is no test site to my knowledge. I think we need some testing before you open this county. Thank you. I am 82 and I'm really worried about this.
Indian River	General	Do whatever it takes to get this state up and running. People are out of work. People can't pay their bills. People are about to lose their homes because they don't qualify for any assistance, yet, can't make any money to sustain themselves. I'm one of them. I live alone. No income now from my job, because my employer is taking advantage of this pandemic and won't allow the employees to work when we are an essential business. My store is crazy busy, yet my employer says they're losing money. I need some help. There are no jobs in my area now because of this mess. You need to get this state going again. I really don't want to lose everything I have worked all of my life for, just so I can live our of my truck. Please help!
Sarasota	General	Please don't open spas and aesthetic departments yet. We can not do a facial or botox and filler on patient since they can not wear a mask during any of these procedures so that puts the employees and the patient at risk for the virus.
Lake	Education	I believe it IS time to start reopening our state. In the interest of the long term mental well being (which ultimately controls healthy living), we need human interaction, students need their safe school environments, and businesses who have spent their lives creating their business (in many cases) NEED stability!!!
Osceola	General	To soon to take away the restrictions in Florida, we do not want another virus.
St. Lucie	Administrative	As a Covid 19 gig worker employment casualty, I can't help but wonder when our fearless, but clueless , leaders will stop blame shifting and get this DEO mess fixed. Thankfully, both Scott and Decantis will be one and done-one term casualties themselves.
Volusia	General	Beaches can be reopened with safe distancing. Stores as long as they limit number of people inside and keep safe distance with masks and gloves. All employees must be masked and gloved. Dining facilities keeping ten foot spacing of tables. Using disposable utensils.
Lake	Government	Asking for feedback about reopening the state? To do that right now would be certain failure, in an economic sense. No one has money to spend because unemployment claims arent being paid. You're talking about reopening a state full of people on a negative budget. Get unemployment fixed, get people paid, then reopen. Without those funds in people's hands, those businesses that reopen will tank fast because they'll be coming out of pocket with overhead expenses and no revenue to support that business.

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Polk	Professional Services	I am a Hair stylist and salon manager. As much as I love working and love my job I feel like it's too soon for us to open. There is so much risk involved, many people talk about 'oh the stylist can wear a mask and gloves" yes but is that really going to stop anything ? What if the stylist contracted the virus a symptomatic? Then takes 10 clients a day as well as working alongside 10 people. Also where is the salon supposed to get all the supplies of ppe they would need to be able to change after each client. Many clients only take 30min, that's a lot of supplies and salons have been closed for weeks and can't afford it let alone find the stuff. It is also extremely hard to do a haircut wearing gloves. When I think of the salon and my clients I do want to get back to work as the salon has no money to pay bills and we haven't gotten any help, and I know my clients need services but morally I know it's wrong.
Orange	General	I am a single mother of four children who are now out of school for the rest of the year. It has been extremely difficult as I kind of hours from my appointment as well. Financially we are all on the struggle. In my opinion all of the struggles are very difficult the government and president must assist us with more financial assistance. However in regards to the task force reopening Florida, I believe this is NOT the time to reopen Orange County specifically since we have the highest cases. People have yet to cover themselves with masks while outside in Publix stores. The severity of the issue it's not being taken properly. I am afraid to go back to work at this moment. I am working telling remotely due to me being an ESSENTIAL worker as a medical biller. My employer has over a hundred people in an office and we are not able to social distance because of the space that we have.we must remain close until we have a HUGE decrease in numbers. TOO SOON TO REOPEN! KEEP OUR FAMILIES SAFE!
Marion	General	We should not reopen at this time 30 more days is needed
Martin	Healthcare	Please do not use Georgia as an example. Please go slowly and ramp up testing In Martin county barely 1% have been tested. All business must supply masks and must take patrons temperature. Everyone MUST wear a mask
Brevard	General	Honestly feel like no matter what happens people are going to be angry. Open the state, people are gonna be upset, don't open it, people are gonna be upset. I feel like if we do open the state it should be only places where social distancing can take part. Places like restaurants, bowling alleys, retail stores. Other places such as salons where people are in direct contact regardless of gloves or face masks should stay closed for a little longer. In my opinion, a person can be as safe as possible wearing their mask, washing their own hands, staying home if they feel sick etc. HOWEVER, it's scary having to trust the person in your store washed their hands after sneezing, hoping they keep their mask on, praying they don't feel sick is scary. Places like salons and nail/ lash places where you HAVE to touch a person is very risky to open right now.
Sarasota	Retail	OPEN, but use caution. The fear and panic caused by the media constant reporting only negative opinions , not facts, has caused more injury than the virus. We lose moe people in cars accidents than from the virus, so should we ban cars?

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St. Lucie	General	If the peak is on May 6th at least keep everything closed till then and see what happens from there. I am lucky enough I will be staying home anyway but some people aren't that lucky and will have to go out once more things are open. We had many more things open to begin with than many other states! Keep it closed save lives! That simple!!
Hillsborough	Education	The FHSAA should be allowed to organize a limited number of "regular" season events for spring sports beginning in mid to late May, followed by post-season tournaments that should be concluded by June 30. 9/11 demonstrated that, although athletics are not the most important thing in life, resuming them is good for morale and instills a sense of return to normalcy. Spectators could be limited to specified family members of the athletes, and the spectators could be required to observe customary social distancing requirements.
Brevard	General	Open the state now. This whole thing has been a huge scam from the beginning.
Leon	General	Follow the guidelines that are in President Trumps recommendations on re-opening and the 3 phases.
Lake	General	Please don’t open the state until our numbers go down. Opening beaches is ok, however, I think the rest rooms are locked. Gross if all those people are peeing in the ocean. Unemployment MUST get fixed. We are retired and 2 grown children are married, have children, and have been furloughed since the end of March. We cannot help them monetarily and their mortgage companies will not help them. These are the issues that need to be addressed first. Let’s get these kids funding so that they can feed their children and pay their bills. Opening too soon will push everything back further. Be smart and listen to the docs that are educated.
Orange	General	I believe like other states they do not re open yet. For 5 weeks it has been a stay at home that has benefited the counts of the virus. Opening now could undo all that has been done that seems to be somewhat helping. More time makes the counts possibly go down more. Orange county has a very high count and testing has not given a actuate number. Having a criteria to follow made it so thousand could not be tested only now they seem to be more reasonable about test which with more time would give better information plus that the test just recently can come back faster then originally. People lives are at risk to open now alot do not follow the guidelines which then can cause a worse out break and then all over again we are stay at home trying to get unemployment etc. We should just buckle up for another month to be safe knowing the testing information is better. And people feel more safe to go back to work and back to a somewhat normal life. Alot of business that want to open the owner's and higher ups dont deal with the public like the workers do so they need to understand peoples lives are more important than money.
Volusia	Management	I feel it's not time yet to open thinking should give at least till June. Once people start going out more things will start the virus to go up with more hospital ICU. I run a business and my customers don't feel safe to go out!!
Hillsborough	Accommodation	It is unfair to require small Airbnb type of operations to close shop while hotels and motels are permitted to continue. A single family home is way more isolated than a hotel lobby, elevator, or common areas...

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Okeechobee	General	If the State gets reopened and everyone starts running around like there is no Corona Virus and I get sick with it even though I am practicing as safe as I can I'm not going to be Happy with our Governor.
Osceola	Transportation	Yes I want it's open we all do I want to work but I want to reapply my job but insane clown publix and I want to go home to see my family I miss my family
Palm Beach	Food	Open restaurant in Wellington. Please. We are with out pay. No unemployment money. We are drowning here.
Palm Beach	General	Wish to open parks-Restaurants-hair salons. Thanks
Volusia	Food	I am a bartender in a small family-owned restaurants. I have been out of work for 5 weeks now and yes I need to go back to work! At the same time my boyfriend has terminal bone cancer and cannot get sick whatsoever! So I do worry about opening everything too soon because of what we do not know about covid-19! So if we have to extend the stay-at-home order for a little while longer than I would be okay with that.
Orange	General	We should reopen when the hospitals can handle the strain. We should limit the incoming travel to actually necessary for longer.
Brevard	Education	Opening jobs will put an undue burden on parents unless there is an option for childcare. Parents may not be able to return to work if the schools are not open. Many would pay more in childcare than they make.
Orange	Real Estate	I am in favor of opening the state and continue to stress good social distance and smart practices.
Marion	General	Open up the state to its residents. We want to go to the beaches. Not to just walk but to relax. We need to let people get back to work. Open
Lake	General	I think opening all retail stores should be fine if social distancing is used. Also barber shops should fall under essential business seeing as we all need hair cuts. I think we should open restaurants to the 50% capacity limit as well. I am a firefighter/paramedic and have seen violence and suicide attempts skyrocket. People need more outlets most understand social distancing at this time. This will also get some folks back to work
Sarasota	Recreation	Please make opening gyms as soon as possible a high priority. As a fitness enthusiast for over 30 years, I'm not alone in saying the ability to go to a gym outside of one's home is critical for physical as well as mental health. Especially with the summer months approaching, we Floridian's need safe, air conditioned spaces in which to exercise. Thank you for your time and consideration, Pete Dach
Marion	Healthcare	every one should be tested before opening the state
Marion	General	Would like to see Florida open on may 1st

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Polk	General	I'm a homeschool mother of 4 kids with a husband who works for the City of Kissimmee. I personally think it's to early to open up the state. For one our positive cases of Covid-19 HAVE NOT DECLINED! What happens to the rule of 14days of declines cases before phase 1?? I personally know someone who was tested incorrectly by a hospital and had to co get retested at another hospital. How many has this happened to that have COVID-19 and think they okay, but they aren't. Also, people aren't following the rules now so what makes you think that if you open the state with more rules that they will follow those rules, they aren't. Those that have lost a job or still have a job aren't going to need them if they are dead or sick because they get COVID-19. I know people whose have no job because of this and still think it's to early. Please think about the health of the citizens of Florida's health! There has been so many people not tested!! Why opens the state early for this to all happen again because people are being infected again. June 1st is the EARLIEST the state should open. July 1st is probably a safer choice.
Volusia	General	Please DO NOT OPEN everything up. Although I could use a haircut, I don't think it's worth getting sick or dying over it. The consumer may have a choice as to use services or stay put at home but the professional will jump at the opportunity to make some money again. Some might have to cut corners to make ends meet. Open medical massage, dentists, chiropractors, etc. on 05/01 and wait another week or two for the next round of shops, like hair salons, barber shops, nail care, etc. restaurants and bars will have to wait until it's safe, maybe another month?
Volusia	Management	We should start slowly reopening our state. People still going to groceries so I think if businesses can follow same protocols and people continue their distancing measures we shouldn't see spikes on virus. Production businesses are able to isolate departments and monitor their workers. We can't continue sinking our economy. Older population and risk groups should continue their isolation but rest of population is able to operate to go back to work.
Brevard	General	When the State of Fl. feels it is safe to reopen all government building/offices then I would think it would be safe for all businesses/citizens. Until then, I'm not venturing into places other than the grocery store because of necessity. Hopefully, my company will continue having employees WAH (Work At Home). Governor DeSantis is doing an outstanding job with his ability to LISTEN to Florida citizens, and President Trump. He keeps us informed, makes great decisions, and is trying hard to keep up with all of this "stuff". He looks tired! May God bless him and keep him safe and well!
Orange	General	No, please do not reopen Florida yet. There will be more deaths and more sickness if we open too soon.

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Marion	General	I think it is time for us to shift the focus on high risk individuals taking steps to protect themselves while lower risk individuals begin to resume activities of normal life. Let stores open. Let people work. Provide guidance for people to have to wear masks while working and to frequently clean surfaces. So many people are not following the stay at home orders that it can't have the desired outcome. Instead of having to pay for more unemployment, the state could spend a fraction of that amount to provide masks to people so they can begin to live again. I am a healthcare worker. I understand fully what this means. I also see people every single day who don't understand or follow the recommendations.
Orange	General	I do not think we should risk reopening. We need 1 more month to continue to flatten the curve. Opening to prematurely because things are getting better would reverse all the hard work everyone put in to slow the spread and we would have to do this all over again.
Brevard	Healthcare	Hello: I think it is okay to open malls, gyms, small businesses as long as the six foot rule, gloves, and masks are used. There has to be a fine line between preventing more Coronavirus cases and putting people back to work safely. I think it is too early to open movie theaters and sit-down restaurants unless tables can be kept 6 feet apart. The servers would have to wear gloves and masks. They must change their gloves in between tables just like doctors change their gloves in between patients. I vote to open the above businesses May 1 and movie theaters and sit-down restaurants when we have two weeks of declining Coronavirus cases as recommended in the federal guidelines.
Brevard	General	No tourists clogging our beaches and grocery stores that still don't have adaquate stock on the shelves. Mandatory masks in public If Disney is saying they won't reopen until 2021 that should speak volumes Allow businesses to open with curbside pickup no matter the product The Airforce is working under pandemic conditions for 1 year. Mandatory masks to be on base. Florida should follow this lead.
Lee	Government	Can we open the libraries to get books? This can be done easily with social distancing!
Brevard	General	If you reopen things, things will get worse. Don't do it. If you do, y'all are a bunch of morons. Safety first. Hell, you can't even get the unemployment website to work. Criminal. Don't let anyone except for essential businesses to remain open. Period! Don't be like GA. Their governor is a moron. I'd hope our governor has more brains even though he's an idiot and Trump stooge.
Orange	General	DO NOT OPEN Florida. No state in the United States is ready to open until we have a testing plan with testing capacity, procedures, and guidelines in place.

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Lee	General	- Require everyone to wear Masks - All shopping stores have a maximum limit in store at a time. IE: only 20 in at a time, this does depend on size of store. Walmart is an exception, maybe 50 at a time. As everyone knows Walmart is a germ invested store due to lack of respect of certain shoppers. - One way aisles All stores - 6' apart everywhere - Bars. Restaurants- limited seating. 50% occupancy this will be difficult for gross profit margin, but till vaccine cannot fill restaurant to capacity. Has to be 50% or less with seating 10 ft. Apart so customers can take masks off to eat OR if booths every other one used. - Hostess, Servers, Cooks and support staff all Must wear Masks - Menus printed on paper to be disposed of OR on plastic to be cleaned after each use - Office staff - 50% can work in office 50% home. Rotate each week. Accommodate employees with children. If have child who cannot go to school, employee work from home. Office has to be configured to 6' apart OR more. - Voting - instead of voting on 1 day, to help with social distancing - vote over a few days IE: last name A-E vote Monday, F-J vote Tuesday, K-O Wednesday, P-T Thursday and U-Z Friday. ABSOLUTELY NO RESULTS TILL FRIDAY HIVEN OUT NO LEAKS NOTHING TILL FRIDAY. No media leaks!!! - Schools - class size smaller and longer school day - 8-4 or 5!!! 25 MAX. to accommodate 6' apart in classroom. If enrollment too high. Split shift classes or rotate kids every other day. IE: A-M Mon/Wed. N-Z Tues/Thurs. Friday left for teachers to discuss students who need more help. Accommodate those students. Masks have to be worn by ALL. Parents need to work with children NOW to teach them about social distancing. It'll be difficult for elementary age, but needs to be practiced. Have to HIRE more teachers for this. - Give credit to population that is already following guidelines - Theme Parks - this will be tough. Need to find out what it cost to open up park on daily basis and find out how many can attend to support that cost. Park sttendance has to be 50% OR less. Lines on rides - 6' distancing. Seating on rides need to be apart, unless family member, they can sit together. Most parks have open area
Brevard	Healthcare	I am raising my 3 grandchildren and I say DO NOT OPEN. We have been staying at home like many others. I think it is to soon.
Seminole	Agriculture	It would be fantastic if we can apply for licenses, fingerprinting using CDC distancing guidlines.
Marion	General	I think as a state we need to move cautiously. If you start to open the state back up, you will give citizens a false sense of security and you may see a rise in cases and deaths again. I think all counties need to be treated the same with the same guidelines and not limited to counties with more cases. I think if you want to reopen some businesses that you will need to require those of the retirement age and those with health issues to still stay at home. Any that do not abide by those rules take their own health into their own hands. We have to be cautious.
Lake	Food	I am a restaurant manger and would like to see the food industry open asap With the proper precautions

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Brevard	General	Let's get the economy back on the road to recovery.I believe it can be done safely with a few common sense regulations. Maintain social distancing, wear mask where necessary, WASH YOUR HANDS OFTEN! Begin by keeping numbers small. Gather in small groups , In places where larger numbers usually congregate, set limits as to the numbers that can gather while maintaining distance from each other. TRUST people to be responsible for their actions. We do not need to be lead around by the nose by government! Let's get moving on the road to recovery.
Marion	General	I think you should open up Florida!! If not everybody will be in such a financial deficit they're not gonna be able to get out of!! There will starving family's hungry kids!! And I think they will be corruption in the streets I'm pretty sure a father would go as far as stealing and robbing to feed the family!!! So in my opinion you should have certain guidelines to follow but still open the state back up!!!!
Brevard	Tourism	I know everyone is rushing to re-open the state for economic reasons however I am pleading with you to keep things closed until our counts start to flatten and decline. The sacrifices we make now will only ensure our safety in the future. Thank you for taking this into consideration!
Marion	General	I am a bartender at Kats Krazy 8s. We all have filed unemployment. We all have had no money in a month. I think its a toss up between providing for our family and health concerns. I know we all want to go back to work. I don't believe people will stay on unemployment once we can go back to work. I know I won't. I'm ready to get back to work. I don't think its worth getting sick. So I have mixed feelings about this topic. But I'm ready to get back to work. Taking precautions, washing hands along, sanitizing bar and anywhere people sit. I'm a worker. Always have been. Still have not heard from unemployment and now I have no way to feed my family or pay bills.
St. Lucie	General	I have a feeling it's too soon to open, we should wait another month.
Volusia	General	Florida should be testing all employees of every business which is going to reopen to see if they have the virus. Those that have and are not showing symptoms can go back to work. Also there must be a strict set of guidelines that must be adhered to or else there will be a penalty of some sort, financial or business will have to close to make sure it is a safe envrionment. This holds true especially for business such as hair salon, small stores, tatoo shops etc. Without major testing for all workers I don't see how this can be done safely.

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Polk	Tourism	First off thank you all for what you are doing! I am so glad to see a talented group of men and women together in charge of reopening the state and the economy. I know this idea has been thrown around, but I think if we give our economy till the second week of May to reopen we will see somewhat normalcy, especially since 60% of cases currently are localized in three counties in south Florida where we know we can isolate the issues. What if we see businesses return, however allowing ALL patrons to wear face masks adding that extra level of security. Especially retail can begin reopening too. Perhaps Disney Springs and Citywalk can reopen too. Restaurants deserve to reopen, but enforce 50% capacity and focus on quick turnover to allow more people and more revenue. I foresee theme parks maybe in June, with strict social distancing like Shanghai Disney is supposedly prepping for. Bottom line is too that we need to see increase testing facilities. Encourage people that even think they might have come in contact with the virus to go get tested IMMEDIATELY! Again thank you all for what you are doing and I look forward to the future we will all create together!
Lake	Food	I Would appreciate the continuation of an early morning special senior/auto immune disorder shopping hour at Publix, Winn Dixie, Walmart etc.
Lee	Recreation	Please open outdoor areas including FWC controlled WMA's !! These areas are important to me for fishing, and social distancing is easily accomplished.
Lake	Recreation	Thank you for asking the citizens of Florida. This is the American way. Begin reopening the economy by first allowing for recreational areas such as state park camping, beaches, and golf courses and gyms to reopen. This benefits two fold. First, it allows people breathing room after being indoors for so long. This will also release feel good endorphins that will give people a positive frame of mind which is hard to find right now. After a couple of weeks, begin to reopen restaurant dining and retail stores. This will be important as social distancing will still need to take place so new guidelines will need to be followed. The last to reopen should be amusement parks. There is potential for more transmission in these areas. A recap: 1- reopen state parks and camping, beaches, golf courses, and gyms. 2- Wait for 14 days to see if any spikes in Covid-19 cases. If not, open theatres and retail stores with social distancing rules and guidelines. 3- Reopen theme parks last with a strong sanitizing routine in place.
Palm Beach	General	I think it’s time to reopen and mask are a must to be worn in public with sanitation stations
Hillsborough	General	We need to get the state open for business. The infection rate is less than 10 percent and the majority of them show no signs of infection. Protect the vulnerable and let the rest of us go back to work, this government over reaction is killing us.

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Sumter	Healthcare	Pharmacists testing: Bad idea IMO because you would have potentially contagious people in the stores The pharmacist would need to implement more safety measures to avoid contamination. They have enough on their plate. I don't like the idea of the pharmacies being used as doctor offices. If doctor offices are going to have people wait in their cars for safety reasons, why risk them using pharmacy's for testing sick/exposed people.
Orange	General	The economy is not doing well, and theirs people who haven't received unemployment. The bills are still coming and the money is running low. We need to open up but put strict rules out, especially in restaurants. Employees where mask and gloves and customers are seated 6 ft away from each other no more than 25 people in a restaurant
Brevard	General	It is too soon to open things back up. The number of cases in brevard are rising every day. If you open things back up now people are going to do stupid things and rush to go out and do things again. Then we will experience an outbreak and many more people will fall ill.
Volusia	General	Open the state up, this is insane, history will show us how stupid we were. How can you go to Publix and work but can't go to parks or the beach. Also how can we be 6 feet apart but boats have to be 50 feet. Open the waters up this is insane you told us we can got fishing but FWC is closing waterway's. We have done this social distancing for long enough.
Volusia	Food	I think we will be pushing our luck if we open too early. You still see at present folks out running around when they should be home and many not taking the proper precaution. I'm an essential worker in food/milk production so I have to be out here. If I had choice. I would not. You will have folks taking it as a "green" light to do things that they should not be doing.
Seminole	General	Personal opinion keep stay at home should continue. I myself don't want to have to stay at home being that I personally made this year to travel, however this is a global issue. This should over power anyone feeling their rights are being violated. When someone has the common flu and they come to work people are pissed that the person didn't stay home. We have a global issue that is killing people and people are mad they cannot go outside. However if the government should decide to open everything again then so be it. It is what it is.
Volusia	General	I believe it is to soon to reopen... I agree with experts that more comprehensive testing should take place as well as contact tracing before we begin any type of large scale mixing of people.

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Citrus	Recreation	Dear Governor Desantis, Thank you for your hard work. I understand that difficult decisions are being made daily to protect both the constitution of the United States as well as the Public Safety of the citizens. I would like to talk about organized sports for children. I am a coach and parent of a organized group in Citrus County. While I understand the children miss their teammates I am also very concerned for their health and safety if these organized tournaments and activities reopen too soon. Trying to have children following social distancing standards would be nearly impossible. Keeping equipment clean and attempting to also have children not share would also be impossible. I understand that most of your traveling sports leagues do operate as businesses, thus finically straining them during this time, but more importantly is to not prematurely opening large events where this virus could be spread rapidly through the children, parents, and other family members who participate. I hope this is a safe and gradual reopening as everyone will be excited to get back into some sort of normalcy. However, more important than a recreational game, is the wellness and safety of my children. Thank you for your time and consideration. Sarah Miller.
Manatee	General	Re open but very slowly. Also encourage wearing masks and social distancing. In my job experience, especially when working with food, employers demand workers to come in even when sick, so in my opinion that kind of mentality will return if "things go back to normal" too soon. Anyone who is sick should not be in public or the quarantine would have been pointless.
Clay	Healthcare	Allow everyone to open with "social distancing" and potential PPE restrictions. We need to get back to work and stop the MEDIA from running this crap-show. We are out of work, cant get unemployment because of a crappy system and that $1200 from the govt doesnt cover anything other than a single rent/mortgage check for most people. Time for us to get back to making a living again!!
Palm Beach	General	Open up businesses as soon as possible. These measures are going to prove worse then the virus. So much damage has already been done that delaying a reopen will exacerbate the situation. People that are afraid to be in public can continue to stay home. The hospitals are empty. We need to move on with our lives. Five thousand people a year die from choking. There are risks in life, the government isn't in a position to protect people from everything.
Pasco	Food	Open carefully and let people return to work if the state cannot pay us to live.
Orange	General	I will be very concerned. A lot of people are not taking the precautions seriously now, let alone if the restrictions are lifted. If we take the example of other countries that put measures in place about a month earlier than Florida did, their numbers of new cases is still going up, which leads me to believe that we, unfortunately, are not ready yet.

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St. Johns	Education	Absolutely open the economy - the number of cases and deaths is much lower than the scientific models "guessed". We Americans are not afraid of the unknown and can safely manage to protect the vulnerable population and still be able to feed, clothe, and provide a home for our families. Hiding in our homes is not the answer, as the latest research is showing, sunlight/ ultraviolet lights and humidity will destroy the virus. So let's get out in the Sunshine State. And Governor Ron DeSantis is doing a Great job managing this health crisis! Dr. Joyce Errico, RN, DNP, MSN, MPA Den of Nursing Fortis College Orange Park
Osceola	Tourism	Please wait a little longer... We can't afford other crisis like the one we are living.
Orange	General	Yes, it's important to be as conscious of the economy as safely possible. Safe, is the key word. My fear is that we'll be so eager to "return to normal", and invigorate the economy, that we'll be inviting a second wave of infection. If that were to happen, we'd be in a more dire economic downturn than had we simply been patient. We did not go from business as usual to economic lockdown in one step, nor should we raise restrictions In giant leaps. We make incremental moves, with an understanding of a new reality: we lift the shelter in place, but require masks, minimum proximities, and smaller groups. We open restaurants, but limit eat in to ensure distance minimums and require masks and gloves of employees, etc
Collier	General	As of today, 4/25 Florida is flattening the curve. All these measures we are taking are working. I think it's time to open up our beaches, parks, tennis courts, golf courses. Open up the outdoor spaces for people's mental health. Let us decide then if we wish to return. We will be wearing masks and social distancing for awhile. Let the businesses open in accordance to CDC guidelines. People need to get back to work! !
Brevard	General	I don't think Florida is ready for a Phase I opening. Cases are still escalating, and testing is inadequate. I sympathize with Floridians who have not been able to get their unemployment benefits, and if the State can't figure out how to get them those benefits, the State should find another way to get them paid. There must be reserve line items in the budget that could be used. The money could be repaid from the unemployment line item once the unemployment system is working for people. If people in Florida weren't out of jobs and insurance and money, with no unemployment help in sight, I'm sure they would prefer to stay at home, rather than put themselves and families at risk.

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Palm Beach	General	This is a very complex issue due to the fact that there is an enormous amount of negative citizens that selfishly do not value the health and wellness of people's lives around them and are only concerned for themselves. This VIRUS has become politically fueled rather than taking the seriousness for what it really is. I am very concerned about the reopening of anything at this point because of the reckless citizens that feel this is a hoax that will be placing the rest of us that care in severe danger. We have to think of the safety of our children's future and be mindful of one another and how it effects each and every individual. I am terrified if we open too soon we will have to go back to the beginning and at this lockdown stay at home all over again. We need to remain where we are for at least another 30 days. The states daily cases are rising in large numbers and so are deaths. Please be smart and protect our lives. Thank you.
Marion	Healthcare	Bad idea to reopen. I cannot get tested and both my husband and I have coronavirus.. Your numbers of infection s and deaths are wrong.
Brevard	General	Personally I think social distancing is working I'm an essential worker but my office is locked to the public except for appointments only and we can't have more than two or three people in there at one time (no walk-ins ANYWHERE) that being said I think the same should be for the occupancy levels of all restaurants and bars and stores to be changed. When the tourist or snowbirds arrive here in the winter the restaurants on Merritt Island are standing room only, that's ridiculous make a reservation ,take out extra tables, space people out. Anyone who coughs should be asked to leave a business immediately. Bank lobbies should be closed unless you have an appointment, drive thru service only. I don't have the answers I think being able to wear a mask all the time is necessary and should be allowed this might come back around in the fall and it could be more devastating, let's be proactive.
Marion	Government	As much as it pains me to say, I believe opening too soon will be a disaster. I'm a school resource officer and I'm seeing daily the effects of this virus. We should be cautious, not like Georgia. Anxiously waiting for a vaccine.
Lake	General	I would love to see Florida reopen. However I'm not sure it is ready to. I know economically it probably should be. However safety-wise I don't think so.
Sarasota	Education	Can you ask the schools to end the school year sooner? Even two weeks sooner would be helpful. I am currently on furlough at home helping my 3 kids with their distance learning. It takes 7 hours a day to get it all done. So if my job (gym) does open after May 7, I can't go back to work. No parent can work while helping their kids accomplish their school work. It's a full days work teaching our children, submitting assignments, scheduling zoom calls, sharing computers, printing off work sheets, learning how to play and teach the recorder etc ..... Sincerely, A tired Mom to Christopher -11th grade Harrison - 8th grade Lauren -4th grade

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St. Lucie	Healthcare	Being a nurse and working the frontline I don't think Florida is safe to reopen despite the economic impact we are facing. Opening the state back up you will be bound to see increased positive cases along with deaths. Until we can get the appropriate treatment and testing in place it's not a good idea. We need to get to the bottom of why people who had the virus before and recovered are now testing positive again after being cleared. It makes no sense and to put our children, elders, and immuno compromised population at risk is just not smart.
Volusia	Tourism	With neighboring states being so irresponsible and opening their states too early (while their cases continue to increase), it is imperative that Florida continue to restrict tourism and vacation rentals that will expose Florida residents to COVID. Opening some businesses that can continue with social distancing guidelines should be considered, to serve residents before we even consider bringing in visitors from irresponsible states
Sarasota	Information	We are not safe until we can flatten the curve. Or no death's in two weeks or more. Everyday people are dying opening up the State will add more death's
Orange	General	I disagree with opening up business overall. Wait until June, and slowly roll out openings, that show "social distancing" renovations, as the drive-thrus have. Allow for schools to have graduation ceremonies on their football fields, 6ft apart and have families attending, be immediate family members only. Also, redefine "essential businesses" and then roll our slowly in accordance with the "revised" definition of "essential business". Lastly, folks who have been tested need access to a 2nd testing.
Orange	Tourism	We should not be allowing our theme parks to open until the threat is no longer imminent. People come from all over including hot spots. By opening our doors again to travelers we will be the next hot spot.
Orange	General	It is time to open the state back up. If we keep hiding ourselves we won't build any immunities. As with the unemployment fiasco, we need to earn an income. At the rate we are going most of the states people will be bankrupt, homeless, depressed, suicidal and excessive alcohol and drug consumption.
Broward	General	Slow reopen will prevent more casualties. There are more values for human lives than anything
Orange	Recreation	Please open fitness facilities up ASAP.
Volusia	General	We need to slowly open the state up. Ask people to wear masks when in public, except at the beach or while out exercising or on the water. Too many people are losing their jobs, including me after working at US Foods for 20 years. Restaurants need to open at 50% occupancy. Hair salons one client at a time. Movie theaters social distance. The people can not survive another week with the state being closed down the way it is. This is too devastating to the small businesses and the million unemployed people.
Lake	General	I live in Clermont (Lake County), and am looking forward to the reopening of Florida. If people continue responsibly practicing social distancing, washing hands, wearing masks, staying home while sick and keeping children home when sick, I believe we can open businesses, churches, and offices. The vulnerable population should continue staying at home until it is safer to mix with others. Social gatherings should follow the guidelines. We need to be able to safely open and support our local businesses, or they will not be around when this is over.

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Volusia	General	I believe it is too early to open businesses in the state of Florida. The coronavirus is still rampant and spread by person to person. I also do not see the majority of Floridians practicing social distancing in public. The beaches in Volusia county are crowded despite the restrictions placed by the county on reasons to go to the beach.
Seminole	Education	I am a special needs teacher and to meet the requirements for distant learning I am working 8 to 8 daily at home. 5 + hours of that is on phone non stop with students. My contract is 7hrs not 12hrs. We're is our hazard pay?! Also my college student who was on his own now moved back home because even though he filed his own taxes we claimed him in previous years in taxes he got no stimulus check! No financial help at all. Still has not recieved unemployment! He needs something!
Orange	General	We should NOT reopen our community in any sizable way until we can guarantee free, widespread, accessible coronavirus testing for as close to 100% of us as possible. Most models point to us having flattened our curve of infection, but if we reopen everything, we will have an outbreak. All the work we've done staying at home to save lives will be for nothing. We must proceed with overwhelming caution.
Marion	Accommodation	Open you all stores and be proper
Nassau	General	Open hair salons require employees to wear mask limit 2 people in waiting room 6 ft appart most salons chairs are 6 ft apart Open sit down restaurants limit 4 to a table 6 feet from table to table limit ow many comes in no waiting inside unless 6 ft apart ALL EMPLOYEES WEAR MASK don't allow anyone to sit at a bar you could also limit hours and days open but we must open now at some point we have to weight the difference of economy COLLAPSE ALL BUSINESS EMPLOYEES MUST WEAR MASK NONE ARE WEARING MASKS NOT MCDONALDS SUBWAY DOMINIOW PIZA HUT ARE NOT WEARING MASKS!
Lake	General	Open stores and restaurants as long as everyone wears a mask except when eating. Restaurant booths every other one. Lines separated by 6 feet.
Hillsborough	General	Based on the spike in cases last Friday, I do not feel Florida should open. I fully support following Trumps plan to reopen in a phased approach which calls for a 14 day downward trend before reopening.

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Sarasota	General	When making your decisions please think of all the citizens and not just the ones that want everything opened right away. Many are saying that they should let the weak die for the people to get their freedoms back. We are all a part of the United States and are all equal. Everyone should be taken into consideration. I believe all restaurants should be allowed to be open but for take out only until the summer months. This allows all workers to still be employed. Allow all dentist, doctors offices to open up slowly by making sure that they do not have many people at once in the offices and that sit 6 feet apart. Beaches should not be opened because everyone will just go there and be on top of one another and then the same thing will happen when the spring breakers were here. Many believe here in Florida that this is no big deal and some believe it is a hoax. This is what will be causing the issues of numbers to raise again. Please take guidance from the CDC on how to open the economy safely. Another option is if employers have the capability to keep their employees working from home with no impact to their businesses they should stay that way until late summer. Others that can't should put safe measures in place like hand sanitizer, wiping things down regularly and this will keep some home and some going out. It will prevent so many from being out. We do not want to open up and the number start to go up. Everyone's life is valuable, it does not matter if they are old, young, immune compromised or healthy.
Polk	General	I beg of you please do not reopen Florida to soon. Our elderly population along with those with underlying conditions, of which category I fall into, are at great risk. I am an essential worker who deals directly with customers, cash, paper work etc and does not have the opportunity to stay home or I lose not only my income but the insurance that covers all of the medications that keep me alive. Currently our Clerks office is closed to non essential customers however If things are opened to soon I along with many others like myself put at risk so either way those like me lose. Florida is a state of many. There have not been enough declining numbers in our area to warrant even a soft opening . If you should decide to open I think It will put far too many at risk. Thank you for your time..
Volusia	Healthcare	Absolutely not
Sumter	Healthcare	Easy does it. I want a haircut, I would like to go to the beach and eat out or see a movie. Not one of these things is a need. Yes, people need to get back to work but they can only return to work when public health safety precautions are in place. Again, easy does it!
Volusia	Healthcare	I believe it is too soon to reopen state. Until national numbers have tapered off and so many people stop dying of the virus I feel it'd be best to keep state closed. Re-opening seems rushed and for no other reason than money but health is more important than money and keeping families safe and alive. May seems too hasty as it appears we are not yet out of the thick of it. Mid - summer seems more reasonable. No need to put people in unecessary danger

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Sumter	General	The Presidents Task Force says states should see a 14 day drop on the number of cases before allow opening. Florida is still on the rise. Why would you open if the directives from the medical experts on that task force aren't being seen. Opening too early will certainly cause another spike in cases and deaths.
Palm Beach	General	I'd like the following this to be addressed: Barbershops Boat ramps and marinas
Brevard	Food	There are non-essential businesses already open nor following the Governor's Executuve Order. I am against opening businesses until we have tested more of our population. Thank you for considering. Cathy
Pasco	Finance	The virus is serious but so is our economy. the fact that our unemployment system isnt working we have alot of families in Florida out of money and starving. We also have many counties with few infections. You have to trust the public in doing whats right. We have 40% open capacity hospital beds if needed. We need to go back to work.
Miami-Dade	Construction	There is no possible way or form we at the construction job sites can possibly keep a safe distance on a jobsite. And yet, still construction jobsites throughout Miami have not shut down since day one!
Marion	Real Estate	As a small business owner for over 40 years, I see re-opening Florida as a joint effort between counties and residents. We must take personal responsibility for our health and safety. If you are sick, or are compromised, you should be smart enough to stay home. Otherwise we should be allowed to go about our normal business, with social distancing, and good hygiene practices. I believe that until we gain herd immunity, we will have to just move on with our lives. Destroying our economy is already going to have far-reaching repercussions. We have lost harvest season here in Florida and GA, our Northern neighbors won't have the proper help to plant. Canning, packing and other processing plants are shut down. Our food supply is going to be greatly impacted for a long time to come. Please work on ways to get Florida back open, and it's people back to work. Thank you for your hard work on this unprecedented problem.
Seminole	General	While I am nervous about what the disease can mean for me, I am ready to start living again. Since when do we live in fear? A lot of businesses have been able to deem themselves essential without the bat of an eye, so why not leave it up to each person? I say open back up, heed warnings but let people do what they feel comfortable with.

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Brevard	Healthcare	I have been staying at home since March 11. I do pickup groceries. I do not do takeout. I can walk to the beach, and I walk the beach daily. I follow the IMHE site. The data reflects a good outcome in Florida if and only if we maintain social distancing thru mid June. You can put all the experts on your task force you want. I am not engaging in the economy until after I see what happens thru mid June. I also think that any references to the president's ideas is the kiss of death. Pence's task force is the only reference you should be making. Trump overexposure has made him irrelevant.
Orange	General	We should open all businesses before there are no businesses to re open when the time comes. The only way this virus won't spread at all is if literally everything closed including what's open right now, and of course we can't shut down hosptilas and grocery stores. So if we are going to have some things open where alot of people pass through on a daily basis we might as well have everything open. The people that are more susceptible such as the elderly and people with conditions can continue to stay home.
Martin	Healthcare	It is way too soon to consider reopening Florida for business. We need much more testing . There are some scientific projections that say we shouldn't relax social distancing in our state until at least June 8. Fix the unemployment website. Process submissions. Help people to survive. Our numbers are not subsiding. We need to flatten the curve. Not allow it to continue to rise.
Marion	General	I think you should slowly start opening when the cases start dropping. Only then start back slowly but still have social distancing and mask required. Watch closely and if the numbers start increasing lock everything down again.
Osceola	General	Hello. I seriously think it may be too soon to open Florida back up, I know we all want our lives back to normal again, and we all want to go back to work, but I think if we opened Florida back up too soon, I think the virus would spread and kill more people. I think it needs to be done very very very slowly with restrictions and precautions, cause some people don't know how to keep distant from others and I think if we continue to practice social distancing and keep practicing Washing our hands and stay healthy, we will all be okay. Thanks for all you do for our state to keep us safe. We appreciate you Governor DeSantis!!
Duval	General	Parents with school age kids still have to homeschool their kids for the next 5+ weeks. How can you expect us to head back to work and still be able to teach our kids? Reopening before school is over will give an unfair advantage to workers without children. Cancel the remainder of school and open daycare/summer camp facilities.
Miami-Dade	Recreation	RE open the parks BUT do NOT open the parking spaces. This allows for locals to use their neighborhood green space. Otherwise you have forced us all onto narrow sidewalks.
Volusia	General	It is crazy to even think it is time to open any facility up. We are still getting more cases reported. And for people to blame the prisons for the spike is unbelievable. The prisoners are not going anywhere. It is the staff going in and out and who knows who all they been in contact with. NO NO NO IS MY OPINION!!

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Indian River	Professional Services	I am a dog groomer and own my shop. I have a plan in place to limit persons from entering. I will go out to get the dogs. I am a very small shop with just 2 people. I need income to support myself and my mother. Please open small businesses!
Volusia	General	There is a section of essential workers that you government officials never address. The plumbers, electricians, appliance technicians and every other field service technician that must work inside the home. You need to mention that when people call for these services they should wear masks and stay away from the workers completely. I shouldn't have to tell each and every person this before entering their home but it seems they need instruction and that can only come from the governor and mayors. Please help keep me and my colleagues safe. Also please start making an effort to help out employers get masks and other safety gear. The hospitalizations are coming down so maybe some of that gear can come our way. People will start crowding again and then call for someone like me to entertain their home.
Lake	General	Limit number of people in any venue ie barber,restaurant,retail, theme park at any given time.Keep person separation for extended period maybe thru to next spring.Open state to tourists slowly.Require stores to enforce one way rules in.In Walmart and half of people ignore there one way signs.Resupply for possible return of corona 19 or other pandemic.Schools may need to go to half students at a time in classroom.
Orange	Tourism	Need to open beaches which are out in the open and you can social distance. Restaurants open with tables empty in between. Theme parks have everyone wear masks,hotels are large enough for people to social distance. Have to get back to some normal day to day activities
Seminole	Government	Don't rush to open up during the first wave. There will be another one. If you open to soon there will be even more deaths. We have already lost so many people. So many lives so many people are effected by the loss. If we don't know what to do history has laid a map out for us on how we should respond moving forward. We all want to get back to work but at what cost? Do we have a plan in place to determine who is infected? With or without symptoms this virus can destroy lives undetected until it is too late. Restaurant workers cook our food serve our food. Hair Salons style our hair beauty supply stores provide our products delivery people deliver our items. They have not all been tested. If you work with the public you should be tested. If you enter a public place you should be tested and temperatures should be checked in public places prior to entering buildings regardless if you are an employee or customer. Proof of testing should be given for that day so if people go to multiple places they don't get tested multiple times. Social distancing should continue as well until there are no deaths. People travel here should be tested at the airport and if they test positive should be quarantined or made to return back to their state or home. People who are in the state of Florida should be required to test prior to traveling. Hotel Airbnb guest should require testing negative prior to arrival. We need to test more. If we can't because we don't have enough test then we need to wait until we do. Vaccine is also very important but until we have one that is approved and shatter proof we need to minimize the exposure.

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Orange	Construction	In my opinion, Floridians are well aware of the dangers of Covid-19, and equally aware of the common sense steps it takes to decrease our exposure to it. I believe it is time in Central Florida to slowly open businesses, albeit with some restrictions. A phased-in approach with proper evaluation before moving on to the next phase, is the best path forward. And this may mean a different timeline in Central Florida from South Florida. I, for one, I'm ready to resume more normal activity, but I will definitely continue to wear a mask and distance myself in crowded locations. I would expect large gatherings such as sporting events, concerts, theme parks, etc would be last to resume normal activity and probably well into the future. But visiting the majority of shops and businesses shouldn't be a problem, we've got to have faith that our fellow citizens will continue to protect themselves properly without the government forcing them to. And if that means there's the occasional knuckleheads that abuse this freedom and make poor decisions, then let them catch it, it serves them right!
Brevard	General	While FL is in the middle of this pandemic we need to reopen slowly. Allowing a mass reopening is going to increase our numbers. We need to start slowly with retail and limited outdoor recreation. Restaurants with social distancing guidelines should be allowed. Gyms and movie theaters should be last. Businesses such as law firms and those who can allow telecommuting should open. Theme parks should be in the later phases and only with limited capacity to start with. Doctors should be able to perform non emergency procedures in a limited capacity. Hotels will need to step up their cleaning and sanitizing procedures and they should be monitored be the DoH
Seminole	General	It is well past time to reopen the economy and let the citizens resume normal lives. The "experts" have been wrong in their predictions on a massive scale. The media and government have created a narrative and policies that are a case of the cure being worse than the disease. If people feel the need to quarantine, let them, but let the rest of the citizenry and the businesses reopen.
Palm Beach	General	We have already been quarantined for over a month and the numbers keep going up— why would we open back up?? What's another month for everybody's safety- that is if our small businesses can get money to help them And unemployment actually gets to the people out of work. You open up to soon and it will never go away!! I don't see an issue with people out boating/fishing as long as they don't go to sand bars and congregate.
Lake	General	Open the state, the media it making this worse than it really it. Its impossible for the numbers to keep rising like they say when sp many people have recovered for the coronavirus. You are putting fear in Americans for some sick reason.

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Polk	General	First of all I will say it is not the right moment to re open the state . With stay at home orders there are still too many contagions and deaths being reported daily . If the restrictions are loosened too soon it will be like wildfire because if those who are asymptomatic and will not get tested ever because of the actual testing guidelines start roaming the streets many more will get infected and die. If over 1000 dead and 30,000 infected is not enough proof that it is too soon then I don't think this is being approached with Florida's people wellbeing in mind. Please remember that nobody is inmune and there is no cure and if any of you get infected for opening too soon your family and loved ones will probably get it also and it will be very hard. Another wave is bound too happen if people start going out like before too and then we will have to stay home even longer. Just an example , one day before the stay at home order in Florida was official both parks around my house were packed with people. No social distance at all. We open too soon , the economy will suffer longer when we have to shutdown again because it will backfire.
Marion	Recreation	Marion county is one of the largest county's in the state with maybe 125 confirmed cases! There's no need in anything being shut down for this anymore. I agree some areas like Miami still is a ways off but let's be real! Ocala, the villages, leesburg. It's slittle over board don't ya think
Volusia	Recreation	Please open Gyms
Osceola	General	I believe the reopening of businesses should start on may 1st:. Those who are not comfortable with this can remain quarantined. Eventually, life must go on. People need to adjust to the new normal. If they are that worried, they can continue to wear masks and gloves in public. If they have a health condition that makes them more vulnerable they should quarantine longer.
Palm Beach	Recreation	I would recommend opening golf courses as social distancing protocols are easy to maintain. I would also feel like you could open beaches with same restrictions as Jacksonville has done.
Orange	General	I know alot of us are concerned over this virus and we should be but at the same time we can't live in fear. There must be a balance somewhere where we can go back to how things were and take care of ourselves from this virus. If mask and gloves help reduce the spread then maybe for sometime employees should use them to keep the costumers safe and themselves and alot of sanitizing will help also.
Orange	Retail	Please open using fire codes for the amount of guests in each establishment. I would like to see everything open with reduced traffic of customers to test the waters so to speak and make sure we don't have an increase in virus.The use of fire codes will allow law enforcement the ability to hold each business accountable .

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Flagler	General	1. STOP PUBLISHING CASE TOTALS! This makes the public think the threat is greater than it is. 2. START PUBLISHING HOSPITALIZATION TOTALS (AND RATIOS). This will let people know what the risk of serious illness is. 3. STRESS THE PERCENTAGE OF DEATHS WITH PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS. Healthy people shouldn't fear COVID-19 any more than the flu. 4. PUBLISH OTHER DEATH CASUES WITH COVID-19. The numbers out of context seem much worse and spread fear among the public. Most people won't look at the total population to assess their real risk. 5. RETURN TO WORK ORDER NEEDS TO BE ALL OR NONE. A decision made by an employer that puts an employee in "danger" will be subject to countless lawsuits. If it's left up to the employer, there needs to be some immunity from legal action. A fragmented approach to restarting the economy will cause chaos between those who fear COVID-19 and those who don't. 6. GIVE EMPLOYERS ACHIEVABLE GUIDELINES FOR SANITATION AND SOCIAL DISTANCING. Businesses won't survive with 25-50% of their required business, especially after being shut down for 30-45 days. 7. PROTECT THE MOST AT-RISK PART OF THE POPULATION AND LET THE REST OF US GET BACK TO WORK! If this would have been done from the beginning we could have avoided the financial calamity that's going to crush our economy. Using NYC as the poster child for the rest of the U.S. paints an unrealistic picture of the probable outcome. Regards, Paul Fallman
Palm Beach	General	It is important to reopen Florida in general. Many families cannot survive without work and unemployment does not cut it for most. Not only is it important to reopen businesses but it is highly important to open parks and beache . Sunlight and fresh air are natural disinfectants which many people are not getting now. Quarantining people for long periods of time actually weeken the immune system so when they get out they get more sick as compared to being exposed to these other ailments. I am not saying we force everyone to reopen and go to these things as well. Everyone should have the option to do and they please. They should also be instructed and provided information on how to maintain safe distances and keep themselves and others from being sick. In many ways this will be like preventative treatment and a primary response. We teach not mandate. Let people be responsible for themselves and others. Being locked down for any longer will only have negative impacts. Loss of jobs will create a horrible amount of homeless, suicide rates will climb, hunger will become more prevalent, and crime will soar. Not to mention the impact of the tourist industry that Florida relies on so heavily. I ask you please consider the impacts of mandating people to stay at home. I believe we will see much success if we follow the way Sweden has and open up things while relying on individual responsibility.

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Lake	General	People need to get out and get hair cuts. They need to visit restaurants. We need to get the economy up and going again. Set standards for salons and outside eating. Sanitize and make appointments. Get the theater open why not have seats set for those that are able to go out and see a movie. If a person feels we should not be open then they should stay home. Open the state parks. We need to visit the outdoors of our beautiful parks. Our Governor has done an excellent job. Now we need to slowly open with restrictions. It can be done.
Polk	Healthcare	I feel it is to soon to open the state. The cases continue to rise and honesty no one has taken this pandemic seriously since the stay at home order was put into place. The order was way to lineament and basically had no restrictions because to many business were considered “essential” and we all know half of the business didn’t need to be on that list. The cases in Polk county and around the date continue to rise daily as well as deaths. I feel that we need a stay at home order for at least another 30 days or u til we see a decrease in cases on a daily basis instead of rising!
Orange	Tourism	I believe it is too early to open up Florida to tourism. Having visitors from around the country and around the world visit the Orlando Metro area will open the doors to a second wave of infections. Opening up business that serve the community can be done safely, but those that serve tourist should stay closed for the time being. We would not be able to secure that individuals with no to mild symptoms travel to Central Florida and bring the infection back. I believe tourism based organizations can do a great job to mitigate the virus, but not while the country and the world is still facing the virus at the current rate. To support these organizations, Central Florida can focus on staycations until it is safe to open up for people of any part of the country.
Volusia	General	Re-opening businesses in Florida is way too early. We don’t even have a handle on this coronavirus and spreading to other people. Where I live in Ormond Beach, people are not practicing social distancing. The beaches are crowded with out-of-towners and out-of-state people. They are not all doing recreational sports. They are sunbathing. Along A1 a in Ormond Beach there are open tattoo parlors and A couple of bars. Why is that?
St. Johns	General	I think it is too early to open the economy. We still have thousands of cases of covid. I personally think we should stay home another week, and when we do re open masks should be mandatory. It doesn’t do me much good if I wear a mask and no one else does. We are only protected if everyone does.
Seminole	Education	I feel it is in ther best interest of all people and their health, that we remain closed regardless of the financial impact. This is going to cause a collapse of economy we have certainly never seen, but we haven't been through a pandemic such as this before. If we continue to be independent of other states and don't stand united as a country and shut down completely, it will to take longer to recover and rebuild. I understand we can not control corporations, that's what being in America is about, but the corporations shouldn't be controlling us.

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Miami-Dade	General	The state needs to ensure that at least 90% of the unemployed in the state has received their unemployment checks. Without it, the majority wouldn't be able to stimulate the economy anyways. Our safety and health is more important. I don't see a 14 day downward spiral of cases and deaths and until we do, we shouldn't even be considering reopening nonessential businesses. Communicate daily how many consecutive days we are trending up or down. Communicate the timeline that our unemployed should be receiving their unemployment checks! Because they don't have a timeline, some want to go back to work when it's UNSAFE. I have to leave my home weekly for doctors appointments and if I become infected because the state decided to reopen too early, we'll all be in a deeper hole than we're in now. Seems like common sense.
Seminole	Healthcare	Being an older resident, my greatest fear is that we don't do our due diligence and move to quickly. If we reopen and another surge of this virus occurs, will there be sufficient healthcare to support it. I would definitely support reopening but at a county by county plan. Obviously there are some counties that require a slower pace for reopening. Those counties where there are a less amount occurence should be able to reopen at a quicker pace. I would hope the social distancing and mask rules would be carried throughout the summer or until we get the vaccines developed.
Okaloosa	Healthcare	If you're going to re-open, which I don't agree with, please allow PA's to function without a medical doctor. They are currently better trained than nurse practitioners, and can help in the event this pandemic gets really out of control. Other states have lifted this requirement and abortion has been sent to you from FAPA, with the correct signatures but has been unanswered. Why are these qualified medical personnel laid off right now or sitting on the sideline, that is ridiculous with their help is needed. If we open, there is even a morning for physician assistance to be able to jump in and help if needed.
Sumter	General	PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE offer intensive and extensive education to the public about the proper use of masks and gloves and WHY masks are necessary (and gloves aren't). As A Respiratory therapist of 40 years there is SO much confusion and misinformation floating around.... People need to wear masks to be conduits of each other!!!!!
Marion	General	We need to open things up. Slowly. If you feel you don't want to open your business yet don't, but if you do you should have the option to open. Business should adhere to safety practicing. Our state and Country cannot survive much longer like this, open up Florida.

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Lake	Accommodation	you seem to forget that there are many kids and adults who are special needs. These kids much like my own who is 19 need regimen. Any change in regimen can cause a severe spiral out of control. Not being able to go swim In a community pool, not being able to go get replaced his favorite pair of pants that have to be sensory friendly can cause extreme meltdown. His computer laptop and iPad with anything getting changed and not having somewhere to go get them fixed has caused him to have a huge meltdown. So the cost was I had to purchase a brand new one instead of having Somewhere to have it repaired quickly. Now let's talk haircuts, people with severe sensory and anxiety follow their strict rules every day. Not having the ability to have his hair stylist cut his hair has been A huge burden. After quarantining for 14 days why could we not have worked out having hairstylist being able to make house calls. Those stylist have also quarantined for 14 days. This would've helped deal with all the stress put on us that was unnecessary. The reason the stylist could not make home calls is because they were threatened with losing their license. So now I'm stuck with having to have my child in more therapy That is quite expensive to fix what this has caused. Now on to schools, I understand the need to close them due to so many children being in the school. However all children with special needs 504 and IEP's should have been able to continue at the school with one on one teachers even if it was only for two hours. The social distancing could've remained and the children could learn. This includes college in which my child only learns by being taught by a teacher. It is also part of his regimen because after graduating high school change was difficult. So no I do not believe everything should be opened and a free-for-all. However you seem to be more worried about getting our theme parks reopened and not worried enough about who this really affected and how we can fix it. If round two is going to come as noted by many, then there's no reason To focus that far out. We need to focus on those most vulnerable and what you have caused households to have to deal with in these uncertain times. Round two needs to be handled at a much better pace as well in a much better manner.These kids are not all immune and compromised they are just kids who need to follow their daily routine and not have it interrupted. A change of going through the drive-through is a lot easier than a change of not being able to get their haircut the same
Broward	Recreation	I believe that outside activities such as boating, golfing, walking, running, biking and the parks should be reopened. We currently let citizens go to take out Resturant's, pharmacies, grocery stores, doctors offices. As long as you follow the distancing guidelines all is good. This can be accomplished and allow movement amongst all. Respectfully submitted We. Washa.
Brevard	Healthcare	In regard to Florida opening up in the midst of the coronavirus my husband and I are in our 70's and we would like to see everyone wearing a mask - No. 1! We need to keep an eye on the percentage of those tested and those who are dying of the virus. We need to make sure when we do open our entire State to business it will be done with scientific and health experts input. It should not be done just to do it for monetary issues but we know there are MANY people who need our State and Federal Government to step up and get those who need help what they need to survive through this! It won't be easy but we all have to work together. We pray this will happen in the best manner it can and everyone will take this seriously! My Grandmother and Grandfather both died of the Spanish Flu in 1918 and everyone needs to know they have a stack in keeping this controlled.
Palm Beach	General	Let's begin slowly

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Broward	General	We must open the state and the country now to save what is left of the economy and people's lives. Look at the comparison being made between Sweden and Michigan. Sweden; no lock down. Michigan; almost total lockdown yet Sweden has 1000 fewer deaths than Michigan. (last week). Open up! The sooner the better. Thank you governor.
Polk	General	PLEASE Open Florida! 0.001 percent of the Florida population has tested positive while the 99.009 percent are stock at home or out of work. We weren't closed in December, January, or February when tons of people were sick but tested negative for flu. We don't close down during Flu season. People in Florida need normal and jobs back please. Keep people who are sick, older in age, and with compromised immune systems home, not the majority who are fine.
Seminole	General	I don't think Florida should be re-opened yet. Until we have more widespread testing, we're not ready. Just because South Florida may have the most cases and other parts of the state don't, if people move around from one place to another it will spread more. I live in Central Florida and Orange County has one of the highest numbers of positive cases in the state. Also, we can't allow tourists from all over the country/world to visit at this time. Re-opening needs to be thoughtful and methodical. It needs to be based on science and medical/clinical reasons, not based on politics and/or pressure from certain industries or businesses.
Volusia	Education	going back to early could be very risky and we still have cases coming up positive. we need to extend the order . It is dangerous for us to put a lot of people back into one place. we need to be safe and not go back so quickly. We need to extend 30 more days and be sure that numbers are going down . We can do things from home and be successful at it .
Osceola	Education	This is a virus , it will spread regardless. Let’s take care of our health system, making sure we have enough personnel , beds and equipment for the people who that gets really sick . Let’s open little by little . Keeping the social distance , not more than ten people with protective face mask, continuing with constant cleaning, open spaces. Vulnerable and older people stay home with some kind of help from the government,

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Pasco	General	As much as I want the state to reopen,as I am going broke sitting here, I do not want everything to be opened to pre Coronvirus status all at once. That would be disastrous. We would undo what we did. On May 1st, if the numbers of infected people is down and has gone down for at least 2 weeks prior, open restaurants limiting capacity and distancing between patrons. Open banks, have them mark the floor so there is a 6 ft distance in all directions. Open beauty salons by appt, only and masks for customers and stylists. Open gyms, either limit the number of people for group classes or no group classes for phase one but using the weights with distancing would be fine. If all goes well and very few new cases after 30 days, open movie theatres and all business's where social distancing can be controlled. Phase 3 Aug-Sept., Disney, Bush Gardens, Universal etc could open with a limit on guests. Temp. scans before patrons enter the parks. By Jan, if all is well open to full capacity. In all 3 phases, make it mandatory for everyone to wear a mask. Until, we get back to some sort of normal way of life, where unemployment and underemployment are down, there needs to be some kind of stimulus to help Floridians. At some point, banks will start foreclosing on people. 3 months of non payment then having to pay 4 months at once is not doable for most. The other option of destroying your credit until a bank may decide to lower your payment is another long term effect that will take years to turn around. The state needs monetary help.
Volusia	General	Im very concerned that FL will reopen too early. I fear for my daughter who is an essential worker. I fear for my six year old grandson having to return to school even in August unless very great measures are in place to Protect him. I am sick of sitting at home and not seeing family and friends but feel it is still imperative we do this until at least into June to maintain safety. Numbers in FL continue to rise as well as my county. While I realize there are more tests given, this also reveals how widespread and dangerous this virus is. This country has not and does not appear to be prepared yet as far as protecting citizens with widespread testing which is ongoing for months and we can't even still provide proper protection to health care workers and citizens. I do not believe wearing a homage mask is our answer.
Orange	Tourism	We need to get Tourism going as soon as possible. This entire central Florida area is in dire need to get back to work. More hardship is being caused by leaving everything shuttered. The well known establishments will do what it takes to keep everyone safe as they always have.

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Osceola	Recreation	The economy is hurting very bad and a lot of family's are suffering because of the virus the only other way to help the people that are suffering is to stop the payment of rent ,stop the payments of utilities,stop the car payment,stop the car insurance payment and that can help but it needs to happen like immediately otherwise than that I feel that the state should open up and let these people go back to their jobs the big industries and the government are concerned about a lot of things but they really need to look at the big picture of the situation how the economy has crashed how the ones that are suffering are the families not being able to help themselves they're not giving the right tools and then I being listened to so I'm glad that this was created so you can get a feedback on how we are stressing and feeling.
Orange	General	HR department for each employer should be in charge of their employees testing and PPE. Facial coverings should be mandatory. All venues should be allowed to operate as long as facial coverings are mandatory.
Brevard	General	I do not think opening Florida would be in the best overall for its citizens. Florida is known as a hub for travelers and if we reopen people from other states will flood in causing more spread of Covid-19. As we saw with spring breakers. Better to be safe. I would prefer some time sheltering in place than risking it all and causing another wave to come in and take the lives of so many.
Palm Beach	General	I urge you to open Florida with precautions in place. We need to look at the science and stats. How many died of the flu last year. Keeping us quarantined, but allowing people to go to places like Home Depot or Publix makes no sense. Let the healthy go about their lives and quarantine the sick. This shutdown will have lasting effects. Child molestation, spousal abuse, depression,.suicide are all on the rise.
Volusia	General	I do not think we should open the state so soon after this hit. We still have no vaccine and really no clear idea on how to stop or prevent this Virus from spreading. I honestly believe if we open this state we are only asking for thousands if not millions more people to get sick and possibly die. We are just not ready yet. Is it more important to make and have money or to be healthy and have our life?!
Seminole	Information	I am mistrustful of the information provided by our governor and his office because of his close relationship with a known liar Donald Trump. I do not believe the data being shared by Florida health regarding testing numbers and their results. I do not believe state government about the availability of testing. Another reason I do not trust or believe the things out governor says is because of the propaganda videos he sends in mass via our local emergency notification avenues. His interest is obviously in his self (re-election) and not our community or the government groups and structures he leads. Because of his lack of leadership our unemployment is a total disaster. Rather than correct this he sends propoganda videos like his mentor. We need to reopen our state under the leadership of senator Stephanie Murphy. I trust her. Thank you Ms Murphy. If you need me, I've got your back.

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Orange	General	I believe that we should stay put for another month because 1. The kids will not have anywhere to go if the parents went back to work and there is one more month of home schooling!! 2. We are still rising on the cases and also deaths! 3. People will feel safer and we can work on distance more cause right now people are not doing it!! 4. Everyone can stock up on all the right kind of equipment to keep everyone safe!!! Please work on the unemployment cause everyone needs it!!! Thank you for listening
Hillsborough	Professional Services	Even at the earliest phase of the reopening, providers of professional services, such accounting firms and law firms, such be allowed to reopen their offices as long as social distancing or other reasonably tailored measures are applied to protect health.
Seminole	Food	Encourage restaurants with outside seating to begin regular dining. Help small operations to do curbside service especially ice cream shops. Open beaches and pools within social distancing guidelines. Let food trucks set up at various parks to encourage hiking and walking. Our restaurants need us and we need our restaurants. Hopefully people will practice good hygiene and respect each other so as to keep everyone healthy. I know I threw in the beaches and pools which are not related to food. Thank you
Volusia	Education	The reopening of our state needs to be safe. We need to be prepared to deal with small outbreaks throughout the state. Scientists and medical professionals need to be heard and agree with the timeline of the reopening of Florida. I believe we also need to be on the right side of the curve and we need to see decreases in new cases for 14 days before we enter phase 1. Hopefully the summer heat will play a part in slowing down the virus and this will be the time to eradicate the virus so it doesn't come back for a second wave.
Palm Beach	Recreation	I'm a combat vet and I spend most of my days at the beach avoiding people helps with my ptsd and it is a violation of of right being locked down like this
Hillsborough	Transportation	Truckers are reporting problems getting food and accommodations at truck stops, especially if the truck stop restaurant closed due to quarantine. Relax these restrictions early, and/or make better use of the Rest Stops along the Interstates. Food trucks, portable shower facilities and bathrooms plus the ability to sleep in truck cabs could help keep the logistics train working more effortlessly. Since family and individual travel is way down all the parking spaces for private cares could be utilized as well. I support efforts to preserve the economy especially if risk could be minimized to the general public.

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Broward	Information	As a small business owner working almost exclusively with other small businesses, and having served with Task Force member Dev Motwani on Fort Lauderdale's Economic Development Advisory Board in past years, I would urge the Task Force and the Governor's staff advisors, to consider the recommendations of the Edmond. J. Safra Center for Ethics at Harvard University as outlined in it's recently released 'ROADMAP TO PANDEMIC RESILIENCE'...advocating for massive scale testing, tracing and supported isolation as the path to pandemic resilience for a free society. The two-page Executive Summary (with author sources identification and institutional affiliations) is attached and I urge all of you on the Task Force to read this compelling and practical guide as you deliberate how and when to open up Florida again. Thank you for your service to all of us!
Marion	General	I think it is a bad idea to reopen the state when you don't have the virus under control yet. I think if we reopen to soon that we will lose more people and that is not worth it to me. I think we should wait a little longer and maybe slowly reopen in late May or early June. Also make sure that people get their stimulus money. I didn't get any cause I owed back child support which I think is unfair cause I pay weekly and my ex husband gets my taxes every year and I have two daughters at home for whom I don't get child support for. Also we should get extra food stamps a month while all this is going on because food is going up and it is hard to afford food with little funds and figuring out how to pay bills when you have low funds. I am currently at home on isolation and waiting on my test results.
Osceola	General	Do not reopen until we have adequate testing, contact mapping and falling positive numbers and deaths. To reopen outside of these parameters is insane. We have a large population of at risk citizens. Stay home and social distancing are working in areas that take these measures seriously. My complex has NO cases, my town has had 5 cases.
Flagler	Recreation	Opening the state now would not be a good idea. I think we need to continue as we are now for a minimum of three more weeks or until we have 14 days of decline or a steep decline in the number of new covid-19 cases. I understand that prolonging the self isolation puts a burden on many, but the safety of the population as a whole is most important.
Seminole	Technology	Thank you for this portal first and foremost. We need to reopen with enforceable rules. Do the same things we've all been doing but fine those that don't. An example is if we see large groups break them up. They actually should be fined. Without consequences people do whatever they want. I moved here 10 years ago. People speed because nobody gets pulled over. Disney should reopen but only to Florida residents. It should not be a show up at 6am thing to get in either. Each ticket/pass should have to schedule a day they can enter the park. Limit it to a couple of times a month for passholder in the beginning. Maybe once a week so people don't hoard access.

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Flagler	Tourism	Keep the ban on short-term rentals, and mandate morning and evening times for beach openings. These have both been effective for limiting those who may be looking to "shelter" in a big house with others. We have both staggered times and your STR ban (in Flagler County), and it's working out great. Keep up the good work. Please do not lift the short-term rental ban!
Sarasota	Healthcare	There is absolutely no science or medical evidence to permit a reopening of Florida commerce or social gatherings! Be smart and follow scientifically based data not politically inspired desires.
Lake	General	The state should re-open in phases. Locations which can continue social distancing guidelines and operate effectively should re-open first. Examples would be parks, all beaches, workplaces where some can continue to work from home and some can work on site, restaurant dining rooms where people can sit 6 feet apart, etc. The second phase should be non-essential business where you can minimize the amount for people in a store but cannot enforce people staying far enough apart while shopping, third phase would be anything else.
Volusia	Healthcare	I feel it would be safer to keep people at home but unemployment HAS to be corrected and more assistance for people to be able to stay home. Our citizens should be our first concern. We certainly don't need to send supplies and assistance to other countries.
Palm Beach	Healthcare	As understandable the urge to re-open everything is, we cannot until we know the extent of this pandemic in our area. There are insufficient numbers of test kits. Most of us have not been tested altho we have passed through flu symptoms in the past. I do not feel confident to go back to normal without knowing the numbers of infected in our county. If you re-open, for the most part people will not venture out.
Palm Beach	General	Please start opening up businesses and other areas that make sense. Small businesses that only have a few people coming in at a time, outside dining, and the beaches and recreation areas, parks, trails. Studies have shown that the sun shine, humidity and heat kill the virus quickly. It does not make sense to keep these areas closed!
Orange	General	I do not believe that we should be in any hurry to open things up. I would want to see how other states fare who decide to do this. I would hate to see a reoccurrence of cases because we didn't wait long enough. There are too many people who disregard recommendations that keep themselves & others safe. I would "vote" to wait at least another month before opening anything.

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Clay	General	I struggle with my logical response versus my emotional response. My emotional side wants to see my friends. I have friends that own bars, and restaurants in the area. I am a member of fraternal clubs as well. All of these businesses and many others are in deed hurting. My emotional side wants so very badly for them to resume even a more lenient operational mode. My emotional side yearns for the social aspect of our lives. My logical side tells me it is too soon. Our DEATH rate continues to climb. The cold hard fact is that if you contract this you can die. I am not willing to take that risk and if I have to be the one to make that call and force my friends to stay home and live so that I can eventually see them again; I will do that. I don't like making this call. I'd love to see each and every one of them. Given the option of a higher degree of potential death, I choose life for them and for me. Someone once said, the right choice is not always the easy choice. Sometimes there is no clear choice, so you must choose the lesser of two evils. I choose life for my friends and my family and me. It is painful but I choose their presence over their absence. It's just too soon and I don't feel like the numbers are in our favor.
Pinellas	Recreation	In my humble opinion, Florida should open gradually, one at a time, by different sectors. The hospitals can now do elective surgeries. This is good. If there are no adverse effects, move to opening beaches, pools, gyms. If there are still no adverse effects, move to barber shops, beauty parlors, etc. Start with the sectors that would have less chance of contagion and move up to restaurants, events and so forth. Please do not be like Georgia and undo all we worked hard for up until now. Thank you.
Polk	General	Please for all of our children and elderly DO NOT open yet. We are not ready and people as it is still acting as if everything was fine and are infecfing others. What will happen if you re open? Definitely another NY and that was and is horrific.
Palm Beach	Healthcare	I do personal training at a country club I also do pilates training. Our clients are senior citizens and they need the gym to be open cause it helps them from deteriorating. When they dont move their life can decline rapidly. Gyms need to reopen. Some so it for fun. Some have to do it to stay alive! Thank you
Orange	Professional Services	Please mandate wearing masks when outside of your home. Mandate social distancing and reduced groups. This is going to be vital. Fine violators ... don't arrest them. Mandate that employers must not allow sick people to work. Have a whistle blower phone line. Get access to more testing, more Lysol agents and more masks for employers. Provide a guide to help employers truly clean their offices to help reduce contagion. Thanks for all you are doing. God Bless us as we move forward to a most vital next step ... restarting our economy. Kristin Shutler
Lake	General	I'd love to reopen but only if it can be done safely and only with accurate numbers when we are all tested it would be awful to have to reclose. Maybe if people actually took this seriously. I still see people in cluster and not masked

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Hillsborough	Education	As an educator I am saddened by the closure, but in order to understand this sacrifice we need to stay closed. I have been home for four weeks and will stay four more to make sure my family and County is safe. KEEP IT CLOSED. GET THE UNEMPLOYMENT PAID OUT. KEEP US SAFE!
Brevard	Manufacturing	It is time to re-open. Small businesses are hurting people need jobs we need the government to get out of mommy mode. There's increasing evidence that the shutdown has minimal impact. Sweden etc. demonstrates that. The cure is worse than the sickness at this point for sure. It's debatable if the shut down accomplished anything. It's certainly low enough particularly in Brevard county to open things back up.
Osceola	General	The concern that we have is that we will be reopening too soon. My wife is a cosmetologist and I am a Chef Assistant at Disney. We both come in very close vicinity of others as is required for our jobs. Primary concern is we will be taking valuable PPE away from essential workers (Dr.'s, nurses and the like) to do things that are not essential. Getting a hair cut and eating at a restaurant are privilages that can be brought back once we have a better hold on how to diagnose, treat & cure this virus. Another concern is that we could bring this home to our children and older parents who we take care of and are high risk.
Sarasota	Healthcare	Please re-open Florida. I am a healthcare worker that has been furloughed from my part-time job and sustained severe reduction of salary at my main job-I've scoured every job site for part-time work to no avail. I have applied for reemployment benefits-it takes forever to get a response! I have not received a stimulus check yet and probably wont until the summer. I'm a Nurse Practitioner-our "once thriving clinic" is failing and may shut down-(then I'll have NO income). I've worked on the frontline as a Nurse for 22 years and seen many pandemics-never a "shutting down of the economy". It will cause more harm than COVID19, FLU, etc. to suicides, poverty, crime if the "stay home or else" continues. Most of us are healthy and willing to work. The elderly, those with compromised immune systems and the scared should be protected and stay home". Americans are smart, we know what to do to stay clean and social distance. Let us get back to work please-unemployment and isolation are severely harming Americans! Attached is my CV-at least help me find work while I'm waiting-I have free time since my hours are reduced severely! Most of us live paycheck to paycheck regardless of making 20k or 90k. We need help-it's depressing what is happening to our freedoms, civil rights and economy. Please help.
Lake	General	No we should NOT re-open yet, this virus is too unpredictable and we don't know much about it still. Our numbers are still increasing, it doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that we have a long way to go before we can get back to our normal lives. People are still dying and becoming infected. We will be putting more lives at risk if we open too soon.

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Orange	General	I understand economic impact on the state, however, I Feel reopening the state too soon will have a negative impact. I believe we will end up having another wave and as a result more people will die.
Pasco	Healthcare	Why are we not doing testing in all the 55+ mobile home communities?? Won't know where we all are in this pandemic until all testing is done. Thank you
Lake	Construction	I just think we need to rush and end up undoing everything we've done by locking down. We would then have to start all over and more lives will be lost. I know most people don't realize the risk until its one of their relatives
Brevard	Tourism	I think we should have the theme parks all go to a virtual cue and boarding groups to control the lines at the rides. They should put hand sanitizer machines at every entrance to the rides and portable hand washing stations around the park. They should be required to do this like the cruise industry does. Take temperatures before getting into the security line. PSA 'S reminding us to wash our hands frequently and signs up where we can find the stations. Do a soft opening to a Florida residents and pass holders until October and then gradually let the tourist back in. We should feel comfortable going back into it again. It's going to take a lot of education to get back to the new normal.
Suwannee	General	HELLO, I'M A LICENSED NAIL TECHNICIAN, I RENT SPACE AT A SHOP.. I STILL OWE THE MONEY TO THE LANDLORD. SO MY ONLY INCOME IS THE STIMULUS CHECK and THAT WILL GO TO HIM! I I DID NOT GET UNEMPLOYMENT OR QUALIFY FOR THE PPP LOAN , DUE TO NOT HAVING ANY EMPLOYEES!! If you don't open, I will lose not only my business, I will lose my HOME,!! We can't stay locked up anymore! WE ARE LOSING OUR MINDS!!!! PLEASE OPEN FLORIDA!!! I KNOW YOU ARE STILL GETTING PAID!!!!
Seminole	Information	I believe that you can't treat the entire state as a whole. When looking at the map on Floridadiasater.org there are harder high areas like Miami and other areas that have barely been effected. Do what is best for each area as one decision isn't right for everyone. I would hate to have another spike in cases and deaths if we roll this out to quickly. I like the Phrases that the President has set up with the chance that we might have to go back to a stay at home order if things start to increase. Personally I would like to stay at home until there is a decrease in cases in the state. April 23 rd was the second highest day in the last 30 days. There are still sick people out there that don't know it. Thank you for the opportunity to express my feelings. You all have a tough decision to make and I pray for you. Thank you, Denise Church
Collier	Recreation	Please open our beaches to those with beach permits. This will protect us from those coming from other counties. We also ask that you allow private clubs and associations to open to their residents/members.

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Brevard	General	Our belief is that we would rather be working than sitting home collecting unemployment. So, that being said, if you refuse to fix the unemployment system, than you have to open up and let us go back to work. I'm 100 percent positive that was the plan the whole time. And, I hope your pockets are properly lined while the rest of us risk losing everything.
Orange	Healthcare	As a nurse, to quickly return to business as usual would be a slap in the face of all the hard work and stress we have put in to protect this country. Not to mention, overwhelming for staff and resources that are already stretched thin and barely hanging on. I believe a widespread reopening is simply going to cause a resurgence of cases, perhaps even worse than before (ie the Spanish flu 2nd surge). But I understand that some livelihoods are suffering. Any plans to reopen should be sparse and staggered. Parks, gyms, and the like should remain closed. Stores should continue their current practices. Businesses that are open should be held accountable to real limits on occupants and safety precautions. For example, if someplace like a salon were opened, only 2 patrons max at a time. However, I feel none of this should happen until end of May. Let's get past the peak first. Going stir crazy and being bored shouldn't outlay people's lives.
Palm Beach	Professional Services	Our company is not customer facing, private sales office more than large enough to do social distancing. If we go back with masks and hand sanitizer there is no reason not to be working. Currently we are working from home but it is not ideal. I am over 60. My husband is still working at his company on staggered shifts with masks and hand sanitizers and they have had 0 cases. At least half of them are over 60 as well. I do not want to see the economy continue to collapse. The people making the decisions unfortunately have no skin in the game as they are wealthy and have good healthcare and no idea what it is to live paycheck to paycheck. Too many people out there need to work to ensure they have a home to live in and food to eat. We luckily are not one of those people but I know many who are. The over estimation of cases has caused serious hardship that could be avoided by good practices
Seminole	General	The state needs to stay as-is until we are 2 weeks past the peak of new infections. If we don't, all this isolation has been for nothing. Cases will surge again, more people will die and many others will be sick when they didn't have to be. Exposing employees to the entire public is dangerous right now.

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Volusia	General	My suggestion would be to keep the stay at home order in place. My reasoning is that you give people an inch and they take a mile. You open the beaches for sunbathing and than there packed same with non essential stores. Even though I've seen some nonessential businesses still open. Ie: a rug shop in Port Orange. Businesses will reason with themselves that they are essential even though they are not. I work in health care and yes our clinic has slowed down And we are taking all the precautions but people lie they tell you that they're not sick and then yet you find out that their tests are pending and they still think it's safe to go out and infect others and we are taking all the precautions but people lie they tell you that they're not sick and then yet you find out that their tests are pending and they still think it's safe to go out and infect others. I think the stay at home order should still be in effect for at least a while until the positive test dramatically decline I think the stay at home order should still be in effect for at least a while until the positive test dramatically decline.
Volusia	General	It is too early to go back to normal - lack of testing doesn't give us a true picture of what is really happening in our backyards - it would be reckless to open on May 1st
Sumter	General	I believe we need to move slowly. We are doing better than most states but we should not push it. Open only places we can safely social distance first then move to others when we see that our numbers do not skyrocket
Pinellas	General	Please open. Please,
Hillsborough	General	Keep us safe and keep us home if you do have to open the state PLEASE make face coverings MANDATORY it's not fair that someone can choose to go out in large groups then come to work the next day and expose people who chose to stay home.. there is pressure on you all but it needs to wait I miss shopping, I miss the beach and the park but there are lives at risk! Sure my comment won't matter but please consider it.
Palm Beach	Recreation	Open the beaches for everything including chairs
Palm Beach	Finance	In my humble opinion I feel it's too soon to reopen the economy. I want to go back to work like everyone one else, but I think Florida hasn't even hits its peak yet. And this state is going to be flooded with tourists once we open and it that should be a concern. I for one think that unemployment system should be a MAYJOR priority at the moment and you should pay your civilians, we are all very upset with the system and way Florida is running! Thank you
Osceola	General	How can people be out and about and businesses open when there is no cure or vaccine yet. The curve is only going down because we stay in. To help businesses there must be more government relief AND make it possible for those on EBT to purchase from local restaurants to help until it is safe to open.
Marion	General	I personally feel the state as a whole should stay shutdown with shelter in place orders until the state as a whole has no new cases of the virus for 2 weeks straight. I haven't worked since 3/15 and have received NO unemployment to date, but it's worth the hardship not to risk getting sick. I fear if you open back up too soon and ease restrictions we are going to have a mass resurgence like in 1918. DONT let history repeat itself
Lake	General	To soon!

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Broward	Real Estate	I don't think we are ready to open businesses
Lake	Healthcare	Please keep restrictions in place. Don't get me wrong .... I hate not being able to do anything, but we have way too many high risk people in this state to gamble with their lives for our selfish desires. Focus on keeping grocery stores stocked, restaurants providing delivery/take-out, and providing temporary at home work for people laid off. Do these three things and FL will be stronger than ever, not the butt of U.S. jokes.
Pasco	Retail	My wife works as a hairdresser and I'm a cop. She needs to go back to work, where she can protect herself by wearing a mask and washing her hands. Also, restaurants need to re-open ASAP. It's stressful siting at home as we go out and enjoy drinks and a meal. Open Florida, phase #1!!!
Brevard	General	I believe we should open everything up without restriction. Let the people make the choice on whether they individually should take the risk. According to recent studies millions of people have had it making the virus death rate extremely low. Take out the deaths that were attributed to Covid that were never tested positive and the story gets better. If you don't have underlying risk factors you should go about your life and if you do have risk factors then you can take precautions you deem appropriate.
Brevard	Retail	Allow small businesses (mom and pop stores) to open first before larger retailers. Give the small shops a chance to regain financial security first as they need it most. Perhaps people who don't normally shop these stores will start and this will create new, long term customers for these small shops that they normally wouldn't have gotten. Large retailers will always have their following, even if they remain closed longer. Also easier for small stores to control crowds and social distancing.
Miami-Dade	General	Hello, thank you for taking these comments. I am all for reopening Florida as I believe that businesses will take the precautions required to be able to open their doors. I am a small business owner myself and I see so many colleagues suffering right now. We don't want government assistance, we want to be able to work again. I also hope that the governor does not leave this matter up the county mayors as ours is against opening. On another very important note personally, I hope a plan will be put in place for our children in the summer. Many people will need somewhere safe for the kids to go, such as a camp etc. also, recreational activities for kids should also be considered. They are spending unhealthy amounts of time on the iPad and in front of the tv, in addition they are forced to do school online, it's just too much. And parents who still have to work have no choice but to allow them their electronics. My girls do gymnastics and they are missing very much their activities that are beneficial for them in so many ways. This can also be done safely by limiting the amount of kids and asking coaches and staff to wear masks. Our gym in general has always been very clean and under the circumstances I am confident they will take even more precautions to clean. Please think about our kids!! They are suffering immensely. Thank you!

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Sarasota	General	It is way too soon to reopen the state at this point we have yet to reach our peak. At this point many are still not abiding by social distancing, stores do not have adequate supplies of gloves, hand sanitizers and cleaning supplies. I am sickened to be a Floridian as Mr. DeSantis has made a fool of himself as well as those of us he governs concerning COVID..his ignorance to basic facts is not acceptable behavior for a man in his position. Please take a step back, give this virus a chance to run it's course before we reopen
Seminole	Retail	Hello, I think consideration should be made about opening hair salons by appointment only and hairstylist and customer both wear masks and one customer in Salon at a time. Thank you, Douglas Turton
Broward	General	Balancing health and the economy is critical to getting our world back. It must be guided by accurate and reliable data which means much more testing. Activities and businesses must be opened incrementally, based on their necessity (professional wrestling is not a necessity) and their ability to provide services while maintaining distance of customers and workers.
Orange	Education	Schools should be able to reopen in summer with small class size and sitting students every other seat starting June 1. Students and staff could wear protective face covering or masks.
Sumter	Healthcare	I am hoping that the governor will consider going very slow in opening up Florida. We live in the villages and I honestly don't think they have done enough testing. I worry that the squares will be mobbed along with the restaurants. There are people here that just aren't that worried about the virus. They want to get back to eating out ,drinking, playing golf and swimming. Our normal way of life is never returning and until a vaccine is found the virus is here to stay. I understand businesses need and want to open. Please take it slow, or we will be back to square 1 !!!
Walton	Tourism	As a lifelong resident of Florida with a job in tourism I very aware of our dependance on tourism. However living in the panhandle where many drive from Georgia, Louisiana and all over I'm not in the least comfortable with lifting restrictions on tourism and short term rentals. Out community has one small hospital to serve both the residents and tourists. Our beaches are opening therefore they will come. Please, please, consider len

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Manatee	Tourism	There was no choice given for COVID-19, so I chose tourism. It is imposible to have a normal functioning profitable economy under a pandemic crisis. It will be self defeating only to have to possibly close again due to increase in cases and deaths. A state must contain the virus first, you tackle the enemy first before you can move forward. Both Manatee and Sarasota has done very little in testing, everyone should be tested to isolate the asymptomatics that are infecting. You are setting us up to fail only to have to start all over again. Does one really think that tourism will return in a still COVID-19 infected state? How many at this time of job loses due to COVID-19 will have time and money to now go on a vacation? Who are you kidding. Please do the smart thing. Tests, tests, tests and stay the course with all guidelines. Lives over money. No one can profit in a pandemic. It is not just us, suffering loss it's all over. Fight the battle don't succumb to it . EU, UK and Asia will not be visiting FL this year , they too have their battle. Our economy could not have been all that great if it took only 30 days to put a business out of business, operating on no reserves is not smart. One must consider everything because in the end what you decide will reflect on you all . Never allow bullies to dictate Good luck and remember testing all ei get us back to normal by isolating asymptomatics .
Lake	General	It would be useful to know what to expect if a hotspot occurs. Knowing in advance how that would be handled and what we will have to do in advance would save time and and lessen confusion if such an event were to happen. Thanks for the opportunity to comment. Steve Burt
Brevard	Government	As a born and raised Floridian, I'm very proud to live in the state. What I think is key during this pandemic is that we continue to pull together. That we follow the science and the facts they bring. While it is truly important to restart the economy not only for the state but for the country, it is imperative that the health and well-being of the citizens in this state and country be on the forefront. Having lost a love one to this virus I don't willy-nilly make the suggestion to delay the re-opening. What I do ask is that because we continue to have doubts and positive reported cases, that until we have widespread testing to everyone that do not make a knee-jerk decision that would likely put more citizens in jeopardy. Be a leader not a follower. Ensure the safety of the citizens of the state in this country by doing the right thing. Do not be pressured by other politicians to make reopening the first priority. Make the health and well-being of the citizens of the state and country first and foremost in everyone's mind. Reopening to soon will put everyone in jeopardy. Please please I implore you to think and make rational decisionsFor the citizens of the state and country imagine that everyone else is making decisions that impact your family your family not just my family but your family. I implore you to do the right thing for everybody. Even when things do begin to open, it does not mean that I will run out and just be careless with my own safety and that of my family, and that of your family. Please make the right decision

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Lake	General	I don't understand how testing is actually doing any good. I could be free of the virus today, test negative, and come down with it tomorrow. Antibody testing should be in full force at the facilities. Actually you should be doing both. Testing those who have symptoms and antibody testing for everybody else. Until you do that we will never get this State up and running.
Pinellas	Healthcare	I work in a dental office as a dental assistant. In the dental field we are one of the highest risk groups for covid-19 being between 93%-99% risk for exposure. The dental equipment we use create high volume airborne particles and even with high volume suctions we and other patients will be exposed and there is nothing in place for patients to be tested before entering the dental office for covid-19, putting everyone at risk for covid-19. Please postpone non emergency dental procedures until we can safely perform without a high risk of covid-19 because even if we could obtain proper ppe gear the risk is still too high putting dental professionals and patients at risk for contracting covid-19. I have a small child and older person in my household and I would fear to come home and bring something like covid-19 into my household possibly spreading ther virus to them. We should not take unnecessary risk doing non emergency dental care at this time. Please consider postponing the risk is too high and unnecessary for non emergency dental care and could spread at a rapid rate. Elective dental can wait until the risk level is lower to keep everyone safe.
Brevard	Education	For my health and safety and the safety of my family, where 3 people have auto immune diseases, it is too soon to reopen everything. I believe masks should be mandatory for everyone going out and for staff of "essential personal" in stores that are currently open. The more people that freely travel around, the more likely I am to come in can't act we oth the virus and bring it home to my family. It would probably kill one if not all of my household.
Lake	General	OPen slowly and cautiously. I dobt want to have to go back to isolation because it was rushed.
Hillsborough	General	Hello Gov DeSantis, thank you for how you have been handling this situation and how you are willing to here from the people about how we can reopen Florida. I was listening to The Glenn Beck Radio show and they where talking about this website, https://restartnow.io/ that allows you to see how counties are doing and the possible outcomes as per $ lost, jobs lost and suicides commited if we continue in a shutdown and if the shutdown end in 30 days. The good thing is that you can see how each county rates and make a decision if you should end the shutdown for that county instead of ending it statewide. I have attached a copy of the info for Florida from the website. Again thank you for all that you are doing for your people! I tried uploading a file but would not load so I sent an image of one page

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Hillsborough	General	Plz do NOT reopen our state at this point. This illness is still spreading,we now have well over 20,000 cases and no telling how many sick and carrying it around spreading it. I work for the public, I am a Server, I do not want to risk my health nor the health of my family just so you can boost our economy. If you reopen now, there will be many more get sick and many more die! We've lost too many already.
Osceola	General	More testing mandatory masks please do not open people are not following the rules know they will not follow if you open been in many stores to get essentials they do not follow and the stores are not making it mandatory to wear maska
Hillsborough	General	My family and I would like you to lift the stay- at-home order on April 30th. We're also in favor of opening all businesses as long as they adhere to health and safety measures. My husband sells seafood and he needs restaurants to open to keep his job. My college age kids need to get back to school....real school, not online school. Covid is not going anywhere. We've self isolated for over a month so we know who has it and who doesn't. We need to start getting used to a new way of life. There's never going to be a perfect time. Each person/family is going to have to decide for themselves when and where it's safe for them to go. If you're worried, stay home. If not, go support business. Businesses will have to adjust there practices so people feel safe to come there. If they don't, people won't come. Our big concern is people coming to our state for tourism. How to we keep the sick people out but let Orlando open up? Hopefully you can impose safe guards and restrictions to keep Covid from coming into our state. I think if you don't open everything soon, people are just going to go out and gather anyway. There going to create their own places to eat and drink and shop. So you might as well let the businesses open so they can make some money.
Palm Beach	Retail	Please start reopening retail by May 1, at the latest. Please stop passing the buck, Governor DeSantis (e.g. Re-Open Florida Task Force). Most of us behave sensibly, especially with all the Coronavirus awareness. We are fed up with the patchwork of rules, and all the misinformation about masks, etc. Social distancing works. Everyone agrees. So let retailers and their customers work it out without Florida or County "Orders" (laws) In public places like beaches, be vigilant and remind patrons about social distancing. Re-open schools ASAP and extend the school year for the sake of parents. If some parents want to opt out, or use distance learning, then let them. Consult disease experts daily for updates. Consult other Governors daily. Thank you.

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Martin	Real Estate	To Whom it may concern, It is in my opinion, that governor DeSantis has been doing an exceptional job keeping Floridians informed on Re-opening our beautiful State. I've been a Realtor for 16 years and am confident that moving forward, the Real Estate profession will remain strong, although it will take some time... I am totally in favor of reopening the beaches, restaurants and small businesses, so that we can all start to feel some sense of relief that there is a light at the end of the tunnel which there is. Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion. Be well. Shari Sullivan, Illustrated Properties Hobe Sound
Volusia	General	I understand the importance of getting the economy back up and running after Covid, but it cannot be at the expense of people's lives. There needs to be a graduated opening based on cases, testing, and vaccine. Not only do we have locals, but our area generates a large influx of tourists and if we open the state wide we will have flocks of people come and putting us in danger of a surge in cases again. We need more solid information before we open completely. On a side note, it would be nice to have one central location for all info pertaining to covid in Florida, to include a simple, bullet point display of all the current updates. There are too many rumors spreading around and you have to go to several places to find information. Thank you for all the effort the state is doing.
Sarasota	Tourism	Keep the beaches closed to slow down the Visitors from bringing in the virus.
Orange	General	The situation is hard right now, but our lifes and health is more important than money. In my opinion we need to wait a little bit more because the state is not ready for re open yet. Cases are up every day and the people around dosen't respect the rules and law. Our lifes is more important than any money in this life. Please governor think with your heart not your pocket.
Seminole	General	I think reopening the State needs to be done softly, and certainly not until at least June. Hair Salons, barbers, Massage Salons, bowling, and all contact jobs should not be the first businesses to open, there is no way you can practice 6 feet social distancing. The Theme Parks shouldn't be open, as this will bring people from all over the world, and there is no way to social distance at any of these parks. Taking Temps at the gates is stupid, anyone can eat ice or take Tylenol before doing this, and get in. I have no idea how to get businesses up and running, this is your task force, and I noticed that DeSantis didn't pick any medical doctors for this Task force.....
Pinellas	Government	It is too soon to open back up! It is not safe. Please get gig workers their unemployment as promised. I applied on March 29 and still haven't heard one word. I have already lost my only vehicle, my phone has been disconnected, and soon will be homeless. Please help us

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Dixie	Retail	People should have the common sense to avoid large groups. Social distancing has become the new norm. For the unforeseeable future. A pro active testing policy should be established before the inadequate stay at home order is lifted. Listen to what the medical experts are saying not some talking heads with no medical schooling whatsoever. Common sense can't be taught. Trust your instincts and stay alive.
Lake	Education	Please do not reopen Florida for another few weeks. Let's let the downward trend of cases get lower. I also feel we need to watch states like Georgia who are reopening too early in my opinion. Their cases may skyrocket after opening. Let's be the example.
Hillsborough	General	It is not safe for the health and safety of Floridians to reopen Florida until at least the end of May!
Orange	Education	Florida should NOT open until it is safe to do so and we are cleared by infectious disease experts to open. I work as a teacher and I know my students are safer at home than they would in the school building. Having so many children exposed to something that could harm them, even if it is minor, is irresponsible. We will keep striving as educators to ensure their needs are met academically--at a distance. We can assure you we will do all in our power to keep the learning going. We can't teach to an empty room because of an illness. Keep Florida closed until safe.
Brevard	Healthcare	I feel we still need time to recover. There are way too many possibilities of people being infected. I know Health Care is one place we need to get back to normal. I think we need another month of social distancing and isolation. I am a senior citizen and have concerns for myself and others in my age group.
Brevard	General	Restaurants take temp prior to seating. Distant seating. Have hand sanitizer at entry to mandate either use or go to bathroom to wash hands prior to seating. Don't put condiments on tables. Still use face mask at shopping areas such as grocery stores or Walmart. Or Lowe's/Home Depot. Have sanitizers our at entries. Cruise ships- temp check and questioned prior to boarding if cold/flu symptoms not permitted to board. Hand washing areas at dining areas and buffet areas. Extra staff to sanitizer high touched areas frequently. Ex:elevators/handrails etc.
Orange	Healthcare	The reopening needs to be strategic and safe. If healthcare officials are expecting a fall flare up, why bother totally reopening the state? Find a long term plan that can put people to work while maintaining safety precautions.
Polk	General	I think it is to soon to be opening up all these businesses. It just is not safe.

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Pinellas	Healthcare	We need to focus on lives vs economy, ensuring safety is the highest priority. Our economy will eventually recover. Lives lost can never be brought back. We have already seen a large increase in cases with our essential workers. Public employees being exposed by customers coming into the stores. What is going to happen when you open up more businesses, where people who are Not wearing masks will come shop, congregate, and spread the virus all over again. The virus is active, cases are still rising and that is with a stay at home order. In Pinellas county you can see that people are indeed staying home, traffic is light and the beaches look empty. Another issue: Schools are closed, digital learning is in place and until the last day of school May 29, what are parents supposed to do with their kids if they are forced to return to work? A child cannot do their digital learning in a daycare or YMCA camp. You place thousands of kids back into a daycare setting and again we will see major rise in virus cases, as kids spread and share with friends, family, daycare workers, parents. We need to consider keeping a stay at home order until it is truly safe to return. We need to stop saying this only effects the old population as that is not true, deaths can happen at any age. As for our older population, this is Florida, we have high counties with more 65+ aged residents than anywhere. We are home of Moffitt Cancer center, thousands of immunocompromised patients, who need US to protect them! The economy will recover, we will soon enough have millions of tourists coming back to see our lush tropical beaches and visit our theme park capital Orlando. Life will return to normal. But unless we choose the best path ahead, things could only get worse for our state. Let's not be a Georgia or a Vegas Mayor. All lives matter, lets do everything we can to help keep the spread low and the hospital front line workers safe.
Lake	General	It's imperative that our economy is reopened for the demographic that keeps it going. These people my sons included need their lives and income back. It's also imperative that folks in my age group and others of course are again able to have their dental checkups, eye checkups, massage therapy for chronic pain, etc. Just as important are our regular salon appointments. It's vital to our mental health. And speaking of mental health the amount of folks being affected in this way is not even being counted by anyone. PLEASE governor open the state for EVERYONES sake. THANK YOU.
Orange	Retail	We need to continue staying in to prevent the most vulnerable Floridians from needlessly getting ill. It is sad to see that people are not taking this seriously. In retail stores it is very clear that people are not socially distancing. People going to stores should be limited to 1 person. We d a re seeing groups of teens, entire families, parents and children, and older couples in the store. We need to limit groups and continue to stay closed so we can beat this.

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Sarasota	General	Medical professionals should be included on the task force. It's hard to feel that the safety of the community is a priority when the task force includes many who are focused on economics. Those that want to open the state affect those of us that want to stay safe. Their increase in exposure puts all of us at higher risk, even those that only leave the house for necessary purchases. If more people are sick the economy will continue to decline regardless of a hair salon or a beach that is open. Please dont set us back further by opening up too soon, and dont make people decide between their jobs to support a family or the health of their family.
Palm Beach	General	We are not ready to open our state yet we need to wait until we have two weeks of study down hill signs we can wait another two weeks or longer ifNecessary let’s not risk the lives of our people because were in patient
Marion	Education	At this time with more questions than answers it wouldnt be a good time to reopen the state. We dont know if people are immuned from getting it a seccond time and we dont know if there are people out there who have it but are not going to the doctors and potentially spreading it to the elederly or the people with underlying health issues. As much as every Floridiana and American that would love to reopen the economy we CANNOT take the risk and of a second wave happening and shutting down things again because I believe that will be FATAL to the economy as if it aint bad enough now that will cause way more problems then. Think smarter and done do something soon just because the majority wants it because i know y'all people reading this want things to go back to normal but we just gotta contain this beast and end it all at once!!
Osceola	General	In order to preserve our way of life, both for current and future generations, we must immediately begin to reopen our State. At the same time, we must protect those most vulnerable to the virus.
Citrus	General	People need to get back to work. The longer everything is shut down , the worse for our country. I feel President Trump is doing a terrific job....
Brevard	General	Open up strategically.
Seminole	General	It seems that people are still getting the virus and will . If we are to reopen businesses there has to be mandatory testing of everyone mno matter if you think you have i or not. Masks to be worn ,enough sanitizers supplied. Gyms are difficult to open because everyone is using equipment. Therefore gloves and masks to be worn ,constant sanitizing of equipment, classes limited in size. Beauty salons masks to be worn and gloves by the personal and customer the same with barbers
Volusia	General	It's too soon to open up non essential business such as jewelry stores and malls. These employees end up with no way to control who walks into their environment.

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Clay	Healthcare	Good Morning, I am the business manager at a local dental office and I (along with the rest of the employees) are worried about how we are going to effectively reopen. In the dental field we deal with aerosols all day, every day and if we have an asymptomatic patient we are working on, we deal with the possibility of infecting everyone in the office. Including other patients. It would be a nightmare. The ADA has not set forth straight forward guidelines on how to properly reopen. OSHA says we have to have N95 masks to operate, yet none are available. Also, how are we to contain the droplets coming out of a patients mouth while work is being done? We can't make a patient wear a mask and be able to do a cleaning or any treatment that involves a drill. We need an actual date on when it is safe to reopen and guidelines for how to do it safely! Dental offices are the highest field next to respiratory therapists that will contract or spread COVID 19. Please help
Marion	Healthcare	I think that the health of the people should come first. I also think that social distancing by staying in is working, but if we are to begin to open it up I think that everyone in every city should wear some form of mask or face covering. Let's put the people of this state before Politics and the economy Please and Thank You. More testing.
Volusia	General	Selective opening utilizing less vulnerable and those who have antibodies. Strong safety measures for businesses who will reopen are needed to help build confidence for consumers. Restaurants should accept take out may become a way of life so should cultivate this process, at least until a fully vetted vacine is available.
Pasco	General	Please do not re open until we have seen a 14 day decline. I would like to avoid a round two. Also, we need to keep our state closed to all international travel. If possible domestic travel should also be limited and not allowed from states with a high virus count. Please be smart about this and do not listen to a president who is an embarrassment to your party. This is about human lives. We can have money again but can’t bring back a loved one if the wrong decision is made.
Brevard	General	The health and welfare of Floridians, specifically the vulnerable need to take precedent over opening tourism and the economy. By opening too soon we will surely spike our cases of covid. We are no where near our peak, if re-election is on the top of our governors mind he should take his cues from governors that are putting their citizens welfare above all else.
Brevard	Tourism	Our state relies heavily on tourism. I believe taking this opening process too slow will hurt more than help. Let theme parks and resorts operate at normal capacity. What I feel would be best is launching a consumer campaign ultimately “train” society when in large gatherings to be respectful of space and good hygiene also encouraging those to stay home when sick. Encourage society to get back out there and enjoy life but be responsible. Of course encouraging parks and resorts to use heightened disinfecting measures.
St. Johns	Healthcare	Time to re-open slowly

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Volusia	Professional Services	I ask that you PLEASE consider the nature of our industry when reooening ! I am a hairstylist of almost 20 yrs, and yhere is NO WAY we can do our job with social distancing ! Our industty requires contant touch and extremly close proximty to our clients ! I wish i could say that clients and salon owners will follow guidelines, however after almost 20 yrs, i have found that VANITY teumps all. Clients, and coworkers will come in sick and not care about those around them ! Please consider, i beg of you, to a lonher reopen for salons and other industries that are in such close contact!
Brevard	General	I believe it's a good idea to reopen all aspects of the economy here in Florida but I think people should still social distance and wear masks at the same time
Pinellas	Government	1) Keep the state closed for at least the first week of May. Better safe than sorry. 2) Why no specific list for Coronavirus repercussions? Is it to intentionally scatter the responses so it appears there are fewer concerned people than there actually are?
Pinellas	Government	I am very concerned about opening Florida to soon. I'm an independent worker in a salon . It is impossible to stay 6 feet away from someone in a small enclosed area. I am a diabetic over 60 very concerned. My husband works in the restaurant business in close contact with people and can be infected and also bring hone. He still hasn't received anything from unemployment. after applying 5 weeks ago. We hope you will consider the health and welfare of the people in this state and take the jobs that are most dangerous into consideration .
Hillsborough	Food	I just don't see stores selling gloves or paper mask anywhere that's a concern I had and I think thats real important first step.cause I work at stadium around s s l of people shouldn't open all at once little by little
Okeechobee	Education	I am a teacher and I am 5 months pregnant. When school starts back up in August, I will not feel safe returning to school if there are even a few cases left in the state of Florida. I need to know my baby, family, myself, my students, and in some cases their elderly guardians will be safe if we all start having large gathering again. I would like a vaccine for Covid-19 to be created or wide scale week lip y testing to take place before we reopen the state entirely so eliminate a resurgence during our winter Flu season. If he have another bout of this virus ravaging the nation we may never have the chance to recover.
Manatee	Healthcare	Hospitals need to have ability to protect health care workers and patients. Do we have enough healthy staff? Is there enough needed equipment? Is staff educated in the latest findings about possible signs of covid 19? Have the ability to test everyone who needs a test in Florida.

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Polk	Real Estate	Are you listening to experts? I have a premature newborn that is high risk for COVID-19 so please do what is right and listen to experts!!! The reading that I have done, from reputable sources, all people that have studied infectious diseases are telling us to lock it down tighter and for longer. In short don't reopen until it makes medical sense. I appreciate you asking the people of Florida, but please talk to someone that is knowledgeable about the subject. Whatever the case, if you're reading this, I wish you good health. Thank you
Miami-Dade	Tourism	Remaining close restaurants, malls, and all business or commercial center. Reopen the health care, like dentist for necessary need.
Brevard	Healthcare	Carefully and controlled with mass testing.
Volusia	General	Not reopen as of yet...we are still trying to get a grip on the extent of the pandemic seriousness and viral exposure overall. We are making headway to that end; but I am not comfortable with current results - too early, too soon, and there aren't enough people out in the public taking it serious enough to wear a simple mask (Home Depot this past weekend a good example - I was the one odd man among probably 50 wearing a mask and pair of gloves, and that includes the employees!). So, let's just keep on the current path of "tests", allow the sick some time to cure, create a better, truer picture of the statewide infected status, FIRST. Give it a couple more weeks.
Collier	Recreation	Please open parks, playgrounds and beaches! And encourage HOAs to open pools. These are outdoor activities that should be encouraged! We live in a beautiful part of the country and our kids are being cooped up inside now for over a month! It's not good for anyone's mental health or physical health. We need fresh air and vitamin D! Please reopen all outdoor activities!!!!
Lake	Management	Stay at home order should stay in place till at least mid May. Do our best to eliminate rather than vaccinate.
Duval	General	Open Back up please! This is destroying the mental health of millions and hurting more people than the "virus" ever thought of. Oh and by the way, THE VIRUS PEAKED IN JANUARY!!!!!! WHEN EVERYONE HAD IT!!!!!!
Orange	General	I have a medically suppressed immune system as I am a transplant recipient. I do not want Florida re-opened until there is robust testing and contact procedures in place. I probably will not feel safe until we have a vaccine. Many of the people where I live, which is a retirement apartment building, feel the same way. Please take us into considering when making your decisions. Our lives and health are now in your hands. Thank you this opportunity.
Pinellas	General	WHEN we open ... all must wear masks. Social distancing to continue. That said, I don't think our numbers warrant re-opening til at least June!

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Brevard	Education	Good Morning. Thank you for what you are doing given the circumstances. I am currently employed which I am grateful for. I work in banking. My company has been great in offering paid time or days at work when required however my main concern is children and daycare. With schools being closed, what are parents to do with their children? I am a single mother and widow and my parents are not here. My children 10 and 7 have been staying home alone with my camera as a sitter while i work partially. Whatvhappens when it goes business as usual. For summer I normally pay camp but thia would seem unsafe due to the virus... what options do we have. Can we pay more counselors in the city to limit childrne per classroom... are daycares with better cleaning guidelines. The last time I used a daycare decade ago, it was gross and kids come home sick with pink eye etc. Again. We need the economy running but single parents with lower than the average income and no help will have an impact on them going back to work, staying unemployed and most importantly the safety of the children. Thank you for your time.
Lake	General	Keep social distancing Target. Walmart seem to have an acceptable system going on. Mask wearing. Hand sanitation. Open up restaurants. They can cut back on capacity seating. Maybe every other booth, table. Open up other retail. Use system like the bigger box stores. Personal beauty care? Appointments only. Masks a must. Certainly open state parks. Beaches. Strict rules on more then 10 gathering. I personally don't hang out with alot of people but to be able to go for a walk on the beach or a state park & sit & have a sandwich with my husband is what we miss. Keep social distance. Mask up. Start generating revenue again.
Seminole	General	I don't think Florida is ready to reopen we haven't tested enough to do that I believe we is going to be chaos because lots of people are going to be exposed to the virus.
Seminole	Healthcare	I am not a business professional but am a nurse practitioner that works in the largest hospital in Florida. I think we should allow re-opening of theme parks every other day to Florida residents only . For instance , all Disney Springs to be open daily with Magic Kingdom and Animal kingdom one day and then Epcot and Hollywood Studios the next with no park to park travel. Universal to open all City Walk then one park per day every other day for two weeks. This will allow for line control and food delivery/service with lessons learned to allow for interstate domestic travel and then travel international visitors when allowed..

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Indian River	General	I am a self employed hair stylist who has a private studio inside Sola Salon in Vero Beach. My biggest concern on reopening salons/spas, etc. is that there is no safe way for us to maintain proper social distancing. After speaking with several of my clients, they are more concerned about getting a haircut or color done than they are about my wellness. I do understand that many in my industry feel they need to go back to work asap because of the major issue with unemployment, loans, etc. I just do not feel it is safe yet.
Seminole	Healthcare	Close the beaches and keep the shelter home orders through end of May. The spread will happen to everyone, we need to keep the hospital volume down as much as possible to increase the greatest expectancy of life. I have spent my entire career in healthcare staring in rescue to now in the hospital. The physician shortage and our nursing ratios will not allow the greatest life expectancy as is. Please do not make it worse.
Pasco	General	To whom this may concern i am a resident in pasco County im a electrician by trade and granted my career has not been affected by this pandemic but so many has and it seems like less than 1percent of people have the virus I would really live the state to open up May 1st slowly we are so ready maybe those people that are high risk need to continue to be under quarantine but this is killing the economy
Orange	General	I am a massage therapist and I would love to see maybe by early May Midvale things to slowly start reopening up as long as we have mast check people's temperatures take precautions. Keep the social distancing. I would love to get back to doing what I love to do. I think that people are sometimes paying attention to Too Much media. We really need to get this thing back to normal because this is not normal living. We just need to do precautions in Disney. What they could do is cap off. How many people are in they are in the park just be mindful like Max off at 300 people social distancing and like all these does when someone comes out people can go back in up there Security check temperatures where I'm at.
Volusia	General	I think its time to let businesses open back up. Everyone is aware of our situation and I believe if they personally are still concerned or nervous, they can make their own choices whether to go out to any particular place or event
Palm Beach	Education	People are going to flock to the stores and restaurants the minute we open back up and then the virus will back in full force. We don't want to have to repeat this shut down again in a few months. Anything that can stay closed should stay closed and anyone who can work remotely should work from home. I'm a teacher and the smartest decision was closing the schools for the rest of the school year and continuing digital learning.

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Broward	Education	I am an 8th grade Langauge Arts teacher and Speech and Debate Coach who teaches at Forest Glen Middle School in Broward County. I know the transition back to school is going to be a tough one, especially in middle and high schools due to the large number of students our schools in South Florida have. I would like to suggest that a panel of classroom teachers is included in hashing out the plan for re-opening schools. While school administrators and district employees are great representatives for teachers and students, many of them are far-removed from having been in the classroom and they tend to forget what it was like. Having current teachers on a panel would give you the perspective of people who are “on the front lines” of education and who will be able to offer their insight on the pros and cons of the plans you are developing. I know many teachers, including myself, would value the opportunity to be a part of the conversation and in the plan building for our schools. We miss our students more than we can say and can’t wait to help figure out the Best and safest ways to be able to interact with them again. Thank you SO much for taking the time to read this.
Orange	Healthcare	Science does not support opening. This virus is analogous to a raging fire. It may smolder for a minute but it will flare up again.. In reality if we were committed to a true lock down for a brief time we could affect the spread . Don’t create temptation. Truly help all Floridians financially so they can survive and design a plan for returning to work when they are not stepping in front of a speeding train.
Osceola	Transportation	To make reopening less impactful to public health and get people back to work it has be systematic, with precautions. Most of all people need to be held accountable for their actions. By this I mean if a person is susceptible they need to take extra precaution and employers need to accommodate that. This virus is not going anywhere anytime soon, this means we have learn to live around it. Social distancing needs to a way of life. Wearing masks will be a new fashion trend. If businesses place accommodations in place, such as limiting the number of people in a confined area at one time, providing distancing spaces in lines, restaurants, and bars, we can transition to a social distancing life style much easier. Understand that there will be those who do not abide by these new social behaviors, and they must be aware they will pay the consequence by getting sick or making a loved one sick. That being said, we must start to open our economy to preserve our life, liberty and freedoms.
Volusia	Education	As a retired teacher of Volusia County Schools and a grandparent. I feel it’s to soon to reopen schools, nonessential businesses and most definitely the beaches. I do feel that our children need structured environments for learning but most parents are doing their best. There should be some forums addressing the lack of technological of our students guardians. When this is over let’s address that deficiencies.

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Orange	General	Good morning, No doubt about it everyone is working hard to do the right thing. In terms of opening up our economy what about more opportunities to work remotely from home so at least we can still work just in a safer place. Tell businesses that don't want us to work remotely to lighten up and make it happen. Thank you
Palm Beach	General	I hope care is taken to re-open The southeast counties as we have many more cases in the Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach Counties. I appreciate the need and applaud having a task force. However, opening the state will be of little consequence to those who lost their jobs and are now going into week 6 of pending status for unemployment benefits. My brother-in-law is one of many in that situation. It seems that should be your priority. Get thst fixed as opening the state with people having zero income will not matter if they cannot participate in the economy. He spend hours trying to work on the benefit site. He spends hours looking for work and sending his resume' to countless people. Please focus on your citizens who are in dire straights. I know you say you have added people etc. but nothing has changed. It is just words at a press conference. Thank you for your time Deborah
Sumter	General	I'm a high risk with COPD,lung and heart issues.Flordia is far from being ready to being open.We are in a hot spot to dangerous to open.It would be great if swab testing could be mailed to people in my situation and mailed back.I have been in my house since March 14 and will continue to do do . Please don't let anymore needless deaths happen.Thank you for your time. Patricia Beveridge.
Orange	General	Drive-in theaters should be open, pay with your app, bring your own snacks. It gives families a chance to get out of the house and still stay together to see a movie. Give parents a chance for date night. Nail salon should be open, they've been using masks since before it became a thing. Hair salons, barber shop should be open. Very rarely are you face to face with someone doing your hair or shaving you. Wear your mask.
Leon	General	I feel very strongly that reopening is happening way too quickly, without regard for the medical data, which is still unclear. Our numbers here in Florida are still growing so to invite tourism back to the state, by opening beaches, etc, will only cause this to go on longer. Our family is very displeased with Gov Desantis's response, as his motives are transparent & definitely not in the interest of public health.
Volusia	General	Too soon to open. Florida has not hit its peak. Still too many cases. Schools should remain closed for the rest of the school year.

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Manatee	General	Hello everyone! I would be very happy if, once things reopen, we could require people (for a while, not forever) to wear face coverings while in a public venue...grocery stores, retail stores, beauty salons, banks, post offices, buses, offices, movies, sports, gyms, etc. There are still way too many teens-40 year olds, and a few older folks that are not doing this. It either damages their "image" or they just don't care...I don't know. As it would significantly reduce transmission, I feel this is a necessary step for everyone to remain safe. If you don't have a face covering, you can't come in...point blank. If we asked businesses to implement and enforce this, maybe the civil rights people would swallow it better, and it would also help protect the employees at these businesses. People may fuss, but they would do it if they needed something, so loss of business would be minimal. Also, one other thing...what if we ask restaurants to require reservations? There is an Amish restaurant here in town that can literally have 50 + people in line, in cramped quarters, nose to nose. What if, for say 2 months or until we see how things are, we have people call in, make a reservation, and not allow people to wait in line? This would be in addition to reduced seating capacity. Just a thought. God Bless, and please keep us safe by not following Georgia's lead. The second wave of the 1917 Spanish flu, when distancing measures were relaxed, was when it hit the worst. Kindest Regards, Denise Womble
Leon	General	Open the gyms up now. How can we keep healthy if we are isolated from the very things that can make us healthier. Also, the economy is in a tailspin. We all need our jobs. Open Florida now. The elderly and people with medical conditions should self isolate. Don't hurt the rest of us that want to live life.
Palm Beach	Healthcare	We have not reached our peak. It is way too soon to open up. We can’t afford to have more spread and more deaths
Brevard	Recreation	Please reopen the gyms. Some of our health conditions require it.
Indian River	General	Hello. My name is Cameron George and I am a resident in Vero Beach Florida. Fortunately my family works for 'essential' businesses so we have not lost jobs. I do have sympathy for the millions of people who have and the small businesses where they worked. Every day this shut down is in place irreversible damage is being done to the citizens of Florida. At this point THE CURE IS GOING TO BE MUCH WORSE THAN THE PROBLEM. Anyone who cant acknowledge that is not being honest with themselves. We must loosen restrictions IMMEDIATLY! No matter the situation with the virus we can not continue down this path. It simple is not sustainable. WE MUST smartly start opening things up. I say to the people who don't think we should open up yet that no one is forcing them to do anything. If they don't think its safe then stay home. I ask you, the government to honestly put yourself in the place of the person who has lost their job or their business is closed, cant buy food, cant pay bills what would you want done. BE HONEST!!!!
Miami-Dade	Government	Why is Florida considering reopening if the White House guidelines requiere 14 consecutive days of declining COVID cases, which we have not yet seen in Florida?? As a Miami resident, how will Miami-Dade be different in the Governer’s eyes in terms of reopening??

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Osceola	General	My decisions moving forward will be made by the scientists and medical professionals not on the recommendations of business people with an agenda. I will not patronize a non essential business or event if the medical experts say it's too soon or not safe.
Palm Beach	General	Please don't open Florida too soon. Keep us safe. Not dead.
Seminole	General	DO NOT REOPEN.
Lee	General	I suggest that Florida creates a bold colored bracelet with a person's name & driver's license # on it, that indicates that a person has tested positive for the covid-19 anti-bodies and is safe to be around. I'm also okay with being charged a fee for the bracelet. This would compel more people to get tested and add insight into who should continue being quarantined.
Volusia	General	OPEN it all up just like georiga did! People are going to lose everything! My work has shut down and paying a very small percentage of what I actually made, therefore I don't even qualify for unemployment, I wouldn't want it even if I did qualify. I work for money! We don't need phases, it won't work, and will take months even into next year to get back to normal. These people calling for closing aren't even voting in elections, if that's what you are concerned about. if they want to stay home, they can stay home! If you don't open it up, kids can't play sports this summer, kids can't play together, friends can't dine together, this is the most absurd thing I've ever seen! Open Florida!! People's lives depend on it!!! The sooner we open, the sooner normal returns and people sense of fear will Deminish!! If they don't want to go to their jobs, they don't have too, that's great, more jobs for all the people on unemployment. Let's get this going ASAP! How long till people grow tired of this lockdown and just go to Georgia and start stimulating their state rather than ours!
Sumter	Finance	I am an accountant and I see my clients and friends suffering. We need to get back to work and daily life. We are all reasonable people, and can do so cautiously and with concern for others. If grocery stores, gas stations and accountants - such as myself that are deemed essential - can continue to do business, why can't others? Using appropriate personal protection equipment and good sanitation measures, we can continue to lessen and prevent the spread of ***all*** viruses and communicable diseases!
Alachua	Professional Services	We as nail salon workers already take steps to protect ourselves and clients. Believe us, we don't want to get the virus ourselves less giving it to clients that we think of as our families. We closed down before the stay at home order. However life must go on. We have to work to feed our families and pay our bills. If the state keeps close up, where do you think the revenue for taxes will come from? As I said we already taking steps to protect ourselves and our clients by doing appointments only so there will not be people sitting around to wait for service. We will have more than enough time to clean up and disinfect in between clients. We also put up glass barrier between clients and us as well as in between clients. You have to trust people in doing what right for them and not stepping on their civil liberties. Right now closing businesses you are preventing us from pursuing what we are free to do.
Bay	Accommodation	Just don't open

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Brevard	General	We need to get back to work. Testing available at pharmacy's is brilliant! If everyone needs to be tested you need to publicly request them to do so. Any business that can open and incorporate good sanitary practices should be allowed to open. Citizens who want to stay home should stay home. We've got to get going again before there is nothing to go back to.
Clay	Healthcare	It's to early to open the state of Florida, here in clay county we are still getting new cases of COVID-19, two more people passed away from this terrible virus. Florida should start re-opening as of June 1st.
Volusia	General	As someone who works in retail I don't believe it is a good idea to start reopening the state just yet. Most people aren't listening/following social distancing guidelines as is and I believe that they will not follow them if we open up the state too early. I understand that everyone is facing financial hardships but if we open up the state too soon we may just have to shut down again which will just cause more issues and financial stress.
Volusia	General	I would ask for additional weeks that daycares and a like continue to stay closed to prevent the spreading of Covid-19 in our preschool and younger children as well as their care givers; sometimes out of desperation we don't make the wise decisions. I do need the income but also I can't afford to get sick as my three year old would have no one to care for him. My healthcare system makes me wait entirely too long and I am fearful of going to hospitals. Please consider businesses like such to remain closed a while longer and when we reopen that our group numbers are decreased. As a VPK instructor at any given time, I am able to be around 20 children myself. It made me more comfortable when we were limited to no more then 10 in a group. Thank you for your time and consideration.
Brevard	Education	General shopping plazas: limiting capacity, checking temperature before entering and/or posting warning and issuing fines to individuals who enter with underlying symptoms (fever, cough, etc) Continuing extreme sanitation efforts Schools: monitoring student and teacher health (taking daily temperature) wearing protective gear. Hiring outside cleaning and sanitation specialist. Most public schools have 2-3 custodial staff that enter classrooms at the end of day to sweep and remove trash. Classrooms must be sanitized regularly. No backpacks, lunch bags and water bottles only (small purse for older girls for feminine products). Spacing of students, outdoor eating (cafeterias are overcrowded). Sanitation is not the responsibility of teachers, it needs to be outsourced by professionals to make sure its done consistently and accurately.

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Orange	Professional Services	I vote to stay closed, I am a massage therapist and have concerns with how that will work with social distancing in place. There is no way to stay 6 feet away and do a massage. Plus how can we protect from asymptomatic people? We do exactly what the CDC says not to do. We touch people for an hour at least, we are in confined spaces for up to 90 minutes. Clients lie about their health as is before this virus, there is no way they wouldn't lie about this. And seeing as there are asymptomatic people out there is rather not risk my life or my husband's life. I vote to stay closed.
Marion	General	No way!!! Until this is under control and have a successful treatment available. Not ok for ppl to be out in the street w/o a mask contracting and passing virus to others trying to stay well.
Pasco	General	Reopen please reopen
Seminole	General	Do not re open Florida. We need two weeks of everything closed. Stop putting money before the lives of the people.
Miami-Dade	General	I think if a company or establishment wants to be opened they should come up with a new plan of order. This order will show how they plan on keeping the distance as well as keeping the organization clean. Example: if it's an establishment with appointment like clients. Have them answer a screening/ contract saying that what they answer is correct, once they are in the establishment they have their temperature taken, and they will need to wear a mask. Another example of a much more populated establishment; they will need to have someone' enforce' their rules to make sure careless activities don't shut the place down. So having one way access, keeping distances, and wearing a mask. I believe if companies come up with a plan to enforce social distancing to make sure it is happening, that things could open up and bring back some sort or normalcy.
St. Lucie	Recreation	Beaches should be opened. It's an outdoor space. People should still follow the 6 feet social distancing. Because the beach is in the open air chances of catching the virus here are severely minimal given the fact that people bring their own beach gear. Having them closed makes no sense. This will always make the people of Florida feel better knowing they can go somewhere and not be confined to their homes and grocery stores. Grocery stores is most likely the leading cause of the spread of the virus. Please re open all beaches right away.
Pasco	General	May I suggest that campgrounds be open only to complete self contained RVs (RVs that have complete sanitation facilities, toilet, shower, laundry, black and gray holding tanks) Keep the park rest room, showers, laundry facilities closed. This way many of us can still enjoy the state parks while isolating in place. Thank you Joe Lynn

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Pinellas	Healthcare	Many states are considering how to reopen the economy, including dental practices. As your constituent and a licensed dental hygienist, I am writing to encourage you to reinforce the importance of continuing to follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendation that dental facilities postpone elective procedures, surgeries, and non-urgent dental visits, and prioritize urgent and emergency visits and procedures now and for the coming several weeks. The dental team works in close proximity to the patient and utilizes handpieces that can generate aerosols or tiny particles and droplets from the patient's mouth that remain suspended in the air and pose a risk of infection to the dental team and other patients. I write to alert you to the need for and availability of appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) so dental hygienists and the entire dental team may safely and effectively provide care to patients. Dental offices should be limited to emergency, urgent procedures in accordance with CDC guidance.
St. Lucie	General	Florida should continue with a stay at home rule and keep all nonessential businesses closed until the number of new Covid19 cases shows a significant decline for several weeks.
Orange	Tourism	I work on International drive and I foresee when things open that that becomes a hotspot because people will be going over there to find things to do along with people coming from other areas of the state especially South Florida and New York to escape there.... I feel that us employees will be in extra danger then take it back to our suburbs... I already have underlying issues and I am very scared to go back to my job. The governor has totally dropped the ball with unemployment I have gotten one week in the 5 weeks I have been out of work but even that doesn't overshadow the fact that I'm afraid of what is out there we have not hit our peak. While I understand we have to re open the economy, it needs to be done carefully... and while Florida is a long way from New York we are very close...
Brevard	General	Open economy quickly. This is ridiculous. Brevard has 24.5k people and less than 10 deaths. Up until last week, the grocery stores, Lowes and Home Depot had no social distancing rules and they were crowded and did not become "hot spots". Why is that? Like always, Those who are vulnerable need to stay home. The media has fed the panic. If those who feel strongly that the state shouldn't reopen want to continue locking themselves down, let them. If they remain isolated, it shouldn't matter if I don't. There are 172 miles of beach here...I can't imagine that I can't park and sit on the beach without getting within 6 feet of others. In a free society, we should be free to think for ourselves, not ruled by a nanny state. Personal responsibility seems to be totally gone. The point of all this was to not overwhelm the hospitals..that is obviously not an issue as many hospitals are now in financial trouble because of lack of patients!

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Sarasota	General	Start slow. Follow the government recommendation of a decline in cases for 14 days before Phase 1 and each Phase. The gym doesn't need to be open. That's silly and that can wait. They are already dirty without a virus. Businesses should only allow a couple of people at a time and no crowding on the street. That would allow some smaller shops and businesses to open up. Some of us would like to regain normal life but also have things like asthma or prior cancer even at a younger age and are concerned that it won't be safe to leave the house if the inpatient people have too many places to go. Find a way to help parents through the summer with no daycare or summer camps so they can work too. Encourage remote work for as long as possible. Some companies can do it but are too old fashioned to try. Even essential business can work remotely. I'm doing it now and it's possible without losing money. Please think about people and not politics. It doesn't matter who we vote for if we're dead.
Collier	General	The task force has a difficult charge to plan the reopening of Florida's economy while reducing farther spread of covid-19 virus. The task force should not give into pressure from other states, from the federal government, or from businesses that all have a biased opinion of opening up the economy for their own benefit. The choice should be made from utilizing the best science and recommendations from the medical experts. Covid-19 is a very sticky virus with the potential of killing individuals from a young age to an older age. Those with pre-existing conditions have died but also those that are perfectly healthy have died. Choosing to open the economy too soon by encouraging citizens to visit parks, visit beaches, or visit shopping stores makes YOU responsible for their health. There is no doubt if your decision leads to additional deaths, you will be responsible for those deaths. There may be ways of opening some sectors of the economy but anything done to early will be a mistake and jeopardize lives. I know there is much talk about economic impact, but seriously we are a developed nation where much of these complaints are about things developing nations are too poor to consider. Americans are spoiled and need to recognize the value of patience and altruism.
Orange	General	I believe maybe certain county's could start opening up mid may/ June 1 if that county has a low infection rating. Counties like Miami, Broward, Palm Beach, Orange, Tampa St Pete and Osceola or any other county where infections or deaths are overwhelming then those county's need to consider staying closed even longer. For counties that do open restrict travel from outside that county from high infection cities People with immune compromised conditions should be allowed to medically stay quarantine for even longer and be granted that time still and maintain their jobs they had when companies start bringing furloughed people back to work for example all the different theme parks and high tourist areas

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Orange	Finance	State should not open until we have a working vaccine or cure for this virus. If state is open before then, number of cases will rapidly increase, more lives will be lost and our healthcare system could colapse. We will loose progress made so far controlling the number of people infected with the virus. Keeping it closed also protects the essential services personnel who are the ones taking more risk. We should also keep schools closed. In order to protect the economy, resources should be focused on protecting the workers that do have to work and on making it possible to most other people to work from home.
Orange	Healthcare	As a Healthcare provider I am very concerned about re-opening too soon. In my experience there have been many very sick people with all the signs of Covid 19 that are testing negative. I do not believe that the results are accurate. This could be due to improper techniques in nasal swabbing or in the processing portion. The state needs to get better instructions to those doing testing. We have not seen a significant drop in cases nor increase in properly done testing. Please solve these problems before creating more patients.
Orange	General	I'm concerned because I work at the Amway Center which holds thousands of people for sporting events and concerts. My roommate works at Universal. How can we be protected from getting Covid 19? Especially since there is no vaccine yet. We are both in our 60's. And you have some people that don't follow guidelines and put other people in danger of contracting the disease. It's very scary.
Leon	Accommodation	Open the gyms up now. How can we keep healthy if we are isolated from the very things that can make us healthier. Also, the economy is in a tailspin. We all need our jobs. Open Florida now. The elderly and people with medical conditions should self isolate. Don't hurt the rest of us that want to live life.
Lee	General	My concern is that if we open the state to early, our community will want to be out as not everyone will take precaution, and the covid 19 will come back worse. We need to still keep in place the rile of masks and gloves at any public place that is open. As we have a rule not to enter stores if you have no shirt, or shoes. Same concept for now, until we get thru the peak of it all. Just a thought. Thank you
Brevard	General	I as a parent and healthcare worker have concerns about opening up our state we are still having cases even though you say we have flattened the curve I don't feel comfortable with out a vaccine yes social distincing is working but you opening up the state I don't think would be a good idea not until we don't see any cases I know it's hard for everybody but like the saying goes what doesn't kill you makes you stronger.
Brevard	General	Reopen ONLY after testing will support 10000 per day and full contact tracing is in place!

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Marion	Government	I believe it is safe enough to open the state of Florida from Covid-19 slowly . Safe testing for the virus available to ALL state residents is essential . The Florida counties with the least confirmed cases should be opened first . That includes lifting the stay-at-home order . Social distancing should remain in place , probably forever . (at least until a vaccine is created) The wearing of PPE equipment should remain optional . Marion county has a HUGE population of Senior citizen communities and Covid-19 testing should be made available to these Seniors right in the club houses of their community . I commend The Governor , Ron DeSantis , for his handling of this state problem . Regards , David J. Baker Registered voter
Volusia	General	I don't feel we are ready to fully open, especially not to the tourists from other states and countries. We need to get things under control with the residents who live here and have more testing sites available throughout my area, only open beach to the residents who live here and make sure they social distance and not gather in large groups, get covid in control and find all there is to know about it as th err re seems to constantly be something new, if we open up now we will get a second round , and get all our states programs get their act together, fix those issues first!
Broward	General	My family and I live in a condo on the beach. We've been policed since March 18th and told we'll be fined $500/arrested for enjoying our very own beach. You closed our pool, all our common areas yet there's miles of empty beach outside we could be enjoying. Keeping people inside, out of the sun, frustrated and stressed in a condo petri dish is the absolute worst thing you could continue to do.
Duval	General	Being a healthcare worker, I think that FL should cautiously reopen. I would hate to see the number of COVID-19 cases surge because people think it's okay to go back to normal behavior.
Marion	Professional Services	I would love to see the state of Florida reopen soon. I am an esthetician and work in a medical spa. I have been out of work for over a month. I am blessed to say I am not in a more worse circumstance than others. Florida has salons, medical spa, day spa, tons of independent esthetician’s, cosmetologist etc. It’s been a time of struggle for all of us. As everyone knows we can’t stay in quarantine forever. We Seemed like we have hit our peak. Marion and alachua county have very few cases compared to other counties and I believe should be soon on the list to open. A lot of places might need to take extra precautions working in close contact jobs. But also, close contact jobs like the ones I named are a huge income for Florida overall. I hope you consider all options and take the time to look into what will be needed. Thank You.

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Lake	General	Its too early to open based on our numbers. This will give us the opportunity to see what happens in states like Georgia. While more testing centers are opening i would hope we figure out how to take testing to those that have no transportation. Continue to have senior shopping times for all businesses that are open.
Wakulla	Food	I think anyone who goes to a restuarant should be checked at door for temperature and required to wear a mask. The employees of food and Beverage should be checked everyday before shift or have everyone who is going back to work in food and Beverage should be tested so that eliminate the employee from having virus and no need to wear mask if customers are screened with temperature checked at door and require mask except when eating .Restuarant shouldn't have any condiments on table for peolpe to touch.Should have one person at all times cleaning and sanitizing surfaces etc.apply the ever other table or 6 feet apart and go with only 50% occupancy. Any employee who has health issue should not work since they are easy prey for virus. Limit how many many in a party when going out.No big groups I would say no more then 5 in a party when dining out or going out..With my 18 years in F&B got to keep big parties down to min nothing on tables like condiments and salt pepper anything peolpe can touch.Even maybe using disposable cups and silver ware to start out could be good ideal.Ive got so many other ideals that can be usefull
Polk	Education	I understand the importance of getting Floridians back to work however I don't feel we have tested enough people to get a true understanding of how widespread the viruses. My concern is we are trying to open up the state before we are ready. I am afraid that if we open too soon, then we could have another wave of infections. As a teacher, I am concerned about returning in the fall without substantial testing. Student safety are extremely important, but if this virus is still around in the fall, how can you ensure the teachers and staff are safe? What precautions will be in place until there is a vaccine, but we are still providing Florida students with the best education they can get. When we do return, I think teachers should be considered as receiving the antibody tests and vaccine before the general public. I feel this way because if the teachers are vaccinated or prove to have antibodies, then schools could remain open taking stress and strain off of the parents. I also think that state testing with the purpose of school grading should be waived. Without results from the 19-20 school year, there will be no valid way to measure schools in the 20-21 school year. It's important that we try and return to sense of normalcy, however the safety of all Floridians must be the number 1 priority. The political pettiness needs no part in this process.
Collier	Education	Dining and education should continue to be closed. Too many risks especially if things are not properly sanitized.

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St. Lucie	General	I can't believe reopening our state is even being considered . Florida cases are still on the rise , our death to recovered rate is astronomical. So if our state is reopened what do you think is going to happen with the spread of covid-19 seeing how with our stay at home order our cases are still rising . If our so called governor would stop worrying about pleasing his idle Trump and start worrying about the people in his state this would not even be up for debate . He should focus on fixing unemployment & getting Floridians stimulus payments .
Brevard	Professional Services	Barbers are in a tough position. Its hard to get unemployment but passing the virus and contracting it is very scary and and id rather wait a little longer and keep my life. We are hands on with clients. If the state reopens at this point i would feel like no cares about our lives. This is a scary situation. Please wait a little longer.
Orange	General	I have a child with an autoimmune disease and another child with a neurological disorder. I'm a single parent and a first responder without any help at all. I had to cut back on my hours because of the school and daycare closings. This is put my job at risk although I have my safety net with FMLA. I struggle doing distance learning with my oldest and finding the time to keep up with my own mental health. I still believe though, it is extremely too early to start opening up Florida but in particular Orange County. I have lost a family member due to covid-19. They died alone! I risk working and bringing this illness to my children who are both compromised. I have no choice because my mortgage must be paid and I have to put food on the table. I find that we as American citizens have a sense of entitlement and forget about the next person and how they are affected. I stay home and keep my children home for everyone else as well. I don't step out my door unless it's to get some fresh air with the kids as we bike ride around the neighborhood or if I have to go grocery shopping. This only happens when I have no children at home while they are at their father's house. Please do not open up just yet. I do fear for our economy but life is so much more precious than the mighty dollar. Also, the financial help that we should have seen never reached me. My daycare that had to close as it was a small business and could not survive could not obtain the SBA loan. I cannot get through to unemployment to save my life. This is a travesty! I never had to depend on anyone in all my life to financially support me. The moment that I need it the most, our government has failed us.
Miami-Dade	General	Governor Desantis, please don't open up Florida until it's deemed safe to do so from medical professionals. Florida's Coronavirus numbers are continuing to increase and it's a sure sign that we're not ready.
Pinellas	General	My husband and I (both seniors) been on lock down since the beginning ..although we would love to see everything open we think it should be on a gradual basis. Starting with the essential businesses ..than hospitality, still keeping your distance and most important everyone who patronize any business or small social gathering has to wear a mask. We've come so far and done so well..let's not spoil it! All the medical,first responders and everyone placing themselves in harms way certainly need break ..let's not overwhelm them once again .. Thank you governor for doing the best job one can in a situation we have never seen before!

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Pinellas	General	I am a salon owner here in St. Petersburg in the Tyrone area of 22nd Ave N. at Salon Lofts. Salon Lofts is my landlord and within the building I work with about 22 or 23 other stylists and a Smile Direct club which has three Lofts. We share ventilation and none of the lofts has a ceiling. Imagine an antique mart or a farmers market. It's a lot like a co op for Beauty Professionals doing hair, skin , and nails and in some locations across the state of which there are many, massage. The waiting room has 4 chairs and have two communal bathrooms. Even though we have sliding doors to the lofts we are only 6-8 feet apart when in our lofts and clients will pass within three or four feel in front of each loft as they pass by going down the hall to get to their designated loft owner. There isn't a way to line up 6 feet apart to go the the restroom to wash hands before entering a loft. I'm sure Governor you have received a haircut, a massage, your wife has her her hair colored or her eyebrows waxed or had a facial. There is no safe protocol to perform these services without full PPE. If we perform these services without proper PPE, if we could get it, we will be the epicenter of an outbreak. Stylists will be putting themselves at risk and risk infecting many people a day. What are the legal ramifications if we infect someone and they or a loved one dies? Should we get insurance? Plague insurance? Anti biological weapon insurance? I don't mean to be flippant but I still haven't gotten my unemployment payment, how do I afford enough PPE to change 10 times a day five days a week? What would that even cost? I'm lucky because Salon Loft Corp. has abated my rent as long as there is a shut down. I beg you to seek input from salon owners across the state and come up with a plan and sanitary protocol for us somewhere in phase three at the soonest. Maybe then we will be able to get some cleaning solutions and PPE. Or maybe there will be some kind of treatment protocol before a vaccine is developed in 18 mos. I'm available for consult with 34 years in the business and a business owner her in Florida for 10 years. Thank you for giving us this forum to be heard.
Brevard	General	I completely understand the need to “shutdown” the state to allow the medical system to catch up to the initial rush of infected patients. It appears to me the medical system is better prepared and has enough resources available to treat those that need it. We are at a point that we can now reopen the state, while giving the people the option to go out or not. I feel the Governor and his administration handled this great and looking forward to getting back out there! Thank you.

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Orange	Government	I'm a USMC disabled veteran. Stay at home. Live off disability. Financially I've not been affected. I have one school age child. 7 yrs old. 2nd grade. Underlying conditions asthma, severe allergies, and prior history of pneumonia. Its stressful having him home bc lets be real kids can be annoying but the alternative is putting him at risk to a virus that would love to get attached to my son. School closure is great. My mom lives with me, she has high blood pressure and over 35 years of smoking cigarettes, she is still working, she works at Alsco. They work close to each other. They are glad to work but they need PPE. Her and her friends want to work and arent afraid to go outside they just wanna do it safely bc they understand the risks. A calculated stage by stage approach like president and governor suggest is the smart way to do this. The people just want PPE so they can protect themselves while continuing to move forward in this great country. Trump and Desantis were the right ppl to have during a time like this. We dont need politics right now we need to do what ever it takes, we need to be savages in a good way. So we can destroy this enemy. No red tape no politics. Just pure american savegtry lol.
Pasco	Healthcare	I would like to see dentistry be one of the first to open. They have been seeing patients on an emergency basis during these times. In my eyes they are first responders because if they can't see a patient with an emergency issue , that patient will go to the emergency ward. At the hospital. I work for s dental supply company and cannot get them quality masks, gowns , face shields etc. when they open up 100% they will not have what they need. We need to redirect some of the PPE supply Chain to dentistry. With the proper PPE equipment the dentist is one of the safest places to go. To thank them for unselfishly doing what they're been doing the first months supply of PPEs should be on the federal government. Let Florida get back to work. Thankyou to the Governor and the Tssk force for everything they've been doing.
Brevard	General	Please let people go back to work. People are capable of making their own decisions on their health. All they need are the fact. To may people are suffer due to being out of work. People will be homeless with their kids. All because they weren't allowed to work. That is NOT the American way!
Orange	Retail	Open the economy up the first part of May! If the ones who want to venture out give them the opportunity to do so!
Sumter	General	It is time to start opening. We're adults - if you're reluctant to go out, then don't! Stay home. I want to see restaurants and stores open.
Lake	General	Of utmost importance is health and safety of every age group, that has to take precedence. There are basic items everyone in the population needs to ensure health (masks, alcohol wipes, disinfectant wipes, hand sanitizer, etc.) and those items cannot be found anywhere on store shelves in my area. Social distancing needs to be observed for people to feel safe and comfortable going back into public places. Testing should be made more available. People that can work from home should continue to do so to help keep outbreaks at a minimum. Thank you for working so tirelessly to help come up with a plan to reopen our state safely.

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Seminole	General	Florida should reopen gradually and according to the President's three phase approach—with one exception: gyms should not reopen until phase two. I am a fiscal conservative, but my number one concern is that we protect those who are most vulnerable to coronavirus.. We have to be responsible for each other.
Gulf	General	It is to soon and dangerous to open Florida however Hurricane Michael grants are being put to the side and because the Florida Dept of Economic Opportunity has not not been corresponding with the USDOL, Florida is about to have hundreds more of people on unemployment. I realize this virus is the main concern now, but please don't forget other priorities that were here first. If these next phase of funding is not approved ASAP these displaced workers will not be able to work passed Wednesday as Career Source Gulf Coast does not have money to pay them. Please help keep these people working ! Don't create a bigger issue for families.
Volusia	General	It's too soon to open the state back up. We should atleast extend another couple of weeks. If my job is making us wear masks to open back up may 1st it still isn't safe to open...
Sumter	General	i'm all for some small businesses to open mid-may but ALL employees and ALL customers should have to have masks on till end of may atleast. The employees need to have them on to protect their customers and the customers need to have them on to protect the workers. no good if only one side wears them. businesses need a sign that says 'while in store' you must have a mask on. i am over 70 and have lung issues so i won't be shopping for a while but want our businesses to reopen so we can start getting back to a normal. i would feel a lot more secure in going out to these places only IF both parties had masks on. my he hair and nail places obviously can't be 6' apart and do their job but as long as they wear masks i guess it's the best we can do in that instance.
Sumter	General	The economy is JUST AS IMPORTANT as the virus. In your briefings, please address the economy, as well as all the depression, abuse etc linked to this. The economy has to open now. TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. People need a date soon for when they can go back to work. ALSO business owners need a date soon, so they can start preparing. On a side note, salons in my opinion are LOW risk. No one waits in the waiting room, mask is worn, everything is disinfected between clients. That is low risk.
Seminole	General	I think you are opening a hornets nest asking for feedback. The task force has much more information than I and most Floridians do as far as the safety of reopening. All you are going to get are responses fueled by emotion. Using myself as an example, my desire is for everything to go back to normal today. Is that practical, absolutely not and I'm intelligent enough to realize that. A lot of people aren't. I don't think this is a useful tool.
Osceola	Recreation	Im interested on opening the state. If bussiness are shutted down then there is not money flowing so what will happen to people paying rent for example. I feel people can follow the guidelines no matter where they go.
Orange	General	Time to reopen some of the small business. Number of new cases are decreasing. People need to get back to work.

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Brevard	Government	Open up the whole state Advertising common sense is.still necessary for the inept and know that viruses exist and will continue to. Stop trying to infringe on our lives. It’s unconstitutional and you know it! Have a nice day
Lake	General	Florida still need to be cautious about reopening too fast. Areas where large Gatherings will be held should be limited. Do you stay at home advisory has slowed the spread in Florida tremendously especially since we have such a large outbreak in the Miami-Dade area and our Orlando International Airport contributed to Orlando's outbreak. But in my opinion the orders have worked and Orlando was on a week or two lag of the spread that came into the Miami and Fort Lauderdale International Airport. I was one of those that flew into Miami from Ecuador on March 20th and there was no screening taking place for anybody coming off this aircraft. That in my opinion was a far oversight. But I do agree let's get back to work but mandate a facial covering in areas were people and Associates did not have more than 13 ft of separation and especially in high-traffic areas like the grocery stores. And even more dire is the area I work in, Sumter County The Villages employees who are interacting with elderly homeowners or doing work inside of their house should be required to have a disinfectant sprayed over them before entering and if this is impossible at least carry hand soap where they wash their hands and exposed arms thoroughly from an outside faucet prior to entering into each separate home.
Osceola	Finance	Please do not reopen yet; please take direction from health officials/doctors/expects. Please do not make this political and take direction from political officials/leaders.
Hillsborough	Food	I’ll start by saying I think as a collective, the Governor is doing a solid job during this time. The economy simply needs to open up. You can give people all the money you want, but none of that matters if businesses stay closed. It is unsustainable, period. The fatality rate is dismal. We need antibody testing in abundance more than anything else right now to calm the public. When they can truly see those numbers, it will out the weary at ease. Shelter the elderly and those prone to catch the bad end of this virus. I own a small restaurant and none of my staff or myself have received any unemployment (that system is the true disaster in all of this). The money we generate from take out is simply affording me to pay some of my staff for the few hours I can give them and a few small bills. I’ve yet to receive PPP or the EDIL funding as well to afford my rent and other larger costs. We can do this safely and efficient. I am against the staff wearing masks when we reopen, but will do what is required. Let’s open this sucker up. Thanks for reading
Orange	General	Better not be in a rush to open everything up. It will end up with widespread sickness. Florida needs to give it some more time as far as shutdown. Is it worth risking lives and ultimately having to shut down everything again. If we open back up and it spreads even more then what was the last month of lock down for??? Don't risk peoples health Please! Thank yoy

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Sumter	General	We feel that it is time to open beauty and barber shops, nail and pedicure salons, doctor and dentist offices, furniture stores, department stores, jewelry stores, restaurants (when they figure out the 6 ft. distance) We understand the health risks, but people need to get back to work. The government should not and cannot pay for people to be out of work forever. Just wear a mask and observe the 6 ft. distance and pray for safety and good health.
Orange	Accommodation	With schools closed for the remaining school year, my concern is where would my child go if my job reopens. I typically use the YMCA or Karate camp during the summer break. If they were to open prior to then, there are many children who attend camp. Running, sweating, swimming.. I don't see how the counselors could implement distancing at the Y, also how would my child complete his virtual school 9 to 2? In addition, I struggle as it is to pay for child care during the summer as it takes HALF of my paycheck. I just don't see how I can make it work. I'm a single mom, my work is dependent on retail stores opening. My son and I have underlying health concerns as well.
Miami-Dade	General	Hi, it is very simple. Just say to everyone, anyone can reopen there business at there own risk, anyone can go where they want, however they want whenever they want but at there own risk. Very simply put, give people the freedom of choice to choose if they want to risk their life, if people want to stay in that is fine but that shouldn't take away from people who are not paranoid and living in fear. I have endless ideas and strategies about how to fix this issue. Call me anytime on 786-316-5619 Or email me at lovelife01@live.co.uk
Brevard	General	In general, I think the state should still be closed. The majority of people in Florida (from my observation when absolutely having to go out) are still not wearing masks ad they should be and definitely not staying 6 feet apart. Florida should look as almost as empty as it is when a hurricane is approaching, but unfortunately it does not. People are still at risk of spreading the virus by already not following these safety measures and opening the state will only make things worse. More cases will continue to increase and the death toll would continue to rise, possibly even at a more rapid rate.
Brevard	Government	Fix & pay unemployment...DISGRACEFUL! FOLLOW guidelines...2 week downturn before SLOWLY reopening Make masks required in stores and restaurants until vaccine
St. Lucie	Tourism	Thank you for pressing forward in reopening our state while cautiously protecting the most vulnerable and our healthcare workers. We need our economy to work to make sure our health system does!
Leon	Administrative	Open the gyms up now. How can we keep healthy if we are isolated from the very things that can make us healthier. Also, the economy is in a tailspin. We all need our jobs. Open Florida now. The elderly and people with medical conditions should self isolate. Don't hurt the rest of us that want to live life.

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Brevard	Recreation	Please make Brevard county cities open up parking at the beaches. Please hurry and get things opened.
Sumter	Retail	Only businesses without walk in customers...such as construction and manufacturing. Before we allow customers, we need to trend down and have more testing. I am a small business in Florida and yes the economic impact is difficult. We open too early and the virus is traced back to our businesses....from one of our employees or customers giving it to another customer or multiple customers and they end up hospitalized or worse there is no recovery from that. Virus tracing. The media will inevitably share what companies infected people or killed them. Florida tourism and retail could suffer for years and years if customers are infected.
Nassau	General	I believe that people need to go back to work. Our economy needs to be rebuilt. I have a son and daughter in law who don't have jobs and during this time can't get one. Neither are eligible for unemployment due to being out of the work place due to health and other issues for too long to draw unemployment . Both are now able to work. Another son is able to work from home, but his wife owns a beauty salon. She has 4 or 5 who rent stations from her so neither she nor the ladies who work in her building are getting any income. For peace of mind and mental health people need to work. These places can take precautions, open up and help themselves and the economy.
Lee	Tourism	Please open the beaches and associated parking. Residents should be allowed to sit on the beaches as before. There is plenty of room to spread out. Anything in life has a level of personal risk and that should be up to the individual not the State. Restaurants and businesses should also be open and if at half capacity fine. Put people back to work immediately! We the People
Seminole	General	Open up gradually, starting in mid-May approximately or when the coronavirus figures are definitely decreasing. Maintain social distancing in public places. Testing for EVERYONE must be made available so that those who test negative could go back to work or school.
Polk	General	Please re open asap 😁
Orange	Information	To who it May concern: It's a lot of people walking around with the virus and hasn't been tested.. When Florida re-opens, just watch how everything goes but you'll never know how things are going to go if we don't try.. If the virus breaks out again, we'll have to deal with it.. It is what it is.. I love my Govener and I know he'll do the right thing...👆
Orange	Government	Lets open back up, with caution, perhaps in phases. This is according to what I'm seeing, hearing when I go for food shoping, and what I hear from family and friends we are looking at this pandemic as a 'let's slow down, but continue'.
Marion	Healthcare	Please let florida open

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Indian River	General	I would be all in for reopening if I felt that the needed testing was definitely going to be available and reliable. The governor was talking about a new partnership with a new company and product has not had significant testing results. I would rather we wait till we are sure and not do a false start and be back to where we are now. Stay the course until we are fully prepared
Volusia	Agriculture	We need to have supply of food, medicines ,so those should be as soon as possible .I'm old, I'll gladly stay out of the way to make it easier for the young to get things up and running for us all. If because of opening things I should catch the virus and it not turn out well it just means my time came and I went belly up . There will be no free country left for the future generations if we don't start as soon as we can with common sense.
Orange	General	My family and I own and operate a CrossFit gym in Winter Garden. Due to the shut down, we are not able to offer necessary care to our members. CrossFit gyms are not run like a typical gym...we know our clients and their families. We work to provide them with tailored workouts that will help prevent injury and often repair long term injuries from which they have suffered for years. We are a mental and physical release from the stress that is affecting our society. Because our classes are generally small we have the ability to control cleaning protocols and are very stringent in what we do—from wiping down all equipment and keyboards, to cleaning the floors between classes, and so on. We are an essential service. But so are many more areas of our country. Why not monitor county by county the overall practicality of opening. We need to get the economy up and running...loss of life is crushing, but how many will lose their lives due to the external forces of the shutdown.
Marion	General	Make everyone wear mask in all public places which will slow the sread make sure all public places enforce this. Went to Walmart and at least half the people had no mask. No wonder it keeps spreading
Manatee	Healthcare	As a 73 yr old citizen with a 76 yr old husband, I would like to see more testing available for seniors even though we may be asymptomatic. I believe we should be tested monthly until a positive result is found. In addition to the scarcity of testing supplies, there continues to be a scarcity of disinfection wipes, sanitizers, toilet paper, and face masks. We cannot begin to reopen if these necessities continue to be scarce. Thank you for allowing us to submit comments. That's a nice thing to do and the right thing to do.
St. Johns	General	Yes- open the economy in Florida. It is far worse not to be able to feed our families than the risk from the virus. I heard 98% of those who contract the virus recover and only 2% who usually have one or more under lying conditions may not survive. I believe opening our stores, schools, tourist sites, and the entire economy of Florida far out-weighs this small risk. Governor DeSantis is managing this crisis very well and I commend him, and hope he gets our economy back on track within the next few days. Thank you and good luck, as there are many pun-dents who would prefer our economy fail!

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Polk	General	My opinion is that Florida is not ready to open up as a whole. I think we should open up little by little. Starting off with small business first to see how it goes. But for tourism we are not ready to handle a big crowd yet. We don't know if someone comes in with the coronavirus and there goes Florida again. So we got to be very careful on how we're going to open. That's my opinion.
Pinellas	General	To soon to open state and beaches back up.better to wait get it over with and move past this.time to use common sense.tired of our ugly orange ass president and our ugly government
Volusia	General	I flew to Maine on April 12th as my 94 yr old Mother was not well, she passed on April 16th. I am 1 of 8 kids and we was with her at home when she passed. On the 18rh my sister became sick, was tested and has Covid, I have 2 brothers in intensive care at Millinocket Maine Hospital, with Covid. Sister in law, my niece and nephew also but are at home. My cousin on Monday the 20th was tested positive. This virus in a matter of days had all but 3 family members sick. This Virus spreads rapidly more than I ever thought and I believe until we have stricter distancing in place then we should not open to soon. I am suppose to return to work May1st at a resort in Daytona Beach and I am stressed over all this. Never thought to much about it till I saw it take down my famy.
St. Lucie	General	Reopening Florida should be medically sound decision. Social distancing guidelines should be followed with limiting people in businesses. I suggest if you reopen, mandatory masks should be worn in public spaces. I understand the need to reopen for businesses and the economy, but life is more important for the long term economy. The projected peak in Florida hasnt been reached yet, and opening too soon will only lead to an eventual shutdown again and will only damage the economy further. Tourism should definately not be reopened as contact tracing will be too challenging.
Martin	General	Open beaches, parks and restaurants, with social distancing. Encourage those with underlying conditions or the elderly, to refrain from engaging in activities until covid numbers are reduced significantly. This has to end, enough already, never going to completely reduce cases to zero, must get people back to work.
Brevard	General	Reopen FL!!!
Hillsborough	Healthcare	Here’s what I would love for you to finally do. Listen to medical experts and epidemiologists about how to reopen. Not business people, not your partisan board you put up there. I left the Republican Party for the first time in my life when it went to the party of absurdity. I was pleasantly surprised with you initially and obviously your opponent was a dumpster fire and we dodged a bullet. But for the love of God - stop the misinformation; learn how to properly put on and remove an n95 before you do it in public, and start listening to science. Listen to experts.

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Orange	Retail	Personally, being a Disney worker currently on furlough, I would like to see the tourism sector opened as soon as possible. This would probably have to be done in stages and if at any time a spike in the virus occurs, then we may have to pull back some. I believe that we won't know what may work and what may not work until we try. But it appears that new cases are declining especially in Orange County. I also think that the health benefits of trying to get back to normal, as normal as can be, would be good for everyone.
Martin	Agriculture	I think we should open or keep closed each county one at a time as care given as we go.
Orange	General	I think we need to open the state and have businesses back again. Do not have other people from other states come in until we have solid proof they are virus free. We must have a test at airports, bus terminals and boarders. Make sure all our residents are virus free. Everyone must be tested. Allow people to socialize in restaurants, movie theaters, parks, etc only if they are tested negative and all people MUST wear masks. Make reservations for restaurants to only have a limited amount of people at one time. Put time restraints on the amount of time to be in that restaurant so others may be able to go, also. It will generate revenue for servers and business owners. All hotels can open as long as the guests are tested and virus free. Be very strict on social distancing. Hair, nail and massage salons are to have all patrons and employees masked and gloved and limit the amount of people in the salon at a time. Everything should be by appointment only and strictly enforced. . As far as bars go, it's not going to be easy but limits can be set on the amount of people, also. It's just difficult to wear masks if you're drinking! The people who are working from home, should still continue to do so as long as the business is not suffering. The less we have a lot of people in one place, the better we are. Still keep the supermarkets doing what they are doing. It's working. We can have some type of normalcy until we have a vaccine or antidote for this virus and we can start living without limitations. We need a test to give results immediately, just like they have for the regular flu. The results of that test must be submitted to a lab/dr/hospital, whatever to show proof you're virus free. A test should be given more than once to each person within a duration of time to make sure they did not contract the virus. We are not certain that if you did have the virus, that you are immune to getting it again. The regular flu has no immunity. You can get it more than once. Difference with this virus is you can't fight it with the drugs we have for the regular flu. I am over 60 and I am concerned with the future. I have no health issues, but that does not mean anything. I do not want to contract this virus, ever. I have had the flu 1 time in my entire life and never had a flu shot. I am sure there are others like me out there. I really hope you give some of the ideas thought. I would love to know that you actually read this!
Volusia	Retail	I understand the need to open stores, but allowing people to flood into restaurants and stores is a bad idea. I think the to go orders is still allowing restaurants to stay open. But at a point where we think we need to start reopening things, it needs to be at small capacities. For example, if restuarnats are allowed to seat people again, it would need to be at 50% capacity and every other table as it was before we shut down. And it needs to be enforced. I know of a ton of restaurants that didn't do it an nothing happen. Any rules need to be actually enforced with fines or what not. People do not take this seriously because no one is enforcing things. Same goes for stores. Limit the amount of people in places at the point you decide to open. But I don't think now is the time.

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Orange	General	I think you should start small. You can open the restaurants and salons . Limit customers depending on the size of the establishment. Restaurants, gyms, salons, etc. By appointment only. A few people at a time. Restaurants by reservations so you can keep it to a small capacity. Small stores, such as Five Below, only x amount of customers at a time. Masks inside are a must, it should NOT be optional.no mask, no entry. If the establishments do not go by the rules, you have the right to shut them down. Should have the task force use undercovers to go around and make sure people are following the rules. Good luck and tthank you all.
Leon	Healthcare	Open the gyms up now. How can we keep healthy if we are isolated from the very things that can make us healthier. Also, the economy is in a tailspin. We all need our jobs. Open Florida now. The elderly and people with medical conditions should self isolate. Don't hurt the rest of us that want to live life.
Osceola	Professional Services	Please open theme parks, hair salons, restaurants right away.
Volusia	General	Open up small business, social distance when possible. Open up hospitals for elective surgery.
Orange	General	If this is real pandemic then the state needs to stay closed. But if this was just a governmental test of control then open the world back so we can see the sham. Either you work for the public and keep us safe or you kill us. So to do your job either lift the order and let us die.
Brevard	General	I am a hairstylist, booth rent. I still have to pay rent even though I not there. Other wise there will not be a place to go back to. Yes I want to go back to work.but only with face mask for every one. Plus gloves for all hairstylist. One client at a time. This needs to be mandated so everyone follows the rules. If salon don't follow rules. I say fine the hell out of them. Thank you Joan
Clay	Finance	Get the unemployment system up and run smooth.
Sarasota	General	We need to move forward in reopening Florida. It makes no sense to kill our economy. Whenever we open up, there will be more cases. That's just a fact of life. Government needs to trust citizens to act like adults, take responsibility, and stick to whatever opening guidelines allow for reopening our economy and returning to a semblance of a normal life. If there are some citizens who are still overly fearful, then they can continue to stay at home, but those of us who are NOT afraid should not be held hostage. Reopen ALL beaches, including Lido Beach. Per NYT article on 18 April, it is VERY unlikely that the virus will spread while out in the open air unless one is in a huge crowd situation, which can be controlled if necessary.
Broward	General	I m absolutely against opening Broward county non-essential business. The public is not adhering to social distances. Walking outside in groups not wearing masks. As soon as you open up tourist areas and Fort Lauderdale beach the public will flock outside without a care. I think we need to wait until June1st before this decision is made.
Brevard	Healthcare	I'm a Certified Assistant I work in a Center that serves the Brevard Public Schools Employee's. Just want to make sure that myself and the staff as well as the patients are virus free and take any and all precautions to avoid anyone getting sick !!!!

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Palm Beach	General	I don't want to slow all the progress we made in slowing the spread. If we open too soon why we could be right back to where we started with an even longer road ahead to recovery. We need mass antibody testing in place first. Why aren't we focusing on that? We haven't even reached our peak and our numbers are still growing no matter how you skew the statistics to try and accommodate your agenda. Keep the closer in place for another month. Get unemployment system fixed. Longer we wait longer we learn more about the disease and how to care for people and promises of new drugs such as remdesovier. Stop listening to the loonies outside. Majority want to keep the hold on place. My husband is a first responder, I know first hand about sacrifice. You don't need to go to restaurants and shops, you need air, water and food (as my 1st graders test listed yesterday). Funny how we teach our kids this in school and do the exact opposite.
Orange	General	The safety of people should be put before corporate profits. Until there are significant declines in our state rushing to reopen does not appear to be in the best interest of people's individual health.
Volusia	Healthcare	I work in Medical, and it is too early to open the State. I feel like if we don't get a handle on this virus now, we are looking at it to keep coming around,,, flu on steroids type thing. Believe me, I cant pay my bills right now, but I would rather keep people alive. Florida needs to mandate the use of PPE for the public NOW.. masks at the very least. And essential workers should get some sort of Hazard pay... it just nuts. Please think of the long term impact on our health. And I can tell you, front line medical personel are going to have a high PTSD occurance going forward. This virus has impacted us in ways that can't be seen at this time. So you wanna shop or die and kill your family and friends? Be smart. its too soon.
Brevard	Healthcare	In order to protect the dental team and patients, the American Dental Hygienists' Association (ADHA) continues to support the recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in recommending dental facilities postpone elective procedures, surgeries, and non-urgent dental visits, and prioritize urgent and emergency visits and procedures now and for the coming several weeks. Extend the May 8 return date, to protect us and our patients! Dental aerosols remain in the air for 30 minutes and longer,. Placing patients and providers in great risk!
Orange	Healthcare	Please do not do what the Governor of Georgia is doing. In retail settings, if you can't have 6 feet of separation, then it doesn't need to be open. This would include salons, tattoo parlors, bars, concerts, wrestling matches. You get the idea. The citizens of Florida deserve to be safe.
Collier	General	Open hair salons.
Brevard	General	Reopen FL!!!
Orange	General	As bad as I would like to set the state get back to some kind of normal, open everything too soon could be catastrophic....
Orange	General	I strongly feel it is too soon to re-open restaurants, beauty salons, spas (hair, nails, etc.) and fitness centers. If we do so and more people are infected, we will start back at square one. Beaches, parks (not Disney) and marinas should be allowed to re-open.
Orange	General	We should have sufficient test's available for everyone in the state and the curve is showing a downward trend.

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Volusia	General	Open the state of Florida slow we don't need another out brake Just saying.
Brevard	Accommodation	Please open up in stages with closures as needed. Keep distancing in place. Follow through on repercussions when violated. We are not free to infect others. State masks are necessary. Or at least preferred. We are a state with many elderly and need to take more care to ensure there safety too.
Manatee	Healthcare	I believe Florida need to wait on reopened until We pass the projected date at the end of May. We have a high risk population. That Being said, I think elective surgeries with proper pre Cautions should be allowed. Proper precautions Must include face masks, temperature checks and screening questions. This would increase employment hours for the medical profession from Receptionists, technicians, therapists, janitors, nurses and surgeons
Volusia	Government	I think it's pretty clear from the way other states are handling this very unfortunate pandemic, Governor DeSantis, and his team, have been in front of the curve the whole time, so I feel my comments are already on the planning table. The re-opening of state, should be done county-by-county, considering population, and ratio of Covid-19 cases per 1000, and certainly NOT a one-size fits all approach. God Bless all of you front-line fighters. THANK YOU
Volusia	General	I'm for FL following the President's team for directions. There should be 14 days of decreasing coronavirus cases before implementing phase 1. We need to do things logically and scientifically, unlike what GA and SC are doing. I know how many people are out of work, me included. That's why we have unemployment! That's why we got a stimulus check! That's why we've got PPP! These people with their salons and tattoo parlors are probably not eligible for some of that since they put cash in their pockets all these years. Too bad. Don't open now to further line your pockets at the risk of infecting your clients.
Brevard	General	I think everything should open at once. Everyone in Florida should wear a mask when out of the house. Those who don't comply should be isolated from the general population. When they are released after they must comply or they will be isolated again and fined $500. It's up to business to have a plan to enforce the 6 ft distancing between customers. People need to get back to work. People need to shop. If this plan is strongly presented and strongly enforced I think it would work.
Duval	General	Yes I think Florida needs to start with soft openings and provide businesses that will be reopening with guidelines to ease back in safely, such as Wal-Mart and Publix have been doing, Conduct business while maintaining safe distances for guests /customers/visitors.

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Clay	General	All for it to open businesses and tourism however everyone must take individual responsibility and accountability about public health issues. Those practices that were in place to mitigate the spread of this scourge must continue until it becomes 2nd nature and or normal.. The balance of international, local economy and where people need to work must as well as those vulnerable, be considered to move forward. The process should be measured and calculated to support public health, individuals freedom as well as security of the State and Nation.
Broward	General	The goal should be to manage the capacity of healthcare facilities to 80%. There is no making this virus go away until we've all been exposed to it. If the curve "flattens" its time to relax closures. Given the current capacity of FL healthcare facilities stated by the Governor, its time to reopen; beaches and parks. Golf courses, country clubs (with the possible exception of dining in), playgrounds, outdoor recreational facilities, IE gun ranges, bicycle and motorcycle tracks, skateparks should all be reopened immediately. Soccer, football and baseball should remain closed due to the nature of the sport being close contact. We WILL see an uptick in COVID cases but that is not a bad thing, everyone will get this virus at some point. Being direct and explaining this to the public is important so that when cases do rise, panic does not ensue causing a call to shut down again. After the rise in cases is realized, maybe 14-21 days, its time to relax more closures. Lowe's, Home Depot, Publix and Whole Foods have done a great job at limiting store capacity and maintaining social distancing. All retail shops and businesses should open with capacity restrictions. After another 14-21 day period, restaurants should open at reduced seating capacity. Group sizes should be increased incrementally as well, starting with 20, then 50 then 100 etc. Large events will have to be evaluated after all regular activities have been resumed and the healthcare facilities are seeing largely reduced capacity. Taking a step by step measured approach while monitoring healthcare facility capacity is the right plan. Acting on predictions from scientists and doctors is no longer relevant. We now have enough data and information to create a manageable plan to get people back to work and life. Testing to see who has had the virus, or who has the virus is also a waste of time and money. Waiting for treatments and vaccines could take years. Government aid should go to helping the high risk population rather than a much larger blanket of aid for everyone. Making sure those who get sick enough from the virus to need in-patient care have the resources available to them is the most important and effective way to manage this public health crisis.

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Orange	Tourism	I work for a manufacturer (small business). One of our sources of revenue is from tourism construction projects. Due to he country being shut down, we are also feeling the effects financially. How could we not? And to make it worse, we have not received one dime of support from any program that is out there. In my opinion, we need to re-open our economy and stop the bleeding that is occurring. If this continues, the mental health toll could be as serious as what has occurred with this horrible disease. People cannot feed their families. Unemployment is slow to arrive. Not one of my friends in FL has recv'd anything. This just cannot continue. Folks will be rioting in the streets for basic needs. Have everyone wear a mask. Take temperatures - for what purpose, I am not sure since people do have COVID w/o fever. Be socially distant. Space the tables apart. Whatever needs t/b done to at least get some people working again. Those who feel safe will come. Others will sit at home. But we have to have that opportunity again that Florida (at least a part of Florida) is back in business. And whatever you do - LIFT THE STAY AT HOME ORDER AND CURFEW NOW! Thank you. PS: I saw the beaches in Southern California yesterday that were packed with people since it's 90 something plus in Los Angeles. I didn't see any hashtag California morons. What is it with people insulting Florida? That should also stop too.
Polk	Food	I am in the food business. I believe the state is not ready to reopen just yet.
Orange	General	I think the phased approach is smart but make sure you include malls and retail. No gloves since those are worthless unless you're a healthcare worker. But masks should be mandatory for any and all locations. Restaurants at 50% capacity, Beach's and parks open with distancing mandatory... Employee some of those out of work Floridians you watch this. Theme parks should work at a 50% capacity as well... Maybe locals only at first then phase in other states.
Orange	General	I believe its important to reopen the state when it is appropriate and safe. I believe we are getting there, but we aren't there yet. My concern is that when you do open up parts of FL, other parts will come to the areas not in lockdown (ie people from Miami coming to Orlando). It defeats the purpose to open FL business if no one comes. I read a survey that over 80% of Floridians do not feel that it is safe to reopen at this time. I certainly won't go anywhere except the grocery store until I feel safe. I think it is unacceptable to open the state before May 18th. We need at least two more weeks for areas like south Florida to improve. I think June 1st is the ideal date, but no less than May 18th which gives us another two weeks. A lot of good can come from waiting another two weeks as a state. If you don't wait, the state will see the implications.
Sarasota	Technology	Need to explain in simple terms how testing is used! Only testing those with symptoms .How is that analyzed to determine the total number of people with the virus?

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Pinellas	Tourism	I am a Florida resident and live at the beach. PLEASE do not open the beaches and pools until we have flattened this virus. People are already violating the rules, and still gathering on the beaches. Once you open up the parking, it's going to be a free for all again, just like spring break. I LIVE HERE. I do not want all those germs over here!! I have stayed home for over 6 weeks to be diligent in the fight against this virus and will continue to do whatever it takes. If you open the beaches, please do not open the parking lots and open them only for exercise at certain hours of the day. Phase it in slowly. PLEASE!! Thank you for your consideration, and for all your hard work. Sue
Volusia	Tourism	I ask those making these decisions are being smart when allowing any non domestic tourist in this State...remember this virus came to us from outside the USA...lets not start them mess all over again...secondly we also need to use caution allowing those from States with HOT Areas of this virus coming into FLA... Thank you.
Seminole	Recreation	I think opening the beaches would be a good idea. Still doing social distancing. Also no groups of more then ten allowed.
Marion	Professional Services	Beauty Salons and barbershops should be able to be some of the first to reopen. Shops Can Provide clean chairs and single customer in shop at the time. The hairdresser can wear mask and apron - since it's typically appointment based customers anyway, it should be an easy transition to open very soon!!
Polk	General	Get this economy opened as soon as possible the cure cannot be worse then the problem. People are suffering out of work and the unemployment system is unusable my wife and two sons have zero income know can't pay car loans and no money coming in. The stimulus checks they have not received yet either. You will lose more people to suicide and mental health issues then the virus. The lockdown was meant to not overrun the health care system and it hasn't so do not move the goal posts. The models Fauci put out were garbage and remain so. Make masks voluntary and do not take away our rights as Americans with any kind of tracking systems. People just want to start living their lives again as soon as possible. Thank you
Osceola	General	As much as I wish we were ready to open, I will have to say NOT YET. The opening in phases are a good plan but I would go a couple more weeks just to make sure the counties have all there ducks in a row.
Seminole	General	It's time to slow roll this out. Small businesses are suffering too many unemployed. The result is worse than the virus. Limit capacity, open beaches salons groomers restaurants. Anywhere the capacity can be limited and spacing requirements. I started stay at home a week before orders. Sometimes I think we went overboard. We have to start now.
Leon	Government	Open the gyms up now. How can we keep healthy if we are isolated from the very things that can make us healthier. Also, the economy is in a tailspin. We all need our jobs. Open Florida now. The elderly and people with medical conditions should self isolate. Don't hurt the rest of us that want to live life.

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Polk	Education	I know the economy and people's jobs are very important, but I hope you will not open things back up too quickly because I would rather spend more time doing this ONCE than have to do it all over again in a few weeks or months. I also hope you include teachers and principals in any discussions about what reopening schools in the fall will look like. Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion.
Volusia	General	Testing and contact tracing in place before reopening. Must go slow and require masks and social distancing .No large groups until not seeing continued outbreaks with opening businesses. Forget theme parks until virus is controlled over the world . Be wise and be careful!
Orange	General	I am so disheartened by the push to re-open any time soon. The task force has zero medical professional input and the Secretary of Agriculture is not included. Our state cannot be safe without a consensus based in scientific fact. I don't want partisan politics. I want a well thought out plan, one that protects human life and values people. The economic disaster playing out before us is a tragedy. However that tragedy will only be compounded by the loss of additional lives. Please re-evaluate the task force, make it one of inclusion, to protect all Floridians.
Volusia	General	No...it should NOT open.up at least for 1 more month. Cases STILL going up, not enough tests..no way. And schools SHOULD NOT OPEN in Aug at all, until we have a vaccine or cure. PERIOD. To many grand parents looking after their grand children while the parents work and they are the ones these kids come home to after school.
Miami-Dade	General	I think it would be unwise to reopen Florida. Yes it is hurting us economically but imagine how much more detrimental it would be if we reopen Florida prematurely and get a second wave of COVID-19 and are forced to close again. We should follow what the medical experts are saying and the surgeon general of Florida. We have to be logical in these tough times and not make bad decisions based on desperation to get things back to normal. Solve the root problem and then you can focus on getting things back to normal.
Pasco	General	Reopen for small business and public parks for sports and child care we have no child care because schools child care programs are closed and recreational centers are closed and personally know barbers who need to get back to work before they lose there entire business please reopen
Marion	Healthcare	As a nurse working in the hospital with small children I do not think it is safe to reopen Florida until data shows a decrease in new infections to prevent furthered spread. This will assure less fatalities & overwhelming of our healthcare system. Thank you

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Seminole	General	Please open Florida May 1st. As a business owner of a spa, this has had a tremendous impact on us. Our clients are emailing ready to come back for massage and acupuncture. Most of our clients take a holistic approach to their health and by us closing per the Governor order, essentially you are denying them healthcare. It is contraindicated to work on sick people anyway. You have to think of mental health too. This has now become a stressful situation for most people. The shutdown worked, we flattened the curve and did not overwhelm the hospitals. The shutdown was never meant to completely rid of the virus. Individuals need to be responsible for their own health and stay home if they are sick, whether it is covid-19 or just a common cold. Do the right thing, open Florida. We had a thriving economy, now we millions out of work, most haven't received unemployment, small businesses have not received help either due to corporate greed from PPP loans. Domestic and child abuse, suicide, depression, alcoholism and mental health cases will just continue to rise. Open Florida! Thank you
Lake	Healthcare	It is too soon to open everything back up. If we do this there is going to be a spike of outbreaks. Give it atleast 2 weeks without a rise in cases.
Miami-Dade	General	Thanks for your service. It was easier to close Florida than it will be to reopen it. Please be careful. Social distancing and facial coverings should remain in place through 2021. - DO open restaurants - perhaps only outside seating or with tables 6-feet apart and ask establishments to invest in sanitizing equipment, like steam. - Medical elective procedures should be open but in non-hospital centers - Open nail salons but mandate facial covering and a Plexiglas protector between operator and customer - Beaches should be open only between 6 a.m. and 9 a.m. for exercise (walking, running. etc) but no other activity should be allowed
Polk	General	I believe it is too early to open many areas, resturants and theme parks is my area of 8nc9me,soni am directly impacted and at this time I would not feel anywhere near safe being in large groups of being forced to serve thousands of people a day. I believe opening so soon will cause a large increase in cases and will cause a second round worse then the first. I believe if we do start opening maybe mid june and ensure their are several precautions in place. One big thing is tempature checks for EVERYONE not just front of house employees at theme parks. It should be temp checks for all employees and guests . I believe it is way too soon to relax too many regulations and when we do it should be very slowly limited hours and extra cleaning.
Polk	Tourism	I would love to get back to work but I also understand the risks that will cause for me and my family (my wife is diabetic) We both work at theme parks and are chomping at the bit to get back to work. What needs to get working is the unemployment system. Through glitches and waiting I am going to be without pay for probably two months minimum and my wife lost her insurance so we are spending all of our money on Insulin to keep her alive. HELP

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Seminole	Education	School in FL will soon be over at the end of May, a month from now. We have adapted to the school learning. I do not believe the last month of school after what we have been dealing with will be productive. Continue the home learning until the end of this school year. Scrub Deep Clean ALL of the schools so they are ready for the next school year. Keep our children safe.
Alachua	General	I think Alachua County can start to reopen businesses that had not been deemed as essential. Our County has done a great job with following the Safer at Home order and with social distancing and that is shown in our low number of cases. Local businesses are hurting and a few have found it necessary to shut down for good. Most laid off workers have not received their first bit of unemployment or the stimulus payment. We need to get back to work!! Not all Counties should be treated the same and the ones who have not met the criteria in the gating part of President Trump's plan, should not move on to Phase 1. According to the Director of our County Health Department, we have met all criteria to move on to Phase 1.
Lee	General	For all intensive purposes, all precautions were put out by the CDC regarding the proper way to protect oneself from Contracting covid-19. For those who feel sub ceptable to the virus they can still maintain self quarantine on their own end wear gloves or masks. This will prevent those concerned from possibly catching the virus. There's no real way to offset this without a vaccine and you can't stop the world from going forward. I for one most likely had it back in early February as well as the rest of my family. If the state really needs to they need to start testing for antibodies and not testing for covid-19 which is more important. I think you should reopen and those who feel comfortable enough to go forward should have that right while those concerns can still follow certain guidelines.
Suwannee	General	It would be good to reopen slowly BUT ALL people have still got to wear face masks and wash hands constantly. I still see people standing in groups with NO masks on. We are still spreading the virus and will continue unless people just assume that anyone that they come in contact with has it and they can get it. They're forgetting you can have it for 14 days and not know it. Or that it lives for 4 to 9 days on things. We just have to be careful and smart. Open important things first with mandated precautions. Not just "if you want to". Hope my imput helps. I wouldn't want your job but i thank you for doing it. Thx for listening, Gigi
Marion	General	It is not safe to open the state as the numbers are going up every day. Guidelines say they must be going down for 2 weeks. They are not. As it is people aren't practicing social distancing in many areas. They think it's funny to walk right up to you in a store then get annoyed if you ask them to please move away., Many businesses that are staying open, especially manufacturing plants, such as where my husband works, are considered essential. They are not practicing social distancing at all, or providing PPE. Now the beaches are open and they are not staying 6 feet apart by any stretch of the imagination. It is just not safe to open until our numbers are going down for two weeks. You can covet is yo follow the guidelines. You need to Follow the cdc guidelines, period.

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Hernando	Food	I am a server and I am concerned about being safe. We have no way of staying 6 feet apart while serving customers. We have to bus tables, picking up glasses, plates, silverware and not to mention giving out our pens for them to sign credit card slips. I have high blood pressure and asthma and I feel like we need more testing. In the service industry there are no way to stay a safe distance from customers or co workers for that matter. I not only have to worry about coming into contact with one of my customers but also have to worry if my coworkers come into contact with covid 19 with one of there customers. We need to know if someone is a carrier or not, just because someone doesn’t have a fever does not mean that can infect someone. Pleas do more testing so we feel safe.
Lake	General	I am beyond ready to go back to normal, however I feel like reopening right now is a bad idea. I think that there needs to be more testing, especially in The Villages area. I think the borders needs to be closed to everyone but trucks delivering goods. All out of state people should be turned away at the boarder. Let other states, like Georgia, reopen if they want and be the test subjects. This is a state of tourism. Opening it up now only brings in more people who don't live here to contaminate the people who actually live here and kill us off and overrun the healthcare system. Let's not be Las Vegas right now.
Pinellas	Recreation	I am a travel softball coach and co owner of a non profit organization which trains the youth in basketball and softball. We also mentor the youth in education, community service, college prep, etc. Although I am eager to reunite with my athletes, I feel it needs to take a backseat to this pandemic. Tournaments entail close interaction between players, coaches and fans. Money should not be the motivator to open up sports- or anything else for that matter. My husband is an umpire and has lost quite a bit of earnings due to the shutdown. Still, that does not compel me to say "open up". I feel we are at least a month away from opening up the economy in FL. Testing must be readily available, deaths must subside to none and masks need to be readily available to the public. I ordered masks on February 26th and I still don't have them in my hands. Be safe, be slow to act for the sake of everyone.

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Brevard	General	Reopen Florida but with certain restrictions. Don't open theme parks or certain businesses/attractions that generate tourists and allow businesses that do open to practice safe social distancing. Why does Florida need to be reopen? I was furloughed from my waitressing job on 3/22/2020 and I still have NOT received unemployment! Over a month later with no money. There are thousands if not a million people in the same boat as myself. No one should be denied unemployment or the federal $600 during this COVID-19 pandemic. But it is going to be the reality for alot of us. We CANNOT live! We cant pay our bills or support our families without any money. I didnt ask to be furloughed I was forced! We, the Florida people, need money!!! Bills are piling up and food is getting lower for LOTS of Floridians. I would rather go back to work with social distancing/hand washing/mask and gloves than sit at home not making any money. We need Florida to reopen! If not than give us all our unemployment and the federal $600 so we can survive until Flordia reopens.
Hillsborough	Retail	It is time to open restaurants shops, gyms, and other small businesses that are essential to a local economy. Small business is the foundation of a city. We can not withstand 100 percent unemployment. With all the large box retailers remaining open (and many of them reporting record sales) its obvious that everyone is out in public anyway. OPEN FLORIDA BACK UP FOR BUSINESS
Orange	Tourism	We need to open ASAP with precautions.... too much damage being done to local economy and businesses which may make it impossible for many of them to reopen. The longer the shutdown drags on the worse it will be for everyone. I believe that the infection rate - when antibody testing is more available - will be much higher than what is being reported. We need to open as much as possible in a safe manner.
Orange	General	My stimulus went to wrong account and my daughter's stimulus, due to be sent on April 24th, her account number was one number off. This is insane. The IRS should be the FIRST to REOPEN along the court house PLEASE!!!!!
Polk	Management	It's really a shame when Executive Order 20-104 hurts the unemployment existing claimants...It's been over 2 weeks now and not a payment for the weeks needed. People rely on these meager wages Florida has for the unemployed. How is delaying the payments going to help?? How can you re-open when no-one hasn't even gotten any payments?? WE ARE BROKE!! Why doesn't Senator Scott take some of that "Stolen" money and give it back to the Floridians who NEED and DESERVE it!!!! STOP REPUBLICAN BREAKING OF OUR STATES AND GOVERNMENT
Brevard	General	We should wait till June as projected. Because my business will be at limited capacity which means I won't be making what I need to pay my bills and feed my family. Unless the state will supplement income some way some how.

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Hillsborough	General	Way too early to open places where people get too close from each other. We cant repeat the spanish flu mistakes, reopening too early.
Duval	Healthcare	I am a Registered Dental Hygienist and it seems that there are unclear guidelines regarding when we will safely return to work and what changes there will be in our PPE and daily protocol. I work in a periodontal office where many of the patients are older in age and have underlying health conditions. Will the protocol be the same for this type of office versus a general dentist office? I hope that there will be consistency and very SPECIFIC guidelines to ensure the safety of ourselves and our patients as we are working in a high-risk environment with person-to-person contact and aerosols involved. Thank you.
Sumter	General	Bars and restaurants should be opened, but limited to 50% of fire code capacity. Movie houses should be limited to 30% of capacity. Personal services should be opened and provide mask to employees and customers. The stay at home order should be rescinded, adults can maintain spacing without government restrictions. All retail business should be reopened but capacity' limited to 50% of fire code capacity. The above restriction should last no more than 30 days.
Pasco	Finance	I filed for unemployment 3/24 and have been pending ever since. This is completely unacceptable and a crime on your behalf. Release our state ui and federal immediately.
Volusia	General	My biggest fear is if everything is opened too soon, we will have another equal level of infection and deaths.. a resurgence. My thoughts are as difficult as it is, let's not stop the forward momentum until health experts at the local level are comfortable that we can begin re-opening. Set up a questionnaire for top medical doctors involved in the pandemic and with certain group responses, agree to start the step by step opening.
Volusia	General	I am very aware of the distress this is causing,but re-opening needs to be carefully thought out. The thouggt of allowing people to invade small tourust towns is not right. We live here with our children, grandchildren older relatives. Non-residents can be extremely disrespectful to areas not in their own backyard. They will suck all our resources etc. I am not for re-opening this soon. Thankyou.
Orange	Healthcare	I have been out of work since March 22nd with zero news on my unemployment claim that was filed March 24th. Im a nurse practitioner at a medical spa in Seminole county and yes even though this includes elective procedures, we have the right to open these businesses. People do not have to leave their homes, but those of us that can't pay our bills should have the right to earn a living! Home Depot, Walmart, Publix, etc have all remained open and we haven't had any spikes or complications! Unemployment assistance has not processed my claim and it's been 4 weeks and I have no idea how I'm going to pay my bills in May. Please let us start opening so we can earn a living! Opening can be done safely and we already have safety protocols in place! Please let us work!

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Brevard	General	Certain counties have had no significant increase in cases over a long enough time that they should be able to start the process, but some have such a high count of cases that they will have to be watched carefully. Our counties low numbers are partly from the quarantin , and partly from low population. That must also be taken into consideration. We will never reach a consensus on when will be a good time to open, but fear should not cause us to not act.
Volusia	Transportation	I think the economy should open back up because this is not a pandemic, it is like the seasonal flu. As with any precautions you take when people are sick, people should be cautious. Personally this is effecting millions of Florida people who can not receive unemployment benefits and they will lose way more than if they were working. It has been going on long enough and it was a folly. People die every year from flu and they don't shut down the economy. Let's go back to work and help keep American business going. Unfortunately a lot of business's will go bankrupt because of this and shame on the medical community for destroying people's lives. This has been going on long enough. I had my dose of socialism and I think my rights and liberties are being infringed upon.
Hernando	Food	Florida has a lot of restaurants that have large outdoor seating, and could support the 6 feet of space needed. why can't we allow those places to reopen with guidelines to support this. With the weather getting warmer the may help the outdoor places lower the risk.
Pinellas	General	Please Do Not reopen our county. Many havent been tested and the cases continue to go up everyday. I worry about not only my family's health but also the elderly as most of our area is older. We have only been technically in quarantine for a month and I worry if we open too soon all we have worked for will be pointless The safety of people isnmore important then beaches etc wesring masks and gloves will not effectively make this virus go away. Id like to have a vaccine that protects everyone firs . I dont want to effect anyones safety for things we dont truly need at this point. I understand money and people suffering but maybe focus more on the systems working then reopening beaches and pools that do nothing for the economy and continue to only keep what is truly essential open for now thank you
Palm Beach	General	Please follow federal guidelines for COVID-19 restart. Otherwise any subsequent deaths will be on your watch!
Osceola	Tourism	I don't think we are ready due to the fact there is no way to currently treat this virus correctly. My son who's an honor student and part of NJHS has had two heart surgeries. He's at risk and I'm sure I am one of many with concerns.
Marion	General	Follow the Federal Three Phase Guidelines
Hillsborough	General	Why are self employed people getting turned down for unemployment and can't get any help try to get something done right for once in your political career or you will not have the people on your side come election time

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Hillsborough	Healthcare	DO NOT RE-OPEN THE STATE!!! We're not even at our peak yet and so many people have died. Re-opening the state will result in more lost lives, plus we will have to quarantine all over again for a much longer period. It is ridiculous that we're even being asked on our opinions for re-opening. Any individual who agrees with re-opening the state thinks Coronavirus is a hoax, therefore, their opinion is irrelevant. I beg of you to not re-open and make this horrendous mistake. We must wait at least another month before even considering to re-open.
Polk	Recreation	Open state parks for RV camping for Floridians only. Self contained units only No tents. No need for bathhouses. Limited to 6 people to RV. Thanks
Orange	General	Absolutely open the state and country! World wars didn't shut the country down & neither should this super flu outbreak.We never shut the country down over the "regular " flu which kills thousands every year. Why now? Makes absolutely no sense imo. Too many small businesses will be closed forever because of this. Instead of helping the country this shutdown is crippling it. Open the state and country. We all have to adjust and be smart in everything we do, greet differently, gather differently, go out in public differently but to shut the state and country down indefinitely? Not the answer. More people die from drunk driving each year yet the bars & booze is still legal. Country still chugging away nothing shut down. More people killed in crosswalks each year yet we still have them open. No shutdown. Smoking kills millions yet still legal. No shutdown on sales. Hundreds of other things kill us more than this flu will ever kill. OPEN THE STATE & COUNTRY!
Marion	General	I can't afford to go places, but my kids are grown and I am thankful that I still can work and get an income. Opening safely and making people compliant may be a very hard task, but it must be implemented. I can't imagine folks with young ones, and especially those that still have a job trying to contain everything. I pray that we will have cooperation and kindness and a lot of love will be displayed, so people can enjoy respect. Yes, opening up soon, but safely is a good idea.
Brevard	General	Please open Florida up. We are killing our local small businesses. My daughter is disabled (autism). She lost a job that took her 7 YEARS to get. No one would give her a chance. I volunteer with an independant living facility that houses people with Downs syndrome and autism - among the residents is my daughter. Most of them got laid off during the shut down. I cannot tell you how much that has hurt them beyond income. For most of the 126 young adults, their first jobs were the ones they lost when the Pandemic hit. Their self-worth, pride and motivation was boosted immensely in winning those jobs and suffered a huge setback when they lost those jobs.
Union	General	Baby steps. Open non_essential businesses a little at a time in clusters. People need to work and earn a living, but this MUST be done without causing more COVID-19 CASES! I believe we still need the 6' distane rule to stay in place. If a business can accommodate that rule then consider them opening. Restaurants could do that!! Also, as a common courtesy to customers and stàff, don't serve anyone who's coughing uncontrollably. They can get their meal to-go!

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Sarasota	Healthcare	We can not reopen until we have the APPROPRIATE PPE. N95 masks MUST be obtained and used properly. Testing and contact tracing are the only way we can minimize the risk. It's a small price to pay to preserve human life. I wont even comment on our broken Unemployment system. It's been horrific. 4 weeks and I've heard ZERO.
Brevard	Healthcare	We should follow the Phase 1 recommendations that have been laid out and cautiously open businesses that can accommodate social distancing recommendations. For businesses that can continue with a remote workforce and maintain productivity, that should be maintained to ensure we are not risking exposing individuals to higher risk by rushing our recovery. The isolation is difficult, but if we can be patient a while longer while we assess the impact of the phased reopening, all of our residents will benefit.
Leon	Education	Open the gyms up now. How can we keep healthy if we are isolated from the very things that can make us healthier. Also, the economy is in a tailspin. We all need our jobs. Open Florida now. The elderly and people with medical conditions should self isolate. Don't hurt the rest of us that want to live life.
Duval	General	I think it is to early to reopen but I would say to require employees to wear mask I believe that those who can work at home should keep working at home. I think you have to take in consideration that people who go back to work might be care takers of people who are most vulnerable I care for my parents my mom has stage 4 cancer and my father has pulmonary fibrosis also my son has underlying health condition also kids in school maybe they have a elder as a guardian or someone who has medical conditions by opening schools those kids could be a risk to them so there has to be careful consideration in reopening. I think employers should provide PPE to employees if you have a business that has 10 employees and one area and one employee gets sick all of them would have to be quarantined so what good would it be for that business. Duval is a huge city and if we make mistakes in reopening too quickly or not responsibly there will be a great devastation to our city thank you
Orange	General	As an “essential” worker in the food industry, I think reopening the state is a terrible idea at this time. I HAVE to be on the frontline every single day, compromising my immune system and family by coming in contact with the general public every day. We have finally started to have a decrease because we closed the state and immediately you want to reopen it?! If you reopen the state this soon, we will 100% see an increase in cases yet again. We already messed it up by not closing soon enough, let’s not make the same mistake twice. Take it from someone who drives an hour and fifteen minutes to work every day... NO ONE is staying home. There’s just as many cars on the highway now than ever. Reopening will just give them a place to go to spread germs. Think about those of us who don’t have the option to stay home because we’re “essential” and not the ones who get to entertain themselves at home.

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Osceola	General	Good morning, Gov. My name is Daniel Jones, a Florida resident here in Osceola county. I would encourage you to open up the state, while keeping strict social distancing guidelines. Allow restaurants, small businesses, and many more to reopen under strict social distancing. You described Florida as being on the flattening curve at this point, because of that, we should be enabled to safely work while still under social distancing. Thank you, Gov!
Brevard	General	Our health care system is not and was never overwhelmed, which was the stated reason for locking down and "flattening the curve". Let's get our economy turned on ASAP before it goes beyond the point of no return using face masks and social distancing. The media and some elected officials went out of their way inciting fear.
Pasco	General	Put the best interest of the people of this state first, instead of being the typical corrupt politician. We elected you to represent us and keep us safe. Keep the state closed!
Pasco	General	Open FL up. Tired of waiting around
Okaloosa	General	We never here about the panhandle of Florida in the governor updates. I do understand there are more cases in south Florida, however though nothing has really change in the panhandle of Florida, when the stay at home order was declared are police depts said they were not gonna enforced anything so when you tell people that they are gonna not stay home. Stores are always packed people are just hanging out in front of stores. Yes restaurant are closed and so are the beaches and most fun places are closed but groom shops didn't close thought they were supposed too. Now they are talking about opening up beaches with limited hours in the morning and evening so everyone is gonna flock to the beaches during those hours how is that social distancing? I don't know how much the stay at gone order was actually enforced in South Florida but in the panhandle it was not. We were behind in the shutting down Florida when other states in March where placing stay at home order and enforcing it we still had spring breakers here especially here in the panhandle. I think Florida need at least one more month of stay at home but this time enforced it . Limit the amount of people in stores cause you go to a store here lines are long and packed and people don't care. I know a lot of people are ready to get back to work cause they need money for there households but if they were getting there unemployment they won't be so demanding to open the state back up cause they would have money unemployment need to be fixed!!!
Pinellas	General	Hello Mr. Governor DeSantis I'm a 73 year old fellow in great shape. I walk 2 miles a day, swim 1 hour at the YMAC, walk animal shelter dogs as a volunteer. My request is when you reopen the state please don't put an age restriction in force, we are all different, so please let us decide. Florida is a retirement state and many of us are not fragile and are living the dream. Please please please let us decide when the time comes to reopen. Thanks, you got my vote :)
Seminole	Healthcare	No do not reopen early

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Brevard	Healthcare	As a licensed midwife, small business (birth center) owner, and parent of an immune compromised child, I ask that the stay at home order continues for at least another two weeks. We are just starting to see peak numbers, and a lifting of the order too soon would surely end in a drastic increase in cases rendering our previous effort futile.
Sarasota	General	Hello, I was not even sure what category this subject would fall under- which is part of the issue! I work for a ballroom dance studio, which technically falls under “gyms” in the state mandates. This business obviously operates on very close contact with students: hand holding, faces inches away from each other, and multiple partners... if one COVID-positive person were to come in for a lesson, they could infect their teacher, who could then infect every other student that comes in for a lesson with them, as well as practicing with the other instructors, their professional dance partner, etc. My question is, how dangerous would this be if we were to reopen at the same time as all of the other Fitness Centers- and if we are to reopen, what guidelines will be in place so that employees and students are safe?? I don’t want Dance Studios and other close-contact businesses to be lumped in and forgotten. Please consider businesses and employees like us when you are making your decisions!! Thank you so much for your consideration.
Calhoun	General	I personally don't think the State should be open not right now more an more people is getting this virus everyday an more people is dieing I think it would be to soon people lives are more important
Marion	General	I work in the local government and I’m face to face every day with the public. I believe that the state needs to reopen but I also believe that it is to soon. There’s been a few days that the number of infected drop but in general the number are still high. Just because the number drop for one day don’t mean we are leveling out we need to have at least 14 days if not 21 days of study downward number of cases thru out the state. Not one or two days of downward numbers . Please make the right decision and keep the state safe and not open to soon. I mean if Disney is willing to make sure there customer are safe and sty shutdown and loss so much. The state should think about that.
Broward	Food	you have done a great job and thank you, I think opening beaches and parks is a great way to distance ourselfs and get more people spread out they all at the supermarket and sidewalks now , plus is emotionally and mentally healtly, salons and spas should wait to close of contact, restaurants shouuld wait to close of contact restrooms to crowaded , movie theathers should wait, we as a famly wont visit this places anyway even if they open due to safety, but a nice walk on beach and taking kids to park will be a great thing thank you again for a great work
Orange	General	The country needs to reopen immediately and stop the fear mongering. People are frustrated and getting angry about being on lockdown. Stop this nonsense and get us back to normal and a free country!!

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Marion	Government	Open our economy now. Everything needs to open for the sake of all in the state. For me personally I need a hip replacement. All surgeries are cancelled until further notice. This is not non essential. It's not a boob job or liposuction!! If I do not have surgery in time I will spend my life in a wheelchair. I am very active doing volunteer work with horses, special needs people and volunteeri vacations. I am in sometimes excruciating pain with no relief in site. This is not fair.
Volusia	General	Please reopen FL as soon as it it safe. Soon. Many people have no job or money to pay bills. They need to work. The virus is serious, but is 98% survivable. We need our economy back on track. Please reopen soon.
Pasco	General	Please consider following the president's guidelines of reopening our state. It is too soon! With the amount of retirees and elderly people that make up our state, we can not put anyone at risk. I realize businesses are having a difficult time, please put efforts into helping them without penalizing the health and safety of the people. I feel it is better to protect lives rather than waiting to see what will happen if we are opened too early. Thank you for keeping your people safe!
Sumter	General	I want to get back to as normal as possible as soon as possible. But we need to have great patience. I would suggest not doing anything until middle of May. And then only if the numbers reflect a slowdown on virus cases. Then proceed in a slow manner easing restrictions on a week by week basis.
Duval	General	I think a wise start would to open business that can open by appointments only. example hair salons that take appointments only that would still keep customers 6 feet apart and all employees wear mask. Walk-ins not permitted to prevent waiting room issues. This could included many type of service business that can operated by appointments and keep customers or clients 6 feet apart. Then slowly open other businesses implementing restriction on how many people allowed in say a 1000 sq.feet. might start with dining, gyms, churches etc....Getting people back in routines and into shape.again.All will be required to maintain 6 feet apart rule, mask and ,restricted 50 in one place. Any lines must keep people 6 feet apart.Nightlife, bars and lounges restrict by limited customers per square footage and that can maintain 6 foot apart between customers. Restricting dancing or activities that put customers in close contact. No Group activities. Possibly limit nightlife hours to close by 9 or 10 pm on weekends and earlier weekdays Virus threat to determine when restrictions can be lifted. Hotels that have dining, bar, spa services can start open those services first under above restrictions.Once virus is at lowest threat hotel open accommodations with restriction on number of guest per size of hotel Restricting groups, conventions,conferences sizes until threat is over .
Volusia	General	Slowly with many percuations

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Lake	Healthcare	As a registered dental hygienist in FL, having the most likely occupation to catch a virus in the work setting, we are not ready to re-open. The dental field PPE & universal precaution needs to dramatically change before the dental field can go back to work. If we are unable to have the proper PPE, I do NOT want to put my family at risk. My 10 year old daughter is a type 1 diabetic & is considered high risk. Start putting together NEW standards of care & proper PPE for dental hygienists, it will need to be implicated before going back to normal.
Polk	General	I ratter be broke than sick, I love my family and don't want to expose them to danger. As a former military I know we have a commitment to protect our people, so please protect us. No openings yet. Is no cure and no vaccine for it.
Sarasota	General	Reopen Florida as of May 1. Most small business can not survive much past that point and protests will begin in earnest. Maintain social distancing guidelines and keep restaurants to 50% capacity if need be. Open parks. Quarantine is when you restrict the movement of sick people, tyranny is when you restrict the movement of healthy people.
Seminole	Administrative	With suggested social distancing and proper hygiene we should have opened yesterday. Tipped employees are suffering and will never make up for lost revenue. Families are depending on $ just to get by on the basics. The choice of whether to go about your daily lives or stay locked up should boil down to the citizens of Florida. Open NOW! This has been an experiment that will have the same ending no matter what direction we go.
Seminole	General	I believe we should hold back until May 30th to build and extensive detailed plan on how we open under strict guidelines and how we interact with tourists. The plan would allow soft openings and keep strict guidelines in place to at least July 1st. There is so much unknown yet starting with who has the virus and now who is immune. Do what's right for the states population. A resurge would be devastating
Seminole	Tourism	I believe that Florida has continued on a good path towards flattening the curve. However, slow and steady in this fight. Open more essential businesses like courts and city services, banks, etc that people need. Then if all goes will restaurants bars and other recreational items with social distancing and occupancy limits. Keep Disney universal and beaches closed as they are a prime breeding ground for infection and entice out of state tourists domestic and international to come to Florida and potentially carry the disease into our communities.

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Lake	Retail	I own three Great Clips Hair Salons and have been closed since March 29th. I was one of the very last Great Clips in the Central Florida area to close. The loss of income from this has been daunting at best. And since I'm dealing with the goliath Bank of America, I missed out on Round 1 of PPP. As much as I want to get back to business, and as much as I think the whole CoronaVirus is a bit overblown, I have skittish employees to worry about, and don't want to be given the green light to open too soon. Personally, I am thinking that Friday, May 15th would be a good date to reopen. Thank you.
Broward	General	I do not want to drag this longer than necessary and would listen to the health experts on how to proceed. Re-opening a a different pace than other states may attract non residents just as it did in the early weeks of the pandemic. A restriction in travel in conjunction with re-opening would definitely help.
Leon	Recreation	Open the gyms up now. How can we keep healthy if we are isolated from the very things that can make us healthier. Also, the economy is in a tailspin. We all need our jobs. Open Florida now. The elderly and people with medical conditions should self isolate. Don't hurt the rest of us that want to live life.
Orange	Education	Please don't make the decision to reopen too quickly. There is too much at stake. Let's make sure that Florida can show a 14-day period of declining cases and that we have adequate testing and contact-tracing abilities. Thank you for your leadership during this time.
Lee	Recreation	Please open Florida and Lee county now!!! People need to get back to work and a somewhat normal life. Open the beaches!!
Highlands	General	I believe the ideal return the work date should be 06/01/2020. No sooner than 05/15/2020. All businesses must have PPC for employees or remain closed or shut down. Limited hours would also be good for first 2 weeks of opening and imit the amount of clients or customers. Safety first! Business owners typically are not at the front line and don't seem to have compassion for there employees health.
Martin	Recreation	Please consider opening state and possibly COE parks back up as another way to stay distant but get outside to fresh air . I also believe that we should open our resteraunts and such with distance seating likely every other table . If people feel uncomfortable with the next step in reopening they could possibly delay their personal return to normal until such time that they feel appropriate for their specific situation..with good monitoring of the cases that are developing that effect the health care system the state could adjust the regulations more tight or more relaxed if something changes
Sarasota	Recreation	I believe the beaches and parks should be open with strict adherence to social distance. Parking at the beaches is a must. Basically only those folks living near the beaches can use them, and that’s not fair.
Hillsborough	General	I urge you not to open the state until it is safe! Please follow the advice of the CDC and medical community. If the state is opened too early, more lives will be needlessly lost and we will be back to square one. No amount of commerce or money is worth a human life. Please do not reopen the state until there is a sustained downward trend of cases of Covid-19.

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Pinellas	General	Have the elderly and those who have underlying conditions take precautions. Never heard of quarantining healthy people. It was supposed to be for flattening the curve so the hospitals wouldn't be overwhelmed. They weren't, in fact they are taking cuts in pay and hours. Envision is filing for bankruptcy. All for a virus that has a 98% survival rate.
Volusia	General	I feel as though it is too soon to consider reopening the state. We have not instituted the Safer at Home order long enough. Florida's numbers continue to be on the rise and have not hit their peak yet. Even with the safer at home order in place there are far too many people out in public who are not taking special precautions. I feel as though we need to wait until we start seeing a decline in our numbers prior to beginning to open the state. I also believe the state might want to consider requiring people to wear masks when out in public with the exception of people who can not wear them due to medical or mental health reasons. I say mental health as wearing masks for some people can trigger PTSD from past trauma. Thank you for taking the time to read this.
Martin	General	NO
Polk	Tourism	We live in a high tourist state. Disney World is my back yaed. I want to continue to be safe and healthy. I am doing my part to protect myself from this nasty virus and want others to do the same. Opening the economy is too early will jeopardize all Floridians. We are the go to vacation state. Let's take care of us first. As a substitute teacher it is crucial for the well being of our students to stay safe. We all know young children are touchy feely and love yo give hugs. Keep us Floridians safe. Florida isn't going anywhere and there will be plenty of time in the future for vacations.
Hillsborough	Government	Until the curve has flattened and more testing becomes available, I do not feel confident about the Safer at Home Order being lifted for Florida. The latest numbers show cases are continuing to rise and one can only conclude that reopening to "business as usual" will prove to be a deadly decision for Florida.
Orange	General	Please do not rush to reopen the state. The current flattening of the curve we are seeing is directly related to the preventative measures we have taken. If we rush to reopen we will see a flood of new Covid19 cases and people will die. I know the economy is of concern but we can not let people die simply to raise tourism dollars. I can't imagine we will have "normal" numbers of visitors for quite a while anyways. If we rush this we will end up with the worst of both worlds, more Covid19 cases and deaths as well as a faltering economy. Please be sensible and listen to medical professionals and not just those with business interests. Please protect the people of the state of Florida.

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Volusia	General	I feel opening up the state would be a mistake at this time unfortunately most people cannot abide by simple social distancing guidelines. I feel there should be Strick and reinforced guidelines for individuals and businesses if they are going to reopen or quarantine is lifted. The health of all individuals should come before money. I understand our economy is being effected but it will continue to be affected permanently instead of just temporarily if we don't work to slow the spread of this virus or contain it. Florida has a lot of elderly people especially those in Daytona beach and they are the most vulnerable. But really this virus has shown is can take the life of even a health younger individual. We have not seen a decline in our numbers or maintaining our current numbers and that is with many staying home so to open up non essential business and really the state mathematically that would mean a potential increase of numbers and potential deaths. Our Health care workers and health care system can barely handle what we have now if this number of infections was to continue to rise our health care system would crumble and those people most in need of health care who not be able to get the care they need and deserve. Not to mention the lives of our health care workers are on the line everyday expoing themselves to try to help or save others. They deserve to be saved by the state doing there best to help and support them. Our government needs to step up and take care of this country as they have promised to do, to protect their health and well being of all citizens, to provide financial aid and funds, proper ppe for health care workers, etc. we pay our taxes and dues to them and our governor needs to uphold his own oath to do what is best for the majority and safety of the people of the state of Florida. To not act now when it's the most critical time to act could result in the deaths of many. I appreciate all the hard work of all of our essential workers, health care works and the governor and his office. Please continue to support each other in these hard times and stay healthy!
Brevard	General	I work for an afterschool program....although the owner is eager to.reopen our doors for camp I highly advise against it. This isn't even over yet....Florida iant reporting all cases, some are asymptomatic, others are positive but aren't quarantined, and then there's those whom think it's all a lie or a simple flu. I say extend the stay at home order, limit grocery store and restaurant hours even more...there was never a complete lock down like other countries and states are doing...plus I have yet to see Florida try and prevent this even more, as in the state hasnt ordered cleaning/sanitization of the streets, major and small buildings....I have yet to see anyone do a deep deep sanitization. Never fully closing the beaches was a mistake in itself, but reopening was and will be detrimental because this haant gone away. Thia state has made many many mistakes throughout this whole pandemic and reopening the state will cause more harm than good.

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Orange	General	I believe we need to start reopening Florida. Our economy needs to start working it's way back to success. Due to the nature of the economy in Orange County, largely attributed to tourism, we need to implement a way that theme parks, restaurants, and hotels can reopen safely. Require masks, limit capacity levels, limit the size of individual groups allowed to gather at these places, implement spacing requirements etc, but get people back to work.
Volusia	General	I think we could be taking a big risk by opening too soon. Cases are still rising in FL. The theme parks need to be careful, too soon can equal deaths no matter how careful they are.
Volusia	Healthcare	I am a dentist currently only open for emergency/urgent care. Dental offices should be open as frontline healthcare professionals to provide a wider range of procedures. This will continue to keep patients from seeking emergency department care at the hospitals. We wear all the required PPE equipment and provide enhanced protocols to keep our patients and staff safe. Also, dentists should be allowed to provide non-serological COVID-19 testing of our patients and staff. Our Florida Dental Association has been working with the governor's task force to advise and assist with Re-Open Florida.
Lee	Accommodation	I'm not sure without a proven therapeutic drug, comprehensive testing or a vaccine it matters when you open. I am over 65 and in pretty good health and we are making decisions based on an abundance of caution. I do feel trapped because we are constantly told we are so vulnerable but my husband and I don't feel that way. We worked a lot of years and chose to enjoy our retirement in Florida. I don't know how many years we have left but don't want to be in confinement forever. I think we should be allowed to have cleaning services in our home since even though we are in good health, it's tough to be doing a lot of cleaning as we get older with aches and pains. I think our condo association is being a little too strict in not allowing us to have any contractors even to maintenance items like A/C which is so important in Florida. I do admit I would like to go back to my salon. Not sure I would go to a restaurant or theater for a very long time. But, we need to hold these businesses accountable for safety measures and as clients we have a right to demand that. We always wear masks and gloves and would want salon workers and anyone we have in our home to do the same. At the end of the day you eventually need to start the economy and hope that everyone makes good decisions. You don't have to worry about us old people. It's been drummed into us daily.

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Duval	General	I think it is to early to reopen but I would say to require employees to wear mask I believe that those who can work at home should keep working at home. I think you have to take in consideration that people who go back to work might be care takers of people who are most vulnerable I care for my parents my mom has stage 4 cancer and my father has pulmonary fibrosis also my son has underlying health condition also kids in school maybe they have a elder as a guardian or someone who has medical conditions by opening schools those kids could be a risk to them so there has to be careful consideration in reopening. I think employers should provide PPE to employees if you have a business that has 10 employees and one area and one employee gets sick all of them would have to be quarantined so what good would it be for that business. Duval is a huge city and if we make mistakes in reopening too quickly or not responsibly there will be a great devastation to our city thank you
Volusia	Food	I can't get no help with unemployment so Yes,open the restaurants so the people including myself can pay their bills.The people of Florida are hurting and no one seems to care.This has went on long enough.The unemployment system is a joke.The employers pay it in but the employees can't collect.I am very unhappy with the system and the governor.
Lake	Healthcare	I would like to see the state wait until the number of Covid19 cases show a downward shift across every County before lifting the stay in place orders. I'm concerned that there will be a upswing in coronavirus if restrictions are lifted without restrictions. Restrictions such as limiting number of people in meetings, businesses, restaurants and wearing of masks mandatory, etc. and make rules enforceable. I'm in the high risk group and my husband and I will not support picking a date and returning to business as usual. This virus must be observed and decisions should be based on numbers/cases and not fear but consideration of the health/safety of the population.
Marion	General	Open it up!
Duval	Healthcare	I am a dental hygienist and have been furloughed for the last four weeks. My main concern is not having the proper PPE available when we return. I work in patient's mouths all day long with aerosols and droplets all around. Although cleanings are considered elective, my patients and I are at a greater risk to exposure to CoVid 19. Since aerosols are known to circulate in the air up to 3hrs. After dismissing my patient I disinfect and clean every surface, but there is still aerosols which are exposed to the next patient I see. I'm just advocating for strike guidelines and available PPE to be enforced before I return to work. I have a husband and children to be concerned for too. I don't want to bring this virus home to my family because I didn't have the proper protection that I needed. Thank you, Alef Lossen, RDH

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Volusia	Healthcare	Immunity testing needed to determine who is positive, we need to know who we need to protect & who we don't. Open business up if they wish but employee's who do not wish to return should not be forced to. I've had to provide letters to employers to protect workers due to their immune comprised health issues. Employers need to protect their employees better!
Orange	General	Open everything back up and quarantine the elderly and people with underlying health conditions .
Brevard	Healthcare	Personal Opinion - there are still so many people disregarding the 6' instructions and not wearing a mask, nor using sanitizer I believe it is is asking for more health problems. Let's lower the risk before we go out and raise it by opening all.
St. Johns	General	COVID-19 is still widespread in Florida. We have not flattened the curve here and are not ready to reopen the state. Until we have this virus completely under control, do not put our citizens at risk. The economy will never recover if people keep getting sick and die. And don't listen to anything President Trump says about reopening.
Orange	Accommodation	I don't feel we should open for another month. China was closed for 4 months. How are we going to open after a month n half?
Palm Beach	General	-Reports now show that as many as 13.7% (2.7 million) of New York citizens have or had Covid19 > https://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/local/new-york-virus-deaths-top-15k-cuomo-expected-to-detail-plan-to-fight-nursing-home-outbreaks/2386556/ -Flight tracker image below shows real time flights from NY and NJ inbound (in blue) this morning (and all day/everyday). you can click here to watch live inbound (PBI) flights: https://flightaware.com/live/airport/KPBI. These people are ALL free to move around the county unscreened, untested and/or unquarantined, or even wearing masks from most reports) https://flightaware.com/live/airport/KPBI Here's an example: Passenger describes packed flight full of people not wearing masks from Miami to NYC https://www.foxnews.com/travel/passenger-packed-flight-no-masks-nyc-miami -Public transportation (buses/trains) is open and being offered for free throughout palm beach county...moving people very closely together, all over our county
Lee	General	You people must live in a bubble I work at Home Depot where it's business as usual every day keeping everyone locked down and destroying the economy is not going to stop a virus using common sense,washing your hands,don't touch your eyes,if you are sick stay away from people who aren't. It's a new virus until there's a vaccine or you build your own immunity to it there's really nothing else you can do about it,so stop trying to live everyone else's life and quit destroying the economy.Look at the real numbers unless you test absolutely everyone your numbers don't mean anything but promote fear.use some common sense and let everyone get on with there lives instead of living out your fears

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Palm Beach	General	To soon.need to wait till end of may for rest/bars and retail store. Better to be safe than sorry.we were too slow to close and now desantis wants us to open too soon
Volusia	General	Opening too soon ensure a 2and wave of infection. A significant number of people are not going to go out anyway a d this will only cause more lower income people to risk their lives to keep their jobs.
Volusia	General	Open beaches except sunbathing and limit groups to less than 10. Open parks but limit groups to 10. Open businesses where distancing can be accommodated. Open churches where distancing and limited numbers can work and wear masks. We seniors and comprised individuals need to be responsible for guidelines, especially masks, sanitizing and hand washing.
Leon	Tourism	Open the gyms up now. How can we keep healthy if we are isolated from the very things that can make us healthier. Also, the economy is in a tailspin. We all need our jobs. Open Florida now. The elderly and people with medical conditions should self isolate. Don't hurt the rest of us that want to live life.
Pinellas	Government	It is way too early to 'reopen' Florida. The number of infected has not even peaked yet. You reopen Florida now (too early) and we will NEVER get past this pandemic!
Hillsborough	Professional Services	Please re open small business such as hair salons.. these folks depend on clients to make money... also beaches... even though it would be nice to get some sun, we do need social distance. Also.. need sports back in tampa.. the bucs and the rays and lightening will lift everyone spirits
Brevard	Government	I work for a City as their finance director. I find all of this to be very scary and hard to navigate. How long with this continue? We will be able to survive? What will we do when the money is gone? My personal take on this is Florida has done amazing well through all of this. I think opening things back up a little at a time is the right thing to do. Open restaurants back to 50% of their capacity see how that goes and then 75% and so forth. Hotels should be able to accommodate the same. The bigger challenges are Disney, universal, sea world etc. these theme parks are the root of Florida economy. We have to find a way to maybe just start with Florida residents and gradually allow states who have been able to open themselves, there is no easy solution, but I truly think Floridians are willing to be respectful to the rules, a little flexibility to show that, just like what Brevard did with the beaches is what is needed. I know you all will make the right decisions.
Escambia	General	Re open Escambia County
Osceola	General	I truly understand the hardship everyone is going though BUT they are also forgetting about the elderly, our parents, our grandparents, or even myself being 65 and diagnosed last year with cancer, my Mother is in a Rehab center and so far, no one has had the virus. Which doesn't tell me that the virus is getting better, No, its saying the nurses and staff there is working very hard to protect them. So why doesn't the rest of the state and do the same. You have theme parks willing to remain close until all looks better, I personally feel we are jumping back too soon. Please think about the elderly (which this state has many) I dont want to see us (Florida) become New York.
Lee	General	Do not call me I hate these surveys and I get no money for my time

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Seminole	General	I think that businesses should be smart about reopening for example restaurant should limit their seating a retail stores should require customers to use face masks and that would also apply to supermarkets and any other businesses that supply customers with goods and services.
Broward	General	I do not think our state should re-open until the medical officials agree it is safe to do so. I work in the legal field and am required to go to work. Please do not expose us.
Indian River	General	Regarding opening Florida back up: Need more tests: until everyone is tested who wants to be tested and those results are accurately reported to the public will we feel safe to return to normal activities. We have self-isolated since March 14th and we will continue to do so until we have an accurate picture of what Floridian health looks like. Your job is to keep us safe. Not to keep us wealthy. Do your job. Thank you!
Palm Beach	General	We need to start letting more people go back to work in a way that allows vulnerable to stay home, but rest of people work in responsible ways. We need to build up herd immunity as well. If this comes back before a vaccine and we don't have herd immunity, what are we going to do, shut down again? Also, please let FL residents use beaches again, could even do on a rotating basis based on last name to avoid too many crowds. We also need to have a way to get churches open again. Thanks I think the governor is doing a good job and didn't go overboard with closures. One other thing would be to not hold business liabile if someone gets infected there as long as business is following ID guidelines.
Brevard	Food	I really think this whole thing has been grossly mishandled from the beginning. Let's open everything up and get it over with, you can't hide from it and make it go away. People need to deal with it. If folks want to stay in their house, walk around with a mask on and live in constant fear of catching an illness that if you contract may be no worse than a bad cold then so be it. I want to get on with my life. The suffering that is going on is worse than the illness. I'm 65 and not afraid. The government has done a terrible disservice to its citizens by destroying the economy, and denying so many of so much that for a lot of people they will never recover from. Let's end this sooner than later and stop debating it so much. As a famous American once said, "Let's Roll", thank you.

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Miami-Dade	Finance	Mr. DeSantis: Congrats on doing a fine job. The " Stay home/Stay inside" campaign is still needed. Closing the schools and districts for the remainder of the school year was well done. I believe the state should consider waiting until June 1 to ' re-open'. I do agree with the curfew, the limited hours for shopping and other essential locations for shopping. However, I do not see the need for beaches, park and golf courses to open for now. Please lets wait and ride it out through May for the reopening. This will flatten the curve even more and eliminate any more infections or deaths in the state. Thank you, Renato Rivadeneira
Orange	Retail	Please open all businesses Immediately, with restrictions of course!
Polk	General	We should not be in a hurry to open up Florida or the US for the economy and just ignore the heightened danger it puts everyone in. Even with the stay at home orders the virus is thriving, so without them we will do worse. It's easy to talk when it's not you or your loved one dying. Sure, my immune system might be strong enough to avoid or fight off the virus, but my sister's isn't as strong and I don't need impatient and ignorant people putting her at higher risk. We need to look out for each other! The results to our economy & strength as a nation are going to be catastrophically worse when more people get sick and die. The economy won't help us survive the virus when we get infected and spread it to other's faster just because Karen over there wants to go and get her hair done and eat out at a restaurant. Yes, the country is crumbling right now, but let's not make it worse with impatience and lack of sense!
Orange	Tourism	As a former employee in Florida's hospitality market I believe it is important we begin to phase open Florida. I hope that the state will not continue the stay at home order so that things my begin to return to normal. I understand that it is imperative to maintain public health and trust, but how much longer can we punish our service industry employees. I do believe mainstream media has began to poll a small targeted group of Floridians to create a poll showing 70% would prefer the order stay in place. I have found this to be bias and not truly based on the truth. Our neighboring states have began what is sure to be a long and exhausting process to our new normal and I only pray Florida will start to work towards its new normal in May. As a tourism hub with a broken unemployment system we can no longer make our middle class pay the toll of an economic shut down. I am asking you all to please look beyond your political parties and start to phase open the great state of Florida. God Bless.

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Orange	General	Please don't let Florida be on the wrong side of history (again) because of pride or personal gain. Politicians and elected officials #1 job is to serve the public not their own personal interests or aspirations. Afraid of being unpopular? You're elected to do the right thing and sometimes that's not popular. Do you think kids like being grounded by their parents when they mess up? Do you think parents like punishing their kids? Fuck popularity. I urge the state government officials to look at the data and research from actual economists. It all supports the idea that a longer quarantine to minimize deaths will ultimately benefit the economy long term. Some notable quotes in case no one reads them: "Importantly, a new study of the 1918 influenza pandemic finds that in the 43 US cities studied, those that imposed restrictions on social interactions earlier and retained them longer experienced a stronger subsequent recovery18. Hence, the authors reject the idea of a trade-off between strict public-health measures and economic damage." "His initial modeling efforts showed that even a yearlong lockdown makes economic sense, to allow time for a vaccine to be developed. The pause would shrink the economy by approximately 22%—a cost of $4.2 trillion. By comparison, the model shows that without containment measures, the economy would contract by about 7% over that year—but as many as 500,000 additional lives would be lost, which translates into a loss of roughly $6.1 trillion." Also deaths are only a part of the issue with COVID-19. What about the side effects for people who survive? How it will affect childhood development? NO ONE KNOWS. That should scare you. https://www.sciencemag.org/news/2020/03/modelers-weigh-value-lives-and-lockdown-costs-put-price-covid-19 https://www.nature.com/articles/s41591-020-0863-y
Duval	General	Reopen retail stores. Limit the amount of customers in stores by how much square footage there is, if that's what needs to be done. The problem with making people wait outside is they are standing closer together than if they were shopping. How about quarantining the sick and let the healthy go back to work. Open the beaches all day instead of having people crowd them for a few hours. Stop the mayor's from threatening to close down again, we are a republic a free country we should should not be threatened with closures.
Miami-Dade	General	We are living in troubled waters. I'm live in miami this is an or was an international spot and national. Anybody around you can be infected. This has to be very very slow. Open outdoors some? Wait a couple weeks maybe restaurant with new procedures some salons barber new procedures. Stores like Ross Marshall that have entrance from parking lot and monitored. Ikea. NO INDOOR MALLS. and maybe to see family. People will still be hesitant but could be a start. And these flights coming in from Cuba. Not good.

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Duval	General	I believe it is important to wait, don't rush, to open Florida. Once it is open people will flock here from other States that will carry the virus to the citizens in Florida. I am 69 years old with heart disease, diabetes and high blood pressure and don't want to have contact with virus carriers. Just because they want a hot and a beer at a restaurant isn't worth me getting sick. Please don't rush give it to the end of June to quite down some.
Volusia	Recreation	I do not want you to re-open Florida until it's clear that more lives will not be lost by doing so. And this is from someone who's company business is teaching ballroom dance classes, so we will not make any money until we're allowed to reopen. But I stand by the decision to stay closed for a while longer until it looks safer. Even President Trump is saying he thinks states should stay closed a while longer based on Fauci, Birx and the CDC recommendations. Please don't open for the sake of the economy. We will rally and recover. We're Americans. It's what we do.
Alachua	Government	If there are certain professions who have adapted to a work from home method such as case workers or others in the healthcare field the smartest thing would be to let them continue until a cure has been found or numbers drop drastically, recreational and tourist sites could be opened slowly and with restriction. To open Disney add onto the website a Covid-19 agreement. For restaurant, have a max capacity and adhere to the CDC guidelines until this is over. Lower the maximum capacity for bars and nightclubs that will make the nightclubs altogether more “exclusive” and will drive up the economy for other people’s FOMO. Since a second wave is likely it does not make sense to pull the professionals that have adapted to working from home back into an environment that they will most likely be placed back in.
Polk	General	It is too early to re-open the state of Florida! The virus is still spreading and will spread like wildfire if we re-open too soon. At this point the end of May looks much better than now. It could always be re-evaluated on 5/15 if appropriate. Please think about the health of the people of Florida. If many people lose their lives as a result of acting too soon, that will also not be good for the economy or people’s thoughts on your leadership.
Duval	Recreation	Gyms and Fitness Centers are important to many, more importantly to senior citizens. Stretching and walking is good, but to many, the equipment are essential for rehabilitation and to maintain health.
Volusia	Administrative	In small towns I do not see a reason you could not open back up. The town did not listen to stay safe at home order anyway. Walmart and target and other stores stayed the same people wise and not many have mask or gloves. So I say open the small towns. They never really closed down anyway.
Brevard	General	Please get the Floridans their unemployment and maybe they will stay home and stay safe . Please don’t regret opening Florida and killing more and more people . The only reason numbers may seem low to you is because the stay at home but in my option it’s high for being home .
Osceola	General	The usual political suspects on this task force will not decide what's right for me and my well being. I will base my decision to frequent a beach, patronize a restaurant, or any other non essential establishment on what the medical professionals have to say.

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Palm Beach	General	Please begin reopening Florida and returning people to work. Our residents are able to understand and implement social distancing at home, at work and at play. Encourage restaurants to open outside facilities for eating. Immediately open parks and beaches. Encourage relevant businesses to open and allow as many workers to work remotely as possible. Open restaurants with the requirement to manage social distancing. Make sure that the citizens know that we have flattened the curve and now it is time to get on with our lives. Life has risk. Each citizen is responsible for their behavior and for taking care around others. (Look at the way Sweden has respected Covid and still allowed life.) The impact of destroying society and careers is so much larger than risk management of Covid. Be strong and aware. Florida should be leading the way back to risk management and the pursuit of happiness!
Lake	General	Opening Florida and risking more tourists with the covid19 virus and a second wave to hit Florida, a lot of high risk and elderly people retire to Florida and they don't deserve to be put at risk. My mother is also elderly and high risk. Reopening Florida will not make us feel as safe as we all do right now.
Leon	Finance	Open the gyms up now. How can we keep healthy if we are isolated from the very things that can make us healthier. Also, the economy is in a tailspin. We all need our jobs. Open Florida now. The elderly and people with medical conditions should self isolate. Don't hurt the rest of us that want to live life.
Broward	Recreation	I think that South Florida should consider reopening all outdoor areas where social distancing can still continue for example beachs and parks. We should still make sure there are no gatherings of more than 10 people and good hygiene is adhered to.
Orange	Utilities	There is a need for people to get back to work, but there is significant risk due to the existing # of cases due to cases known and unknown since there is a shortage in testing. The approach should be highly communicated guidelines for citizens to follow where the government provides guidance and leadership for best practices. lowest risk businesses where contact can be avoided could be opened first. It should be a concerted push to have people continue to work from home where possible. Additionally, the government should do everything it can to provide PPE to residents to reduce the spread. Masks and gloves should be mandatory in public and that is not being taken seriously in the community. There is still significant concern and fear that re-opening will cause a jump in cases since the case # is still high and testing is limited To 250 test/day at most testing locations.
St. Lucie	General	Reopening without testing is like moving forward blind. You will just keep endangering all of us with your policies that favor business. Deaths and illness will definitely increase and you will be responsible. Democrats and Republicans alike will remember you in November. You need to test for antibodies and let those people return to work.
Volusia	Government	Please DO NOT reopen the state yet!! I wouldn't feel safe. We need more testing capabilities and more days of lower number of cases. I'm 64 years old and I'm not ready to die!

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Marion	Construction	Would like the state to open. My son who is a jr. partner in a construction company applied for, but never received, payroll protection money, nor unemployment money. People that owe for previous jobs they completed are not paying them. He has been working for free for weeks and has to pay child care on top of that. That is not sustainable, obviously.
Brevard	General	Listen to the virologists. They should head every single re-opening committee. Fix the unemployment system and get people back-pay immediately. Ensure people will get sick pay, especially hourly service workers! When they are forced to some to work sick because they need $, they spread germs to all of us. This should be a permanent thing. State budgets will become tight. Remember, schools are a primary vector and they will need more, not less, funding to keep us all safe. WWE and horse racing are not essential and should have been some of the last things to open. WTF is wrong with our state? It's so obvious we've been sold to the highest bidder.
Seminole	General	Due to the pandemic I will keep the same hours of operation of the businesses that are opened for 60 more days and re open certain health care like dentist and optometrists in a limited hours a day with no more than ten people at a time in offices. For restaurants to keep enforcing drive thru and enforce help to the restaurant to facilitate delivery options partnering with door dash and Uber eats without elevating prices on service. If restaurants and other businesses can keep a six feet separation between tables and have a slow check in and use have the capacity of the building at all times that could be useful and could re open like this for 60 days. Malls and amusement parks closed for next 45 days and then slowly re open with limited hours and enforcing face mask and having hand sanitizer at counters and dressing rooms etc. Send easy testing kits home so everyone could be tested free of charge and prolong unemployment time for those who even called to work can only work with very reduced hours. Revise in 45 days after 4/30 the plan and how it has helped in the fight of the pandemic and adjust. Scrutinize flights , no full capacity on flights for 60 days and face masks at flight. Temp check and clients must have a hot beverage while in the aircraft when they take masks of to eat. Airlines can send a mandatory disclosure for clients to have a test done within a week of getting in the flight. Promote telehealth and help healthcare providers to pass bill for optometrist and dentist etc to allow to do certain test with a tech and the se remotely is able to access different patients without them being at the office. Hope this help to enlighten you with some ideas. Thanks for including the people to get ideas to help us all. God bless.

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Palm Beach	General	First and foremost I feel unless you're planning on opening the theme parks that help boost the tourism in the state to help recover from this then they should do a very slow opening of Fl. The numbers are still rising and I feel that they are more worried about testing and seeing which states have the most testing etc. I think they need to open the theme parks and beaches for Fl residents for now and not allowed anyone to come into Fl from another state until the numbers come down from the curve. I would say another month and allow non essential workers to start back at work within Fl even if it's PT so that people can start working again. Do a slow opening please, for the sake of Floridians. Thank you.
Lake	General	Please allow everything to reopen on their own terms. We need to get business running again and please order all beaches to open.
Hillsborough	General	Thank you for all you are doing for the citizens of Florida! We appreciate you! Since scientific studies are now coming out to say the original data for the lock downs were wrong and that this virus is on par for a normal flu season I am asking that we open everything back up. Let's follow Sweden's approach where if you are vulnerable stay inside but the rest of the population continue life as normal. Sweden will now have herd immunity. Let's have our constitutional freedoms restored and get back to work and life!
Hillsborough	Education	I understand that the cost of attendance is an SUS performance metric, but the student health fee has not been raised in close to a decade. Enrollment has grown and need for services has surged since the last increase was approved for any school. Given this pandemic has only antagonized students' stressors and need for health education, please consider allowing SUS schools to increase the student health fee next year.
Seminole	General	We should open up as soon as possible. I understand the dangers to physical safety but I don't think we're considering the dangers to psychological safety. Even if it is in a graduated process we need to open the economy and let people get back out as soon as we can.

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Palm Beach	Government	Stop The Panic & End The Lock-downs Fact 1: The overwhelming majority of people do not have any significant risk of dying from COVID-19 The recent Stanford University antibody study now estimates that the fatality rate if infected is likely 0.1 to 0.2 percent, a risk far lower than previous World Health Organization estimates that were 20 to 30 times higher and that motivated isolation policies. In New York City, an epicenter of the pandemic with more than one-third of all U.S. deaths, the rate of death for people 18 to 45 years old is 0.01 percent, or 11 per 100,000 in the population. On the other hand, people aged 75 and over have a death rate 80 times that. For people under 18 years old, the rate of death is zero per 100,000. Of all fatal cases in New York state, two-thirds were in patients over 70 years of age; more than 95 percent were over 50 years of age; and about 90 percent of all fatal cases had an underlying illness. Of 6,570 confirmed COVID-19 deaths fully investigated for underlying conditions to date, 6,520, or 99.2 percent, had an underlying illness. Fact 2: Protecting older, at-risk people eliminates hospital overcrowding We can learn about hospital utilization from data from New York City, the hotbed of COVID-19 with more than 34,600 hospitalizations to date. For those under 18 years of age, hospitalization from the virus is 0.01 percent per 100,000 people; for those 18 to 44 years old, hospitalization is 0.1 percent per 100,000. Even for people ages 65 to 74, only 1.7 percent were hospitalized. Of 4,103 confirmed COVID-19 patients with symptoms bad enough to seek medical care. Fact 3: Vital population immunity is prevented by total isolation policies, prolonging the problem We know from decades of medical science that infection itself
Volusia	General	Time to get this economy up and running. Many of our businesses will never recover if we don't open up now. Those citizens at risk should continue to quarantine. Essential businesses should continue to have "at risk" shopping times.
Martin	Recreation	I would like to see Jonathan Dickinson State Park re-opened.
Brevard	General	Think it is too early to start reopening businesses. It is because of the few, who could be contagious, who will go about like it was business as usual. I can envision fights breaking out because someone is not being civil-19 safe and is called out on it. I know it is a shame but that few will make the headlines and called out the politicians, who are doing their best.
Seminole	General	Please do not reopen Fl yet! The only reason we have low numbers in Seminole County is because we are staying at home. Opening will cause peopl to get sick and spread this. If you do open require everyone to wear masks and continue social distancing. Only open things that need to be open!! Make business do delivery, curbside business only!!!!!! Don't make this an worse for people. They should not have to choice a paycheck over their health!!!

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Duval	General	Hello I know at some point we have to start living again, and the economy need to improve. Honestly trying to open up in May or June in my opinion is not a good idea. Before we even consider opening up again. We need to focus more on lowering the number of case. It very sad to know if we open up, and get sick there is no cure. Rushing is not a good idea... let's shift I focus to decreasing the # and continue social distance. Maybe after 3 consecutive months, if the # has drastically reduced then we should consider. But opening up in May with the current # is not a great idea. Thanks
Brevard	General	The health and welfare of Floridians, especially the vulnerableNeed to take precedence over tourism and opening our economy back up.By opening too soon we will surely see a dramatic spike in our Covid cases which will only push us back further. If reelection is what is driving our governor's decisions he should take his cues from governors around our country that are putting their citizens welfare first.
Hillsborough	Administrative	The number of cases is still rising in Florida. State should not reopen until this changes.
Flagler	Retail	We need to reopen our economy, start sending the workforce back out in sections, 20% then 30% etc....bring our country back to profits and away from this mess.
Hernando	General	You started your term doing wonders for Florida.this virus debacle shows me you were not prepared to handle the job. You will be a one term governor
Volusia	General	I personally believe we should not open back up to the general public. In fact, i believe we should become a bit more strict on us the residents. The reason is because we do not know enough information on the virus Covid-19 and we are just putting the general public in harms way. We do not need a repeat of New York or even the country Italy. We do not have enough hospital beds in the state to deal with a mass breakout again. Our hospital staff does not have enough resources to take care of themselves let alone patients. If you open the state back up, are you going to give the thousands of laid off workers their jobs back with match pay? If you open the state back up for the rest of the year any visit to the doctors or the hospital in regards to becoming sick the cost should be waved because future deaths and illnesses are on you.
Brevard	General	I believe we should try to open the small business, but do it in a smart way. I believe President Trump is doing good and the right thing. We could continue to wear face mask, and as a previous nurse before my back surgery, keep our hands washed and cleaned. The standard is for proper handwashing is You can use hand sanitizer 3 times and then wash your hands with warm water and soap. Do not touch the faucet with clean hands use a paper towel to dry and turn off the faucet. And pray to God for our health and well being.

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Brevard	Education	I think we should stay closed longer. I understand business are hurting and ppl need money but if the state fixed the unemployment issue ppl would be more willing to stay home a bit longer. Let's keep our ppl safe. I am a high risk person and my mom is 70 yrs old and is being required to go back to work and I think we need to stay closed longer.
Orange	Information	I do not think it is a good idea to reopen the state at this time. It's too dangerous and there are people who are still walking around who have symptoms and aren't saying anything or are asymptomatic and don't know they have it. If the schools are remaining closed, I think the rest of the state should too. There hasn't been enough research or timing to effectively treat the virus and plenty more people will die if they get sick. Be Smart Florida! Don't open.
Duval	General	Hello I know at some point we have to start living again, and the economy need to improve. Honestly trying to open up in May or June in my opinion is not a good idea. Before we even consider opening up again. We need to focus more on lowering the number of case. It very sad to know if we open up, and get sick there is no cure. Rushing is not a good idea... let's shift I focus to decreasing the # and continue social distance. Maybe after 3 consecutive months, if the # has drastically reduced then we should consider. But opening up in May with the current # is not a great idea. Thanks
Orange	General	Our cases continue to rise in Orange County and Florida hasn't hit their peak. There is so much unknown about this virus and we should wait until more is known. More testing is needed so we have data to base decisions on. Thank you keeping schools closed. We all need to patient and save lives! Thanks, Lisa
Martin	General	Open Gyms and Restaurants in a phased approach. 50 % capacity as an example. We are already visiting Target, Home Depot, CVS, Publix and they are quite busy. Open Beaches for walking and running Open retail. Keep masks optional
Leon	Professional Services	Open the gyms up now. How can we keep healthy if we are isolated from the very things that can make us healthier. Also, the economy is in a tailspin. We all need our jobs. Open Florida now. The elderly and people with medical conditions should self isolate. Don't hurt the rest of us that want to live life.

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Leon	General	Thank you for allowing the general public to make comments on Re-Opening FL. 1. Is there any way to make wearing masks mandatory when going out in public. I made a brief trip to Publix two days ago and was amazed at the people that were just going about their business...no mask or face covering of any kind. 2. Specific and consistent rules on opening beauty salons, nail shops and barbershops. 3. Consideration of opening hospitals to elective surgeries and procedures. 4. Last but not least, PLEASE do not lift the stay a home order until it has been determined 100% that 14 days have passed without ANY new cases identified in every county...not just the hot spots. Thank you and kudos to all of for what you are doing to help get Florida back up and running during these unprecedented times. Susan Spencer Powers
Hernando	General	The increasing evidence of larger numbers of positive serology tests suggests that our population is likely to have a broader immunity than previously thought. Waiting indefinitely for a low mortality, high recovery rate pathogen to decline even further while destroying our economy is irresponsible at this point. Floridians must be given the green light to reopen our economy and prevent an assured collapse of our socioeconomic structure. The virus is not as big a threat as was first hypothesized, its time to adjust our plan accordingly as soon as possible. Let's get back to WORK!
Brevard	Healthcare	I am concerned about opening to soon without strict conditions such as wearing maks and gloves. I would suggest that we extend stay at home orders until May 15th. It seems that we are making progress and i am concered that opening too early may undermine that progress. Sally Ball
Marion	Transportation	Do not open non essential international travel until the end of June or when we are on phase 4. Anyone who travels international should stay 14days in quarantine. At least till we are sure everything is under control international. We should not only look were the plane is coming from since a lot of people in South America, and Europe use connecting planes and it is important to see where they have been staying prior to come to the USA This also apply to Legal residents
Brevard	General	No, I don't want to die with Coronavirus
Clay	Government	We have not even tested enough. My county just got test areas and doctors are not giving anyone script to get the test .nothing is really closed except inside of restaurants. , hair and nail salon. Every thing else is open. Has Florida met its testing to open? On Monday there is a restaurant saying they are open .how is that I thought They had to go through all the steps to hold them and now they can just open my town has just started with this virus and it's a shame that all these places that are going to have gatherings will open

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Brevard	Healthcare	I am writing to you today because I am concerned for my personal safety at work, and for the safety of the patient's that I care for. I am a licensed Dental Hygienist in the State of Florida. As you know, dental office are planning to open soon. I understand that dentists, as business owners, are eager to reopen as they are concerned about finances. However, resuming elective dental services at this time puts the health of their staff and patient's at risk. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is still in short supply, and some dentists are expecting their hygienists to work without proper PPE and new infection control training. Dental Hygienists have the highest risk of contracting the coronavirus of any occupation due to the unique nature of our work. We work in very close proximity to the patient, and utilize dental instruments which create aerosols. These aerosols can suspend the virus in the air for hours, potentially infecting us, the rest of the dental team and our patients. It is virtually impossible to have your teeth cleaned without generating aerosols. The aerosols created by Patient A at 8:00 are still lingering in the air and dropping down on surfaces on Patient B at 9:00 and Patient C at 10:00. It is estimated that 50% of people actively shedding the coronavirus are asymptotic. Without the ability to test, we must assume that everyone is infectious (Universal Precautions). The Center for Disease Control, CDC, recommends that dental facilities postpone elective procedures, surgeries and non-urgent dental treatment until further notice. I urge you to enforce the CDC recommendations to postpone dental hygiene services at this time, and mandate resuming elective dental services As you consider next steps in reopening businesses, I hope you understand the unique risks to dental hygiene professionals. I ask you to make decisions that will ensure the safety of dental hygienists, their families and the patients they serve.
Sumter	General	Offer suggestions and outline how to stay safe ie hand washing, masks and social distancing but open everything . As an elder I know that I must still be cautious. Let others know that it is at there own risk. Schools assure parents that schools will be cleansed nightly. as well as school buses. Push sentiment that everyone is responsible. .
Hernando	Food	We need more testing. Open up restaurants for dine in is going to be disastrous if we don’t know if someone is a carrier or not. You can’t keep a safe distance I. The restaurant business with staff. It’s impossible.
Pinellas	General	Florida is not ready to reopen. If you open up to soon you will cause a set back that will cause more deaths. As Bill Gates mentioned in an article you need at least 10 more weeks before considering opening back up. There is no vaccine in place to help patients out if they get sick, so therefore, there is no solution to the problem. You will be putting everyone in harm's way and only thinking about yourself & not the people who will have to go out into this pandemic. Totally unfair and uncalled for. You need to wait until a medical staffer tell you otherwise to do so, but don't just do it on your own just because you want businesses to open back up and make money. You can't make money if you are dead.

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Pasco	General	Do NOT “re open” the state until Florida has the necessary testing to make sure all Floridians get tested, and enough resources for hospitals, free clinics etc... for when people do get sick. Make sure the unemployment website is FUNCTIONAL Hold those responsible accountable for the unemployment shit show, we look horrible compared to other states, time to stop being the state that the whole country expects to always mess up
Brevard	Healthcare	I work in the healthcare field in FL. I have not lost my job but my hours were decrease due to the pandemic. I have a compromised immune system so for me I am ok with staying home to help slow the spread. Even if it means I have to struggle to pay bills, I’d rather be asked to stay home and not open our practice to full working order. I feel that especially in FL we have many i high risk people. I understand that if you want to stay home you can. But if we RE OPEN FL staying home is not an option my employer will give me or anyone else who falls in the high risk category. I’d rather be asked to stay home a few more weeks or months.
Pinellas	Healthcare	I am concerned that insufficient testing capabilities may lead to more spread of COVID19. Additional how can we enforce quarantine of travelers from national & international hot zones? We need a well thought out plan based on good public health policy not just to reopen the economy, but for long term sustainability.

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Lake	Government	In my opinion, I believe Florida's economy could be opened effectively. Since a majority of Florida's economy is based off tourism it is very important to try and open these types of industries. But, I also believe that people will not travel unless they feel safe. For this I believe it is imperative for Disney and Universal, the two main tourist attractions, to open and have people feel safe. Perhaps for this masks would be a requirement for people to enter and rides that would be hindered by people wearing masks would just not operate for the time being. But, at least certain aspects of the parks can reopen and stimulate the economy. I know temperature checking is also a big thing but if people are asymptomatic then the temperatures are irrelevant. But, perhaps implementing a temperature checking station would make people feel more safe. I think for beaches we could practice social distancing and be able to open them up. For the most part people do usually give each other space at the beach and are usually at least 6 feet apart. The other huge thing would be for international flights to begin flying into Florida again for tourism reasons. This would be a coordinated effort between the federal government and other countries. But, another part of that is people feeling safe in order to travel and perhaps the mask requirement would be beneficial here also. Perhaps airlines could give out masks, if people don't have one, and make it a requirement while being on a flight to have it on. Temperature checks prior to boarding aircraft may also be beneficial. Overall, I believe that Florida can begin to reopen safely and effectively. The key point is to make people feel safe in order for these people want to travel and boost our tourism and bring our economy back up. Perhaps Florida will have to be an exception to the rule and make masks a requirement and make people feel safe. I do believe we will have a good rebound as people have been quarantining for weeks and will want to go out on a vacation with their families, especially when kids get out of school. It will just take people to feel "safe" to want to go to these places for vacations.
Palm Beach	General	Please open the beaches and outdoor activities, people need to be responsible to stay in smaller groups but also need fresh air and piece of mind, it makes no sense to keep tennis courts, golf courses closed, these or 1-4 people and encourage exercise and fresh air. We have had a major increase in domestic violence and people need to get out of the house and feel like they can breath. I honestly do not see how restaurants can survive at 30% capacity. They will loose their businesses which will have detrimental long term affects. season is over and they already lost that.

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Osceola	Accommodation	Please keep Florida closed for 30 more days! As we are slowly seeing that staying at home is in fact working, we should be kept on a stay-at-home order for another 30 days to insure success in flattening the curve. As of now, if people are told they may resume even just some normal activities, you will have a large number of residents not following precautions and the number of cases will begin to rise again. This could land us back in the same position in 3/4 weeks and the stay-at-home could need to be implemented again. For the sake of everyone who is at-risk, who is pregnant and would like for some of their pregnancies later this summer to seem somewhat normal, and everyone's general health and safety, please keep the state locked down for longer!
Lake	Technology	What do you think about S. Korea's tracking methods? We have the amber alert system, can that be used in a similar fashion OR a smart phone application.
Palm Beach	Food	In regards to testing... if we are not testing the same number of people each day then there is no true way to say that we are still having an increase. We should not be using case numbers but percentage of positive cases. If we test 10,000 people one day and 1,000 or 10% are positive and then the next day we test 20,000 and 1,500 are positive we had an increase of 500 cases but the percentage of positive cases actually went down to 7.5%. Why are we counting individual cases? As long as we continue to ramp up testing we will never have 14 days of downward numbers any time soon. We should have ALWAYS from the beginning been using a percentage
Orange	Healthcare	Mandatory face masks in public please. Dr Stefan
Duval	General	Please Open up the State and let us get back to work. It's contained as much as possible and can be monitored as needed. Most of the citizens of the state NEED to get back to work. Thank you, you're doing a great job.
Pasco	General	Reopen with good sanitary practices. Sick stay home. Open places with restrictions for May and then reopen fully in June. Gives places a month to practice good sanitary practices that will help in the long run especially when this comes back around.
Sumter	Recreation	Outdoor activities...Pickleball, Tennis, Shuffleboard are essential for our health. Our Pools need to be opened for Exercise purposes. The Villages knows how to handle Flu Seasons & Viruses like this one. We're basically untouched and want our Community Opened.

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Hillsborough	General	I think opening things like salons, bowling alleys, etc with close contact should be left till final phase. I think starting with some restaurants which are large enough for tables to be 6 feet apart . Parks for hiking and biking, canoes but not the playgrounds yet should be part of phase one. Beaches are a maybe because I know people will flock to Clearwater and Anna Maria . I also manage AirBnB as a part time gig. Our AirBnB are disinfected after each stay. We even was offering extra cleaner , Lysol, even changed the AC filters. I know there's some bad apples out there but I think an AirBnB ran properly is more safe then a hotel right now. I think they should be able to open with possible restrictions on where the travelers come from. I manage a school cafeteria on a daily bases.. I went through the norovirus 2 years ago. It only takes 1 or 2 students to infect over half the school. So be very careful on opening schools in August. I think unfortunately theme parks may need to stay closed longer. Our borders to the state still need to be monitored longer.from hard hit states. Florida has allot of senior citizens and we need to consider that fact. My mom has an auto immune disease. I have visited her the last 2 months from outside her home. I have a new grandson I haven't seen since he left the hospital because I still work outside the home feeding kids. I know it's bad for the state and the people but please consider how large we are and that the wrong move can damage us more.with a relapse. We also need the special dr's to try and reopen with distancing regulations. Dentist, optical etc. I know I need new glasses badly and some people have been dealing with tooth pain and things because the offices are closed or only open for extreme emergencies. Make it easier for Floridians to get the updated flu shot when it's available. The ones that don't have insurance . Allot of people have not only lost jobs but benefits so if a vaccine comes available for the civid 19 they can get that also.
Palm Beach	Recreation	The golf courses are closed in palm beach this has a very impact on both my kids who play gold they are 9 and 13. My girls live for golf but can not and even been told we can be fined if they even practice this is big issue because my oldest daughter Emma can't take lesson or get. She has a lot potential. If the shutdowns doesn't continue she will most likely not practice enough and get left behind by other girls in other states and counties who can and are practicing. This will have a direct effect on here ability to earn a scholarship in the future as she is at the age where if she doesn't play she will not reach her potential. There is no need to shut down private golf facilities where she could be walking and playing. As it stands now older residents are having large groups walk and even block parties. All of this more risk then swinging a club.

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Palm Beach	General	I have lived in Palm Beach County most of all my life and been in business most of my life too. First lived in the 70"s in Belle Glade, Florida than moved to Palm Beach in the 80"s. I see the Coronavirus has been affecting more south Florida the Tricounty areas Dade, Broward and Palm Beach more than any other cities in Florida. I see more New Cases and Deaths each day on the rise for the Tricounty areas in south Florida. I see Palm Beach County was one of the last to began Testing compare to the other cities in Florida that started immediately. Than Belle Glade recently open a Testing site and Belle Glade is 60% African American and they are saying that African American is affected more for the Coronavirus (Why was Palm Beach County left for last) plus we have a real high amount of elderly living in Palm Beach County. If the Governor plans to Reopen after the Peak reaches May 07 he should consider the Northern parts and Western parts of Florida first that does not have that many cases and deaths. But the Tricounty areas Dade, Broward and Palm Beach should be LAST to Reopen when the Cases and Death are down for 14 days. Thanks for my opinion and stay safe!
Brevard	General	I self isolated in mid January. Why? Nobody else did. This virus will never end. Open things back up.
Marion	Recreation	I believe that we should start opening back up, using safe guards of course. If the beaches can open back up then I think businesses should be allowed to open also.
Hillsborough	Information	Please do not open until we get a 14 day no new cases
Volusia	Retail	Being in the retail environment for over 23 years i would suggest not opening on the 1st i believe we need a few more weeks to get thru some obstacles as a state to ensure the proper measures to make sure safety is the #1 priority.
Duval	General	Open everything back up and let people decide if they want to go out or stay in. You know, a a little concept called freedom.
Indian River	Tourism	Open up the beaches (for sunbathing), pools and theme parks. America needs this; Florida's heat & humidity will stunt the spread of the virus. Keep up the sanitizing efforts and hand sanitizer stations. Theme parks, airports and cruise ships should look into adding UV-C lighting to inside areas.
Pinellas	Healthcare	Mr. DeSantis- be smart. We have a very delicate population here. Do not rush to open theme parks, restaurants and hotels, when we don't know how it will effect our vulnerable seniors. This could overwhelm our healthcare system and move is backwards. Please require everyone to wear masks in public. At least that will help. Make sure they are following social distancing guidelines. Be strict. If you want keep your job- help keep voters alive. Prove to us you have the health and safety of Floridians FIRST! Go slow. We will survive the economic shortfall- we will not survive death.
Hernando	Recreation	Please consider reopening the beaches, with appropriate social distancing, for residents to also sit and enjoy the sun & sand. Given the research indicating sunlight * humidity help kill the virus thise of us who can't jog or walk very far would enjoy getting our toes wet too. Thanks!

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Brevard	Tourism	I believe that we should start the process, within reason. My concern being tourism and too many people flooding the state once they are free to travel. My husband is an essential worker and I have been home with my 2 children for the entirety of the stay at home order aside from grocery runs. We have managed and struggled at times but I know it is for the betterment of our community and state to wait until we have leveled off more or dropped more significantly. Thank you for seeking the opinions of the public.
Leon	Technology	Open the gyms up now. How can we keep healthy if we are isolated from the very things that can make us healthier. Also, the economy is in a tailspin. We all need our jobs. Open Florida now. The elderly and people with medical conditions should self isolate. Don't hurt the rest of us that want to live life.
Charlotte	General	Please, please do not open businesses, public venues too soon. Charlotte county has had much larger increases in the number of COVID 19 cases in the last few days, which tells us we are not near the end. Everyone has to make sacrifices for the welfare of the people, regardless of hardship, wanting to go places, wanting to be with friends. Please don’t be swayed by the complainers who are “bored” with social distancing or don’t believe the seriousness of the pandemic.
Lee	General	Open up the state and Beaches and gyms. Let people social distance if they want. It’s our choice.
Pasco	General	Have businesses with a personal standing in front of the door handing out disposable gloves to be put on before they inter. That even includes all places of business. If people refuse. They do not go in.
Orange	General	Please don’t re open Florida yet. More people need to be tested before going back to work. Please take health over money. Money is replaceable not lives.
Sarasota	Recreation	Florida has flattened the curve, and we have complete faith that hospitals are not and will not be overcrowded now! We are excited for our apartment to be given the ok to open our gym and pool. I am a substitute teacher, so with schools closings, I obviously have no work now until august. So I need things to open up, so I can apply for a new job! We are confident that it is a safe point to open things up and hospitals are now prepared and will not be overwhelmed!

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Sarasota	General	Governor if we stay closed we can pass this thing faster. Money is not more import than the health of humans at risk. If we reopen Florida now with cases still on the rise you will be risking the virus to spread faster than a California wild fire forcing us to shut back down or just let people die. I dont know about you but I wouldn't be able to live knowing that I made the choice to put people at a higher risk of dying. I guarantee you the only reason our case and death numbers are as low as they are is because of the "stay at home" order. All I have been hearing you talk about on your conference calls is we have x amount of hospital beds open which is a very poor way to look at this pandemic. Just remember if it was your kids and family that got sick and didn't have the high intensive care and lack of insurance. How would you feel if one of them died from your decision? I understand people can't pay their bills. However this is why we need a forgiveness bill out there for mortgages, rents etc. and get the people the money that need the money. Who have made an effort to work and pay into the system rather than the people that play the system. Just do the right thing for human health. Thank you Chris Schwartz
Martin	Food	First & foremost thank you Gov DeSantis for taking action against Covid-19 for all Florida Residents!! Also thank you to ALL the local Mayors and City Council members who keep this great State running by making tough decisions that may not please everyone... My personal opinion from what I have seen being out at grocery stores, pharmacy and even the home improvement stores, the residents in my county (Martin) get it.. The majority of folks (I'd say 98%) I have seen give each other space in the stores, wear masks and pretty much playing by the rules. There are of course, some that do not wear masks..I guess that is their choice.. I think it would be a good idea to slow roll out opening of restaurants. If you all remember when all this started the Gov went to 50% capacity of the tables indoor and keep outdoor dining option available. I have no problem with that. Heck even if the server wears a mask that's ok too.. The establishments should have all their employees tested prior to returning to work. I cannot imagine a mother or father have to be home and tell their children...sorry no dinner tonight because they have been out of work and have no $$ for food. Let's give some folks a break and get back to work responsibly & safely. Beauty Salons and barber shops also not just for the regular residents but for our 1st responders. I recently read a post on a local nail & massage salon Facebook page from a ICU Nurse said after working 12 to 14 hour shifts daily and dealing with covid-19, that it would be nice to maybe get a manicure or even a massage to get a little break.. Just my thoughts..again thank you all we love our Great State of Florida!

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Sarasota	General	We need to get Florida open and Floridians back to work. Unemployment is a mess and people aren't getting the help they need to stay afloat. The shut down was only meant to slow the spread not stay at home until it's gone. The media has been flooding us with fear and It needs to stop. If you are considered high risk then stay home and protect yourself however you feel comfortable. Wear a mask and gloves when you go out. But don't send the rest of us into a irreversible depression over the fear one group is projecting. Our Dentists, and hospitals need to get back to working normally. It's ridiculous that we can only see a dentist for emergencies. We need normal dental treatments to stay healthy and hindering them from doing their jobs will cause more problems long term. Closing all our public parks, and limiting people's access to the outdoors wasnt a very good move. Not everyone has large back yards to get outside. Open the public parks, people can safely use them. A park has less germs then a grocery store! Treating us like children and stepping on our rights needs to stop. If your uncomfortable with going Away , than be a adult and stay home! A big message thats being sent right now is that certain jobs don't matter. The person who was working two retail jobs to be laid off and called nonessential is heartbreaking. To them their "nonessential" job is essential to paying their rent, buying food, providing for their families. If grocery stores can do extra sanitation to remain open why can't other stores do the same? Not everyone is fortunate enough to have a "essential" job. It's easy to call for longer shut downs, to issue more stay at home orders and close businesses that you don't believe are important if your still bringing in a pay check or if you have lots of money in the bank. But that is not the case for Everyone. Not everyone wants to depend on government money to survive. Let the people who want to work get back to Work! If this goes on for much longer I'm not sure what will be left of our great state.
Hillsborough	Real Estate	Its time to start opening our state! Let people who are afraid, stay home, but stop punishing people who want to work! It has already been shown that the death rate is very low and the media continues to scare people! Open the state!!!
Marion	Retail	Mid May open
Orange	General	To whom it may concern, We should wait out the storm lives are far more precious than our economy.We need to start making everyone pay their fair share of taxes stop giving so many tax breaks to those that dont deserve it. Millionaires an billionaires are my main concern if i had that kind of money i would want to share it with those in need. I am low class pay my taxes and still manage to share what i have why cant the upper class. We need to take care of all our citizens who pay taxes. We need to put more money into medicaid and education. We need to wait for the storm to pass just like with a hurricane.
Broward	Construction	No way we can open
Duval	General	I am concerned about a lot of things. If we are supposed to practice distancing I don't see how massage parlors, tattoo parlors nail and hair parlors can open. Even though it would be nice to get a hair cut. I do hope that Florida doesn't jump in as quick as Georgia in reopening.

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Orange	General	We should not open back up due to there could be another spike. For myself i have a health condition that could get effected by the virus. Its only putting more people at risk if we reopen. There is new cases everyday we should go two weeks without any new cases before opening up.
Lee	Recreation	Open the beaches and tourism. Let business open with guidelines.
Alachua	General	I think it is necessary to reopen the state but we need to go about it carefully and gradually. Start with areas that have low case rates but adequate testing, and keep social distancing measures at facilities that are allowed to reopen. And prioritize what facilities should be opened first, for instance, I think restaurants and dining room seating are more important than clubs.
Leon	Agriculture	Open the gyms up now. How can we keep healthy if we are isolated from the very things that can make us healthier. Also, the economy is in a tailspin. We all need our jobs. Open Florida now. The elderly and people with medical conditions should self isolate. Don't hurt the rest of us that want to live life.
Lake	Healthcare	Do not open our state before you have done extensive testing. Area like The Villages, which is a strong republican base, received extensive testing. Lake County, as far as I know, has received no testing site opportunities, unless you have to go to the ER!
Hillsborough	General	I think easing up on the stay at home rule and slowly opening up nonessential businesses starting in May will be wants best. You're starting to have people who are going crazy and will eventually take things into their own hands not caring about if they're arrested or whatever. Giving people hope that stuff will start to reopen, will help with sanity but also with businesses/people who are struggling to make money
Volusia	General	Florida should be very slow to reopen. Since virus is toughest on the older population, and Florida is home to many in that group, it should open slower than most states. The possibility of increased cases due to an early reopening outweighs the benefits of opening.
Lake	Food	I being a bartender don't think it's a good idea to open bars etc. Back up for the fact everyone has been cooped up and the moment its open people are gonna pile in places and its gonna be a virus spreading thing all over again.
Brevard	General	This situation has anxious people more anxious and depressed people more depressed. I do not struggle with mental health problems and I've found myself hopeless on some days. As much as we can start to normalize life again and stop behaving as if we can actually control this virus, will go a long way towards calming nerves and preventing further social and emotional damages. The fact is that people are going to get this virus and , sadly, some won't survive (I'm including myself and my family in these possibilities), but we can't cower from every unknown risk. Yes, we have to move forward with caution and wisdom with what we DO know, but we do have to continue moving. But with re-opening obviously there needs to be a lot of grace with allowing for those who are more susceptible or immunocompromised. Employers will have to still allow for work-from-home and a new "normal" will take some time, but it's beyond time to get that ball rolling!

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Orange	Tourism	Please don't open the state until case numbers go down and hit a low plateau! We WILL experience a second wave if this happens, and the government was not even prepared for this first one. You need to protect your citizens!! Keep Stay-at-Home orders until it is actually safe, do not lift them. More people will suffer and die. Then their deaths will be on the government's hands.
Brevard	General	Dear Task Force Members, I want a haircut. I want my teeth cleaned. I want to go out to eat and socialize with my friends. But, I want the health and wellbeing of my fellow Floridians to be prioritized over my individual wants. Florida is not ready for a safe re-opening of non essential businesses and activities. Our population is one of the oldest in the country. Many of our elderly have no close family to assist them during this time. There are also the disabled, the immune-compromised, and homeless populations who are all at much greater risk. It is our responsibility as a community to consider their health and well-being as much as, if not more than, the economic bottom line of our state. We haven't met the criteria outlined in the federal response to safe re-openings. We don't have enough testing and data in place to know where in this outbreak we are. In my opinion, re-opening the state at this time will simply cause an even larger spread of a virus for which we currently have no vaccine and no cure. I urge you to take the difficult and unpopular position of keeping the shelter in place order in effect. In the long-term, it will be the wiser move. Sincerely, Lisa Zelnick
Orange	Healthcare	I think we should remain closed at least until June, and I think that we should be stricter with our curfew that we already have in place and should have police stops to make sure people are only out for work. As well as closing down everything that is not a grocery store or medical facility because almost 70% of the workforce is deemed “essential” and having all of these places open almost defeats the purpose of us being in a “stay at home” order. I feel the more serious we take this now the better off we will be when we do open everything back up as far as tests available and hospitals able to deal with the level of covid patients
St. Johns	General	I want my free country back. You know the statistics. The cure is worse then the problem. Reopen Florida now!
Marion	General	Although tragic opening up the state at this time is a big mistake. The numbers are still going up and with the backlog cases of untested we are looking at possible large numbers when they are tested. I believe we should wait till the middle of next month do you consider opening up restaurants and buys a business.
Seminole	Government	Do not re open Florida yet.

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Gulf	Tourism	Worried about vacation rental I'm a cleaner & out of state coming in we have to clean them back to back with no time for virus to die off before I clean it. So worried vacationers having it stay whole week leaving virus on everything .I heard sometimes up to days thank you
St. Johns	General	I have been a proponent of keeping beaches open since day 1 due to the positive health benefits associated with being outside in heat and humidity, but logically speaking, a general reopening this soon will fuel the belief that this was not an actual emergency, causing people to disregard any safety protocols in place. This will ultimately cause a significant increase infections and widen the spread causing a "second wave", as the CDC has warned. Keep in mind, we've only flattened the curve, not completely rid ourselves of the virus. However, if a reopening is to happen, I believe that if anyone should be allowed to do so, it specifically should be local businesses only, as they need this more than larger businesses. They are also better able to implement cleaning procedures and keep a more sanitary environment.
Orange	General	I feel that even though the spread of the virus seems to have reached its peak we are still not safe to go moving around business as usual. I believe the "Stay at home Order" should be extended thru the end of June. Gradually as business open up within the CDC guidelines then the order should be modified to accommodate the open businesses. If we open up the state and have people out in about we are facing another outbreak and it could be much more lethal. Please protect Floridians its better to be a little uncomfortable now then to have another outbreak and more deaths.
Volusia	General	The of cases are still going up not down almost 400 they gone up slowly bit only cause people are listening until. More people are tested it would ne a tragedy to reopen because I guarantee the ampunt pf cases will quadruple. A bogostake
Leon	Construction	Open the gyms up now. How can we keep healthy if we are isolated from the very things that can make us healthier. Also, the economy is in a tailspin. We all need our jobs. Open Florida now. The elderly and people with medical conditions should self isolate. Don't hurt the rest of us that want to live life.
Nassau	Management	Good morning. First, thank you for all of the steps taken thus far to keep the state of florida safe. I'm not sure what the re-emergence should look like. It is a fine line of keeping the economy from slipping further and small businesses ceasing to exist and keeping the general public safe. There will need to be strict protocols put into place that continues through the remainder of the calendar year. Although the summer heat will have a positive impact on the virus surviving on surfaces, we will be into the fall sooner than you know it. Reversering whatever all the protocols to normal and having to go back to what we are currently doing will compound the impact should a 2nd wave of the virus surface that is worse than the initial phase. Thank you for your time and effort.

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Osceola	General	Would wait until June 1 to start first phase at the earliest. Small businesses including restaurants, hair, nail, etc. start mid to late June with special hygiene steps in place. Masks used by customer and workers to start. Outdoor theme parks leave to company to decide but limited guests to start, social distancing, masks, etc. Indoor venues later with empty seats between people, masks, etc. as more risks. Residents will decide for themselves to when they feel safe enough to attend social services and events.
Pasco	Healthcare	I am an office manager in a Dental office. To successfully reopen to full services, we need to have the correct PPE. Unfortunately that is hard to get right now. Please figure out a way to helps us get the protection we need. Thank You
Orange	General	I fear backfire on the progress made against this virus by reopening too much, too soon. I also fear the economic impact will overpower the decision that would be in the public's best health interest. Proceed slowly and steadily. Maybe release restrictions based on the least affected zip codes first and proceed from there. Cross-county/ state contamination is going to occur when restrictions are lifted. How we proceed will be crucial in how the continuation or the mitigation of this virus will follow after re-opening. We may be bored at home, but we are safe. We may not have all we want, but we have what we need.
Palm Beach	General	Please keep most non essential businesses closed until June 1st.
Pinellas	Professional Services	First issue/manipulatin I realized, the dealing with curves, you can make a relatively small number look big. Example: I'm playing basket ball and I make 500 baskets in 1 hour. Sounds like a big number, right? Wrong. What if I added that during that hour I threw the ball 2500 times? Same with the virus. Telling us how many positives looks huge but when you compare that number to population, not so big anymore. Second: They keep adding to the number without removing those who have gotten better. They keep making it seem there are all these hundreds and thousands out there with the virus but if the virus is a two week illness, how many are cured? Most everyone that fell ill with this in March are more than likely better now so they need to drop those numbers off the total. Third realization: Just last night on the news they said it takes 5-10 days to get the results back because of how backed up the labs are. So when they come out with their "daily new positive" most if not half of those numbers are also cured if not close to cured because of how long it takes to get the result back.
Miami-Dade	General	Let's start opening outdoor recreation immediately! Sun is healthy for body, mind, and killing the covid virus, including beaches. Open restaurants but limit capacity.. Masks need to be worn in retatail operations and offices with sanitation and distancing rules like in essential businesses ((super markets). Gyms, bowling alley and casinos need to be looked at more closely and sanitation orders must be strict. let's start!

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Sumter	General	I am an educator in Sumter County. I live right outside of The Villages. While I understand that Florida needs to reopen, I believe that we have a false sense of reality when it comes to the number of people who have the virus. Our local newspaper has reported that there have been no new cases in The Villages for 5 days, but this because there hasn't been testing occurring here. So, this makes people who are not as informed believe that everything is getting better when it's not. When Florida is open, it needs to be done strategically, so we do not a reoccurrence or worse yet, more people getting infected. I truly believe that if we open everything back up, people are going to flock to public places, and this pandemic will get become even more deadly than what it is now. I am terrified that on May 1st, the state is going to open, and people like my husband who has the lung condition, COPD, who works at Wawa, and diabetic mother who works at Advent Health in Tampa are going to be the ones who pay. Baby steps, little by little is was Florida needs to keep this state safe.
Hillsborough	Utilities	I think those who can and have the resources to continue to work from home should stay working from home. I think the benefits of people teleworking are undeniable and can aid in getting everyone back to work. With less people on the roads the traffic improves which means less pollution/better air quality which helps in the fight against climate change. For me personally it's 4 hours a day I don't have to be stuck in traffic and can spend that time with my family eating home cooked meals instead of McDonald's because there's no time for anything else. Also with less people out it reduces the chances of something like this ever happening again. Teleworking also has huge cost saving benefits for my employer because they don't have to pay for the building we work in along with the costs of utilities for said workplace. It's been proven time and time again. Dell has done a study (https://money.cnn.com/2016/06/09/pf/dell-work-from-home/index.html) that proves the huge benefits of teleworking and it's not just happier employees. What better time than now to make this change permanent. I truly believe it will aid in getting the economy up and running again because we wouldn't have to send every person back to the office, those that can should stay teleworking.
Hernando	General	Reopen now we will be careful we are adults
Polk	Recreation	Please open FL beaches and state parks to all Floridians. Those of us who live inland cannot walk to the beaches. Parking needs to be opened. It's safer to open our outdoor recreation areas than it is to open the theme parks, movie theaters, museums, and indoor attractions.

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Osceola	Education	To do anything other than reopening our state, our business, parks and beaches would be absolute stupidity on your part. We the people of Florida have complied with your stay at home measures for long enough. There are no numbers of sick, infected or dead that line up with the pandemonium and absolute trashing of our economy that is happening right now in Florida and across our country. How long do you think the people of this state will sit by and watch everything they've ever worked for go down the drain? How long before people start rioting in the streets? You look like idiots for forcing us into poverty and homelessness over the extremely low level of sick we're caring for. Our hospitals are empty and fully prepared for any surge we may or may not get. None of that is certain. What is certain is economic destruction if you don't turn this around NOW. Stop playing into the fear being perpetuated everywhere in the media. Use common sense, send people back to work, outside into the fresh air and sunshine and let us live. Enough is enough.
Volusia	Information	Get the amount of civil 19 down very low first
Leon	Food	Open the gyms up now. How can we keep healthy if we are isolated from the very things that can make us healthier. Also, the economy is in a tailspin. We all need our jobs. Open Florida now. The elderly and people with medical conditions should self isolate. Don't hurt the rest of us that want to live life.
Broward	Healthcare	Open the state .!! Except large venues and movie theatre.!! 85% of the state is open already .!!
Orange	General	No i don't believe we shod be opening back up yet. I feel that we'd be asking for a 2nd wave to hit us much harder than what it already has done. I'm mor willing to put my health or anyones health at risk like that.
Lake	General	My husband and I are 65 & 78 with health issues. Even when Florida opens up the economy We will continue to stay at home as much as possible. Only going out to pickup prescriptions using the drive through and to forage for food and needed supplies. I will probably start using a delivery service. We will use telemedicine as much as possible. Last week we did go to the grocery and were frustrated by the lack of people wearing masks or following social distancing protocols. We are very concerned people will become even more lax in following the protocols when the economy opens up. And fear this will result in a second wave of Covid-19 cases. I am extremely upset with the problems true small businesses are having getting loans and the problems the unemployed are having getting benefits in Florida. If these payments had been made timely, I believe we could have continue stay-at-home until it's truly safe to re-open. Our government has let us down.
Hillsborough	Healthcare	As a dental hygienist I am considered by CDC standards to be extremely vulnerable in my functions as a dental professional. I ask that you to consider the dental community as "essential " so that we may get the appropriate PPE, to include disposable gowns, N95 masks and full face shields. Dental professionals, especially the hygienist, produce huge amounts of aerosols 3-6 INCHES not feet, from potentially infectious people! If PPE can not be provided to us by the 5/8 deadline I beg you to consider dental to continue as emergencies only until the proper PPE may be afforded to us! Thank you for hearing my opinion/ concerns.

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Palm Beach	Recreation	Limit use of boat ramps by cutting parking in half but letting recreational boaters access launches. Have a ranger or park patrol limit one boat per ramp per time, most parks have at least 2 ramps.
St. Lucie	General	As much as I'd love to get back to my every day normal life I think opening Florida should be done slowly and carefully there should be a rush to go back to the things that we used to enjoy only because we don't want to second surge of the virus spread through. If we open too soon and too fast it can cause more havoc in the first round I can kill the economy even worse
Brevard	General	I think when the state starts to open up, stricter guidelines need to be put into place. Any one entering an inclosed space must still practice safe distancing and required to ware a face cover or mask. Example, food stores, box stores and any other business that are allowed to open. We have not seen the end of this Covert 19 versus in Florida especially when you have a county like Brevard where the test is showing only 1% of people have had the versus. We all want to get back to normal but we need to do it with caution.
Sumter	Healthcare	Too soon wait until June 1st
St. Johns	Retail	I think that opening more businesses shouldn't be considered until many more people are tested. And when opening does occur, everyone should be required to wear a mask when in public.
Alachua	Healthcare	Among other identifiers, I am a mother, a mental health business/practice owner and all of a sudden a 1st and 4th grade teacher. I encourage our leadership to consider setting politics aside in discussions and decisions for this virus and those in the future (novel or known). In particular the language and decision impacts on human behavior is of specific concern. From all evidence available, continuing language and decisions based first out of fear will continue to have damaging effects on human behaviors that are counterproductive for moving forward with: life in general, business, education, healthcare, our economy. The general public needs to know viruses do not take away the rights we celebrate in the USA. In the mental health field we are seeing clients who were doing well getting sicker due to conflicting information and perpetuation of fear. Reopening Florida does not need to be any further delayed. Hospitals have additional capacity, supplies and funding. The curve has been and continues to be flattened and the hospitals are well equipped. People need to now use their own judgment on making decisions to re-engage with daily life with the influx of precautions everyone has been saturated with (hand washing, staying home when sick; considering vulnerable populations). The longer our leadership panders to politics for the sake of trying to get as many votes as possible- the greater the long-term risk of perpetuated fear in the general population and the prolonging of a situation that never needed to result in economic demise and a virus hanging around for months on end. Stop spending resources on a marketing effort for "stay- cations" and instead perhaps consider encouraging our states citizens to use their own decision-making abilities with the knowledge we ALL now have on this illness to move forward with life. Social isolation and financial demise have MUCH greater negative consequences than I see our leadership considering. Stop politicizing life and end the stay home order NO LATER than its' expiration date.

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Osceola	Healthcare	Please take time to re-open. Wait until the number of cases are going down. We do not want to see the numbers spike up because we re-open too soon.
Seminole	Government	PLEASE do not reopen the state until we meet the standards set by the Federal Government. 14 DAYS of reduced cases. I am at a high risk because of age and other conditions. I stay home. My wife is changing careers too keep me healthy. She still has to go out to get groceries. If she interacts with someone who is back at work, she could catch it and I'll be dead. Even with us staying safe. It is wrong in every way to put us at such risk.
Seminole	General	Personally, I would love the idea of our state opening back up but I honestly don't think it is time. I would hate for our state to open up prematurely and then we are in an even worse state than before. I am tired of being in the house just as the next person but I think we need to think long term rather than short and I believe that the "Stay at Home" order should stay in effect.
Orange	General	I would like to make a comment about how opening gyms could work. I think "open gyms" could be opened with strict monitoring of cleanliness and a strict capacity. On the other hand, many people like myself go to workout studios (orange theory, Rukus cycling studio, yoga etc) which can EASILY monitor the capacity and cleanliness. The user is typically using one piece or set of equipment which can be easily cleaned and is safe to use. I would feel extremely good opening those workout studios that can lessen class size for social distancing and use extreme cleaning techniques in between users. Additionally, I think places like Disney could open if they implemented their own social distancing procedures locally. We are dying to get back to life as we knew it, but want to be safe too. These procedures could help. Mass unemployment for an elongated period of time could lead to worse issues.
Miami-Dade	General	Nothing has changed! Death toll keeps rising why would you open now? Im an essential worker we dont need more people out there complicating things
Palm Beach	General	Good morning I don't know if my message will be read. We are a family with 3 kids. One is a 6 months baby. My husband owns a small repair business. We live on that income. We don't have any family here so that business is what puts food on the table every week. We have been shut down like many others for several weeks. The virus is going nowhere and we need to learn to live with it around it and protect us. We need to reopen. How many suicides, bankruptcies, family dramas, are we waiting to reopen?? We are the real people. We suffer. Please May 1st is the date we need to start to LIVE again A desperate mommy
Leon	Information	Open the gyms up now. How can we keep healthy if we are isolated from the very things that can make us healthier. Also, the economy is in a tailspin. We all need our jobs. Open Florida now. The elderly and people with medical conditions should self isolate. Don't hurt the rest of us that want to live life.

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Miami-Dade	General	Reopen the following with restrictions: *Hair Salons is an ESSENTIAL job that needs to occur to maintain personal hygiene. Most salons are small and can easily sustain the 6 foot rule or minimize their clients with varied times so we can get hair cuts and necessary hair treatments. *Dentists offices (I began dental implants in August and have yet to have them completed; this could have caused medical implications due to shutdown). *Beaches, Parks, Recreation areas (If people can jam into a grocery store, the beaches outdoor areas should be open). *Gyms should remain closed due to the amount of confined spaces and need to disinfect equipment constantly and body fluids being dispersed during a workout. This is could be potential place for disastrous results and become an incubation chamber for the virus. *Stay at Home Orders lifted completely or modified with curfew hours to reduce 'house arrest' confinement situation. *Restaurants with limited seating and all employees should be tested and wear masks for serving, preparing and cooking food. (THIS SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE BEFORE ON ALL OPEN FACILITIES WHO DEAL WITH PUBLIC INCLUDING GROCERY STORES, HARDWARE STORES ETC). *Businesses with public access should only be allowed to OPEN if their employees are being tested regularly or remain 'unopen' to public access for safety of everyone. *Private or public mass parties of 10 or more should NOT be allowed with fines provided to those who violate the order. If it is a business, close them down for a 7 day period and increase fines and shutdown if they do not comply.
Osceola	Healthcare	I'm not sure how cancer surgeries got classified as "elective" but it's time to allow the medical professionals to do these life saving surgeries. I had been waiting Over four months for my prostrate surgery when it was cancelled 6 days before my appointment. I'm really concerned that additional delays could result in the cancer spreading and shortening my life. This is not unnecessary surgery. I want this done now.
Miami-Dade	General	Please do not reopen businesses until you have a rigorous testing program in place. If you're worried about the economy, you need to provide stimulus money to people to cover their basic living needs, in accordance to the cost of living in the community. I have a high paying job and am fairly secure in my employment, but I will not be going to ANY local businesses if they are reopened without proper testing set up. This includes no contact delivery. I am not willing to add to the chain of transmission fueled by desperate people in need of a paycheck. I will not be risking my life or my family's lives. We need to come together as a community and realize that our safety is most important. We need to make sure all of our basic needs are met. Fix the unemployment system, start taxing the wealthy to get revenue for stimulus checks. You can reopen the economy, but half of Florida can't afford to visit stores and another quarter will not be willing to put their community at further risk of spread. These businesses will fail with the lack of customers. Also get some doctors on your task force.

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Brevard	General	I think that "re opening" the state at this time would NOT be in the best interest of our state. This pandemic has so many variables that we the people do not know. You as our elected officials truly need to weigh the risks to your constuates. Our state has a large portion of our population over the age of 65. We do not need to put their lives in danger by acting rashly. We need to consider the entire population of our state before looking at economic consequences of this lockdown. {Space} we need to make sure that we the people are truly the number one priority of our elected officials.
Brevard	General	As a physician I've come to understand how important it is for the public health that during times of viral epidemic the public be strongly encouraged to wear masks or face coverings indoors or outdoors when social distancing is not feasible. Surgeons wear masks to protect the patient. We must wear masks to protect each other. So get back in your Disney or Universal it TSA line but be a good neighbor and a good citizen and wear a mask. Public health and the economy both win.
Brevard	General	Please open our state, NOW! Everyone knows what we need to do now, we can take it from here!
Palm Beach	General	We need to get back to normal as much as possible. If people want to go out, let them. Requirements should be wearing a mask. For those that don't want to get back out there, let them stay home. Businesses should be allowed to reopen and people need to go back to work. People are starting to lose it....
Osceola	General	I think you should open up slowly. For tourism- You should not let in any travel till in August and if so make people quarantined and fill out paperwork and get profs from doctors showing they are cured before entering and leaving Florida. You can open up small business but to a limited capacity and then gradually increase by July. You should open up sports, construction, retail, and recreation including healthcare and agriculture. For eduction you should probably open in August but make sure it is safe and have people clean.
Leon	General	This is strictly for the economy not for the consumers because who wants to go anywhere if we and the employees still has to wear masks. What's going to happen when people that supposed to be on quarantined comes into an establishment? With that being said the Governor's being very selfish and is gambling with the Floridians livelihood.
Marion	General	First...thanks for doing this. Second...it's not rocket science! Third...follow the doctors... scientist..and Federal Government 3 Phase guidelines. That's your roadmap.
Pasco	General	Just cause the cool kids are doing it, it doesn't mean it's the smart thing to do. I'd rather keep us closed for a little longer, vs. having to repeat this nightmare because we jumped the gun. I when we do start to reopen, I'd like to see masks continuing to be used by all in public for a while.
Indian River	Education	Schools should not allow in-person programs over the summer to allow the virus decline to fully take place and so the impact of any partial openings can be seen.

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St. Johns	Retail	I need to have an oil change. Instead of waiting for my car while being serviced, I would appreciate the car dealership or stand alone oil change store to have a tent outside with folding chairs spaced 6 ft or more apart while waiting. This is an option besides sitting inside. Chairs in waiting area should be taped off or some removed and spaced. Otherwise, I have to stand outside, possibly in heat for the return of my car.
Volusia	General	With no scientists or actual medical doctors on the task force, the decision you make will be based totally on your economic interests. Add some people who know something about the virus to the committee and listen to them. We have not in any way flattened the curve. We should be able to see a downward movement for at least two weeks before we even consider reopening. Doing it now will make everything worse - including the economy.
Seminole	Information	Simply put, it is not safe yet, reopening at this moment possibly will risk any containment of COVID-19 and will put an unhealthy pathway for this country, what we achieved at this moment will be lost and families will be put in danger in a resurgence of this disease.
Leon	Manufacturing	Open the gyms up now. How can we keep healthy if we are isolated from the very things that can make us healthier. Also, the economy is in a tailspin. We all need our jobs. Open Florida now. The elderly and people with medical conditions should self isolate. Don't hurt the rest of us that want to live life.
Lake	General	I firmly believe some of these businesses should have never closed. The media has hyped our residents up so much it is unlawful! Re-open now, slowly and carefully. Any restaurant with outdoor seating should open now, and conform to the 6' seating Hair and nail salons open now. These people are under strict guidelines from the Dept. of health for sanitation and sterilization, open them now. These small business people may not recover, but give them a chance. Open them now!! Slowly and safely, rules of thumb for all business people!!
Brevard	Healthcare	Every employee should be tested before going back to work and the customers should practise social distancing untill there is not an increase in cases state wise with continuous testing untill the majority of citizens are tested espically the A symptomatic
St. Johns	Healthcare	Medical care needs to be reopened immediately. For example I just learned that the cataract surgery I need to explore has backed up and I will not be able to get an appointment for a while. I have read that some cancer surgeries and heart procedures have been declared not emergencies. I have had both problems in the past and cannot imagine the stress of having to wait. Many of these surgeries are outpatient and postponing treatment was not necessary. And who ever decided dentist should close , to my mind , was insane. We already had to have dental appointments scheduled months in the future do to shortage of dentists.
Orange	Tourism	I don’t mind reopening with precautions but we need to reopen. If we don’t the economic impact on everyone could be detrimental to everyone’s future. Let’s get back to work. I believe the numbers of people who have had it is actually higher which makes the death rate lower. I will say it again - let’s get back to work. I am in my 50’s and this is the first time I have ever filed for unemployment.

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Polk	General	I think those mom and pops business should be allowed to do take out like Charlie on Lakeland Hills Reese Cliff on South Florida also the parks need to be open back up and if you open Resturant's like long horn apple bees chills outback Smokey bones red lobster not to the full capacity barbershop hair salons by appointments only
Palm Beach	General	I feel we still need to he in quarantine until probably after the summer! Please take no chances with our lives! But, I would put Officers out on the highway's into Florida & only let Floridians in. We have our Roads & Highways open to anyone from different States with higher numbers then us.
Pinellas	General	elderly and anyone who has medical problems should be quarantined for at least the next 45 days. Everyone else should completely reopen and be tested.
Orange	General	Please, it early for reopen... We need stay in home until of june. in case open now the a lots people run craizy outside and Florida make in the new New York.
Seminole	Education	First, thank you to you and your office for the excellent work to serve the people of Florida. It is much appreciated. As a private school leader in Maitland, any steps we can take over the next 3 months to gives the State the very best chance of having students return to their campuses in August would be welcomed. A slow move into Phase I and II would likely prepare us well. Thanks.
Palm Beach	General	People need to get back to work.
Hillsborough	Finance	Although we are all awaiting return to normal life, or what will be our new normal, re-opening florida too soon will mean we've done all of this for nothing. Make no mistake, my family has been hit hard by this, my husband is a restaurant employee. We have sat here with no income for over a month, hoping that the broken unemployment system will finally work itself out and my husband will be paid the money he is entitled to after working hard since he was 16, he is now 42. Restaurant workers work in hospitality not for the money, because they believe in it, they believe in an industry that helps people celebrate, helps people grieve, helps people get together, gives people a family that have none. We are suffering as we watch our bank account slowly dwindle. Florida needs to be there for us, fix unemployment so people can stay safe at home. It is too early to open up, it will have grave consequences.
Seminole	General	Open Florida!! This has gone on long enough! Quarantine is for sick people not healthy!
Volusia	General	I do NOT think things should reopen until everyone, regardless of WHO they are can be tested. My 25 year old son is a department manager at Walmart and has tried to get tested after having difficulty breathing and was told no. I feel that as a person dealing with the public who has underlying asthma and a high risk pregnant wife at home should be able to be tested! Not just do you have a fever?? We waited too long and allowed spring breakers and beaches to be open before we had Stay at Home orders put into place. Lets not have our FL govenor make yet another mistake. I personally DO NOT want to start all over again with the Stay at Home order because we jumped the gun.

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Volusia	General	To early to reopen... in my opinion we should be on a significant decline for 2 weeks before considering reopening. I am a business owner (Construction) and have not had any income for the last 45 days, but have keep my 4 employees on the payroll. And paying their health insurance. We need to stand firm until we are sure this will not flare back up. Listen to the health experts!
Sarasota	General	In my opinion there is no Safeway to open Florida right now this is ridiculous, people are going to die, Florida is still exploding with new infections do the right thing give it some more time.. I'm sorry about these people and their jobs but it's no excuse for loss of life. Thank you for your time.. PS,,I'am in the food hospitality industry and have been out of work since this started a but again my lively hood is not worth somebody else's life..
Bay	General	If DeSantis is smart, he' won't reopen Florida because it's too early.
Orange	Retail	Hello. I work retai . I understand the importance of stores opening back up. But, I am struggling with understanding how this can be done safely right now. I have read that employee temperatures may be taken, but what good is that if we come in constant contact with strangers (the customers). The way society is nowadays, I don't see being able to accurately enforce customer temp taking. Plus a person can be infected and not have a temp. Again, I get stores need to eventually open. I just want it to be done safely. Is selling a nick-nack worth me getting sick over? Thank you for listening.
Manatee	General	Hello Thank you for your time. I believe we should open up, not in steps but in the whole for a couple reasons. 1. We isolated in order to flatten the curve, not eradicate a virus. That would be impossible. We have accomplished the flattening so as to not put strain on the health care system. 2. The health care system is NOT strained. I am a CT Technologist. Hospitals have furloughed or reduced staffing dramatically. If we don't boost our hospitals with business soon the impact on hospitals and their stability may be due to decreased old rather than increased load. 3. I believe the strong encouragement with some preset guidelines THAT CAN BE ADOPTED (not forced) by the private sector should happen. The public frequents facilities based on preferences already. We have no shirt no shoe policies in most. Let the private sector make a no mask policy and if they don't, those who do not wish to frequent their establishment can give their money/business to someone else. If they want to do temperature checks prior to entry, and if high they can ship for them, let them. It's not discrimination. It's private sector and public health coming together in a free, fair, indiscriminate, liberating and not over reaching manor. But overall give instruction and education to the private sector and the public common and give practical guidelines for cleanliness and cautions and reopen.

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Palm Beach	General	To boost the economy, People need to come spend money, my suggestion is: 1-Give an incentive on taxes for the rest of the year for new real estate transactions so houses are sold. For example: houses listed in May won't close until June/July. From closing date to the end of December, the new owner will be exempt of 50 % tax. Also at closing, void tax charges that can be voided. When a house is sold, tax is usually re-assessed and most of the times it is raised a lot. This makes sense for the cities, still getting paid taxes, while keeping transactions going without homeowners needing to foreclose after the quarantine. 2- Give Florida people a half month of rent and mortgage free In May without having to re-pay. 3- All banks and credit card company's should not charge interest for a few of months. Monthly amount due still need to be paid, but interest (let's say 3 -6 months) should be waived without penalties or having to pay back. 4- Resume court hearings. If need be, have outside hearings like a judge did it in Tennessee. 5- Open the malls and retail stores. Ask all stores to keep the number of people to a minimum according to the size of the store. Also ask them to have one way isles. For leisure: 1- Open all beaches but have a designated entrance so the crowds are limited. Also keep everyone to a limit of 2 hours. When parking meter is done they need to leave so there is an opportunity for someone else to enter,. Open parks with the same guidelines for beaches 2- Keep restaurants to take out and delivery with a closing time to 8 pm so ppl go home rather than linger around
Broward	Healthcare	We need to get number of cases and daily deaths down to near null before fully reopening. Please consult with health experts and revisit history. We as a state and country need to be equipt to handle a second wave. The second wave is what killed most people during The Spanish Flu after numbers were at zero. We can not care for a second wave of patients if we are still trying to cure the first wave. The economy will suffer greater if we have to shut down a second time because we opened too early. I am a Broward county health worker. I am highly concerned with the number of deaths, cases, and exposure we are constantly exposed to as essential workers. People are hanging around Home Depot, Sam's club, Walmart, Target, and Costco by the masses and are refusing to stay home. Maybe open outside recreation for exercise first. At least people won't be as exposed outside as they are in confined stores.
Leon	Real Estate	Open the gyms up now. How can we keep healthy if we are isolated from the very things that can make us healthier. Also, the economy is in a tailspin. We all need our jobs. Open Florida now. The elderly and people with medical conditions should self isolate. Don't hurt the rest of us that want to live life.
Volusia	Accommodation	As long as the medical facilities have enough equipment and beds, let's reopen. Nature will have to find it's own balance at one point.

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Lee	Recreation	I think fitness studios Can open but limited to 10 Per class and 6 feet apart. Big box gyms should not open yet it would be too hard to control
Lee	Tourism	I would encourage an extension of the vacation rental restriction. Florida seems to be doing ok with regard to new cases while many states in the Midwest and east, where many of our visitors come from, are continuing to see an increase in the number of daily cases
Palm Beach	General	I want to see the state open up. I am 68 and in good health. I will be cautious. We need to have the nursing homes monitored. Schools need to remain closed for the school year. Retailers need to be opened up. Restaurants open up. Hospital staff back to surgeries, the beach and recreation open. With guidelines. No large crowds. Masks worn. Testing to continued. Disney and large recreational parks closed for now.
Flagler	General	Keep Florida closedown until it's completely safe to open. Listen to the doctors, CDC and scientists not hot heads screaming about their rights.
Seminole	Professional Services	While I am eager to go back to work at the salon business I just opened, I find it extremely difficult and burdensome to fathom that I would be responsible for the health of my clients beyond normal sanitation expectations. To think that I could be at risk, from a legal standpoint, should one of my clients contract Covid-19 even though I followed all recommendations and guidelines. Since there are still many questions surrounding transmission of this virus, I feel as though it is in the best interest of community that our businesses open in phases that are spread apart far enough that adequate data could be gathered to ensure our number do not continue to grow because our reopening. Most salon businesses are unable to practice social distancing guidelines because of the nature of our business, hence why we were not considered essential. At this time, I do not wish to have professional services be considered for phase one of reopening.
Hillsborough	Education	I own a small business that teaches kids STEM using legos. A big part of my business is summer camps. Please re-open small businesses in Florida. Loans and government handouts do not help a lot of us. And if I miss summer income, it is crippling to my business. Many of us seasonal small businesses make the majority of our money in a few months of the year. When we miss that money, crippled us. Please at least increase the number of people that can be in the same room. Many parents who work need child care, and once the school year and e-learning are done there will be nothing for these kids to do.
Alachua	Retail	Reopen the economy focus on protecting the elderly and those with preexisting conditions. Let everyone else live their life normally! This should have already been done.

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Polk	General	From what I'm seeing the virus is now moving state to state and I don't believe it has fully reached FL. This has got to be a hard decision for you . I think it is to soon to reopen . Are numbers in FL have been increasing. We will soon see how opening in GA . works out. The numbers will tell you and listening to the scientists . Prays for you while you are figuring out this decision that will effect life's. We all want things to open and regain some normal . This is not something that should be a political decision. So please don't let that happen. We all love are family and friends and want them to stay healthy and safe . We have not done enough testing and I know you know that needs to happen.
Orange	Tourism	In terms of FL's tourism industry, I think that the tourism industry especially the theme parks like Disney and Universal should and can open up with limited regulations and social distancing guidelines. I am willing to have them open with strict guidelines in place such as only FL residents at first, then national residents, and then international. For me personally, I would love it if Disney would open up, but I would like there to be certain things in place to make sure the safety of guests and workers is at hand. I think that with the right precautions/restrictions, theme parks can open up even to some limited capacity. There has to be a good balance between adhering to social distancing/health sanitation/procedures and opening up the economy. It can be done and may not be what everyone wants or would like right now, but there is a way to have both the economy/tourism industry open all the while adhering to health guidelines.
Palm Beach	General	I am worried about my wife and I being forced to go back to work and contracting COVID-19. We have three children and have been working from home just fine. My wife has an underlying condition and I am worried about getting her sick. Can we enforce an order that allows people like us to continue working from home until a vaccine is available?
Orange	General	Open it up in stages. People will suffer more from the economy. Those who are at risk should stay home and the others should help those in need.
Palm Beach	General	Like other viruses and all their mutations, there may never be a vaccine. We surely can't shut down and quarantine hoping for cure. Like all of life we need to face and live with the hands we're dealt. Open up allowing each individual to mingle or shelter as he/she sees fit for their own safety. If there's no cure covid19 will stay with us into the future. We can't wait it out.1
Orange	Education	People first. There is no life that can be traded for profit. This is awful and I know it. You are in a terrible spot that holds more responsibility than you ever thought you'd have to shoulder. I teach Elementary School and appreciate the choice to continue distance learning through the end of the year. I pray that we can open in regular fashion this August. Try not to follow Georgia's lunacy. We need our parents and children more than we need to bowl a few frames or memorialize the situation in ink on our bodies. Let. Us. Be. Safe.

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Orange	General	Open smartly these are until until a vaccine comes.- Mandatory masks for everyone when in public . Keep up social distancing. Random thoughts- Can anyone in Florida manufacture rapid antibody tests or COVID tests? Who is doing contact tracing? I'm sure many people can help with tracking this. With rapid testing available in mass quantities, we can open large gatherings if tested before people enter, of course while wearing masks.
Lake	General	I believe the economy in its entirety should reopen and never should have shut down. High risk people or anyone in general should be allowed to stay home if it makes them feel safer.
Duval	General	Please allow us to mask on, move on. Given the data coming out of the antibody tests in NY and CA, indicating the the death rate may be much smaller than what is being reported now, we need to open everything back up, with wise instructions. Wise instructions should be: wear a mask when in places where it's hard to stay 6ft apart, keep 6ft apart when in public, wash hands often, and if your are feeling sick, stay home.
St. Johns	General	Do not reopen FL businesses and beaches until a vaccine is available. Increase testing availability. No symptoms required for testing . Many carriers are asymptotic. Provide safe housing for the homeless.
Lake	Construction	I think this task force should actually get some truths about this virus first. Is it actually airborne or just the spit. Does I've rays actually kill virus as that changes from day to day. We have to actually know if you contract once if you will truly be unable to contract virus. We have only tested 1% of population so how can we actually know if virus is receding. I think we are trying to rush to go back to work to soon all other countries worked harder with more restrictions and were shutdown for 12 weeks. I see it causing way more problems with all the things we Do Not know about this virus, even US Surgeon general agrees
Leon	Retail	Open the gyms up now. How can we keep healthy if we are isolated from the very things that can make us healthier. Also, the economy is in a tailspin. We all need our jobs. Open Florida now. The elderly and people with medical conditions should self isolate. Don't hurt the rest of us that want to live life.
Brevard	General	Please don't do it. US didn't reach peak and even after peak we need to wait more time. Any other decision would be a show of irresponsible, ignorant administration, only interested in satisfying the lobbies of tourism and it's own self interest, surely not safeguarding its own people.
Clay	Recreation	Please allow gyms to open immediately. I'm retired and I lift weights daily. It helps me physically as well as mentally. Since gyms closed down nearly 2 months ago, I have gained weight (body fat) and my strength has decreased. I cannot exercise outside and get the same results without equipment. I've been a gym rat for nearly 20 years and during this time is the longest I have ever gone without lifting. Gyms can be reopened safely and is included in our Presidents phase 1 guidelines.

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Martin	Healthcare	Healthcare & Government go hand in hand, now lets start with common sense which should over ride government & Health Care. You cannot shut the economy down & save people's lives because people need the economy. I believe in Sweden's approach. this was an over reach by the health officials. the elderly & people with other health issues should stay home & or wear a mask of some sort when going out in public. You cannot wreck the economy to protect an age group. If you want some one with common sense, I am willing to help.
Volusia	General	Hi, I just want to share my feelings on the re-opening of businesses. We go to the grocery store, the gas station, Wal-Mart, any number of places where we come in contact with others. We can all make decisions related to our family health and we'll being. I think guidelines can be just as effective for people to follow without the stringent lockdown parameters that are in place now. I think everyone realizes the importance of social distancing and keeping activities to those that are necessary. Let us open and take precautions, while starting to get back to some normalcy. Most will realize the gravity of the situation, it will not be the robust economy it was before anyway. Less people will be out whether it's because of concern from the virus or lack of disposable income. We can do whatever is necessary to help at least start action of re-opening. Masks and distancing coupled with hygiene can go a long way to keeping people safe. Please help us get back to earning some income. Thank You
Brevard	General	Reopening non essential businesses will increase the risk for essential employees going to work. My husband is fully capable of working from home 80% of the time but his employer refuses to allow this which puts him at risk unnecessarily. He has risk factors that put him at a higher risk of severe complications from contracting the virus. If he has to go to work, the stay at home order is minimally comforting as it reduces his risk of contracting the virus from those around him. I do not think it is fair for people to have to choose between a paycheck and their health. Measures to reopen need to be strict about limiting people allowed in businesses. Also employers need to make contingencies for sick employees. If someone doesn't have paid sick leave, they won't call in sick. You can make all the social distancing rules you want but if people go to work sick they will still spread it.
Palm Beach	General	First phase Reopen beaches, parks, gulf with social distancing guide lines slowly. Following by trace testing. Restaurants need to follow social distancing allowing outdoor sitting,. All staff wearing mask and gloves. Follow first phase 2 weeks. Mall's and retail stores second phase 2 weeks. Hotels, casinos, theaters, hair salons, tattoo, gyms, and malls all high risk businesses not ready to open tell June that would be third phase. Before moving to next phase make sure there is no substantial increase on cases. And that we continually monitor everyone who test positive. Capability of testing is the only condition to open. And the availability of protective gear.ppe
Volusia	General	Do not reopen Florida.

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Pasco	General	Please don't reopen things until medical experts say it is safe to do so. The economy will recover in time. We must value life over business right now. Lives lost cannot be brought back. Please use open slowly with guidance from medical experts not business people who just want to make more money. Please work on the unemployment website so people can feel they can survive while not working. It gov supports it people better through this there will be less public unrest.
Broward	General	Once health officials say it's okay to re open..barber shops and Salons should set rules how many costumers can occupy the the faculty at once...if we can work from home we should until school is over..Most parents can't leave their kids Unattended especially with a time like this..Don't open up restaurants gyms or theaters there no way to keep all that space disinfected...to many risk can happen.. I don't feel safe going out for another month but health officials have to see a huge decrease is number of cases I mean zero
Hillsborough	General	Many things have gone well- and I believe the safer at home order was the right call. But now, 6 weeks later we need some small steps to ensure our economy does not completely crumble. 1- unemployment has been non-existent. My family has been waiting since March 19th for my husband's unemployment to process and the system does not allow for any updates or steps or notice about where you are in the process. We will be unable to pay our bills come the middle of May as the stimulus money will run out and my husband's unemployment is currently non-existent. 2- HCPS has done a great job! I'm in Gaither/Claywell/Ben Hill area. Food has been delivered to families. Teachers are working and communicating regularly. Communication from district has been excellent. 3- reopening the state I think must start with our doctor's offices, dentists, medical surgeries, Etc. Floridians need to be able to access not only emergency care but also preventative care. I know a handful of people that are waiting on cataract surgery, tooth extraction and breast cancer screenings. As much as I would love the beaches to reopen- I don't think this should be a first priority. The citizens of Florida need our own access back to health care, parks and limited businesses before we open for tourism. I would love schools to return in fall. I do understand that means the schedules may look different. The sooner we can plan for this the better. Thank you for your service. May God continue to bless and keep us close.
Brevard	Education	Please try to consider daycares to reopen as soon as possible so that way the workforce can put their children in the safe hands so they may get back to work instead of trying to find somebody to watch their children
Volusia	General	The numbers in my area continue to rise, even under the current order. My concern is that if businesses are permitted to open before the spread begins to slow down, then it will get worse in my area.

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Levy	Retail	I don’t agree with reopening. It is too soon. A month of stay at hone being mandated is defiantly not long enough in all seriousness. Our numbers in the state of Florida continue to climb with no evidence of declining anytime soon. We are a tourists state and as soon as you open our governor needs to realize people from other states will flood ours bringing more contagious people to the Florida residents. Many many of my family and friends agree and I will be sharing this on my page and a few others to get this out there so you can see 85% plus are asking for our governor to think of the residents of this state beige money he thinks reopening would bring, we voted him in to serve and protect its residents and we all have not seen very much of that at all. What he needs to do is extend the stay at hone order so we do not end up like New York and what he should focus on more than any other issue at the moment is unemployment we are the state that’s so far behind getting payments out to who desperately need it and have depleted their savings etc to buy simple Food let alone pay bills. We would not be suffering so much if that was addressed and fixed. And as far as opening the government and trump set guidelines on that for a reason and we have not had two weeks of straight numbers declining in increasing so his answer is simple there on what is best for the state of Florida we need our stay at home extended for another month then we’ll be live our governor cards for his residents of his state, because as much as Florida is a tourists state it is more a retirement state and people with underlying conditions like myself come to live safely According to the White House’s guidance, states can begin reopening businesses (phase one) after the number of coronavirus cases in the state has declined for 14 consecutive days. In this initial phase, people still would be cautioned against gathering in groups of more than ten people, but places like restaurants and churches could reopen if they adhere to strict social-distancing protocols. Assuming that cases continue to decline for two more weeks, states can then enter phase two, reopening schools and allowing people to gather in groups up to 50. If states can show they have no resurgence of cases, they can eventually enter the third phase, which would allow life to return to some semblance of normality.
Manatee	Construction	I own a small business as a construction consultant. The shutdown is costing me my ability to provide for my kids. I didn't qualify for PPP. I don't qualify for unemployment. There are no other options for me to receive any government assistance. I am baffled why the Florida government is doubling down on the shutdown when the models and predictions were all wrong and the death toll is .02% in Florida? It has been no worse than an average flu season. That information alone should qualify for the shutdown to be OVER. How can anyone in government ignore the reality of the numbers?
Seminole	Finance	No I work at a daycare and it’s scary because me parents are doctor and nurse and I have children at home and I have to work now starting May 4 and I’m freaking out because I don’t have childcare for my kids and I’m not taking them with me to work because that’s an opinion. My job wants me to take me kids with me That’s all three of us around children who have parents that work at hospitals it’s scary Please wait just a little longer to open

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Seminole	Management	Please reopen the state and businesses. Most, if not all businesses want to find a way to coexist in the era of COVID. We want to operate our businesses wisely and safely for our staff and for our customers. Please give us the chance to do that. I fully understand the risks, the challenges and what a loaded situation this is. I think most people do. But that doesn't change the fact that we want to get back to our ways of life. We can't hide in fear for the next 12-18 months waiting on some hypothetical vaccine. Reopen the state according the the whites house guidelines. Put us on a 6-8 week path to phased reopening.
Lake	General	Rescind the Stay At Home order and allow businesses to re-open. Those who are at risk can decide for themselves if they wish to limit contact with the public. Public funds should be used for essential services (food/medication delivery, etc.) for those who wish to self quarantine, not wholesale stimulus checks to every worker, many of whom want to go back to work.
Duval	General	Ready to reopen. I work at a salon and read Georgia's plan. Those requirements are a great place to start. If someone isnt ready to leave home then dont. We are ready and will follow any guidelines set. I think most people feel the same way. We cant stay at home and be scared. Be smart if you dont feel good stay home. If you are out and about wash your hands and be mindful of we just went through.
Highlands	Education	The restrictions on childcare centers, especially the number of people per room, needs to be increased. As people need to return to work, large centers are turning enrolled families away because of the limited number of people per room. Also, expecting the children to remain with the same staff is impossible. Teachers need breaks or a spilt shift and then there is always the bathroom breaks. Please increase the people per room and don't count staff in that number. In order to meet staff required ratios, staff are taking up slots which could be used for children.
Seminole	Professional Services	I work in the salon services and I have major concerns about going back to work as we can wear a mask and gloves and take the steps to protect our clients but whose protecting us? Once someone comes in that may have it without symptoms it spreads like wild fire and I do not want to be subjected to that. I Do not want to lose a family member let alone potentially losing my life because people are bored at home. This is a serious matter and we need to save lives by being smart and patient. I myself am stir crazy but I also value my life and those around me. Please don't reopen until we have consistent signs of change and improvement.
Hillsborough	Tourism	Open the casino. Some slots can be shut down so distance is maintained. The bottom line is people who feel comfortable coming out will and those who don't will not so open for those that do.
Marion	General	I just am writing in support of reopening the state up safely. There are some polls that say Floridians want the the stay at home order extended, but I am not one of them. We must get our economy opened back up safely.

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Martin	Retail	Encourage all to wear mask in public, Require store to sanitize carts between customer use, 1 way aisle to prevent face to face exposure, close fitting rooms to prevent contaminated merchandise, Hand wash stations at business entrances, Limit number of customers in a business at 1 time to maintain social distancing. Consider extending these actions in to Flu season to prevent Multiple virus. If businesses take these actions until more concrete evidence is know, we can open safely and stop the spread. Prevent more deaths from Covis 19 and the flu
Leon	Tourism	Open the gyms up now. How can we keep healthy if we are isolated from the very things that can make us healthier. Also, the economy is in a tailspin. We all need our jobs. Open Florida now. The elderly and people with medical conditions should self isolate. Don't hurt the rest of us that want to live life.
Hernando	General	Too soon to open. Evaluate the numbers and wait until they are lower. Opening too soon will be detrimental to businesses that will have to reclose if/ when their is a spike. It will pose a threat to controlling the spread before fall when we are already expected to possibly have another wave. August is also the time when students could potentially physically go back to school. If we open to soon we may be causing a delay in the return to classrooms. Many students are being negatively affected by the lack of structure from homeschooling particularly if parents are working. Fortunately the school closures happened close to the end of the year but do we really want to delay them at the start of the year? If we open too soon everyone will flock to the open areas, caution may be put to the wayside, numbers will spike and we could end up worse then projected. If we have done better than previous projections let's continue that trend by continuing to exercise caution and evaluation of hard numbers and professional feedback not be blinded by people's impatience.
Volusia	General	Please open in stages but people need to work and also not always stay in and watch the news all day. Haha Thank you!!
Pinellas	Technology	I'm sure you get a lot Of comments but if you read this PlLEASE open the beach and restaurants safely Of course thanks
Sumter	General	With unemployment not being distributed as necessary, i feel that the sooner the state reopens the more beneficial it will be for all Florida's residents and businesses. I also feel that the COVID-19 Antibodies Test should be considered for all residents free of charge (or minimal cost) as soon as possible to determine who is still vulnerable to the virus. I know a lot of people who were very sick in January of this year who tested negative to the flu strands. Lift the stay at home orders, people (especially in Sumter County) are not following them. Keeping the businesses closed are only hurting Florida's economy.

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St. Lucie	Government	Given the data we have and death toll and positive numbers of covid-19 climbing daily, I feel we are not ready as a state to re-open yet. The state hasnt hit its peak yet and loosening restrictions will only make numbers and death toll worse. Once we have adequate testing for all, not just those that meet guidelines, that is accurate and faster results than what was given and sufficient treatment than we can begin to get back to normal. We need to listen to the advice of medical professionals. If we leave it up to residents they will not care and even if sick will go out into public and infect others as to not take away their freedoms. Also let's not forget those that show no symptoms! I am a healthcare professional and I can tell you I'm advising at least another 30 day shutdown. If you want to open beaches while maintaining social distancing that's fine, but not indoor facilities where we stand a higher risk of contracting the virus. The beaches would be a good test run. Thank you!
Hillsborough	General	Please ensure that the decisions made are in full consideration, without deadly compromises, for the health and welfare of all the people of Florida, old and young. Those decisions must be based on sound, best available, medical scientific knowledge. Safe procedures guarding our health must be the primary focus. Economic conditions are critically important but must be subordinate to the health of our people.

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Volusia	Education	I live in New Smyrna Beach, I own a in-home preschool, I have remained open to support essential workers, and I have limited my exposure to stay healthy for my family and the families I care for. I am at the beach twice a day for exercise, fishing, and swimming. Something I have been doing the 6 years I have lived beachside NSB. We are already seeing many people start to flock back to beaches, numbers increasing. The town is increasingly busier and people are parking anywhere they can find and hanging outside of closed businesses, waiting for to-go food, and being served to-go drinks by restaurants. Social distancing is not happening. Our numbers have luckily remained low, and everyone has relaxed. I fear that letting more places open and more people into our small town will increase our numbers. I don't think we have seen enough of a consistent decrease to start to go back to normal yet. We need to wait until our numbers are steadily moving down. I have many friends in town, who have not been social distancing. Who have been having gatherings in neighborhoods, and who have been gathering on boats/islands to hang out. Less ping restrictions is just going to increase the number of people doing this. Please give us more time to fight this!!! Please protect our Florida locals by not full out opening beach parking and beach driving. My mother and my grandmother, who also live in town, would love to be able to leave their houses eventually. Slacking on restrictions now are only going to increase our numbers. Though our numbers have been low, surrounding towns are still increasing. Letting things return to normal, even a little is going to bring more cases here. If you think the locals or anyone in NSB is going to maintain social distancing inside of restaurants that are allowed to open, you're crazy. Most people are worried about social distancing getting to go food, or walking on the beach. I have to dodge people daily while working out, who seem oblivious to staying 6 ft apart. Going to Publix has been horrible as no one seems to care how close they are to you, especially employees. I feel confident in saying that summer time plus a let up on stay at home/social distancing restrictions, is going to lead to many more cases, as people put their social lives and fun before their health. I got invited on a group paddle board trip just last night
Lake	Education	Smaller classes or bigger classrooms. Socially distant settings.
Hillsborough	General	Please think long and hard about the choices to open certain things - some are still skeptical about what is or isn't good to open - Please pay The unemployed
Volusia	Retail	Work in Seminole county. Live in Volusia county. I'm going to keep this simple do not re open the state. Keep the stay at home order in place for another 30 days. You are going to kill people. Do not choose business and their livelihood over lives. It just that simple.

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Putnam	General	In my County we started off slow with this virus , now it seems we're going up by double digits on a daily basis. Florida continues to increase in cases and in deaths. Opening the economy now would be foolhardy and it would jeopardize thousands of Florida residents and their families. That being said there are still thousands of Floridians who have yet to receive any kind of stimulus to help us. we cannot use the unemployment website because it's always down. I have lived in Florida all my life. I was born here, I went to school here , my family is all here. I love Florida I think it's one of the best places to live but I am very disappointed in the way this has been handled. Even now you rarely see anyone in Putnam County with a mask on everybody jokes like this is a hoax. The leaders in Florida should assure Floridians that everything possible is being done to protect them ...by actions not words. With all the money that Florida makes of Tourism and off of us taxpayers , more should be being done to ensure that Americans don't go without power or water or necessities. The leaders of Florida need to remember one thing... We all have family we love and want to protect . We all want to prosper in life , while not having to worry that we could potentially kill our elderly family. In all honesty this pandemic has showed me , that in a crisis , all of our leaders will leave the people behind and that's very disheartening. Our leaders need to remember, that without the people of this state, there is no state. I have always had faith in our leaders in Florida but these days my faith in our leaders has become less and less. I hope to be proven otherwise. I want to say thank you for taking the time to listen.

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Brevard	Healthcare	I am writing to you today because I am concerned for my personal safety at work, and for the safety of the patient's that I care for. I am a licensed Dental Hygienist in the State of Florida. As you know, dental office are planning to open soon. I understand that dentists, as business owners, are eager to reopen as they are concerned about finances. However, resuming elective dental services at this time puts the health of their staff and patient's at risk. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is still in short supply, and some dentists are expecting their hygienists to work without proper PPE and new infection control training. Dental Hygienists have the highest risk of contracting the coronavirus of any occupation due to the unique nature of our work. We work in very close proximity to the patient, and utilize dental instruments which create aerosols. These aerosols can suspend the virus in the air for hours, potentially infecting us, the rest of the dental team and our patients. It is virtually impossible to have your teeth cleaned without generating aerosols. The aerosols created by Patient A at 8:00 are still lingering in the air and dropping down on surfaces on Patient B at 9:00 and Patient C at 10:00. It is estimated that 50% of people actively shedding the coronavirus are asymptotic. Without the ability to test, we must assume that everyone is infectious (Universal Precautions). The Center for Disease Control, CDC, recommends that dental facilities postpone elective procedures, surgeries and non-urgent dental treatment until further notice. I urge you to enforce the CDC recommendations to postpone dental hygiene services at this time, and mandate resuming elective dental services As you consider next steps in reopening businesses, I hope you understand the unique risks to dental hygiene professionals. I ask you to make decisions that will ensure the safety of dental hygienists, their families and the patients they serve.
Miami-Dade	Accommodation	I personally do not want the state to be reopened until medical experts say it is safe to do so. Especially the schools if the situation is the same as now comes August. I currently have 2 daughters (pre-k and junior in HS) using virtual school and all 3 of us are completely satisfied with the wonderful way the classes are being taught through zoom. My concern is the health and well being over the wealth of the economy. Of course we all want to go out and “live life” and the economy will bounce back, once it is safe for us to go back to our “new normal” but right now just isn’t the time. Please consider health over wealth. Blessings, Marisssa
Osceola	General	Open the state! I know many people in Osceola and revard county and not one of them leaves we should have closed down the entire Dang economy. We should have simply had those that were vulnerable stay home. Not close every business in the world.
Collier	General	Florida is NOT ready!!! You cannot open a state after one week of thinking about it....that would be the most irresponsible action at this time.
Collier	General	I like the state recommend wearing a mask when in public places as much as possible. In stores, beauty salons and other services where social distancing is difficult to maintain. Thank you.

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Indian River	Accommodation	THE DATA IS IN ,WAS NOT AS BAD AS IT AS HYPED UP TO BE. THE NUMBERS LINE UP WITH EVERY OTHER FLU WE HAVE HAD IN YEARS. THE HEALTHY NEED NOT BE QUARANTINED, THE SICK SHOULD BE ISOLATED, OUR(the healthy) IMMUNE SYSTEM IS BEING DEPLETED AS WE LOCKDOWN, OPEN UP
Hillsborough	General	My 18 year old daughter has multiple health problems due to Williams Syndrome, Klippel Feil Syndrome, Renal Artery Stenosis, Asthma and more. She and I both have Sleep Apnea. My husband has diabetes, my sister is immune-compromised. If you reopen too early we won't be here to enjoy any kind of an economy. Money is a necessity but it is useless if you are dead. I don't want to bury my daughter because you listen to the President who is doing all he can to pressure State leaders to reopen too soon. Money is not as important as people. People's income and the economy will recover. Dead doesn't have a cure. -Dori Jones, Tampa
Leon	Wholesale	Open the gyms up now. How can we keep healthy if we are isolated from the very things that can make us healthier. Also, the economy is in a tailspin. We all need our jobs. Open Florida now. The elderly and people with medical conditions should self isolate. Don't hurt the rest of us that want to live life.
Hillsborough	General	Being someone who has seen how devastating this virus can be personally, I beg of you: PLEASE, DO NOT REOPEN FLORIDA! We amount of testing needs to be exponentially larger & more widespread. Let's please continue to keep this as our main focus... Thank you.
Broward	General	I don't want us to open because of politics. The Healthcare/Medical experts are the ones we should be listening to. When a party makes statements 'that living isnt the most important thing but the economy is', that frightens people and makes everyone unsure of trusting their leaders. We also need to know we can vote by mail this fall. We also need to address the basic supply shortages. Its like the hurricane season where we are told to stock up and then we go and there is no supplies. Tiolet paper, paper towels, hand socap, disinfectant, wipes and items needed to get through the crisis are still in short supply or not available at all. Unemployment is a disgrace. We were the worst state in unemployment in the country in 2008 and we seem to be following that same pattern. Low cost housing has still not been addressed.
Brevard	General	I agree with our governor in keeping the state safe. I think that he is doing an amazing job! I don't think that it is fair that he is getting blamed for the problems of the unemployment website. That was a problem way before he even became elected. I am very impressed and i applaud his making the unpopular choice in needing to close the state. I believe that it was his wisdom that kept our state safe during this pandemic. Keep on being awesome Governor DeSantis!!

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Palm Beach	General	Please wait. By accounts of science professionals and organizations, we have not even hit our highest point of infections. If we open up too soon, we will delay recovery. I understand that folks are desperate and I know everyone wants to get back to work, but if we all start getting sick, work will be delayed anyway and lives will be in jeopardy. Lives are more important. We will get through this.
Seminole	General	I believe you are on the right track to start opening up business starting early May. Perhaps start with small business and continue to have restrictions such as face masks and distancing. Apply that consent to restaurants barbershops as well as retail and movies. Limit number of people. We cannot be in lockdown forever since it will completely kill the economy and that will lead to other issues. Keep testing as many people as possible and isolate the sick. I also believe schools should open up in August k-12 and colleges including sports. This is taking a huge toll on the normalcy and the support of your school aged kids who rely in the schools for not just education but food., counseling and outlet and support by being involved in schools .
Hillsborough	Government	Social distancing works. Massive shut downs have not proven any better. They are also government over reach. Use distancing. Limit crowd size. Ask high risk to stay at home, if needed. Allow folks who feel the need to wear masks, and gloves, to do do. Do not force it. Open local businesses, and put people back to work. Use something like the Swedish model.
St. Johns	Healthcare	Physicians and Dentists doing "elective" procedures need to have these restrictions lifted immediately. Not only are their businesses and employees needlessly suffering the economic damage, this shutdown is impacting the health and well-being of their patients. Healthcare businesses are certainly equipped due their medical knowledge to adjust protocols appropriately.
Osceola	General	Please reopen now!!! Our economy or state of mind can't handle another 30 days. The numbers are not correct because of counting every death is virus related. Please open for the sake of all the small businesses.
Palm Beach	General	I think it is premature to open at this time or anytime before July 1. The numbers have been going up. Only one percent of the population has been tested and know one really knows who has it. Opening up with people that do not have symptoms but are positive will lead to disaster. We don't even have enough tests to do a real numbers check. I am also concerned as a parent that the AAU vollleyball has decided to have nationals in June in Orlando which if we open will become a hot spot with the athletes.
Manatee	General	We need to open everything and do it now!
St. Johns	General	I think you should reopen at end of summer. In time for schools to start.

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Seminole	General	I'm a hairstylist and would like to suggest the same guide lines as hair salons now have in Germany, stylists and customers hav to wear a mask, clients need to wash their hands as son as entering the salon, haircuts only on hair freshly washed at the salon, liners sign a disclaimer to not being sick or around a person that's sick or tested positive and leave a list of where they had been the last two weeks. Stylists and clients have to practice social distancing and only one client at the time, no family members in the salon as well. For restaurants, let them open with 50% capacity, practicing social distancing , no dancing , but allowing of live music as entertainment. Everyone has to wear masks, a bathroom attendant has to clean after each person and only the numbers of people are allowed in as there are stalls. Encourage restaurants to have outdoor seating on sidewalks and allow for 50% more than they normally would be allowed to have. Let people make their own decisions, face masks need to be mandatory and everyone has to carry a list of places and people they engaged with the last 14 days.
Putnam	Recreation	Could the Gym be reopened? As we sit home doing this time as a lot of people are not working or there job is not considered essential. They are eating and sitting around not being active. This is where the gym comes into play. It is a healthy alternative for a lot of Floridians. Most gyms are open 24 hours so it shouldn't have a problem with social distance. If the beach is open why not the gym. It will do Florida a great service if the gyms would open up. Thank you for your time with this matter
Orange	General	Please do reopen Florida now! We are on the downward slope of the virus, and our hospitals have the capacity to treat those who are ill. A majority of the citizens in Fl, especially in the Orlando area, are now out of work. The unemployment system has failed them at the worst possible time. They have no ability to earn money to feed their families and pay their rent. Have you seen the lines at food pantries? Those are Floridians who WANT to work...and we need to let them do so!!! Its ok for people to stay home awhile longer if they are afraid to go out. But please let each of us make that choice! Please reopen our businesses, beaches, parks, theaters, and theme parks! Trust their management to make wise decisions that keep people safe. Thank you.
Orange	Food	Please reopen our state immediately. The devastation to our economy, small businesses, families, and mental health is untold. The small business that I have dedicated 15 of years of my life to building needs to be reopened. I need to work and to feed my family. Additionally, it is unconscionable that state parks and beaches are closed. Please reopen our state immediately.
Polk	General	Do not reopen Florida May 1st, more people will die unnecessarily if you do! PEOPLE OVER PROFITS!

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Leon	Wholesale	Open the gyms up now. How can we keep healthy if we are isolated from the very things that can make us healthier. Also, the economy is in a tailspin. We all need our jobs. Open Florida now. The elderly and people with medical conditions should self isolate. Don't hurt the rest of us that want to live life.
Volusia	Retail	Restaurants, Theaters, Libraries, Hairdressers and Barbers, and last but not least the Lottery state offices...
Brevard	Education	I realize we need to get the economy going again. When opening Florida back treat each county different. The counties with no or little case should be treated differently than Miami, etc. Open outdoor things up first such as zoos. Then allow restaurants with outdoor seating to open. Any inside area or activity should be considered last for opening. Also, reopen areas to residents first. Do not allow non residents in to participate in our reopening until ready, a couple of weeks. Thank you.
Hillsborough	Food	Reopen the state! It's been long enough. I would suggest at first only opening the theme parks to FL residents to have more control over the crowd size. BUT it you take away from the experience with requirements of no parades, fireworks, mandatory masks I for one will not attend. There have been germs forever and if someone is that fearful of getting sick they need to.stay home from the theme parks. Also consider how many people would collapse on the heat of a FL summer of masks are required. People need to get back to normal life. We complied with the stay at home order but that doesn't mean we will just fall in line with all of these requirements to open back up.
Hillsborough	General	Please don’t open the state too soon. We don’t want a surge in infections from people ignoring social distancing too soon. It’s not worth it! I know there are people needing to get back to work so they can survived monetarily. I get that. PLEASE fix the unemployment system so these people can receive the funds needed for food & meds & rent. I don’t think that’s too much to expect from out state government - a functioning support system. Thank you
St. Johns	General	Please consider working in line with Georgia. As a resident of north Florida, we have the potential for individuals to travel a short distance for services. This is money that is needed and could be well spent in Florida. The option to open does not indicate a requirement. But, allows the businesses to earn money to support their families and allows individuals ready to utilize these services to do so. Considering Coronavirus is not new and will continue to be around, we must consider the element of herd immunity. Thank you for the consideration and work everyone has done through this time.

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Palm Beach	General	I strongly believe that we shouldnt reopen florida. Many believe that Covid-19 has already reached its peak and that with precaution we will be okay but sadly we are living in a society with people who cant respect the rules and regulations put down to keep us safe. Many people are ignoring the social distancing rule, the curfew put down for us and the basic recommendations to have a mask when entering essential areas. Many people i know personally are displaying symptoms but dont want to get tested due to fear or common ignorance and i know that as long as there are people out there like this more people are going to get sick. As more and more people get sick the more chaos we will be put into. People may not appreciate the quarantine we are in but it could save the lives of so many people who may not have an immune system strong enough to fight this virus. This is comming from a girl who is the oldest of 6 kids and currently studying to become a nurse. No one wants florida to open and even if you ignore these pleas, people wont be so willing to send their kids back to school and parents will file for unemployment because they dont want to risk coming home and getting their families sick. Please take this requests seriously and understand that economically Florida will recover when everyone is in prestine health. As of now it will only make things worse to open things up. Thank you for everything that you guys have been doing up until now and i hope things get better.
Brevard	Retail	Thank you for all of your hard work! I cannot imagine how taxing it is weighing each and every element you receive daily in order to help the people of our state. I am a native a Floridan. 2 years ago I came in to help a dying local store that was upside down financially. After 2 years of hard work and putting our local people first our little thrift store not only has a wonderful reputation for helping our community but is also exceeding our expectations financially. Then came COVID. We stayed open until the last minute we were allowed. We applied for the PPP and have not received any funds yet. I applied for Unemployment, but bc I am an independent contractor the system isn't set up to take the new regulations into account. If we don't open, we will not be able to pay the rent. We don't want gov.money, we just want to be open and work! Our local community needs us, we bring light to their days, give them hope and provide free or inexpensive things for them. Walmart should not be making a killing while small inexpensive businesses suffer. Please help those of us who want to help and be part of the financial solution. I don't want unemployment . I want to work!
Miami-Dade	General	Open restaurants and stores and have people wear masks and keep distance until vaccine is ready Open beach and have the people guarding the entrances now patrol to insure proper spacing This is American trust the people especially in Florida
Hendry	General	Too soon to open. When there's no cure or treatment. .due to my job i with people everyday. Some people look sick and are not wearing mask or gloves and are out like nothing is happening. Not enough testing . Make it mandatory to use mask if they're out of the house.

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Flagler	General	With less than 2% of the state's population having been tested, opening things back up to "normal" is an asinine idea unless there is a state mandate that all people mush wear a mask of some sort in public. Also, if all these masks have have been sent to the state veterans nursing homes, why are the staff only issued new masks at the Emory L. Bennett nursing home on Tueaday and Friday? Say resident x is infected, sneezes one cna y and she becomes infected. Then she goes about wearing the same infected mask and possibly infecting other residents. Something needs to change in regards to the issuance of masks at this facility. I realize people want to get back to work and back to living their lives, but we have a new normal and while "only" a few over 1000 people have died, opening things back up has the possibility of even more deaths. And one more death is one too many.
Miami-Dade	Recreation	Please consider reopening public boat ramps and marinas. There is a huge inequality and divide in classes between those using the water currently who have access to private marinas or live on the water and your honest tax paying citizen. As a tax payer, a Marine Corps Veteran, a professional firefighter who can follow the rules by not going to the sandbars and keeping social distancing, I shouldn't have to be punished and prohibited from using ramps that we the people pay for. Again, please reopen the ramps and marinas in the best interest of the majority.
Pasco	Professional Services	I am a hair dresser wanting to work again. I will take one client at a time and will wear a mask. I will also encourage my clients to wear a mask. I would love the state to reopen and encourage all citizens to wear masks if they go out in public.
Flagler	General	As our numbers rise, Florida CANNOT re-open. Everyone is still vulnerable to this disease since it is highly contagious. We must stay hunkered down away from people. Flagler increased 30% this week. People are itchy to get back to where we were; BUT if this happens to soon, it is going to backfire and we will have to start all over again. The Governor should declare for the state that anyone who is out in public around other people, social distancing, MUST WEAR MASKS. Government De Santis needs to look at the figures on a weekly basis to make a decision but Florida cases Must decrease sharply to re-open.
Duval	Retail	Consider the supply chain of cleaning products and protective equipment (masks) available. For business to reopen they need to have a way to be able to purchase those things for their employees. Currently the supply chains for them are dry and new supplies tend to be diverted to healthcare rather than retail orders. In short small business owners will have problems acquiring disinfectant and ppe and will likely not be able to provide a safe environment. A lot of small business owner probably won't care and will expect their employees to work without those things because they are impossible to acquire. Even if they are acquired they will be diverting them from much needed hot spots in other parts of the country. Causing more issues in those places.

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Orange	General	While stay at home orders has undeniably helped us slow the initial spread and prevent our hospitals from becoming overwhelmed, we've reached a stage where it's no longer acceptable to continue our current course indefinitely. Every day we continue to learn more about this virus, and currently as I type we are being warned that there is no evidence to support long term (or any) immunity after contracting the virus, so holding out for herd immunity seems like a poor option. Additionally, there is no guarantee an effective vaccine will ever be developed, and will not be available for some time. Many of our neighbors will be starving and/or homeless before then. Finally, if an effective treatment were close to being found we could continue to shelter in place if that timeline were a matter of a few months, but alas this is not the case either. Given all of this, I think it's time we move to a phase where we allow businesses to open as they please, but require people to socially distance as much as possible, wear masks, and require hand sanitization or washing stations that are easily accessible at entrances. Personal responsibility at some point has to take over. Finally, we need to allow those who are currently furloughed that don't feel safe returning to work, as well as those who are elderly or immunocompromised, to be able to stay home and be eligible for unemployment regardless if their employer chooses to reopen or not. There will be the argument that people will just stay home and collect free money, but this is a poor argument that assumes the worst of our fellow man and presumes that people would rather receive much less of their regular pay.
Polk	Tourism	OPEN the State. Maintain social distancing Emphasizing frequent hand washing But We Must get back to a sense of normalcy
Volusia	General	I think we need to take it VERY slow...But NOTHING should be reopened until we are seeing a steady decrease in numbers all across the state. This crap about “don’t punish the areas not impacted” has to stop! If the Governor has done his due diligence sooner, we might be having a different conversation. But he is asking the masses to accept the risk to accommodate the idiots who don’t care! My life...my 73 year old mother’s life is worth more! We MUST go slow...look at the plan laid out by Tennessee! Split each phase into part a and part b...and the MINUTE we see even the slightest increase in numbers, we roll back to the beginning. Before ANY of this can begin, we need to see more people being tested and no increases in positive tests for 14 days...no excuses, no exceptions! Because if one county is closed, whose to say that infected people won’t cross county lines to take advantage of what’s open...use you head people...not your pockets!!!
Hillsborough	Recreation	I think summer camps should be canceled this summer or atleast have the numbers really low. Children can be carriers of the virus and not know and then give it to the counselors. There either needs to be strict number guidelines or no camp at all. People also come out of state for camps which is going to be a big problem.

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Orange	Technology	Questions need to be answered first..... If you've never had it, how at risk are you to catching it? If you've had it, how at risk are you to getting it again? The president is telling the country to inject themselves with household cleaning supplies, how can we possibly open a state with that kind of advice? This state can't do elections correctly, how on earth can we trust them to handle this? I understand people are really struggling right now, but is it worth it to re-open the state and possibly lose even more lives to make some money? If theme parks aren't in a rush to re-open why is the rest of the state in such a rush?
Leon	Transportation	Open the gyms up now. How can we keep healthy if we are isolated from the very things that can make us healthier. Also, the economy is in a tailspin. We all need our jobs. Open Florida now. The elderly and people with medical conditions should self isolate. Don't hurt the rest of us that want to live life.
Orange	General	I personally feel like opening up the state will definitely give people a sense of relief where they can go to work and still stay safe at work. Being confined to a house can make one go insane if they aren't use to it so i believe we should open back up but be safe as well
Seminole	General	Please do not open the state yet, it's nowhere close to time yet. The economy will not recover without way more assistance now and later from our government. Opening now will kill people and more than likely will not help businesses as most people will still not go out. We need to remain closed together and pause everything from mortgages and rent to utilities. Anybody for opening now will have blood on their hands and will be remembered that way.
Lee	General	I think that it is CRAZY for Florida to consider opening up yet. Between March 15 and this past week I have left the house 3 times. We are staying home because my husband is an essential worker. This past week I have become very sick and have had to go out 3 times for medical testing. The first was for COVID test (which we believe was done incorrectly), one for X-rays to look for fluid in my lungs (the Lee health made me sit outside in 90+ degree weather which made my breathing and cough MUCH worse and was almost hospitalized because of it) and last to go to be finally seen in person by a doctor (who believes I have a false negative on COVID test) So as someone who stayed home for over a month - I still have become extremely sick and I am sure there are 1000's more like me. It took me 2 Telehealth calls and 1 to my doctor before I was even tested. 5 days of getting worse before anyone did anything to help PLEASE do not risk more lives until a LARGE percent of people re tested. I would like to recommend that you have pharmacists and other health care go to communities to do testing. This way people don't have to leave their homes and spread.

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Hernando	General	Please do NOT allow gyms to reopen. They are a hotbed of germs. The amount of body fluids expelled there make it virtually impossible to disinfect every surface possible. Every gym would have to assign one person to every person working out to ensure that they clean every surface touched. You know the gym is NOT going to see that this happens. This environment makes it impossible to provide a safe place... Even.if they allowed only a certain amount of people in at one time, the wait times would be so frustrating that it's not fair to everyone. The gym.would start to relax it's rules to accommodate everyone. Please, please, please do NOT allow gyms to open at this time!
Orange	General	Please get our economy back open. Business is suffering and we need to open back up before it is too late and business can not recover.
Orange	Tourism	I feel like June 1 is around a good time to open simply because right now things still can get bad and we don't want that . I work at the airport so I'm susceptible of getting it and I have a heart condition so i wouldn't know if I'll survive from it and let alone my mother who has different health concerns . Please don't open sooner than June or July
Escambia	Professional Services	I think we need a safe approach for reopening slowly. I think social distancing should remain in affect. All high risk people need to take extra measures. We need to get our economy back but be safe. As long as businesses are taking measures like taking temperatures and anyone sick does not come to work
Orange	General	I would like to see the state open for normal business. I feel it is the individuals right to manage their health and well being. I feel the media and politicians have over exaggerated the situation.
Pasco	General	We need to reopen Florida immediately and work on getting back to our lives. In this time period my employer has eliminated my position (sales manager of 16 employees) unexpectedly the day after I signed the papers on my new house. For me to move forward I need Florida to reopen so I can go back to work. Employers don't know what to do which is putting off a normal hiring period. Everything is essential. I also have to kids with special needs. Not enough is said about how hard it is on them with no therapies or doctor visits allowed for them. Hopefully not but putting off therapies and elective surgeries could cost people lives down the road as it will cause issues. Moving into a new house it's hard just to get furniture or a washer and dryer installed. Currently the world feels like we lost basic human rights and freedom. We really need our freedom back so we can move forward. To the people who don't think we should reopen due to fear. That fear is going to be there even if we come out 3 years from now. We gotta open up to show them it's ok to come out. Opening up will also make the unemployment numbers drop. That can only help the state move forward. Let's move forward and start reopening this state.
Flagler	General	I'm old and know how to protect myself. We have to open so young Americans can survive financially.
Palm Beach	General	Like everyone else, I'm anxious for life to get back to normal. However, I don't wish to open things up just because people are anxious. If we open too early, then the past 1.5 months would have been for naught. Do not capitulate to peer pressure. Open when it is safe.

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Citrus	Finance	you can't even begin to think that we can open our economy without money in our pockets. Fix the unemployment problem allowing us to also qualify for the additional funds for unemployment so we have money to spend. If you can't fix the unemployment I wouldn't even bother opening Florida for much business.
Broward	Education	Essential workers can’t continue to work or even get back to normal if there are NO places to put our children. I am a single mom and bring my child to work and do the virtual learning and it’s so overwhelming .. I won’t have a job soon if I have no where to put her for the summer.. please allow camp so working parents can still keep their jobs and not be unemployed.. thank you for your time!
Clay	General	There is enough statistical data available to suggest ending the stay at home orders except for hotspot areas and nursing facilities. Individuals with underlying health conditions of high blood pressure, obesity, and diabetes should stay quarantined until such time as the individual is comfortable going out in public. The curve is flattened, hospitals have capacity, and healthy individuals are clearly not in danger. Please open up Florida and allow citizens to make their own choices.
Volusia	General	I think we shouldn't open the state completely until the scientists say it's safe! If we open too soon and the virus runs rampant again, we will end up shut down once again!
Orange	Professional Services	Please open everything up immediately, with restrictions of course.
St. Lucie	General	I don't believe that the best interest of everyone's health is to reopen the state at this time while this virus still exists and is effecting people daily. I understand people need to work to survive but what good wl'll it be if everyone just keeps getting the virus and spreading it. I say please wait on reopening the state and keep the social distance order in place at least another month so we can get this virus under control and over with. Thank you
Duval	Healthcare	My husband has been in Baptist hospital since February 28th. Intensive care. Not COVID related. I have not been able to see him since March 15th. Due to extensive hospitalization and compounded with not being able to have one visit , even for a limited time, is detrimental to his overall recover. He is not eating and becoming withdrawn. This total isolation on patients and their family members is more of a hardship than the pandemic. I understand infection control since I have been a RN for over 23 years. But some form of limited visitation needs to be allowed with proper PPE and hand hygiene. If a patient is in Intensive care it’s a know fact that the presence of a loved one can make all the difference in a patients state of mind and overall recovery. Please consider even minimal scheduled visit for. these patients and their family members.
Pinellas	General	Please hold off on re opening a bit longer. I am very concerned about the rampant spread in nursing homes and alfs. We need to ser our numbers decrease significantly before we open Florida back up. Tourism is our savior but also our destruction

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Palm Beach	General	I think we as Americans can think for ourselves and do what needs to be done in a common sense way to open our County and State in a safe proper manner. I have a 10 yr. old grandson who wants to go back to school and play baseball and basketball. Now maybe those sports can't be done right away but at least give these kids a sense of normalcy coming soon. Also, think about the people who before all this started we're having some personal problems such as depression, suicide and just being in a far away place who need to get out of their houses. Whether it is to take a walk on the beach (which are closed) or just take a bicycle ride. We can't continue to hold these people in their houses...just inhuman!! Please open beaches, baseball fields, gyms, hair salons, nail salons etc., etc., and know we as Americans will do what's right! Thank you!
Lake	Government	By reopening you put 1000s of high risk people who have been sheltering at home at risk because they'll be forced to return to work. My sister has half a lung missing, my friend an immune deficiency they come in simple contact with a carrier they could die. You're penalizing and killing people who have done the right thing. I hate to say it but as a Native Floridian it feels like the Governor doesn't care one bit about the citizens. It's been about money since this started. If it was safe advent health wouldn't be making whole floors for covid patients. Elderly released from hospitals would not be getting turned away from their assisted living homes. If it was safe the theme parks would be open. If you fixed unemployment give the people what their owed which should be TOP priority they don't want everything business as usual. Many of us feel lied to by those we chose to lead the state. Personally I pay no mind to press conferences since they're about money NOT THE PEOPLE. I don't feel the press conferences tell us anything. I listen to the RNs I know on the frontlines because the people and health is more important to them than money. Lake county is not safe. Nothing has been enforced except restaurant closures. Testing just started and they're charging for it. To reopen May 1st is suicide. Would people be that expendable if it was someone you loved? Someone should pay attention to how New Orleans is running things. A city and state that truly cares for its people and the tourist industry that keeps it going. The people not the money come first. All festivals cancelled thru 2021. That's how you take care of your citizens. I was born and raised in Florida right now I am ashamed to call it home. Money over people's lives is not how it should be but has been since the start. Everything should've shut down when the

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Hillsborough	Recreation	I strongly feel that gyms/all fitness studio/pilates need to remain closed. I'm a pilates instructor and my studio owner wants to open back up his small group fitness studio without any modifications or extra protocols. He didn't close when the stay at home order was issued because. We are classified as a Private Pilates Instruction Studio , NOT a gym. Our members are in a sense, students mastering the discipline of Pilates. That is supported by the fact we have class levels that can't be accessed without teacher, or General manager approval. All use of our apparatus and/equipment only occurs under trained instruction by certified teachers. If you do decide to open gyms/fitness studios can you please be very specific on what you mean. Thank you!
Polk	Professional Services	Here in Polk county our covid cases are still increasing. I do not support the reopening of hair salons, barbers or nail salons in the first round of reopenings. The services provided at these business cannot be done safely. It is completely impossible to provide these services and maintain social distancing. Additionally, wearing a mask, especially at hair salons and barbers, would be difficult to enforce due to the elastic going around the ears. Hair color would most definitely get on the elastic and the elastic would get wet during shampoos. Clients would be inclined to remove the masks when this occurs. Also in these types of businesses you don't know where the clients or staff have been or who've they've been around. Lastly, in regards to hair salons, there are hair dryers being used constantly. These could potentially blow the virus around exposing other clients as well as staff. Please reconsider any thoughts of opening such establishments in the first round of openings. It's very clear the potential to spread the virus as well as not maintain social distancing and mask protection would be extremely difficult if not impossible. Thank you!
Seminole	Finance	I work in finance and am financially taking a hit so I'd love the state open ASAP. But opening at a responsible time is most important. Too early wil cost a lot of lives and will put us 2 steps back. Smart play is wait until June and review again. I'd like a haircut as much as the next guy but not going to risk my life and my kids lives over a haircut. Don't be as ignorant as this governor of Georgia.
Sarasota	Professional Services	I am a cosmetologist and I am scared to go back to work. I can't stay out of peoples faces. When I am doing nails I am less than 1-2ft from their face. And hair is a little further away but not when I'm cutting around their faces or their bangs. I have already decided we will all wear masks along with our clients. I miss working but not sure the state is ready to open up. We have an older population. Especially in Sarasota County where I live. 75% of my clientele is over the age of 65. And we have 3 employees that are very close to that age. Please take into consideration the age of our state and go by the what the medical professionals are asking and telling us to do. I think that would make us feel much better if we follow their guidelines.
Polk	General	We do not want state to be opened until Drs say safe and a couple weeks past peak Stay at home guidelines must continue for our safety of everyone

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Sarasota	General	I think a gradual reopening with recommended safety measures is fine. If a business can open and still adhere to the CDC guidelines then it should be allowed to do so. I am at high risk so it is my responsibility to stay at home and let the low risk people get back to work. Keeping our businesses closed is not sustainable.
Hillsborough	Government	This state does not need to open up until significantly greater numbers of people have been tested. This is a travesty of a state. I am so sad to live here. I am so sad my children luve and work here and have received nothing, not even a confirmation email, that their unemployment application was received. Do better. Do the right thing. You will have blood on your hands that the blood of Jesus will not wash clean. Bloody capitalist.
Orange	Administrative	Please DO NOT open the state/county. People are not being careful and there will be more cases.
Pinellas	General	My concern with opening Florida back up at this time is the people who are not taking this pandemic seriously. I've seen people sick, working. I've seen someone off smoking behind a restaurant, coughing, and then going right back into a restaurant to work. I've been to multiple fast food restaurants and the person at the window handles people's cards/cash and then walk over to the food and handle the food without washing or sanitizing their hands. The restaurants are not regulating themselves. If more people beging to catch this virus, it is going to spread exponentially thru food employees alone. I've also watched people coughing wildly in a grocery store, recording themselves. On top of it all, some people just aren't educated enough or just don't get how to keep themselves and others safe. Not everyone is on the higher end of the IQ scale. So, we do everything we can to keep our children safe as parents. Shouldn't we work to keep the people who can't keep themselves safe due to their inability to comprehend how to keep themselves and others safe? Like my mom for example... She delivers food from a food bank to tons of people of lower income... She isn't able to comprehend how to keep herself and others safe... I watch her touch all over her eyes and mouth. She has a mask that she wears yet touches all over it without cleaning her hands. So, if she catches it, tons of people will catch it and she can easily catch it if someone else has it. I believe it should tgin out a bit more before Pinellas opens back up. There's already unsanitary people doing essential jobs that are not doing what needed either because they don't care or are just unaware.
Hillsborough	Government	Open this economy!!! This was not needed and should never ever happen again.
Manatee	Healthcare	Do not reopen until there is adequate COVID-19 testing available and hospitals have capacity. Prepare for the second wave this fall. The first wave of the 1918 pandemic killed 2-3 million, the second killed 20-50 million when the world population was less than 1.5 billion.

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Seminole	General	Please consider the harm reopening Florida will do. Things are hard for everyone at the moment but reopening nonessential businesses and allowing social distancing will just cause another spike and another lock down later in the year. As a State we need to think about us as a group rather than individual needs. Sacrificing a few weeks of non essential actions like hair cuts, going to restaurants, and theme parks is what we should be doing to preserve the lives of fellow americans. We cannot be selfish. The economy will recover but we cannot bring back those who will die. Please ask yourself, how many men, women, and children are you willing sacrifice for the sake or the economy. If you can produce a number, then by all means, tell the people and reopen Florida.
Lake	General	No. It is not time to reopen most businesses. We need to be able to test universally and these tests need to be FREE. In addition, once re-opened, social distancing AND wearing masks should be mandatory once reopened and non-compliance should incur a fine; these measures should be in place until a vaccine is approved, tested, and universally available.
Seminole	General	If you're going to keep the state closed make sure you stop the bills make sure you send me a check every week like that i could feed my kids and my family all right think about that shit!
Osceola	Government	I don't think Florida is ready for a re-open yet. While Covid-19 cases are still on the rise, there's no safety net for the public yet. I'm 39 and my daughter is 9 years old. We're both with underlying health conditions (asthma) while there's no safety net for us if Florida re-opens we will be both forced to go out to our normal lives while putting our lives at risk. I'm blessed to be working remotely and be able to care for the both by staying at home (only go out once a week for groceries shopping) I'm a single mother doing my best to protect her and myself. Just like me there's a lot of single parents in my same position. While I also have close family members (father & mother)who got either furlough or their business are closed (non-essential) however they do understand the meaning of health over wealth. Is too soon to re-open. I would sacrifice a bit longer in order for all Floridians to possibly enjoy a safe summer. Please extend and reinforce a stay at home order until June 1st please 🙏 opening FL now would mean opening the door to the tourist and make things worse. Please health over wealth!
Orange	General	My name is China. My stimulus was due yesterday April 24th to go to direct deposit, but when I checked the account number was one number off. OMG. So what do I do now?? I suggest the IRS be reopened first.
Orange	Government	For the safety of the people we should not reopen this soon. We're trying to flatten the curve not put the lives of everyone at risk. Everyone should wear a mask when going out in public to reduce exposure along with socially distancing. More grocery stores should enforce one way traffic throughout their stores and plastic barriers should be in place for cashiers. The USPS is also very important and necessary and should be receiving aid.
Orange	Government	Keep Florida closed. Its too early! Remember the Spanish flu epidemic?! Round two is around the corner. Also we should have the option for virtual school at all times

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Brevard	Real Estate	Let's talk about salons, I do nails and am curious as to what precautions should be mandatory since we sit directly across from a client face to face and are touching their hands.. I feel as though we are being overlooked with talks of reopening . I have a "sneeze shield" and a mask. Is there anyone from the cosmetology state board on this committee looking out for the industry?
Marion	Retail	I am opposed to opening everything up just yet. We may be on a plateau, but it hasn't been long enough to even determine that. Quarantine needs to continue and then a gradual reopening in stages. Social distancing needs to be maintained, enforced during these stages.
Polk	Tourism	For the theme park my idea is to have people tested no more than 3 days prior then they can get a card with their picture and connect with a fingerprint. That card expires 14 days after the date the tested negative. That will get them into the hotel and theme parks. Hopefully soon they will have more rapid testing. They can get a certificate and then have a place to go to get the card
Volusia	General	I do not feel we should open the state until this pandemic is under control. Too many people are nonchalant about this. While sitting in a doctors office yesterday, an elderly man without a mask sneezed into the entire room. I was mortified. I have almost all the underlying conditions, heart disease, asthma, allergies, auto-immune disease, and I am 65 years old. I understand the need for people to make a living, but at whose expense. I agree that some businesses should be allowed to open, especially the ones who rely on tips to make ends meet. I think everyone should have to wear a mask in public. Please weigh all factors before opening the state completely.
Volusia	Professional Services	Sorry if this submityed twice. Please i ask you to consider a longer reopening of salons and like industries! Having almost 20 years as a haorstylist, i have learned that VANITY TRUMPS ALL!!! People will come in sick as can be and still want their hair done not to mention salon owners will not turn down the income, puting the stylist at the upmost risk !! There is NO WAY you can apply social distancing in our industry there is constant touch, and less than 1 foot between client and stylist. Not to mention most stylist station cant be moved and are less than 2 foot away from each other. You can not cut hair with gloves on, let alone dry with tem on !!! PLEASE, I BEG OF YOU to consider a longer reopening of salons amd like indusyries ! Thank you

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Brevard	General	I agree that Florida is ready to reopen. I do agree there are segments such as elderly and homebound, shut-ins and ability challenged who do need oversight as to whom they are brought into contact with as far as health care professionals. Conversely Florida is a tourism state and the transient workforce relies upon the service industry for livelihood as well as the hotel/accommodations industry, they Need business. We can still practice spacial distancing and other guidelines while going about again in our daily affairs and we Do Not need to be society's nanny. Adults take care of children and give care for their elderly parents, please stop using some imaginary lower mentality level to degrade all of society to a non-intelligent, low level educated population that cannot fend for themselves and needs perimeters and boundary lines on the floor this is both demeaning and degrading. We in Florida are among some of the most highly intelligent, highly educated with the space industry and gov. electronic contract work of any population in the country I believe showing confidence and a positive attitude in support of people does much more for the confidence and emotional support of people and leave the worry-wort talk of lawyers in the background. Open us up!
Volusia	Healthcare	This shutdown is not sustainable. Being in the higher risk category due to age I still feel we need to reopen for the sake of younger generations and get life back to normal. Whomever is uncomfortable with this has the option to stay in. Our immune systems are being compromised with all of us shut in and not intermixing. Also many people with other health conditions are not being treated. Need to set up covid only hospitals and monitor closely nursing homes. Based on my readings I do feel HydroxiChloroquine should be used on all new cases until proven otherwise. There is enough anecdotal evidence to support this. Waiting till patient is hospitalized is too late and viral loads are too high for it to overcome in most cases at that point.
Brevard	Healthcare	I work on Cocoa Beach for an Optometrist. I have seen how very few have taken social distancing seriously. I am very concerned when I am in someone’s face adjusting their glasses or taking their pupillary distance or putting contact lenses in their eyes that I will be extremely vulnerable to whatever virus they have. I get the fu shot every year but still end up with the flu half of the time because people won’t stay home when they are sick, COVID-19 scares me 100 times more. I am 54 with controlled hypertension and have been obeying the “stay at home” suggestion. That is all it has been is a suggestion. A lot of people do not understand how this virus works or believes it is some kind of government conspiracy.. it is to soon to open the state back up. Unfortunately people think they are invincible and will spread this virus even more.
Broward	Accommodation	I live in a condo on ocean. Open Condo andvApartment pools and beaches simultaneously. This will take the burden off beach volumes. By not allowing people to use their pool, they will go to beach. Secondly, open retail stores. Not fair that Walmart and Target get all the traffic. Third, Restaurants, indoor and outdoor reduced capacity. Forth, let ARNP in Pharmacy clinic to perform testing of Covid antibodies and virus.

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Orange	Education	The state should be open in May 1st on Friday to have our state back and we all could live our lives and back two normal also have our business back and stores so we can have everything normal also so we can see our family and land friends and loved ones so we can be happy to see them and we all could be happy once again.....
Marion	General	I think we should not open our state of Florida until July. People are not taking the situation seriously and are too careless. I see there will be an explosion of cases. Online school for 2020-2021. No sports, concerts, beaches...
Orange	Retail	I work at a financial institutionn. We are constantly exposed as essential workers. People in the area are not social distancing or wearing masks on a consistent basis. Essential workers are not compensated properly for the level of risk they take. I personally make less than $15 hr but sit across a desk & handle currency for those opening accounts both small businesses & personal. I see more people out than ever even though I live in a zip code in Orange county considered a hot spot. More testing needs to be done. None have come to our zip code. So many restrictions on those being tested & limited availability. I fear a second even worse outbreak.
Clay	General	I work in healthcare and I feel like opening the State up now would cause major repercussions. I think we will have a major setback and more sickness and death. I know we all need to work and the economy is losing out but lives are far more important at this point. Please consider waiting a few weeks and see how this plays out for the States that are opening back up.
Palm Beach	General	It is too early to open businesses and public areas. FOLLOW THE SCIENCE
Lake	Information	As a close friend and family member of many small business owners I am asking that you use the information for why you put the stay at home order in place which was to prevent our hospitals from being overwhelmed. We now know this will not be an issue in our state. Please do what is right and all everyone to reopen.
Lee	Recreation	Please open the beaches. All of the beaches. If everyone opens at the same time, no one beach will be inundated with folks from other parts of the state. We are already learning that sunshine and warmth are effective against this virus, not to mention for the better mental and physical health of all of us. Promote social distancing on the beach. Here in Fort Myers we have patrols on the beach. I assume other beaches do too. Since hotels and vacation rentals are not booking, this would be more of a “local” beach opening on both coasts. If restricting us to walking and swimming at first is one way to gradually open beaches, so be it. But honestly, I see no reason we can’t just open beaches with no restrictions except social distancing and limiting groups to 6 people. Those are my thoughts. Thanks for considering them.

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Collier	Accommodation	My interest and therefore concern is for residents of assisted living/memory care facilities. My dad is 96, in memory care and has not had a visitor in over 2 months. I see him outside his closed window but he has trouble recognizing me that way. These facilities are private, for profit businesses. So they are well incented to take in new residents, but I believe need guidance on how and why they should reopen to visitors. Visitors are not always welcome on best of days. Someone needs to speak for these residents on the task force. Dying of isolation and loneliness is just as painful as dying of a virus. So...some recommendations on when, how to reopen them will help protect our most vulnerable folks. As well as allow families to again become overseers in their loved ones care. While delivery people, staff, visiting nurses, pet walkers etc go in and out..I as a daughter cannot visit, even tho the entry criteria for the others is a temp check. Thank you for the oppty to contribute.
Marion	Government	We definitely need to open the state. However, it must be done slowly and carefully. Hot spots should be the last areas to open. Masks should be worn. We can't just have a cold open. Please listen to the people and don't rush into it. Thank you.
Volusia	General	While I understand that the economy is very fragile and extremely important to our way of life, it is meaningless if we do not control or stop.the spread of this virus. My suggestion is the same as any other intelligent medical person, open 2 weeks after you have no new cases added, with a caveat that during that 2 week.period, there be no new cases added. That way you know for certain that you are in fact on the downward side of this virus curve. Florida can not afford to become the hotspot for a resurgence with this virus simply because we need to generate monies. Otherwise, you must answer loudly, exactly how much is a life worth.
Orange	Accommodation	Slowly reopen small hotels an small business over3 week period then reopen regular business over 3 week period finally reopen parks movie threatens sports arenas
Broward	Healthcare	I am writing this email to express my concern that our State may move too fast to reopen. Broward is far from being at a good turning point from Covid 19. I hope you listen to the medical community and your residents most if whom would shudder at the thought of going back into the community and exposing themselves to the virus. We have sacrificed going outdoors in the hopes social distancing and stay at home help and it has. What a waste if we do not continue these methods for at least until June. Thank you.

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Brevard	General	The economy must get going we have been locked in our homes based on the lack of or inaccurate data, you cant build an immunity to the virus by quarantining the healthy let's protect the sickly and vonurable and get the healthy back to work now, we cant allow what's been going on as the new norm we need to get our churches open again and we need to remember that you cant restrict America in the name of safety and not become like Nazi Germany we must always remember what are freedoms are and limit our elected officials power and know where to draw the line. Thank you for your service and guidance
Lake	General	The reopening should happen in phases. The sooner we can complete phase one the better it will be for the state economy. Several people, though will qualify for unemployment, have not gotten their checks yet and people need money to survive. We need to be very careful, however, and there need to be strict policies in place to ensure everyone's safety. Restaurants when they open should be at limited capacity and guests should sit apart by at least 1 table or booth. Plans should be in place in case numbers go up in caseshqt require a phased shut down as well.
Osceola	General	Think its too soon to open up. Its a virus that spreads and anyone can get it again
Pasco	Recreation	Please reopen the parks and/or beaches to Florida residents. Those of us with mental health need some kind of outlet. I also work on the beach selling my handmade artwork, so with beaches closed I have completely lost my source of income as well. I have been struggling financially and mentally. Do not keep healthy people locked inside! Give us all some hope and start a slow, gradual reopen of the great state of Florida. I believe, if nothing else, that opening some of the recreation would at least give people a small indication that there is some light at the end of this dark, winding tunnel while providing an outlet for adults and children alike.
Sarasota	General	Florida is not adequately testing/screening/tracing in any kind of serious epidemiological way, so we truly have no accurate idea how far the virus has spread, how many cases there are, or even how many deaths we've got. Plus 🤡rump is a babbling, psychotic disgrace. Please keep our economy CLOSED until there is some semblance of control. Please fix your broken digital systems. The current unemployment website in Florida is a crime against humanity.
St. Lucie	General	I think that we should re-open, and leave it as the decision of each individual as to whether or not they want to take the risk of leaving their house. It is not fair to those of us with non-essential jobs to have to struggle for money because people are losing their minds over something that is only half as deadly as the flu. It is also not fair to the people unaffected by this virus to have to be quarantined and kept away from friends and family, cancelling bacations, etc. I realize people can not be evicted or anything during this time, however, all of that money will be owed in the future, and everybody will have to work 2x as hard just to play catch-up. All in all, my opinion is that it is in the best interest of the community, as well as the economy, for Florida to begin Re-opening.
Duval	Government	When the Governor’s safer-at-home order expires, the Governor should reopen the state!

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Palm Beach	Healthcare	It is absolutely too soon to do any type of soft opening or slow introduction back to non essential businesses, beaches, parks and recreational activities. Besides the fact that this virus is still new and more data is being uncovered, the amount of people who have been noncompliant under our current stay at home order is dangerous. If any type of soft opening occurs, this is going to give those people more fuel to continue to act recklessly. This virus doesn't always present with symptoms and that is extremely dangerous. An individual does not know they are carriers and at the rate of ease with which this virus is transmitted we will certainly be looking at a spike in infections and probable deaths. Stop feeling pressured to open and do what's best for the people by keeping them safe and healthy.
Volusia	General	1. Follow the guidelines created by the science oriented members of the President's task force. 2. Fix the unemployment pay system so there aren't so many desperate Floridians and then fire the idiots that created the system that has done so much harm and let them experience what unemployment really means. 3. Give local leadership responsibility (mayors, county councils, etc) authority to phase in the re-opening as the situation requires so long as it does not exceed what the guidelines propose.
Orange	General	1. Follow the science. At a minimum, please adhere to the White House / CDC phasing guidelines. As a minimum. Without access to the aggressive testing needed to find and contain outbreaks, these White House guidelines seem like our best chance for successfuly getting back to business. 2. PLEASE show leadership in discussing and explaining the phasing guidelines. Talk about them as the White House guidelines. Talk about them as if you believe they are the right thing to do. Most people want to do the right thing, and most people want to get back to business safely. If the White House guidelines are broadly promoted I think most people will want to adhere to them. And they allow businesses that are able to safely reopen using social distance to do so.
Citrus	General	Reopen Florida. Leave it up to individual whether or not to wear mask. If you do not wear a mask, keep your distance from others.
Polk	General	I think it's too early to open right now. We need to follow the lead of scientists and those in the Healthcare. We need to stay inside until testing is more available and our numbers of cases start to decline. Even if you open the state May 1st, I will not be going out.
Martin	Recreation	The media has sensationalized this pandemic to serve a broader agenda and crashed our economy in the process. Local governments have enacted a chainsaw approach to crisis management when a scalpel was needed. All things are not the same for all people in all places. Population density matters. Eliminate profit incentive for medical facilities to code COVID-19 which inflates the numbers. Reopen the state w some common sense social distancing measures

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Duval	General	I feel the state should mandate that businesses who are able to have employees work from home should continue to do so for the next 6-9 months to help avoid a second wave of infection. I know many local businesses such as financial, call center and office based jobs in the area are anxious to have employees back on campus since they are paying overhead expense for empty buildings. Employees who are able to do their jobs remotely should continue to do so and employers should be required to comply rather than forcing workers back into office buildings unnecessarily. The state should mandate this, and offer financial incentives to help defer overhead expense on empty buildings.
Escambia	Professional Services	There is not a "Virus Clause" or "The governor is scared" clause to the Federal or State constitution. Is there a virus? Yes. Will it make people sick? Yes. Will some of those people die? Yes. Is that a valid reason to sentence innocent people to house arrest or order their businesses closed? No! Is my business essential? It is to me. Has the standard become collective? Where does that philosophical axiom lead? If I am not able to weigh out my risk versus reward, and some collective weight is calculated by thebstate, can I be called a free man? You can't look at the costs of the virus and not look at the other side of the ledger. What is the cost of destroying people's life work? Things don't end how they start. If we recognize the state has legitimate interests in shutting down enterprise and suspending freedom to act because of this virus, is it far fetched to imagine a future communist governor giving the same order to achieve his ends. This is unAmerican. This is evil.
Volusia	General	Governor DeSantis should heed the CDCs guidelines on reopening the state and not cave to economic pressures. Opening before the curve has completely flattened threatens the economy much worse than extending the stay at home order until we can safely venture out without further spreading this virus throughout the state. Further, issuing more rigid guidelines for allowing people into our state from hotspots are needed for airports and the Florida border. The 'voluntary' 14 day self quarantine order is not working! Condos are filling up with New Yorkers coming to escape the pandemic who are flooding grocery stores, etc. without quarantine! This is endangering our local residents.
Orange	Healthcare	Hello! My opinion is we need to stay home until May 10th, but with restrictions rules... I've seen a lot people on streets, driving and Corona Virus doesn't stop to spread! If seriously all stop more 10 days, we'll get best results against this enemy! I'm healthy professional and I believe that everybody need to give more 10 days of sacrifice!
Brevard	General	KEEP THE STATE LOCKED DOWN
Marion	General	We do not need to open Florida
Polk	General	I think they should open slowly without compromising people health. Make sure they are enough testing done to reach phase one so nobody get to the point of too many people in one place and they numbers going up again.

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Clay	Healthcare	Social distance in my county ends May 1 .that is not right . What about the old .and the people that are sick they have to stay in because adults can social distance. Something needs to be town for my county.we don't even have a mayor. And every one goes up to duval to work . Duval cases are getting out of control. My daughter works in duval in a phone room that is packed and people are sick she had to leave . Nothing is really closed
Pinellas	Healthcare	Please suspend opening beaches until we have more testing. If not it can cause another explosive rise in a problem that we know is subsiding by social distancing. Are you gonna block borders of state n stop people from travel?
Broward	Professional Services	I think it is time to reopen hair salons/nail salons and have them comply with social distancing rules and limit the amount of customers for awhile.
Marion	General	Good Morning, As a recently retired critical care nurse with over 43 years of caring for patients with infectious diseases I would strongly urge the use of face masks by EVERYONE once we reopen Florida. I believe that the use of masks along with frequent hand washing are the most essential ingredients in controlling the spread of this airborne virus. A face cover, while perhaps not 100% effective, will still greatly diminish the viral mist from exhalation thus minimizing droplets on surfaces and in the air. If EVERYONE wore a mask there would be less need to sanitize everything else. In my opinion, it was a grave mistake by the CDC not to encourage the use of masks from the onset. Though I understand why they did this it resulted in the public not believing in the need to cover their face. As a nurse we would wear a mask upon entering an isolation room not to protect the patient but to protect ourselves. So if EVERYONE wears a mask we are protected 2 ways; from transmitting and from receiving the virus. I applaud The Fresh Market who not only make their employees wear masks but will not allow any customer to enter the store without a mask. God bless Gov. Desantis and this task force! Thank you, Lucy Campaniello
Leon	Healthcare	Open Leon today. Open Florida today. The mental health of the public outweighs any potential benefits of keeping Florida shut down.

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Orange	General	Hello! First off I absolutely love this type of forum. It's great to get citizens input. I want to also mention I'm a surgical nurse and a former ICU nurse. I have a dual perspective on safety and economic efficiency as far as re opening goes. I think we seem to have adequate testing, considering our positive rate between 3 and 7%. With the addition of the new sites in areas where citizens may have a hard time accessing healthcare, I think we should be good in that front. I would like to see those sites also offering antibody testing as well. We will soon come to learn that the overall infection rate of this virus is prob around 6-7% of our population which means the mortality rate and hospitalization rate are even lower than what we see today. We need to open slowly but also protect the at risk population. We don't have time to be politically correct about this and our health officials need to tell it like it is. Over 65, diabetes, smoker, copd, high blood pressure, heart disease and actually the 2nd leading cause of hospitalization and death is OBESITY with a BMI over 35. These people Who fall into those categories need to be extra cautious, no matter what our plans are. Period. As far as Orange County is concerned, Tennessee released their state wide guidelines and I think they are spectacular. It is a 4 tiered program instead of 3 and it gives, in my opinion, adequate time to make sure they aren't moving too fast. Those are my recommendations. Let's follow the lead of Tennessee. Last I will say, closing down like we are now for much longer will cause more harm in the end. Let's open slow and smart and let's protect the vulnerable. We can do it! (I know see I can attach a photo so I posted TN guidelines)
Manatee	Healthcare	I think it is too soon to open the economy I think the first thing to consider is elective surgeries.
Seminole	General	I am the Exalted Ruler or CEO of the Winter Park Elk's Lodge We need to open our doors soon or we may not ever open again. There are NO forgivable loans available for "Not for Profit businesses (501 (c) (8)" We are the ones that stock all the local school food pantries, donate cloths and food to Veterans at Lake Nona and Lake Baldwin, to the homeless and provide free camps for kids and disabled child services for well over 500 sick children, free. Last year we donated over $60,000.00 locally. We only have enough savings to last another two months and then we close for good and the entire community will suffer a tremendous loss. NOW we need HELP! But, we need to open safely! Presently there is not any disinfectant available! Business opening too early will mean sacrificing additional senior's lives. Presently 50+ seniors are dying every day! Is another 100 or 200 deaths each day worth it! William Belcher ER Winter Park Elk's Lodge Winter Park, FL

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Orange	General	Re-open Florida! People need to get back to work. If people have a fear of going out then they can stay home. Everyone needs to respects the space of others and practice social distancing. We all grocery shop and practice safe distancing. Don't see why we can't do that at restaurants and other places of business. Have sanitizer available everywhere you go. People just need to be smart and business need to have a plan in place for there customers.
Sarasota	Healthcare	This state has no business opening until our numbers show significant decrease in new cases. The nursing home situation is dangerous here in Sarasota and Manatee County. Im a RN. I will gladly keep workingat publix so that Non essential colonoscopies can NOT RESUME because of DR greed. We have seen steady increase in new cases hereand the state is not ready. I will not go out to eat,get my hair done or go to malls until this us under control. Everyone needs to he tested before this occurs. As a health care worker I can not get tested. Old people are NOT FOLLOWING GUIDELINES. I see people using PPE so incorrectly it scares me. People using gloves and touching everything with the same pair. Wiping their nose under a face shield that a lay person should not have. Its disgusting and scary. More will die. Keep the state closed until june 1st. Work on unemployment. Slowly start back with essential surgery. Cancer surgery, heart surgery in hospital NOT OUTPATIENT... GET PPE TO EVERY HOSPITAL, NURSING HOME AND THEN OUTPATIENT...You will KILL MANY if you open before these numbers go down and until EVERYONE IS TESTED. 72 percent of state do not want open. LISTEN TO US.... restaurants can stay take out and increase hours. Work on actual small businesses getting these loans and not greedy chain restaurants.. day care centers need to stay closed and schools. Unemployment should be first priority. Get it to us that filed weeks ago. Follow the guidelines the feds set. 14 day decrease to start with. DO NOT BE GEORGIA.Come june 1st if we are down numbers and have been tested then open outpatient surgeries with strict rules. Then restaurants can try outside seating or make them remove tables and close off booths. Make it a misdemeanor thats enforced so they do it. TAKE THIS SLOW OR THE GOVERNOR WILL BE A ONE TERMER.
Brevard	General	Please just open the state back up! We can no longer sustain this state being shut down. Many of us still have not received the stimulus checks and or unemployment! At some point in time we have to stop living in fear and get back to living our lives! We want to get back to work.
Seminole	General	Please consider the harm reopening Florida will do. Things are hard for everyone at the moment but reopening nonessential businesses and allowing social distancing will just cause another spike and another lock down later in the year. As a State we need to think about us as a group rather than individual needs. Sacrificing a few weeks of non essential actions like hair cuts, going to restaurants, and theme parks is what we should be doing to preserve the lives of fellow americans. We cannot be selfish. The economy will recover but we cannot bring back those who will die. Please ask yourself, how many men, women, and children are you willing sacrifice for the sake or the economy. If you can produce a number, then by all means, tell the people and reopen Florida.

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Hillsborough	General	Please re-open FL. There comes a point when the cure is worse than the problem. Those that are afraid or vulnerable don't have to go out, but please let the rest of us go back to living our lives!
Seminole	Government	I work for the third largest safety company in the United States and was the CEO prior to stepping down and now on the Executive Board. Educate people, train them and put all the policies and procedures in place. This is manageable but please open up Florida! This has gone on long enough. Put all the protective measures in place like you have so far and let the people go back to work! There will be more cases and there will be more deaths which are tragic but compare this to the world diseases and viruses which have broken out over the years and people keep working. So many people have lost their jobs and need to work. The people who are scared of catching the virus should stay at home. The ones that want to work and put money back in the economy should be allowed to work now!
Orange	Healthcare	I have a 3 year old son diagnosed with ASD, he is receiving teletherapy now but he needs more ABA which is better through a hands on approach. He and his brother also have severe asthma. I want to restart his therapy but for me to feel safe in doing so, I need to know that his therapist was already took an antibody test and is being regularly tested by her employer. He also receives 5 more therapies weekly, his other therapist come to the house under normal circumstances but we switched to teletherapy because we are obviously concerned about his health but on the other hand this is a set back for his development. I hope that wide spread testing, masks and gloves become available for employers and the general public because that would be the only way we would feel somewhat safe to get back to something closer to our pre-COVID 19 life. Thanks for taking the time to read my concerns
Brevard	General	It does not make sense to "reopen" until we have a plan for widescale testing and case tracking. Prove those things are in place, and then we will know you actually care about the safety of the citizens of Florida.
Broward	Professional Services	As a hairstylist it's not safe for us to open back up. We cannot do our job safely and social distance. We have to have our hands on clients and we're standing very close to clients. Without adequate testing for stylists we have no way of knowing how many of us are infected with COVID 19 and may be a symptomatic . Opening salons without testing stylists for the virus puts the public at risk of us transmitting the virus unknowingly to our salon guests. The results could be catastrophic for stylist's health, the health of our clients and community. Salons would be a Petri dish for the spread of the virus and put too many at risk. Is Florida going to provide health insurance for us in the event that we become infected and require hospitalization?
Polk	General	Too early to open up Florida need more testing our numbers are going up not staying down please wait until our numbers stay down for the 2 weeks straight

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Miami-Dade	General	I too feel that Florida should not relax restrictions until health officials declare it is under control. If this is done too early it would be a huge setback and burden to go through this all over again from scratch. There is really no way to know how many people are walking around with the virus who have not been tested and are asymptomatic. I think if we just hold off a little while longer on re-opening Florida, we will find the relief we need. Thank you.
Orange	Food	As someone who works in the food/hospitality industry I am greatly concerned with reopening the state prematurely and being forced to go back to work in an area where people consistently travel to from all over the world. We were one of the last states to shut down and somehow are going to be one of the first to reopen? That is asinine! This is a real life pandemic, this is not a joke, there are people's lives at stake. I would rather be stuck at home dealing with this pathetic excuse for unemployment never rolling in and knowing my health isn't at risk than to go back to work in a field where I have to interact with a ton of people and put myself in harms way. There are states that have fewer cases than we do that are staying shut down longer. Why risk having yet another outbreak and have to be quarantined even LONGER the second time around? We should continue to keep Florida in a safer at home state until we see a steady decline in the daily cases and know that it is again safe to open a state known largely for tourism. The more risks we take now the longer we are going to feel the pain of this pandemic on these industries. Please. Refrain from prematurely opening the state next month!!
Volusia	General	I agree that some things need to open slowly, however I am not seeing where Florida has met the peak or even close to the ability to reopen for fear of a second wave of covid-19 that will result in it taking even longer to get back to Normal. The whole reason florida got as bad as it did was because of delay in response from our higher powers of Florida. In retrospect if we reopen too soon without having confirmation On proper testing accuracy we will have a even more drastic challenge and disaster from covid-19 with even more death than we have already. Unfortunately unless there is accountability, people will not follow restrictions and rules, currently this stay at home order just here in volusia County as our cases confirmed and more death continues to be documented from Covid-19 ... EVERYONE is still out doing what they want because there is no consequence or accountability if they dont follow the regulations and rules of the state. Please dont make a mistake to open everything too soon resulting in a more damaging and considerably a more deadly wave of Covid-19. Sincerely, a concerned mother of a 3 year old.
Sarasota	General	I think the governor is doing a good job time to open gym small shops if Walmart can do it small business can barbershop restaurant shop by beach open beach with parking people need to work we are smart enough to social distance let's get people out in open air sunshine I give governor a good mark people who say stay home stay most are getting a check the rest are broke we live Florida open her up Jim and Sherry yoder
Flagler	Healthcare	I feel that as of today 4/25 it is still too risky to open Florida back to normal. I feel it should be at least another 2-3 weeks before this is considered.

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Brevard	General	It is too EARLY to reopen Florida. We need to continue to flatten the curve by having non-essential people stay home and discourage non-essential services. Please continue the stay-at-home order as long as possible to keep people healthy and safe.
Leon	Accommodation	Open Leon today. Open Florida today. The mental health of the public outweighs any potential benefits of keeping Florida shut down.
Marion	Education	All schools should be sanatized and kept closed. All school employees should work from home. Distance Learning should continue next school year if the numbers of deaths due to COVID19, as well as the number of people with the virus keep going up. Unfortunately, many individuals don't follow the CDC guidelines of social distancing, or wearing masks and gloves. Elementary age students, as well as our ESE/Special needs children will not keep the recommended Social Distance, some share toys that they have licked or drooled on. Children cough and sneeze and don't cover their mouths or noses. Headlice/ scabies, viruses, etc. for our students has been a very serious problem for many years. Imagine how the rapid spread of COVID19 is going to be in our schools. The medically fragile students, asthmatics, diabetics, cancer, high blood pressure, overweight, immune deficient or any other serious medical condition will be High Risk to die of COVID19. Please wait till this virus is under control and there is a vaccine before bring the children and employees back to school. Employees also have these medical conditions, others are pregnant, some with high risk pregnancies and a big number of employees are high risk due to their 60 plus age. Thank you for taking into account my concern. Stay safe and God Bless you all.
Pinellas	Healthcare	I am a dental hygienist. While I miss my job and patients terribly, returning to work now, I do not think is a smart idea. I have a wonderful boss who has done everything in her power to get us all the PPE we need to practice safe. Unfortunately, everything is unavailable or on backorder. We are due back at work the week of May11th and most of the things ordered won't even be available until June. Please keep us in the dental field safe by pushing out non emergency services like dental cleanings until we have a solution on PPE and a way for us to practice safe. Us hygienists are the most at risk. We work in aeresols everyday and this is not something we can protected from right now. Thank you
Volusia	General	Florida should extend the stay at home order for another 2 weeks. We have just started to get testing and just recently learned that the antibody test be in Volusia County next week. I would like to see where we actually stand before allowing social gatherings of any sort. Then if things seem stable enough, start out very small,. I think each phase should be in 2 week increments. Meaning opening some of phase 1, wait two weeks and open the rest of phase 1. These phases should be done in small increments, by prioritizing what needs to ope first. Example: retail stores, restaurants at 50 percent capacity for 2 weeks then full capacity the second 2 weeks. I agree we need to go slow, but that businesses need to open. However, our state has not had full testing capacity. The focus has been in South Florida and North Florida as well as Orlando. As a Volusia County resident, I am not comfortable our numbers are accurate when testing here only started 2 weeks ago.

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Pasco	General	Dear Governor Desantis, First I would like to say thank you and your staff for the excellent job you are doing handling this corona virus epidemic. As it turns out the models have way overstated the deaths. Yes one death is too many but the total destruction of our economy and health care sector far outweighs our current reaction to the media fueled excitement by this pandemic. Our hospitals have laid off nurses, doctors, health care workers, and closed wings because of the prohibition on elective medical procedures. Many people requiring this service don't have the luxury to put this needed care off indefinitely. This in itself is doing more damage than this virus. Our business community will not be able to survive much longer and I'm sure many will not be able to open again. Our tourist economy is devastated. We cannot afford to lose the life blood of the people of Florida to flawed models and the desire of the fake press to destroy our State and country. Yes, I agree very high risk individuals need to continue with caution but the 99% should get on with life; beaches, hotels, hospitals, restaurants, bars & lounges, theme parks, zoos, and all other public venues need to open immediately. Thank you for your time, Sincerely Vince Chrisman
Orange	General	To soon to reopen I think that we will wait until June My personal opinion is we are not ready yet
Palm Beach	Education	Please put K-5 kids back in school. Modify class sizes by lengthening school days or have kids attend 4 days a week. But they need to go. The social emotional impact is hurting my 3 children, and they yearn to learn.
Pasco	Retail	As a small business owner who has applied for the EIDL funding, the PPP funding, and local Pasco County assistance funding, and received nothing, I am ready to begin the process of re-opening my local store to begin building up my business before I lose it completely. I am wearing a mask and sanitizing surfaces. My store is smaller and I generally don't have more than 5 or 6 people in my store at a time, if that. I don't think my small business presents much of a threat to the health of my local community.
Lake	General	Keeping all non essential businesses closed to stop the spread, because people don't understand how to use good hygiene as is in my town.
Pasco	General	As a cosmetologist, I am begging you to please leave salons and barber shops closed. It is impossible to social distance while doing hair. Regardless of all the precautions, it is selfish and thoughtless to ask hairstylists and barbers to put their lives on the line so that someone can get their hair cut or colored. I am asking you to please make us one of the last professions to reopen. Please take what I've said to heart and consider that a haircut is not worth someone getting sick, spreading this disease, and possibly dying.

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Orange	General	It is still not safe to open Florida as our numbers are still rising and we have alot of retirees and people like me who have Autoimmune disorders, diabetes and everything else. I take a risk as it is cause my husband works for one of our Health Department's. We all need to know that we are safe. I realize places need to open so people can work, and I feel for them.
Orange	General	Do not let Trump or media shame Fl into staying closed! Put out reasonable guidelines but personal responsibility should be used. Governor needs to not use Trump schedule....we should open Now!
Orange	General	Florida is not ready for tourism.
Volusia	General	Please do not reopen non-essential businesses yet.
Volusia	Education	I am an elementary school teacher and while I miss my students, I have serious concerns about returning to work prior to a vaccine. I know that data shows children fair much better than adults but we must consider that many teachers are in the high risk group. It's not only age but health issues. There doesnt seem to be a realistic way for teachers to observe social distancing and wear protective face masks in a classroom. We don't know how many children are A-symptomatic. Schools seem like a perfect storm of community spread. I know distance learning is not the most ideal circumstance but the risk to teachers and students is too high. I personally have 2 autoimmune diseases and kidney disease. Not to mention that like many families we have 3 generations in our home. My 3 year old granddaughter has respiratory distress syndrome. If I came in contact with covid19 at school and brought it home to her it would be devastating. The health of all must be the main priority. We can make up loss of learning not loss of life.
Lake	General	Phased (selected business and venues) and Incremental (graduated percentages for each phased business/venue) Follow CDC guidelines Spend extra time to explain specifics, (using diagrams, PowerPoint info that can be downloaded) with objective of building public confidence to visit opening establishments. This needs to include what patrons should do to protect themselves and what to expect from business. Also explain the best and worst case expectations of virus outbreak to give public honest input on the risk they must decide to take during these reopening phases. Explain how monitoring works and how public can track access such info

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Lake	General	As a Registered Respiratory Therapist, my standpoint comes from an infection control and health safety perspective. I believe for the most part, the precautions we are taking now, are slowing the spread. That is why Florida's numbers are not spiking quickly as we thought it would in the beginning. If we reopen and back off of the current measures we are taking. We will end up in a total shutdown. I think we need to keep the beaches closed to crowds, gyms should remain closed (people can exercise at home and outside safely), keep the social distancing guidelines and stay at home orders in place until the death rates and positive cases show an impressive steady rate of deceleration. Then from there, begin to think about normal reopening. Backing off too soon from current restrictions and guidelines by gradually reopening the state I believe isn't being proactive or preventive at all, I believe it's being a little careless and will result in the numbers spiking again. It is just common sense. I understand the economy is suffering but we must come together find creative ways and create guidelines around that for business to remain productive. People are not going to be happy and people are going to suffer financially. But it's better than people suffering and dying at home or in the streets because our healthcare system becomes overloaded with a he sick. Let's sit tight and hold onto what we are doing now and continue to push for people to remain safe at home, avoid group gatherings altogether, so we can minimize the spread of this virus. Until we can potentially rid of it completely with a vaccine. Thank you for taking the time to consider my opinion.
Manatee	Technology	I am a 25 year old that works for a big technology company in retail. Speaking for my store that i work in, i can say that this has all been hard on us but we are all a bit uneasy and a little scared to go back to work soon because of how many cases there are every day in Florida.. i know we are strongly urged to wear face masks but truthfully, anything can happen. Personally, i am terrified to get this virus.. and this is just from articles I've read online. It seems very serious and i don't want to compromise my health. Please make sure that re-opening Florida is going to be the best for everyone, not just the economy. Please think about everyone's mental health during your consideration. Please... be cautious on your decision.. this is very serious and could affect more people if we re-open Florida now.
Brevard	Healthcare	We are in the healthcare sector and would like to request elective surgeries be allowed quickly. Also we would like to see beach parking open again. We live in Brevard county and there is plenty of room for people to social distance. We would like to see our economy start to open as quickly and safely as possible. Thanks for all your time Gov Desantis we think you are doing a great job!
Leon	General	Open Leon today. Open Florida today. The mental health of the public outweighs any potential benefits of keeping Florida shut down.

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Orange	Professional Services	I am a hair stylist. I understand the need for reopening the state and the economy, however where salons and barbershops are concerned I do think it's appropriate to take a slower approach. Unlike retail stores and supermarkets, we have a lot of physical contact with our clients. We may wear masks but that doesn't change the fact that we are touching their scalp and head and it's incredibly difficult to cut hair in gloves safely. If you consider that many children will be getting haircuts, it's highly unlikely that they'll keep a mask on throughout the service. I think that salons and barbershops need to be held off until the second phase, with all the above points being taken into consideration.
Manatee	Finance	Dear Governor DeSantis, While I live in the same state as you I feel a world away. You asked us to help you, we did. You asked us to close our business, we did. You asked us to stay home, we did. You asked us to continue to stay at home, we are. So here I am, at home, waiting. You told us don't worry unemployment will come, it hasn't. You told us don't worry grants are coming, they haven't. You told us don't worry forgivable loans are coming, they haven't. So here I am, at home waiting. I wait alongside my coworkers, family and friends, small business owners, the self-employed and the independent contractors. A massive number of Florida residents who are waiting for the Unemployment portal to open for us, waiting for loan approvals, waiting for stimulus checks. All of these programs, we are at the back of the line for. So here we wait. While bills come daily, savings continuously dwindling and still doing our part. It is time you do yours. It is an inconceivable expectation to close unessential business halting all income and expect us to survive. We need to pay our bills and put food on the table. Without immediate action, you are leaving us no options. How are we to survive? We deserve an answer. Coming soon is no longer acceptable!!!
Broward	General	Protecting our lives!!! Follow what Coumo does...WE ARE NOWHERE NEAR READY TO OPEN!!!!!! Cases are NOT declining for 2 weeks....we are far behind washington state and ny!!!! Havent peaked yet!!! Reopening is murder to floridians!!!! REopening will kill alot of people....How could you NOT see this!!!!!! Trump has destroyed Anerica and you will destroy Florida if we reopen before ready!!!!! There should be fines for anyone not doing social distancing...life more important than $$$$$$$!!!!!
Seminole	Healthcare	Covid-19 reopen must be very careful and take into consideration all consequences if opened to soon (another outbreak). The knowledge of where the people contracted it from must be public, so others know to use extreme caution when visiting these places and or people. It is not logical to just say stay home and wear masks and gloves, research must be done on the Covid-19 victims as to where they have been since November 2019. The truth of this virus is available and should be shared with the public.. The truth always comes out! As for the shortage of toilet paper? Can it stop the virus? The medical sanitizers and equipment I understand because we have more patients to treat, but why do the stores not have hand sanitizer for the public? The medical industry has a different grade I sure! Thank you for listening

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St. Lucie	Professional Services	The beauty industry is very rarely discussed we also have been hit just as hard if not harder than the food industry yet we know nothing. Hear in Saint Lucie County I watch the numbers slowly rise yet all the focus is from west palm and south. From what I understand our county is larger than New York and all its burrows. So what about us we are never discussed and have most of our population 60 and over. I'd like some information on what is supposed to be done here. Thank you for reading my frustration please stay safe.
Volusia	General	I do not feel it is safe to re-open the state as of this time. The virus is not contained and there currently is no cure for it. The health and well-being of the people should be number one, even if it means businesses lose money. Life is more important. We've had more than 30,000 known cases and over 1,000 deaths in this state. It is not safe and would have been a waste of the last month to go back to open. More people will get sick, fast, and more people will die. And for what? Businesses to collect money? I say No! Do not re-open the state yet.
Orange	Finance	Please get the unemployment system in this state to work for those that have lost their jobs. If it worked than people would not be so frantic to put themselves and others in harms way - Because the number of Covid19 cases in this state is still climbing!
Marion	General	Please check the statistics of those who have really died from this Flu and not stats inclusive of people whom have passed during this flu season. Padding stats makes an irrelevant count of anything. Please stop holding this state hostage, truth people catch things and sometimes die each year we see this and who's fault it is will never be fully known. And changes even less. We are humans my heart is sad at the passing of a soul, however stop the hype and stop the sensationalism of all of this. People need to know that flu season is going to happen again in 2020 so learn from this whole thing. Please don't go back to normal be better. How many babies have died from mother's choice during this same amount of time? They are just as dead. Protect all life or stop playing god and choosing who's lives matter and who's do not. Open our state. We are a republic not a communist country. Sending a Facebook not fact checked attached file just as reliable as the stuff we get from Americans Entertainment so-called news.
Volusia	General	I say aside from listening to the experts!!! (which the public is not) go with your gut(common sense mgt). Are the #'s down? Do you have a backup plan (in place) if there's a negative impact? Who's liable when jumping science (who warned you to wait) for the business who create opportunity for spread? The whole we're gonna go to salons, restaurants, beaches, back to work, etc.. and social distance is unrealistic in my opinion. It also needs to be decided masks or not it appears choice creates opportunity to harm another even if not affecting yourself. Just saying, quit testing the waters just make a choice then stand behind it because uncertainty and your lack to "pay the people" is much worse for the overall outcome on all fronts. We will recover what we loose financially taking caution may be consider the people's welfare first who will make that money for you 😉

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Palm Beach	General	It's time to reopen - I think we're all well practiced in social distancing by now, you've been trusting us to do so with grocery stores, gas stations, pharmacies, and take out and delivery food… Why can't you let other stores and businesses open with the same practices? Reopen salons and spas and gyms with enhanced hygiene standards. And if what the scientists are saying with sunlight is true, open the beaches, parks and boat launches. If you don't feel safe, stay home, no judgment, but let the rest of us get back to living life and making a living! The longer we prolong the shut down, the harder it will be to cut recover financially and mentally. It's most definitely TIME TO REOPEN
Palm Beach	General	Open everything up already. Those that are scared can stay home. We need to get our lives back and work not only for our families but for the economy.
Seminole	General	I believe we SHOULD NOT re-open our State till June 1st like the Doctors and Modelers have suggested. Thank you. Mollie Pallotta
Lee	Recreation	Very unfair that my neighbors can play golf but I cannot play tennis. Open up tennis now.
Sarasota	General	Please keep us safe until cases subside, wait 14 days and test again. Also please redo the unemployment help for this Covid 19 thank you
Hillsborough	Government	Open all businesses and churches now. Give us credit for having brains and common sense. We know to keep good hygiene and to stay out of crowds. Closures are ruining our country. Mayors and governors are turning USA into police states. Why don't you report number of deaths due to flu, HIV.drug overdoses and heart attacks and just plain old age???? No need to close down everyone. this is just plain STUPID.
Collier	General	2 more weeks. It is better to be safe than sorry and better to continue a lockdown than to deal with the consequences of those who will treat partial reopening as if it is a full reopening .
Orange	Professional Services	Please keep barbershops closed! I work for a local barbershop/hair salon chain, and as eager as myself and my coworkers are to get back to work, we are also extremely concerned with how the beauty industry and other similar industries are being worked into reopening plans in other states. Any industry that involves extended physical contact with another human, especially multiple humans, per day should not be part of the phase one, potentially not even phase two depending on the volume of the business. We know everyone wants haircuts, their nails filled, tattoos, etc., but the MINIMUM 30 minutes of consistent physical contact needed per client not only puts the staff at risk, but puts every client at risk for rapid spreading. Staff members already get sick with other illnesses frequently due to this extended contact and lack of consideration from clients who are sick and still get haircuts, but risking their lives, client lives, or either parties families should not be an option until we are closer to finding a manageable way to treat the symptoms.
Orange	Tourism	Let those who are susceptible stay home and allow those who can work and those who choose to work knowing all we know work. Allow businesses to operate based on their own needs and beliefs. Initiate safe Guards for those that are opening

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St. Lucie	General	Dear Governor DeSantis, Congratulations on your new baby! Thank you for leading the 3rd largest state in the country in an impossible (self inflicted) situation. I think you are doing a FANTASTIC job with little to no positive media. I watch your press conferences and say BRAVO everyday. Short, concise with facts / data and no pandering emotion. Finally, just yesterday POTUS shortened his Rona Rally and I don't think Dr Doom and Dr Scarf were there. Thank God for that! The numbers are showing this whole shamdemic shut down was entirely not needed. Please let counties start opening up next week. Should have been 3 weeks ago but I digress. To the 'OMG it's too early, people are going to die' crowd - No business is being FORCED to open and no one is being FORCED to go out of your home. Don't want to open your business, fine. Don't want to go out and resume normal life, fine. But give residents a CHOICE! Please at every press conference note and name the number of companies hiring now! I've been watching all these people complain about unemployment for 3,4,5 and 6 weeks. They could have found a job and maybe missed one paycheck. Ziprecruiter and Indeed have been posting jobs and lot's of them everyday since mid March! You must be exhausted! Please take care of yourself the best you can. Keep doing what you are doing and don't cave to the mob. Scarf Lady did praise the Florida website tracker by county / zip etc at 2 Rona Rallies! Go with that! Pull up some slides on screen at a presser as evidence to let counties open up - and open NEXT FRIDAY MAY 1!!!!!!!!!!!! Thank you for all your hard work, Governor! Literally can't wait to vote for you as POTUS in the future!!
Leon	Accommodation	Open Leon today. Open Florida today. The mental health of the public outweighs any potential benefits of keeping Florida shut down.
Pinellas	Administrative	Election 2020. For those who don’t want to do mail-in ballots, perhaps a drive up at the poll sites could be arranged. Covered tables with enough volunteers to check ID’s, which is critical .
St. Lucie	General	We need to instate a shelter in place that actually has places that close!!!! Everyone here is essential and is going to catch this is no one takes it serious.
Broward	Professional Services	I feel to reopen Florida in a safe matter is to start with all outdoor activities sooner rather then later. Barber shops and nail salons should also be allowed to open . Myself and Fiance who are still working should be able to have those essential services.. Disney World should be allowed to open in a low capacity level for Florida residents only to see how to practice social distancing. We need to get the people who are not working back to working. My 2 daughters are in restaurant business and would be nice to get them back to work. THANK YOU for the opportunity

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Lee	Healthcare	Retired nurse..I have great admiration for my healthcare workers to be on the front lines, helping others & having to worry about themselves and family. To open things up TOO soon would be unconsciousable for the government, hold fast, it's better to be safe than sorry. People overall are good well meaning souls BUT there are others that can destroy what the good ones do. PLEASE keep the stay at home order till REAL data comes in. Thank you,Eleanor Dean
Collier	General	Our economy never should have been shut down. You don't quarantine healthy people! Re-open Florida!!!
Lake	Healthcare	Dear Governor DeSantis I am writing to you today because I am concerned for my personal safety at work, and for the safety of the patient's that I care for. I am a licensed Dental Hygienist in the State of Florida. As you know, dental office are planning to open soon. I understand that dentists, as business owners, are eager to reopen as they are concerned about finances. However, resuming elective dental services at this time puts the health of their staff and patient's at risk. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is still in short supply, and some dentists are expecting their hygienists to work without proper PPE and new infection control training. Dental Hygienists have the highest risk of contracting the coronavirus of any occupation due to the unique nature of our work. We work in very close proximity to the patient, and utilize dental instruments which create aerosols. These aerosols can suspend the virus in the air for hours, potentially infecting us, the rest of the dental team and our patients. It is virtually impossible to have your teeth cleaned without generating aerosols. The aerosols created by Patient A at 8:00 are still lingering in the air and dropping down on surfaces on Patient B at 9:00 and Patient C at 10:00. It is estimated that 50% of people actively shedding the coronavirus are asymptotic. Without the ability to test, we must assume that everyone is infectious (Universal Precautions). The Center for Disease Control, CDC, recommends that dental facilities postpone elective procedures, surgeries and non-urgent dental treatment until further notice. I urge you to enforce the CDC recommendations to postpone dental hygiene services at this time, and mandate resuming elective dental services As you consider next steps in reopening businesses, I hope you understand the unique risks to dental hygiene professionals. I ask you to make decisions that will ensure the safety of dental hygienists, their families and the patients they serve.
Suwannee	General	No... We will survive...
Orange	General	I think we're ready to go. We need to open in phases with safety measures in place. We need our people to return to work. I'm working from home and getting paid. Many are not so lucky. People will lose their business. Our numbers are low. Do it slowly now before the summer so, hopefully, by mid to late summer we have some kind of normal. If we don't the state will be in dire straits. Our family will support any open businesses . And thank you for your work on this.

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Volusia	General	I think we should slowly start with reopening hair cutting salons, nails, small businesses. Then maybe retails. Then restaurants. I think alot of people will continue safety precautions. But we do eventually have to open up and hope for the best. We cant wait until we have 0 cases, just won't happen. Our state won't survive if we don't try. Yes, we're scared, but I think most people will think of safety and be very cautious. My husband and 3 kids are all essential workers, one is actually a healthcare worker, they've been out there. They're cautious. Don't open everything at once, but please start.
Brevard	General	EDUCATION. There should be an effort to educate people about how the virus is spread beyond the very basics. Face masks should be mandatory to protect everyone. Masks only provide that protection of everyone is wearing them. Some sort of real enforcement of the CDC guidelines to protect employees when workplaces refuse to protect their employees. MORE TESTING open to anyone. Tracing contacts. STRESSING the importance and meaning of limiting exposure to reduce spread. Yes things need to be opened up but unless people are responsible there will be many more illnesses and death, needlessly. A real sense of community and caring for each other should be stressed.
Orange	General	No one can get any unemployment. So if you can't help us live and thrive with money from that then we need to be able to make money. So re open immediately before our lives and everything we have worked for is lost. Obviously with health precautions for Public safety put in place. What would be better is if the state would just pay out the unemployment and stay closed a little longer just to be sure it's safe. People need money and need to be able to pay their bills.
Palm Beach	Professional Services	I'm a single mother that was laid off due to COVID-19. As much as I need to get back to work, I don't feel it's safe at this current time.
Manatee	General	We all want to get back to what is "normal" We all want our economy to be booming again. But we cannot risk our fellow Floridians health in a rush to do so. If it is not safe enough for kids to go back to school then it is not safe enough for our state to reopen again at this time. I would personally much rather get this over with in one shot and flatten the curve to the best of our ability then have to do this again, which would make things much worse for everyone.
Volusia	Retail	I dont believe we are ready! I am at high risk with diabetes and I am scared to return to work!

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Seminole	Professional Services	I work in a kids hair salon and don't feel reopening on the 1st is a very smart idea. Maybe mid to end of May would be a safer choice. In my professional opinion (22 years) there is no possible way to keep 6 ft of distance while doing hair. And when it is a child with autism it is impossible. Half of the time they don't wear a cape so how can we expect them to keep a mask on. Putting myself and everyone else at risk. As much as I miss my coworkers and the families we work with it is not a risk I would like to take. I have children at home who I would be bring stuff home to that did not ask for it. If I was a carrier of the virus and didn't know I was sick and got a child sick or their family I just could handle that. Some people will be in a rush to get out into the world and not be as careful as they should be. The safest place is at home right now. Opening Florida to soon could be even deadlier than it already has been and I just don't want to be a part of that.
Orange	Healthcare	Remove the 5G towers and reopen. We were late to lockdown and anyone who was going to be infected probably already was and then it became a waiting game during lockdown to see who would suffer and sadly pass. Either way, we are st a loss...open or closed.
Marion	General	I do NOT feel it is safe to reopen the state. I have several health issues that compromises my immune system. I have children whom have health issues! I know you say they don't usually get sick but it can happen. If my husband is made to go back to work, and he comes in contact with someone whom is infected even if asymptomatic, he will bring it home to me and my sone. That puts our lives at risk and I am not 45 years old yet. I'm asking you to think carefully before making this decision. If it were your wife , mother or children would want to risk the already unknown virus. Just today we learned of 6 new symptoms. Our cases are still climbing and our deaths are still rising. Please just think hard before opening too quickly. Thank you for listening.
Lee	Recreation	I am a nurse in SW Florida and this lock down goes against any evidenced based practices we ever learned . This virus is no different than every other virus of this type. Hand hygiene and education is what we need not lock down. Your not going to get sick from going to beach or park or outside.
Seminole	General	Open businesses to allow the economy to begin to function as soon as possible observing all social distancing rules. Continue intense testing to monitor virus in general population.

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Pasco	Professional Services	While I live in the same state as you I feel a world away. You asked us to help you, we did. You asked us to close our businesses, we did. You asked us to stay home, we did. You asked us to continue to stay at home, we are- so far. So here I am, at home, waiting. You told us don't worry unemployment will come, it hasn't and at $275 per week, it won't even cover my mortgage if it did show up. You told us don't worry grants are coming, they haven't. You told us don't worry forgivable loans are coming, they haven't. You told us don't worry stimulus money is coming, it hasn't. I wait alongside most of my fellow small business owners, those self-employed and independent contractors. A massive number of Florida residents who are waiting for the Unemployment portal to open for us, waiting for loan approvals, waiting for stimulus checks. All of these programs, meant for people just like me who truly own small businesses are still waiting. We wait while you and all the other politicians continue to collect a pay check...a pay check earned by me and my fellow Americans and paid to you in good faith that you would represent us. We wait while big business are allowed to stay open and monopolize a sector of the economy. We wait while bills come daily, savings continuously dwindle, and retirement drifts further out of reach. It is an inconceivable expectation to close all unessential business halting all income streams and expect us to survive. We need to pay our bills, put food on the table, and keep our homes. Without immediate action, you are leaving us no options, except perhaps civil disobedience. How else are we to survive? We have done our part. How about you do yours. Coming soon is no longer acceptable! I do not want to hear one more time that staying home is for the greater good. Covid-19 has a mortality rate (according to reported statistics) similar to flu, and we certainly do not stop the country for the flu. And...I, sir, am part of the greater good...along with 20+ million other Floridians.
Pinellas	Professional Services	I have a small pet grooming shop and a mobile unit. I service animal's that the client is unable to care for in that way. I deal with a lot of dogs that are scared, fight, and bite. Some vets will not even touch them. Grooming is essential for animals. The order stated that we are non essential cause the vets office can do what we do if in dire need. How is that going to happen if the vets offices are not grooming? I have had clients that have been told by the vet to call a groomer! Florida needs to open back up. We can not stay in business if we are closed much longer. Also some of us are unable to get the help from ppp or stimulus due to not having 2018 taxes done. Please grant groomers as essential so we can go back to work and dogs can stop being neglected.
Seminole	Healthcare	As a healthcare worker I am concerned people will be complacent. We do not have enough testing to know how safe we are. Opening this soon is only going to have this virus resurge

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Duval	General	I feel like it is too early to reopen everything because the virus is not gone. Ex specially the border of Florida. The virus is controlled right now because everyone was force to stay home. Open up business that hep keep the economy to keep everyone alive and going. Let farmers and etc. go back to work and whoever to help produce the supplies we need. But whenever everyone comes out it's going to give the virus a chance to grow again. I work in amazon we are close in that building even with the safety guidelines and the case in them building continues to grow everyday.
Lake	Tourism	We are not ready to reopen Florida until June for now.
Orange	General	In the interest of all Floridians open the state after following the complete advice (all the steps) of medical professionals NOT politicians. Opening beaches was folly enough. Test and trace, social distance. Rinse and repeat.
Orange	Tourism	The cruise line industry is suffering many shoreside US loss of jobs. The State should provide the Ports with guidelines to open by July 1. Same for the theme parks. The State. should not restrict theme parks from opening but rather should require a plan for a gradual reopening by a certain date. They should be able to reopen by Mid June in my opinion but on a limited capacity basis to start. The State guidelines I'm mentioning are not anything new- it's the common sense guidelines already released by the Presidents Coronavirus Task Force. One of the big issues is we need public education and reassurance because a lot of people are simply too afraid to leave their house anymore.
Palm Beach	General	I live in South Florida and I care very much about the small businesses and want to see them open. But this area has also been pretty irresponsible about safety. You can walk down Atlantic Avenue anytime and see groups not practicing social distancing, people without masks and very crowded stores. Some people as soon as they get into a store pull their mask down. This is the MINORITY but enough to spread it. All I'm asking is please help the economy but put our health first. You didn't in the beginning when you wouldn't close the beaches right a way. You've done a great job since then. Just please put our health first and the economy a half step lower. Thank you.

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Orange	General	I would like to preface this by noting that I hold a Masters Degree in Public Health and am a practicing occupational safety professional. Please see the attachments for my credentials.... Now, that being said, we should not rush in reopening the state. Although this has been tough on us economically, it will be much worse if we open prematurely and cause a spike in cases. We should be waiting until we start seeing a steady drop in cases daily and have a large number of the population tested or at least able to be tested. Even so, opening should be in stages and there should still be some form of social distancing in place. It should be understood that this world will be living in a new normal once this is all said and done. We simply cannot go back to exactly the way things were before, especially when we do not have a vaccine or effective cure. I've been furloughed and would love to go back to work, but we need to be smart about this. People's lives are more important than the economy. Please listen to public health experts and take their insight seriously. Thank you for your time.
Lee	General	I would like to see the small businesses open with extreme care. All business employees should wear masks. Salons- by apt. only- no walk-ins. I would wait on tattoo parlors.The restaurants would be with spacing- once you get into a restaurant- you are usually seated, and you don't get back up again until you are done. Servers should wear masks- and reservations only to begin with. Wait with the opening of bars. Open hotels again, but restrict use of pools. Beaches could be used. Please wait on opening movie theaters and entertainment centers. i would not open those counties that have a problem still. We feel you have done a great job with this crisis.
Brevard	General	My suggestion would be rather than opening county by county open community by community. We live in the northern part of Brevard County which is a very long county. As of a couple days ago, Titusville only had 9 confirmed cases. Most of the confirmed cases are in the southern part of our county in the Melbourne area. It would make sense to begin to allow business in our community to reopen as the risk is very low here. In addition, please consider allowing businesses to reopen throughout the state implementing the same guidelines that we see in grocery stores. We own a small business in Titusville. We have no employees and no rent expense so we did not qualify for help but our business has suffered greatly by this shutdown. Please reopen Florida as soon as possible.

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Volusia	Retail	I work as a delivery and merchandising person for retail locations. Most of my accounts are open with restrictions on open hours and number of customers per square foot. Many have instituted one way aisles and remind customers of social distancing. Employees are provided masks, gloves and temperature checks. However, We have a huge compliance issue in some locations. Many people are choosing not to wear masks or follow the rules. Keep that in mind as you open up businesses. A huge group of people either don't believe in the danger or don't care about others at all. Whatever you do, make sure instructions are clearly communicated to businesses and the public. Most of us in these occupations are putting our life in the hands of the general public. Not comforting at all. Please consider us as you make plans. Personal note, I am 60 with hypertension and my husband has asthma. Having seen the public response to our peril, I can tell you I won't be shopping, getting hair done, going to restaurants or other events without better public compliance.
Orange	General	The state and country need to get people back to work. This virus is serious but so is the economy. We need to get people back to work within the next two weeks in reverse phase of the way they were closed.
Manatee	Professional Services	Hair Salons and Nails salons should be last phase of opening as our contact is so close. We also need hospital grade face masks available to us to purchase for us and our clients as cotton homemade ones will not be safe. Other supplies will be needed as well, proper client disposable capes and employee coverings for their clothes which all need to be hospital grade as well. Temperature checks upon client arrival along with a questionnaire on previous travel, any contact with anyone sick in previous two weeks etc. should all be mandatory. Another words same expectations as any essential front line worker has as far as protection for the stylist and clients. Thank you, Lynne Gallagher
Flagler	Healthcare	As a geriatric nurse practitioner, I believe that nursing homes need to remain closed to visitors and continue close monitoring as being done currently. With regard to the community at large, I believe opening non essential businesses with the the caveats of masks, 6 ft social distancing etc. and everyone coming into any of these establishments should be required to give their name and address, phone numbers along with temperature taken. If increased temp, denied admission and needs testing. . It should be the obligation of businesses to check in with their clientele 1-3 weeks after visit and make sure no illness. If illness, the business needs to notify the Public Health Service to do contact tracing and all those customers in the past 2-3 weeks need to be tested for covid. The role of contact tracing is huge and I would need reassurance that our state has the system to do this. If you have any questions, please feel free to call- 9042525265.
Leon	Government	Open Leon today. Open Florida today. The mental health of the public outweighs any potential benefits of keeping Florida shut down.

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Lee	Tourism	Please open our beaches & boating here in Lee & Collier counties. Those who violate the safe distancing guidelines should be thrown in jail & fined. Those of us who are responsible enough should be able to enjoy these amenities as one of the best benefits for living in Florida! Also, please waive the $8 fee to enter Barefoot Beach and make available an annual beach pass of $50 like in the past. Thank you & hoping everything is open by Nay 1st!
Collier	General	To whom it may concern, I am in very much in favor of re-opening the state. The damage being done to the US economy is staggering. Regards, Gregg Shaw
Charlotte	General	My public comment on reopening Florida: I think the public would like to be treated as responsible adults. Most people are intelligent and some are even college graduates and are able to make good decisions about their lives and health. Most people realize the importance of good higiene all the time and the need to self quarantine during illness. It would be even better if all employees had access to sick days so they can stay home when sick and not infect others. Thank you, Ewa Bandura
Polk	General	I feel that Governor DeSantis can begin opening up Florida. The distancing and increased disinfecting practices by businesses must be followed as much as possible. I appreciate the Governor asking the public for their thoughts.
Volusia	General	I believe we should open by May or mid May. It is effecting the economy, people are not able to provide due to no income. Mental health is a major problem due to going out was there therapy wether it be at the park, theme parks, restaurants, coffee shop...or helped. Child abuse is another so please be open before school starts again so children can get away from the hone they might be scared of being. Plus there are deaths and there is not a vaccine yet, but those who have a compromised immune system or afraid should be the ones to stay home. We were risking ourselves before with so many things out there that we came in contact with. It is our responsibility to take care of ourselves and we should have the choice to do it. I choose to go out and I have always known the risk as a healthcare worker I am exposed to things on a daily, but I chose to do that as well as others should have their choice to either isolate it go because to life again.

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Seminole	Education	I am a life coach,, who has worked as an university administrator for many years before starting my business. I've been underemployed for the last 4 years and know what economic struggle is, especially with no longer the capacity to afford healthcare. I also know what it means to have chronic illness afternoon suffering with asthma since birth. Florida should not re-open without the testing, medicine, and appropriate medical systems in place. We should not put our elders, children, or those who are vulnerable at risk. People first, economics seconds.
Palm Beach	General	Me and my family want businesses and the economy to reopen but have serious concerns about future waves of the virus. I would like to see gradual and measured reopening with adequate assessment to detect new outbreaks before they get to severe levels. Reopening should include new regulations and guidelines for social distancing including crowd size. Teleworking for all sectors should continue to the maximum extent possible. Schools must use a new model and focus on hygiene and minimize exposure through smaller class sizes and shorter days. Plans should also be in place for actions to take when new outbreaks are detected.
Marion	General	It's too early to open the state
Seminole	General	Please start reopening the state, even if in phases. The numbers never reached the levels "they" said they would in most areas and hospitals are now well equipped with plenty of beds (in most areas). The economic toll has been and will continue to be devastating. Suicides, homeless people, increased child abuse and domestic violence. Those lives matter too.
Volusia	General	Based on the current statistics it is too early to reopen the State. We should wait, as suggested by medical professionals, until deaths become lower before reopening. Opening too early would potentially cause a secondary outbreak, which would be disastrous to our economy.
Volusia	General	The decision to reopen any business needs to be data driven. We need to have a solid testing strategy. Until we have a vaccine we are assuming risk by opening the economy. It's a very difficult call to make to say we will choose life/health over the economy. There are some businesses that will be very difficult to open without introducing risk (eg hair salons, restaurants, amusement parks). In an ideal world we test every worker and individual entering those venues to ensure they are not exposing the workers or others while going there.. I don't think we have the scale for testing to do that so I question how we can open those businesses without introducing risk.

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Brevard	Healthcare	I do not support re-open Florida without very strict guidelines and concessions for health and hygiene. Currently we have no access to masks that actually help prevent illness we have people with no health care experience putting T-shirt style masks over their face which do absolutely nothing to prevent transmission. You can't find hand sanitizer anywhere or even the supplies to make your own. Without these things sending people out into the world is just asking for a surge of cases which will overwhelm our hospitals. It is my opinion that the governor is more concerned with money and tourism and not fixing the unemployment issue that has happened rather than human lives. Re open very slowly to select areas and provide our community with the right resources to be out and about safely.
Orange	Professional Services	Hello, I own a small business in Orlando and I'm ready to open right now. The CDC has been tracking a flu like illness with upper respiratory disease since November and my family had a fever with a very bad cough in January...as did 300 other children in my children's soccer club...but we all tested negative for the flu. I think we had this and have the antibodies. I wouldn't be surprised if a large percentage of Floridians already had this virus before March. Plus, the only way to defeat a virus is to face it and allow the general population of healthy people to develop natural immunity via antibodies, that's actually the best way to develop heard immunity and protect our elderly. My family is not scared to go about our lives. We're ready to go back to work and play and visit theme parks. We don't think people need to wear masks around us and we'd go back to Universal with pre-coronavirus ways of doing business in full swing. I am, however, very scared of this unemployment system we have in Florida that looks like it doesn't have enough money to pay the people who have been able to file for unemployment (I still haven't been able to get through and it looks like I'm going to make at least a quarter less than usual this year all because of this hysteria to a virus that you have less than a percent of a chance of dying from.). I am hearing of friends of friends committing suicide or over dosing on opioids. I'm hearing from friends who are doctors that they're being furloughed and/or seeing a huge rise in domestic violence coming into their ERs. I am scared that small business owners will lose their business, become homeless, and won't be able to feed their families. This cure has proven to be worse than this disease and it's time to reopen right now before I wake up tomorrow hearing about more suicides.
Pasco	Retail	If you'd like to hear from doctors who are on the front lines of this I personally don't think we should reopen the economy at this time. I believe we should wait another month.

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Osceola	Professional Services	Following suit with Georgia is a good place to start. If gyms are going to be allowed to be open, then massage therapists should be as well. We see clients on a one to one basis and use strict cleaning protocols plus new ppe protocols. Gyms have multiple people sweating and breathing heavy which is going to cause the virus to spread more than if a person was receiving a massage. I'm on week number 5 of not working and not receiving unemployment. I have two children and I am the main provider in my household. If I can't reopen my business soon, I will have to close for good, ending up possibly homeless and in huge debt from lack of income. The businesses that are allowed to be open, but I'm not is just ridiculous and lacks common sense on the part of the lawmakers.
Lee	Finance	I am disgusted with the unemployment process for FL. Our 19 year old son Is a full time college student with a part time job. He was furloughed from his part time job and the state unemployment website says he doesn't qualify for unemployment. Additionally, since FL didn't pick up the Cares Act he doesn't qualify for the $600 from the fed. Gov. To make matters worse - he also doesn't qualify for the stimulus check even though he filed for 2018 and 2019 taxes In speaking with his college friends - they all are in the same boat. Why is this age group being left out?? They all have bills to pay (insurance, car payments, rent, food, college loans, etc) and need this just as much as anyone under the age of 17 or over the age of 21
Brevard	General	Pick types of businesses to reopen and stagger the openings. We cant keep giving out money or the united states will be broke and will never come back from this. Might think about hiring some of the unemployed for the DEO to help get money to those that cant go back to work
Polk	General	The reopening of Florida should be done slowly. The data on the coronavirus should be used as a guide as to when it will be the safest to open things up. To open everything at once with no restrictions or guidelines would be a huge mistake.
Orange	General	I do believe we can begin to open the state in a calculated manner. I am concerned if we stay completely closed for too much longer, certain businesses will not be able to turn themselves around. I believe we can do things safely and in a manner that will not cause panic for those who are still worried about opening.
Orange	General	We need to be extremely careful,Its too soon, I don't want to be back at the same situation down the road. Enforce the people that are not taken this serious. If you're out. You have to wear a mask
Leon	Healthcare	Open Leon today. Open Florida today. The mental health of the public outweighs any potential benefits of keeping Florida shut down.

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Volusia	General	NO I do not feel safe in returning to work yet! I work at a restaurant, I am a single mom of a disabled child, as well as home schooling him because schools are still closed. I fear in returning at this time because doing so would not only put me at risk but my son as well. This virus could be deadly for him if he were to contract it. The place I work for would not be understanding of this and would expect me to return full time the second our doors open. I do not feel we are yet in a position to reopen. We would be putting more people at risk with the flood of tourism coming in. If you are able to get unemployment up and running properly, and allow extra food stamps to help those with children. I think you will find more people feel the same way. I don't want to lose my job because I am to scared to return right now. I think we should stay shut down for at least another month.
Collier	Retail	Masks should be required if going in public when reopening. That's a no-brainer. Also - When people walk into an establishment they should be required to wash their hands with anti-bacterial soap. This should be monitored by that business. It's up to the shopper if they wash them once they leave (at least, hopefully, they will not be infecting anyone else they come in contact with throughout the store). Restaurants should continue carryout. There is no need to gather like that yet. That is a luxury. Too many people are eating and drinking off of plates and glassware that may or may not be properly sanitized. However, If they do reopen, it should be throw away dishware that is required.
Polk	Government	I would like to inquire why I'm not eligible for reemployment from my second job as they closed up on march 20, 2020. I am working my primary job as its essential. Also I have tried to see about inquiring on my updated banking information for my stimulus check but again unable to put in banking info. I need these funds to survive. Thank you Barbara Basso barb62933@gmail.com 214-900-2820
Seminole	Recreation	In my opinion the way people in florida group together. I don't think its a good idea. The people ages 15- 40 will carry on like there ain't no virus. So as far as my opinion goes i wouldn't open the beaches to the public as well as the amusement parks.
Broward	Professional Services	Open all
Palm Beach	Recreation	As the golf capital of the world golf courses should be open. What better place for social distancing. Beaches. Parks. Boat ramps. Marinas. Smart people getting punished for idiot's. This virus is not going anywhere. We need to learn to live with it. Also small business like hair dresser, barber shops, dry cleaners any small business with a controlled environment. Everyone should be able to make their own decisions. Follow the guidelines.

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Seminole	General	I do think the Florida economy needs to open up sooner, rather than later. There will be far more hardships if people don't get back to work. We need some sort of normalcy! Even if there is a new normal, just like after 9-11. Once things begin to open, Floridians can make the decision either to go out, with a mask on or not, if they choose, or they can stay home! Doctors need to start performing surgeries again, well visits, MRI's, physical therapy etc. The longer things are put on the back burner, the more issues that will arise from lack of basic medical care. I do think Floridians will be more cognizant of social distancing, touching their face and this will help stop the spread of the virus, along with the flu, common cold, etc.
Flagler	General	The Safer at Home order should be suspended! We have practiced this since March 1t and are growing very tired of it. Mayor Melissa Holland suggests that Senior Citizens should plan on the order being in place until winter, this is unacceptable!!! Our economy and lives will crash if we continue with this time line mentality!!! Open up Florida with some common sense guide lines! Last I checked we still live in the land of the free, however it doesn't feel like it at this time! Respectfully yours!
Broward	Recreation	Hi. I certainly don't want to cause any trouble, nor do I want COVID-19 to spread. That being said....is there one reason not to reopen Everglades National Park? At least for auto traffic? I am not one to jam 60 people on a bus. I have a hobby that would not harm anyone. I like to travel, with radio (and sometimes TV) and outdoor antennas, to see what stations I can receive from far away. Flamingo, at the southern end of the Park, is an excellent quiet place to set things up. The other part of the Park, at Everglades City on FL's west coast, would be great too. If there is a risk, of course DO NOT reopen the park. But I don't see a reason, as long as people are spread out, why this cannot be done. I doubt that masks would be needed either. sincerely, cd

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Manatee	Government	you're asking people to give their opinion about when things should start opening in Florida. I think that there has to be a downward trend for corona for at least two weeks. the economy starts to open very slowly, if to fast we will just a be back to where we started. anything that has human contact, hair nails message, need to to have new way to keep everything sanitary. me personally I will not have any of that done for a long time. I am an older person and I am not usually scared about anything, but this pandemic scared me to death. I know you are a proponent of Trump, but I personally don't listen or believe anything he says. He has changed this country for the worstWe have no leadership from DC at all, we area country divided. I think you are an empathetic person and you have an instincts for bettering the state. Don't listen to him, you will fail if you do. You can be a good governor if you follow your heart not that idiot in office.
Seminole	General	Open Florida 1. Use electronic temperature checks for patrons on entrance to any business.Anyone with a 99 degree or above temp is denied access. 2. Mandatory mask until virus controlled
Orange	General	I live down the street from magic Kingdom. I think that opening the state too soon would be detrimental to everyone's health. I think people are suffering from not receiving their unemployment and crime will soon be on the rise. They need their unemployment benefits. I don't support the beaches and parks reopening, as most people lack common sense. I think the stress during this time would be helped if the unemployment system could get more support and push through for benefits.
Orange	Healthcare	REOPENING THE STATE IS A PREMATURE DECISION. EXTEND THE STAY AT HOME ORDER. FLORIDIANS SHOULD NOT DRIVE THE STATISTICS THROUGH THE ROOF WITH CONFIRMED POSITIVE CASES OF COVID-19.
St. Lucie	Tourism	we feel beaches can be opened on the entire treasure coast Friday may1..using chairs,collers,swimming.Just have the sheriff's on there rvs make sure we're 10 feet apart not 6 ft.this way you don't have people from West Palm driving up here.i would open west palm may 1 beaches only to walk swim and no chairs till may 15th or May 22 which is almost memorial day on May 25th

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Santa Rosa	General	I feel we should reopen most businesses. Given the study on the half-life of the virus in the open air and surfaces under heat, humidity, and direct sunlight, I say open outdoor restaurants, theme parks, water parks, etc immediately; if necessary at 50% capacity and gradually increase. With respect to retail, I see no difference in shopping for clothing, furniture, books, etc and shopping at Lowes, Walmart, or Publix. If limited capacity at first makes people feel better, then open with limited numbers of customers. I realize that Florida has a large elder (immo-compromised) population. Those folks should stay in if it makes them feel safer and continue with home delivery of supplies. Also every retail shop could offer safe hours for those folks, like now with Publix offering early morning shopping to the elderly. Keep up telehealth, it's easier for all; but please reopen elective procedures and dentists offices. We live off of tourism and I saw you had been thinking stay-cations for Floridians in Florida, but seriously most of us are broke from the lack of tourism. Maybe we could target tourism from the surrounding states and states with low numbers of cases who have more work from home (less unemployment claims).
Polk	General	I believe we should approach re-opening with caution. It should be done in phases with strong warnings. April 30th is not a magic number we need more time to curve the outbreak rushing into opening could be devastating to some people. I believe parks, beaches, restaurants and other public places should limit the amount of people per day. If we allow large companies to reopen to capacity too early this could put their employees at risk. If the work at home has been successful why not continue. PLEASE DO NOT REOPEN ON MAY 1st, be responsible and give it more time. Encourage the public to continue social distancing.
Pinellas	General	We must start opening Florida. The economy will not survive this much longer. Why are wellness clinics closed? These are some peoples Doctors. Holistic medicine is used to treat all types of ailments, both physical and mental. Please open businesses so people can get back to work and care for there families.
Palm Beach	General	Parks/Recs May 1st All others May 15th

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Indian River	Healthcare	As a dentist, it is my duty to care for patients who experience dental pain, trauma, infection or pathology. Presently we are only treating emergencies and are forced to tell our patients that their oral health issues must be delayed until government restrictions are lifted. Every day the number of patients in need for oral care escalates. Without treatment, patients' oral issues will progress into dental emergencies which will then lead to detrimental oral health outcomes, or even death in some cases. Many patients will end up requiring hospitalization, leading to the unnecessary use of our hospitals limited resources and increasing the likelihood that a patient will be exposed to COVID-19. Patients in high risk categories who require regular care as part of their oral and overall health treatment plans have missed critical hygiene appointments. Halting regular care and limiting dental services to emergency care will result in increased costs since many patients who were in mid treatment will require their procedures to be redone due to tooth movement. As a result of the guidelines for treating patients during the COVID-19 crisis, patients are making multiple visits to complete dental procedures due to their classification as emergency or non-emergency procedures. This is resulting in the use of additional PPE for each subsequent visit. This is waste that can and must be avoided. We are health care providers and we are ready to get back to work. Infection control has always been a key part of the practice of dentistry. Dentists have received extensive training in infection control and are held to very high standards (through OSHA and CDC) with every patient, every day, seen in a dental office. With the use of PPE (N-95 masks or equivalent, face shields, gowns and gloves), appropriate patient management involving an extensive prescreening protocol, social distancing within waiting rooms and cars, limitations on the number of patients/family members allowed in an office and our stringent infection control policies, I believe we can safely return to serving the public. In fact, we are already doing this. While dentists across the nation have provided emergency dental care to tens of thousands of Americans during this crisis there is no scientific or anecdotal
Broward	Government	Open all areas with the enforcement of face masks and distancing kept in place. Open it now!
Duval	General	In my opinion, the best way to regain normalcy and stay healthy would be to re-open in stages to regain normalcy and stay healthy. Re-opening of the beaches seems to be working, so far, here in Duval, but it is yet to be seen if people will continue social distancing. Having the parks re-open was also, I think, a good idea. As COVID-19 is still with us , I feel it would be irresponsible to open everything as Georgia has done. I believe opening all non-essential businesses and indoor dining on a large scale could be unsafe unless social distancing could be practiced . Also, the owners of these businesses should be held accountable to ensure they and their customers adhere to these conditions. I do not feel we are ready to lift the Stay At Home order. On my opinion, I would not consider doing this until the end of May at the earliest, and that depends on how much farther we have flattened the curve on COVID-19 positive tests and deaths. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank Governor De Santis for leading Florida through the difficult time. You are doing an outstanding job. Also, a thank you to Mayor Curry for his leadership and decision making for Duval County. He is continuing to do an great job for the city. Florida is in good hands!

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Volusia	General	Follow White House guidelines
Sumter	Recreation	Open state parks to Florida residents only.
Hillsborough	Education	Please DO NOT open Florida until the infection rate has decreased for at least two consecutive weeks. I don't ever again have to be isolated in my home for this long. But I want to feel safe when Florida is once again open for business and recreation. Thank you.
Pasco	General	Please do not open the state too soon. We can't afford to have another wave of infections. Please have the courage to do the right thing.
Palm Beach	General	Personal responsibility is key. Testing is key. Initial reopening should be gradual. Parks and beaches should be open limiting size of groups. Access to nursing homes by relative should be allowed after that relative was tested, more people are going to die from loneliness than the virus. Limit large numbers of people of congregating wether in stadium, fairs, big restaurants..etc.until the infections subside, or treatments are found. Personal responsibility and that most uncommon of senses , common sense, are essential. Older people should take extra precautions for the time being. The state should enforce the guidelines when people do not adhere to them.
Broward	General	It is too soon to reopen. Let's not ruin the progress we have made by staying home.
Seminole	Healthcare	I am a surgical RN and as much as I would like to get back to a normal work schedule, I feel the benefit does not outweigh the risk for myself and my peers.
Orange	General	I do not understand what is so hard to figure out. It should be mandatory across the board EVERYONE must wear a mask to enter a business. Each business should have antiseptic put in everyone's hands upon entering and the people must rub hands together. Stay 6 feet away from everyone unless your being seen by a Doctor who obviously needs to be closer. Open everything back up so we can all get back to work and make some money to pay our bills. The media is over exaggerating the numbers. I don't believe anything the media is putting out there. These are very sad times to see the world act the way they are acting. Get rid of the people in congress and our Government that has done nothing but try to get rid of Trump and fight for what they want, not what we the people want. Did they forget we elected them In and hope to God they get elected OUT.

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Hillsborough	General	I understand the importance of wanting to reopen Florida , to avoid any further economic damage. But as a citizen I feel like it would be completely irresponsible at this time. We haven't had a steady decline of coronavirus cases yet, and I worry about the health of myself and my family. I own a small business (hair salon), and I would be devastated if we received the green light to open, too soon. Like myself and other small business I spent years growing it into what it is. I know myself and other small businesses in the area (Tampa) are not comfortable with opening our doors just yet, and I know there are other businesses who are eager . I feel like this will create unfair competition and set a lot of small businesses back who make the conscious decision to put their health first. I understand you have a heavy decision to make , but it would be even heavier guilt if you were to reopen too soon and cause a flood of infections that our healthcare system can not support. Please take every factor into consideration before making any major decisions that will effect the health of your citizens .
Palm Beach	General	The sooner things open the better as long as the correct measures are in place. If you will be closer than 6 feet from another person, wear a mask, otherwise the mask isn't necessary. High risk people should be encouraged to be extra careful and possibly shelter in place until the 15th of May. If people feel unsafe, they can stay home, but at some point it's unfair for businesses to stay closed and healthy people stay home because others are against lifting the restrictions. If anyone is against it , they can keep following the restrictions, but they shouldn't speak for everyone. Small businesses can responsibly and safely reopen if following the guidelines, don't make them wait
Leon	Tourism	Open Leon today. Open Florida today. The mental health of the public outweighs any potential benefits of keeping Florida shut down.
Palm Beach	Healthcare	Hello Governor DeSantis , I am really hoping that outpatient elective surgery and dental office open up very soon if not immediately because I am unable to have my outpatient elective procedure that has been postponed for over a month and I cannot receive my dental work that I need during this time. Even though it is elective I still need to have it done and can not postpone for much longer . Since we are luckily in the position where we have enough hospital beds and PPE , I think it is imperative we open up medical offices and dental offices to perform outpatient procedures until hospitals are ready to perform inpatient procedures . Thank you , Mr.Governor P.S I am a medical Resident that begins training July 1st and need to have these procedures well before I start to give me the chance to recover and be healthy to treat patients in the hospital !

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Hillsborough	Government	I work in the field for the Florida State Lottery, and do not feel we have had enough of a continuous stay at home for its residents. The only businesses that have really felt any we inimical impact is the private ones. Because all the grocery stores, gas stations, convenience stores are fully open. Most restaurants are still open even if just for take out, they are still open. If we don't hold strong and have a Complete stay at home for a good period of time, it's just going to flair up again. As a state, we did not all go into a complete stay at home, and we all did not do this at the same time. The whole state as a whole needs to be completely shut down including stores and restaurants for a small period of absolutely no movement and then we can open back up, but so long as we are still out and about, whether it be as groups or as individuals we will not have give enough time to stop the virus from spreading.
Brevard	Transportation	The shutdown should be extended till at least May 15 with a re-evaluation for posible May 31 extension. if the reinfection rate is below 1.0. Allowing institutions to open which are tourism dependent (parks, cruise lines etc.) should not be considered till June 30.
Lee	Education	I would like to see a summer school session for children to make up. Distance learning is a band aid, it is not a substitute for in class education and progress. If school is not an option I would hope there would be summer camps opened. It is very hard for parents to work if there are no places for there children to be.
Seminole	Utilities	I'm concerned because we don't know the extent of this disease The majority of the population in Florida have not been tested. The trend may show an improvement but I believe certain industries should be opened cautiously. The danger is opening and an increase in the spread. I think being more cautious is the safest approach
Hillsborough	General	It's too soon to open the state. Florida hasn't even reached its peak yet. For public safety we need to stay at home and flatten the curve. We can't open until we have a lot more testing and tracking.
Osceola	General	This is in regards to reopening the state of Florida. I do not believe it is time to reopen the state. I do not believe it's time to allow travel for vacationers into the state either. This virus is still continuing to spread. Until numbers start to drop then and only then is when consideration should be made. I believe an extension to the 30 days stay at home order should be applied until we see a significant decrease in infected people. I definitely understand about getting people back to work, income back for families in need, however people are honestly not taking this serious enough. People still are not wearing a mask when they need to be, people are still continuing to be out & spreading the virus as it is Moving in the numbers. Between Orange and Osceola county the two highest in the state. Do not Re-open the state of Florida until numbers begin to drop. A lot of states have extended their orders until May 16-30th. Read the uploaded photo carefully, thank you.

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Miami-Dade	General	Miami/Broward/WPB should not open now, our death rate and infection rate is rising everyday. Our SOCIAL DISTANCING and STAY-AT-HOME needs to be enforced more seriously if we want to slow the infection down. The most the should be open if necessary: Parks (allow people to get some air, exercise, walk dogs) Surgery (surgery that is necessary) Grocery stores Walmart Home depot Restaurants (take out ONLY)
Leon	Recreation	I think by summer there should be some procedures in place to re open gyms and perhaps take precautionary measures such as taking temperatures at the gym or require people to be tested before they re enter gyms. Many people I know have gotten out of shape from the gyms being closed.
Seminole	General	Opening Florida before the death and infection rate are SIGNIFICANTLY lower than previous weeks, and lower for at least three weeks, is a recipe for disaster. If Governors DeSantis and Rick Scott hadn't worked to gut the unemployment system and make our state the WORST for benefits, I don't think you'd be so anxious to put citizens in danger. And make no mistake, we WILL be endangered. ALL citizens need to be tested for COVID-19. ALL OF US. This governor has consistently failed to govern and left action up to the local leadership. THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE. We in Florida deserve and demand sensible leadership decisions based on the PUBLIC GOOD and not the state's bottom line. CITIZENS FIRST. Dead people can't pay taxes or buy goods, travel, or visit parks. Protect the people and be smart. Karen's manicure and Bubba's haircut can wait until it's safe for those service workers to be in contact with their clients.
Pinellas	Healthcare	Governor DeSantis I believe that you have done a great job keeping Floridians safe. My father is in Angel's Senior Living LTC facility in Dunedin, FL. It's mainly for dementia patients such as my father. We greatly miss seeing each other all these weeks, and talk on the phone daily. But I know that the steps you took saved many lives! Thank you. I would like to see his LTC be tested, and more in Pinellas. I'm fortunate that I have been able to work from home. I'm comfortable with a reopen when the numbers are trending down. I think it would be good to keep social distancing & the use of masks for a while after reopen.
Brevard	General	I believe that we should gradually open the retail and personal locations such as beauty salons and barbershops I think tattoo parlors are not that essential or to need to have it done at this point in time where they're using a technique that would actually be invasive into the bodies and have the ability to have contact through the blood. I do believe that everyone should be required if they're out of their primary residence to be in a mask and that's to protect everybody.

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Hillsborough	General	PLEASE OPEN FLORIDA! All previous models have been wrong concerning how bad covid19 would become. New models are also wrong because they project everyone going about their daily lives ascwe did before. No one will do that. Everyone will take necessary precautions & proper hygiene in account in a much greater manner now!!! Many will nit even venture out because they are still scared even though data shows many, many recover without hospitalization. Business owners will be unique & creative providing their services in safe ways. Nails can be done through plexi glass with just a small opening, restaurants can block iff sections of their parking lot, dental patients can wait in their cars until their appt times, etc. Please let small businesses reopen before they go out of business. It's not just people wanting to put food on the table, we need smart, unfearful, cautious people spending money. How can FL keep paying unemployment if we don't. Please don't let these businesses & people's lives be ruined under your leadership. Sick & worried stay home. Delivery services still available to you. I have been a 3rd generation live long resident of FL. We can recover slowly if we open up now. If we don't open up now, ramifications could last decades. Please reopen FL. We all know good & well not everything will go back to how it was quickly. It will take years & years to recover. Very few will start to leaves their homes. Let those with confidence, strong work ethics & strong immune systems help our great state NOW. Please!
Pinellas	General	extra caution is better than the alternative. Stay closed longer. I think people will be less annoyed if the unemployment situation is resolved.
Polk	Food	I am a Manager at a fast food chain .We are doing our best to keep everyone safe. But reopening right now would be a tragic mistake. We have people coming through our drive-thru sick .Now we have to let them come inside and infect our employees? We have to keep the stay at home Oder in place and we need a curfew our numbers are steady rising and nothing is being done.
Polk	General	Great idea to reopen.
Orange	Retail	Too many people knowingly have the COVID19 virus are going out. I've gotten scared to even go to the grocery stores. It's a bad idea to reopen right now.
Orange	Professional Services	I am a Professional Licensed Cosmetologist and I for one do not feel safe starting back. There are still too many people testing positive right now. I don't have any protections for myself and my guests because I have to actually physically touch the person I am performing a service for. To me, it's more about the health and safety of my family that I would come home to.
Palm Beach	General	C'mon guys....do you really need the public's' input??? We've been locked down for 6 weeks....no stimulus checks, no unemployment checks....no money coming in. The Gov has been flaunting how great our numbers look and how they have been going down for weeks Open the dam state up....and lets get back to work You guys have been working on this for weeks.....it's not magic Everything that is done outside....open up. Restaurants open with outside dining....this week, then in two week....inside dining that is spaced out Open slowly.....and safely Lets go.....stop screwing around JB Gurn

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Seminole	General	We need to open our state gradually and safely according to the guidelines issued by President Trump. We are not a socialist society and people want to go back to work
Orange	Education	I don't feel that school should open in August. Orange County Schools open for pre-planning on August 3rd. The students start on August 10th. Is there any way the governor could have all counties hold off till September just to be safe. Children especially little ones are germ carriers when things are normal. They do not wash their hands and they touch everything. If we start back school too soon the 2nd wave could come from schools. Schools have students and staff with people who have or had cancer, asthma, diabetes, and other serious health conditions. Please take this matter seriously. We should not start the year remotely. It is hard enough at the end of the year for K-3rd graders. They need reading groups and interaction. They can't learn to read remotely. Thank you for listening to my concerns.
Leon	Retail	Open Leon today. Open Florida today. The mental health of the public outweighs any potential benefits of keeping Florida shut down.
Duval	General	My suggestion is based off of the employment needs of the people in the state of Florida that have lost jobs, needs jobs or in transition with employment. I would suggest placing provisions for people to start returning to work week by week (or bi-weekly), removing hiring freezes, organize job fairs and flooding the state with employment for 30 days. The economy will not be able to flourish, if the the people of this great state are not employed or received a few paychecks when the state opens. Thank you and God bless.
Lee	General	Please open small businesses. They can implement the same safety precautions the box stores with groceries do. Also open all beaches and allow 50% occupancy.
Lake	Professional Services	I'm a hair stylist. And I think we should stay home a little longer to be safer. You can't really social distance in a salon. I'd rather play it safe thru May. Responsible caring people don't want to risk infecting others and being behind the chair would make me a potential carrier. I work in the villages astound retirees.
Palm Beach	Recreation	We should be able to open public and private golf courses with mitigation. Golf is the easiest recreational activity to practice social distancing in. Walk the course or one player per cart. Pay online and don’t go into clubhouse. As for employees, many are there anyway keeping up the courses. But even for employees social distancing should be feasible since they would not need to come in contact with golfers or other employees.
Brevard	Retail	First of all I would like to thank the Governor for closing school for the remaining of the school year because as a mom with only one child I was in a scary mood to send my child back to school. I think retail (clothing) especially the big ones should be the last one to be open because it is an open area where it will be difficult to manage customers and when they do open, employers should screen every customer that walk in, and wearing face mask should be mandatory to decrease the spread of this virus.

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Hernando	Government	Reopening Florida at this time is a death sentence! There weren't enough closures and people are STILL gathering like it's any other day. Has the governor actually gone out among the masses? I doubt it. If he reopens it's anytime before June he's a Nazi murderer, like his cohort in Washington. Stop and think before you act!!
Seminole	Healthcare	Central Florida is not ready to open up. I am a health care provider at a birth center there are still a large percentage of asytomatic people who are spreading the virus. My husband is a school teacher and we have school aged children. We will not send our children back to school in the fall unless there is concrete evidence that this virus is in deed under control. Keep us safe. Put lives before money.
Pinellas	Healthcare	Many states are considering how to reopen the economy, including dental practices. As your constituent and a licensed dental hygienist, I am writing to encourage you to reinforce the importance of continuing to follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendation that dental facilities postpone elective procedures, surgeries, and non-urgent dental visits, and prioritize urgent and emergency visits and procedures now and for the coming several weeks. The dental team works in close proximity to the patient and utilizes handpieces that can generate aerosols or tiny particles and droplets from the patient's mouth that remain suspended in the air and pose a risk of infection to the dental team and other patients. I write to alert you to the need for and availability of appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) so dental hygienists and the entire dental team may safely and effectively provide care to patients. Dental offices should be limited to emergency, urgent procedures in accordance with CDC guidance. As you consider next steps in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, please ensure dental hygienists, the entire dental team, their families, and the patients they serve are as safe as can be.
Broward	Education	A watch need to be place on child care centers when reopening. Understandably parents are going to need childcare, however many are going to send sick children to childcare centers to keep their jobs. This will not only place other children in danger but the teachers and their families as well. Many childcare centers will be over populated and understaffed with the children soon to be out of school and parents looking for summer camps to send them to. Some kind of job protection needs to be in place that parents can stay home with their sick children without the fear of losing their jobs. This will keep the small people and staff protected as well.
Palm Beach	Education	Schools should be the absolute last area to reopen. It’s putting 700-800+ students, plus staff into a confined space. Not to mention 20+into one classroom with their teacher. Then sending them all back to their homes at the end of each the day.
Hillsborough	Tourism	My local residents have already shown that they are not taking this serious. Most only wear masks at grocery stores or to jobs that require them. People are booking vacations and scheduling gatherings at local tourist spots. As a family with 4 “at risk” members and 2 disabled veterans, one that works at the local A.F.B. Any contact with others could be deadly to our family. I BEG. You to reconsider!

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Orange	General	My primary concern is the situation facing all of the Floridians who are out of work. The Governor's office should do nothing at all until DEO is fixed, functioning accurately and the money owed to people has been given to them. Every single resource should be directed to getting that system fixed, or completely replaced, whichever will result in Floridians getting the money their employers paid for them to have. I believe every Floridian who is going to be in public for any reason, should be tested for C-19 prior to being allowed in the workplace, or in public areas such as restaurants, shops, other businesses. I believe Florida should proceed with caution in reopening businesses. Open those businesses that are now closed, but do so with restrictions. Require masks and limits on persons allowed in the buildings of the businesses. I believe that some open air public places are fine to reopen, but again with limitations, including oversight of security to ensure that people abide by those limitations. Additionally, Florida government needs to look into the CARES and other stimulus based loan programs, ensuring that those monies are going to the small businesses for which they were intended. Some counties, Orange for example, have mismanaged their rental assistance programs so those in most need are not getting the help that is intended for persons who are at risk of eviction. Florida government needs to take immediate action to protect all renters, and mortgage holders from evictions and foreclosures, and not for a short period, but permanently. Deferring payment doesn't help anyone when those who owe are out of work and have lost money they will never recoup, especially in the face of the unemployment mess. Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts on these serious matters.
Clay	General	Ignoring the advice & protocols of the healthcare community is going to have disastrous results.
Orange	General	Yes I think we should open Florida back up. I work for Universal and I am ready to get back to work. I am not scared, I think that if the community as a whole just stays home when they are sick, that we could still keep this under control. When you think about it, right now even, people that aren't sick are still leaving their house and the curve has flattened. Maybe allow businesses to open back up with restricted rules okay cool. But we are ready to have our lives back!
Levy	Professional Services	Please get Florida's economy open and rolling again. Many small businesses and families are suffering. My business is basically gone since I depend on the travel and tourist industries in order to have clients need my services. We were initially not supposed to be closed until the virus was gone, but rather to be sure our hospitals were able to handle the very sick. If our hospitals are doing well, we need to open, even if it is slowly, but actions need to begin! People need to be able to go to the doctor for other things and have elective surgeries and annual exams. There is potential for people to get seriously sick from other diseases if they cannot go for annual checkups. We can't keep freezing our lives while we wait on this virus, the numbers do not warrent that!

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Sumter	Professional Services	Carefully. I believe in safety first. Social distances for a while. Not everyone wears gloves and masks in public but I see a lot more cautious people. There are people that are non-believers and defy the government restrictions for purely selfish reasons. How do we protect ourselves against them? I want to keep my family as safe as possible but if we open too soon it will be detrimental to our well-being.
Indian River	General	Regarding opening Florida back up: Need more tests: until everyone is tested who wants to be tested and those results are accurately reported to the public will we feel safe to return to normal activities. We have self-isolated since March 14th and we will continue to do so until we have an accurate picture of what Floridian health looks like. Your job is to keep us safe. Not to keep us wealthy. Do your job.
Leon	Government	Open Leon today. Open Florida today. The mental health of the public outweighs any potential benefits of keeping Florida shut down.
Duval	General	Please open Florida up again. So many people are financially stressed right now and don't know when their next meal will be. I'm worried about our state economically—it could potentially lead to a 'mini Great Depression.' Not to mention the affects of nearly complete isolation on an individual's mental health. Those who are worried can and will stay inside. But many of us want to go back to work, back to sports, back to life. It's risky to send out the elderly and those with compromised immune systems, but ultimately they know the risk. Maybe it's selfish of me to say this, but I want my life back. What I'm doing right now isn't living, it's just not dying.
Sarasota	General	Until there is a proven treatment or vaccine for all., do not force people to go back to work if they have someone at home that has underlying issues. Make it optional,there are a lot of us who are very scared!
Hillsborough	Healthcare	The virus is not going anywhere anytime soon. A true vaccine will not be ready for months and the virus has already been around since at least January. It's time to start slow but let's get businesses opening back up.

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Hillsborough	General	As of May 1st: Allow people to use common-sense to wash hands, wear masks if they decide they want to. Open up businesses, beaches, and service providers to get jobs and our economy going. Kids need to be back in school as 50% of Students we are observing in Elem, Middle, & HS are not being successful with "Distance learning", despite the false information being reported by schools. Disband the "Emergency Policy Groups" and get back to elected officials to do the jobs they were elected to do with accountability. Hospitals need to get back to providing surgeries and treatments (cancer, etc.) that people had scheduled. Churches need to open up without fear of retribution to meet the spiritual needs of people. Promote healthy preventive, immune-boosting treatments - zinc, vit, C, D, E Get people outside to get sunlight and exercise. Open Restaurants with social distancing and basic sanitation precautions Stop mis-reporting deaths as Covid-19, and use proper "determination of cause of death", not just because they had covid-19 or were even suspected that they "might" have had it. We need "real, accurate" health data to understand what happened and NEVER AGAIN fall to FEAR and PANIC as we did this time! If we so VALUE Life to shut-down our economy and lives, then focus on where people are "Really" dying of Drug Overdose, Vehicle Accidents, Suicide, Abortion, etc. The CDC needs to be over-hauled starting with the firing of Dr. Fauci , Dr. Birx and all the "Gates Foundation-driven" supporters pushing for vaccines as the "only solution" and very inaccurate, Doomsday "Mathematica Models". I'm a math major and have great respect for mathematical models when they are used, properly based on the CORRECT assumptions. Allow already approved Virus-fighting drugs and treatments to be utilized to save lives and not attacking them with "false studies" like the joke of the "Veterans Study" that was not a clinical study at all, shameful for those that presented it and for all of those that "fell for the lies" .
Lee	General	Florida needs to be open for business as soon as possible. It needs to be communicated clearly that people who are scared are welcome to hide, but the numbers do not justify that fear.

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Marion	General	We need to get this state up and running as a majority of people work in the service, tourism and agriculture industries which all go hand-in-hand. Our economy will never recover if we continue to live in fear. As for those who are self employed and own small companies, we are taking a tremendous hit, especially since we are not afforded to luxury of unemployment benefits. I would like to see masks, spacing protocols, temperature taking, sanitation increased, personal hygiene information in a multitude of languages, soap, hand-san and disinfecting wipes readily available and a 50% reduction to start for all businesses. As far as entertainment venues and parks go, initially, this state should only reopen to Florida residents. I feel that too many people entering nationally and internationally is what caused this virus to spread in our country. I agree with the phasing of businesses reopening. We need state wide testing for everyone to see who is positive and who has the antibodies. Those who are positive, stay at home until you are not positive. (If you are double counting retests in Florida, stop doing this. It's misleading). This will lead to much needed peace of mind. We cannot remain isolated and living in fear. The psychological impact of adults and children who are going through this is going to create and creating a vast amount of mental health issues. At this time, we need to be producing our own sources of food and materials within the state. A discussion on PPE supplies needs to be address whereas we are not relying on supplies from foreign countries. We also need to have our research facilities at our prestigious universities develop testing and possibly medicines that assist in the treatment of this illness. Go Florida!
Sumter	General	Mandating masks in public places where social distancing is unlikely would allow all businesses to reopen. Progressive fines for multiple offenses of non-compliance should also be put in place. Punishing those with no regard for the health of others would be a deterrent. IMHO.
Pasco	General	I believe you have done a good job but I do not think it is time to re-open all parts of Florida. I do think places like beaches may be ok but I worry about movie theaters, bowling alleys and the like. Thank you for keeping the schools closed. I think some hospitals could return to elective procedures safely. I just think to have to open parts of the state that have low infection rates and do it it phases. It is not appropriate to open the entire state that same way.

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Pasco	General	Keep Florida closed for another 2-3 weeks. There was a spike in cases on the 23rd of April. Open to soon you will see the public gathering in amounts greater then 10. You will see a resurgence in bigger numbers then before if you open to soon. Think of the people, the economy will recover it always does. Lives will be taken from this. Right now people feel a false sense of security. It has been stated a second wave of this is coming. Do the right thing keep us closed. It's not simple for those who want to stay home stay home. Working remotely should be encouraged to work from home until fall time. Let's get out of this mess with lower numbers then any other state. Business can open if they can work remotely. The beginning actions of closing the state were delayed. It's not just older folks that get this virus it's a virus that doesn't discriminate. What it does discriminate on is the ability for people to recover. Yes the older generation has a harder time. But if you look at the fact the actual facts not listening to trump you will see people of all ages are dying. From babies to losers people. I hope you listen to the people of the state and actual look at what the polls of the Florida citizens show. We want to stay closed.
Palm Beach	Government	I vehemently oppose reopening the state at this time. What do you plan on doing to protect us? There isn't nearly enough testing or tracing which every expert agrees we need. Work on getting those items in place first. I understand people need to work but if we have a relapse the economy will be in worse shape and make no mistake that will show in the next election since that's all you care about. Maybe you should be encouraging people in a positive way to stay in place. I expect my leaders to find ways to move forward with 'out of the box' thinking. So far epic fail.
Indian River	General	It's necessary to reopen our state and our country with safety measures put in place. This virus is not going to go away and even if a vaccine were available next week, many of us won't take it. We have to find a new normal and begin to move forward and live again. Staying locked up is only existing and humans were not designed for that, economy put aside. We'll only get sicker by being sedentary and crazier! The biggest problem I see is with the idiots who won't observe precautions and finding a way to deal with them. The same idiots who caused a lockdown of beaches and parks which are beneficial and essential. I think it's important for Florida to open all beaches at the same time, for locals only. That would prevent an influx of people from other counties whose beaches are still closed. In my humble opinion ☺

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Volusia	General	I think our governor has done a great job keeping our state informed and taking steps to keep us as safe as possible. I would like to see the beaches reopen to more than exercising. Enjoying the beach while social distancing didn't seem to be a problem, however, Volusia county decided to do away with just lounging on the beach altogether. I don't think we should be allowed to drive on the beach but lounging (no more than 5-10) should be allowed. I would also like to see hair salons/nail salons open with guidelines. No more than 5 people allowed in at one time, everyone should be wearing masks and taking the appropriate precautions. Small businesses are really hurting and maybe with guidelines for how many people are allowed in the store/restaurant at one time, they can reopen. I don't think their is any across the board answer for all the counties in the state. I do think that some counties are able to open sooner than others. I am one of the blessed people who works for an awesome church and am able to work from home and receive a paycheck. I do not think we can go too long without people getting back to work in some capacity. My fear is if things are shut down for too long some people will do whatever it takes to survive. When people get desperate so does their thinking about safety and common sense. I pray that everyone stays safe and healthy and whatever decisions are made help us get closer to whatever our new "normal" will be. Thank you.
Sumter	Retail	Let the businesses decide when they want to open, and let people decide when they want to leave home. Government can't be everyone's parents. I think everyone understands this virus now, and let them proceed with caution. From what I am hearing, most people in the village wants to stay home. But, Give them a choice. This is different than with the pandemic started, everyone wanted to be free to roam. It's different now. People are respecting this virus.
Palm Beach	General	Nothing should be open for at least another month. We have not hit our peak and seen enough decline. I don't want to end up in a situation worse then we are in already. Be smart now. This took one person to start this mess. With this many cases still lingering and no vaccine we need to stay indoors, make masks MANDATORY in ALL public places like stores and keep unnecessary businesses closed. Stop being pressured by people that are looking to harm others and think of the long run. Do we want this again or do we want to put an end to this once and for all. Close the state off to everyone and lets take care of our people here and when things are safe welcome the world back!! Be smart not a follower or someone who gives into peer pressure!!! Think!! Long run!!
Orange	Management	We should re-open once the numbers of contagious doesn't increase at all. Once the virus has stopped spreading.
Hillsborough	Healthcare	To early to open..i say consider maybe June 1st
Seminole	Education	Open up the state with social distancing practices in place.

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Pinellas	General	My suggestion is open whatever you personally are willing to attend. If you open beaches show us video of you strolling down the beach with others. If you open restaurants, have a nice lunch with some of your Cabinet. Open hair Salons and barber shops, show us and your wife getting your hair done. My point is, open only what you expect would be safe enough for you or you parents to attend or visit. If all you do is make a statement about opening business and never show up and make daily or weekly visits to multiple different ones, then you're not being honest about the safety of your decision to open them. I am 70 years old and I will not be going to any business other then grocery or pharmacy. We are nowhere close to getting beyond this virus to call it safe to be around in relative close proximity to anyone. Our Federal Government has failed us with preparation and you are beginning to be following the same path for FL. Remember, peoples live are going to be a big part of your eventual decision.Choose with that clearly on your mind.
Palm Beach	Recreation	Please allow 1 on 1 outdoor racquetball!
Palm Beach	General	I believe that we need to reopen the state slowly. I think that we need to see a steady prolonged decline in new cases. I am concerned about the asymptomatic population infecting other. Also, it is pretty clear that a certain percentage of the population will ignore the "new" rules putting others at risk. I wonder how we will police that problem. We need a plan to proceed slowly, cautiously and a plan to include how we will police people who violate the new protocol all while protecting the vulnerable population - seniors.
Hillsborough	Education	Reopen . It is time to open up give We the People credit for being able to make our own choices only a small minority will continue to be less smart than the Vast majority m we were smart enough to elect each of you .now allow us that same capability to make our own choices .without a nanny government like. Most Democrat ruled and controled local and state government that think We the People are not as capable as they are .until it is time to support them at the ballot box .reopen . PLEASE THANK GOV.DESANTIS for remembering the USA and Florida are not Authoritarian government sthanks
Orange	Transportation	The convention industry and subsequently the transportation industry have been severely impacted by ther closure of the state and by the social distancing guidelines. We all need to get back to work before our entire industry goes belly up. Let's test, test, test and shoot for a full and complete open on June 1st. We can start opening up certain businesses gradually weekly as of Friday, May 1st.
Marion	Healthcare	Please keep the state closed and do not force people with Asthma and other work conditions to report in person to work as long as they have been working remotely. I'm sure I would be very sick if I were to get COVID as I have trouble breathing as is. You have to make laws so we are not fired.
Hillsborough	General	DO NOT OPEN yet! If you do cases and deaths will increase!! Lives are more important! Fix unemployment access NOW!
Pinellas	Food	DO NOT REOPEN FLORIDA UNTIL VIRUS SUBSIDES MORE. LISTEN TO THE DOCTORS; NOT YOUR REPUBLICAN CRONIES OR BUSINESS INFLUENCES.

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Citrus	General	This really is a no brainer! open up so we don't slide into a deep recession. If people are afraid to catch this let them stay at home, order groceries to be delivered for as LONG AS THEY want. The germs will not invade their homes. But it is our RIGHT as an American Citizen to do business as usual... OPEN FLORIDA!!!! it is our right!
Broward	General	I feel it's so soon to open up..there are still people dying from this virus I feel 30 more days would be a better way to do things.And if that's not possible for the state of Florida at least 30 more days for stay at home for South florida..I hope my opinion counts cause our lifes matter or money..We will manage
Hillsborough	Healthcare	1) Add an area of interest = COVID-19 IGNORE TRUMP - HE CLEARLY IS LOSING HIS GRIP ON REALITY! DO NOT DO WHAT GEORGIA IS DOING - PEOPLE WILL DIE UNNECESSARILY. QUIT DESIGNATING RIDICULOUS THINGS LIKE THE WWE ESSENTIAL - IT WAS CRAVEN TO DO SO. DO NOT OPEN UP THE STATE FOR BUSINESS UNTIL THE SCIENTISTS SAY IT IS SAFE!!!

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Brevard	General	Recommend Every individual making a reservation / traveling into the state should be required to produce a certificate of test for covid-19 showing they have tested negative withing the last 10 days (from the date they arrived in Florida). Is that too stringent? I don't think so if you really want to control the virus. Exception may be for children 1 year old or younger?? Fine for forged documents $5000 or 1 month in jail, repeat offense $50,000 or 1 year in jail no parole. --- ou understand that you have only tested 10% approx of our citizens. You also understand that PPE is not available to protect the workers that want to go back to work, and unless there is we are likely to have a increase in infections. Employees should be required to use PPE to protect them as much as their customers. They should also be tested before they return to work. No PPE from China should be used. Why. Do you trust China? I don't. Why support an economy that caused, intentionally or by accident, this virus? ------ How does Walmart etc track and control the number of customers in their stores? When they stop entry, which they must do at some point, how do they control social distancing in the que? ------ Sanitation supplies at the consumer end are non-existent. How do you plan on getting the small business owner the materials he/she needs to keep their business clean. The requirement for such products is going to increase exponentially as businesses are opened. Again products from China should not be used. The quality is suspect and again why support the economy that is the cause of the problem. Or are we now in the business of rewarding criminals (other than
Osceola	General	What was the whole point on closing down when obviously we opening back up in one month cases haven't dropped now I got risk my life out there when people are very nasty don't give a fuck clearly people not wearing mask gloves . Like noooo definitely not you should not open I got family I can get infected at work I maybe won't die but I obviously brought it in the house and everyone else got it I could be lucky and live but not my loved ones it's ridiculous and I swear when elections come for the governor and ain't getting a vote from me not from a lot of people so he better think this shit thru ofcourse some people want it open the fucking system don't fucking work they need money from somewhere so instead of focusing on opening up and shit work on fixing the unemployment for people can get ther money in Florida is obviously not prepared for nothing just hurricane season that's all they good for everything people we can't count on the government for shit.
Sarasota	Professional Services	As a small business owner (hair salon) the time has been very difficult. Home for almost a month and have lost a large chunk of income. To prevent further hardship in this industry I believe we could safely reopen by booking appointments further apart and sanitize between each client. Also require both stylist and client to wear masks, and to require each client to wash hands upon enter salons, and of course for stylist to wash hands between each client.

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Palm Beach	Healthcare	1st Thank You for allowing the citizens of Florida to voice our opinions about re-opening the State of Florida during this major global crisis. With South Florida, including Palm Beach County, has the highest numbers of infected which means that there are in fact more asymptomatic individuals here and we have one of the largest elderly population (Century Village). We do not want our families, friends, loved ones or ANYONE to continue getting ill or spreading the virus unkowingly. It will be a massively detrimental decision to open anything with out proper PPE for everyone and that is NOT happening. This crisis is effecting 100% of the population in some way, we get that, but to me and my family which includes front line workers say our very existence and being alive is priceless above and beyond any economy or economic value. You can not have an economy without people, its economics 101!! You simply can not put a value on a human life ever!! Human kind has lived and seen many hardships and if they made it, so can we. We must stop worshipping money over health. The DEAD DONT VOTE!! DONT WORK, DONT PAY BILLS AND THEY SURE DONT HELP ANY ECONOMY!!!! How many deaths must we see before its too late??? How many more innocent lives must end before people realize they maybe next? To hear an elderly lady curse at a man not wearing a mask as required that it will be his fault and anyone else who exposes others to the possibility of death will be the reason she dies??? Sad, just speechless and sad.
Polk	Healthcare	Go ahead and open Florida and when another 4000 people die or you start losing loved ones maybe then you will realize how you contributed to this horrible pandemic. According to the experts Florida has not even peaked yet. Please don't put the lives of our children and other family members in jeopardy. Remember, voters are already angry, don't give them something else to be angry about. Let's keep Florida red. God Bless.
Brevard	General	Follow strict scientific based options for a safe opening. Do not give in to pressure. The testing situation has been poor in our County. Many tests inconclusive and more non-existent. So our low numbers are fake numbers. Do not open just based on inconclusive testing results. Too many emergency approvals for tests without authenticity.
Palm Beach	Healthcare	I think it would be dangerous to open before we have adequate testing capability for both Covid 19 as well as the antibodies and when they do open it is completed in phases instead all at once. As an RN I would be concerned that there would be a surge of cases which would strain the resources . I would hope science would drive the decision making process .
Leon	Finance	Open Leon today. Open Florida today. The mental health of the public outweighs any potential benefits of keeping Florida shut down.
Charlotte	General	My wife and I support Florida reopening but would be more comfortable with a June 1st as opposed to May 1st. We are also concerned about travelers from lockdown northern states coming to Florida once we reopen. I would suggest only allowing FL residents admittance to recreational, beaches, parks, and amusement facilities. Use photo I.D. Or drivers license as proof of residence
Duval	General	Please do not open things like restaurants, bowling alleys, bars, hair cutters, nail salons, etc until it’s safe to do so according to public officials! Don’t be like Georgia!

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Seminole	Tourism	Reopen everything as quickly as possible, we need to return to normal
Duval	General	Perhaps opening area by area, maybe trying specifically zip code by zip code, since we could see the numbers and see the downtrends, which would make it easier to see which areas COVID 19 has affected. The higher number areas would be last and the lessor number areas could start sooner, or try gradually opening a different type of business each day. For instance all zip codes could open a different type of business each week or on certain days , for example on M,W,F gyms open up, to a limited capacity, then up ticking each week until things get to be 100 per cent. I would hope that the availability of testing and follow up is widely available, and that there are some guidelines continuing social distancing and the wearing of masks in public areas.
Pinellas	General	Although I am not in the service industry or an industry that has been hurt (I'm still fully employed and will not be furloughed, I do not think we should rush into opening the economy and state. My family lives in Germany and Austria and they have extreme physical distancing rules put in place and people actually followed it, now not do they have a low death rate but are able to slowly get back to their lives. Just going to the grocery store and the occasional walk around the neighborhood or park, people are not following physical distancing guidelines. We can only safely reopen if we have people following the guidelines in the first place. Do not rush this process.
Osceola	Education	As a teacher/dean, former EMT and someone who treats my students/stakeholders Like family, I feel that we need to keep them and their families safe. I know online learning is hard and frustrating for many people but I couldn't live with myself if something happened to them because we opened too early. We need to continue to support those that are struggling finically and medically but also ensure that Florida is safe. I love my state and love my county and want it to be prosperous but sacrificing human life/health for the economy is not the answer. The most precious thing we have is life, money is just a tool that comes and goes along the way. Thank you for the time and consideration in asking the public their thoughts, our life is quite literally, in your hands.
Pasco	General	What seismic event happened that we are talking about reopening Florida? We just had some of the highest numbered days of new infections since day one. Is it all over? Was there an expiration date and no one told us? The Coronavirus is just as prevalent now as the day it started, the virus itself. We have just been avoiding it. I want to see this state follow the national guidelines, every phase. It starts with a 14 day decline in new cases - not a percentage. Every day for fourteen days, each day has fewer cases than the day before. Then, and only then, do you start phase one reopening. By the way, this is also the opinion of the majority of the people my area. Thank you.

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Volusia	Retail	I don't feel Florida is ready just yet to reopen safely. My husband works in retail and I have witnessed many retail locations and they are just not practicing social distancing. I'm worried about him going back into the public and getting sick. As much as I want life back to normal I want to do this right and feel safe and I don't yet. Volusia county numbers are going up a lot this week. I'm a swim coach and swim instructor and both my kids are lifeguards. My job actually requires me to hold small children to teach to swim. I know we aren't ready for that yet and I worry my job will jump back in to quickly. I think we need to find a way to make people understand how important it is to follow guidelines before we reopen. In Volusia county people seem to not care or understand how important this is and until we can have some strict guidelines they have to follow I don't see how we can go to phase 1.
Lake	General	If we haven't been able to find/buy our FIRST bottle of hand sanitizer, disinfecting spray, disinfecting/sanitizing wipes or a thermometer SINCE THIS STARTED then we ARE NOT READY to open. FIX THAT FIRST.
Orange	General	We are not ready to open up yet. We need to wait until at least mid May before we start thinking about opening up some things. If businesses can work from home we need to continue working from home. If we open up too soon we're going to take steps backward and be back to where we are now. I think that all meetings and conventions through August should be postponed because you're inviting large groups of people together. You can't have a meeting or convention with under 10 people. Please think of the safety of people. And while it not be that person who is attending that may get sick they can easily give it to somebody else and their family or a neighbor or friend. I know some peopleMay think this is being overly cautious but if we take further time now at the front end we will not have to take a step back once we are giving some freedom to do things.
Orange	General	I do not believe it is safe enough for us to reopen. Cases are still coming in everyday. I have also noticed people have not been taking the necessary precautionary measures to decrease the chances of getting COVID-19. I believe we should slowly reopen in phases and limit travel. I think the appropriate and safest time to do this would be June. It should be mandatory for anyone in public to wear a mask/face covering and/or gloves/hand protection for at least two weeks until we see a very modest drop in cases. I know people are worried in regards to getting the economy back to the norm and paying their bills, but I think it is fueled more by cabin fever and natural fear, rather than common sense. Public safety, health, and lives over money.

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Orange	General	Im all for reopening Florida but when it is safe and we must open things slowly. I am also very concerned if we reopen tourism we are just welcoming people from around the country and world to come here from hard hit areas and possibly spread the virus 10 fold. My wife is very concern if we reopen Disney she may come into contact with someone who has the virus and bring it home and that wont be good for our family due to health issues. My oldest daughter is immunocompromised, my other daughter has asthma, my son and I have severe asthma. For restaurants and other small businesses we must have a standard of how many people can be in any one buisness at a time and social DISTANCING should be enforced. We cant have everyone rushing out at once. Also for big tourism to reopen we must have a sure sign of steady decreases in cases for at least 2 to 3 months
Lake	General	Reopening plans should be county specific. It is too early to open South Florida. There should also be strict guidelines for the tourism industry.
Volusia	Tourism	Good morning, Thank You for all the hard work to balance how to keep the public safe and the much needed opening of the Florida Economy. I believe that the now that we understand and continue to understand how this virus works, how to treat it etc. I believe that the tourism industry specifically the theme parks are ready to open safely and gradually and are better equipped to manage guests. (i.e. crowd size, cue lines, cleaning procedures.) better than any industry outside of healthcare and the Aerospace industries. By opening the theme parks, even at 1/2 Capacity of their respective parks, this will in turn greatly assist the return and recovery of the small businesses that not only support the theme parks but serve the guests who visit them. I believe also that allowing local and Florida residents 1st before even out of state visitors is a wise course of action. In addition I believe attacking the “Hot Spots” of this virus is the absolute best way to manage this instead of a shotgun approach to the entire state or any state. I believe this time to prepare has been used very wisely and we as a STATE should always have our State stockpile of PPE, Medical equipment and supplies remain high and up to date so our reliance on the Federal Government is low. Thank You again for all you do.
Orange	General	The state cannot reopen at this time. We are not ready or prepared, and we have not reached our peak with this virus. To open bck the state right now will be foolish and putting innocent lives at risk. Need I remind you that this virus is air Bourne, thus making it very easy to catch this virus. We need to get the numbers way lower, and from there have soft openings and more aggressive rules. Mandatory face mask in public, keeping distance in grocery stores, banks, etc. We need to be smart about this and approach this wisely and aggressively. We just cannot open right now. It’s not time.
Marion	Professional Services	Please reopen the state of Florida or at least certain counties that have fewer numbers of deaths. Thank you, Joanna

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Hillsborough	Professional Services	I'm open to a phased opening of the economy in line with federal guidelines. Many workers, including myself, will need summer camps/ daycares and school to open before a full return to productive work in an office setting is possible. Continued work from home while watching children is not feasible long term for a productive workforce. Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.
Brevard	Information	Being retired, the COVID-19 quarantine & shut down has had no financial affect on me. However, my concerns are over the financial hardship & disaster it will have on many, many restaurants & small businesses. They of course, are not getting enough money, and not getting it soon enough to prevent closing their business probably forever. But I also have one additional question and concern. That is: "Why is everything closed? Why the Stay at Home & shelter in place orders for everyone? Never in the history of the World. . . Has anyone but the sick - been ordered quarantined. From the Black Plague to Ebola, to the 2009 H1N1 - No one but the sick were quarantined. I understand the safety issue, but I also understand the financial issues for everyone - people, businesses, and Government.
Orange	General	In order for us to feel comfortable with reopening, we must have test kits available. Infections will remain unless you know who has it. Get those kits to us. Use your government power to produce all we need. That's why we elected this Governor to lead. All he is being is a puppet for Trump. Have some b... an act to help us in need.
Orange	General	I believe that florida should not open untill we are 100 percent no cases in florida. If we open up again whom is to say that it spreads again but only worse. I work for publix supermarket and I feel that everyday I am risking my chance of catching the virus and bring it home to my husband and 3 children which is a scary situation.I also believe that people will go crazy that the state is opened back up and the virus will spread worse than it has already done so.
Orange	Professional Services	Should wait for the curve to lower significantly, open to soon and people will travel through areas that are more affected and we're back to square one. Opening the country up too soon will cause another outbreak in my opinion.
Hillsborough	General	Time to open Florida. Restaurants, pools. Golf corses and any other outdoor activities so seniors can get sun and exercise and some socializing with social distancing and face masks' There are 25000 people living in Sun City and only 13 confirmed cases which shows we have been following the guidelines and can continue even with many restrictions lifted The Tampa Bay Times that there is an increase in domestic violence due to this "Locked in place". I can believe it as people are not used to 24/7 with their partner. This stay at home order has to be lifted soon as it is causing a lot of problems in our society- drug and alcohol abuse is very high, there is an increase in suicides and people dying from illnesses associated with isolation. Please help all of the Florida residents.

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Lake	Tourism	I am 100% ready to return to work. However, I will not be rushed into doing so if it causes me to be placed at risk of contagion. If you want everyone back to work and help the economy, then every Floridian and non-Floridian currently in this state has to be tested (with a reliable test) and then those who are positive must be contact traced. That is the only way to do it as safely as possible. Is it full bbn proof? No, but it is the best way to the open Florida as safe and responsible as you can.
Miami-Dade	Retail	I would be lying if I said I feel comfortable about retail stores being opened. I work in a retail store and my entire staff myself included we've suffered loss of wages and I highly doubt they all will be returning back to work because it's a small company and they can't afford it. Just to be safe May 1st would be too soon , an additional 15 days to see how many more are infected in Miami Dade county area and to have that number go down. This area has been a hotbed for the virus, most of the cases in FL are concentrated in the Miami Dade Area and if we open too soon then we risk going into another shutdown and that'll cause more damage to all of us . May 15 would be a better date to reopen and it'll allow more testing and to see the number of infected people go down. At this point we have been shutdown a month, an additional 15 days after the order expires won't kill us but the Covid19 might. Thank you, Ana
Citrus	General	Too soon, and I say that as a true small business owner. I have closed my small gym in a rural community that serves youth activities. We have had little guidance, no $ from SBA
Volusia	Tourism	I work for a golf travel agency, Tee Times USA. Everyone in the country, Ireland and Scotland have been furloughed and I can't even make new bookings for late 2020 for those clients that are brave enough to reschedule. If we don't reopen florida at least just a little bit.... I'm going to be jobless very soon.... I'm already reduced from 40 to now 20 hours a week. Applied for unemployment 2 weeks ago but still no email confirmation or any pin #. I am a single mother of a 6th grader.... we can't keep doing this with or without unemployment.
Dixie	General	Hi I'm Robert I have lost my food stamps and I just had to re alpy and I have got denined.
Union	General	Please reopen the state!!! As a health care provider, I think it is safe for us to start opening little by little. Let the restaurants have 1/2 capacity, let dentists go back to work. Take away some of the fear, help people understand that this isn't as bad as we thought it would be and we will be OK. The purpose of the lockdown was to slow the spread, not prevent infections. We have done that, so now let's get back to work!!!
Orange	Administrative	For the past 45 days many of us that work in an office have been able to work remotely, offices are Petri dishes of germs. I think that offices should continue to work remotely.
Duval	General	Dear Gov. DeSantis, As a senior citizen and Republican, who has heart ailments, I am hunkering down until Dr. Birx and Dr. Fauci says the virus is over. My wife does the shopping, which she will continue to do. We haven't been able to go to church, but we do watch it on television. You are doing a good job and keep up the good work!

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Broward	General	Eventually Florida will have to reopen, they key is ensuring that everyone is taking proper precautions when it does. I suggest requiring that everyone in an environment where social distancing can not be adhered to should be required to wear at a minimum a cloth face mask. Buffs should not be allowed as an acceptable form of mask as they do little to slow the spread. This requirement should be enforced through the issuance of fines and citations by law enforcement personnel and should include boat ramps, for-hire fishing vessels, parks, shopping and amusement... anywhere that social distancing could be compromised. Thank you.
Lake	General	Good morning. I love that you are assign our opinion. Thank you for that. My opinion is we open. If you're concerned about your safety then stay home. We have the FMLA for those people who are afraid for themselves or their families. But we need to move on. The economy needs to move on. Restrict us to face masks when we are in public. Put more hand washing stations in public places such as parks. What's the point in surviving the COVID 19 if our mental health is beyond helping. Please open but be safe about it.
Leon	General	Stop protecting your ass and open now. Public is hurting and you need to zct
Hillsborough	Food	Thank you for taking the time to give us a voice. I knew I voted for you for a reason. Nobody wants to see anybody get sick or worse from the coronavirus. However, it's pretty evident to me that we can work to reduce the spread of the virus and simultaneously reopen the state and let people get back to work based on what we've learned so far. Many people take precautions during flu season and this is no different when it comes to preventative care. The idea of having phases to open the state is commendable and I truly believe there should be a strong focus on personal responsibility. People know deep in their heart if they are sick. They know their body better than anybody else. With that being said it's simple, if you're sick and/or have a compromised immune system, do the right thing and stay home. This is an unprecedented time in everyone's lives but we can't stay inside forever. Thank you again and I appreciate what you do Governor DeSantis. 👌
Polk	General	Good morning, I feel as Florida should reopen and let us people get back to work especially because the unemployment system is broken. I have waited 6 weeks for a paycheck and for someone that never did ask for help this is ridiculous. If you don't want to pay us let us go back to work. We have kids to feed and bills to pay. I know the numbers are starting to go down and the mortality rate is specially down. I watch these everyday and I do believe Florida has done everything medical very well it's the help with working people that needs some work. Just at this time just reopen for us servers and bartenders to get back to work and make some money for our families.
Leon	Real Estate	Please start opening up retail and restaurants. These workers have not got jobs which pay enough to have savings to weather the pandemic. Encourage masks, washing hands, hand sanitizer at all public establishments and parks. Please don't let this destroy everyone's life and dreams. Open up Forida and America!!!!!
Seminole	General	No we shouldn't reopen in Florida we are still very active with coronavirus it's only gonna hurt us more

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Orange	Healthcare	As a healthcare worker I am concerned about opening to soon because we could see another surge even if we have strict social distancing measures in place. People by nature will become complacent and not follow these restrictions. I feel waiting another month will give us time to do additional testing and give the state more time to make a better evaluation. I am writing this on April 25 if we opened the State on Memorial Day May,25th I think it would give Florida Citizens something to look forward to and Make that day extra special.
Palm Beach	General	As someone who works in an ALF I am concerned about opening some businesses too soon and have this come back and continue to spread. Our residents as you know haven't been able to see family or friends for a month and I know there's still away to go before that changes but do not want to prolong their lockdown any longer than necessary. Many of them do not understand whats really happening and its starting to affect their mental health.. Thank you
Pinellas	Tourism	Reopen Florida! I support the full reopening in the state of Florida. As a registered voter, tax paying citizen of Florida who has been furloughed for 6 weeks from the hotel industry; the numbers do not support a continued shut down! The fear mongering of the media, the draconian measures of government control- it has to stop! Elderly, medically compromised or those wanting to continue living in fear and being controlled can stay home. But healthy individuals who want to work should be able to! I am not required to descend into poverty for anyone. I refuse to participate in "quarantine life" until there's an unsafe, untested vaccine released in eighteen months. I refuse to receive said vaccine to make others feel more safe. I won't set myself--or my children--on fire to keep you warm. We are Allowing fear and policies devoid of scientifically accurate data to destroy Florida and America! We have a constitutional right to take risks! Life is full of bacteria and viruses--many of which spread before symptoms manifest and after they subside. We have a right to receive OR refuse vaccines. Stop allowing the government to destroy: The Food Supply Small Businesses Medical Autonomy Access to Healthcare Religious Gatherings Privacy Rights Fellowship Tourism When the "new normal" is filled with starvation, depression, suicide, child abuse, domestic violence, imprisonment, and pure DESPERATION, the virus is going to look preferable to the world you helped facilitate. Reopen Florida Now! Tonva Bouvette
Polk	General	Please post the facts on the flu for the last 4 years the amount that had it the amount that was deceased put them facts out in the social media

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Pinellas	Tourism	Please let people who still have jobs go back to work but do Not reopen the beaches. I realize the tourism industry has suffered greatly as a result of Covid-19, however we cannot risk the lives of those who will safely attempt to return to work in the coming weeks. There are already many out of work. It will take months, maybe even years to restore employment in the state of Florida but opening the beaches will entice too many others from high volume infected states like New Jersey and New York. You mayors, governors and officials do little to nothing to close our boarders to these states and you certainly do nothing to keep people (including clueless locals) from staying 6 feet apart. Letting people govern themselves is a mistake because they won't do it. If you won't enforce guidelines and we know the citizens cannot be trusted to adhere to them without enforcement, then the best alternative is to refrain from opening the beaches, bars and maybe even restaurants. Thank you for all your support during this trying time. It's much appreciated!
Sarasota	General	make ever one ware a mask
Pasco	Professional Services	Re: Beauty/Nail Salon Hello, we run a salon and have a total of 8 people out of work. Like many of us, some will not have a job once the economy open up. When it is does and we are hoping for May 1st. Because we are in close contact with our clients, we are sanitizing their hands at the door. We are requiring all clients and worker to have mask on inside the salon. We also limit the total number of person inside the salon to 10 total at any given time. We believe that the beauty industry can operate safely for both clients and workers alike if the above procedures are follow. Thank you and God Bless America
Brevard	General	Regardless of the specific timing of reopening, the message from doctors and government officials must be one in the same. If citizens are not comfortable with our leaders' decisions then they will lose confidence and do what they think is best for themselves and their families, friends, employees, and coworkers. If citizens hear a consistent message supported by the medical experts then there is a much better chance of the entire State being on the same page resulting in a successful reopening process. Thank you for your time.
Escambia	Recreation	I request that the beaches of Escambia County reopen. They are rarely crowded at Perdido key and it is very easy to social distance. No one has proven Covid 19 is transmitted by the sand or saltwater. Residents that live here need to be able to get our sun, Vitamin D.
Broward	Retail	Please have a measured and science based process to opening. Large malls and stores with high traffic will have to open later and have traffic restrictions. I don't want Florida to be a testing ground for reopening. Lives over money.

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Volusia	General	I do not think we are ready we need more wide spread testing. The numbers keep going up. I believe that u will see we have. It yet peaked as more testing is done . I am a server and single mom this has hit me very hard . Not only financially but physically and emotionally as well. I now am trying to home school and keep everyone fed and with a roof over their heads . I do not need to get called back to work and bring this home to my children or worry about my elderly father who was here visiting and is scared to go back because where he lives is a hot spot. I also have to now worry about who will watch my children when I do do get called back to work.
Lake	General	Beyond popular belief we have still not even hit the peak of what we will see. Let's not make this a repeat of the Spanish Flu. We need to be smart and keep things shut down. I mean we really aren't shut down anyway. To many "essential" businesses are still open. We will not flatten the curve till we smarten up.
Seminole	General	Yes. I agree with reopening our state of Florida.
Duval	Government	This virus is here to stay, it will not magically disappear, hopefully in time folks will begin to build up an immunity to it, but we cannot do that staying locked inside our homes. Therefore let's begin to open Whatever's the safest way, using caution and baby steps!, wearing mask if we choose to, taking temps when entering places, limit numbers entering, and spacing people further apart if,when necessary . WE NEED TO GET FLORIDIANS BACK TO WORK!! Our Children need to get back to School beginning in fall, even if they attend on split shifts or alternate days. ONE DAY AT A TIME! OPEN FLORIDA!
Seminole	Finance	First, I'm very disappointed in how Florida has responded to the millions of unemployment requests. I understand there are sometimes mistakes, faults, and errors however, a month without government assistance is unacceptable! There are families unable to feed and provide for their own, pay rent, utilities and pay for basic necessities. Although I'm not sure if Florida is ready to open businesses back up safely, I know we need to do better to enforce curfews. People who are non-essential are still out roaming parks, and streets without reason possibly doing more harm than good. I hope that Florida can be in the news in the near future because we did something better, faster to help our own community. God bless.
Orange	Food	Food service should have disposable paper items for all guests which include cups, plastic silverware plates etc. Menus should be disposable. If there are condiments needed they should be in packets. Distancing should be done from the door to the tables. Servers should wear gloves and change each time. Masks need to worn by all restaurant Personel. Hours for restaurants should be cut back until the economy gets back on its feet. Employees should have their temperature checked when they come into work. This is just the start. Thank you.

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Seminole	Finance	I am part of a group of 7,411 people who want you to stop catering to the people who are afraid. Each day you keep us from working you are putting more nails into the coffin of our economy. We have "flattened the curve" despite "false predictions"". You have absolutely no way to prove we flattened anything. The fact you even admit the predictions were false just shows we have no way of knowing what would have happened had we kept businesses open and just implemented the social distancing recommended. This is killing small businesses. You have no hope of getting any votes from the Democrats no matter what you do. If you want any kind of vote from the rest of the state I suggest you stop buying into the fear mongering and get us back in business. More and more studies are coming out that this has been going around a lot longer than we were told. Also that the mortality rate is more on par with the influenza. So this whole shut down was a bad experiment and akin to closing the barn door after the animals escaped. We needed to have only kept the vulnerable "safe at home" and allowed the healthy to get out there and build herd immunity. The states that did not impose draconian measures (and yes yes pat on the back for you that you were "less draconian") are seeing a smaller mortality rate. The fact you want to use a task force to reopen is about as Big Government as you can get. You did not need a task force to cripple us, you do not need a task force to get us back open. Phase 3 now!
Marion	Information	Replace/install new infrared thermal imaging cameras where feasible to monitor the movement of individuals that may be having fevers. This will cover potential adverse effects not only from COVID-19 but cover all illness from other health problems in the early stages (fever)
Okaloosa	General	Open Florida NOW!!! You are killing the economy and every small business in the state. Your cure is worse than the cause!
Osceola	General	May 1st with the same restrictions that are in place with essential businesses. Most places here are requiring employees and customers to wear masks, maintain social distancing, disinfectants readily available. Start slow with half capacity and limited hours if necessary.
Hillsborough	General	It is time to start re-opening the state, but in a smart and targeted way. Our economy isn't designed to run like it has been, and the people cant continue this way for long. It is irresponsible to continue massive amounts of deficit spending in order to prop up a limping economy that can repair itself if we start to allow targeted openings of commerce. We can still promote safe health practices and express a concern for human life, while at the same time respecting everyone's given rights to not live in poverty, or being dictated to as though we are not a free people living in a free society.

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Manatee	General	First, local governments (city and county) must have some degree of autonomy in deciding what's best for their communities. Second, all State Parks should be re-opened but with restrictions such as no campers, campgrounds closed, event spaces closed, large gatherings closed, and social distancing guidelines strictly enforced. Third, restaurants need to be opened but in tiers based on capacity. For example, restaurants with max capacity of 100 should only be allowed to operate at 50%, those with max of 100 only 40%, those with max of 300 only operating at 25%, etc. Outdoor seating preferred. Hand sanitizers need to be required before to dining (like on a cruise ship), disposable or washable menus, and face masks for servers. Also, all restaurants need to be required to be a log of ALL diners on a given day and maintain those records for 2 weeks. That way if a server or diner tests positive, folks can be notified. Hotels should be done in a similar fashion regarding capacity. Fourth. No large sporting events, concerts, or mass gatherings until deemed safe. Fifth, all beaches should be opened BUT local governments deciding if they should be remain closed or open and with applicable restrictions. Sixth, all re-opening decisions MUST be made with input from local officials including DOCTORS, head of the county health department, and the Sheriff. Finally, there has got to be testing and contract tracing. There should also a 14-day downward trend or decrease in % of positive cases.
Seminole	Retail	We are a small retailer of pianos. NEVER over 1 customer at a time. It is insane to make us close and lose our business. Go back to where we were before governors last order.
Broward	General	I want Florida to start opening up its economy and workforce. All Florida residents are still grocery shopping, going to CVS, or Lowes for weeks now. There are many shoppers close to each other in these stores ! More businesses should be allowed to open so that residents can work, make money, and feed their families. The weather is warmer, almost summer like. Sweden had no lockdown. You need to measure the worry, the anxiety, and the mental depression (all which affect physical health) that residents are experiencing into the equation. Take baby steps, measure the effect, and then take more steps as Florida monitors other states like Georgia. There is so much politics countrywide involved in this, and it's most unfortunate. The real truth just doesn't become apparent thru it all. MDs are not gods.

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Pinellas	Government	Hello Mr. Governor, I am hoping the people of Florida are very careful when we begin open the state. I am hoping things will improve and the state gov't will get it's act together catching up on unemployment payments. It is extremely stressful having no money coming in for now 6 weeks, and what it sounds it will be much longer for all of us. I see Mr. Scott is making even harder for all of us by over-scrutinizing the procedure to get the payments expedited. We all will be voting blue in the fall and for a long time. I know it has been a backlog that has never been seen. But that 49 states except yours(ours)are catching up rapidly with state and federal unemployment payments begs an investigation. I hope for Florida's re-opening to be a safe one and back to the way we love living in florida. Thank you for your time.
Palm Beach	Education	All Public K-12 schools need to remain closed/not used until the curve has flattened, in a 2-3 week period. Schools are beyond essential, but students, teachers, school personnel, and workers are at risk. We need to keep our children safe, as they are our future. we can not teach wearing a mask. Students can not learn wearing a mask. We have to reassure them this is their safe space, and the only way to do that is for sanitation constantly, and a significant downward drop in cases.
Hillsborough	General	Please do not reopen Florida for now we haven't tested enough ppl yet and expects are saying we haven't hit our peak yet. I have Cancer and have been in quarantine way before the Stay at Home was issued. But I fear you are making a mistake by opening Florida up too soon. Which could mean more deaths to the State of Florida. May we all maje the right decision it's better to be safe then sorry. Thanks Ileana Rivero
Volusia	Food	I am a small restaurant owner struggling but surviving w/o PPP. Or stimulus!! Is FL curve flattening? We can't reopen til this happens for 2-3 weeks. One that occurs, keep social distancing and encourage stay at home as much as possible, for additional 2-4 weeks. Allow businesses to re open if they have a soc dist. Plan. Salons, nails, banks, restaurants, stores etc 25-40% capacities. (Wells Fargo Bank, I think has done a great job w this.) This should be true of all businesses til we see major decrease in new cases. Places that ppl "gather" , church, bar Disney etc these should be the last to open. And when they do must limit access and strictly enforce soc.dist. it is my understanding that the virus doesn't survive well outdoors in the humidity it that is true theme parks and beaches could have special policies to slightly increase attendees. Though have to have strict policy for patrons inside stores, shops and attractions indoors. reopening should be by county as cases and population vary. But need to be certain each county has man power to enforce rules. Need strict penalties for non compliance and logically enforceable.

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Pinellas	General	Please please please open up the businesses. I am a small business Dance Studio. I am having to pay 6200 a month in rent, utilities, licensing, taxes, payroll etc. I am a service business, I can not offer curbside pick up. We offer dance classes and summer camps. I am loosing revenue bc I can't have my recital... this pays for my summer rent! I have 8 employees I've been paying. The eidl helps a little and I bank with chase and who knows if I will get the ppp I'm in line though. Please help Me not to lose my business, I put everything I have into it. My families need normalcy. We have offered virtual classes but this can't serve my little children. Please allow us to open back up. I have worked so hard my entire life to get to this point of my business and am in the middle of buying a building...please open us back up. I can do it with distancing, cleaning profusely, and setting up plans to address each situation. Another month of stay at home will drown my business and many other service businesses.
Hillsborough	General	If people want to go back to work they need to test. Also beaches and parks are not even close to a necessity.they are a problem to police..leave them til last
Osceola	General	I know that the state needs to open but we have no vaccine we have no mask ,hand sanitizer, gloves, disinfectant sprays and stuff so we can protect ourself how can we open when we dont have those basic thing to be safe I feel you guys need to find a solution opening the state with out ways we can protect or self since everything that we can try to protect our self have been given to first responders we no mask no vaccine no ways of disinfectant or gloves hand sanitizer how can we move forward . Testing is also a must I feel everyone should be tested stores that have no contact with customers with the right protection gear it might be ok but those that have to come in contact I think is not a good idea
Orange	General	It's too early. I'm 73 and can't leave the house because of fear. I need to know that people are well because if I catch it I won't survive because of my heart condition. Being cooped up is very difficult. If people would have followed the guidelines in the first place, we would be over this by now.
Orange	Technology	If we open the state before we have testing and/or a vaccine, more people will be infected, more people will die, and those who are responsibly sheltering in place will have to remain so for longer. I know people are frightened and frustrated and want to restart our economy, get back to work and a “normal” life. But you’re not just risking your own health by going back out into the world too early - you’re risking the health if everyone you encounter thereafter.
Seminole	General	DO NOT RE OPEN FLORIDA UNTIL THERE HAS BEEN 2 STRAIGHT WEEKS OF DECLINING CASES. FLORIDA GOVERNMENT IS PATHETIC IN TERMS OF TAKING CARE OF THEIR CITIZENS. THERE ARE SO MANY AT RISK HERE AND YOU ARE STILL INSISTING ON FINDING A WAY TO MAKE THIS PANDEMIC LAST LONGER! Fix your website, stop being cheap, pay unemployment, keep Floridians home and safe. And yes, I did lose me job to the virus and yes, I am still waiting to receive my unemployment. Other states have it completely together and are actually protecting their citizens. How about Florida does the same?
Orange	Government	The state and country are not ready to reopen, until accurate testing can be performed on every citizen.

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Charlotte	General	I feel that is time to reopen Florida. With the exception of Miami Dade and Palm Beach virus numbers are relatively low. A simple, easy to follow plan would be best. Step 1: Effective May 1, 2020 Open businesses, libraries, county offices and restaurants at 30% capacity. Mask suggested but nor required. Open hospitals and clinics up for same day surgeries. Open parks and beaches, not public restrooms. Bars, theaters and amusement parks remain closed. Step 2: Effective no later than June 1, 2020 as case numbers allow. expand openings to 50%. Expand hospital surgeries to short stay procedures. Open theaters and bars at 30% capacity. Amusement parks open to Florida residents only at 30% capacity. Step 3: Effective no later than 1 July, 2020 as case numbers allow, open completely. People die, it is a fact. The close was to flatten the curve not to cure the illness. We bought the time we needed to not overrun the hospitals now let's get back to work and life.
Osceola	Healthcare	From a frontline worker to the task force: how is it that wuhan took over 100 days to open up but were considering opening after just a few weeks of shelter in place? Seems like maybe FL needs to work on their internal processes such as unemployment to appease the individuals haphazardly holding protests to open the state. Also, our county is not enforcing its restrictions so how is it going to enforce opening "slowly"? It's better off being all or nothing since members of the community can't seem to follow the rules as it is now. I'm also concerned the saliva test is not as accurate and there are a lot of false negative people in town
Volusia	Wholesale	We are working, providing air conditioning products to the best of our ability but would really like to see other business be able to open too. It's amazing how interconnected we all are and we need everyone working again
Osceola	Real Estate	I support the reopening of the state as soon as possible. Our business can not survive in the current situation even with help from the government. It will take a long time for people to ease their minds and go back to normal so the earlier the process starts, the Better!
Sarasota	General	I think we need to take it slow n get it right, if we go to fast n get it wrong... it makes it worse than it already is! this is a TERRIBLE situation as it is n we have to make sure things r as safe and confident for the ppl n population as humanly possible !!! anything less is unexactable !...
Sumter	Education	There is no way to keep children on school sites and keep a safe social distancing. Please carefully consider the multiplicative spread of this disease before opening schools again.

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Brevard	General	Please do not open back up. Too many people have not been respectful of social distancing or limiting shopping or outings to essential needs. Far too many people have been going out too often. The risk is not worth the reward. I truly wish instead of taking baby steps, we had done a complete shutdown and mandatory quarantine for 3 weeks. Please, I implore you do not open back up just yet. Again, the risk is not worth the reward. Respectfully yours, A concerned and compassionate Brevard county resident
Hillsborough	Healthcare	Recently my husband died from cancer in February.Married 49 years.I need to go to eye doctor am 72 years old.Also have a heart doctor for coronary stent.Finally I don't think having a gym or tattoo business should open for necessary health care.
Miami-Dade	General	Florida should re-open with safety guidelines. Mask in Public places should be mandatory.
Palm Beach	Recreation	Hello, I would like to see, if nothing else, Mother Nature opened back up. All parks, beaches, and boat ramps are closed here in PBC. My family can no longer be expected to be contained to our house. I work 50-70hrs a week as an essential employee. It's ok for me to travel all over the county for work but I must sit in my house for my one or two days off. I can't take my boat out and go fishing with my kids because I'm not wealthy enough to live on the water. I can't surf or swim because the beach is closed. I can't hike the miles and miles of trails close to my house because there are sheriffs officers patrolling the area threatening arrest. We at least need some of outdoor freedom. I have a family of 5. Myself, my wife, and three kids. We have never been more sick then since the lockdown started. I came down with a sinus infection. My wife has had a stomach virus. Lastly, my youngest is just getting over an ear infection. We never get sick like this. I attribute it to making an active outdoors family sit in their house 7 days a week. Please I beg you to at least give us back some of our freedoms Sincerely and wishing best of health , Jason Huettner
Citrus	General	It's absolutely ridiculous that schools were closed down for the remainder of the year. Do you know how many kids aren't being "taught" because their parents don't care. Not to mention the seniors who have now missed out on one of the biggest chapters of their lives. Oh and let's talk about the unemployment issue that is keeping the majority of us being able to put food on the table or a roof over our heads.
Manatee	General	I feel that it's too soon to reopen the state. We should wait until we are cleared by medical professionals. I fear we are going to see a steep climb in cases if we reopen now. Atleast give it a few more weeks while all the tests you have ordered are delivered and available so that they can be administered and we can get a better idea on what is truly going on as it relates to cases of Covid.

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Brevard	General	I think the stay home order should still remain for at least till may 31 we are all still at high risk our numbers keep climbing here in florida until we see a decline in numbers for that 2 week period. why do you think our numbers are lower than expected because most Floridians are staying in and listening to the experts that's the key to listen to the EXPERTS here we have only been a stay home order for 3 weeks that's not long enough to help try to overcome this I know people need money and the economy thats what unemployment and the stimulus check is for to help 1 more month we can do it fir the safety of all here in florida just think we do not want anymore people than we have already to get hit by this virus remember as ll our family's and the children thank you
Manatee	Government	Re: reopening Florida --The point has been made sufficiently to impress on people the need to be careful. --The economy has been deeply affected. --Freedoms have been curtailed without legislation, simply on the say-so of government officials. --Open up completely. Continue to stress "Wash your hands. Don't touch your face." --Leave it up to the people whether they want to "social distance." Each person should take care of herself or himself.
Duval	General	May 1- allow restaurants that have outdoor seating to reopen. With only 30-40% capacity allowed. Allow summer camps to begin registration, at least those that are outdoors, such as golf clinics, swim clinics, tennis, etc. allow country clubs to open on a limited capacity, golf, tennis, outdoor fitness, outdoor dining, swimming pools- during limited hours with limited amount of guests-50-75 depending on the size of the pool area. To limit this, remove chairs and loungers, bring back staff (so they can work) and they can manage the capacity. No children allowed in stores. If you have a mask- be required to wear it when in public retail spaces. Hair salons can open, on a limited basis, only a couple customers at a time. No nail salons, no movie theaters or main event, adventure landing type places until at least June. Install hand sanitizer stations at all public parks and playgrounds. When movie theaters do reopen- cap capacity and require distance in purchasing seats. Gloves! Sanitizer, masks! Available EVERYWHERE that is open!

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Palm Beach	General	It's way too soon to be considering "re-opening" the entire state. Without comprehensive, widespread testing, we have no idea how many people in Florida are infected. Reopening the state means thousands of people WILL DIE. Is that less important than being able to go out to a bar or get a haircut? Go to a hospital, talk to actual medical professionals (if you can find any that haven't been muzzled by the hospital administration). SEE THE ACTUAL TOLL that your decisions have. Reopening the state will mean millions of peole will be forced to go back to work, putting their lives & the lives of their families in grave danger. Our lives are more important than your desire to suck up to the president.
Orange	Professional Services	I would feel safer if the State temporarily added to it's health codes a mandated mask for the service provider and for the customers. For salons and any business built on personal relationships so that the service provider can put the responsibility of requesting their clients wear a mask or answer a list of questions on the state
Lake	Tourism	I think that to safely reopen the state, we need to have more testing and it needs to be made available on an ongoing basis. Residents need to be encouraged to get tested. I think there is still a stigma that there are not enough tests available, or you will be turned away at testing sites. I think there is also a fear with finding out you are positive and what repercussions that has on daily life. Such a small percentage of residents have been tested, it's hard to know when or where any of us could be exposed unless you have been around someone with overt symptoms. I know there have been talks of fever testing as part of the reopening strategies specifically for theme parks, but since not everyone runs a fever with this virus, I don't know if that makes me feel any safer. I work in the hospitality industry, and while I know we need to get things open to have our economy bounce back, we definitely need more safety protocols in place before we allow people from all over the state, country, and eventually world come back to visit our hotels and parks, or we will continue to see this spread and have more outbreaks that we have all worked to hard to curb. I think there also needs to be strong considerations that any employees that can continue to work from home be allowed to if possible to minimize the number of people out and about and possibly being exposed. Encourage companies to allow more remote working options rather than forcing the idea that all employees mist flood the workplace immediately unless they are needed in a physical capacity.
Lake	General	I don't believe Florida should reopen. I'm afraid the jump in cases will start all over the again.

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Broward	General	I personally don't think that we opening Florida is a good thing. They've made no advancement to prevent the spread of Covid19, nothing has been accomplished so all you're gonna do is re-open everything and people are gonna start to die. The economy is not worth our children's lives our own lives. It's unfortunate but truly everything is in the hands of the scientist. I refuse to send my daughter back to college until I know she can be safe. And sitting 6 feet apart from another student sharing the same air conditioner and touching everything that each others touching with no more protection than there was two months ago won't be happening. As much as I miss going to the beach, and seeing my friends, it's not going to be at the expense of our lives
Manatee	Accommodation	Thesis: Until there is a vaccine for coronavirus, efforts should be made, over time, to test all Florida residents for antibodies to the virus. Testing should remain free. Priority: Seniors, those at-risk per CDC, health-care workers (incl. dentists, chiropractors, etc.), first-responders, crisis managers, those who believe they've been exposed, service workers, etc. RE-OPENING: THOSE PERSONS TESTING WITH ANTIBODIES WOULD WEAR A GOVN'T CREATED WRISTBAND WHILE IN PUBLIC. OTHERS SOCIAL DISTANCE UNTIL TESTED. Other: Areas where space is available should be open, subject to social distancing, including outdoor dining, parks, beaches, stores, etc.
Alachua	General	The state of Florida should re open businesses in spurts and with certain precautions. For example, retail stores should re open, but continue to implement being 6 feet apart and also limiting customers into stores. I work for Publix here in Alachua county. We have put tape on the floor that tells customers to remain 6 feet apart at checkout. We also keep track of how many people go into our store. We've also allowed only one entrance/exit. The state should start off with whatever they deemed are essential. The last thing that should be opened are theme parks, as this is a huge attraction for massive groups of people. Florida could start off slowly, I'd say the next thing that Florida should re open are doctors offices, dentists and other health businesses that are non emergency. After that, If all goes well for about 1-2 weeks, I'd reopen recreation centers and state parks. Same process then the rest of retail stores such as Best Buy, JCPenny, etc. Schools and theme parks should be on the end of the list, as it would be hard to regulate how many people can be there. Thank you for everything you all do, - Reagan Knight
Brevard	General	I think we should start opening May 1 like you told us. Do a slow opening sstore and restaurants at 30-50% capacity. Social Distancing and mask required for workers. People are losing their livelihood which may be worse than the cure. Please reopen

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Volusia	General	Please do not rush. I understand that Floridians need to return to work for the well-being of their families. Restarting too soon will backfire if cases escalate causing more harm in the long run. Overworked, stressed health care workers/ first responders cannot keep up the pace if we spike. It is wrong to ask citizens to return to workplaces that don't offer protection from Covid transmission. Modifications can be simple and still have a large impact on safety for workers and clients/customers. Thank you for asking for input and for a thoughtful, methodical opening of Florida.
Orange	General	The state should not open up yet. The virus is still in full force.
Osceola	Tourism	Please do not reopen the state yet. Let this virus cease to exist. If you open too early we will get more spikes in the virus and we will be back to where we started. Please do not let it be in vain that we have all sheltered in place during this time. I ask that you think about more of the long term plan than lots of businesses wanting to reopen.
Brevard	General	My husband and I are retired so other than travel this hasn't affected us. Our children living in. Florida, Ohio, and Texas are all working. With regard to Florida, I suggest letting restaurants opening with social distancing. If stores like Walmart are open and serving the public, why not Bed, Bath and Beyond and other large stores. Social distancing is key and I say let these young people get back to work. Let them decide what's reasonable for themselves and their families if it doesn't affect others. Parks and playgrounds should remain closed. Churches should be allowed to conduct services with social distancing. It all depends on how far businesses are willing to go to protect the public. We the people should decide what we think is safe for us. Not Government.
Duval	General	Requiring EVERYONE to wear a mask would help slow the spread of the deadly virus. Also would limit people's excuse that they were not told so when they get sick. It's like the non smoking policy in a restaurant, everyone must wear a mask to enter. Seating needs to spread out and all employees must wear a mask. This should be indefinite or until a cure is provided or an instant test for antibodies or virus is available to everyone. Without immediate testing results this will continue to kill people and the economy. Keep out out of staters for another 2 months. Wonder what Florida would have looked like if Disney didn't shut its doors early on? Florida is doing this right, keep up the good work.
Orange	General	Opening the state up now would be putting many more at risk. Until the curve starts heading down significantly due to a vaccine and or readily available antibody testing opening up would be an irrational and reckless decision. Stronger enforcement of self quarantine needs to be made. Travel should be banned domestically for a set amount of time so this deadly virus stops spreading at such a rapid rate. If the state would do a string 2 week lockdown of everyone aside from medical and emergency responders I.e. police, firefighters, EMT, animal shelters and barns then maybe the state could see a downward trend. Right now people are not taking this global pandemic seriously. People who have no regard for the crisis we are in are putting other people at risk.

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Seminole	General	As a bar owner in our great state with 2 children I'm struggling financially and mentally. I believe we can open our economy and be smart with necessary health guidelines provided by our state health department. The people of Florida have shown they can comply. Please help those of us like me that despite trying to apply for everything available haven't been successful
Clay	Food	Let the data decide when it comes to opening up restaurants. You can't do this Statewide all at once but I think you can do it county-by-county and for those that can open keep social distancing in place and limit the number of customers that can be inside at the same time
Brevard	General	Every day the stay at home orders continues from this point another business closes & will never reopen. It's not just about the virus, it's about hunger, affording life sustaining medications, homelessness and hopelessness. The suicide rate is climbing & the crime rate will not be far behind. Please reopen Florida on May 1.
Hillsborough	Healthcare	Protect the most vulnerable with guidelines and open everything back up. If you count asymptomatic people even though more contagious healthy people can fight this like the flu. Less control by government and protect my civil liberties
Pinellas	General	I urge you to begin opening the state. Those who can work from home stay working from home. Open up business'. Have reasonable guidelines that don't fringe on our fundamental rights. We can prophecy those that are vulnerable without out destroying our economy and livelihoods of the healthy.
Osceola	Healthcare	Please do not open up anytime soon. I work in a medical office who is FORCING me to go back to work and I am pregnant. I don't want to be at risk. People are not taking this seriously. They think this is all a joke please keep quarantine for the month of May!! We've only been doing it for a round a month. NYC is still under quarantine and it's slowly declining. Opening it up would be a bad mistake.
St. Lucie	Healthcare	Please make sure all hospitals and healthcare workers have proper PPE! Let elective procedures be allowed to be performed. Em Encourage people to continue going to dr appts for their overall health care. Test all employers hospital or elsewhere before opening a business. Limit number of par Trans to be allowed in the establishments so people can social distance. Reopen churches. Or allow drive up service or for people to obtain sacraments Thank you. I'm praying you make all the right decisions

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Lake	General	When to open the economy, how to open the economy. This requires balance and thought. Without an economy the rise is sickness will increase. Opening the economy too quickly will also increase the problem of the current virus. We have a "catch 22" and that is where common sense/balance needs to come into play. When you have been ill for some time and have lost substantial weight, you do NOT binge eat as more problems arise. However if you don't eat, your current problem becomes more serious. Look at what businesses the community needs and how those concerns helps people physically, mentally and economically. FOR EXAMPLE: A beauty parlor/barber shop can mentally improve an individual in their personal self worth. They may seem non-essential but they have a very real effect. People leave feeling positive and that transfers to other areas. Naturally we don't drop simple precautionary measures. Let's all use common sense and continue to practice good hygiene and slowly open local businesses that compliment one another.
Osceola	General	Can we have a general PUBLICIZED press conference breaking down the trends - number of cases/day, number of deaths and hospitalizations/day, number of tests administered vs. positives/day, much like what's displayed on the dashboard? It's important for us to understand that we're meeting the guidelines (or if we're not yet), and not acting hastily in reopening like Georgia has.
Orange	General	Benchmarks for reopening: - Wide availability of masks for everyday non healthcare workers - Wide availability of free testing for all to ensure that those out and about are not infecting others; at home testingnwould be ideal - Availability of handsanitzer and other alcohol based products needs to increase - This should be slow and phased, only allowing a certain number if employees in space based on square footage Please do not reopen hastily. We need to go slow. We need a campaign to encourage people. Not leaving their homes if coughing/sneezing/not feeling well. Even if it could be allergies. We need a campaign that educates about the paid Federal leave options related to COVID-19.

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Palm Beach	General	It would be a significant mistake to reopen the economy at this time until testing for the virus can be implemented. Opening the economy without a comprehensive testing program in place will lead to a substantial surge in the number of cases of COVID-19 and a surge in the number of deaths. With the number of cases and deaths still increasing in the United Sates the reopening of the economy would be medically irresponsible and result in a surge of cases of COVID-19 and deaths. To further this argument, Iran has begun to reopen their economy and this has resulted in a surge in the number of cases and deaths. When the virus first appeared in the United States the cases were isolated to a few locations within a few states and number of cases and deaths increased very quickly. However, now the virus has spread and is dispersed throughout the country to nearly every city and town, reopening the economy would result in a rapid spreading of the virus due to the higher potential for contact due to the dispersion of the virus throughout the country. This dispersion effect would result in a massive surge in the number of cases of COVID-19 and a massive surge in the number of deaths. Until the number of cases starts to decline and a comprehensive testing program is in place, reopening the economy is medically irresponsible.
Sarasota	General	We have to get Florida back to work. The medicine is going to be worse than the disease. Small businesses can not and will not survive staying closed. As it is I would speculate that over 15% of the closed businesses will not reopen. We were wrong about the mortality of the virus. We can't afford to be wrong about keeping the state closed. Time to get back to work. NOW

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Palm Beach	General	Facts over fear. We flattened the curve. We need now need to get back to work! Unemployment: For the love of God, please turn this failure into your legacy. Please ensure that everyone gets their money they deserve. I am a self employed massage therapist. I was ordered not to work for 60 days. It took me weeks to just get the website to load, then I was able to file. I have NOT received any funds as of today. DeSantis, I voted for you, I believe in you, You can make this right! Businesses: OPEN THEM! Small businesses are hurting! Please do not extend any of your Stay at Home orders or the cease order you have on medical licenses. We need to get back to work! Vaccine: I do NOT support any kind of mandatory vaccine to get us "Back to Normal". Please do NOT have this on any agenda. Beaches: OPEN THEM! We need fresh air and vitamin D. Disney: Please slowly reopen this year! If people want to wear masks on their own, then so be it, but I will not part take in any large group where I have to wear a mask or have my temp checked. Not when the death rate is under 1%. Thank you for everything you have done during this pandemic. Florida needs to come back stronger than ever. Tourism is our life. "Experts" are predicting another wave of this next winter. I hope there is a plan in place NOW. We can not afford to shut down again. You have my support to open Florida tomorrow!
Duval	General	People at risk should stay completely shuttered and maybe until there is a vaccine.. Healthy people should be allowed to live their life. enough is enough. Schools should have been back in session two weeks ago.

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Volusia	Government	This entire thing is a complete and unconsttutional behavior against this free country, and AGAINST every free American. You can't control us. Warn people, and we are free to make choices. Government doesn't need to tell me or anyone what is essential and is not. Every business you say us not essential is essential to that very person to work and survive. Quit controlling us. This virus is no different than any flu any year. If it started amongst China and the filth of the Orient, make them pay a price. WE ARE FREE TO MAKE CHOICES AND WORK IN THIS AMERICAN DREAM. STOP the control, OPEN, AND GIVE ME MY FREEDOM BACK ANF GIVE IT BACK TO ALL AMERICANS. DON'T WAIT FOR MORE PROTESTS AND POSSIBLE VIOLENCE AND MORE MENTAL ILLNESS AND/OR EXACERBATED MENTAL ILLNESS. You have taken enough from us. STOP IT, NOW. I HURT SO BAD FOR SMALL BUSINESSES, TRAVEL INDUSTRY HERE, SMALL HOTELS, BED AND BREAKFASTS PRIVATELY OWNED, STORES, SALONS, YOU HAVE TAKEN SO MUCH FROM SO MANY. OPEN!!! QUIT PUTTING UNNECESSARY FEAR INTO US.
Polk	General	Do not reopen. Do not risk our families, our children and elderly. This is something serious. Thousands of people have died in the US. I will not risk my family.
Flagler	General	Hello. I think that limited re-openings of all businesses needs to happen ASAP. Those that are at high risk will stay home until them feel 100% safe so I do not think that everyone will swamp the businesses at once. People can be told to wear masks when inside and think that people would do so in order to have restrictions lifted. 50% max of normal occupancy can be permitted at the start and that can ramp up based on how many test positive, hospital capacity, etc. The economy can only take so much harm before permanent damage is done. I am a US Navy Vet on disability but I also have a business degree so I know what it takes to sustain a successful business! I wish you, your staff and all citizens the very best and I know we can get through this.
Palm Beach	Government	We are not ready to reopen the State of Florida. Currently we have too many cases on the rise. Also we have not done enough testing or isolation.
Miami-Dade	Recreation	Re-open boat ramps first, Monday to Friday only.
Brevard	Healthcare	Please do not open the state yet. We should definitely support the businesses that are truly essential but it is not time to open up recreational activities. The beaches and parks should be closed but they are not we are still seeing an abundance of new cases each day. Do not make the risks that essential workers are taking in vain. We do not need a repeat of the Spanish flu, when you have a resurgence of cases is soon as everything re opens. Our population consists of I high number of at risk and elderly individuals, this will be madness if you reopen now.

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Hillsborough	Healthcare	I think the best way to go about this is the way it has been, Staying at home safe until we can eliminate the virus. To just reopen would be irresponsible, if we where to open to soon we would have a second wave. Let's do thing right the 1st time.
Brevard	Education	As a daycare owner, we need financial and logistic support to reopen. With smaller class sizes, expensive PPE, and inflated prices for supplies. Please give us what we need to provide an essential service for our community. We need grants, fast.
Broward	General	Good day, It seems as it is time to allow non-essential businesses open with the same rules as essential businesses. People need to get back to work and the Florida economy depends on it. Beaches should open as well. People usually stay further than 6 feet from each other anyway. Schools should open as children don't seem to be affected by the virus. Older relatives can still social distance. Best regards, Jason
Sarasota	General	We need to open up and use appropriate safety measures that are currently in place. Follow the phases set from the White House and use common sense. Allow outdoor access to parks, beaches, and other areas while practicing social distancing from others and groups less than ten. For those who are unconformable with opening , stay at home. There needs to be a balance for the health and safety of others while allowing business to open.
Volusia	Food	We should wait to reopen Florida for as long as possible. What's the point of reopening the state early, if in a few months we need to close once again. I haven't worked in over a month, and do not want to experience this again this year.
Pinellas	General	It's time to open up the he economy. The numbers don't justify destroy people's lives
Brevard	Food	I believe the state should be opened up by county, determining which are least at risk and have shown much fewer cases. We need to open restaurant dining to 50%, we cant survive off takeout in fact my restaurant wont even open again until we can utilize the dining room. Who knows if we can make it that long. If we can open soon maybe turn the health inspectors in the area to do check ups on restaurants to make sure they are following new protocols (disposable menus, masks, reduced seating,etc.). We need to open or we will all fail.
Lake	Education	I am all for safely reopening the state in phases. south Florida is our hotspot so they should be under more restrictions than those of us in smaller areas with less cases. Please please please! Plan on reopening schools in the fall for the new school year! As long as the numbers have come down.... These kids need school! We need to look to Sweden and how they refused lockdown and are achieving herd immunity. We need herd immunity! Staying locked up and killing the economy is not the answer.
Brevard	General	We will not be visiting any public areas until medical advisors deem it to be safe. Early reopening is a bad idea.

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St. Lucie	General	We are in no position to reopen people are still sick and still getting sick and dying. Opening at this time is a TERRIBLE IDEA!!!
Duval	Information	Why would anyone do something as moronic as opening up a state without first conducting statewide testing, why not send in-home test kits to all residents, whom can return to either a local pharmacist/pharmacy or mail off. At least then will know who's the carriers and who is not. But opening because they are trying to appease an imbecile that suggested drinking or injecting bleach or Lysol to show loyalty in private phone calls is just plain dumb. Don't kill Floridians.
Lee	General	I feel I'm not safe to go back to work as hairstylist until I'm sure it's safe for me I demand more testing for all of our safety before returning back to work and a more normal life
Brevard	Management	Allow FL businesses and residents to return to normal operation. Safer at home needs to be recorded immediately. The devestating economic and personal toll this have leveled on our citizens in order to protect but a handful of theost vulnerable has been unwarranted. Especially given all of the false, inaccurate reporting of actual cases of the Covid-19 infection, overinflated death counts, and tainted tests and false positive results, it's clear that the number of people infected is significantly liw compared to our state's population, and the majority of deaths gave been elderly and a few immunocompromised. Floridians cannot be held hostage in our homes and ruin our livelihoods and collapse our business communities over this any longer. Open Florida and let citizens determine for ourselves how to manage our lives going forward as we recover from this mess.
Volusia	Food	It's too soon.
Pinellas	Recreation	Open it back up... it isn't quarantine making healthy people stay home ... it's called Tyranny and what started the revolution
Polk	Tourism	I work for Disney, and although I am very eager to get back to work, I don't think it's a good idea to rush this. If history ends up repeating itself (spanish flu), there will be a second wave, which will be worse than the first. I am all for a soft opening of the theme parks later in the year (maybe mid August??) as long as there are definitive measures put in place to keep employees, as well as guests, safe. Just please, don't rush it!!

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Broward	General	Open Florida. We did the 15 days to slow the spread and then 30. We continued to stay home to flatten the curve. The purpose was to monitor the virus and not overwhelm hospitals. Hospitals are prepared with beds and PPE. The vacancy has been reported in the 40% range. We observed the virus and found it can be treated with vitamin c and/or hydroxychloroquine. Mandatory masks unfairly discriminate against people with medical conditions that affect breathing. Cloth masks are effective at blocking dust and pollen - coronavirus is neither. Viruses have existed and will continue to exist. We do not have a right to a germ-free environment- but, we do have the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Unemployment benefits in FL have been a disaster. Soon, people will run out of money and then run out of food. What do you think will happen next? We will see riots in the streets and spikes in violent crime as people become more desperate to feed their families. Open the state. Allow people to work. There is no good reason not to do so.
Seminole	Tourism	Please start to reopen the state. Unemployment and stimulus checks won't pay our mortgage. My husband is a very hard worker but there's not much we can do when his entire industry is shut down. It's hard to replace his income by delivering pizzas 20 hours a week.
Lee	General	It's time to get the economy started. The cure is worse than the disease. The people most vulnerable should continue to stay inside. If you are worried. Stay inside. If you must go outside, take precautions. But those of us that are health and not high risk should be allowed to get on with our lives, enjoy our beautiful beaches, go to restaurants, participate in athletic activities outdoors. Florida is built on tourism. Allow people from non-hot spot areas to start coming here and spending their money. Don't treat every state and every county the same. Be smart, strategic. Ramp up testing to allow everyone that wants one to get tested.
Broward	General	I feel its way to soon to open up Florida especially south Florida
Pinellas	General	Please fix the online unemployment system! The notifications on the portal are helpful, but more information could be posted, instead of finding out from the nightly news. This needs to be a priority. Thank you.
Miami-Dade	Wholesale	Let's not be the State that opened up too early and because of that decision, caused more precious lives to be lost Let's not become that headline.. We can't put business over the lives and we'll being of human. All it took was a few people to get infected and look where that left the world, because the way this virus easily spreads is insane. I have not lost a family member to COVID-19 but I have lost them to other sicknesses. And the death of a family member can tear a family apart. Not everyone knows that pain. Let's not inflict that pain to families because of an obsession to be one of the first states and cities to reopen. We beat this thing by staying in place until this thing dies down. It's slowly working but we are just simply not there yet. Miami-Dade and Broward county are Florida's hotspots. We should stay closed until the end of May, and then look into phase 1 of reopening. But only businesses and warehouses that are in a way essential to life.

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Brevard	General	We haven't had a new virus of this magnitude in a decade. New information about it comes out all the time. We are in the midst of a storm and won't know all there is to know for years probably. These are unknown times and we have to proceed with caution. This can not still continue to be compared to the flu.... Our nation has surpassed the death rate of the 18-19 flu season and almost hit the death rate of the 17-18 flu season... and its ONLY been THREE MONTHS! But people do need to still survive. I do not believe that means we need to reopen everything back to the way it was though for a while, as we're not prepared for more people to get sick. Slowly though allows for people to make money, if we do get sick then have the means to get effective treatment, and build herd immunity. If we open all at once then what we've been through has been all for nothing and we'll get overwhelmed. Limit capacities at public spaces, limit gatherings, have stores limit the amount of people inside, if people can continue to work from home, continue to do so. Make wearing masks in close public spaces mandatory to prevent spread. We need to have way more disinfectant available to citizens and businesses to continue those measures, those companies should be mandated to be in mass production to help citizens and businesses alike to continue cleaning measures. We have a chance now to be in control and not the virus be in control.
Seminole	Healthcare	Please allow Flordia to re-open to do elective cases. Also allow business such as all restaurants, stores,nail and Hair salons to open back up. If all flordia residents still continue to wear a mask when in a larger crowded areas then we should be able to get this economy back up and running. Yes there is alot of cases in Flordia but over all for the amount of people here in this state the numbers are not that bad. Hospitals are not overran so open us up PLEASE!!!!
Duval	General	Yes, I would like to re-open Florida. Too many people are out of work and I don't believe this virus is any worse than the flu, which we have every year. Thank you.
Brevard	Healthcare	I'm torn. I want everyone to be safe but I also understand that small business are struggling to keep from bankruptcy. I guess the CDC recommendations should be consulted and followed.
Broward	General	Until there is more complete testing and data I do not believe that businesses should reopen. I am very concerned about the lack of knowledge and complete understanding of this virus and that premature action will further jeopardize the health and safety of my family. I do not believe that beaches should be open as we have already seen that residents cannot conduct themselves in a manner that is safe for others.
St. Johns	General	Please open the star. We need to get back to normal as soon as possible. People need to go back to work. This shut down is not needed when there is a 98% survival rate.
Orange	General	How many more dead is acceptable? Opening now is closing the front door on social distancing before all the people have made it home, leaves those outside to die. How many dead is acceptable? Opening too soon leaves too many outside to die. Save lives, stay home!

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Orange	Tourism	A phased reopening needs to happen starting May 1st. Start with retail, and dining for Florida residents only. A week later, open parks for residents only. Week 3, open parks for all residents and passholders. Week 4, open hotels for residents and passholders. Week 5, open hotels and limit capacity in parks to 1/3 of normal capacity. Require social distancing, with face masks in enclosed areas.
Seminole	Education	El Gobernador de la Florida ha actuado pesimamente durante esta emergencia del Coronavirus. Nunca quizo cerrar completamente y los numeros de contagios son de los top 5 de toda la nacion. Todo por ser leal al Presidente Trump. No estoy de acuerdo que abran todo todavia. Es un error y provocaria una nueva ooleada de contagios. Lo que deben hacer es cerrar completamente por 2 semanas.
Pinellas	General	When medical experts say it's ok and maybe start with retail stores
Orange	General	I do not think it is totally safe at this time to reopen the state. I think there might be some businesses that could be safe to open, with the 6 ft. safe distance rule in effect. But so far as re opening restaurants, and other places where there would be a lot of people I think it is safer to wait for at least another couple of weeks to see where the numbers are.
Hillsborough	Government	Stop the madness and fear mongering. Forced quarantine is government overreach and will do far more harm than any of its stated goals.
Duval	Healthcare	Until there is a better understanding of this virus, and all it entails, I dont think we should be opening up as easily as we are about to. Consider that we are expecting another wave of this in the fal . If we open before we have a good handle on this, this is just going to continue until we actually have vaccines in hand. There is so much false information flowing, some which is dangerous, and throughout all of this, we still had groups that refused to listen to government directiv . Just think what this is going to mean when opening back up. Those groups will go right back to the same behaviors with no care for others including healthcare workers. We are looking at another disaster.
Nassau	General	Open the state slowly, but start in the beginning of May. Most important is to resume elective medical and dental treatments. Places where social distancing is easily accomplished should be next, especially outdoors, ie parks, beaches, etc. As indoor nonessential locations open...hair salons, shops, message therapy, etc. (where there is close contact) BOTH the staff and the client should wear masks. This should be required in grocery stores, hardware stores, and all medical facilities etc., in addition to all the CDC cleaning protocols. Tough decisions!
Duval	General	Please open now! No more delays! We can be responsible for our own health. And we know this virus is not as deadly as first thought. Love the work you have donr with the nursing homes to keep our most vulnerable safe, but let the rest of us go back to living life.

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Seminole	General	I think that local experts in each section of our economy and from each county that has been impacted the most by Covid-19 need to meet, analysis their situation and set priorities on which section/s should open first and a timeline set for all until everything is open like before. I think that no county should begin to be opened until the number of active Covid-19 cases levels off for "x" period of time. It goes without much discussion that we all want everything opened as soon as possible to get back to normal. However, when I go to stores in the Lake Mary/Longwood area, not many people are wearing masks any more and even fewer are wearing gloves. This complacent behavior will just prolongate our problem I think. We reap what we sow. May God Bless all those who are working to control this mess and planning for solutions to open up our great state again. Hank Mitchell, Longwood, FL
Palm Beach	General	Reopening must be slow, cautious and well monitored, unfortunately to this point there has been little enforcement. . EVERYONE should be wearing masks. Restaurants should only serve outdoors. No bars should be opened. No bars that serve minimal food should open. Hair and nail salons should only allow half their normal capacity. Public hotlines should be set up to report business infractions. Beaches should open but limited access. People need to understand the new normal is NOT what we are used to.
Hillsborough	Government	I think we should stay closed I work for the school system I don't believe it's safe yet for people to be free going around while this is still not under control if some parents do back to women who till take care of there kids while there home schooling for the rest of the year. And it's also not safe for the kids.
Pinellas	General	Florida needs massive testing and contact tracing. Only then, when the numbers allow, the state should be open. I, and my family will not be visiting any public places (other than grocery stores) until the above measures are undertaken.
Broward	General	I think we should reopen the state in place like suggested. I also think citizens should be required to wear mask at all times and continue with social sustaining of 6 ft apart.
Broward	Food	I am e restaurant owner. Open Florida only when it is safe to do it. Follow federal guidelines and provide us with a system that will allow us to be sure that our Employees and customers DO NOT BRING THE VIRUS in our establishment. Health first, money second.
Pasco	Professional Services	Restore life as it was before March 11 without delay. The economy has been ruined, peoples jobs and livelyhood had been put in peril because of faulty modeling and analysis.
Volusia	Professional Services	Curbside grooming salons ..please let be part of soft opening. I feel high traffic businesses such as bars and restaurants should continue take out for a bit longer.
Alachua	General	Please do not reopen prematurely. I strongly feel that it is too soon. I'm afraid many more people will die unnecessarily if we open back up now... just ask anyone in healthcare.

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Brevard	General	Florida must allow all businesses to reopen within the next 2 - 3 weeks or sooner. To continue the draconian stay at home order (violating constitutional rights or coming dangerously close to doing so as time goes on) and to force small businesses to shutter forever is unconscionable. The current state of lockdown is NOT sustainable and will have secondary and tertiary economic and social effects which no one is considering right now because the plague of fear which is being perpetuated by the media and individuals and groups who have no medical training whatsoever are purporting to give advice on matters they have no credibility to and are merely repeating whatever social media feeds them. How are families going to feed children if this goes on? How are businessowners going to survive? Are we going to be falsely imprisoned in our homes for a year? Forever? This goes against all that built this country and even against human social nature. The imagined "Outbreak" style massive death rate is clearly not showing to be true in any data, across the world. Yet we are punishing entire populations instead of quarantining those who need to be: the ill and the high risk. Quarantining healthy people is preposterous, even with the slight chance of asymptomatic carriers or pre-symptomatic infected. Re-open Florida before the cure becomes far worse than the disease...it is already well on its way there. Signed, an active duty military Registered Nurse
Orange	Healthcare	I would like to express my sincere concern that if we open up too early that we will just have to shit down all over again. I have two under two and this transition has been difficult. I anticipate going back “to normal” is also going to be difficult. Having to do a second wave of closures would be too much to handle. I understand people are hurting, everyone is hurting, but our health safety should not be rushed. I sincerely hope that you will consult with doctors and scientists and not just people with business and financial interests in mind. From a very concerned voter, lawyer, mother, and citizen.
Polk	General	Am self employed. FINALLY got someone on the phone that let know that I was immediately ineligible as Florida does not cover unemployed self employed. ??? If that's the case, why hasn't 1 of my THREE applications kicked to federal program?
Duval	Professional Services	Allow hair solons to reopen with customers waiting in cars till called in and with appointments. 6-8 feet spacing and both wearing masks

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Broward	General	The entire over reaction the Wuhan virus has financially crippled the country. NYC and LA are NOT Florida, although Mayor Giminez would have you think so. The Draconian unconstitutional restrictions imposed on Floridians first by executive orders, then worse, local county and city orders, has bankrupted many. Hiding indoors is not the answer, nor is keeping beaches, boat ramps and businesses closed. I am stage 3 cancer survivor with limited immune system, yet I go out EVERY DAY, and get sun and fresh air, ride my bike, etc. I don't fear the virus or death, I fear government wonks such as Mayor Giminez, who have no regard for Floridians rights, while he pays himself lavishly every week. Either declare martial law or remove all restrictions. Those that want to stay and hide in their homes can choose to. You took MY RIGHT to choose to go to the beach, a bar, a restaurant, all out of fear, not fact. OPEN FLORIDA TODAY!
Hillsborough	General	I am a cosmetologist that had to stop working because my business was closed because of Covid-19. No more income coming in. Filed for unemployment and have not heard anything. No income for these past weeks. I hear word of re-opening and I have no choice but to go back as I need an income. I speak for all hairdressers, that our business is essential! I saw Micheals, craft store ,open during this shutdown. I guess that was essential?? We need to protect our business as we stay in close contact with our clients and risk our lives to provide our customers with professional grooming and services that is neccessary. Try and go with out these services and see how you feel! We need to be taken more seriously!! More protection for our industry.
Duval	General	My concern is from the point of view of seniors and those with serious underlying health conditions. It is related to the re-opening of restaurants, hair cutting/styling shops, other personal hygiene businesses, and the later loosening of restrictions on grocery stores and other retail stores. The main worry that I have, is that when the restrictions are lifted, young people will rush back, with little concern for both their own safety and the safety of others (certainly not all, but many). That could immediately lead to an environment where the spread of covid19 will spike, and cause many more casualties among seniors and the sick, in particular. And it would certainly affect some young people as well. Please keep this carefully in mind, as you work to roll back restrictions.

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Orange	Education	I am concerned about schools going back in the fall. I am a teacher that is considered very high risk. If there is any chance that coronavirus might still be circulating in the fall, I will be unable to return. I am worried about how this will effect my job. Also, even though children are less likely to die from the virus, they can still become very ill or they can be carrying it and be asymptomatic. If they are asymptomatic, they could be spreading it to students, teachers, and other faculty without knowing. Those people then take it home to their families. Parents also send students to school sick all the time even though they are instructed not too. How will this be handled? How will we determine who must stay home? I have heard that temperatures could be taken as kids enter, but how does that keep asymptomatic kids out of the classroom? They can still spread the virus without a fever. Also, some can go days to weeks before symptoms begin to show. How will outbreaks in schools be handled? How are you going to manage having enough teachers when those that are high risk are still encouraged to stay home? There is already a teacher and sub shortage. Will options be given to do school online? Will teachers be given the option to teach virtually? I know the importance of being in school, however, at what point is our health and safety more important? What precautions will be put in place if another surge occurs in the fall? I know many parents that are still concerned about sending their children next year. Also, we keep hearing how many negative test results there are. How many of those people still have symptoms and been tested again? We know the test only shows that moment in time. How many of those people hav now contracted the virus? We also know that some people receive multiple negative results and that testing is not accurate. How can we be sure that it is truly safe?
Lee	Retail	Open up bowling alleys and gyms
Brevard	Food	Please consider waiting another month to reopen restaurants to eat in status. You will be putting more people at risk. And most of those employees don't have savings or insurance to cover expensive hospital treatment if they get sick. If they are back to work (not on unemployment) and get sick then they have no $ coming in again for an additional 2 week or more while they recover

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Hillsborough	General	I don't think we should even consider opening any non essential or tourism jobs until we have seen a significant decrease of cases back down to what it was before we began shutting down those nonessential businesses. Opening up "fun" hot spots is only going to make people more eager to go out and ignore social distancing, creating the second wave experts are predicting. If it was unsafe enough to close the state then we should not reopen until those numbers are lower than they were when the orders were issued. It's also going to draw other people from other areas and states that are still on lock down orders. They will come here in large amounts, flocking to beaches and other tourist places and then possibly infect our areas. I think opening to soon is going to cause our economy to suffer in the long run because we will have to shut back down and possibly shut down longer. As a mom of three ages three, two, and not even a week old, I do not feel safe thinking that this virus hasn't even been fully understood and the people "in charge" are considering opening the state for nothing more than greed and money. My husband works in a tourism job and there's no way we would feel safe or comfortable with him going back to work in the next few weeks knowing there is still a great amount of risk involved with interacting with strangers in a close environment
Lee	General	I feel we need to take it slow social distance is still needed. I understand we need to open up the economy but please make wise decisions. Maybe a few more weeks , I do feel strong about special need places opening up we have so many young people and others with special needs, they do need a place to go but with better supervision.we can't have them hugging and kissing each other. So if we open these places someone better be teaching the supervisors how to keep them apart or we could have a lot of the special needs sick and unable to recover.
Indian River	Finance	Ha! Fix Florida?? That's a joke! You cant even fix unemployment problems. Put food on the table! Unemployment treasury seems to be 2B$ ---I think the Gov. and the legislature and the new head of UI need to take no salary until this problem is fixed! Trump takes no $ and donates his salary--leads by example and you should too.you lost my vote in the next election. Being prepared----> you get an F
Brevard	General	NO, NO, NO. It's too soon & too dangerous. It's bad enough that the WWE (!) was considered essential, seriously. This virus is too new, no one, especially those NOT in the medical fields, know how it's supposed to act in the general population. I for one, do not want to die for someone else's greed. Most of my contemporaries, fellow workers, friends, & family are of the same opinion. Please truly protect your constituents by keeping the state closed.
St. Lucie	General	I feel like we need to wait or implement restrictions or we will back go square one. From the start everyone said we will open when cases reduce for 2 weeks and unless I am wrong, that has not happened yet so why are we jumping the gun, we have come this far. Thank you.
Orange	General	Please do not open too early. Fix the problems with the unemployment distribution which can help the people currently hoping to open the state and keep the stay at home orders going through at least June 1st.

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Orange	General	The unemployment system is broken Took me two days to file . Waited 3 weeks to be verified because I understand there is a lot of people that were furloughed I have been employed with the same company for ten years never asked the state for anything !!! Until now and was disappointed! Called after 3 weeks to follow up on hold for 3 hours to be told I should have called before to verify my identity but website I have to take no action !!!! Very disappointed in the system that is to help and sadder with the govt that thinks this is ok !
Lee	Finance	Florida needs to reopen ASSP!!! THIS IS RIDICULOUS. We won't be able to pay any bills starting May 2nd because of this nonsense. The flu kills more people a year, come on ! We need money! Suspend rent payments or something and fix unemployment!!!!!! One of the most unprepared states I've ever seen.
Duval	General	Just ready for this city to be back open where we all can actually go shopping at mall go back to the zoo ho back to St Augustine. Please consider this . Enough is enough
Duval	General	I think DeSantis is rushing re-opening the state, considering the cases are rising. If he re-opens the state right now, there will be a lot more deaths. In order to avoid it, we need to keep the stay at home order at least through August. Considering CDC predicting there will be another wave in the fall, we might need to stay home for much longer. I personally not ready to be back to normal life, I don't want to risk my and my family lives because our governor is worried FL will lose its businesses.

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Manatee	General	First, local governments (city and county) must have some degree of autonomy in deciding what's best for their communities. Second, all State Parks should be re-opened but with restrictions such as no campers, campgrounds closed, event spaces closed, large gatherings closed, and social distancing guidelines strictly enforced. Third, restaurants need to be opened but in tiers based on capacity. For example, restaurants with max capacity of 100 should only be allowed to operate at 50%, those with max of 100 only 40%, those with max of 300 only operating at 25%, etc. Outdoor seating preferred. Hand sanitizers need to be required prior to dining (like on a cruise ship), disposable or washable menus, and face masks for servers. Also, all restaurants need to be required to keep a log of ALL diners on a given day and maintain those records for 2 weeks. That way if a server or diner tests positive, folks can be notified. Hotels should be done in a similar fashion regarding capacity and logs. Fourth. No large sporting events, concerts, or mass gatherings until deemed safe. Fifth, all beaches should be opened BUT local governments deciding if they should be remain closed or open and with applicable restrictions. Sixth, all re-opening decisions MUST be made with input from local officials including DOCTORS, head of the county health department, and the Sheriff. Finally, there has got to be testing and contact tracing. There should also a 14-day downward trend or decrease in % of positive cases.
Leon	Real Estate	Please find enclosed letters sent on behalf of the Florida Brownfields Association (FBA). FBA commends and appreciates the work of the Task Force to Reopen Florida. These letters address and highlight the role that Brownfield environmental cleanup and redevelopment in Florida and Florida's Brownfield program can play in spurring Florida's economy, driving and advancing real estate development, investment, and transactions, and maintaining and creating jobs -- including keeping environmental professionals and staff employed and working in the early stages of responding to and in recovery from coronavirus and its effects. Thank you for the Task Force's time and consideration. If you have any questions or would like to discuss these letters or these issues, please do not hesitate to let us know. Thank you. Jason Lichtstein President, Florida Brownfields Association (850) 841-9025

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Pinellas	Finance	It would be very dangerous and irresponsible for Florida to "reopen" without more broad/widespread testing being done. It would also be keen to measure peoples temps before being allowed in any closed air space. We also need masks to be mandatory, cloth or surgica . These are the best ways to allow us to reopen with the least amount of backfire.
Manatee	General	As much as I want the economy to reopen and to be allowed to go out and about, I think that rushing things will only make matters worse. I believe we are not in a state to reopen just yet, and while we are beginning to see a “flattening” to the curve as you call it, the chances of making matters worse are far too great. Remaining closed for a few more weeks will hurt pockets, but it will save lives.
Polk	General	Governor DeSantis, you should implement a widespread testing infrastructure and guidelines before you allow businesses to reopen. You should also consult public health officials, medical experts and epidemiologists to assist on your task force and come up with strategies to safely re-open businesses and public areas. Until every Floridian can be tested and strategies are implemented for monitoring the spread of the virus, it would be morally reprehensible to ease restrictions on public gatherings. It is your responsibility to the public health of our state and our country to make sure our healthcare professionals have adequate PPE and that the general public knows the best practices for when they must leave their homes. If you rush to "re-open Florida," before you make the adequate steps to set up more testing including rapid testing, many more lives will be lost and our economy will suffer a far worse fate.
Pinellas	Recreation	Florida need to start getting people and businesses back so we don’t compound issues that are already happening. This virus is not going to be eliminated any time soon,so we must learn to live and function as a state in a new normal.and adjust . The toll of keeping gyms closed is starting to mount in a new public health risk. Many seniors depend on cardio machines to keep their hearts strong and not having that for over 1 month now is debilitating to say the least. To add is a psychological and mental toll of not exercising in a controlled environment such as a gym. I have been depending on this for 20 years and it is a shock to my system in a bad way. Please let’s move ahead Florida and we have to means to deal with what may or may not come from this. Thank you Michael Hynes
Charlotte	General	Start small in areas that can be open to small groups of 3-5 people like small business, salons, tattoos and other applicable.
Osceola	Tourism	Reopen Disney and Universal in stages but not to wait too long since both of them are suffering badly and will take a awhile to recover economically
Broward	General	Enough is enough. Government overreach needs to stop. People should be back to work because all jobs are essentials. Families are drowning. Open Florida.

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Hillsborough	Finance	As a retired Florida resident having lived here for 22 years, I want to thank Governor DeSantis for his outstanding leadership during this health and economic crisis. My concern is that the data being provided about the statistical elements is skewed. We need to have 'per 100,000' added to the reported data so we are comparing apples to apples for our state, counties, cities and other states in our country. I have a sense the covid-19 medical impact to Florida is not as severe as advertised by our medical professionals and the mainstream media. Please open our state quickly. I am missing face to face interaction and the freedom that the constitution guarantees to us.
Hernando	Healthcare	We need to slowly open our state , I am a dental hygienist and I feel that strict guidelines for changes in dental offices to protect the patients and the staff... Proper protective equipment needs to be outlined. I realize that we need to start opening but hopefully from a safe standpoint.
Orange	General	Consult a panel of non-partisan medical doctors and scientists with knowledge of infectious diseases, viruses, and pandemics. Do not base the decision on money, the economy, politics, or Governor Desantis' political agenda. Base the entire plan on protecting the most lives for the longest amount of time. Then Implement the plan the doctors and scientist come up with that will save, protect, and preserve the life of the most people for the longest time.
Broward	General	I've been working from home for weeks. My company has the technology to do so. However, there are limitations with company tasks. I believe that if we're going to open offices to allow workers, they should enforce in-office shifts where you are encouraged to only show up on your designated days. It will keep us distanced from each other, while allowing workers to resume some sort of schedule.
Brevard	Healthcare	Our numbers have not been down for 2 weeks; therefore, we should not re-open the state. Let's be smart especially considering our high number of senior citizens.
Volusia	Construction	I am a handyman , and this is going to put me on the street soon . My customers are scared to death , all they hear everyday is everyone Is sick and dieing. They need to know that they can allow someone to do home repairs as long as the handyman is using safety guidelines , like gloves ,mask ,and safe distancing . If we dont giving people some hope and start moving forward again. The economist damage wont be able to be repaired. Please open business back up. Just enforce e the guidelines .. thank you for your consideration .
Lee	Healthcare	I am a Dental Hygienist. I am very concerned with going back to work on May 11th which is the plan unless the governor does something. When we do a procedure we create aerosols and they can stay in the air for 5 hours. So even if I wear a mask all day and never take it off we are putting patients at risk and they don't even know it. So this means if I work on a patient at 8 that has the virus but is asymptomatic then the next 5 patients are exposed to the aerosols and probably 5 in the room right next to me too. We can't go back until we have some form of rapid test and we can test pt before they come in. Or at least until we aren't getting new cases in Lee. We are not essential. No one will die if they can't get their teeth cleaned. But they may die if they do.

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Orange	Government	My feelings about Florida reopening are as follows: 1. Are we sure that we should open Florida so soon, I for one would rather be broke and alive than to catch this virus and die from it. I am 68 years old and know my health is declining from my younger years. 2. While the new case numbers seem to be gradually lowering over the past seven days we have averaged 895 new cases with two spikes of 1.1 and 1.3 thousand per day. I do not think this "Novel New Virus" is through with us yet. 3. I feel that the people that might be the most susceptible senior citizens 65+ should remain in quarantine by a State order. And essential businesses should not require their senior citizen employees to work as well by a state order. 4. When we do start reopening the state it should be in a conservative manner. Open the most essential businesses first and work down to the less essential. 5. Many people have never followed the States guidelines for the "Stay at Home Order " already, if they hade done so the numbers would be lower by now. If we open back up we may see another rise in numbers. I hope that you choose our lives over the lost money aspect of this. 6. I know that the decisions you will be making are difficult ones. Please use the utmost caution when making these decisions, many lives are at stake. I personally think that it could be a little to soon ease the restrictions right now, Most of us would probably
Orange	General	I think we should wait until we have better tests and protective measures. Throughout our lockdown the cases in Florida continued to increase. Now that we've slowed down I don't think it's time we rush to open back up. Once we resume normal operations completely our cases will jump back up. Now with that being said I believe malls and other retails stores should be the very last thing to open back up. As you know during any given day the malls are busy and full of people walking around. Malls are also closed air spaces which means transmissions of this virus will be much easier and wide spread. Sure we could all wear masks everywhere but it's unfair to have that requirement when getting masks are already hard then on top of that people don't properly dispose of them. I can't tell you how many times I've gone grocery shopping and have found a used mask and gloves on the ground. I understand we are trying to preserve the economy but rushing back into this too soon will have the opposite effect. We are rushing to open back the economy but at what cost? A lot of people are out of work and do not have the money to spend to drive the economy whatever result you are looking for with this reopening will not come fast. In addition to malls and other retail stores being the last to open include nail salons as well.

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Orange	General	Start opening up! Get people back to work! We can wear masks, sit at every other table, sit in small groups, etc, but get things open.
Lake	Healthcare	I work in Healthcare part time and my husband is retired but disabled. We believe that the state should allow, a slow reopening of the state with mandatory precautions. Service industries should be first with salons, physicians services, pet services, restaurants with reduced capacities. Physicians should be able to test individuals at their visit on a routine basis. Anyway that the crowds can be controlled should've investigated. Families should be able to visit each other. . Nursing Homes and Assisted living should have a room to be reserve for family visits That be throughly cleaned before and after visits, Masks intact. The more folks that can return to work or continue to work at home should be allowed . Schools should return with reduced class sizes and precautions.
Marion	General	I don't feel the state as a whole ever shut down efficiently. I think many citizens have done the most possible in terms of staying at home. However the overall leadership and public view has been that it's ok for many other citizens to find loopholes to avoid changing their lives. The issue is that those that did isolate can't reopen for fear of being infected by the rising cases- and the people that haven't stayed home could have been exposed but have not yet shown symptoms. Until there are fewer new cases each day and until the hospitals and medical professionals have had a chance to regroup and find resources to treat those few new cases, opening the state would cause us to back step to the start of this whole thing. The people that haven't stayed home need assistance to find a way to stay home. The people that have stayed home deserve to remain healthy and to have that mean something. You can't change science with reasoning or logic. It feels like it's time to go back to normal. But nothing can be normal until the illness is manageable and the sick can be treated effectively. Business owners finding ways to stay open means that citizens have to go to work or risk losing the opportunity for employment. Government leaders not being definitive in their mandates means too much room for interpretation and thus the situation we are in now. The rising new cases since just the openings of the beaches proves the theory. Please stop being driven by politics and financial gain. Please help the citizens to remain safe and close public spaces and wait to reopen until science and logic can meet. This is terrible for everyone, but you are in a position of power and can either show humanity and good reason, or pretend playing the same old games won't kill or devastate millions of individuals. Be different. Be better. Play it safe. For all of us.
Brevard	Recreation	Recreational facilities including beaches, state parks and trails should be opened. These can be opened and users can still maintain social distancing. Playgrounds should remained closed until after secondary peak is over to protect our children and those who care for them. Opening beaches and state parks will give the resident of Florida an opportunity to safely exercise and be outdoors without a large risk to the general public health.

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Hernando	General	I think it is too soon to open up the State. People are going to disregard the precautions. They didn't even keep the 6ft rule when everything was in place and the beaches were open. I don't think cases are being reported correctly. For example I was sick for 2 weeks with unbelievable fatigue, aches, cough, low-grade fever, this was in early March I called the VA and they told me just to self quarantine. I did but my family were still around me, then they went out and they saw others even though they tried to maintain the six foot precautions. So I believe it is too early to open the state people will disregard the policies. Then when it hits is going to hit again with a Vengeance and it will hit the State financially harder than what it is now. I would definitely make sure that the counties are reporting each and every case. And everyone should have the right to get tested, whether they are showing symptoms or not.
Miami-Dade	General	Two concerns: Please devise a plan to allow hair cutting to resume. With professionals working in virtual meetings, appearance and even hygiene is an issue. Perhaps salons can offer in home services, with stylist and customer wearing gloves and masks. All payment could be made online before/after service. Hey lease reach out to salons/barbershops to brainstorm. Also, artists would like to get access to shared studio spaces. Please consider allowance for that work to resume, in limited hours, capacity or with proper cleaning protocol.
Seminole	Retail	I feel if we can have more tests available to use now. Also we need to have better availability of masks for people to use. It is taking 1-2 months to get and they only come from China, too slow. Make it a law (temporary) that businesses CAN send employees home that try to come to work sick. I work for a retailer who says they can not and will not ask or send a sick employee home, because they say it is discrimination and also the employee won't get paid. Also we need to first open the state for Florida residents, before allowing all national and international tourists back in. We were really lucky, we easily could have been like New York. I know we need the tourism, but we also need to protect our citizens. Look at all the people who drove and flew in from NY and NJ. We also need to begin preparing for a possible return of Covid this fall which some say could be worse. HOLD ALL BUSINESSES TO FOLLOW THE RULES. IF THEY DON'T SHUT THEM DOWN. Then I think we could open.
Seminole	General	It's a terrible idea to open Florida right now. We have not had a decline in positive tests. Why rush to open Florida and expose people who have been self isolating. I understand the economy is hurting but if Florida opens and more people get exposed, there won't be eno h people to fill jobs once this is all gone. Everyone will be dead!!!!
Orange	Retail	I have 5 store in Orlando area, complex told us to come back to work. How will be safe if we need to have access to alcohol, hand sanitizer, masks and gloves and can't find anywhere.
Palm Beach	General	Please open recreation(Beaches, Parks, Golf) and medical and dental offices as soon as possible

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Palm Beach	Healthcare	We are nowhere close to being safe with thousands infected and dying. It's hard for everyone not just the business men but you're sacrificing lives for dollars and that's just not right. Listen to people who are doctors and nurseS and health care workers and you'll know that we have to wait hoWeber long it is. No sane parent will send their children out and no older person will go out Use common sense - YOU CANT MAKE IT INTO SOMETHING IT ISNT. W HING IT ISNT BY SAYING THE CURVE IS FLATTENED. People w I'll die that's the bottom line. Your parents and grandparents will die for your dollars. DONT DO IT
Hillsborough	General	It is time to open things up. The damage to business is far worse than that of covid 19. I am an essential worker we have 150 techs plus about 20 installers working in 14 counties in Florida. We have all been working daily. No Covid cases at all. That's right commercial/industrial hvac guys who have contracts with almost every hospital in central Florida. As well as other building have no cases. It's time to open up and allow jobs to come back.
Leon	General	Any and all business that have employees that can work from home, should work from home. The messaging around the re-open must be clear that this is in no way, shape, or form a return to "normal." This will not be possible without a vaccine, antiviral, or herd immunity.

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Palm Beach	Retail	The divide in conversations regarding how to reopen businesses is currently, and unfortunately, between "Open it all" and "Everyone stay home". Obviously the Stay home group cannot stay home 100% of the time. Food, medicines, and other essentials require movement outside. The Open it all group is nonsensical - it is suicidal to deny the science of disaster this would cause. In-between are things that must be mandatory to allow these 2 groups to share in a solution. 1. Masks must be worn. Vendors and customers. If that is not a state-wide, mandatory starting point, we will never get the Stay at home group to accept that there are safety measures being taken. 2. Testing and Tracing must remain at the forefront of all current and future state policies. Funding for a massive, continuous operation in these areas has to be prioritized above all other considerations. 3. Testing must be restricted to designated, safe and regulated testing areas. No mingling of this procedure with other medical or non-medical facilities should be allowed - the possibility of cross-contamination is too great. 4. Every retail operation must post public, easily accessible detailed virus safety procedures that they have implemented, so that any customers are made fully aware BEFORE they enter. 5. Penalties for non-adherence to state-mandated safety measures must be severe enough to make enforcement straightforward - shut businesses immediately upon non-compliance, and remove and heavily fine and/or arrest citizens who openly violate those regulations in sgared public areas.
Polk	General	Pleased allow us to wear mask use common sense and return to our lives. I work every day and have not seen in sign of the virus.....
Manatee	General	My husband and I are healthy 70 and 72 year old full time residents of Bradenton. We are “active seniors”.. travel extensively around the country and world...better off than most in retirement financially...better off than most in health...we want the task force to know that we will not be going to restaurants, hair salons, LA Fitness Gym, movies, plays, air travel until we feel confident that: the number of new C19 cases fall significantly, strict rules are in place and enforced at businesses we frequent such as social distancing and everyone wearing face masks; accurate testing is widely available for all a therapeutic is available. We will stay home and healthy.

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Volusia	General	Quite simply... the reopening needs to be transitional, systematic & data driven.... but it must happen & soon. The Ecomonic, emotional & practical aspects of a continued shelter in place must be weighed in appropriate measure versus the health affects of the virus. As we slowly open the door to begin the journey back to " normal" everyday living - our plans must be flexible & reactive enough to adjust our response to a potential bounce back of cases. This will be a marathon not a sprint .....but I believe the month of May should begin reopening the business, nonprofit, faith based , recreational , medical and all other aspects of what makes our communities. God Bless all of you for your efforts during this uncertain time in our history.
Seminole	Management	The future of government responses to health crises can not continue to be "the blind leading the blind"! Local mayor says, "..sometimes government must protect people from themselves.." As if, that mayor (or city) has the capacity to protect anyone with mandates. Closing private property, taking baskets down from courts, flying drones to mandate "separation"! That would be funny, if it was not so pathetic! Better is to admit that you do NOT know WTF you are doing and warn people to take care of themselves. Then, stay out of the way. The government is way too political and made up of self-interested politicians who mostly have the critical thinking skills of a cat (not to overly slander cats)
Lake	General	WHEN businesses are allowed to begin opening NO employee should feel that their job is in jeopardy should they feel it is still unsafe for them or their families to return to work. Employers would be required to hold jobs open for non-returning employees and hire temporary help from among those wishing to work. Unemployment should remain available to none returning employees. A time frame for these things should be established to promote stability in the process but remain flexible in the event of another out break once businesses have started opening.
Broward	General	Reopen businesses
Hillsborough	General	Please reopen businesses in Florida, so many people are suffering from poor economic conditions compared to the number of people with coronavirus or those that died. Pretty soon people will riot because they have no money to feed their children. So many people die from so many things every day and we don't shut the economy down. Why now? Why sacrifice the many to protect the few? Why make it worse by cutting people's livelihood. I agree with social distancing but it is imperative to open Florida back up as soon as possible to avoid a mental health and an economic crisis.
Orange	Manufacturing	I think we should lift the stay at home mandate. Everybody is already out and about, why not engage in commerce? WE CAN'T SURVIVE AT HOME.
Hernando	Healthcare	Because we our governor needs your medical team, to explain to him and Floridian's opening to soon will spread this virus's and just like other countries will die and not recovery but set us back

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Washington	General	People here in Chipley, Washington county Florida, do not understand distancing or wearing your mask. Our numbers are still growing here as far as people continuing to contract the covid virus. Until our law enforcement here stands behind these rules and enforces them I fear that it is going to continue to grow. Also, a non-essential nail salon was open here in Chipley. I hate people being out of work but, if they would start wearing their mask and understanding what distancing means then we might could open back up. But they're not going to do that and the law enforcement here is not going to reinforce it.
Miami-Dade	General	Dear Members of the Task Force: I would like to stress the importance of reopening Florida as soon as possible to maintain its financial solvency. If the Super Bowl did not result in a surge demand for hospital resources, it's hard for me to imagine it ever becoming a problem for our region. My logic runs as follows: The first confirmed death of coronavirus in Santa Clara County occurred on February 6th, as confirmed by autopsy analysis: https://www.axios.com/first-us-coronavirus-death-earlier-autopsy-dbc72f86-30ed-47e5-b5d8-6811643f9853.html. As such, this means the Bay Area was seeded with the virus at least sometime in mid-January. The novel coronavirus was first noticed in China sometime in November 2019. Bear in mind - this is when China first noticed that something was happening with respect to a viral infection. The Chinese hospitals continued to see activity into December 2019 and January 2020, with WHO posting a tweet that the Chinese authorities noted little evidence of human-to-human transmission as of January 14th. Now, consider the following - we and every other country had zero travel restrictions between November 2019 and January 2020, but let's work with the scenario that the US was first exposed in mid-January 2020. Southeast Florida hosted the Super Bowl in early February 2020. Arguably, San Francisco and the surrounding Bay Area would be one of the first major cities seeded in a major way with the novel coronavirus due to its level of traffic with China, meaning we had thousands of potential carriers over the course of that weekend. Hotels were packed. Bars were packed. Clubs were packed. Traffic was insane. The virus timeline holds that it has an average two week incubation period, and for those with the most severe symptoms, Day 10 after symptom onset will be when they need an ICU visit. So, for Florida in general and southeast Florida in particular, I think we should consider the following: 1. Hundreds, if not thousands, of our hospitality workers were exposed to people from all over the world, including San Francisco,
Osceola	General	I do not believe we should reopen now we risk a resurgence on cases .
Pasco	Accommodation	I clean houses for a living for many people that can not clean for themselves. I am a single mom. I have lost 2 accts due to this and cant obtain more. Due to new facts in the "virus" research, it would be best for our community to get back to work asap with NO restrictions. Herd Immunity is the best way to go. Please consider the lives of many over the few. We do have rights too!
Miami-Dade	General	Please do not Open too soon!!!!

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Brevard	General	Plz reopen businesses . If people deem the place is unsafe they don't have to go there. So if a business wants customers to be back they will put the effort to make it more appealing. Government should keep reminding people of basic hygiene they should follow for the rest of their life and make sure to instill in their kids. Schools can help too.
Osceola	Professional Services	I own a small business. I have missed out on a disaster loan, the PPP. I think that small business Hair salons/Barbershops etc should be reopened. Gathering of no more than 10 people in the salon. We have taken tests regarding sanitation via websites like Barbicide. Before my salon was closed on March 26th, we always practiced sanitation between clients anyway. A restricted waiting area, time slots between customers to allow staff to sanitise. This closure is slowly killing off small businesses. I am here on an E2 visa due to having my business. Keeping that business alive will keep people with jobs and create more as I have a 5 year business plan.
St. Lucie	General	Open the state back up. Gyms, restaurants, breweries are going bankrupt.
Volusia	General	Open bars and restaurants with outdoor seating- There are many bars and restaurants that have outdoor seating areas which can accommodate for social distancing. Open State Parks and campgrounds- People need the fresh air and there is plenty of room for social distancing. Open beauty salons / barber shops- limit how many can be inside. People need their hair done! Theme Parks- open to Florida residents only for 1st month with reduced capacity. This will prevent the influx of tourists as we move through the stages but allows the theme parks to get up and running. This follows the plan suggested of focusing on instate tourism at first.
Manatee	General	The economy and peoples spirit is being slowly crushed by these stay at home orders. Florida must reopen, in waves, with testing . It can be done in a sensible manner. Look at what other areas are doing that is successful and adopt those measures. The sooner the better.
Osceola	Education	My major concerns are having schools and afterschool programs open with hundreds of children attending. Will there be guidelines set up to control this. Children attending school certain days and times? Weekend classes available. Additional funding to help support operations.
Broward	Healthcare	Although I would like most everything to remain closed for two more weeks. I would like outpatient and elective procedures to begin again. I have a specific reason. My daughter was awaiting a tonsillectomy when this started. She is at higher risk until this procedure is done. I dont know if this is a unique situation and I dont expect all state policies to revolve around me and my family but I am sure you can see my concern. Thanks John Potter

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St. Johns	General	It is time to open up Florida. We were misled, lied to and have been ignored. Our civil liberties and ability to provide for basic needs has been taken from us. The overreach has gone on long enough. My cancer surgery was canceled as driving to the hospital on March 17. We pray it has not spread!! It is time to be back in America, not some semi communistic utopia for Dems or those anti Americans trying to destroy us. People need to work! People have a right to be free! OPEN UP FLORIDA NOW! K Boen 32092
Duval	Recreation	My husband coaches travel basketball and my boys play. They play in associations such as Florida YBOA - Youth Basketball of America and Elite Basketball in Georgia for example. They play in various cities in FL, GA and sometimes other states. How will teams, crowds, spectators, etc be kept safe especially since you have people from different areas of the country coming together? Also, will summer camps be opened in Duval through Parks and Recreation? If so, how will we keep our kids, staff, etc. Safe? .
Duval	General	Please do not reopen Florida - especially the counties that are hard hit - until positive test numbers drop to a lower - maybe 5% range to reopen and possibly have to close woul dbe far worse than waiting a month Thank you Brian
Orange	Professional Services	I feel like the businesses who come in close contact with clients should not open just yet. That would be hair stylists, barber shops, massage therapists (unless medically needed), nail techs, and so forth. Considering the incubation period of the virus and the chance of people being asymptomatic pose a risk to not only the workers but also other clients. My wife is a hair stylist and works with children as the main clientele. Her health , her coworkers health, and the health of those children and parents/grandparents would be put at risk. Haircuts are not essential or necessary given the circumstances of the world right now.
Clay	General	1) how can anyone be safe without a vaccine or treatment? 2) how can partial opening be controlled to not spread, kill- it can't be done. 3) why be first in anything in this, why not learn from other states? 4) when Dr Fauci says it's good to open.
Brevard	Professional Services	We should not reopen yet—it's too soon! My family and I were sick for almost an entire month. Many citizens aren't taking COVID serious or obeying the current order as it is. If you reopen now, we'll see it all over again. We should not reopen until we know more about this virus. At least July—likely much longer.
Indian River	General	Please open our businesses back up. We all need to pay our bills. Our kids depend on us to survive and we can't even get proper unemployment. I have been waiting since March 29 for unemployment money. It is ridiculous. I just want to get back to work.

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Polk	Recreation	I am a Disney Employee. Luckily I am still working through this pandemic, but I would say it is time to reopen. The statistics of this virus are no different then the Hong Kong Flu in 1968 or H1N1 is 2009. It is time to reopen. Also, even if some businesses are not re opened I believe state park's and recreational activities like that should be reopened. Thanks for letting me input!
Baker	General	PLEASE open up FLORIDA. This is ridiculous. People need to work before they lose everything. I know several small business owners who are struggling. They can't get through To speak with anyone at unemployment, they have no income and have bills to pay and kids to feed. People are suffering, Do the right thing and open the state.
Palm Beach	General	Please re-open the state. People who are jeopardizing people of high-risk can still remain indoors and take the maximum amount of caution. All other ship a car should proceed with caution as well but we should be able to move around and go outside and go to a bitches
Polk	Education	Many educators and staff fall into the older and compromised category. While I am a seemingly health 37 year old, I have an autoimmune disorder. I am terrified to go back to work early when my campus has over 1300 people. I am risking myself to be around all those as well as those that come into contact with the 1300 everyday at home. I have a very small classroom with 26 students on average and there is no way to distance I. Desks have to be grouped together so that we can walk around, it is that tight.
Okeechobee	General	I don't feel like Florida is ready to reopen at this time the reason behind my thoughts are we are not testing as much as we should be there for we will have a huge overflow of people with the virus within a month of becoming opening and we may become like a New York situation right now I think we should prolong the stay at home order another month or so until we lower our our numbers in the meantime we should be testing to see what we are working with in the state the economy can go another month with things shut down and we can rebuild I think public safety is of upmost importance and we should put that before money and businessThank you for your consideration
Palm Beach	Recreation	Don't open Florida up . Not enough testing. For Covid -19 . Please do not open up Florida . I know peolpe are out of food in palm beach county fl 1 of the wealthiest zip codes in America

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Collier	Education	Decisions on how to “reopen Florida” must be based solely on scientific data provided by top medical experts in the fields of public health, infectious disease, and immunology. Business interests’ participation in this decision-making process has to come later. Florida needs: universal testing, including more tests, available on demand at numerous drive-through locations for anyone who wants them without a prescription; serology testing; temperature checks at the front door of every establishment; continuation of social distancing for the foreseeable future; and more. Florida does NOT need to give companies immunity from liability prosecution. Companies must take strict measures to keep their employees safe and should be held accountable in the courts and wallets if they fail to do so. Opening too soon is exponentially more dangerous than waiting. Decisions that are based solely on economic considerations are criminal and should be regarded as such. Those of us who are in risk groups but still spend money here in Florida will remember which businesses were good global citizens and which put their stockholders and profits over humans’ lives.
Duval	Education	As a teacher I have seen many of my students decline mentally over the past 6 weeks. In Duval they left on spring never to return to for the school year. I have also seen this in my own personal child who has major learning disabilities. Ou students need to get back to socializing with others besides their parents. It is very difficult to teach science over a computer. I have to say my students have rised to the occasion however I service 492 students during a normal week and only about 55 at this point. WE need to find a way to get the kids back in school even if on a modified day. K-2 in the am and 3-5 in the pm and likewise with middle and high school. There are enough teachers in schools to be able to teach these grade levels. Use of masks will also be important. All should be required to wear a mask. Cleaning and bleaching is not an issue at my school however it needs to mandatory at all schools come August. Please consider a way for our students to return to school in August not virtually. Mental health is going to become a REAL issue if our students are mandated to stay at home and not socialize except via the internet. It would not be as bad doing virtual if parents and students were able to break up the day by going to the zoo, park, museums or on filed trips but staying home all day is not conducive for anyone's health including mine as a teacher and parent of a student.

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Hillsborough	Healthcare	I do not think our State of Florida is ready to open back up. The service sector employees are the poorest in our state. It feels like they are being asked to sacrifice their safety for a few who want service at their beck and call. It also feels like a way for the state to get out of paying these people their deserved un-employment compensation. Please protect these citizens. Asking them to sacrifice their health and lives to provide services for the wealthy is beyond the pale. These service workers have not joined the military. They have not signed onto this level of danger. Please stop the greed from going farther. We need governments that work for the people who are not corporations. Stop the greed. Stop abusing the poorest among us.
Orange	General	I feel like opening Florida completely right now would cause more problems. My opinion would be to start slow with city and state parks and beaches. Give it a few weeks to see how things are going and if more people are getting sick. Then open some stores back up to the public. Wait a couple weeks and open up the rest by the end of May as long as the number of people getting sick does not get rise significantly.
Hillsborough	General	Florida needs to be reopen or we will continue to dig a hole deeper than we can get out of. I think initially I agreed with this but I think it's been long enough. Life needs to go on and people can continue to be safe.
Seminole	Food	I vote to reopen the state ..... I am a small business owner who has a restaurant in Orange county and will make every effort to follow safe practices if you will just let us open.... none of my staff has been able to collect unemployment, and the PPP money ran out to big businesses before we were able to get any of it..... We are willing to open in stages if that is what we need to do..... Please reopen the State
Marion	General	Why can't we open everything up and require everyone to wear face masks? It will give businesses the opportunity to save their business. It's sad for so many businesses being closed and so many people out of work. The longer businesses stay closed the harder it will be for a come back. You can still maintain 6 feet of distance and everyone would wear masks.
Sumter	General	To soon, let's get it right the first time and be done with it.
Duval	General	My wife owns a nail shop. Hoping they will allow us to reopen soon if we follow the guidelines. For example our pedicure chairs we will place customers one chair apart and limit the waiting area to half capacity compared to what it was before. Our workers will also use protective shields at every nail station. This will prevent close customer interaction. We will also check our employee temperature each day they come in for work until COVID 19 clears out. Please let us know. 904 434 7349
Volusia	Education	Stay closed for another month and have a great summer or re-open early and lose millions because of second wave of virus hits in June and closes Beaches until September/October. Then the mutations hit in November and the whole state is closed until the summer, if it opens at all.

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Hillsborough	General	Gov. DeSantis- Thank you for your leadership during this difficult time. I support the decision to start opening Florida back up. The statistics tell the truth on this virus. The negative impacts this shutdown has caused far outweigh the positives. I am a Registered Nurse and am seriously concerned about the lack of healthcare being given to those without Coronavirus and the furloughed medical staff due to low admission rates. Please, let's stop this shut down now while continuing to protect the vulnerable as we should with any seasonal illness. Thank you for allowing input.
Sarasota	General	We must reopen carefully.....lives matter.....if we do this too soon or too aggressively we will cancel all what we have done these past weeks. dont be follower Governor and dont listen to trump... he does not care about the welfare of human beings...only what stats look like during his Presidency. .do what is right.....and you might want to think about spacing yourself from him.....he will NOT help you politically...people are done with him.
Indian River	Healthcare	Don't open state until it has been medically cleo
Charlotte	General	I live in Charlotte... downtown punta Gorda. However I work in lee county It is very stressful to think about being forced to go to work in lee county knowing I will be exposed to approx 700+ daily. NUMBERS ARE RISING with limited testing. YES regardless of what is expressed on tv and in conferences it is difficult to get tested. We have not had 2 weeks of decline cases (which makes sense) ... instead we are CLIMBING so opening is ridiculous. Opening BEACHES is ridiculous. Regardless of what your views are...., PEOPLE ARE more important. I don't understand went this concept is overlooked.
St. Johns	Healthcare	SPECIFICALLY DENTISTRY: Unless and ONLY IF proper PPE is guaranteed for DENTAL HYGIENISTS who are #1 at risk for C-19, should DOSs be open for elective/preventative services!
Charlotte	Retail	You are killing this economy and country over what?? You all have don't nothing but lie to us about the supposed deaths and why this had to be done. The numbers are all lies just so the states can get money from the feds. You did this to scare everyone into submission. Ok fun over, give us our rights and country back!!
Duval	General	Please open larger retail stores that have space, with few employees and customers. I own two large furniture stores, which have plenty of space. We would easily be able to keep our distance, and sanitize our space constantly. Please. Thank you, Phoebe Howard
Broward	General	We CANNOT reopen this state until there is adequate & accessible supplies in the stores for the people of this state to be able to purchase common everyday items that are currently not on the shelves like disinfectants, lysol spray, clorox wipes, alcohol, peroxide, bleach etc. How can you even consider reopening the state if we do not have access to these items? I can go to work or shopping or the hairdresser but I will not be able to disinfect my car or home after going out and doing these necessary chores. Until there is adequate rapid testing & temperature checking we should not reopen anyplace where people will gather or come in contact.

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Duval	Healthcare	We need to test more people before considering opening back up our state
Pinellas	General	I am against opening up too soon. I believe what we are doing is working and that's the reason the numbers, are much lower than expected, even though we are still seeing more infections. I am concerned that we still are not testing enough people. And, would be premature to open early, when enough testing and tracking aren't being done. I am not confident that enough work is being done in this area. Therefore, my belief in the accuracy of the numbers being reported are not factual/concrete, because we are limited by the resources we are given by our Federal Government. Luckily, I have a lot of Faith in the Mayor of St. Petersburg, where I reside, and believe that he is doing the right things for our city and trust that he will take a more conservative approach at opening to opening our city. I am glad that the Governor is open to letting our local municipalities make the final decisions with your guidance on reopening. Furthermore , when the time comes to reopen, it's important to open up slowly allowing some service industries to open up at lower capacity, and after a couple of weeks to re-assess and go from there. Over a 1,000 people have died. We are so desensitized because it's just a number and we ignore the impact it has caused their families. With that being said. Reopening everything too early we would risk many more l lives.
Marion	Retail	Though I dont see an issue with opening up things outdoors like beaches, retail stores are still breeding grounds for the virus and I feel that the limits for them should remain, if not be more strict. Some arent distancing, or it cant be enforced by the workers alone. Some stores like Dollar general dont even have sneeze guards yet. Places like malls, stores, and restrooms at beaches need a lot of cleaning and enforcement of social distancing. Masks shiuld be worn by all who can in indoor public spaces.

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Brevard	General	It is too soon to open the state. Their are clearly defined guidelines set by the medical experts on the federal task force. These guidelines were not arbitrarily set and are focused on a common sense path back to normal in a way that will best reduce the chance of undoing all the progress that has been made by the personal sacrifice we have all made the past 6 weeks. Let's not throw that away by reopening too fast. The last thing anyone wants is for all of this to have been for nothing and to have to return to this again... likely for a longer period next time. Until we have widespread available testing. Not only to those showing symptoms but for those who dont that plan to be in close contact with others, then we need to still proceed with extreme caution as there us still so much we dont know about the spread, the presense of antibodies, immunity. Reopening the state now also puts businesses, particularly the struggling small businesses, in the difficult situation of deciding if they can afford to reopen at a limited scale, knowing that much of their customer base will not be comfortable/willing to come back yet... how do they staff for that, how do they plan inventory? Can they meet their financial obligations at 30-40% of normal operation? If they reopen are they still eligible for the state and federal assistance? Are they butting their employees at undo risk. Will employees want to come back. What liability could they face if someone claims to contract the virus at their business? What is the cost impact of all the additional cleaning and precautions? So far this state has seen a lower impact than first anticipated, but we are far from out of the woods. We are still seeing increases in percent positives and as testing becomes more available to could get worse. It is too soon to tell... let's not be foolish! Everyone is hurting nd wants to get back to normal but not at the risk of increasing loss of life and worsening the spread later. Until we have the health issue under control there is not back to normal economy. Keep focusing on more testing. Listen to the medical professionals. Let's move slowly and not fall due to political pressures.
Brevard Walton	Healthcare Recreation	It’s too early, still too many people not tested and OPEN STATE PARKS TO FLORIDA RESIDENTS ONLY FOR THE FIRST FEW MONTHS. LETS SEE HOW THIS WORKS FIRST. THEN FOLKS PLEASE DON'T ABUSE THE PRIVILEGE. STAY SAFE.

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Citrus	Retail	I'm sorry to say this but I do not agree with the state opening back up just yet. The numbers are climbing and we didn't flatten the curve to the pandemic at all. My county keeps going up in numbers, and many other counties are doing the same. People are not staying home and taking precautions against the virus. Not everybody is extremely healthy and even if you are healthy, there's still a chance you're asymptomatic. I work at a salon as a hairstylist and I'm afraid to go in there with people, to take a chance and risk getting the virus. Barbers are by men's faces and heads. I get close to people while shampooing and doing their color. Nail techs get super close to them and even come in contact with their hands. Of course our economy is terrible right now, but we have to focus on the security and health of the people in the state first. Our state is full of older people. I don't want to risk it, and give my grandmother or grandfather the virus. If we open now, I believe history will repeat itself by what happened with the Spanish flu. UnEmployment needs to be updated and taken care of to provide money. There will be more havoc than anything. Keep Florida closed a little longer.
Miami-Dade	General	General mask usage should not be part of the reopening plan. Masks are meant to one time short term use. Reuse of cloth masks, prolonged use of medical masks or masks worn by children can increase risk of infection of many diseases. Adjusting masks for example increase touching of faces, heat humidity and bacteria growth increase risk of other respiratory conditions. Masks also provide a false sense of security however 40% of particles can travel through a medical mask and 97% through cloth. People with breathing problems or other health conditions which make oxygenation difficult also should not wear them. However here in Miami people are harassed and turned away from essential services for not wearing a mask. I watched a Publix has repeatedly turned people away and police are enforcing. I also have assisted a pregnant women who was incorrectly wearing an N95 mask get dizzy walking no more than 100 feet to her car. She said she just can't breathe and when removed her mask quickly recovered. I stayed in touch and she went into pre term labor at 34 weeks and is currently hospitalized. Did 4 weeks of decreased breathing contribute? Her OBGYN said it is possible. I highly discouraged mandates and only support voluntary use of masks for the general public.
Marion	General	Good Morning, I think Florida should reopen slowly. Although there is a decline in cases, too many people gathering could cause increased spreading. We have plenty of access to essentials online and curbside pick ups. Continuing social distance guidelines with slow openings of business establishments would be a good idea.
Volusia	Food	Please reopen our state! As a restaurant that has had my salary cut in half, furloughed all 68 employees and worked 60 hours a week doing 500$ a day in carryout... We need our economy back. My husband and I can't ride can't support our local businesses I can't even try on clothes because they've locked dressing rooms... We've gone too far.

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Volusia	Tourism	Please take a cautious approach to reopening to mitigate subsequent waves of the virus. We have to consider not just our residents, but the influx of visitors that could bring the virus here if we open too soon. FL also has a large elderly population to consider. I am a small business owner and this pandemic is ruining me and my family but we're alive and that is what should be our top priority. We won't need the business if we die from the virus.
Seminole	Government	My husband and I are ready for the state of Florida to open up. The people who want to stay home, that is their choice. We can do it safely and effectively. 98% of cases have recovered from this virus. Keeping people locked down in their homes is against our rights of free people of the United States of America. Peoples lives are at stake here beyond this virus. Open up Florida!
Charlotte	Management	its time to reopen the state get back to work
Escambia	General	It's time to reopen the state. The whole point of this to start with was to not overwhelm the hospitals. We've done the exact opposite. They are all empty. In the meantime we can't get medical or dental care, and sending this state into a financial tail spin. I applauded our governor for putting off stay home orders as long as he did. Now it's time to reopen the state, lift those orders and get back to business. Please!
Pinellas	Tourism	This is what I sent: Reopen Florida! I support the full reopening in the state of Florida. As a registered voter, tax paying citizen of Florida who has been furloughed for 6 weeks from the hotel industry; the numbers do not support a continued shut down! The fear mongering of the media, the draconian measures of government control- it has to stop! Elderly, medically compromised or those wanting to continue living in fear and being controlled can stay home. But healthy individuals who want to work should be able to! I am not required to descend into poverty for anyone. I refuse to participate in "quarantine life" until there's an unsafe, untested vaccine released in eighteen months. I refuse to receive said vaccine to make others feel more safe. I won't set myself--or my children--on fire to keep you warm. We are Allowing fear and policies devoid of scientifically accurate data to destroy Florida and America! We have a constitutional right to take risks! Life is full of bacteria and viruses--many of which spread before symptoms manifest and after they subside. We have a right to receive OR refuse vaccines. Stop allowing the government to destroy: The Food Supply Small Businesses Medical Autonomy Access to Healthcare Religious Gatherings Privacy Rights Fellowship Tourism When the "new normal" is filled with starvation, depression, suicide, child abuse, domestic violence, imprisonment, and pure DESPERATION, the virus is going to look preferable to the world you helped facilitate.

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Clay	General	PLEASE DO NOT REOPEN FLORIDA UNTIL # OF NEW CASES DECREASES FOR 14 DAYS! Follow the plan put out by the CDC and White House Task Force! FOLLOW THE MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL'S ADVICE!
Hillsborough	General	I think this article sums it up better than anything else... https://thehill.com/opinion/healthcare/494034-the-data-are-in-stop-the-panic-and-end-the-total-isolation
Lake	Healthcare	Would appreciate the continuation of telehealth option in particular for seniors ans those with auto immune challenges.
Seminole	Food	My Business is Ellens Wine Room and we serve food about 3 times a week... My plan to open : I bought a Dyson Hepa Air Purifier for large room... a UV light wand for door handles , toilet area, all surfaces including key boards and The WINE GLASSES Hand Sanitizer on counters... Social distancing 4- 6 feet apart... inside and the outside seating area... limiting my capacity....probably not serving anything but "pre-packaged food... allowing patrons to bring in Take Out from other restaurants. Encouraging patrons to wash Hands on upon entry
Duval	General	We should not open until AFTER we have sufficient amounts of testing and we have scientifically proven that we have gotten past the peak number of cases.
Hillsborough	Government	Please reopen! Possibly a soft reopening with those wanting to return to work can and those who don't can stay home longer? Please !!!!!
Miami-Dade	Education	My daughter is a student at UF in Gainesville. I'm hoping even if classes stay online that the university opens. Many students like mine have off campus Apts and we cannot get them out if leases. So if at minimum libraries and parts of the universities are open the kids can go back to their apts
Citrus	Healthcare	The state of Florida should remain in its stay at home order. To be completely honest and realistic, putting Florida on a serious lockdown with enforced laws would be the best thing to do. Especially because so many people are taking this pandemic LIGHTLY. EVENTUALLY these people will begin to drop and nothing will be able to be done at that point. We don't even have scientific evidence of a cure or antibody and this government is seriously endangering its own people just to get back to business and make money. When in fact NOONE WILL BE BUYING ANYTHING IF WE ARE SCARED OR SICK. And a lot more people are scared than wanting to go outside and get back to "Normal" when the fact is there will be nothing normal about this economy when this is over. Use data and more evidence to lockdown certain areas and add more restrictions. This COVID-19 pandemic has been a complete joke to the American citizens and we will pay for it.
Polk	Tourism	I think we should reopen everything but require wearing a mask. We need to do mass testing and identify who has or is a carrier of the virus and quarantine them.

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Duval	Recreation	The gyms in the state of Florida should be an essential business to reopen again. Whether it's by limiting the amount of people at a time per gym or wearing masks, i don't care. People should be able to continue to exercise and take care themselves during these times. I currently train 6x a week and now down to 0. You can only do so much at home...the way Georgia is handling their fitness facilities and gyms should be how we can do here in Florida. Also, the gym where i go to Baileys Gym has 16 facilities in the state of Florida and i know the owner. He had to lay off 300+ employees just to keep a float and has 0 income coming in.
Leon	General	Florida needs to open now, many businesses are suffering, everyone needs to go back to work to pay rent, groceries, utility Bill's, food etc. Floridians need our livelihood back.
Seminole	General	Open up Florida! Restaurants, bars, theme parks, parks, beaches... everything!
Hillsborough	General	I am a resident of Hillsborough county. It is time for Floridians to get back to work. Throughout the past weeks of COVID restrictions businesses deemed “essential” remained open. Floridians who patronized those businesses voluntarily engaged in social distancing, voluntarily followed CDC guidelines. With these businesses open, sometimes serving hundreds of people at a time, twelve hours a day, seven days a week, we have witnessed COVID numbers falling. The State of South Dakota never mandated a single business closed and are also seeing COVID numbers falling. Every business is essential when families are dependent upon that income for healthy and happy lives. I believe these facts prove that Floridians are responsible people, who love their neighbors, and will CHOOSE to do the right thing. But we need our elected representatives to do the right thing; we need our businesses open. We don’t want government handouts. We want to get back to work. We want our businesses open now, not later. Sincerely, Richard obrien
Sarasota	General	As a Nurse Practitioner in our state it is my belief that it is too soon to consider re-opening our state. We are still experiencing plenty of active cases and with the high rate of asymptomatic individuals this virus will continue to spread once things are re-opened. I believe another month of stay at home (at least) is needed to allow for continued curve flattening. Another month also gives some time for more widespread testing to be instituted to detect asymptomatic carriers and quarantine them before re-opening and exposing individuals to them. Re-opening will need to be a very gradual process. Social distancing will need to continue to be necessary most likely through the end of this year.
Seminole	General	I’m concerned that the virus will spread more and will have to remain home again. I would rather wait. The CDC said May 19 let’s listen to them. People seem to be doing a good job of distancing. I know this is hard for business and people out of work. Maybe the businesses could come up with a plan of how they could open and share their plan.

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Palm Beach	General	Re-opening the state too early would be a big mistake! It creates a chance for another wave of infection to the point that we would be dealing with COVID 19 for longer than our economy can handle. I understand that a lot of people are struggling now, but re-opening too early could extend all our problems. Especially with the Healthcare system. This needs to be taken very seriously. And the government needs to listen to the experts, not a bunch of people that are just bored at home.
Osceola	Food	Open up our state!
Volusia	Professional Services	As a cosmetologist, I don't believe opening salons in PHASE 1 is safe. Yes I and all the other cosmetologists/ barbers would wear a mask (but where are we to get n95 masks to wear?). But you can't cut, color or blow dry hair with having the customer wear a mask. You can't do a facial or waxing services with the customer wearing a mask. Each of these services puts the operator and the customer within inches of each other. These are all touching /hands on services. Please this is way too soon to reopen salons I am not making any money now but I'd rather her be in the red than be dead! Let's stay 6 feet away than 6 feet under
Indian River	General	I own a bar. I was forced to close and per my liquor license was able to sell cocktails to go. You then made it ok for restaurants to do the same taking my sales to $0. Time to reopen Florida!
Volusia	Government	Let me begin by stating that this country has a major dilemma. On one hand we have a genuine concern for the people who reside here and their overall health. On the other hand we have a society that thrives because of their ability make and spend money. The problem is, that politics is playing a major role in this entire debacle and no matter how the dice is rolled, there's going to be finger pointing on both sides but that's a complex problem that should be addressed at a later date. Here's the Facts: The original belief that shutting down the society has now proved to be a disastrous proposition, in that we know now that the Virus has spread to every corner of the globe and can infect pets and wildlife. This continued belief that "Testing" is the magic cure-all for this pandemic is laughable, in that it is like placing a band-aid on a arterial laceration, it's not going to work and is a fake talking point that's been buffed up by the media and politicians. Testing isn't a cure. A vaccine isn't a cure. This Virus is going to be around for a very long time and will fester in remote regions at which point it will ultimately spread to another traveler or business person and will end up restarting the entire cycle all over again. The original reports that I read in early February, is that the virus mutates every 15 days, which ultimately will spawn numerous other variations that will end up affecting humanity as well (sooner or later), it's just a matter of time. Collapsing the economy in hopes of eradicating a virus is NOT going to work and what America needs now is to accept this fact regardless of how upsetting it is to some. Continuing to keep people at home will ultimately Bankrupt, States, The Federal Government and the World. We are only prolonging the inevitable. End the Quarantine.

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Orange	General	While I understand the desire to reopen as quickly as possible so people can go back to work, the reality of the situation is that we have only been doing the stay at home order for a few weeks and our numbers continue to rise and our deaths continue to increase. This will happen because in previous weeks there was no stay at home order. We will see a decrease in numbers in the coming weeks but we have to continue to keep the order in place. Testing needs to continue but antibody testing needs to become more prevalent. This could have a positive impact on gaining more information and insight into this virus. More unemployment applications need to be sorted and hopefully approved to help those who aren't working. Store capacities and mandatory masks in public should be in effect as well.
Volusia	Food	As someone who has lost 2 jobs due to the Covid -19 virus, keep the restrictions in place until June. I would rather be working but not at the risk of so many people.
Citrus	General	Select Counties based on the effect of Covid-19 and reopen in position of ranking....then, all businesses must be allowed to open with current guidelines of sanitation and distance in place where possible....our economy need this...our people need this.
Clay	Healthcare	Open up all of Florida immediately! There is no longer any reason to continue this lockdown. We've seen that hospitals are not overrun and will not be overrun. That was the only rationale for the lockdown. In the meantime the economy of Florida and the United States are being destroyed. In some cases, irreparablely. Enough of this destruction!
Bradford	General	Open state parks for camping. Keep 6 ft. Distancing rule. Campsites are large enough to allow for soci distancing..
Lake	General	Open the state! Let's get back to work and put this behind us.

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Pinellas	General	Sir,, I immigrated to Florida in 1974, at the age of 4. I am a registered Dem, but voted for you because I was concerned with your opponents potential of govt overreach. I've witnessed many state challenges through the years, but nothing compares to what we're currently dealing with. We have a situation where we've thrown millions of Floridians into peril, in an effort to so called, "protect" the more vulnerable. A move that I do not agree with. I do believe that we are dealing with something serious, and we should all take extra precautions, but I don't believe that state and local governments should have the authority to force people out of work while indirectly decimating the economy. Although I am one of the fortunate ones who is able to work remote, I have many friends and family members who cannot and who are struggling immensely with day to day life. Coronavirus is serious, but it can be treated but the effects of families losing their livelihoods and everything they've worked for their entire lives, cannot. PLEASE, albeit it in an organized way, take the necessary steps to re-open our state. I understand that there are many who are currently voicing decent, but I'm quite certain that the vast majority of those, like me, are able to continue working remotely. PLEASE, PLEASE OPEN FLORIDA and push our counties to fall in line. If we do not begin this process soon, we will quickly find ourselves at the point of no return. Sincerely,
Seminole	General	It's time to re open America and let the American people get back to living. Those that don't feel safe can continue to stay home or wear a mask. It is the responsibility of each individual to keep themselves safe. It is not the governments job to take away our right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.
Sarasota	Recreation	Protect the elderly, immune deficient and high risk. Let the rest of us get back to work w common sense safety measures (social distancing)
Jackson	General	Please make your decisions based on medical experts. The economy can and will recover. Many residents will not. Death of a loved one is much more painful than a bad economy. ALL healthcare workers deserve high-risk pay. The unemployment pay system must be corrected immediately!!! Finally, opening the state too soon will be a disaster in the making....and will prolong this pandemic.
Duval	Healthcare	Healthcare workers should get their student loans wiped clean or hazard back pay. Secondly, we should not re open unless the CDC, dept of health & physicians across the State say we should.
Clay	General	I definitely do not think they should open Florida back up. My children's safety is my number one priority. It's not the time. The people of Duval or Clay aren't listening now. Imagine how it'll be when certain things are back open. A disaster, and more people getting sick!

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Hillsborough	General	Please do not reopen the state. We are an extremely high risk population, over 1,000 people have already died and reopening will simply cause a larger second wave of infection and overwhelm hospitals. We have not flattened the curve the curve is still rising. Everyone is at risk and the sooner things are opened the more danger we are in and the longer they will need to be closed in the near future.
Pinellas	Government	Open Florida back up! Save our economy!
Volusia	General	I want to start by saying by being in the emergency services field i completely understand the concern and impacts of the virus. I also believe that people need to self police themselves and we need to get people back to work and living or we will have bigger issues and impacts than we have now. Starting May 1st, we need to start to get people back to work allowing restaurants, bars, stores, doctors offices, beauty salons etc to reopen.Asking some food venues or stores to do less than half capacity would be a killer to their business. Making these business to mandatory wear masks, gloves, and handing sanitizer out would be hard for most business due to financial concerns since being closed and how do you get them? I cant even get them for my wife and I let alone a business getting them. Wearing a mask and gloves in public being mandatory is crazy with the heat and humidity. let alone taking away from medical professionals that need it. We need to start this opening and have everything including our hotels and theme parks back in business by June 1st. People are getting antsy, more people coming out in public and people are getting disgusted with closures, out of work, etc. All business's should have the option to opening, making their own plans for self policing social distancing and cleaning procedures to keep people safe. People should be tasked with self policing themselves by wearing masks, not going out in public, in they dont want too and keeping themselves safe. If they don't want to go to a park, restaurant, movie, bar or anywhere else that is a public venue that is their choice but we should not ruin peoples lives because people are scared. It is time to start to open and most importantly get people back to work. Keep restirctions on our nursing homes and care facilities if needed but lets get our state open! Thank you for the opportunity to voice our opinions
Hillsborough	General	Open it up, safely. Limit how many people can be in restaurants. Open OUTDOOR spaces: parks, beaches, etc. Keep to go alcohol going!! Listen, people are going to get her virus. It is what it is. Herd immunity needs to become a thing. It’s WAY more dangerous to limit rights than it is for people to be exposed to a virus. We’re talking about liberty now and personal responsibility. If people are scared, they can stay home.
Orange	Retail	Being deemed an essential worker I have not had to personally quarantine. However, working at a business that has seen an INCREASE in foot traffic for absolutely non-essential items shows that we should not be lifting this lockdown as people are not staying home as it is. Opening up the state further that what is already open will just make people gather in larger groups and therefore doing the opposite of slowing the spread. What we need is a better stay at home order. Make essential businesses go to curb side or delivery only. Theres no reason a business should have 100+ people inside. Its not helping. Mandatory all businesses close and go to curbside/delivery for 2 weeks. Stop the spread. Then reopen.

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Duval	Accommodation	Please apply the same regulations to hotels that you are applying to vacation rentals. And consider relaxed regulations for vacation rentals that don't have common areas. Hotels are far more likely to spread coronavirus due to close quarters, shared corridors, elevators, etc. The executive order that banned vacation rentals through April 30 unfairly burdened Babson rentals and gave hotels a huge advantage in the short term accommodation space.
Indian River	Healthcare	I'm an RN at Lawnwood Regional. I was scheduled to have surgery on my right knee March 27th. Please allow elective surgeries to resume. I really wasn't to get back on my feet. Thank you.
Hillsborough	General	Florida is not ready to open back up. A second and more intense wave of COVID19 mist be prevented as it would be far more detrimental to the economy than extending the current stay at home order.
Hillsborough	Government	Mitigation methods for the corona virus pandemic have done all that they can do to minimize the chances of overwhelming local hospital resources. On May first 2020, all businesses should be allowed to open for business with continued social distancing guidelines, such as utilized in Sweden, and extra precautions targeted for persons with risk factors for severe disease.
Orange	General	Open now!
Broward	Recreation	Please allow town/city pools to open for lap swimmers and deep water aerobics. All of these sports are for responsible adults and are conducted 6 feet away from each other. The chlorine in the pools is an excellent source of killing bacteria, germs etc. The park administrators can easily control the number of people at any given pool. Senior citizen in particular benefit from water exercise. Also, remove any tables and chairs from the pool decks. This will ensure that no one is hanging around the pool for pleasure or conversation.
Palm Beach	General	My husband and I are lifelong residents of South Florida. We love supporting our local businesses and especially restaurants but unfortunately we are seeing too many people not following social distancing or wearing facial protection. I personally have lung disease and immune deficiency so I am very concerned. Luckily I work for the school district and we are working remotely. My hope is that we don’t send people back to work too soon. Thanks to Governor DeSantis for your guidance and work in dealing with this horrific situation.
Lake	General	What are the considerations for immune compromised children as we re-open the state. Should they continue to isolate at home till we know more?

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Brevard	General	We have only been on stay at home order maybe 6 weeks. What was the minimum in China and other countries? 3 months? We open things up too soon we will be right back to where we started but worse. Americans are not used to being told what to do by the government but most of the general population do not think about the long term consequences, only instant gratification. You wanted opinions, my opinion is keep the order until the 12 week mark and then reassess. The virus is not going away, but we need to be sure we are ready when we do reopen. Thanks
Palm Beach	Recreation	Recreation areas should be reopened . Golf courses, parks, beaches can be safely reopened with social distancing measures in place. It is important to start economic recovery. Failure to consider economic failures will lead to long term issues which will be extremely difficult to overcome.
Brevard	Food	need to open restaurants with 50% requirement to start may 1. and start with counties that have covid19 cases below .005
Orange	Government	Open the state! My husbands gym needs to be open for income!
Polk	Construction	My husband works in the commercial air conditioning business that does all the McDonald's and the Starbucks, racetrac, wendy's etc. They need to open all the construction back up this is a very big part of Florida business he works for United Sheet Metal and air conditioning LLC out of Lakeland Florida
Polk	Government	I Do Not think opening up the economy right now is the best interest for us nor other states until more research is completed. One of the faults is that people are desperate right now and Small businesses are hurting that is striving to keep their business alive who didn't get a chance for funding. The working people especially in Florida to want to open their businesses back up because they need the money now and what they've been building for over the years. Our unemployment system is broken and we're all on standby waiting for assisted funds from the government so we can feed our families that really does not leave us choice!! Now there's been a lawsuit filed against our government here in Florida that has put a fire under someone's ass to try to get something done. So now the unemployment site is down over the weekend till Monday while Universal Studios is going to have $30'000 plus Cast Members going to file for furlough coming next week. Another hardship for the system to be overloaded!! There has been inconclusive reports of the vaccine not working? How about reports of people that have been tested showing not being positive the previous weeks and the same people that are being positive now showing to be positive or showing signs of the virus? We do not here anything about that? The state of Georgia opened the economy, barber shops, salons, bowling alleys and Monday going to open restaurants. I seen on the news today that their infection rate was forcasted to be coming down but reports the Covid 19 cases for Georgia are on the increase?? Is this true and if it is why in the world what they do such a thing?

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Orange	Food	Time to relax the stay at home as of May 1 (people are going to anyway - they have nowhere to go) and allow restaurants to start indoor dining provided distancing between tables. And to open hair stylists and nail salons allowing the service provider to wear a mask if they want. Also time to ease mask restrictions in places like Osceola - there is nothing that shows they help or don't - physical distancing helps. That means there is no reason retailers can't open their doors (provided their national chains allow it) and let people maintain their own physical distance without further state interference. This was all to help the hospitals manage caseloads which seems to be happening. Ports should remain closed to cruise ships. The airport should continue to be monitored. Quite frankly, with physical distancing there is no reason Florida can't resume some increased normalcy - almost nobody is "sheltering in place" anymore anyway. There are traffic jams in Winter Garden with meal pickups. Without options you'll see ongoing protest and people increasingly doing whatever they want.
Lee	Real Estate	I think it is well past time to start reopening the state. Keep the necessary places (ie nursing homes, elderly, sick and vulnerable) on a self isolation if they choose. The numbers are better and not nearly as bad as was expected. The financial impact is going the roof. TIME TO REOPEN. thank you
Manatee	General	My family would just like to give some input. We would really like to see businesses open very soon and want the stay at home order lifted. Our county has imposed curfews and we keep hearing Manatee county has a large number of COVID19 deaths per capita. What is not being said is that 23 out of 33 of these deaths come from only 2 nursing homes. It's not fair to impose stay at home orders and curfews when it is locked down nursing homes having the majority of the deaths. Herd immunity is being diminished with everyone at home and when everything is reopened you are going to see a huge resurgence of any and every disease not just COVID19. We are not allowed to build our immune systems by just being exposed. I work in the schooi system and we see this every year in August. Kids get really sick the first 2 months of the school year, because they haven't been exposed. If people use common sense strategies then we should be okay. Nobody wants to talk about how the US had roughly 55 million cases of the flu this year and around 60 thousand deaths due to the flu. We did none of these precautions with the flu. We can't wait around for a vaccine. As you can see with the flu we still had this much death. People are hurting financially, physically, mentally, and spiritually. We need to open. You have to realize with the stay at home orders everyone just goes to what is open in huge numbers. Instead of going to the businesses that shut down, everyone is at Target, Walmart, Home Depot ect. No one is staying home with the stay at home order. They are merely crowding every other store. We need to use common sense and open.
Hernando	Professional Services	You have no right to keep my small business closed indefinitely. Open salon up governor, not one of my employees have been able to claim weeks on your poor excuse of a website. Salon can open using PPE or we are going to sue your ass!
Broward	General	Open retail/beaches/parks!!

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Pasco	Professional Services	I do not agree with opening up any salons at this time. I am a nail tech and I do not think it's a good idea to come in hand to hand contact no matter the cleanliness of the atmosphere we are still subject to catching something as horrible as covid19. There will be a bigger problem trying to open up earlier than later. I hate not making money or receiving unemployment but I have a horrible immune system and my grandmother I live with has a lung disease. If I pick something up and bring that home SHE CAN DIE. This IS NOT a JOKE to ME. PLEASE DO NOT LET HAIR AND NAIL SALONS OPEN UP YET IN MY AREA. THE VIRUS WILL SPREAD EVEN WORSE THEN BEFORE!!!
Polk	Healthcare	I think it is too early without more testing. My wife is 65 and I just turned 59 today and I do not want to take a chance of bringing it home to wife, or suffering from it myself. I am an UBER and LYFT driver and I have people in my car breathing the same air. Short of wearing a snorkel mask I can't think of a good way to prevent it from spreading to my wife and me.
Pinellas	Healthcare	Needing surgery. When are you going to open elective surgery in stand alone facilities
Seminole	General	I think it would work out better if we waited until June or July just to make sure that everything was safe instead of opening up too early and then having severe consequences and having to re shut everything down. It's just going to be such a hassle to restart everything and it might also get to the point of no return and I'd just rather play it safe than sorry.
Miami-Dade	General	Wait until it is safe to open Florida again.
Orange	General	Please do not open the state until we are 100% able to. Safety comes first before profit.
Hernando	General	Whole tourism is a key part of the economy, in order to limit outside exposure it would be reassuring to see if gradually opened up. If key amusement parks open it should be only for Florida residents with strict standards in place to avoid any further risk for infection spread. Social distancing should still be followed with business allowed to require masks or temperature checks for the safety of employees and customers. Testing should be made available to everyone, anti-body testing should be made available as well. Positive individuals should be made to quarantine and efforts made to trace the source. While the curve is going down precautions should be made to gradually lift restrictions. While the economy is suffering it will not repair if the population is harder a second go around. I commend the Governor for doing all he can during these difficult times.
Orange	Recreation	My kids own 2 bars (JOYSTICKS) and (COCKTAILS and SCREAMS) in downtown Orlando that have been closed x 6 weeks. They have applied for every available loan to help them through this and not lose everything they have worked for. They have heard nothing back. They have NO income. I am 74 and this is killing me, watching the economic downfall, the food pantries and the impact on the mental health of my kids. Please re-open the downtown area bars. People are not stupid. They will follow the guidelines that most apply to them. I was a nurse for 40 years and we practiced Universal Precautions and protected ourselves. Please. I pray every day.

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Duval	Professional Services	Hello, I planned my dream wedding for 520 days to be on March 28, 2020. I had to deal with the heartbreak of having to postpone that wedding to July 12th, 2020. I would love to not have to deal with that heartbreak all over again and have the wedding that me and my fiancé so truly deserve. I understand that COVID-19 is real and it's hurt a lot of people. But we are hurting more people by taking them out of their school, their jobs, and their normal lives. We've flattened the curve and it's time to get back to our normal lives. We can all take precautions, but we can't live in fear anymore. We are Americans and we deserve to have our freedom back. I say leave it up to the people and let them decide what they feel is best for them.
Brevard	General	I understand that the economy needs to be open but as long as there are still cases being reported it would be foolish to open up. I think more testing needs to be done. If we open to soon I'm afraid it will start all over again. My husband has a severe heart condition and I don't want something to happen to him due to somebody else's foolishness. If the unemployment system was fixed I think it would be helpful to all involved. There is no reason anybody should be denied benefits.
Broward	General	To whom it may concern: The purpose of these closures was originally to not overwhelm our healthcare system with sick people. We are way below the projected numbers of sick and hospitalized, so it only makes sense to reopen out economy. It is causing much more harm on the people of Florida to be out of work and going bankrupt than the good of staying closed which isn't proven to be effective, Sweden is a good example. We need to reopen all areas of our state and set a precedent for the rest of the country. Thank you. Paul Tripodi
Seminole	Wholesale	I own a wholesale bakery and it has shut my business down. I employ 23 families and I had to furlough all of them. With no bites or Disney open, it has hurt my business tremendously. My company was in good standing prior to this shut down, I have not received an economic disaster loan, this would have helped. I can not mer the business afloat without business. My family has worked all their life to create this bakery, and if we don't reopen soon. We won't have a family business anymore and would lose everything we have. I say please reopen slowly, but reopen soon.
Brevard	Government	I believe this highly contagious virus should be kept under quarantine until 6-1-2020. This gives anyone who has been exposed to run through the disease while at home or possibly the hospital without further infecting others. This is the only way to prevent a second reoccurrence of the disease.

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Pinellas	General	I support FL opening back up as long as is done safely. It's doesn't make any sense to allow people to pack into Walmart but not allow a car wash to be open. The importance of social distancing & following the CDC guidelines needs to be pushed. From my experience just going to Publix yesterday, many people are not following the guidelines at all. 1/2 the people had no face covering,& were NOT social distancing. Seems there is a increasing amount of people who just don't believe this is serious & refuse to take part in preventing the spread. So many people have pre-existing conditions or are elderly in FL. This needs to be done so we can prevent the spread & prevent any future closings.
Broward	Construction	Open everything except mass gatherings. Let those that want to continue to "stay home" do so. Let those that want to go back to normal operations do do. While continuing to use social distancing. This is America. us
Seminole	General	My family, friends, and extended family are ready to have our freedom returned to us. Restaurants can safely reopen by filling every other table. Retail stores can open with limited shoppers allowed inside. Nail salons can open with safety barriers in between the nail tech and client. Hair salons can reopen with the stylist wearing a mask. Our central and northern state beaches need to fully reopen! I am a Florida native and have lived here my entire life. I have never been within 10 feet of anyone on the beach ever! I'm closer to people at the grocery store than I'd ever be at the beach. And they all need to open at the same time so that everyone doesn't go to the one beach that is open because of overcrowding and bad news media for our state. Residence should be allowed to drive an hour or less to be able to go to the beach and park in their car. It shouldn't be open only for local city residents. Schools reopen in the Fall. Theme parks and sporting events will require spacing in between seats. Use of scanners to check bags instead of human hands spreading germs from one bag to the next that they check. Refuse travelers from New York and other northeast states hard hit. Reopen the state parks! Having outside activities is not going to spread the virus, especially in Florida heat and humidity. There is no reason for state parks to be closed. People should be allowed to go on and live their lives! If someone is elderly or has a compromised immune system, or they are just afraid, they have the choice to stay home. But the rest of us should be able to go on with our lives and not being prisoners at home. Thank you!!

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Manatee	Government	Dear Governor, Let me start by saying, I do understand the thought about the economy and how the businesses may be hurting during this time. My thoughts are though, how much more does it hurt to wait a few more weeks to make sure we have a handle on this thing before we pour gas onto the fire? Also, more time to make sure we have a smart plan that allows businesses to open up smartly. Also, it is important that medical is ready for this...testing is in place fully as well as supplies to support the medical staff if this thing takes a bad turn once we decide to do that. I wince when I see people saying their rights are being taken away. I don't understand this because from my point of view, no one's rights have been taking away. The rights they feel are suspended are just that, on hold for the protection of the whole. It is sad to me that people feel money, and their own comforts are more important than society as a whole. This is where America is sad in my book compared to some other countries. People say they don't want to live in fear and they want to live their lives...but the key word in this sentence is LIVE. It is already tough living in such a beautiful state that already has a reputation for anything crazy must come from Florida. I don't want to be known for the dumbasses that kickstarted the movement to kill off America. Let other, lesser affected states open up and show us what works first. I was also disappointed that your task force seemed to only have government officials and big CEOs mostly...I only saw one hospital representative listed and it wasn't even from the larger effected areas. Maybe a few more health officials on your task force not just CEOs counting that almighty dollar they are missing.
Lee	General	Open up and let people decide for themselves whether to go out.
St. Johns	General	Please Open the state for tourism our area depends on tourism revenue.

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Broward	Education	It is clearly too early to reopen the state of Florida and especially in counties such as Broward, Miami Dade and Palm Beach county. It is clear that there are many loopholes in the stay at home order when you see the amount of people on the roads at rush hour. Florida's daily amount of new covid cases has barely declined. I honestly can't even believe we are considering reopening the state. If we reopen or lessen restrictions we are going to end up right where we were before. You can't trust people to make the right decision on their own. If anything we should be shutting it down further like other states (including ones with less cases) have done previously. I understand that a lot of people are struggling financially right now but our lives are more important than that. Finances don't matter if you are dead. I work for FAU and I have been very concerned throughout this whole pandemic. Although I am just an admissions counselor (not essential personnel) they have been having us continue to come into the office throughout this whole pandemic. We were the last Florida state schools to stop offering tours to large groups of people. Our Director is already talking about having events on campus as soon as the state opens and has already stated that they will not provide us any PPE when this happens. For the most part we are the only office at FAU that is still open with all staff coming in on a regular bases. Not to mention I have yet to do a single thing that couldn't have been done from home. It is an unnecessary risk to have us keep coming into the office when either way (home or in office) I am reaching out to my applicants by phone, email and virtual appointments. We should only have the bare minimum of people coming in to process the things that can't be done from home such as mail etc. You should look into how Florida Atlantic University is running their undergraduate admissions office. We shouldn't fear for our lives by being forced to come to work when we really can do everything from home. Our president keeps sending emails saying everyone who can work from home should work from home but we are not being given that option. Once again, you can't trust people to make the right decision.
Polk	General	Please don't reopen Florida or at least not the southeast. I absolutely would love to go back to normal but now is not the time. Continue the quarantine for at least another two weeks. There are too many citizens who fall into the high risk categories.
Miami-Dade	General	I think it's too soon to open up. There are still too many people with the virus that can be easily passed on to others.
Brevard	Healthcare	Slow reopening with businesses adhering to social distancing techniques. Mandatory face mask in public would be helpful. This is just my opinion I'm sure there are qualified professionals whose educated opinions should be taken more seriously.
Hillsborough	General	I got to say I think it is to soon to open Hillsborough county back up we are growing in cases everyday
Volusia	General	PLEASE CONTINUE SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIREMENTS AT LEAST THRU SUMMER MONTHS.
Volusia	Retail	To re-open retail stores, social distancing should be adhered to. Only a certain number of people should be allowed in at any one time. If possible, one-way aisles should be implemented and enforced. For their own safety, employees and shoppers should wear masks. Stores need to be re-opened to get people back to work. Not only for financial reasons, but for their mental health. When people are unemployed, suicide rates rise, as well as domestic violence and sex crimes.

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Seminole	General	Order 20-72 Closure of Dental offices and reopening of Dental offices May 8th There is no way to currently mitigate aerosols in Dental offices without testing patients immediately prior to dental appointments. Rooms are wide open sprays are every where. What has changed since the order was placed on March 18th other than a recommendation from a Dentist who represents a group who would personally financially benefit from reopening? Would you feel comfortable sitting in a 2 walled operatory with your mouth open with aerosols from the next room entering the area where you are having elective. preventive treatment? Can you imagine being the dental hygienist or assistant sitting less than 12 inches from the spray and walking into it all day? How would you feel if you knew that the same x-ray sensor placed in your mouth was the same one which had been in everybody's mouth immediately prior to yours? The sensor is barely covered, but the cord attached to it and hanging out of your mouth and draped across your face with no sheath covering the exposed cord might have been swiped? So the dental assistant might have wiped it down, but it was hung on the wall in the hall or the room next door a room filled with aerosols. So in other words, it is not clean and I wouldn't want it in my mouth. How would you feel if you knew that your clothes, your hair and your face walked into an aerosol fog from the 15 other patients and staff who occupied the same space? How can a $15.00 dollar an hour dental assistant stand up to a dentist and refuse to work in a dangerous work environment? That employee would be intimidated and black balled within the dental community. With $600 and $275 a week, she or he can afford to wait this out until tests are available. May 21, there were 763 cases in Florida and Dental offices were ordered to close. On April 24th, there were 30,174 cases reported in Florida. The situation looks even more tenuous now than it did when the original 60 day order was signed.
Volusia	Recreation	Out door recreation and sporting events should be open with common sense.
Orange	General	Opening should not happen until there is testing available to all people including those with no symptoms, as well as having availability of masks and gloves for all. Protective wear should be mandatory for the next 3 months.
Broward	Tourism	Although I am a furloughed employee in the tourism industry, I think it would be too great of a risk to reopen Florida before we've flattened the curve. Our people are most important and we need to prioritize safety over economics.
Duval	General	I feel that testing of the staff and patrons should conducted before reopening of that business is allowed. There should be a test sample of each industry drawn from a lottery of business that request to be opened. Allow this for 14-30 days with follow up testing and then select the next group and test accordingly. Then go from there.

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Broward	Recreation	Reopening Beaches Suggestions When it comes time to reopen beaches, please take note that from what I've seen in the Jacksonville Beach reopening, the limited hours and exercise only mandate seems to have made them more dangerous than they would normally be. Limiting hours just means everyone that wants to go to the beach has to be there at the exact same time, if they were open as normal it would be staggered. Making them for exercise means people are constantly moving and passing each other in close proximity. If you think about all the models we were shown when shelter in place was first being promoted, you'll remember that if most people are staying in one place and only a few are moving around then the transmission of the virus is slowed. The same principal applies to the beaches. If most people are on blankets 6-10 ft apart, then there's very little interaction. NYC has left Central Park open and if you look at videos of Sheep's Meadow from last weekend you'll see groups of 1-3 people laying out, about 10-15ft apart. It seems to be working in parks with much less space than our hundreds of miles of beaches . I would, however limit groups on the beach to be 4 or less, or something like that. I understand that the optics of reopening the beaches for recreation aren't the best but it's honestly safer as normal with group limitations than with the rules Duval County has put in place.
Duval	General	I don't think Florida should open up until the stats go down on the COVID-19 Because I don't think people is going to be doing the social distancing I know people need money I know they want the business to open back up but right now I don't think it's safe to open back up it is too soon people are still dying from left to right
Okeechobee	General	I do not feel that Florida should be reopened at this time the reason why I feel this way is because in my county of Okeechobee there is no testing the department of health here refuses to contact trace any type of cases they refused to test anybody and we are in elderly population in Okeechobee County I also feel that they are numerous asymptomatic people out there that are not being identified and they can spread it to people and make this outbreak even worse we could become the nextNew York or New Jersey or any other bad epicenters of this virus. It may look at our numbers of new cases are declining but every day we are gaining new cases. I feel until we start seeing zero new cases a day with adequate testing then should we put in plans to reopen the state and get our lives back to normal. I myself have a long condition and I don't want to be around people who could be asymptomatic catch it bring it home to my family and then we're all sickAnd possibly die from this virus the economy will come back strong but we have to ensure that COVID-19 is gone from public places around the state before we reopen.
Pasco	Healthcare	Not a good idea at this time. In super markets I see too many people not wearing masks and not practicing mitigation. With that in mind opening stores at this time will just increase dangerous human interaction.

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Hernando	General	As a local truck driver my limited time when I'm off is very difficult to go to the stores because parking lots are completely full I'll go to Home Depot Lowe's Walmart Publix all of these places are packed full of people and to think you're closing the little businesses that's drive and do great on a regular environment you're killing literally all the small business and staff. The flu vaccine does not eliminate the flu this is a type of enhanced flu there's no antibiotic that magically kills if so reopen the state get it over with people that do not want to go out do not have to go out
Broward	Retail	Open the state!
Sumter	General	I believe it is time, next week to start opening businesses, restaurants, barber and hair shops, etc. We have done very well with the social distancing aspect, and. That can surely continue, limited amount of customers in stores etc. If the business sees fit, or determines that their employees and customers should wear masks, so be it, then that is what we do ! At least it will give the small business owners a feeling that all is not lost, and they can slowly and eventually get their business back up to where it was a month or two ago. PS - I REALLY need a Haircut !
Hillsborough	General	People aren't getting unemployment and people can't work and people are starting to run out of savings pretty soon there will be riots because people need to go back to work!! The people that are to scared to leave there house can stay home still while the rest of us return to work!! Should've never have shut everything down to begin with you have killed our economy and have set everyone back years thanks to you shutting down everything and delaying opening things back up! People are gonna be forced to open up the businesses May 1st regardless if they are given the ok or not because they have no other choice!!!
Osceola	Professional Services	I am a hairdresser. Our industry doesn't offer working with a distance of 6 feet. So we need to have a different approach to this particular area of our economy. Although this is not on the topic, having the unemployment paid would be helpful. Because with that we can pay the bills that now are accumulated for 2 month. So right there we would have a relief and be able to work on a low scale of income clients. I have a studio, so for me and all others in studios it is easier to have a one to one client service. But the bigger salons should work in a rotation of stylists. That way they could keep "some distance". Beside the client being serviced nobody else should accompany them. Disinfecting after each client should be mandatory In order to reopen. There are ways, we just need to be able to do so without the fear of loosing our license or being fined. And AGAIN, please pay the unemployment because otherwise we cannot pay the bills that are accumulated. Thank you

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Pasco	Healthcare	I think we should start opening things back up with a few guidelines and urge people to be cautious. Dentist offices should be able to see patients other than just emergencies. It's very hard to establish what an emergency is right now. Dentist office's are always clean and sterilized. If we hold off any longer it will be a night mare to get people back in conveniently if the practice can even still afford to open its doors. Please strongly consider letting us get back to work. Obviously places like movies theaters and such big amounts of people in one room probably should be something to be opened with extreme caution. Restaurants same thing. Bars same thing. I feel all medical practices should be open. Thank you for your time.
Sarasota	Recreation	All the state beaches should be open at the same time to avoid everyone crowding at one. There is enough room to just walk a little ways down to keep safe distances especially in light of recent study showing the sun and humidity defeat the virus in a relatively short period of time. Right now Sarasota county still has parking lots blocked which means only those that can walk to the beach can go. Should be able to sit on the beach at a safe distance too. Everyone is now very aware of the precautions they must take
Sarasota	General	Pleas do not rush! There are really too many unknowns. If people go back to work here are my concerns: 1. People will probably not social distance 2. If families are home schooling due to schools being closed what are they to do 3. Listening to the nurses on the front line they are not ready to open 4. Our elder community can not be kept in lock down forever however if you open too soon it would be worse for them 5. There will be a new norm however people will still be fun shy 6. Need tests for the people to see if they have had it and if they can get it again 7. Get people money I applied for SBA help and to date have Not received anything those on unemployment need help Now I appreciate all you are doing however do not want to go through this again Please think twice about opening too soon
Lee	General	Reopen the state. Do it in phases with certain regulations in place for a short period of time, if you have to, because I know people will throw a fit if everything goes back to normal for them all at once. I can guarantee that almost everybody who is opposed to reopening is either already well off and not impacted financially by the shutdown, they're happy receiving unemployment and sitting at home, they are brainwashed by the media/other groups (or are an actual higher risk group) and are genuinely scared, but don't realize that they have the power to stay at home without being forced to, or they don't own a business/have any skin in the game. This insanity has been going on long enough and most of the people that are pro reopening, will not be getting a vaccine if one ever comes out. Things aren't going to change unless you guys act now and don't give in to those that want this to be the new normal.

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Palm Beach	Healthcare	I am a FAU Healthcare Administration alumni, former healthcare employee, now Attorney. I think it's a bad idea to open up the state without a proper plan of action. If you decide to reopen consider starting with a few days a week only (Tuesdays & Thursdays) in a few cities to observe the effects so that changes can be implemented immediately. If all goes well, then reopen the state. Thank you
Miami-Dade	General	I believe the state is not ready yet but if we are gonna reopen the state the law with the mask should stay in place!! And everything doesn't need to reopen at once the pandemic is not under control so guidelines need to be put in place n yes a curfew needs to stay in place
Miami-Dade	General	We need a test kit for everyone, I don't trust anyone out my cicle, is very danger to work with different people every day.
Broward	Transportation	I think it's crazy to reopen Florida all together. We have not reached e peak of the virus. Opening Florida back up would be a death sentence
Lake	Retail	I can't pick just one area of interest, but I was forced to. Florida needs to completely reopen. Enough is enough. Herd immunity is the best way. Sweden has shown up everyone with how they've handled this. Being cooped up inside just lowers the immune system, making it difficult to fight off ANY infection, not just the Wuhan Virus. Imagine that the virus is the tip of the iceberg, but the tip of the iceberg isn't the deadly part, it's what you can't see under the surface that's the most deadly. What's under the surface is all the deaths that will come from illnesses from other things that aren't able to be treated because hospitals are tunnel-visioned on Covid, suicides brought on by depression, deaths from domestic violence brought on by captors that are too easy to overlook right now, and a whole slew of other reasons that no one seems to think about or, even worse, care about! Open up the state, let what happens, happen. We're talking about a 3% infection rate in Florida, with a less than 1% death rate, and a more than 99% recovery rate, tanking our economy, and ruining livelihoods.
Palm Beach	General	I'm 29 years old. I have an immune deficiency disorder and only 70% lunch function after I had hundreds of blood clots in both of my lungs and ended up in the ICU last July. I am terrified. I'm terrified to go the store, the beach, even to my doctors office. If we open up too early, I will be even less safe than I am now. I know people need to work to feed their families but this is truly a matter of life and death. Our way of life has put money before human life for a long time. It's time we take a look in the mirror and decide what really matters. Please do not put me and people like me at further risk. I love our state, and I want it to go back to normal, but it needs to be Ike's by SCIENCE, not politics. Thank you.
Duval	Tourism	Open up Florida! Our state relies heavily on tourism and agriculture, the latter was not really affected by Covid 19 as much as the tourism industry has been. We Floridians rely on our visitors in order to keep our taxes low and the state budget balanced. We need to end this and open this great sunshine state back up! At the very least the state parks that have outdoor points of interest this virus doesn't survive the heat or outdoors!

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St. Johns	General	Please reopen slowly and not movie theaters, bowling alleys, salons, spas and tattoo parlors first! Low risk businesses first is the way to go. I have a son who is a nurse and is petrified about cases spiking if we open too fast. So am I.
Broward	Healthcare	This is specifically addressing dental facilities (general, endo, ortho, pros, os) - Daily temperature checks employee & patients. - A state mandated questionnaire to be filled by patient to be kept on file, offices can add to questionnaire but every patient should be screened base set of questions. - If office has an open concept layout meaning there are not separate operatories or division between dental chairs. Patients need to be seen one at a time. Until division are put in place. - ALL staff members should be required to wear level 3 mask or greater as well as face shield or eye protection. Most offices have employees walking all over office & some have open office layouts there is no way to reduce aerosol risk so all employees should be required. - Patient should rinse with peroxly chairside to minimize aerosols. - Guidelines on sanitation. Suggest offices allow additional 15 mins per patient to sanitize area throughly. - Guidelines on how to safely reuse ppe and safely store used ppe. - Mandate patient can only come with parent/guardian or in cases of sedation a driver. We need clear defined instructions to providers to explain to patients that there are mandates in place for safety. Consider mandates as recommendations are often too loosely followed & we need to reduce the risk of outbreak of covid-19 to the people of Florida.

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Seminole	General	The state needs to be reopened in a controlled manner. That means that we should provide testing to most if not all our residents and protect the most vulnerable of our population. People in high risk categories need to stay home and let people outside of those categories go back to work and school. We can't just open the flood gates and resume the way things were because if we do we don't flatten the curve we just delay it. I believe that while tourism is the life blood of this state we can't risk opening up beaches and theme parks because again it would invite an outbreak of more cases to reinfect the population. The fact is nothing short of a vaccine will protect us and until then the only thing to do is let the healthiest among us return to some semblance of normalcy so our economy isn't totally crippled and protect those most at risk from this from potentially succumbing to it. As for how soon to reopen that's a decisions that a team of doctors, economists and government officials need to decide. Politics need to be checked at the door. Partisanship will only hurt us more. That's part of how we got into this mess. Our country has been so divided for so long that we've taken our eyes off the thing that truly matters, the people and our planet. This has been brought about by our own actions. We're killing ourselves and this is the way our planet is letting us know that it's fed up with our behavior. This is about our farming a food production practices, our pharmaceutical practices, healthcare practices, educational opportunities, everything. This should be a wake up call to change our attitude to our role on this planet. We believe we are the top tier of life on this planet and we're wrong. Just like there are good and bad live bacteria in and on our bodies that make us who we are we are like those same live bacteria to our planet. We have remedies for the things that ail us and things to promote those that help us. The planet does this as well. We may not like to think that it's a living breathing thing but it is. Our planet is just as strong and delicate as we are. I'm not a tree hugger or anything, but i do know a living thing when I see it and I know what a virus looks like. When we do reopen this state we need to rethink how we go about ensuring the survival of our species and prevent this from happening again. Next time we may not have the opportunity to change things.
Brevard	Healthcare	Florida is not yet ready to open! The virus is still spreading, and will spike if people begin congregating in public places again. Social distancing measures need the be taken further, as many Floridians are not abiding by the stay-at-home order. People are still dying, and new cases are still rapidly rising. This is not the time to reopen florida. Premature reopening could prolong the virus. Let’s get it right the first time around to eradicate it sooner.
Hillsborough	General	I have Cancer and have been in quarantine since before the Stay at Home Act. But I hope you make the right decision to keep Florida closed for now. Expert's are saying we haven't hit our peak yet. So I truly hope you gather all the information and make the right decision. I know it's not an easy one but it's better to be safe then sorry. I have lived in Florida all my life and I love this state please make a decision you won't regret later. May God lead you to the right decision. Thanks Mrs. Ileana Rivero

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Polk	General	My companion is 83 and I am 69. We love our State and we love our country. The state and country have been closed too long. With the essential businesses open the citizens proved we can still work and protect people like us, among the most vulnerable. We need to open all businesses and trust the people to make good decisions. A business will not be successful if they don't provide a safe environment. Trust people. Absolutely open all beaches, state parks, golf, playgrounds without any restrictions. The virus do not like sunshine and humidity. Florida is the most perfect state in the USA to open fully. Other states need to begin to open up after Florida. TRUST YOUR CITIZENS to make the right decisions. The vulnerable group have learned self protection and will be guarded until there is a vaccine
Brevard	Technology	It's time to open up our state before we cause anymore unnecessary harm to our residents. We are not New York City, our hospitals are empty and people are suffering undue economic hardships. While it made sense for a short time to get a handle on the situation, it defies all logic at this point. Open it up.
Volusia	Government	I don't think Florida is ready to reopen non-essential businesses. I think Florida waited way too long to close the state down. If we had reacted more in the lines with the governor of California and shut down earlier we could've prevented hundreds of deaths and probably thousands of new cases of the virus. I think we should pay more attention to what Dr. Fauci and Dr Brix says and let them decide when the states are ready to be open. Their priority is the health and welfare of the public and that too should be your main priority. I am glad to see that Florida is doing more to help senior living facilities. I hope Florida continues to try to do more for the prisoners in state and local facilities. And of course our veterans deserve the best care we have to offer.
Duval	General	I just want to say, I truly hope the states or Federal governments put something into place for working parents who have children at home and have been deemed essential and with no school for May and probably no summer camps or limited ones and parents not having extra funds at this time for a daycare setting or babysitter to offer us something so that when all is a go we don't loose our jobs too because there is nowhere for our children to go. Thank you!
Indian River	General	Please, please do not open Florida until the numbers of Covid cases decrease. There are a lot of retired people and seniors living in Florida and I believe opening it up before the medical professionals deem it safe would be a terrible mistake. Also, if you prematurely open up Florida, who's going to stop the many snowbirds from leaving the Northeast and flocking to Florida? We will have thousands of people leaving the epicenters like NYC and the Tri-State for the warm sunshine in Florida. It's not worth it to put so many lives in jeopardy. Thank you, Luz Redstone
Pinellas	General	We need to reopen the State of Florida. We have too many people that are suffering financially, emotionally and psychologically. For those that wish to continue to self quarantine that is fine but the rest of us should be allowed our rights to pursue our livelihoods and general lives.

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Manatee	Professional Services	Personally I feel non essential business should remain closed for another two week. I work at a salon and although I am itching to return to work, I feel we haven't seen a steady drop in numbers. And because we are a state that sees so many out of state visitors, I would feel safer staying closed a couple more weeks since a lot of states that come here are seeing their closures go at least until the first week of May. I do think beaches should be open to in state residents only with enforcement of social distancing. It's an open air environment and it's far much less dangerous than going grocery shopping at this point.
Palm Beach	General	Opening restaurants could work I ate at restaurants practicing social distancing before the full state stay at home order. At least open outside dining. Most people are going to proceed with care before going out. Opening the beaches is necessary people need to get out in the air and sunlight it helps physically and mentally. Social distancing rules should be posted at each beach with the county suppling persons to enforce it. Set a max occupancy per restaurant,salon,or retail establishment. I stayed at hotels that were handling the situation very well with staff and occupant safety maintained. Thanks for your time!
Lee	Retail	As a Partner of s Retail store on Sanibel, I adhere you to please let us reopen, most of snowbirds have all gone home, the Island is desolute and we need to generate any type of business we can. As y'all know the virus is a devedtstion and for it to hit during our busiest 6 weeks is unthinkable. I believe people will practice safe distancing and take care of their staffs and customers. People want some type of living again.
Pinellas	General	Please don't reopen. We do not have the contact tracing or testing ability need to test everyone. We also risk having Northern states flood here.
Palm Beach	General	Please don't allow South Florida to reopen until you have enough medical evidence showing that we hit peak and curve is flattering. Please wait at least until 05/15/20. I'm affected with working reduced hours 80% of my salary gone, I'm a single mom, widow, living from one income but I rather be home safe that bring that virus to my child or disable mom and end up having major consequences. Please don't allow pressure from reckless people searching for their own financial benefits and not for all Floridians. Thank you!!!
DeSoto	Professional Services	I am a hair stylist, we have been out of work for 5 weeks. I have a baby & need to be able to support my child & myself.
Sumter	General	Limited opening of most services: healthcare, parks and recreation, retail, barbers, etc. is possible with proper precautions (masks, store people limits, social distancing, curbside pickup). Start small with 1/2 day operating hours then in time increase to 3/4 day hours to allow staff and cleaners to sanitize accordingly. The point is some degree of limited services are better than no services. Thanks for all your hard work in doing what's right and gathering feedback from and for the great state of Florida!

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Broward	Government	I work for the Guardian ad Litem Program and am concerned about the ongoing shutdown, but I am more concerned right now with a reopen that has no path for parents or caregivers to go back to work when they children at home they do not have a place for them to go. Please make a plan for summer programs to open earlier, or schools to become a place that children can safely go so those that provide for them can return to those jobs being offered. Parents or caregivers stressing over this only means more children are at risk!
Brevard	General	Please do not reopen until a testing and tracing program is in place. Our numbers are still climbing and we don't even meet the requirements for the first phase of the President's reopening program. To open now would mean sacrificing many more lives.
Brevard	General	This virus , in all appearances, is going to be with us for a long time. Yes, it will kill people, but the impact of the economic crisis it is creating will far surpass the virus's death toll. Therefore, we must open ALL business, but doing our best to support continued social distancing and PPE requirements. People must be made to understand they are responsible for themselves and have the right to stay at home if they so choose and to that point some sort of government benefit should be available to them to assist with basic needs (not encourage unemployment), This means we need to allow the vulnerable to stay at home and that does include children. This may mean a hybrid of schooling options going forward. Also, put protections in place for and positive campaigns to protect the our senior living and health industry. Let's get back to LIVING!
Seminole	Government	Input for phased reopening of FL State non essential businesses and public spaces: Phase 1: Reopening of public spaces such as parks, play grounds, and other publicly funded recreational areas; Voluntary reopening of non-essential businesses at 25% occupancy load with the caveat that there be social distancing measures in place: markings on floors for queues, seating no more than four per group, group seating no closer than six feet, mandatory masking for hospitality staff. This phase should start May 1 with a four week rolling evaluation. If, after four weeks there has been shown no statistically significant rise in case numbers, move to 50% occupancy restrictions with the same social distancing requirements. Again, another four week rolling evaluation. Repeat at 25% intervals until fully reopened.
Bay	General	Good morning, First of all , we would like to thank the Governor and his task force for their services. We feel the state has done a great job flattening the curve with covid 19. But now we feel its time to get the economy rolling. People want to go to work and get busy. Keeping in mind as we reopen business, we need to continue to be even more diligent about continued cleanliness . At some point we need to take a leap of Faith. We can not continue to live in fear. Respectfully, Martin and Cynthia Murdock
Pinellas	General	Implement phase 2 last week.

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Lake	Wholesale	I am absolutely for opening the state effective immediately. This virus has not proven to be the problem it was individuals will continue to. If the need to close of counties where it is rapidly spreading...ie...Miami....then so be it. But to shut down counties where .06% of the population has become infected is absolutely ridiculous. Further, how is it logical to think that on May 1 everything is horrible, everyone must be in gloves and masks, keep 6 feet away from each other, and then the very next day (for mere example) everyone is safe to resume all activity?! If Govt. had chosen to lock EVERYTHING down...with exception of hospitals and emergency...for 2 weeks, then we wouldn't have to be in the situation we are in where we are half in, half out, growing weary and broke. Let's use some sense and move on. Nothing is keeping people from staying in their homes and taking their own precautions if that is what they need to do for themselves.
Marion	Healthcare	I work in the dental field and I'm extremely concerned not only for myself, my team but also for my family, friends, and our patients. I don't feel there has been enough discussion of proper PPE I feel instead of recommending there needs to be a plan in place that is required before opening back up to full capacity. I am extremely concerned when it comes to the aerosols created while working on patients that can affect anyone walking through our office as well as myself and our team. How can we bring the next patient back if these aerosols linger in the air for hours? I want to work, I want nothing more than for our office to bounce back from this and succeed however I am concerned not only for myself but anyone stepping foot into our building and anyone they come into contact with.
Hillsborough	Information	Opening Florida right now would be a big mistake it's too soon. More people will get sick and die. Opening Florida at this point and time will only set us back more in the future and directly effect the lives of Floridians and tourist. Please don't open Florida yet wait a few more months until the numbers have gone down drastically. My family's health is more important then money.
Lee	Food	Reopen outside dining restaurants
Miami-Dade	Professional Services	i think you should worry about getting the unemployment issue fixed first and let another 3 weeks pass before even considering reopening anything. people in georgia are still testing positive and didnt take this quaranting seriously and you are reopening parts of north florida. people from nyc will flock down if they know we are open for business.
Pinellas	Finance	Open the state with restrictions of course. We know social distancing and proper hygiene. People are suffering economically. Domestic violence up, no money for essentials. Issues worse than getting the virus. Those that feel like it is too soon can stay home. People have choices
Hillsborough	General	Governor it is time to re-open our state.. People need to go back to work.. I am retired So i am not out of work.. But we have too many friends that have lost jobs and have NOT been able to get unemployment... they need to work to support families

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Hernando	General	This shit down is literally killing our economy as well as people and small businesses! It's affecting people's health, more homeless will happen etc. I live in a small town and it will never recover regardless when Florida re-opens, my eye doctor who's been established for over 20 plus years already closed down his practice and merged with another physician. Most people are not ignorant and have good hygiene, this shut down should have never honestly happened but... let's focus on opening back up, jobs back to normal as much as possible and let's all use common sense! Stop letting the far left democrats dictate what should be done and letting them continue to crash our economy
Sarasota	Technology	Safe Zones You can open up businesses incrementally if you can establish areas where there is no infection present - i.e. Safe Zones. A store, an office, a factory, etc. would be a safe zone if it is thoroughly disinfected and the people in the zone are virus free. Two technologies are needed to make this happen: Covid-19 tests (home test kits would be best) and a phone app. The app would store the results of the test: Green (no virus), Yellow (unknown), Red (virus present). Your phone showing a Green Status would be an access pass to the Safe Zones. If your home is a Safe Zone, your car is clean, and your destination is a Safe Zone your probability of being infected on the trip would be minimal. As time goes on and the number of safe zones increases, more of the state could be opened up. This approach would also reduce the need for armies of contact tracers. Eventually, infection would be limited to a few Red Zones and aggressive action could be taken to clean these up. Note that when antibody tests are available, and it is understood how effectively antibodies provide immunity, people might be able to enter Yellow Zones or Red Zones without getting sick. The same technology to characterize the zones could be used, but how effectively antibodies confer immunity to Covid-19 needs to be understood before people could re-enter the Red Zones with impunity. Finally, geofencing technology could be used to establish Safe Zones in open areas like farms. Someone who is not green entering a geofenced open area would trigger an alarm, and action could be taken. The idea behind this approach is to turn Covid-19 test results into actionable information to drive the incremental reopening of Florida businesses while minimizing the risk to business owners and the people of Florida.
Broward	Food	We need to reopen the Florida economy and through uniform requirements in restaurants, retail, education, finance, agriculture, etc. can aid the efforts. Even large public businesses who received aid did so to maintain or exceed current staffing. Restaurant workers and customers alike need masks, limited dining, and sanitizing stations. I want to see just where these polls were conducted because I'm a register voter and I saw nothing of the sort and don't know anyone who would support leaving the state shutdown to this extent for another week, much less a month.

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Pinellas	Food	Hello, I would just like to ask that the opening in Pinellas is very systematic. I work as a server, my restaurant (Waffle house) is closed, and as much as I miss my job, I have a 69 yr. Mom with COPD, lung disease, and kidney disease. I have her quarantined in a motel, it is safer I have 3 children at home. I am the one who shops for her. Please just take your time, business by business and watch the numbers. Thank you for your time. Stay well. J.REAMS
Collier	General	After the stores, restaurants, businesses etc start to reopen, I think it would be wise for State government to require people to continue to social distance & wear masks everywhere! If businesses could have the ability to provide their customers who do not have a mask/face covering that would be very helpful.
Miami-Dade	General	I feel like the reopening of the Miami dade county area is too soon. This county is one of the most densely populated in the state. If we open now there will be a spike in cases according to various medical professionals. This alarms me as I live with an at risk person. I feel June 1 would be a more appropriate time because the amount of infectious people would go down more. Also along with this there would be more time for testing allowed. This would allow us to better understand hot spots and other problems that arise with the virus. This is a decision that will be remembered in history as either a great one or one of the biggest fails of the state. Please all I am asking is that it is properly planned out before opening thank you
Brevard	Professional Services	My wife is a hairdresser and I'm recovering from cancer, is it safe to open businesses that can't avoid social distances, tattoo parlors, hairdressers ,massage therapists etc?
Sumter	General	Opening of any nonessential business that cannot guarantee limited number of people at a time is foolish in any state until a vaccine is available. EXAMPLE...prior to mandatory stay in place my hair salon was limiting the # of stylist (3-4 stylist w/in 1500 square ft). All clients were checked in outside, waited in car til notified their stylist was ready. FACE MASK AND GLOVES MUST BE REQUIRED AND WORN DURING ENTIRE VISIT!
Broward	Food	i'm worried that we won't have a clear implementation on reopening . We need to have a surgical approach to reopening our business. Floridians need to have a level of confidence of safety. That when we revisit our restaurants , bars ,movie theaters that their are new norms to follow. Please do not open like Georgia , the Governor seemed in a rush to OPEN. Not using Science DATA is a mistake.
Volusia	Professional Services	I own and operate a Personal Fitness Studio and we provide a very important aspect of individuals lives by keeping them fit and healthy, while providing them the time to concentrate on their cardiovascular wellness as well. Being shut down has caused a great financial loss but even more so a physical, mental and a wellness deficit in our clients lives. I can only imagine the number of people this has effected. We can keep distancing and still provide our Personal training clients a safe and very productive experience. Thank you for your time.. Yours in Health Michael Matassa NRPM, MCPT

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Orange	General	Open churches for prayer, to Catholic being in front of the blessed sacrament is so essential. Please please
Lake	General	We are all for reopening FL. We need hair salons, restaurants, outdoor activities like mini golf opened up. Places cannot survive much longer. Financially or mentally. All for opening the theme parks back up after we show proof that the smaller openings can be controlled. Let's get DL opened again!!
Hillsborough	Healthcare	I think it it to early right now we are doing what needs to be done to weather the storm better then other states. In the long run staying closed longer will help all Floridians. Those states that open to early are going to see new out breaks . Florida can better this virus by waiting it out a little longer. As a nurse I'm proud to say we have no cases at my job it sucks to stand online to be checked and to have to wear a mask all the time but as other states relax they will be set back to starting over I would rather hold fast then when we do reopen we wont have the set backs others will. Also I think all health care workers need checked to maintain good health care services. Then when we do open should be very slow and starting with the important things like doctor's offices ,eye doctors. .parks things that we can still distances with . Gym schools thing like that should be last they are already a breeding ground for diseases and are generally dirty places.
Orange	General	We feel that retail and small businesses should reopen keeping social distancing and utilizing PPE and proper hygiene precautions. Large attractions should wait longer to reopen as they bring in outsiders that could bring in covid19. Also international travelers should wait another 60 days to come in and be tested as they enter Florida.
Manatee	Healthcare	Reopening Florida in the middle of a pandemic is probably one of the most short sighted things you can do as our governor. Please listen to the advice of healthcare professionals and YOUR CONSTITUENTS, the majority of whom do not wish for a full reopening due to the constantly changing and aggressive nature of the virus. To open before the end of the 2nd wave of virus cases especially with a flu season coming up is not smart. Come on. Stop listening to people signing checks and listen to people casting ballots. Please do not make republicans look worse than we already do with trump in office. Have some common sense and be a bold leader.
Palm Beach	General	As beaches are starting to open please allow swimming and allow us to lie on a blanket, distancing from others. The sun is an important factor for health. I await beaches to open from the inlet in Boynton down to Gulfstream beach.
Lake	Tourism	Florida needs to reopen with social distance and safety measures in place. Masks, public sanitizer stations, social distancing markings and touch less ways to pay for things are just some ideas. There has to be some way to calculate risk. People at higher risk have to stay home, others should be able to live. Also, people need to be able to work. Our economy is going to collapse.

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Indian River	Healthcare	Testing must be available for ALL. Also, antibody testing should be available for those who believe they have had the virus so they can make their blood available for those who need the antibodies. That would make people feel they are REALLY helping and give them peace of mind that they have already been infected and made it through, especially vulnerable seniors. By all means, do not open large scale venues like Disney World!
Palm Beach	General	I believe in Florida we should have to right to work. Not only has my salon suite been closed for over a month but I haven't had a paycheck in over a month. In a salon suite there is only one person in there at a time and hairdressers are atleast 2 feet away from their clients. If we require our clients to wear masks before they walk through the door and we wear masks we are still doing our part in not spreading the virus. Please let us re open our doors. We will follow any guidelines you need us to but we need to make a living.
Pinellas	Recreation	I think we should open the parks, outside courts and swimming pools as per the experts exposing the virus to heat and sunlight can kill it faster than people staying inside their homes!
Orange	Retail	Please get this state opened up again as we are all suffering financially. Lets use good common sense measures to do so.
Orange	General	It is imperative that we protect ourselves and others by continuing to shelter in place and keep non-vital businesses and schools closed until the threat has passed or we find a cure or effective vaccine, whichever comes first. I do not want my children to go back to school in the fall if the threat is still present. I do not want to choose between my children's grades or their health, both of which greatly impact their lives. Keeping schools closed means I won't have to choose.

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Seminole	Tourism	I believe that the state should move to reopen our tourism industry and to promote the Florida is Safe message by doing the following: 1. Set minimum standards for daily cleaning of theme parks and hotels and rental cars. 2. Promote the idea of tourism masks...fun ones to wear in crowds. 3. Promote Safe beach guidelines - social distance of your groups on the beach, including installation and mantainance of sanitizer and hand washing stations at enterances. 4. Promote airport sanitation. 5. Promote visits to Florida's natural parks. I would like to see a two week period of travel in state before opening up to out of state travelors. This would help iron out the links and also get locals feeling safe out of their houses. My suggestion would be to allow in state businesses open up May 1st. Entertainment venues open May 15th for on state travel and June 1st for out of state travelors to come in and enjoy the states tourism venues. Our state tax structure is based on tourism and we have to re-start this as soon as possible. If we miss the summer this is going to have a major impact on the state's finances.
Orange	General	I realize the point of the stay at home orders was to flatten the curve and help the hospitals from excessive numbers flooding in. Surprisingly, Florida's numbers didn't explode as I thought they would. Kudos. But, as a single parent with an auto-immune disease, I'm not ready to open our state up. I understand many people were living paycheck to paycheck and people are struggling financially. But, I'm not ready to be forced back to work and around people who may be contagious. I'd like to see another two weeks of the numbers going down before we start opening everything up and exposing the public to the germs again. I think another two weeks would give us all a more solid foundation to reopen on versus seeing a max influx of new cases.
Seminole	General	Please do not cave to economic pressure. Lives are more important than money. Don't reopen Florida just to welcome in waves and waves of the virus. I'm immunodeficient with a 9 year old. If I die from this because we opened too soon, my son will be without a mother.
Martin	General	Open up Florida! If people are hesitant to go out then they can stay home! People have to get back to work. Let people be responsible for their choices on going out. Wear a mask and gloves. Open up.
Orange	General	Maybe they could open parks n restaurants with limited amount of people, maybe half or less from normal. Also test temperatures at the gate or something like that. Do this for about 15 to 20 days and see if it has any effect or not.

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Wakulla	Education	Reopening schools and educational sporting events must be considered from all angles. Given the initial feedback on the consideration to open schools the only priority was the student. Nearly 18% of teachers nationally are 60+. You have 4.1M+ children in this state with a chronic condition. You must prioritize life. Florida has neglected teachers for over a decade in pay, and now is willing to allow them to be vulnerable to disease and joblessness.
Miami-Dade	General	I think we should be strict with stay at home orders especially Hispanic families. Everyone doesn't care and since we are family going to everyone's house and doing parties. Just this week my husband who works at urgent care mentioned families including children coming to get checked because they were at parties where people had covid. Quarantine should be in place and strict lockdown
Sumter	Food	Please please please do not rush this process. I have been greatly affected financially as a waiter who has already lost the end of my busy snow bird season going from 5 busy serving shifts a week to 2 slow delivery shifts. You would think I'd be chomping at the bit to reopen May 1 and get back to work. But I'm a part time care taker for my father and step mother and I am terrified of going back to clearing plates and silverware from possibly asymptomatic customers and bringing the virus home to my family. Georgia has given us an incredible chance to wait a few more weeks and see what happens there before we rush our opening. I would love to be wrong and see that on May 8, may 25th things have gotten no worse in Georgia and that we could have opened May 1st and then go back to work with no fears whenever we open. As it is now, I am terrified of us moving forward too soon. Thank you for your time and attention. I do not envy the weight that is on your shoulders with this decision.
Broward	General	I feel very strongly that we need to carefully reopen ALL of Florida ASAP. Even in my county, Broward, a very small percentage of people are infected compared to our large population. The effect this shutdown has had on our economy is starting to far outweigh the virus' impact on health. Opening beaches & parks will do very little to help people who are unemployed and struggling financially. We need to begin opening actual small businesses like restaurants, hair salons, clothing stores, etc in phase one. I feel requiring businesses to maintain some form of social distancing and to take the temperature of employees will keep us sufficiently protected. Suggest those who are "high risk" stay home, but allow the rest of us to live our lives. It is time for this to begin immediately!

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Palm Beach	General	Yeah, I know this is bullshit & just to make it appear like our feedback matters. Reopening the state is a great idea because it'll allow COVID to start spreading again & sadly, but also fortunately, it'll most likely cause the death of more supporters of DeSantis & Trump. The loss of human life is always tragic, but it'll end up helping Florida in the long run. So, go ahead & open, like we all know is going to happen regardless of anything we have to say.
Brevard	Education	This is a very difficult balance between the economy and public health. A lot of people are focused on the mortality rate, because it isn't as high as many other diseases. However, what many fail to consider, and which we know very little about at this time, are potential long term effects for those "recovered" and the potential impact that may have on health care. We also don't know the extent to which prior exposure confers immunity. It would be nice to know those things before making any major decisions. With that said, remaining shut down is not economically sustainable. Ideally, we could open up while allowing those who wish (or need) to work remotely. The problem with that is many would lose their jobs for doing this once we're back to business as usual and be forced to either unwillingly put themselves (or family) at risk or lose their source of income. Is there a way to protect them from job loss without just giving them free money? I am not against opening up, but we need to be smart about it. Speaking of being smart about it, I also feel that this should be a data driven decision interpreted by people that understand data analysis - not by public opinion, which is driven mostly by the media. It's basically damned if you do, damned if you don't. Good luck with that. Meanwhile, I'll continue (by choice) to stay home and work remotely until either my job forces me back or we learn more about long term effects.
Orange	Retail	I, as a nurse, feel that restaurants and retail along with salons and any other business I haven't mentioned should be allowed to open. I have been to the grocery stores and Lowe's since this pandemic started and I have noticed that no one follows you around cleaning any items that were touch at any of the above mentioned stores and I haven't heard anyone complaining about distancing or wearing mask. You guys need to go to the grocery stores and to Lowe's and see what I am talking about. I feel this is just a way of being mean to businesses that you and the government want to so call non-essential business. These businesses should open because it isn't fair to allow grocery stores, Lowe's, pet stores, pharmacy's, gas stations, etc where people touch items with no one cleaning those items then I come and touch them. That is mean and being a bully to these businesses. Please stop being a bully.
Duval	Healthcare	Elective Surgery
Broward	General	Due to new reports out of California & NY showing many more people contracted COVID-19 then has been reported and their bodies cured itself by generating anti-bodies. We should open the economy while urging high risk individuals (most who are already retired) to stay home. Giving those who are at an extreme low risk the ability to go back to work and earn a living.

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Duval	Finance	It is too soon to reopen. Until there is a 14 day sustained time frame in which cases of infection are decreasing, it's unsafe to reopen. Reopening before then forces and openly invites even more Floridians to become infected, to suffer, and to die.
Highlands	General	I would like to see non-essential businesses opened back up to the public. It would be great to have generalized guidelines and expectations for sanitizing in place to ensure the safety of all. I feel like there are risks in everything we do but at some point we need to live. I believe individuals need to minimize risks and not the government. On a separate note, I am a teacher in Highlands County and I supplement my pay by teaching drivers education to teenagers during the summer. This summer it has been cancelled because of DOE and CDC guidelines. This is concerning to me because I believe this program effectively teaches young people how to be safe behind the wheel and how to minimize risks while driving. I know some parts of the state are hit extremely hard and those places need to stay locked down but areas not hit hard need to be opened. Thank you for hearing my concerns.
Hillsborough	General	Open everything up ASAP!!!! We the people will riot and band together if you do not allow us to go back to work by May 1st!!!! The people that are scared can continue to stay home if they want!!!!
Palm Beach	General	Although I can see how the economy is suffering; I think it would suffer a lot more if we re-opened too quickly. Maybe re-open for people of certain ages like 25-35 to see how it goes for a couple of weeks. Then do 36-46 and so on.
Lake	Healthcare	Antibody treating. I think I had covid 19 the 1st week of January. The antibody test should be made available to all to give a better community health metric. Thus allowing confidence in reopening the state. I think more peorple have had this virus and this would prove that the frenzied media is creating pandemonium from a less than threatening pandemic.
Okeechobee	Manufacturing	Open everything now! Put us all back to work! We'll never be able to stay at home until this virus is completely gone. Rip the bandaid off now. Those that choose to can stay at home.
Sumter	General	As an RVer who lives full time in my RV and domiciled in Florida I (and a million of my friends) need RV parks to be deemed essential services. We live in these RV parks full time. Recently these parks decided to close because of the shelter in place order - right or wrong. More guidance is needed. For this simple fact we need the state to open. Some will die. That is something that is part of the life cycle. People will also die from the flu. We cannot do on like this. We MUST reopen.
Brevard	Healthcare	It is not yet time to reopen. Liaten to the experts from CDC and not politicians.. CDC will be able to dictate when it is safe. Why would you want to risk more lives?
Brevard	General	Follow the Sweden model. Protect the highest vulnerable people. New studies are showing humidity and heat kills the virus in minutes. Let people go out. Studies are showing that mortality rate is close to the flu. In summary based decisions on latest studies. Keep pursuing trials on Hydroxychloroquine with Zinc on the initial onset of the disease. Thanks.

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Sarasota	Healthcare	My comments on “reopening” Florida, date Adpril 25, 2020. Don’t do it. Our cases numbers are rising, multiplying, on a daily basis! Follow WHO guidelines. They are spelled out for you. Lock down. Isolate. Test. Quarantine. Contain. Flatten the curve! Our homes, businesses, beaches and tourist attractions will be worth less than nothing while Florida ruminates, uncontrollably & untested, in a stew of deadly virus. We went from 5 COVID19 deaths in Florida to 1046 — in less than a month and a half! The curve is going straight up. I won’t leave my house to patronize any business in Florida until its government starts following science, i.e. WHO guidelines. Flatten the curve. Use science. Use your power. Use discipline. Lock us down until our population is tested, isolated. Listen to our Surgeon General. Don’t escort him out of press briefings because he tells the truth about the deadly seriousness of what Florida is facing. Let Miami Herald And Tampa Bay Times attend press briefings and ask questions at press briefings, instead of barring them because you don’t want them to tell us the truth. STOP PRETENDING THIS ISN’T HAPPENING OR THAT IT WILL JUST GO AWAY! Start listening to science,. Use their guidelines and get out of their way in telling us the truth. Flatten the curve. Dianne Davis Venice, Florida
Sarasota	General	I think reopening should start with younger people.Senior people and those with underlying conditions should be brought back later. And they need to get this unemployment problem straightened out and just pay these people so they can buy food and pay their bills.
Orange	General	We cannot re-open safely without proper testing in place. Without it, you are missing entire populations that can contain and vector the virus. You do not know what you do not know (or care to know). If you want Florida to thrive, then be smart about not putting population at risk. When you do not test (and that means EVERYONE even without a symptom) you cannot know (1) where they are, (2) if they are negative/positive, (3) how to track where they are going and where they are potentially spreading what they might have. Don't kill people unnecessarily and be blind like Georgia. REMEMBER: the virus DOESN'T MOVE. WE DO.

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Highlands	General	Hello, I just wanted to give my input to reopening the state. I live in a county that was effected very little by the virus but people here are struggling due to the shut down. I have friends who are hair dressers and tattoo artists that cant make their rent and haven't been able to receive unemployment benefits or a stimulus check yet. They dont want a hand out they want to go back to work. My husband works as a restaurant manager and these servers desperately want to work. I am at a high risk group 8 months pregnant and a severe asthmatic I think the at risk people should do what they need to do to stay safe while letting healthy individuals get the economy going again. Thank you for your time.
Palm Beach	Healthcare	I have a question for Florida task force and Governor DeSantis. If the Governor of Florida opens the state at a more accelerated pace than , PALM BEACH, BROWARD , MIAMI, MONROE, HILLSBORO , and ORANGE counties. (75% of entire state COVID cases} How are you going to screen all those people that are flying into the state,to the above listed counties, being that every plane coming into those counties come from other "hot spots"? Follow up question What mechanisms are in place to keep people from freely traveling into and out of hot spots?
Martin	General	Hello, Please do not put economic interests above public health interests. We can not have an economy if we do not have our health first. Florida is such an amazing place and we need to take care of our people. That means heading the advice of our health experts who are fighting on the front lines of this. I will be very disappointed if Florida chooses to ignore the health experts. It is short-sighted, thinking only of immediate profit pleasing instead of long term resilience. I trust our leaders to lead with dignity and to put the advice of health experts first when it comes to making public health decisions. Businesses will need to function in a new way moving forward. Working from home when possible, keeping people safe and at home with their families until a cure is provided for this virus. Pay unemployment to our workforce in the meantime and provide grants to our small businesses to help them stay afloat. We will be better off in the long run this way. Thank you, stay safe and stay well! -Sarah
Pinellas	Recreation	Please open FL state park campgrounds to Florida residents only. Social distancing is easy when camping in the parks with your own RV. Most of us don't even need the public restrooms.
Hillsborough	General	Open everything up but only limit a certain amount of people inside places. Require hand sanitizers at all places & mark spots on flooring for 6 ft distance.

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Lee	General	I do not believe we should re-open Florida to soon. We can regain our economy but we can not bring our love ones back if covid-19 takes them away from us! My father and I have COPD and my husband and mother is a type 2 diabetic . We want to be able to see our grandkids grow up. And also I would love to keep our loved ones safe. I believe if we let our guard down to soon we will loose a lot more of our loved ones. Please really think about it really hard, I look at the news everyday and more lives are taken by covid-19. I know everyone is wanting to get back to what we knew as normal, but we should take it slow! Thank you
Lee	General	Florida has performed so much better than predicted by the models .I believe this is as a result of strictly following the guidelines set down by the President and his task force.Equally as important are the steps taken by our governor and his advisers.The main reason we've done so well is because ,for the most part,you've been able to trust Floridians to do the right thing.As we prepare to reopen Florida I simply ask you to please trust us to do the right thing as we open retail stores,dine in restaurants,salons,theaters etc.I ask you to reward what Floridians have done by opening businesses and allowing people to return to work.As the President has said "the cure cannot be worse than the disease".I believe you can open businesses and still social distance and slow the spread. I also hope you will allow elective surgeries again as this affects the quality of life for thousands of Floridians . Thank you Allen Neitz
Hillsborough	General	Please do not reopen the state too soon. Get the valid information from medical professionals before making any rash decisions. What Georgia and other states are doing now is not necessary. The shelter at home process is doing what it is meant to do, lim8t the spread of covid. One thing that does need to be handled much better. The lack of payout compared to applications is upsetting and you as our government need to do more to help those in need.
Seminole	Retail	Lets use some good common sense measures to open things up....people are starving!

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Seminole	General	Hello Re-Open Florida Task Force, How we should open Florida? That is the question we are all asking and fortunately there is a way to do so without harming or destroying citizens trust in the government. Here are the things we should do: - Innovate our agricultural system. Use technology and e-commerce to export produce around Florida and other states. Why? It would significantly reduce produce waste and maximize profits for farmers, as well as keeping families healthy. - Advance our implementation of indoor farming in local communities with an income of $40,000 or less. Why? To further practice preventative healthcare and reduce the use of unwanted surgeries and complications Americans are suffering, specially communities of color. - Not open Florida until we focus on preventative healthcare. Why? By practicing it, we drastically reduce body, mental, emotional diseases that are killing Americans. The reason for this is because if we do not take care of our people, we risk losing thousands of lives to PREVENTABLE diseases and not the pandemic. - Fixing our unemployment system. People are suffering and possibly dying because of this negligence. - Innovate our economy. We currently rely heavily on tourism and without it, we are practically nothing. Hence, in order to reopen, we need to think about the future and how we can make Florida economically strong for the future generations. How can we possibly do this? By restructuring our economic drive from tourism to the state of sustainable solutions, we can guarantee a bright future. Also, by doing this, we can attract younger flocks of people to invest, work, and generate ideas to further strengthen Florida. Main areas we need to focus: agriculture, sustainable energy, preventative healthcare, new pathways to genes revenue. Feel free to email or call me Best regards.
Palm Beach	Construction	As an essential business we have continued to operate with reduced staff. However, we cannot continue to stay in business much longer. We are a plumbing and air conditioning company that celebrates our 58 year in business We practice safe distancing, take temperatures, submit questions to our service customers, where masks and proper PPE. We are operating safely within the guidelines set by the CDC. Please it is time to reopen all businesses. The majority of business owners are responsible people who will take the necessary measures to protect our staff and our customers. If you do not open our businesses soon there will not be any left to reopen. The treatment is now becoming worse than the disease. Thank you !

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Broward	Education	High School Traditional Graduation ceremonies need to be allowed and encouraged throughout the state in either June or July. Hillsborough County, the 3rd largest school district, has a plan in place for their 36 high schools. Miami-Dade has a plan. However, Superintendent Runcie in Broward County is digging his heals in, planning for Virtual Graduations. He is "monitoring" the situation for when it is safe. As we appreciate the concern for keeping everyone safe, as Gov DeSantis begins to reopen the state, schools across all of Florida should be encouraged to hold traditional graduation ceremonies for the class of 2020. These kids have put their heart and soul into school for 12 years, many while dealing with hardships. Many of these kids will be the first to graduate in their family and will not be attending college. They should not be denied. Gov. DeSantis needs to make this a priority during the plan to re-open. I am attaching Hillsborough County's schedule as an example of their plan.
Volusia	Healthcare	Given the impact of COVID 19 on the health care system and health care workers, it is unrealistic to think that the reopening of the state will not add to this burden. People will begin to congregate in large groups without enough enforcement to mitigate this. Giving the state another month of social distancing and staying home will give us the opportunity to further stop the spread of this virus thereby keeping our citizens safe.
Palm Beach	General	Mr Governor, I am very pleased with your handling of this crisis. I voted for you and will do so again because I believe that you have the interests of Floridian's at the forefront of your decision making. I am a first responder in Palm Beach Co. I have seen many people who believe that the entire state should be shut down but I have met more who believe, as I do, that we can open up using common sense. I get the impression that the federal government and many other governors thinks that the average American is incapable of making good decisions for themselves and their families. Quarantine has always meant keeping the sick and most vulnerable away from the healthy, not the entire population being locked in their house and having their government enacting orders that strips away their civil liberties. I truly believe that we can open up our state and Floridians will make good decisions that will keep us safe. Now that we know that many more have been infected and recovered without so much as a visit to an ER or their doctor this lock down seems to have done little good. The cure was not supposed to be worse than the disease but it seems so many decisions have been based on fear instead of science. Please open our state and allow us to make good decisions for ourselves and each other. Too many Americans and Floridians have been negatively impacted by this crisis, not the virus. Thank you Mr Governor.
Palm Beach	Real Estate	Private beaches and clubs should be opened up wher there are controls in place

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Lake	Professional Services	I recently created a petition to postpone reopening hairsalons or any indoor close contact small businesses during the first phase. I am a hairstylist and single mother. No I have not received unemployment or my stimulus as of yet. But feel strongly it would be a risk to the whole state of Florida to do so at this time. Salons no matter how creative can not insure a safe distance between stylists and clients. Which is not with in the guidlines of opening during the first phase. It also puts clients and stylists at greater risk and could increase the spread in the long run.Working as a hair stylist for years I know first hand. I ask that you please consider the safety of those working in these businesses as well as the clients who will flood them when they reopen. Its worth the extra time to wait and evaluate.Thank you...
Pinellas	General	Work from home should still be mandated if it can be done. People who have underlying conditions should still have the option to work from home for the next 2 months. Afterwards, there should be another review. Both essential and non essential businesses should be working to put up protective barriers so they can reopen with caution. The state should not allow opening until this is put in place and confirmed. Non essential businesses should only allow workers who have to go into the office for the next 2 months, like mailroom. This will also ensure social distancing.
Lake	Healthcare	I feel if a business has had a majority of their office staff working from home successfully, having those workers, especially ones with the at risk underlying conditions, be qllowed to continue working from home. At least until there is unrestricted activities, no mask recommendations and no need to social distance. These workers should be protected by the ADA as far as workplace accommodations. We need to err on the side of caution because once the slightest loosening of restrictions happens, people will forget about being careful and their selfish, greedy way of living will reappear
Lee	General	It is time to start opening things like restaurants, beaches, playgrounds, retail and daycares. People need to work. Social distance guidelines can be provided to most of theae areas. Let people feed their familes by earning a paycheck!
Osceola	General	The economy needs a serious boost. Businesses reopening will help those who are furloughed or laid off to resume earning a living. Social distancing and other precautions should continue until the transmission of COVID-19 is no longer a threat.
Polk	Professional Services	Please open salons. I've yet to receive unemployment and need to work.
Broward	Professional Services	I work in the cosmetology industry and believe that we DO NOT need to open just yet. The contact is too high and we will be risking infection or spreading the virus. We can not safely guard ourselves even with gloves and masks. There is too high impact contact. Also, please get our unemployment paid. Stress effects the immune system too and this isn't helping our well-being either. There needs to be more testing, more social distancing, and people need to STAY HOME. I vote until May 15th at least!

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Polk	Tourism	We need to listen to Dr Fauci. We need to listen to the head of Bank of America. Once we have a better hold on this virus, then open back up. Did we not learn anything from China or Italy? Did we not learn anything from 1918 Spanish Flu? Keep things closed. Florida hasnt even peaked yet. Polk County isnt even enforcing the stay home order, and hasnt from the start! I have Lupus and Asthma. This virus could KILL ME, and others like me. What about US!!!!???? Ok so we stay home. But what about our loved ones who have to go back to work? In positions where masking up isnt an option!! Then they come home with this virus...asymptomatic and pass it on to us. Then what. Is our lives so less important than the God Almighty Dollar. What needs to happen is this country and this state need to quit making issues political and make money readily available to the people. This country was founded by two main parties, often opposing, yet working for the better good of their people and their country. FIX unemployment. Get loans to ALL small businesses, so they can continue to operate. Pass a larger stimulus for Americans. Keep it at just essential workers and make counties adhere to it or county officials face fines. Take fines made and reinvest back into the State. Make wearing a mask out in public punishable by a week in jail AND a fine. And keep everyone home. The longer ppl dont adhere, the longer this virus is going to linger. Dont reopen. Not yet. Consider the lives that are going to be lost if you do. Please!!!! I am 44. How does my husband explain to our kids why I passed away from this virus because he was forced back to work by a country and a government that cared so little for me and people like me???? If, as a tax paying citizen of this State and this Country, than please hear my voice. Do not silence it and allow me, or someone like me with weakened immune systems...or aging, be silenced forever. You can rebuild a business. You can rebuild a fortune. You can rebuild finances. But once you are dead, you are dead.
St. Johns	Healthcare	Keep social distancing and non essential BIz CLOSED until week before July 4th Also prohibited visitors for that length as well ! I know a lot of northerners sneezing their way into Fla to escape the mayhem of illness up north ! There is a second wave already in China so no international flights also check the hubs like flights coming in from Atlanta as well !
Seminole	Healthcare	Open up completely! Once we see the devastation that very well may cause, we can shut up these "open up the economy" idiots. Science means nothing to them. So, please, OPEN UP EVERYTHING!
Lee	Administrative	I support keeping non essential businesses closed for at least a few more weeks if that is the medical advice. Please also clarify what to do if automobile tags expire before they can be renewed. We have been trying to renew online but the portal isn't working, and we are trying to go to Michigan at least by mid May to care for elderly relatives. Thank you.

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Brevard	Government	Reopening Florida does not make sense right now, unless the point is to stick it to the working class...again. Based on what is being considered, it appears the state thinks the lowest paid workers should be at the greatest risk to contract and spread the disease. If you are making your decision in order to save money on unemployment payments or improve your unemployment numbers to boost reelection chances, your priorities are completely out of whack and are morally questionable. Not to mention un-Christian. This is coming from a couple who both work on government contracts, thus are able to work at home fully paid at good salaries for the duration. Yes, I'd like to get a haircut, but protecting the life of my hairstylist is more important. I know my opinions won't sway Republicans in power, I just wanted you to know our thoughts and why we will never vote for a Republican ever again as long as we live.
Broward	General	Open up and let the citizens decide if they want to get back to normal. In reality, it will be the business who starts the process since they have to open.
Palm Beach	General	It's WAY too early to open. We need at least two more weeks. There are so many cars on the road still. People are not taking this serious. We need our law enforcement to enforce a strict lockdown!!! Too many people will get sick if we open now. Give us at least until May 15-20! Save us Floridians and think of our health over the economy!!
Broward	Recreation	Golf - hopefully the golf courses in South, Florida can be opened again with proper restrictions in place such as one person per cart, etc. Such will give outdoor recreational liberty with the accompanying financial gain for the courses and hence state.
Volusia	General	MANDATORY face masks OUTSIDE. Punishment for not complying, first offense $200 fines, second offense $500, third offense 14 day jail time. If someone gets that many offenses, they belong in jail! This includes those walking pets their neighborhoods, bike riding, beach walking, Stores/shops/offices/restaurants (ANY BUSINESS) make MANDATORY employees wear masks AND no one allowed in their buildings/stores/shops without mask on. Police to be called and tickets begin happening.

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St. Lucie	Government	The other day someone made a comment on a post I had put up. The comment read something like this, "I choose life over freedom and the pursuit of happiness" or something to that effect. At the time I did not respond because the enviorment was toxic and to some extent still is. However, after further reflection and deep thought and looking at that statement from all sides and from a logical place, this is my response. While some may "choose life over freedom" they decided to exist rather than live. The difference in living and "life" is this. Living is embracing things that go on in life, the good the bad and the ugly yes,even death. Living is not existing in fear. Fear of illness, fear of getting hit by a bus, fear of walking out your front door. Existing is hiding behind fear. Now think about that for a moment. If you don't believe me just ask someone who has Agoraphobia, "Agoraphobia is often a progressive phobia, and may eventually lead to a fear of leaving the house. However, it is the panic attack, rather than the act of being in public, that is the cause of the fear." When we are crippled by fear and by the mind control of others we lose our life and our freedom. Ask people who live in countries aka North Korea who live in fear - they don't live they exist. They exist at the behest of a dictator who directs their every move and thought. They exist at the behest of a dictator's mood of the day. They have been conditioned to understand that as long as they think - act and behave like he directs and dictates then their lives will be spared. This is an illusion. The same illusion we as Americans are currently living under. We have been conditioned to believe that if we hunker down in our homes, wear masks, stay six feet apart, stop socializing and listen to the mindless media and even more mindless politicans we are going to be fine. That is existing and it is an illusion. It has come to the point that people who have illnesses other than the "covid" are refusing to seek treatment. The reason, they do not want to be separated from the advocates or their loved ones and they do not want it to be assumed that they have "covid." Again this is not living this is existing. How many are we going to lose because those who have other health issues die because they live in fear and do not seek treatment of their true illnesses. I am so thankful that my beautiful man is no longer here to be put through this insanity, I do not rock an orange jumpsuit and I do not do well in confined space
Brevard	Education	Schools need to focus on class sizes...desk placement and sanitizer... please take the teachers into consideration when re opening the schools. I am worried about those old filthy buses being hot spots for spreading the disease.All FL schools need a registered nurse at all times and an isolation area!!
Seminole	Technology	As much as normalcy is a goal for all Floridians, as much of a hardship this has caused so many out of work, and as much as it pains me to say the obvious, but here it is. It started with one case in Florida. You can flatten the curve down to zero, but it is untenable to think that we will ever get to zero. So the conundrum; do we sacrifice for the grater good and wait or reopen our economy and face more dire health problems when there is no national system in place. Do we shut our borders as Trump has done? How far must we go? Common sense predicates a wait and see approach, no matter how disastrous economically it may be. if not, God help us all. Please leave the state alone to heal Governor.

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Alachua	General	Dear Governor and Task force, It is imperative that you begin opening up Florida for business. Every day you keep businesses closed is another day of reduced wages, income and tax revenue for the municipalities, counties and state! Neither people nor the government will have any money to provide basic services. The domino effect will be worse as folks stop making payments to for their homes, credit cards and workers that will then lead to bank collapse. You can already see the sky HIGH numbers coming in for unemployment, forbearance and this is just the beginning. The Death rates of COVID19 do not warrant the destruction of our society including the higher Suicide rates, domestic violence, drug addition and the List is LONG. The unintended consequences are worse than the virus. Let each county decide on the course of action that is best for them and step in if numbers get out of hand. Thank you and God Bless, Kimberly Clawson
Broward	Recreation	On behalf of me and MANY golfers alike, let's open the golf courses already! Can you stop with a uniform approach? Let the businesses follow the standards outlined and open. If a person feels it's safe, he/she will go, if not stay home. It's time for people to take responsibility for their own actions and stop the babysitting. Guidelines for a sport that takes place outside, in the sun, in the fresh air, offering exercise and well being, where there is no necessary interaction with another person is really easy to do and offers very little risk. The time is now, the guidelines are easy to understand and follow: Once again Golf is unique where its the player against the course. There NO necessary interaction or need to be within 6' of another player, EVER.
Osceola	General	I feel that April 30th is too soon to open up the state. I feel more comfortable with the idea of opening businesses with less person to person contact first. I work at a spa in a retirement community in Kissimmee and am concerned that opening early May is too soon.
Miami-Dade	Tourism	What are you doing to insure that those who have been waiting over a month for unemployment receive it more swiftly? I've seen that April claimants have been receiving their payouts before March claimants.

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Broward	General	I would like to see area such as hair /nails salons opened. If you opened Costco and Publix Home Depot understandably , you need to allow people to cut their hair etc. as far as beaches etc you need to instill the distance rules. If you keep everyone home and you have no idea who or how many people already had it you will never open. Plus how would be developed herd immunity? My thought are to open up as planned
Palm Beach	Healthcare	I work two jobs in the healthcare field and the restrictions in place has had a negative effect on both! I am a radiologist and have seen a 50% reduction in cases per day because people are afraid to go see their doctor. My second job is a small business where I perform laser tattoo removal. We have been closed the entire month of April. We see clients on a by-appointment basis, one at a time. At this point we feel it is totally unreasonable for us to be closed. We are able to do additional cleaning between clients and wear face masks. We never have more than a couple people in the shop at once and there are just two workers. The restrictions are hurting small businesses like mine where our normal operations do not create a huge risk for either us or our customers. Not to mention the number of people who are being potentially hurt by putting off seeing their doctors and getting CT Scans, x-rays, mammograms, and other radiology studies.
Brevard	General	While I do understand that small business and people are suffering, I feel the bigger suffering would be if we opened all back up. We have yet to have one day that cases are not rising, The longer we keep the shelter in place the safer it will be when we gradually open back up. The less chance of having another huge outbreak on our hands.
Broward	Information	Please do not re-open to soon. We have been in lock down to long to blow it to soon.
Brevard	General	I STRONGLY DO NOT feel that we should reopen just yet. The virus is not gone and reopening will only add to more individuals dying. The spread will become much worse than it already is.
St. Johns	Technology	You need to require everyone to wear some form of mask in public spaces. The US military requires this. You also should engage feedback control engineers to design tools to judge when and how to hunker down or roam free and various levels in between. I would not shop anywhere unless customers and employees wore masks.
Orange	General	Please don't open right now it's too soon! I know everyone is eager to get out and party and make money etc. but I think we'll wind up back where we were or worse. Thank you.

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Seminole	Professional Services	To whom it may concern, I am writing with great concerns in regards to the possible reopening of spas at this time. As an aesthetician (facial specialist) I do not feel that it is safe to resume services that require direct person to person contact so soon. I would like to share some information on what our services entail so that it may be considered when discussing the reopening of businesses in our industry. Lumping services such as facials, massages, and eyelash extensions with hair services would be a HUGE mistake that will undoubtedly contribute to a spike of new cases. Some things to consider that you may or may not be aware of: - During a facial treatment, the FACE to FACE distance between the client and the aesthetician is only about 12-15 inches. That's it! Add steam and the germs we breath out between each other further spreads in the treatment room. - While the aesthetician can and should be wearing a mask, it is impossible for a client to wear a mask while receiving a facial service, which is performed with the aestheticians hands. - Facial and massage services typically consist of 60 minutes of direct person to person, skin to skin contact. - Medical aestheticians who work in medical spas and doctors offices usually wear gloves for the duration of the service, however MOST aestheticians who work in salon spas and chain spas do not. I have worked in this industry for 15 years. Colds, stomach flus, and viruses spread through these spa settings unbelievably fast. A client comes in, the aesthetician or massage therapist provides a service to them, the service provider gets sick, the other coworkers get sick, and we take it home to our children and families. Even with the best sanitation practices in place, this is a very common occurrence in our industry. From November 2019 to February 2020, for example, the spa I worked for was hit with three waves of sickness. It would be a huge mistake to overlook spa services as hotbeds for spreading COVID19 throughout our community.

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Hillsborough	General	Masks in public for any shopping or recreational experience not in an open air setting and able to maintain greater than 6ft distance (so if outside, could forgo mask if about to maintain an excessive distance from others, unless showing symptoms or may have known exposure). If in a 'closed' environment, masks and 6fr rule unless contradicts with activity (ie, dental work or activity requiring mask). Sanitary measures - as areas open, bathrooms will need monitoring and continuous wipe downs (small area, common fixtures, etc). If multi person area, should monitor # in area and have employee available to be continuously wipe down contact points (door knobs, fixtures, etc) and open doors/monitor flow to reduce contact. Post signs with proper hand washing techniques to reduce contamination (use paper towel to turn water off). Stations available for sanitizer gel, use hospital idea of 'foam in, foam out'. at all entrances. Have available at any area with decreased movement (waiting in line, at the purchase counter). Monitor traffic in areas like fitting rooms, wipe down room after use. IF/WHEN restaurants allowed to reopen for dine in - reduce capacity with appropriate spacing, increase sanitary measures, ideally masked if not at table (in/out of place or going to bathroom). Adhere to social distancing guidelines. Could do reservation only at first, small party sizes only. Retail - reduced capacity allowed and maintain a 6ft spacing. Rollout store types based on essential need. Allow for online sale. Clothing - online sales with pick up could allow customer access to fitting room at time of pickup to allow for exchanges as needed. Masks required. Services - hair/nails/massage/chiropractic/stylist/tattoo/etc: Capacity reduced and scheduled clients only, no walk ins. Client/provider pair must wear masks and adhere to increased sanitary measures during encounter. Pair must maintain 6ft social distancing between other client/provider pairs. May only single book.
Lake	General	I do not want the state to reopen because according to the health officials and scientists it's not safe. I will not participate in going out to support any businesses that open, I think it's irresponsible to do so right now until we can get it under control

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Levy	General	Dear Governor, I believe the state of Florida should NOT be reopening yet. Unfortunately many people have not been following the stay at home guidelines, and as such Florida is still seeing a significant increase in cases EVERYDAY. We need to continue the shut down in order to slow down the spread. We have a very sense population of seniors and immunosuppressed people. We already have too many people traveling in and out of the state, which needs to end. If we don't stay diligent about this issue, there will be no end in sight. Opening the state will only prolong the life of the disease eventually causing us to shut down further and longer than we already have. KEEP THE STATE CLOSED! Please! Thank you, Levy county resident - Margarett Hendel
Orange	General	I am a massage therapist. I get alot of us have our own practice. But we are to close to comfort. I have asthma... my children are chronic. I want to work. Unemployment isn't enough to even pay my rent less adding utilities and my wifi connection so my daughter can study. These Bill's are my basic needs. Doesn't include other payment like Fedloans, credit cards, insurances, car notes and so forth. My concern is if we return RO soon it can come back stronger and more dangerous. We will have to shut down AGAIN and longer. Killing more people then it has. All we need is to wait one more month. It'll be way safer. If not at least 2 to 3 more weeks. Just to be way safer. Cause I can almost 98% of people are not gonna go out to eat at a restaurant or get hair done and less hang out in areas like malls, parks etc. We will lose even more money in the economy unnecessarily. People need Patients something nobody has anymore these days.
Escambia	General	Our state needs to go back to work immediately! We have millions of people out of work because of government policy. This is horrible. We need to make sure this does not ever happen again! People in a free society need to be free to make their own decisions. The government should NEVER order healthy people to close their businesses or forcibly lay off millions of hard working citizens! Throughout all the viruses in the past society made adjustments but never did the government hit the stop button on society. Who thought this was a good idea? The virus is still here and millions of people are suffering because of government decisions, NOT directly because of the virus! Words we should never use again: social distancing, shelter in place, contact tracing, and all other terms that have been forced on people. We want our freedom back NOW!

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Clay	General	Good morning everyone. While we need to get everyone back to work, social gathering places should not be opened yet. Industry should be open so most everyone can get back to work. While at work forced social distancing should happen and break rooms should only be accessed to retrieve ones lunch or beverages. No tables should be present for people to sit close to each other until this passes. Let's get America rolling again safely. Thank you
Broward	Healthcare	I work in healthcare and believe we should start allowing elective medical procedures. This of course being done with CDC guidelines, but getting patients back in for procedures and treatments.
St. Lucie	Education	Dear Governor: I have owned and operated True Crew Arts & Ed, LLC for the past 14 years. We have represented Florida and the United States at World Dance Championships for over 5 years. We provide, fitness, dance, personal and health counseling and also incorporate education into our programs. I was previously a Florida Elementary educator before opening my studio and also received a Jefferson Award from Channel 25 News. I am pleading with you to allow us to RE-OPEN beginning May with specific guidelines---as my studio will not be able to survive if it does not happen soon and our studio family and community need guided activities to open for their children as well as themselves. Under your present guidelines, I am trying to offer virtual classes, to try and help keep students active and engaged and give parents a bit of a break as often as possible. This entails working 3 times the hours I normally work on my part, without personal reimbursement, but I am doing everything possible to help my studio families. Due to COVID-19 I have lost approximately, 1/3 of my families as, due to not working, they are not able to use their limited funds to pay even the 25% reduced tuition. As I still have to pay my instructors for preparing zoom classes, still pay the rent, utilities and all other monthly expense on my studio, I cannot offer these services any lower. I already charge the lowest in our County, offer multiple types of scholarships and do not require Contracts for our families. Therefore, my business is hurting even more from this pandemic, as the other studio is this area are protected by their required Contracts. I am seeing how families are beginning to feel and suffer from the stresses of virtual schooling and children are suffering as well. Parents are continually complaining about being ready to give up and stop the classes. It worries me not only for my studio, but for the safety, health and wellbeing of everyone affected, but mostly our children who are our future. I too have elderly family that I take care of on a daily basis with

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Clay	General	I feel as if all residents of Florida should be testes. Clay County only has one place to be tested. I wish they would set up more areas. This is a major concern with the residents of clay county. Why can't the farmers allow either food banks or residents come to there farms and pick the vegetables instead of tilling them over. This would be a great tax write off for their donations When we do open back up how will we know for example nail salons have sanitized there equipment in between customers. Will there be hand sanitizer to use before they start. I think you should make appointments so they can follow with the 6 feet distance. Restaurants will they have a wipe to clean the menus. I would rather stay closed till we have a 2 week period where there is no more cases or deaths. I am really concerned with people from the north coming in to stay at there summer homes. Maybe you should have the post office notify you of what we call snow birds. Here six months and then back home for six months.so they can be tested
Palm Beach	Tourism	Open Disney up may1. Mandatory blood and temperature check before entering.
Miami-Dade	General	I am a 74 year old male with underlying medical conditions. My opinion is that at least South Florida is not ready to be opened as of yet. People in this area do not respect social distancing and the virus will keep spreading killing Floridians. Please keep the rules on until residents are properly educated in enforcing the CDC rules. Thank you
Pinellas	Retail	I believe if a store can provide masks, gloves and take Temperatures of employees and customers and we are able to maintain the social distancing requirement I feel that retail should be able to open up in a controlled setting. Currently the virus can be picked up in a grocery store, gas station and any other essential business that is currently open and none of the listed above items are required during this critical time. So why wouldn't a retail store be able to open if they can provide masks, gloves and take temperatures of employees and customers? Keeping nonessential businesses closed is definitely going to be worse than the actual virus killing off people!! Most of the small businesses in the area did not get the PPP program which is absolutely ridiculous. Thank you Nadalie Brattlof
Broward	Finance	We need to address the $600 stimulus payment to unemployed self-employed Floridians. This issue needs to be address. We are hurting and suffering and the Governor is still not addressing this issue. Six weeks without a paycheck.

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Duval	General	Gov DeSantis, In the name of common sense, please open up Florida for business &b individuals. The current Government action is doing more harm than good. Thx Brian Kelly
Sarasota	General	At this time I believe only essential business should be open. Until we all can be tested we have no clue who is sick or not sick or a carrier. My father is in a senior care facility and I have not been able to visit with him for almost 2 months and I miss him very much, but we are both alive. There has to be another way to solve the problems besides taking life living risks.
Seminole	General	Before we open the state, I would like to see 50% of the population tested for corona virus 19 and 50% of the population tested for antibodies. I would like to see face coverings required in public for everyone except when exercising.
Volusia	General	We must get the economic wheels turning again while keeping everyone one as safe as possible, so social distancing, personal hygiene, and masks in public should be continued.
Duval	Recreation	Open Florida State Parks now to Florida residents.
Volusia	Healthcare	I think Florida should enter Phase 1 for reopening when daily positive cases have gone down by about 10 % daily for 1 to 2 weeks. Individuals will decide on their own anyway, how much outside exposure they want to have by going to then open places like restaurants, department stores, hair saloons, etc. We all are in this together and we will get to the other side healthy, happy and strong if we all do this right way, together. We salute all doctors, nurses, healthcare personnel and all essential service providers who are putting their lives at risk and doing a phenomenal job to protect us, so to protect them also, we all citizens have to do our part. God Bless United States of America. ususus
Broward	Retail	I think we should like Key West keep still May 31
Broward	Education	School and universities has for some time used on lines tools to teach and educate, but it needs more resources and “know how” to continue. Maybe we as a state should consider opening schools over north Florida and improving on line tools for the south, but either way the outdoors should be open now!!!

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Hillsborough	General	A good economy saves lives. Encourage safe social distancing without having businesses shut down. Any facility that has the ability to social distance should be allowed open. All small businesses, parks and recreational facilities, and bigger businesses that can limit the amount of people at once should open back up. All non-essential activities that can be done while social distancing and with a maintained cleanliness should be allowed. Examples of what should either be opened completely with social distancing or in the small phases of testing: Hair salons Zoos Retail stores Theme parks Small/family businesses Museums
Seminole	General	1.Education should continue with distance learning. 2.Retail should limit the amount of people in the stores. Everyone should wear a mask or scarf. Payments should be made with cards. 3.Manufacturing should limit amount of employees and alternate shifts. Everyone wear masks and gloves. 4. Transportation should limit the amount of people and seal off every other seating to encourage social distancing seating. 5.Real Estate should have virtual showings and meetings with clients. If a client insist on personally seeing the property, then they can get a code to have access to the property key in the a box on the property door like currently happens. If a family still lives at the property, it will be up to that family to decide if they will allow or not a showing in the case that they are the current owners of the property. 6. Hotels should not serve buffet breakfast and guests should not be allowed to use common areas. Everyone should wear masks and gloves.
Duval	General	Everyday we hear of new symptoms, everyday we still have positive tests and deaths, everyday we hear we still don't know this still is under control, we have no treatments. By shutting things down you already compromised heard immunity so we're all at risk, if this hits again which it's predicted too then what, I understand economics plays a bigger factor in this then human health, but what is another 15-30 days of lockdown, what will it matter to the economy if your citizens are ill or dead from The next go around. Governor be proactive not reactive stand apart from those the fall to the pressure of the Left. A few more weeks won't destroy the economy,but it could destroy our health and families.
Lake	Retail	Time to start opening up gradually. Not as wide open as Georgia but retail outlets must open since Florida unemployment will never pay any of us. Every republican is 100% against paying out claims so it's time to get back to work. My company is in Orange County. We need to open back up. I have 17 employees that haven't received a check from me or Florida unemployment since March.

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Citrus	General	My husband and I have been out of work for over a month and still have not received unemployment which is a disgrace. Waiting a month. Went through all our savings. So o do support opening the state as long as it is done slowly and with common sense. It's obvious we can't rely on help from state so we need to get back to work.
Manatee	Healthcare	It is important to open FL!
Pasco	General	I honestly think they are trying to open up to quickly I understand the economy is important but peoples lives are more important the money can wait i have a mom with cancer a daughter autoimmune compromised and my son is also no one where we live or around most counties take this seriously and more people are dying and being sick every day we are not ready as a team to open up this state we all should be tested first and make sure who is sick stays home and who isn't canine a little more comfortably i think everyone should be tested first you are putting peoples lives on the line for money thats pretty sad and I was hoping our government was different then that pretty sad
Miami-Dade	Food	Restaurants should open and limit indoor tables and expand onto the outdoor walkways and store front spaces to keep 50% of clients outdoors and 50% indoor with proper separation. Takeout and delivery should be encouraged utilizing waiters instead of delivery services to keeping their staff employed.
Duval	Retail	1. Tell vulnerable people to stay home. 2. Reopen businesses and require employees and customers to wear masks and practice social distancing. Restrict number of customers in a building based on square footing. 3. Reopen hotels and motels with enhanced cleaning practices. 4. Monitor rate of new virus cases and deaths for 4 weeks. If the trends are downward, lift restrictions. We must start generating tax revenue thru businesses or state and local governments will go broke and then we'll have worse issues. Let us take responsibility for our own lives. Don't insist on taking no risks.
Santa Rosa	General	Slowly reopen the economy with social distancing in place. First elective medical procedures. By remaining shut, the medical clinics and hospitals are getting crushed. Where are we in this if the hospitals shut down? The cure for this virus which affects the vulnerable is far worse than the disease. Protect the vulnerable and let the other 97% of people reopen and attempt to avoid another Great Depression.
Lake	Retail	Businesses should be able to reopen if they follow safety protocols. The entire beauty industry should be allowed to reopen. They are far more sanitary than any grocery store, gas station, or restaurant

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Palm Beach	General	There is no way Florida (especially Palm Beach, Broward, Martin, Miami-Dade) should be opening any time soon. We need more testing and we need to continue social distancing. I am appalled at the lack of scientists (epidemiologists) and medical doctors on the panel to re-open the state. This is not a partisan issue this is a health issue. We need leaders who will listen to professionals who understand the virus, not leaders who are being pushed by partisan agendas. Until there is widespread testing, of people with and without symptoms, tracing of those who were in contact with people who test positive, a solid plan for better hygiene opportunities and less crowding on school campuses and workplaces, we cannot reopen. Until there is accurate reporting of tests, accurate reporting of deaths and hospital patients, we cannot re-open.
Baker	General	not a good idea at the moment, way to soon
Pinellas	Healthcare	Dear Governor Desantis, I definitely feel that it is too soon to reopen Florida because of the continual risk of Covid19 infecting citizens. We need widespread testing and a much more definite drop in cases. If we reopen now, we will have a huge resurgence of new cases! I know that this will happen in Georgia. They have reopened too soon !Thank you so much for your concern. Best, Fred & Caroline Bennett
Broward	Tourism	Before reopening hotels to guests internationally and from other states, I believe our main focus should be to end the spread so we don't bring in people who are possibly asymptomatic and make our situation worse then it is.
Polk	General	Please follow medical advise and do not open everything up without very specific guidelines. I understand that businesses want to open but people like my husband and I who have medical conditions that this virus seems to hit hardest will not be rushing out to use these businesses. Take into consideration the great number of people with the medical conditions like us will not be able to be out until there is adequate testing which shows that we are over this. There has to be consideration for us who will be left out. There should not be a rush to open everything.
Duval	Healthcare	I first want to thank all first reponders and health care worker for doing an outstanding job. Second want to comment on the reopening of jacksonville, i think it is a mistake to reopen jacksonville so soon as we donot know if there will be another wave of this virus. You cannot predict whaypt will happen if we reopen to soon. I know everyone wants to get back to work so they can feed the family. But happens if we get hit by a second wave of this terrible virus.. then we have to start all over again, i would rather be safe than sorry in the end if we get a second wave. The old saying bad things come in threes. Sorry about the negative suggestion but lets just wait and see. Thank you and get well jacksonville

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Hillsborough	Technology	I own a small business that provides professional tax services over the internet. Myself and all of my contractors have always worked from home. In mid April, I saw demand drop off dramatically due to nobody being allowed to go to work. In turn, I have cut the hours of my web developers and other contractors. This cycle of business owners cutting hours due to low demand results in even less demand and more hours cut. It is a cycle that continues indefinitely until myself and every single Floridian is receiving unemployment. There will be no tax revenue to pay for this, because no one is allowed to work. I urge the Task Force to quickly reopen the state and restore our right to work and make a living. There are many like me that are safe at home from the virus, but are not safe from the closed state. It is time to get back to work.
Palm Beach	General	Dear Govenor, This message is to give my feedback regarding opening the Florida economy. There is enough evidence that hydroxychloroquine is effective in the treatment of this virus. And also with the other knowledge we have regarding the threat to individuals with compromised immune systems. Knowing these facts, it is time to open up the Florida economy. I am supportive of everyone wearing masks in public situations to protectThose who have secondary illnesses.. It is time to open up the economy and get people back to work. Thank you for being our esteemed and outstanding governor. I think G-d every day that you are at the helm in our state. And thank G-d that Donald Trump is our President.Trump 2020. Thank you! Anna Cohen
Gilchrist	General	You need to make everyone wear masks in Fl. To prevent the spread and protect everyone.
Palm Beach	General	We should not “reopen” Florida until health experts agree that it is safe. Lives are worth more than a momentary dip in the economy. Put people first!
Hernando	General	Thank for the chance to voice my comments. First I would like to start with I think we need to wait to open start to open Florida until at least June 8th based on the Washington university model. We have kept the numbers of sick and deaths low because we have filled recommendations. Let wait a few more weeks to ensure we don't create a second wave. People's lives are worth more then a few hotel rooms or a night out at dinner.

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Lee	General	Re-opening Florida too soon will create a set back and diminish all the sacrificing its residents endured these past weeks. In reality, re-opening should be measured by "needs" and "wants". We have to be vigilant in keeping the health and safety of evveryone before all other considerations. Florida is blessed with clean air and plenty of sunshine. A benefit that allows us to enjoy basking in the sun in our backyard and a walk around the block. We can make sacrifices to save lives. We can make sacrifices to reduce demands on hospitals. We can give rest to over worked healthcare workers. We can do a lot without feeling hungry, or lonesone, or unhappy. We can give time so our state and country can heal. We can all benefit mentally and emotionally knowing we are contributing to a higher cause. Teachers are still teaching. Food is still abundant. Doctors are accessible through tele-medical venues. Parks are open to walk and excercise people and pets. We are guided daily with information and facts to guide us. We can do this! We must do this! We need to tighten our belts and stop whining. Instead, let's appreciate what we have and live another day to enjoy it. The virus wants to stop us. Let's not let it!
Orange	General	REGARDING REOPENING FLORIDA. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE LISTEN TO THE DOCTORS AND SCIENTISTS. PLEASE OPEN SLOWLY. REQUIRE EVERYONE INSIDE THE BUSINESSES, PLACES OF WORSHIP TO WEAR MASK-CHECKING TEMPS DO NOT CATCH NON SYMPTOMATIC SPREAD. CREATE AN EASY HOTLINE OR SOMETHING SO THAT NON COMPLIANT BUSINESSES CAN BE EASILY REPORTED. MAYBE IF POSSBLE CONVERT PUBLIC DRINKING WATER FOUNTAINS INTO HAND WASHING STATIONS. LAST RAPID TESTING IN MULTIPLE LOCATIONS IN EVERY COUNTY.
Sarasota	General	Gov. Desantis, REAL DATA and FACTS from frontline doctors in California. Florida's numbers are very similar. People, especially elderly and uninformed. are understandably scared. They have been fed data that has been wrong and is changing constantly. Please, I beg you take 20 minutes and watch this. Educated, calm and loaded with verifiable data. You are an intelligent and measured man. If you see this, I know you will respond appropriately. Open up as soon as possible and you will be validated. I am a 61 year old sales consultant in an essential business that hasn't been adversely affected by this. But I know many people who have, and hardly anyone who has gotten very sick from the virus. PLEASE, PLEASE read this and don't let the fearful, who do not have these facts rule the day. Fear almost always leads to the wrong choices. Good Luck! We are praying for you.Doctors real test data on covid19. https://www.kget.com/health/coronavirus/doctors-provide-differing-opinion-on-shelter-in-place-order/ This message was sent by wcour66@yahoo.com via http://addthis.com . Please note that AddThis does not verify email addresses. To stop receiving any emails from…
Orange	General	The curve is starting to flatten, we should give it another month to be safe

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St. Lucie	Healthcare	I'm writing to ask that Florida not be reopened too soon. I know everyone is hurting now with not being able to go to work or open their businesses. But, we'll All be hurting A Lot more if this virus is spread even more because restrictions were lifted too soon. I'm not asking for this to be the "new normal", I'm only asking for a month or two. Hopefully there will be a vaccine in that time or at least the virus will have run its course. We're not going to help our economy by getting more people sick, very sick, and more people dying. I know it's impossible but having EVERY loan or bills/payments of any kind deferred or attached to the end of the loan for two months would mean no one is worried about not being able to pay their bills and they would not stress about the state being shut down. Again, I know it's not possible, but it would answer the problem of people not having money coming in.
Suwannee	General	I am for re-opening Florida. I looked at the country of Sweden, they are doing good and they never closed down anything. I also believe, from some research, that this social distancing is NOT going to prevent anyone from getting the virus, just slow it down. After researching the CDC website I found the flu causes 30,000 to 60,000 deaths per year in America alone. PER YEAR - and no one raises a fuss about that...hospitals are not overrun by that, apparently. I suspect those that would like to see America fall may NOT want the economy to re-open. This virus is a tragedy, but truly, is the cure becoming worse than the disease? What quality of life will we have if we come out of this with so many lives ruined by economic hardship when we were doing so good before all this began?
Polk	General	It is not wise to reopen Florida until there has been enough substantial testing throughout the state. It is impossible to determine proper accuracy of the virus and whether we are "out of the woods", so to speak. Without becoming aggressive with the testing. I understand the need for a reopening of the economy, however if we do this without proper and concrete statistics we could end up being in a much worse situation with this deadly virus, that does NOT at this time have a vaccine.
Marion	Retail	When you open up dmv,'s and tax collector office will they provide shields for workers and make it mandatory that only a certain amount of people may enter the building at a time
Pinellas	General	Open knowing we all have common sense. Freedom to choose freedom to choose freedom to choose. Open with all the safety guidelines in place
Hillsborough	General	Everyone going out in public should wear a mask.

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Hernando	Professional Services	Before opening Barber shops and salons please consider the lack of PPE available to us to be able to follow disinfectant and sanitation guidelines as well as social distancing requirements. With hospitals still lacking in PPE supplies I'm not sure how we can safely open. When Access to basic supplies is still proven to be near impossible to obtain . I personally need toilet paper, pump hand soap and paper towels in order to operate at just the health departments requirements. Asking me to provide masks, sanitizer and disinfecting solutions is a great start, but first I need to be able to find them!
St. Lucie	General	My fiancé and I are essential workers who come in contact with people that should be staying at home. My children, fiancé, and I take every precaution to stay safe, healthy and at a distance from others. In our county alone there isn't testing for us unless showing symptoms and yet cases and deaths are still on the rise. Please don't open the state until more testing can be done for everyone not only those with severe symptoms. Thank you Charlene Blake
Polk	General	I would like to see you open Florida up again for business with the following guidelines: 1. If you are a high-risk individual take every precaution to protect yourself. 2. If you are feeling sick or think you may have been exposed to the virus, STAY HOME. 3.Whenever possible, maintain a 6 ft. personal distance. 4.Use common sense when shopping, going to appointments and visiting with friends and family. I believe that leaving the state closed will cause far more deaths (suicide, domestic abuse, leaving medical conditions untreated, etc) than dying from this virus. I also believe that our economy and small business owners will suffer losses much greater than anything this virus can do. Please let the people go about returning to a normal life. The sooner we get people exposed the sooner we can build up our immunity to this disease. Sadly some people will die, but if we do everything we can to protect ourselves and others, we can lessen that risk.
Hillsborough	General	In order to reopen and reduce public health risk, I believe that airports need to be closed so that community infection risk is mitigated until the pandemic has resolved. Secondly, all counties should require antibody testing and for those that have test results reflective of antibodies with no active infection, a license should be provided that allows for attendance to restaurants, malls, and other businesses in closed or populated business environments that follow CDC guidelines. Each business would be required to comply with ensuring all individuals in their establishment have this license. Those who do not have a license need to follow the restrictions currently in place with facemask requirement. This allows businesses to open with consumer confidence in exposure risk and protect vulnerable populations. Additionally, vulnerable populations should not be allowed to qualify for license until vaccination is administered or pandemic has resolved.

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Hillsborough	Retail	I think the state needs to re open slowly, but needs to start to help the economy. Hold off on places that would have a harder time controlling contact with people like; gyms. But smaller retail shops that's aren't considered essential should be allowed to open because this is how people keep their families fed. As long as they can keep the social distance rule in place and keep everything clean.
Orange	Professional Services	Florida is not ready yet to reopen. I believe we should follow the same route as the schools and just remain closed until we can really see this through. This is unfortunate but I'd rather be safe and broke than sorrowful. Flu season will be upon us very soon so let's just take our time to keep people healthy.
Palm Beach	General	Working ppl of fl gave up their incomes to protect the older ppl and our health care system Ho Now it is time for the retired elders to take responsibility for their health so ppl can earn a living
Miami-Dade	General	Forida is not ready to reopen.
Sarasota	Finance	I think we should wait ti open until mid-May and should be selective in what we open. Disney and Universal should nit open until June at a minimum and parks should be only 25%capacity. Do not bow to protesters because they are a minority of the population. I hope the Governor does what is right for all of Florida.
Orange	General	The state of Florida is not ready or prepared for this type of situation.
Polk	General	STAY THE COURSE DO NOT GET CRAZY AND MORE TESTS.
Miami-Dade	Education	Make a long term plan to make class sizes smaller so kids can have more social distance when learning. Open parks and playgrounds! Staying at home stunts social development of young children. Don't make them be responsible for saving the elders. Elders can take care of themselves!!
Brevard	General	If you reopen- it will be irresponsible. Is it that you don't want to pay unemployment? This administration has handled this pandemic very poorly.
Hillsborough	Education	We have daycare centers and we need to open if possible
Pinellas	General	Do not reopen the state. Are people's lives worthless to you? Get you unemployment system working and help people. You should also be working on universal healthcare. This pandemic has shown what a mess our for profit system really is. We have an older population in this state that needs to be protected. Don't let greed guide your decision.
Orange	Professional Services	Allows gyms and martial arts academies to open! We WILL practice safer distancing and standards than any other business or should be fined or shut down! Our fitness industry is dying and we NEED to open to help others and feed our families. The time to open is NOW!

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Lake	Recreation	I think at the very least, there should be a discussion on a gradual timeline for re-opening. This would be helpful for many service workers, especially those in the wedding industry, for example. So at some point, maybe in August, maybe we open gatherings up to 50 people or less. People could make decisions about paring down events rather than cancelling completely. However, I do not think it is responsible to issue any shelter-in-place orders without a blanket of compensation for the people. It is wrong to tell them to stay home without proper compensation. Many people just can't work during this time, myself included. If people can't work, they can't pay their bills. There should be some kind of freeze on rent payments until such time that people can regularly resume earning income.
Collier	General	There is no reason for panic and fear in my opinion when Flu numbers are much higher every year and we don't shut down our economy. We should be allowed to reopen Florida and for the people who don't want it open then stay home. I am 64 years old and have not been in fear or panic mode from the very onslaught of the Covid-19 pandemic. I am hardly ever even remotely sick at all and have been out every day riding my bike and walking. It's time we are allowed freedom to choose. I appreciate that Ron DeSantis didn't shut down our state until later but now let's re-open. At the very minimum let's be in stage 1 and open. PLEASE!
Seminole	Education	I will only go to public places such as restaurants, schools, churches, the theme parks, hair salons, etc. when I am able to easily access a COVID-19 Antibody test. Until there is a vaccine or a definitive cure I will not feel safe venturing out to these public places. We need to feel safe and comfortable that we are not being exposed to this virus. It spreads when people are asymptomatic, it’s not acceptable to put people at risk!
Duval	Retail	I’m an employer at a retail store and the government still hasn’t given us unemployment and if they are not going to pay us for unemployment then let us go back to because what are we supposed to do?
Palm Beach	General	I am very concerned that there are no Drs. or other experts on Pandemics named to this task force. With the number of Universities, Medical Schools, and infectious disease experts located in Florida, surely there were candidates that could fill this void? Everything I have read says re-opening only will happen when people feel safe and confident. This task force is a complete waste of time. Why would anybody feel confident in decisions made entirely by people perceived as benefiting from their own decisions? With the only representation being from the business side, there is no way I will consider any of their decisions as being made in my best interest. If inspiring confidence was the objective they have completely failed. If the task force is sincere about wanting to safely reopen and want us to take their recommendations as sincere, then I suggest they completely reorganize and put Drs. And medical experts on the Task Force.. until then, nobody is feeling confident about anything and definitely will not be following any of their recommendations. The task force should have been completely nonpartisan and it should have been packed with medical professionals. I don’t go to my local business for medical advice, I go to my Dr. Thats the bottom line.

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Pinellas	Finance	To reopen Florida you need to resolve the FL DEO crisis. The very workers you are depending on are being denied relief due to gross mismanagement. Now, we are featured on the national news. Your actions tells Floridians and the nation whether workers are truly valued in Florida. Please intercede with the Governor to speed relief to good, faithful, and loyal Floridians. Thank-You, Daniel
Pasco	Education	Please do not open schools until we have the ability to keep people safe without any doubts in our minds. Please wait until we have a vaccine or something is developed that will keep students, faculty, and staff safe. There is no way to keep children far enough apart at all times, especially between periods when passing in the hallways. I am a teacher and have 30 or more students in a class at a time and I have no way to distance them. We do not have constant access to soap and water and will not have an adequate supply of hand sanitizer. There is no way to keep surfaces clean enough to be sure there is no transmission of the virus. There are adults and students with underlying conditions, not to mention family members we would all bring the virus home to I want so much to be back in school. I want it for my son who will be in his senior year next year. But not at the expense of lives. Please be responsible with your decision. Remember you are taking the responsibility for human lives. Think of what you would want to send your family members into and what you would want them to bring home.
Pinellas	General	Please consider a full re-opening of the State, yet provide strong guidelines pertaining to those over 65 and physically vulnerable. The facts over the past 6 weeks support the following; (1). Our most vulnerable are in the categories stated in the 1st sentence (2). Our economic support systems (unemployment, State and Federal grants - loans - etc.) have failed the overwhelming majority of Florida citizens and businesses resulting in serious financial problems for most. Our unemployed must be given a chance to earn an income and our closed businesses must be given the choice to re-open (3). Anti-virials, therapeutics and other virus cures are now available for anyone seeking that assistance. Please remove all possibilities of the civil dis-obedience we have seen in other State Capitols. Follow Georgia's lead and allow the citizens to determine what is best for their individual circumstances. Thank you for your consideration
Broward Collier	General Recreation	Way too soon to open up Florida especially South Florida As a part time Florida resident, we travel back and Forth frequently. Please allow us to observe the stay at home order the way the rest of the permanent residents do. Go to the grocery store with masks, go for a walk, purchase carry out food from local restaurants, utilize the beach with social distance, fish, go to parks, use our kayaks. As long as social distancing measures are in force. The two week quarantine should be removed as long as we are fever free with no symptoms for part time residents. We respect all the work you are doing and stay safe. Don McNair Marco Island, Fl

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Hillsborough	General	Please!! Re-open ASAP. We need income. The state of FL needs tax revenue. We are ruining our economy over a very small % of our population. I'm compassionate and don't want to see people die - but we will devastate entire future generations. Companies are going to fail and it will effect future population. Please!! Re-open FL.
Palm Beach	Government	I do not feel that Florida should reopen for business because it will put more people at risk. I am 19 and not willing to have the elderly or my best friend with type 1 diabetes or my friends mom with asthma die because we can't wait another few weeks to reopen.....
Marion	General	Let people go back to work. Businesses need to open. there just needs to be always has needed to be a bigger push for if you're sick stay home. All jobs need to open!
Duval	Healthcare	It might be a good idea to maybe have a medical expert on the panel so someone looks at the situation from something other than just a monetary point of view.
Sarasota	Education	Go slow to avoid new peak. Follow presidential guidelines!
Polk	Healthcare	I am a Healthcare professional and I am asking you to please be very careful in this process. I know the general public wants to open up but they have not seen how gravely ill these patients get in a short amount of time. I understand keeping things closed is bad for the economy but we have tested so little of our population to truly see how bad the threat is. We need to test more people and have more numbers before we proceed with anything.
Pinellas	Professional Services	Do not open the State, lets focus on keeping people safe. At very minimum follow thr guidelines set by Dr. Fauci!
St. Lucie	General	I think we can be responsible about re opening the businesses. Tell restaurants to use every other table and keep people apart. Let stores open up and people can wear facecoverings and stay 6 feet apart. Beaches and parks can open. With the understanding people must social distance and not crowd together. The elderly and immunocompromised can be cautioned to stay inside and avoid unnecessary travel until there is a vaccine or an area has established herd immunity. Schools can open but less children per class so they aren't crowded together. Good hand washing and cough etiquette can be taught. If sick stay home. We as a state can't stay closed till a vaccine. Yes there will be risks but there are risks everyday normally. Just be causious and sensible.

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Seminole	General	As a Manager in the Hospitality Industry, working on International Drive in Orlando, Florida, there is probably no area that has been hit harder. I would not recommend opening up the state at this tune. I know how much of a service industry our beautiful state is, I've lived my entire life here, born and raised. Graduated fruition UCF, and have been in the hospitality industry for over 25 years, over 18 managing. I just don't believe putting our elder population, which our others mothers, fathers, grandmothers, and grandfathers at risk. We open up the state allow people to get back doing what they do while this virus is still spreading at the pace that it is we are putting many at risk. Trust me,I am an ancient gym goer, I want the gyms open as soon as possible. But I can't help but think about the others being put at risk until the spread of the virus really drops. It will be a much worse situation if we reopen then have to shut it down again. We have people that have it and spread it, not even knowing they have it, because they have a strong immune system. This is putting those less fortunate in terms of their current health condition at risk. Sincerely, Michael Shearin
Orange	Tourism	Our state has been greatly impacted by the crippling of the hospitality industry. I am part of that industry and have been so for over 20 plus years. I would like to see Orlando lead by example as we have done many times over in the face of adversity and crisis. We need to send a message to our citizens, our state, our country, and the world that there is life beyond this pandemic. This is a perfect opportunity for all our travel partners to join together to roll back pricing so that families can afford our hotels and theme parks. We need to develop practices if sanitizing the attractions, the food venues, and our resorts. We need to put in place a monitoring system for those coming into the theme parks and provide our guests with knowledge, as well as our team members to assure each every measure for safety is taken. Please open our state and our tourism industry by leading a campaign for a safer and secure future for our families and our friends across our beautiful state from our ports of call where our cruise line partners call home, to our sandy beaches, to our fantastic dining, and our recreation facilities including our theme parks. We cannot be afraid to face tomorrow. We must be bold and brave... we must bask in the sunshine and let it renew our souls.
Volusia	Healthcare	I think it is too soon quite yet to reopen the state. I think we need a few more weeks of seclusion.

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Brevard	General	The people of Florida seem to be in disagreement like many things. I think something that people can agree on is that they wish to resume their normal lives as such. Small businesses are doing just fine with people ordering take out in Brevard county. So it seems to always be packed with car lines. Small businesses have received government funding so to reopen because small business is hurting is not so accurate. In my opinion I think the state of Florida should slowly re-open. But with the reopening comes restrictions. Tourists should still not be allowed to enter the state of Florida and it should be residents only and strictly enforced. Florida is a destination to MANY and especially during the summer months. Even if my opinion gets over looked please diligently think about all options and pros and cons. It could be your family member that gets sick or does from this virus. Things aren't even obtainable to keep ourself safe like hand sanitizer and lysol. Heck even toilet paper. So please make sure everything is well stocked first and obtainable before decided to re-open the state of Florida. Thanks for listening.
Hillsborough	Government	Please reopen Florida. The death rates of this virus are inflated 1. Because not everyone has been tested, 2) People who may have died from heart attacks or other who then tested positive for the virus are being classified as coronavirus. The long term impacts of keeping the economy closed, schools closed and sheltered in place are far worse. Prisoners are being released and committing more crimes, our 401k and retirement plans, bankruptcies, increase in child and spousal abuse, increase in drinking and related diseases, obesity. I could go on....
Brevard	General	OPEN quickly for people to have the opportunity to earn money for food and bills. OPEN for businesses to employ people, keep all economies going. ALLOW those who wish to stay home if high risk or in fear.
Palm Beach	General	My opinion is that each county has to be treated differently. Masks should be mandatory in all areas to protect one another. Not wearing one is exposing germs to others. Also temperatures should be taken before entering businesses. I don't feel Palm Beach county is ready to open. If the beaches open , distancing will not be followed ! Maybe golf courses could open sooner . Really not sure how to keep pre schoool age children away from each other at a summer camp setting. Many have grandparents at their homes which can be detrimental to them. There are so many factors to consider , however our positive numbers keep rising in this county . Until there is a definite downturn is numbers , I feel we may set ourselves back if things open too soon. Thank you for letting me voice my thoughts.

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Polk	Finance	We need to open back up!!! The people who got lost in the system that are still waiting for unemployment and anything and everything else like myself have fallen so far in debt it's going to take a miracle to get out of!!!! I was laid off on 3/20/20 and I have not received any info on my unemployment and bc I do owe a debt with child support I didn't even get a stimulus. I'm scared! I'm broke and I worked so hard to be where I was! And everything is down the drain! I'm mentally tired and I just want to go back to normal..:
Orange	Tourism	Have Disney stop security from putting their bare or gloved hands in every persons bag, purse, etc. and touching all the items. They are safer with gloves on but their hands digging into bag after bag puts the public at risk. They touch everything inside and then move onto the next bag spreading germs along the way. Maybe they should join this century and install x-ray screening machines like their biggest competitor has been doing for quit some time. Just a thought.
Bay	Tourism	We own a beachfront vacation rental and lost all of our May rentals. Bay County has very few cases of Covid. Please consider opening up vacation rentals in Bay County. The area is so dependent on tourism. Give people a chance to make up their own minds about whether they want to risk travel. Let our area be one of your test areas. See if people will follow social distancing guidelines. No matter when we reopen, the virus will be among us. We can't stay locked down forever.
Broward	Government	Please consider ending this shutdown as I fear we have reached the tipping point where the shutdown is now causing more harm then the virus . Our hospital infrastructure is good. I would also like to see more public education about why there was a shutdown as people seem to think it was about them not every coming into contact with virus! We have PPe we have beds and we have nurses! I am one of them and I my job has been negatively impacted Warmly Katelyn
Jackson	Education	Greetings, Please base all decisions on what is best for the taxpayers and not corporations. Please do not take a meat axe to Public Education Funding. This incidence has proven what school mean to a community. The JCSB has provided tens of thousands of meals to our communities. Teachers have worked tirelessly to keep our student tethered to their education. Stop sending money to shady charter and voucher schools. Save another billion or two by abstaining from testing for the next two school years. Also, y'all need to do a whole lot better by our state workers.

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Hillsborough	General	Hi, I think that the governor and task force should not begin the reopen until at least mid may. I am not a dr or scientist, just an average citizen who is a data nerd and works with data in my job. It just concerns me based on the data we have and more so the data that we DO NOT have that we are going to start reopening without a more extensive and robust testing program. Right now you can only get tested if you have symptoms but we know that there are a large amount of people who test positive and don't have symptoms. Once we have a robust testing program in place I understand slowly reopening but feel that we are just not there yet statewide. I know your jobs are not easy, thank you for your work for Floridians.
Baker	Food	Florida's economy needs to get started sooner than later. At least on a limited basis.
Broward	General	Open Broward up, already. We've been lied to from everyone at WHO, the CDC, the FDA etc. What happened to "only 14 days so hospitals aren't overwhelmed?" Sure just keep moving the goal posts and they'll be no small businesses left in this county. This was ass-backwards from the start, you quarantine the sick NOT the healthy. Until March 2020 I thought I lived in a free republic, not Cuba.
Duval	General	Nail salons and dog groomers should be open on a limited basis.
Lee	Government	No, not yet. I feel it is to soon. Let's see exactly what the virus is doing, as in still spreading or not. If not still spreading, than in June 1st. would be a very good time to concider. An increase in people getting the virus would be bad, if we open up the state too soon. Be safe not sorry not sorry. Safety first, for all.
Lake	Tourism	It is vitally important that our government come up with a throughly thought out plan! Working at Walt Disney World, I miss making magic for our guest and can't wait till the day I can start doing it again, however I feel if we reopen too soon, people from areas in our country and around the world that are still deal with large out breaks will come and our second wave will be even worse than our first. This is definitely a time to error on the sude of caution even if it is to an extreme!
Sarasota	General	The current open beach policy is only good if you already live on the beach. As a 70+ disabled veteran who lives 3 miles from the beach, not being able to park my car or sit on the beach 10+ feet from other beach goers is discouraging. What's the harm when Venice is not known as a young person destination. Its demographic is mostly gray hairs like me. Let us sit and enjoy the waves and sunsets from a comfortable beach chair, distanced from others.
Broward	Administrative	The go enter needs to fix unemlyment. People are begging for food as you are refusing to address the problems. Stop worrying about maki g the president happy and give the people their money so they can live with respect
Pasco	Education	If we closed schools with MUCH LOWER Coronavirus numbers then it makes no sense to open schools (now or in August) with MUCH HIGHER Coronavirus numbers. There are too many lives at stake.

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Polk	Government	If you can guarantee or promise people that it's actually safe to reopen then yes I support it. I know people need a stable income and have bills to pay, but I know you can't say those words to us Floridians so I don't agree with rushing back to open the possibilities that it's not over or has it slowed down enough to open stores. A shark can still sense blood in the water just because you don't see it doesn't mean we are safe to just jump on in.
Pinellas	General	Generally feel it's to soon to open up beaches for full activity as well as bars/restaurants. It would put an unnecessary strain on police to try to enforce social distancing guidelines
Orange	General	I believe It is too early to open up the state and by doing so would jeopardize the lives of Floridians. We are a tourist state and people from all over the world come here. FL might be flattening the curve but many other places are not. We see on the news everyday people protesting, not following the rules, risking the lives of others. It's sad to be living near people who don't care about their neighbors The governor needs to fix the unemployment payment situation and get people their money and that will help calm people down.
Flagler	General	Reopening the State of Florida to 100% operations would be negligence. As of today there is no vaccinations for COVID-19 and prematurely opening Florida would increase the spread of this deadly virus resulting in more deaths. Economics should not be more important than humanity.
Duval	Transportation	It is too soon to open up Florida, especially daycares and schools. Florida has an elevated population of individuals deemed High Risk for severe complications of COVID-19. Is the Florida government ready to have thousands of deaths on their hands, by making knee jerk reactions? The safety of Florida residence should be the priority over finances. Additionally, make the unemployment website a priority. I am a manager of a major airline and my team is suffering by the lack of unemployment assistance. Our company has reduced employees hours by 25%, and the individuals that voted you into office are suffering. Our counterparts in all other 49 states are receiving UI benefits, while those that live/work in Florida continue to suffer. Please follow suit with your counterparts in other states and pay those in financial need. Do the Right Thing, no the popular thing.

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St. Johns	General	We need to get things open now. People are suffering not solely due to the virus. There will always be virus or something that can kill. We can not continue to hide under our beds. People are losing their lively hoods. We are getting to a point where we may not be able to return. I am very concerned about peoples mental health. We already know abuse and suicides are increases. This is not acceptable. We are trading off how one person may die for another. Death is death but if we make the situation worst then what. I dont want anyone to die but it is a part of life unfortunately. The media has scared people way too much. Sure this is scary but now will people go out even if you do open up businesses. Our numbers in Florida have been low this whole time. We are testing so many people. just because the number of positive goes up does not mean it is getting worse. We are just confirming who has it. I guarantee if we tested like this during flu season our numbers would be off the charts. Just because you get it does not mean it is a death sentence. We all know that the majority of people who get it are just fine. I strongly believe 2 things , we will find out it is not as deadly as we thought as we eventually test every one and our warm weather is what helped to not make us a new York. The first thing i looked at when this started was our temps compared to NY. They were in the 30s and 40s while we were in the 70s and 80s. As the leader you have done an excellent job at keeping us safe now you need to ensure people it is safe to go back out. I think those who we know are at risk need to stay home but the rest of us do not. The data has shown we are fine and we will be fine. Will it come back it the fall, yes. It is never going to go away but now like the flu we understand it. Time to move on. I am ready and not worried. Please open florida back up now.
Brevard	General	Being a person with many underlying health issues I do not think we are ready to reopen I think we need to wait until we are on the downward side of the curve. Social distancing has saved many Floridian lives. Let us NOT risk more by opening too early
Lee	Government	Do not open now wait till June 1st
Lee	General	Do not reopen yet! My two biggest concerns are if you reopen it requires a lot of people to return to work but what do we do with our kids? How is the kids being unsupervised going to impact our already tired emergency response and medical persons? Their exhaustion is my other concern. The numbers are far from under control. Listen to scientist and medical persons, not people only interested in making more money! Treat people with more kindness and compassion!
Citrus	Recreation	My thoughts are just try to start opening the parks & bike trails.. schools stay closed, restaurants & bars stay closed.. we are still in danger of some people not even knowing if they have the virus , this is more so too early open everything in our county, reopen very slowly as again not sure who really has the virus & not complying with the Stay at Home order that's already been in effect.. I know people want to work but get back to work & be safe & secure.
Pasco	Tourism	I think that floridians should be able to travel within the state and be able to secure vacation rentals within the state.

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Brevard	Food	I'm very sure that you won't read this. I'm not going to rip into you for the FL DEO UI debacle, but please understand that when you won that election, that meant from that point forward that the buck stops with YOU. You have let your state down and you has better do everything in your power to make it right. You, as the Governor of Florida, are responsible for its citizens. Act like it. I will no longer claim to be proud to live in this state. My husband and I are both "essential" workers, he in automotive and myself, I work in a local Melbourne restaurant. I'm not a Mathmetician. BUT I do pay attention. I'm concerned our numbers in Brevard County are not right. I am concerned we have not tested enough considering the issue of asymptomatic carriers. I'm out in public...I see people not being careful! I have to stay at my job part time and potentially expose myself to keep my job. We have a teen daughter at home. Her health and safety are our #1 priority. She's depressed. She misses her friends but we, as a state, are not ready. The majority of the people I know do not have the leave of confidence needed for us to properly reopen our businesses and state. It has to be done RIGHT. It can't be done "half-assed." MY family and YOUR family DEPEND ON IT. I'm not against reopening, but PLEASE listen to the health professionals too? PLEASE.
Brevard	General	Do not reopen Florida, until we have a sufficient reduction in covid 19 cases over time. (around June 15.). Provide access to covid 19 testing to about 25% of the Florida population to determine real extent of covid in Florida's population. Take care of the most vulnerable Floridians. Take immediate action on the prison populations to keep the covid in check. Do something about Tomoka prison, where there is an extremely high covid outbreak.
Seminole	General	Please reopen the economy. There are over a dozen anti-body academic studies and journals that confirm this virus has a very low mortality rate. The public health policies based in one size fits all approaches and fear of the unknown, are not only illogical, they are having a real negative impact in our lives, mental and physical health. The cure should not be worse than the disease. What's more, the data confirms that this trampling of our civil rights is unjustified. Come May 1st, my family and many we know will no longer comply. We'll do our part to avoid contact with the most vulnerable populations who would be severely impacted by the disease, but it is they who should isolate themselves. How many have to lose their livelihoods, starve and or lose hope before we snap out of this?

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Palm Beach	General	We need to reopen, essential workers are not getting or dying from covid19 by the handful my self personally have been out of work 37 days no unemployment filled a claim and its not even been processed because it says the year 2014. Social security wages are slowly deleting another month that will be non existent and the people at risk now will not have that. We need to reopen to the people that are healthy and able to work this is America if I want to go to work men died for us to have the right. If you want to stay at home you can if not during this time the grocery stores have been full wal mart is the most dangerous place to visit one see all the people their workers are not dying by the handfuls or the people their. Reopen us for business it's a crime at this point and the people in that state are suffering.
Hillsborough	Tourism	At this time has there been any input from executives at Disney regarding reopening the parks, and what sort of timeframe may we be looking at for a phased reopening of the theme parks?
Brevard	General	Do not reopen until their is proof of higher immunity within our county. Do not open state again until June. Do not take a chance with a second worse way of covid.
Sarasota	General	I do not feel that Florida should re open right now. We are still seeing an increase in COVID cases. There are people that are still not taking social distancing very seriously or take COVID very seriously. I am a mother with 2 young kids and I am severely immunocompromised to a point 2 doctors told me if I contract COVID I will die. If the state reopens my husband goes back to working with the general public on a daily basis. Though we have been very smart and taken every pre caution there is still a chance of him getting COVID and even bringing it home. What about households with chronically sick children? Why should they have to jeopardize thier Children's lives? Everything that is essential is open. People have what they need. For the unemployed, they need to be getting thier unemployment hassle free, sounds like that hasnt been the case. Please take into consideration that COVID has no limit. It doesn't care if you are 35 or 65, healthy or sick. Please I am asking you to leave the stay at home order. Some of our lives are dependent on it.
Broward	General	Listen to the people not the politicians. We aren't ready, we are scared. You open you things up too quickly people will get sick. You open up things when people don't feel say, those places will sit empty. For the first time ever, can we get this right.
Hillsborough	Construction	Re-open Florida. It should never have been closed in the first place. The governments' reaction at all levels (local, state, federal) went too far, ruined the economy, and probably did not have any greater effect in containing the spread of the virus. Monitor and mitigate where there are greater areas of virus infections and let the rest of the State get back to work.
Palm Beach	Healthcare	Not yet,
Duval	Government	Please open a DMV for titles. It could be by appointment only. I've purchased a mobile home for my mother from a non dealership. I have the title in hand just need to have it transfer to my name. Thanks Kathy Walker

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Pasco	Healthcare	Open hospitals to elective surgery. Most people do not have any idea what "elective" means. Healthcare industry is having serious financial problems, broad layoffs, furloughs and closings. Something must be done to keep the healthcare industry viable. It is dying from the inside out. Open restaurants and recreation facilities like bowling centers with occupancy limits, outdoor use, and some common sense. I am 65 years old, work full time and refuse to live in fear.
St. Lucie	General	I do not support a general "re-opening" of the Florida businesses without appropriate testing regimes in place as well as the first requirement of the federal guidelines which call for a 14 day decline in new covid-19 cases. No state in the union has met this criteria and certainly not Florida. The state has to 1) fix the disastrous unemployment process and/or 2) start to provide grants/loans to businesses similar to the federal SBA paycheck protection loans. Selective openings of beaches in Jacksonville for example could be ok as long as the public coperates but certainly you would not want to re-open beaches in Miami while the virus is still raging down there. This pandemic is far from over despite assertions to the contrary from some Florida politicians. Don't be stupid. Find the funds to help those most affected and protect the rest of us by staying under the coronavirus restrictions that have shown to be effective worldwide until we see the "flattening of the curve" as in California, Washington State and countries such as New Zealand. Dollars can be replaced. Lives cannot. The statement that the "cure cannot be worse than the disease' is a specious argument. Please don't listen. FYI I am a retired nurse practitioner with 20 years history working in public health in Florida.
Sumter	Finance	We need to get back to some normalcy that we can. If we continue to be out of work the economy is going to be to far gone to fix. People are worried about losing houses and cars and 401ks. People that I have talked to are getting depressed. It's time to open Florida
Brevard	General	Please open the State back up. There are thousands of businesses that need to re-open. This is no different than the flu. It was blown way out of proportion. If people want to continue to quarantine then they can do so on their own. Thanks
Palm Beach	Recreation	Open all outdoor activities now. Use evidence of reduced transmission risk outdoors in warm temp & high humidity to justify. Means S. Fl beachs, parks, golf courses open. Do it by next weekend. Open outdoor diners, restaurants now. Restrict indoor capacity for restaurants if evidence actually supports this. No nazi police enforcement of anything. Inform the public of actual risks (not NY numbers) and let them make informed decisions for themselves. Explain results of Miami antibody test (mortality actually 0.17) to reduce fear. Explain this widely and publicly.

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Duval	Recreation	I would like to thank the governor and the task force for all of the week they have done during this crisis. I believe the crisis has been handled well, however it is time to start opening back up. In terms of recreation, I believe that gyms and small businesses (hair and nail salons, tattoo parlors, etc.) should be able to open now. I do believe we should still practice social distancing in these areas and limit the number of people inside (similar to how we were before the lockdown was initiated). My, as well as many others, mental and physical health has deteriorated a large amount and we are ready to get back to normal. Suicide and domestic abuse rates have skyrocketed and they will only get worse if businesses and beaches do not open soon. I hope you do read my message and truly consider what I, and so many others are requesting. Thank you again for your time. Please open up the state.
Palm Beach	General	US HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WANTS TO GRADUATE AND AT LEAST HAVE A PROM. A lot of kids spent over $800 for that we won't be having. It's our last couple of weeks in school at least let us have it and a TRADITIONAL GRADUATION.
Manatee	General	I feel it is to soon to open florida. With other states opening others are going to flock to Florida. Our numbers are going to continue to grow and florida residents are subject to greater risks. Please hold off a little while longer. It's not about money, it's about lives.
Pasco	Healthcare	I believe a gradual opening of the state two weeks following a decline in Covid-19 would be acceptable.. I could see opening Restaurants, gyms and nail salons, because the owners could control placement. However I would also anticipate a pike in Covid following the opening of these facilities. I would then open barber shops and beauty salons., theaters. Mandate that people wear masks when out in public.. Thank you for asking for input from the public. You're doing a great job in a difficult situation.
Pinellas	Professional Services	I would like to return to work but or until healthcare experts say it is safe to do so. It is not as important for me to work as it is to keep myself and my family healthy. Additionally, the decisions has been made for children to not return to school for the remainder of the year. Therefor, we should be encoring the stay at home prefer until May 29th when the school year ends to allow parents to finish the curriculum.
Columbia	Education	I work in the Baker County School district and have been allowed to work from home. I am 55, have diabetes and high blood pressure. I am concerned about going back to soon but understand that we need to get the economy back working. Is it possible to test all the essential employees first and then see how many are infected with no symptoms or had a mild strain and have recovered? I pray for safety and wisdom for everyone tasked with making such important decisions. Thank you for all that you are doing.
Osceola	Tourism	Osceola and Orange County should not open up.

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Brevard	Manufacturing	I am in aerospace and will be returning to work later rather than sooner. It is not safe. Maybe people would listen if there was a medically minded person or scientist on the "Re-Open Task Force". People who own mega resorts, Walmart, drugstores, and money makers do not speak for the working class who are to "re-open Florida" at the risk of their own life. FIX THE UNEMPLOYMENT SITE. Pay people from Day 1. Furloughed aerospace employees are NOT ABLE to get benefits now because we have to provide employment that we aren't looking for.
Hillsborough	General	My thoughts are coming from so many with compromised immune systems being that I jand family with MS. I feel strongly that opening up any business where you cannot serve your client further than 6ft. apart isn't safe at this time. I also feel opening places for large gatherings is not safe. If we start altering large gatherings in business then people will feel even more empowered to have home gatherings. I realize we need people to have jobs back but if it's just going to cause s possible spike in The Virus again we have gotten no where.
Alachua	Education	I believe public health and safety should be the number one concern as Florida reopens. Businesses should be opened in order of risk. It is impossible to maintain social distance during a haircut, but easier in a bookstore or yarn shop. I do think that medical services are needed. My daughter had a seizure and cannot have an MRI right now. I'm a teacher and I miss my students. Online teaching is just not the same as being in the classroom together. As much as I would love to be back in school, please remember that many teachers and support personnel are at high risk for several complications from COVID-19. Additionally many children live with grandparents, another high risk group. Please remember that public health is more important than money. Thank you for your work in getting Florida open again.
Miami-Dade	Healthcare	I am a 68 year old women living with my 69 year old husband in Kendall. We have lived here since 1978. I am not comfortable with the idea of opening up our state. It is too soon. There are still many new cases in my area. I do not know anyone that has been tested including myself and my husband and the majority of our friends are in our age group.
Polk	Recreation	My suggestion to fully reopen the beaches. We go to Clearwater Beach often and always rent a 2 person cabana. For anybody that wants to just set on the beach they must rent a cabana. You are not allowed to bring your own chair to the beach. The cabana’s could be spaced out for social distancing. This would limit the amount of people on the beach and also add a little bit of revenue to the city.
Palm Beach	General	Please strat open the economy with control and safety asap.

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Orange	General	Opening places before June is asking for a second wave of people getting sick and potential deaths. We need to focus on getting people tested for the antibodies and go from there. Nobody needs a haircut or to go have mimosas at brunch with the girlfriends that badly. Also, with school now online for the remainder of the school year, many parents may find themselves scrambling for child care if they have to go back to work. It's not the most important aspect but something to still think about.
Lee	Agriculture	I work for a popular landscape company here in fort myers and I think it's ridiculous to start opening things up again. I haven't seen people wearing masks or social distancing. The gas stations the grocery stores, here in the Iona area we have 3 Publix's that cater to our area and all have had reported cases of covid19. People tie there boats up on the beach and are laying out and hanging in groups on the Sanibel causeway islands, people just aren't that concerned. It worries me to open everything g back up again
Polk	Recreation	I am in favor of opening up parks with proper social distancing. Not everyone has nice areas to run and enjoy the great outdoors at home. Also, has elective surgeries started again?
Broward	Education	For schools reopening in the fall, classsize, carline, cafeteria, and PPE has to be a major factor. Classes with 20+ students and a teacher would by a virus breathing ground. Not everyone will have access to PPE or even home made versions to get them through the normal school day. Even the carlines have to be reconsider because staff open doors for students , shake parents hands, etc. The cafeteria has to have 2 grade levels at a time that's approx. 300 students in our school. Too many individuals will be gathered together at one time. Everyone would need to wear gloves and mask everyday.
Hillsborough	General	The infection rate is continuing to grow in Florida and even considering reopening the State borders on criminal.
Palm Beach	Retail	I am a small retail business owner in Boca Raton. I have 9 employees that depend on their jobs to support their families. I've been forced to close because of the virus. I applied for the PPP program the same day it opened, but we weren't one of the lucky ones. I am paying my staff out of our reserves so they can pay their bills, but the money is running out. I don't know what to do, I love my staff like family. But we need our business to open so we can try to catch up. I want them to have jobs to return to, but if we keep depleting our savings, I'm not sure what it'll mean for us going into the slow summer months when I usually count on those reserves to get us through. Please, please reopen the state. Have the old and the vulnerable quarantine, let the rest of us out. We need to work and resume life.
Collier	Healthcare	Nothing should open til there's two weeks of no new cases

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Clay	Finance	I am an essential employee and am very lucky to go to work to provide care for the injured and being home my paycheck to continue to provided for my household. The economy has to open back up I watch these people struggle. Even though we are working on unemployment , tax checks food banks, none of this happening fast enough. I understand it's complicated but businesses are essential. Leave the bars closed the big grandstands empty but open up with restrictions for safety to all of these other businesses. One person in a place getting a tattoo won't be the spreader. Floridians know the risk and for the most part I do believe they will take precautions Open May 1st . and if needed keep those hard hit areas closed like broward Miami dade. ... a car dealer is essential? but getting an actual hair cut is not? Fyi your doing the best job in a very difficult situation
Pinellas	General	Do not reopen this state, you must be stupid, listening to donald trump will get the people of this state killed, close the beaches you morons. Fl has not peaked yet from this disease and will resurge if you open to soon. do you want more american lives ended because you reacted poorly. Even listening to the public is stupid, listen to doctors, and scientists .
Brevard	General	The science tells us there is much unknown about this virus but a likely second round. The Governor's job is to make the best decisions for the safety of the citizens whom a majority are elderly. The right decision is to stay closed as long as possible. I live with my elderly father and my 5 year old son who is immunocompromised. If things reopen I will remain sheltering in place. If nothing else I hope their are options to protect our loved ones should we choose.
Palm Beach	General	Please re-open beaches in Palm Beach county. Please also allow businesses to reopen. Social distancing should be maintained, so eat in restaurants and bars will need to adjust accordingly. Same with golf and tennis. Please continue to encourage -- and encourage businesses to encourage / require -- use of masks. But, finally, don't FORCE people to wear masks. You can't fix stupid, and stupid people will continue to be stupid.
Hillsborough	General	Reopen economy. Shelter in place is a hazard it weakens immune systems. Far more people/businesses are suffering from the closure than ever will from covid19. Closure is killing Florida. Two words Herd Immunity. I'm 48 with heart disease, cancer survivor, and border line diabetic. I'm an essential worker been in it since day one. Working 55hrs a week delivering essential supplies to families across Florida. I frequent grocery stores 4 times a week for my family's food I frequent gas stations for fuel for work and personal vehicles. I also order takeout from restaurants. This closure is doing more harm than good. If I with all my under lying conditions can do it so can others.

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Sumter	Recreation	Hello, Please open all of the Florida state parks ASAP! My hope is that the park rangers have taken this down time to perform ALL of the deferred maintenance and the restocking of cabin amenities. Thank you. Rodger "Skip" Breese
Brevard	Retail	From my point of view here in Brevard County I feel opening the retail stores with caution meaning wearing masks, social distancing would work. Grocery stores have more people than the retail stores have shopping. The retail stores need to unload their seasonal merchandise now & create sales tax for the state. Holding back & not opening serves no reasoning. People are being very cautious when in stores so opening up the retail is what the people & state need now. Thank you for your consideration Debby Keating
Pinellas	General	i am a mother to 3 children , a mainline worker for a mcfonalds inside a walmart and have been in pinellas county my entire life . everywhere i look i see we are flattening the curve we at one point were close to 10/11 percent of posetive tests ... as of 4/25/2020 we are at 9.2 percent . we are doing something right . do i think we need to open everything up immediatly NO , however i do believe we need to open up those that can safely open up ... maybe more retail stores , malls , elective surgeries , pools , parks .... maybe not the playgrounds yet but the parks , pools , this is killing us more then Covid is , my ablitiy to provide for my children has been cut in half unemployment is no help as you cant even get through , millons of us havent gotten our stimulus yet as the portal for it is severally broken . we need your help we are willing and want to go back to work , i think we are ready for phase 1 of the presidents plan .... maybe phase 2 in june .

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Brevard	Government	I am an attorney in the Florida criminal court system. Our court system is important and I think the current decision to run most courts on minimal operations for essential proceedings only has been working pretty well. I am worried that we will rush right back into crowded courtrooms in the beginning of June when courts are scheduled to reopen. I think it would be helpful to put significant limits on the number of people allowed to be in the courtroom at the time. Currently, on days with busy dockets like arraignments, my courtroom can be very full. Many strangers have to sit right next to each other to wait for their case to be called. It would be impossible to keep six feet apart on days like this unless not everyone is allowed to be in the same room at once. Another big day in criminal court is docket sounding, also known as pretrial conference (a status date to see which cases are ready for trial where there are routinely over a hundred cases on the docket). I have heard of some judges long before this crisis conducting a virtual version of this court proceeding. Attorneys ask for a continuance or to set it for trial or plea via efiled motion, and State and defense are to communicate with each other through email/phone before this happens. This would not only be efficient, but also safer! Finally, in my circuit we have been addressing inmates with videoconferencing tools instead of transporting them from the county jail to the courthouses. I believe this should continue for at least a few months to eliminate the possibility that an inmate could contract the virus from court personnel and introduce it back into the jail.
Broward	Tourism	With all due respect it would be foolish to reopen South Florida at this time. All the hard work of staying at home will be for nothing if we open businesses especially businesses such as massage places, nail and hair salons, tattoo places, malls these are businesses where the CDC guidelines cannot be applied. This virus will flare up again and we will have more DEATH'S. Yes it's hard not having a paycheck but you won't need one when you are dead, so let's use some common sense and do this right. This is not about the popular vote this is about doing the right thing for the Florida Community.
Pasco	Healthcare	We still need to be cautious. I am working with social distancing measures put in place. I don't see why everyone shouldn't be able to work with social distancing measures. My workplace has put people on shifts, so we aren't all in the building at the same time. Those who can are working from home. There is lots of cleaning going on, and we must stay 6 feet away from each other. If people can follow those rules, they should be allowed to work, if they can't follow those rules, send them home! Honestly, going grocery shopping scares me more than going to work.

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Pasco	Food	I think waiting to much longer to open is gonna do more harm than good. I'm a registered Republican and small business owner for a mobile DJ service specializing in weddings and corporate events. Not only am I out of work but I also didn't see a dime to help my business stay afloat. I take care of my elderly mother as well. Although I have money put aside, I'm exhausting my savings and honestly cannot survive e much longer. Many more ppl are in the hospitality business that are hurting worse than I am. Our Florida economy leans a lot on bars and restaurants and I feel we need to take action to return to normalcy soon or face an even bigger problem than this virus. Elderly and high risk ppl should remain inside but us healthy, hardworking American need to return to the dignity of work. I have faith that you will make the right decision for us.
Hillsborough	General	Thank you for providing a portal for comments. First and most it has been a trying time with the Covid 19 and unemployment challenges, but needless to say it was to be handle as it has. My two concerns as follow, when Tampa reopens and the virus is still in our area, how can we maintain a distance and mask covering when it has not really worked since the stay at home order? When I go out to shop for food, I see people gathering to close and no protection wear. I went to take a walk for the first time in the Riverwalk and people were too close for comfort. When the restaurants opens, what assurance do we have that the distance will be monitored? I am for opening, but there needs to be order in place for our protection, I am a senior and with health issues. The other matter is unemployment, how can one person that filed in March has not received payments and another person who filed April 10 has already received the $600 and the $275? I filed two weeks ago and know it will take a bit, but the scenario mentioned makes no sense. Please help the people who put you in office, we need assurance on these matters. Thank you. Gloria
Broward	General	As an RN, I strongly feel no decisions should be made without the input & recommendations of medical professionals. They are the ones who are qualified to know best practices to control infection spread.
Columbia	Government	I have been a citizen of Florida for 35 years I do NOT want our state to open right now. We need to do this slowly and with science backing our decisions. My elderly mother, aunt, grandmother, etc. live here and I don't want the chance of infection to rise and they pay the price, just like the third of the elderly that make up this state's population. I myself have a compromised immune system that puts me at higher risk as well as two small children. I implore you to move slowly. Keep the beaches and parks, state and otherwise closed. Also, Governor Desantis, raise the unemployment rate. It's an embarrassment that we don't help our Floridians properly during this time. In conclusion, please do what is right and safe.
St. Lucie	General	I think we do need to work on opening back up, however I believe it needs to start slowly. I believe south county, Palm Beach, Broward and Miami/Dade is not there yet. Meaning start in the areas where the counts are low but for now hold off on south county. The last thing that us needed is resurgence.

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Pinellas	General	I think it's important to start allowing business that can safely reopen and follow social distance practice. For restaurants and bars, I think you could lower occupancy and have patrons be spaced apart. I also think that hours of operations should be shortened to allow ample time for Cleaning. With so many people that haven't received any types of payment in almost two months the ability to go back to some sort of work or have the ability to find temporary work is very important. Parks and beaches should also reopen with distancing measures in place as it's important for individuals to be able to have places to exercise. If you look at Sweden they didn't have a total economic shutdown and are in the same place , Florida is. I believe if you tell people to stay home if they are at risk, let those that aren't start going out with mask and protocols in place.
Marion	General	We need everything to open back up. It is not fair to anyone. So many want to go back to work. Local businesses are failing. It should be a choice to stay home or not. This should never have been enforced even loosely like this. So many that say they are taking precautions, are doing so in the worst way. With miss use of all protective equipment. So they mine as well not even use it. Please it's been long enough. Basically since March 17th. That was the 5pm start. Then quickly by the 20th you closed it down. April 30th will have been more than long enough. I'm a responsible adult. Let me make my choices on my own. And have options to my disposal.
Seminole	Agriculture	Not only agriculture,but, small businesses as well. Agriculture should be given high priority & then small businesses such as family owned shops. Not necessarily just restaurants, , nail, salons, hair salons, etc. IF it can be done with common sense approach. Limiting the number of people in the shop, mask are to be worn. The trouble is there are idiots out there that won't follow precautionary measures. If that be the case, then close down that particular place of business. we need to get some of these unemployed people back to work. Thank you. Oh, one more thing, if someone does not like the idea up slowly but surely opening our state, stay at home!. And, what's with the hoarding of toilet paper any way?!
Lee	Recreation	I THINK IT WOULD BE NICE TO OPEN STATE PARKS AND BEACHES FOR EXERCISE IF NOTHING ELSE. KEEP A 6FT DISTANCE JUST LIKE WE IN THE GROCERY STORE. PEOPLE NEED TO GET OUT AND START TO ENJOY LIFE AGAIN.
Sarasota	General	To early to open back up..Not enough low numbers..people will swarm the areas and not listen..just like spring breakers did before the lockdown. Not enough cleaning being done, no mandatory masks being worn!!! If u cant safely say 100% that I can go back to work and not get infected then I'm not putting my health or LIFE at risk!!! Stop thinking of u only and money..think of all the other people!!!!

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Seminole	Healthcare	Do not reopen state until it is safe to do so and do it slowly with proper testing and safeguards in place. Now is not the time to reopen state . Slow and cautious with medical testing as guide for all of our safety. We need to be patient and wait for now. We need to put emphasis on people's lives first, not money..
Broward	Recreation	Though I understand and agree that precautions must be maintained the fact remains that the following image is a great indication of how ridiculous some of the stay-at-home orders are. Broward county not allowing golf ,parks and recreation areas open but overcrowded grocery stores considered safe is the biggest overreach of authority in history. We need fresh air and exercise OPEN UP before you kill more people from isolation than the virus
Clay	General	Keep Florida closed. Keep the people safe. It's too early! Just wait until mid June and do a phased reopening. Florida is tourist hotspot wel will recover just wait because the economy will not get better if you still have the majority staying home.
Brevard	Food	Please don't open the state yet, I am both a Florida citizen and a restaurant owner, while this is killing my business, if you open us up you are forcing us to choose between our lives and our livelihoods. We are running takeout now which just covers the bills.
Volusia	Information	While the economic health of our state and our country is important it is not more important than peoples lives. After being on lockdown for this amount of time it would be foolish to reopen prematurely and have to go through this whole process again. Even with social distancing we still have new cases being diagnosed daily so one can only imagine what could happen if we start loosening guidelines too early. Maybe instead you should fix the unemployment application process and increase testing to get a better idea of the total number of cases we have in Florida. The stimulus money should have gone directly to the people who would have spent that money back into the economy and ultimately into the pockets of the corporations but the feds thought it was better to just give it directly to the corps. Do not be reckless with peoples lives and stand up and do what is right. This too will pass but it does not need to be expedited .
Orange	Finance	It is far too early to reopen as reported cases & deaths related to Covid-19 continue to occur in increasing numbers. If you're serious about reopening, what you will need is fast, reliable, widespread testing for the virus for everybody, whether they are showing symptoms or not. Additionally, a method of contact tracing will be needed to identify potential outbreaks before they can dangerously flare up. Ideally, the R0 will trend down with these measures and others in place to the point that the number of new cases reduces each day for 14 consecutive days. That is what I think we will need for Floridians can confidently return to some semblance of normal life.
Hillsborough	General	Time to get back to work. Elderly and compromised should stay home but others need to open up with caution. Wash hands, use mask if needed. Businesses should have hand wipes available for everyone. If we have no large increase in cases then the state should be open. Sweden took a chance and it worked.

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Pinellas	Healthcare	Do not reopen the state anytime soon without public health officials saying with certainty that it is permissible to do so. Please consult with medical experts before reopening the state. Ensure that medical professionals have what they need to take care of those affected and PLEASE IMPLEMENT STATE TESTING FOR EVERY RESIDENT IN THE STATE
Palm Beach	Government	If you want advice, contact Benjamin Netanyahu from Israel. The way he handled it was truly a job well done. They know what to do. Plus, if they have a vaccine, Florida will be the first to have it.
Orange	General	We need much more widespread Covid-19 testing and also antibody testing before any decisions are made to re-open businesses. We should not be pushed into this simply to please Trump. Without additional testing, we would simply be flying blind and trusting that everything will work itself out. Remember, if you are willing to re-open the economy quickly and risk an untold number of additional deaths, you can no longer proudly proclaim that you are "Pro-Life" as you can't protect some lives for personal, religious reasons and then risk others for financial reasons.
Brevard	Healthcare	Unless we get the testing capabilities up I won't feel comfortable with the state opened and will not go out and utilize businesses. With asymptomatic spread a reality we'd be opening businesses in the blind. I worry that opening without the testing numbers to back it up will lead to a second wave worse than the first. I'd much rather do this right the first time than have to go through this whole thing again in a couple months.
Broward	Recreation	OPEN UP! It is ridiculous that empty beaches are closed to tax-paying citizens who want to get some fresh air and walk! Opening them with parking lots closed means what? They're open but closed unless you actually live on the beach? From the beginning of this pandemic it was reported that the virus does not do well in heat, humidity and sunshine! This has gone WAY too far. Citizens can be trusted to use common sense!!! In the senior community where I live you cannot even walk on a closed golf course pathway. An absurd restriction. As is a curfew of 12 - 6 AM For what reason?? Or, are the restrictions only a symptom in themselves of a more hidden agenda? A reminder that we have a Bill of Rights which is being castrated. This is killing our economy!

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Pinellas	Retail	I am considered an essential employee because I work for a company that sells food and cleaning supplies. My commment is. If we just “go back to before Covid” and every one is able to go back to “business as usual, your gonna have a surge of new cases. I know we need to boost the economy, I would highly suggest slowly going forward to let some stores reopen but at limited hours and people. I think salons need to be reopened for limited capacity (make appointments and 1 person per stylist at a time. Gyms limited people and strict cleanings Beaches yes but again very limited. Not fully open because of social distancing. We have to be smart about it or things will have to be shut down again to stop the spread. I know personally at work we have to remind people to stay a certain distance away. And I also would like to say I applaud you for taking this task seriously and with due diligence. It’s not an easy task and for that I thank you.
Miami-Dade	Transportation	A lot more tests must be done before opening Miami Dade due to its population density. We don’t want for there to be a second wave and have to shut down a second time. - deaths might be down but it’s due to the distancing and rules we currently have in place. Please think this through and perhaps by mid to end of May with sped up testing Miami Dade can reopen partially and little by little. That my view and I hope it is taken into consideration. Take Care and thank you all for everything you do for a great state. John T
Duval	General	I believe it is extremely important to move the economy of Jacksonville in the right direction, but most importantly we should never place economic gain before human life. I do believe that the phased approach to reopening Jacksonville can be positive, but it can also have negative impacts if the proper controls are not in placed and followed. Social distancing is what have given reprieve to the spread. Jacksonville also serves as a hub for many warehouses and office buildings that consist of cubical environments that could potential raise concern as people slowly move back into those situations. Places like call centers, mortgage operation facilities, and places with high volumes of foot traffic can be huge challenges in the coming months. I ask that these type of actions be closely considered, as most of these business models have already converted to work from home. I believe these commercial building should be required to conduct frequent deep cleanings by the landlords of these facilities. The air quality is key in some of these buildings as herms circulate throughout the day, because the majority of these building are unable to open windows to air out. I hope we are able to find a happy medium and a fully thought out plan and if you need anyone extra on the Jacksonville Task Force, please don’t hesitate to reach out. Thank you.

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Hernando	General	I think it's time to really start opening up business's once again. The curve has been flattened. We've got to get back to work and our economy back on track ASAP. Infections and deaths have been MUCH lower then predicted. Wash hands, wear face masks and practice social distancing and we'll be rockin' in no time.
St. Johns	General	My opinion consist on opening Florida, but everyone must use face masks when go to groceries store or other public or closed areas with lots of people. Let's all keep practicing social distance to keep ourself safe, but the businesses must start opening.
Duval	Finance	As a resident in Jacksonville Fl, I'm a self employed business and since the stay at home order my finances have been hit tremendously. The unemployment website is so outdated and I know you guys are working hard to get it fixed, but I pay my taxes and I have yet to receive any form of payment for help. With everything going on there should be a little more preparation for instances like this. The funds that you have to get things done, where are they going? As a nail tech booth renter we don't have much help as it is so during this time it is even more frustrating that you cant get financial help from the government to assist you with your finances . So moving forward to the re-open as long as we have masks to provide for our clients and ourselves, the plexi-shield to place in between clients, and the proper sanitation guidelines can we please open our shop for appointment only. thank you Ninanails
Polk	Healthcare	I don't believe the stay at home should be lifted until the number of deaths decline.
Escambia	General	Gov DeSantis Please re-open Florida - now. It is one thing to quarantine the ill, it is tyranny to lock-down the rest of the population. As citizens of the United States - a constitutional republic - the government has no constitutional right to take away our freedoms. The repercussions of the economy being shut down will be worse than the toll of the virus. Staying at home is absolutely NOT for the greater good. It is a difficult decision, but take a deep breath and do what is right. Find the back-bone I thought you had and the reason I voted for you.
Sarasota	General	please don't open florida yet...it's far too early
Pinellas	Recreation	Please let the individual condos decide whether or not to open their private pools. Yes -- enforce the 6 ft rule, but think I private condo pool's opening or closing should be the decision of the community. Thank you!
Duval	Healthcare	We want to go back to work!!!

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Marion	General	I don't believe Florida is ready to be opened up. The numbers of cases are still going up on a daily. So let's say we open Florida back up, while cases are still climbing daily, we run into it getting even worst then it has been and numbers skyrocketing. So all we have done by staying in the house will be erased, and the virus is going to spread at a faster rate. We are not talking about the people that are sick spreading, we are more talking about the asymptomatic people, who have the virus and do not know they are spreading it. It will be a wild fire. They say the virus doesn't like heat supposedly, but here we are in Florida with the numbers climbing daily still, along with the deaths. I'm not sure you will really take into consideration what we think k, but I have children and elderly parents that both have cancer, and opening Florida where there is majority elderly is not a good move yet. Please reconsider until the numbers are dropping continuously. Thank you.
Palm Beach	General	Florida isntvready to open. I believe we would be ready after May if the data states there in a 14 day decline in cases.
Volusia	Utilities	I'm a utility worker working in telecommunications. I've worked as an essential employee through this process, working inside people's homes. In my experience, we're not ready to reopen yet. I don't think we can trust our fellow citizens to take the proper precautions to prevent further spread. Based on the levels of illness in our state so far, I believe that there's still too high of a risk of having a larger outbreak if we reopen too soon. I would encouraged increased randomized testing to discover what the approximate penetration rate is, and then reassess reopening.

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Palm Beach	General	Nikki Fried needs to be on the task force. Responsible medical personnel need to be on the task force and leading it. We need far more testing prior to considering opening up. Perhaps the task force can look at securing that and providing accurate testing in far greater numbers. Testing needs to be free. The shameful unemployment application process must be corrected immediately. Prematurely reopening businesses and forcing those who do not feel safe to go to work is not in FL's best interest. If those people do not feel safe to return to work will they be disqualified from receiving unemployment benefits? They should not be excluded. Many Floridians have yet to receive the paltry $1200 disaster relief from the federal government. What is FL doing to address this? $1200 doesn't cover rent in Palm Beach County. Medical coverage must be given to those who are unemployed. Medical coverage for those who are considered "essential" such as those working in Publix, etc so they do not have huge copays when they become sick from serving the public who largely are not practicing social distancing nor wearing masks. Masks need to be required, not suggested. Front line medical workers need the appropriate PPE and the federal government should not be intercepting it as the federal government refused to create an orderly and efficient system for distribution throughout the country. How are the counties bordering GA or SC going to handle the uptick in cases when Floridians cross into GA or SC and then come home spreading the virus? Where are the accurate statistics on the numbers of cases in rehab centers and ALFs? What preparations are being made to care for those when the resurgence of Covid-19 occurs with the openings of beaches and businesses? Schools - how willing is the task force to allow potentially thousands of children and youth to become ill? Teachers? Even thinking of opening school in August without adequate testing for the disease is irresponsible. Will their be masks for all students and teachers and staff? Has the task force looked at the examples of Rhode Island and CA? FL was slow to react to Covid-19 and it must not be too quick to
Volusia	General	As much as i would like things to go back to normal i really am not sure if it is time to open totally yet because too many people don't follow the rules. I wear a mask and only go the grocery store when needed but so many people don't and also don't follow the lines in the grocery stores. I just think listening to the experts like you have done is fine you are doing a great job
Sarasota	General	I think we need to wait until the medical professionals believe it is time to open Florida. We don't want to overburden the healthcare system. And its selfish to not consider how hard the nurses and doctors and everyone in the hospitals has to work if we open too soon. Nothing is as important as saving lives.

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Duval	General	At the end of the day. I really care about proper sanitizing, distancing, everyone wearing a mask in public and antibody testing available in doctor's offices. Phase 1——1st 2 weeks May—essential businesses/ workers back to work with masks and distancing unless able to work from home. No more than 10. Only essential doctors office as in primary care, heart, pulmonary, kidneys with very strict appointments to accommodate distancing. ALL DOCTORS OFFICE ABLE TO TEST FOR ANTIBODIES. Shelter in place still in effect. All persons must wear a mask when entering any business. All vulnerable remain vigilant. Phase 2——last 2 weeks May—— non essential services/businesses/ workers back to work with serious must have guidelines including mask worn by employees and customers at all times. Appointments only, no more than 5 customers at a time with distancing. 10 customers if a restaurant. No mall, movie theatres, bowling, retail, etc. Shelter in place relaxed only if data and numbers coincide. Essential businesses increase to 25. All persons still wearing mask when entering any building or business. All guidelines in grocery stores and other stores remain. Doctors offices continue to adjust to more accordingly. Masks still a requirement for everyone. All vulnerable remain vigilant. Phase3——1st week June—if data and numbers permit. Essential businesses continue to increase employees return to worK with distancing. Non essentials may increase intake to 7 customers. All retail opens with distancing. All grocery stores maintain distancing. Stay at home lifted. All vulnerable remain vigilant. Phase 4—-2nd week of June—-if data numbers permit all businesses can open and continue as normal with conscience distancing and awareness. All vulnerable remain vigilant. If covid19 should subside according to health and science experts will return. All sanitizing efforts everywhere should remain throughout the summer and for ever more. All vulnerable remain vigilant.
Hillsborough	Government	Even if you give the go-ahead to open various businesses, I will not expose myself (nor will my partner). I have a gym membership and normally workout 5 days a week. No longer. I also get a massage ever two weeks. Further, I use the services of a chiropractor every month. I will use NONE of these services until I feel safe and I DO NOT FEEL SAFE now -- not until widespread testing is done and infection tracking is put into effect. Only when that is done will I feel like the state and nation knows what it's dealing with. If you want me to contribute to the economy, you must assure me that everything is safe (I'm over 70). I will not stand for any guesswork on your part and I will remember your failings when it comes time to vote again.
Sarasota	Healthcare	As a nurse, married to a Publix store manager, with a toddler at home - please consider holding off on reopening the state. If you reopen too soon more people will be infected; more people will die. We can appreciate that business are suffering and people are bored at home, however it is too soon to take this risk.
Pinellas	General	I don't believe the state of Florida should re-open until HEALTH OFFICIALS say it is safe. Not Politicians.

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Manatee	Professional Services	I want to add that it was mentioned nail salons could probably open if they had the proper shields to protect themselves and clients, but that hair salons would probably have to wait longer due to the closet contact. I have to disagree here...nail salons are typically sitting face to face with their clients for an hour and a half on average. I work in a hair salon and most services are done with the client 95% of the time facing away from the stylist. Most hair cuts average 45 minutes. Also, nail stylists are touching their clients bare hands and would need to be careful about contaminating all their equipment with their gloves when the switch an instrument or touch the top of polish etc. I do feel like both can open because personally I feel if we are willing to do this activities it's on each individual person to just be responsible for washing hands before starting a service and also after ending a service. We can't live relying on others to sanitize every inch or their business in between each person. But, if we all just remember to wash our hands after swiping our cards through a machine, after touching a keypad, after opening a door, and you get the idea.
Duval	General	There are several ways to reopen FL safely...we can start with in dining at restaurants...maybe at first just have every other table with seating then gradually build up to every table. Waiters and waitresses can wear face masks if they want, but it shouldn't be mandatory as the media has instilled a lot of fear into people. Secondly, hairdressers and nail salons...every other booth can be used in the same form as a restaurant...nail salon workers already normally wear face masks and hair dressers can have that option as well. Then gradually build up to be back to full capacity. However, if the public doesn't mind then start at full capacity the amount of fear the media has played into the public is ridiculous and is over the top. The beaches should be reopened completely. The zoo should also be opened maybe at a minimal occupancy to start but it is outside and large and widespread. We need our small businesses back up and running before they close for good. Gyms need to reopen. Extracurricular activities for kids should reopen...cheer, dance, gymnastics....we need to get back to normalcy before the cure is worse than the solution....suicides, drugs etc.
Manatee	Food	Reopen restaurants by May 1 at the latest at least with 50% and social disteneceing.
Pasco	General	I believe the state needs to reopen. The economic ramifications of this shut down are going to be extremely dire if we don't open up very soon. We can do it safely and smartly. If this country does not open up very very soon, the economic collapse that we will experience will make the great depression of the 30's look like a walk in the park. We need to end this ridiculous suffering of the people immediately.
Volusia	Management	There are new cases in Florida, and people are still dying from COVID19. Why take a chance on having more people get sick, and dye, why? This is like playing "Russian Roulette!" No Do Not Open The Great State of Florida! Pray and do how you believe you're led to do.

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Pinellas	General	There are those wanting to reopen States yet they're being classified as selfish. There are those that rely on all kinds of people to supply them while they cower in fear at home. Isn't that being selfish too? You expect your garbage to be picked up, you expect the grocery store to be open so you can get milk, you expect truck drivers to supply the stores, you expect farmers, meat packers, fruit and vegetable pickers all to keep food in that grocery store. You expect Amazon to still ship all the things you're ordering while you sit at home shopping. You expect the delivery driver to leave it on your doorstep. You expect your phone to work, your power to stay on, and your mail to show up rain, sleet, or shine. And most important, you expect the doctors and nurses to be there if you need them. The whole premise of shelter in place is based on the arrogant idea that others must risk their health so you can protect yours. There is nothing virtuous about ignoring the largely invisible army required to allow people to shelter in place. I know there are some of you that are screaming mad about what I just said but stop and really think about what is allowing you to stay safe in your home. I truly believe that with some common sense on my part, I could easily go back to life as it was. I want to go to restaurants, I want to shop at the little store just up the road. And yes, I could catch COVID-19. I could also catch the flu or a cold, I could get run over by a bus, I could get struck by lightning. We take risks everyday. If you choose to stay home, that is absolutely your choice. And please don't start screaming at me about how I'll just spread it. Why are you worried? You won't get it because you're staying in your home. Are you going to shelter in place every time a new strand of the flu happens?
Collier	Tourism	I don't think it's safe for the population to open the quarantine right now
Lake	Healthcare	I'm writing in regards to the Governor's request for community feedback via the portal concerning reopening the state amid the covid-19 virus. I have had covid since I was hospitalized w/it on 3/22, spent over a week in the hospital, am 43 yrs old, and it was the sickest I've ever been. More than 6 weeks later, I'm still testing positive and still sick. I'm having my third test this week. My husband is positive and has been out of work, but thankfully getting short-term disability for now. If you are going to reopen, you must do it slowly and safely. Restaurants and stores; small amounts of ppl in, tables and ppl kept 6 feet apart min, strictly enforced (restaurants maybe reservation only?), set up outside seating, etc. Hair salons and nail salons, must wear masks and gloves at all times, etc. No mass or group gatherings, no amusement parks, etc. This disease is dangerous. Please understand! Florida is still too high in infection rates and death stats. Plse be smart and plse fix the unemployment system & pay the ppl whom have been desperately waiting and who need it. We must help one another. Thank you!

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Polk	Retail	It's time to let citizens take responsibilities for themselves. We do not need government to continue to protect us from life. If we go forward as if in a flu season, people that are susceptible will do what they normally do during flu season, they protect themselves and stay home. There are many of us that are strong and healthy, sitting at home is not mentally stimulating enough to keep us happy! Let us go to work and those that are afraid or unhealthy can stay home, by choice!
Orange	Government	Even though it has been rough for us with no income in 6 weeks and no stimulus check and no unemployment yet. We stand up to say we should be staying home for 30 days more. As a Floridian and watching these numbers of contaminated persons and not even half of the citizens have been tested yet. We shouldn't be risking our selves to be exposed. Just because some businesses want to reopen. Small restaurants and shops that can't make it should also close and stay home. If we people stayed with no work no income these small businesses should also be able to stand by us and stay closed and at home. Believe me it's been hard but we are managing with what we have have in our fridge and we haven't gone out to collect no free food (there are others that really need it)and we may be using whats left of of our savings to get our essentials and medications. I strongly believe we should stay home a bit longer until the numbers look better and until we have more changes of making it. DONT GIVE IN RON DE SANTIS WE SHOULD ALL BE STRONG. I do hope soon we some some financial relief to hold ya over for the next couple of months or to replace what we have used up. But I'm hopeful we will be better.
Palm Beach	General	My concern with opening up the State right now is people are not taking this seriously. They are not wearing masks in public or gloves. they are not social distancing by staying 6ft apart when out in public. If we open up it should be on a limited basis with strict guidelines for wearing masks, gloves and staying 6ft apart and companies that can work remotely should continue to do so at least till June1st.
Broward	General	I do not believe that our state should be opened. It is careless and selfish. Don't let any people that are pressuring you politically to make the wrong decision for human lives. PI feel as if you open the state to early that it will open up opportunity for more people to become infected with the disease because people are walking around with the disease and not even knowing it. As of yesterday high new numbers of cases and 58 deaths since Thursday. I totally understand that you want to open because of the economy. Honestly lives are more important than businesses not losing any more money. Our economy will bounce back when this is over. You cannot pen up some parts of state and not others. Leave the state closed!!!

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Orange	General	I am a teacher in the Central Florida area and feel that it is extremely important for our state to get our economy running again, but not at the expense of people's lives and health. We should remain in a "shelter at home" mandate until such time as our number of positive cases declines for a period of 14 days in a row and our number of hospitalized and the number of deaths begins to stabilize. Once this occurs, we can and should begin reopening only those businesses that are capable of demonstrating that they are able to abide by the CDC guidelines for health safety (6 ft distance, limited capacity, and strict enforcement of hygiene). We should open slowly and scale back at the first sign of rising cases....in other words, two steps forward with a clear eye watching behind us to ensure our safety and willingness to take a step backward if necessary. I also work as a seasonal worker for Universal, and feel that no waterparks should open this summer, however it may be possible to slowly open the theme parks to locals only if they institute strict guidelines and monitor employees health as well as the health of their guests.
Brevard	Professional Services	I am a licensed dental hygienist; have been working in the state for 20 years. I have concern that the dental field will not be able to get the proper ppe and will start opening with new protocols set in motion. Dental office do not have access to approved n95 masks at this point, government has priority over all ppe needed for front line; as it should but this needs to be acknowledged befor opening dental field back up to general procedures. As a licensed professional working 12 inches from patients with aerosols and saliva. I want an n95 mask and a face shield. Have been trying myself to get these so I am prepared to see patients and it's not out there to get. I do not feel as if this is a phase 1 opening task. Please evaluate the dental field and make a well informed decision. Thank you for your efforts. Karen Bakey
Sarasota	Government	DeSantis Don't open up until you have fulfilled the cdc guidelines. How you handle this will be how you are judged forever. You've done enough damage because of your allegiance to the moron who is president. Seniors are most at risk, and will hold you accountable.
Volusia	Food	I don't think we should open back up yet because we still don't know how big the threat of the virus is. And according to medical staff the second wave Could be worse than the first and let me tell ya, if my brother or mother gets sick i am gonna blame the government 100 percent for opening again too early. Think of the people that can't help themselves. I know it's hard staying inside but we gotta keep going until our numbers go down and they haven't yet.
Duval	General	I am a Respiratory Therapist and have been for 22 years. The state needs to open! This has been blown so out of proportion and I'm still dumbfounded by it all. The media has managed to cause so much fear in people. It's a virus that's new to people. People fear the unknown but it's not even close to being as bad as it's been made to be. I've seen the flu do the same to people this year with no pre-existing conditions and be in hospital for 2 months on ECMO and it has never been treated like this. Enough is enough. This is hurting families, businesses , the economy, and hospitals. It needs to stop and the state needs to open.

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Clay	General	As someone who lives with a respiratory therapist who works directly with covid patients, I urge the governor or to give in to pressure from people who are in educated or in aware of the danger that STILL exists. We need to take our time re opening. We can not put individual desires ahead of public we'll being.
Hernando	General	Please make sure that we follow the federal government guidelines, such as declining Covid cases for 14 days Require masks to be worn in public Opening parks and beaches so long as social distancing and wearing masks
Bay	Healthcare	My pain management (Neuro) was closed down while I was in the hospital in Feb. New pain management facilities won't take me because my Calif driver's license has expired. Offices not open so I can get an ID card for FL. I am 72 years old and have significant pain in my back and hardly can walk at this point without meds. What can I do. Please open up county offices in PCB. Thank you.
Brevard	Retail	Please open the economy back up. Small businesses can't last forever not making money and we need to economy to bounce back. We can't stay closed forever and people can't live off unemployment and government money forever. Then when they're ready to go back to work who knows if jobs will be available if businesses have to close.
Volusia	Healthcare	It would be irresponsible to open Florida businesses without more testing to determine how many residents are infected and symptom free. A second wave of the Corona Virus would put many more people at risk, and would result in more deaths. I do commend the Governor for collaborating with the Cleveland Clinic. Listen to the Medical experts exclusively.
Palm Beach	General	Please do not re-open Florida until this virus is under control. We need more testing, tracing, and we need to see who has antibodies. We need at LEAST 2 weeks of lowered numbers. Dead people can not restart the economy. It would also help of there were medical personnel and scientists on your task force.
Marion	General	We need to start opening businesses, restaurants, and tourist attractions/theme parks while implementing a form of social distancing for 30 days and then relax the distancing thereafter. Also, Miami-Dade and Broward counties need to stay isolated until their case amounts are half of what they are now. We can't keep hiding from the virus and will have to learn to live with it for now.
Brevard	General	Maintain the "safer at home" policy for another two weeks and then re-evauluate, using the fed guidelines. In the meantime to help the economy and hundreds of thousands of unemployed make fixing the unemployment benefits a number one priority!
Seminole	Government	How is the State Government aligning it's re-open Florida plan with the Federal Government's plan? I am a Federal Army employee who physically works in a State University building. There seems to be no coordination between the State and Federal Government on re-opening these joint facilities. In joint facilities, who's re-opening plan will be the master plan?

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Pasco	General	I think it would be a huge mistake to reopen anything right now. Sacrificing the health and safety of the public to save the economy is a poor decision. Without healthy people there is no healthy economy.
Sarasota	Healthcare	Time to start opening up....Ppl cannot hide in their homes comstantly....Wonder hiw Sweden did it without closing.
Charlotte	Healthcare	I am concerned about Florida's ability or capacity to do adequate testing and contact tracking. A family member was exposed at the doctor's office, and wasn't notified until day 13 after the exposure. They told her that she need to quarantine for 1 day (to complete the 14 day cycle). It was too little too late. I don't believe we can "reopen" Florida without concrete evidence that our testing supplies and personnel are adequate. Thank you
Seminole	Professional Services	Keeping the state shut down much longer is going to kill families. We're running low on food, money and the government has failed at every level. The disease was not as bad as we were told. Stop ruining our lives and get out of the way. Let those who want to work do so and get options to those who want to remain home to do so also.
Hillsborough	General	Please reopen Florida! I live in Tampa and feel that many people are eager to work. I am an essential worker and have not been affected but am supposed to be getting married in June and would truly like to have that happen. I have lost deposits and much more money having to rearrange things due to the coronavirus. Keeping things closed will affect many, psychologically, if they are unable to provide and make money for their families. From my experience going to Target, Publix, etc. people are still being safe and cautious and I find that this supports the theory that if we open up small shops and businesses, people would continue to be safe and cautious with the proper regulations set in place. It would be nice if the economy could open so that the rest of the public could begin their lives again. Please reopen Tampa Bay May 1st!
Hillsborough	General	Most other states are opening up too early. The guidelines set forth by the federal government indicate that the number of new cases should be declining for two weeks before re-opening. While painful, this is a necessary step to avoid a second wave of cases. Many of the states that are opening now are doing so very prematurely...some five to seven weeks before it would be appropriate under the guidelines. By opening too early, we are taking unnecessary risks. While my life has drastically changed over the past six weeks and I am getting quite antsy to get out and do things, I recognize that I need to be patient and wait until the trajectories change. I can wait to resume my normal activities until it is safe to do so without risking another resurgence in the number of cases here in Florida.

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Collier	Healthcare	I am a nurse practitioner in a busy internal medicine practice. We have seen and tested many sick patients with very few positive. I believe that we should open the state beginning with outdoor areas such as beaches and parks to allow people to be active and improve their mental wellbeing. Follow this with restaurants and small businesses with restrictions on occupancy. The last thing I would open are businesses which encourage large groups of people such as movie theaters, casinos, and concert venues. I really feel for discussion with my patients that there is enough fear among people that most will take precautions and maintain social distancing.
Volusia	Professional Services	I don't believe it's wise to reopen Florida right away. Obviously we'd all love to go back to work, But it's not safe. I'm a hairstylist usually in constant with 5-10 clients a day. God forbid one of my clients isn't showing symptoms and contaminates me and now I have contaminated all of the rest of my clients and staff. This would continue on for a long time if we open up so soon..... I don't mind staying home and social distancing, however this time has ran my savings DRY! everything i have saved for my wedding is now gone..... due to the broken unemployment system. I might lose my house over this..... no stimulus check, no unemployment no cares payment. We cannot afford to stay at home any longer without pay. My fiancé is almost out of insulin, he is type one diabetic. We need money.
Orange	Retail	I think the governor should make it mandatory to wear some sort of a mask in any retail shop in florida if you dont wear one your not allowed in any store, just until this goes make to normal.
Flagler	Government	I think we need to sit back and wait for Ga. To spike . Do not put Fl. in further danger. Also, get. People some money from unemployment.
Hillsborough	Government	I am currently unemployed and my savings is slowly getting very thin, that being said I still don't believe we should be opening our economy back up yet. I would rather stick to the stay at home order until we are safe do do so then jump the gun and see a spike in number and prolong this whole situation. I get it and under stand people's concerns but in the long run if we can hold out just a few more weeks until we are truly in the clear we won't have a second wave to start all of this all over. Thank you Jenna
Duval	Tourism	I feel that we can open theme park with about 50% capacity if we wait until after memorial day. Maybe the Tuesday or Wednesday after to offset possible larger crowd issues. I feel that after that holiday we can open and start a new learning of how to limit the attendance. U feel that if we start in the last if may that we will have s good handle on things by july.

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Flagler	Accommodation	Please do not open short term rentals for those of us living in condominiums. Impossible to social distance in elevators and in hallways. We have worked very hard at protecting our senior citizens to be undermined by an owner who rents by the night with no regard to the health of our residents. He is a flagler county commissioner who rents without a rental license which requires minimum of 1 week rentals. Rented to 4 spring breakers just as orders came out to stop rentals. Rents using both airbnb and vrbo. https://www.vrbo.com/653739?noDates=true https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/41057102?location=Florida A1A, Flagler Beach, FL, USA&adults=4&children=1&checkin=&checkout=&source_impression_id=p3_1585194361_Xcp0IKIJ42fmckic
Pasco	General	Please open the state back up so more of us don't lose our jobs and inflation doesn't spike.
Pasco	General	I don't think the state should open soon. It has been proven that most people don't exercise common sense as to keep distance whenever in public, they are reckless and selfish. We have to learn from the Spanish Flu of 1918, too soon to reopen more deaths on the 2 nd wave. In terms that politicians understand less money will be generated and more and bigger losses companies will have when they open have all this operational expenses and not many sales. For example, tourism, that is an industry that is so hard to keep safe social distance that who will risk having an outbreak on their property. Also so many people will fly in making it impossible to keep the virus under control. There is this feeling of uncertainty and hopelessness because the government seems to prefer people die than to preserve life. It is unbelievable. Selfishness is the ultimate cause of this. It is on you the governor to hold this folks accountable for their selfish behavior and think as a society that needs to be United, is on you to provide wellness, food, debt protection and money to survive this as a society that cares for one another. The government needs to stop the political game and step up!! Wake up, stop the nonsense, be a real man that takes care of the people. Billionaires can take care of themselves in fact they should donate to help the economy not to hoard more money. Make them pay to support us in this difficult time! We are the joke of the world right now. Help save lives. Keep us alive and well with money for food and expenses to give back to the economy.
Sarasota	General	We should reopen the state under new leadership who cares enough about their constituents that they would put in place a system that is capable of supporting them in a time of crisis. Most Floridians haven't seen a dime from the shoddy unemployment system, so yeah at this point I'd rather go back to work and get sick, because WERE LITERALLY DYING OUT HERE WITH NO INCOME.
Volusia	Professional Services	Absolutely too early to open our economy at this time! We need much more testing before we open up our Restaurants and Theme Parks!! We have never reversed a Viral quarantine in any lifetime so we must remain indoors and not stop social distancing!! We must take care of each other and not take care of each other by staying home and wearing masks and social distancing!!

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Brevard	Retail	I own a small antique store 8000 ft.² I believe I could open by just offering hand sanitizer face mask and gloves we never have more than 10 people in the store at any given time and with four separate rooms totaling 8000 ft.² I think were very safe. If we don't open by May 1 I'm just one more small business that will close the doors for good
Brevard	General	According to medical and scientific experts, loosening stay at home orders in Florida would be one of the last measures we should take at this time. Until our state is prepared to invest in reliably testing for the virus and antibodies, reopening some businesses, especially those where social distancing is practically impossible, is sheer lunacy. Considering loosening restrictions at this point in time indicates our Republican controlled state government is comfortable with risking working class lives to reduce unemployment benefits. Our state's response to the pandemic thus far has been highly unethical and decidedly immoral. Heed the epidemiological experts rather than greedy corporate executives, and you can perhaps find a morally correct path forward to craft public policy that will save lives rather than destroy them.
Brevard	Real Estate	Pleas re open the state effective May 1. There can certainly be a recommendation for elderly and immuno compromised people to stay inside but the remaining healthy poplulation should be able to go back to work. Both my husband and myself have lost our jobs and God knows how long before we receive unemployment checks. But the bigger picture is that our jobs will not be there to go back to if this lasts beyond May 1. The needs of the many OUTWEIGH the needs of the few. Open up!!
Polk	General	I strongly urge you to immediately begin to open our state. In my opinion, it should never have been closed. There is never, ever going to be a day when there are no viruses or flu germs around. I am 77 years old. I am capable of deciding for myself what it is safe for me to do. Families are losing everything, children are hungry and learning very little if anything. Not sure we will ever recover from this decision to close based on models which gave been proven to be totally false.
Duval	General	Once we see a decline in actual Covid 19 deaths over a two week period we should consider reopening Florida. Reopening should be done in stages. Business should be ranked on an essential scale from 1 being the most essential such as supermarkets (going back to normal operating hours) 2 would be reopening restaurants for sit down service (not buffet style restaurants), boutique stores and salons followed by stage 3 being movie theaters, amusement parks and malls and schools.
Broward	Healthcare	I am opposed to removing the shelter in place/stay at home restrictions put in place to slow the spread of COVID-19 at this time. Until more data is collected from widespread testing to identify those of us who are asymptomatic, it would be careless and deadly to reopen Florida. Testing, and tracing, should be done immediately. Sooner more data is collected, the sooner the whole country can get back to normal. Sound judgement and exceptional leadership sorely needed right know. Be the leader Floridians can count on to make decisions based on science and facts. Thank you.
Collier	General	A lot of places should NOT open. It is not safe out

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Orange	Government	One of my greatest concerns is the fact that so many people are out and not wearing masks, and not always keeping the 6-foot distance. Still some people don't understand the purpose of everyone wearing masks when they're out in public. And unfortunately, many government officials aren't setting a good example wearing masks, leading by example. My work and business is highly dependent on travel, so I lost my income due covid-19; and I don't see that changing in the near future. There needs to be enforcement of guidelines and regulations for safe, measured reopening. But the bottom line is that if Florida government cannot get the promised unemployment benefits to those that can't work, there's going to be a large percentage of Floridians that can't put money back into the economy, through no fault of their own.
Baker	General	Slowly!!! No need to rush anything. Need safety first on all levels of reopening. Schools stay closed. Essentials only. I wouldn't want anymore deaths. Testing needed in smaller counties for broader ranges. No testing in baker county happening unless tied to nursing homes. Wait to reopen. Continue to monitor inbound from hot zones. Thank you for asking
Polk	General	Please open up all businesses in Polk county, Florida. We rely on tourist trade, with legoland located in our city (Winter Haven). The governor shut down businesses during "season," when our city doubles its population, when our snow birds arrive, and businesses receive their best revenue, which helps get them thru the "slow times." Our town, and specifically our small businesses, may not be able to open again, because you took their mainstay away from them. You will have our business open up during the "slow time," which will not help our businesses. I am disappointed in Governor DeSantis shutting down the entire state, instead of just the "hot spots." When restaurants stayed open, and social distancing was practiced, you closed them down anyway. I went bowling, to Daytona Beach, and eagle ridge mall, to support local business, until you forced them to close. You took away all commerce, and have hurt Florida, for the sales tax you lost during season. Then, to add insult to injury, no one has been able to receive unemployment. Only 9% have been processed, in over a months time. Because of obamacare, most businesses hire parttime, and then you deny those psrttime employees as ineligible for unemployment. I lost my house, and have everything in storage, which i am behind on the warehouse payments, as my work hours were dropped from 30+ hours, to 10 hours a week. I have to make $400 rent payment, $30 dollar phone bill, earning less than $125/week. Cant buy food, or pay anything on my warehouses. If you EVER do this again, i will not support either political party again! Open immediately, before i lose everything! Kay Mijou

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Lake	General	More and better testing in needs to be readily available ! Once you open up to tourists, you will lose control for the residents health. Start slow, mandate masks, be clear about social distancing and enforce it, and send only one message to the public instead of the many we now see. After doing this for a month, we do not need a second wave and some people still feel entitled to do as they want and risk others.
Lee	Recreation	Please reopen the tennis courts. We need this activity for physical and mental well-being. It is a sport where it is easy to social distance. Recent news reports say being outside in the heat and humidity helps kill the virus. It doesn't cost money to play. We need an activity to do to keep from going crazy. Open businesses slowly and carefully, with social distancing and masks required. We're dying out here with no income. Large numbers have not yet received the stimulus check or unemployment benefits checks. Landlords are not being understanding.
Manatee	Recreation	On 04/23/2020 it was announced that heat and humidity quickly kills the Coronavirus thus making it very hard to transmit in places like open-air parks, beaches and on boats. Our daily temperatures have been over 80 degrees and Florida is for the most part extremely humid all year round. With this in mind are you going to open up the beaches boat ramps parks Exedra sometime soon? Personally I think the closure of the boat ramps was over the edge extreme. Most have reopened yet Sarasota County boat ramps are still closed. Question why. Really closing 24hr stores at 8:30, oneway isles and closing entrance/exits! The very idea of a 24hr store is so people could shop al there leisure. Instead you close at night and cram people together threw one entrance. Its like Walmart is doing there best to spread this virus. If im in a oneway isle and someone coughs or sneezes in front of me, i will violate your rule and not continue threw there sickness Do you know people live at night too? People must think this virus only comes out at night like the Boogeyman. Well i got news for you. Before you started closing customers could go shopping at 3am and not encounter even one person! And now in order to shop i have to RISK MY LIFE. Please stop overthinking this and return to the safer normal?
Broward	Healthcare	Just as the joint commission/AHCA used to do checks on healthcare facilities, there has to be a regulation of business that are reopening in order to ensure that they are following guidelines set by the CDC/DOH. You CANNOT TRUST EVERYONE to do the right things. There has to be REAL consequences for those organizations that don't follow the rules. Hire more inspectors, and make it so that patrons can report organizations that are not in compliance.

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Hillsborough	General	People are ready for the re-opening of Florida. I fully support making appointments for haircuts, restaurant dining, etc. I think it is time we start getting back to life as usual. As far as education I would suggest opening schools at an earlier date than August. Kids are ready to get back to classroom learning, seeing friends and being kids again. The impact the shut down has had on everyday life, our economy and mostly mental health has been utterly debilitating. If people truly aren't ready then they can stay home, otherwise let those of us who are ready make their own decisions. As adults it's our own personal responsibility to use proper hygiene and maintain social distancing. If you cannot be trusted to do so then you need to stay home. Thank you for keeping Florida safe and most importantly involved and informed!
Brevard	General	DO NOT OPEN UP THE STATE OF FLORIDA YET... IT IS NOT SAFE YET!
St. Johns	Healthcare	As an essential worker I follow CDC guidelines. I feel for my neighbors who are out of work but I'm sure they would rather have these struggles vs a horrible death by covid19. Please be mindful that there are many vulnerable people in our midst, not just elderly. Little children with health complications are among the very vulnerable. Grand children of my friends. Please tread carefully. TY, phoebe dodds
Clay	General	Keep Florida closed until mid June and let Georgia be the rest dummies.
Volusia	General	No, we are not ready to open up. Follow the MEDICAL advice of the real professionals. Wait a little longer for the numbers to go down. Already airlines are flying with full planes so we could very possibly be looking at an increase in Covid 19 cases based on that alone. Opening up a lot of businesses that are frequented by older people with disposable income such as restaurants that we WILL NOT be going to is going to hurt their business. We have no plans to go out., We are waiting until the numbers go way way down, Do you know we ate out about 3 or 4 times a week and have not eaten out at all and Not Done Take Out. Majority of our friends won't do take out either. We have to feel safe to go out, hearing like 60% of our hospitals are full is not reassuring.
Hillsborough	Healthcare	https://apple.news/Av5dQiMQ0T1KYKKNAo5zSGw We must adopt these five strategies...follow the plan in Massachusetts to attack the virus! So comforting to hear of a state with a plan that makes sense! WE NEED A PLAN FOR FLORIDA! It's not too late if we start NOW!!! It is not time to re-open!!!
Pasco	General	55+ community. I have not left here since March 16th. I do NOT plan to leave here for at least another few weeks, except for a medical test rescheduled in May. Please do not rush reopening too fast...certainly, there will be more cases in the Fall. Let Florida be more prepared before lifting restrictions. Thank you.

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Marion	Professional Services	I'm a cosmetologist in central Florida and I don't feel as if the state should re open so soon seeing Georgia already opened there salons made me cringe seeing as if you can't social distance in a salon let alone when there's more then one persons working in that said salon. This isn't only about salons but other non essentials businesses also. Yes we need pay but for those non essential jobs that can work while social distancing by all means do it but for those non essentials who are at risk and is hard to social distance pay them this is something yes that was out of control but we were supposed to be protected and now we are falling because of this . Unemployment website doesn't work worth a shit and barley anyone is getting paid. Was that relief check supposed to keep us in fucking line no that was nothing compared to what we are owed since we weren't protected from this deadly virus. Shame shame shame I say do NOT reopen Florida or any state for that matter
Palm Beach	General	I appreciate you asking for peoples feedback, but I feel that could also backfire. We do need to slowly start opening up the economy ask the President has stated. If people feel they are not comfortable with that, I respect that. No one is forcing anyone to go out of there house,. I get very upset with seeing some of the media reports, and hearing from certain Professionals, a few in PBC. It's very depressing and you feel like , well I guess we are never going to leave our houses again. I also feel it's very unprofessional of the professional s to keep saying the what if's . So far many of these studies and professionals have been wrong! It's up to you Governor DeSantis, it's very kind to ask opinions , but I feel on the other hand you are opening a whole can of worms.
Duval	Healthcare	Thanks for this opportunity and for caring about our feedback. I would like to see a gradual reopening , beginning in the next week. Hospitals should be able to do inpatient procedures if they are testing their providers in house. Patients are missing critical services. Restaurants and bars should be able to open asap if they have outdoor seating- with social distancing and sanitation emphasized. Hair salons, realty offices, outpatient clinics should. E able to open, with masks in place for close contact with people. For the Governor: the public needs to be better educated on the following: the amount of people in FL that have possible already had this , based on Univ of Miami study ; the fact that the majority of people with CoVid 19 do not get admitted to a hospital and recover. Older people and those with comorbidities should self isolate/ social distance based on their own situations.. It may be helpful to give people things that they can do to boast their immunity: sunlight/vitamin D, fresh veggies, daily walks- may be good to have an MD present some of these ideas- gives folks more of a sense of control. I would love to be a part of advising on how this is impacting mental health (am a therapist)- thanks for your hard work. So many people do appreciate you all!

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Seminole	Professional Services	I am a self employed nail tech in Seminole county. I feel very strongly that the nail salon business should NOT OPEN TIL JUNE 1st. We are in very close proximity to each other. Face to face. Hairdressers are not as in your face jobs. I need to work but my health is more important. Please consider this. June 1st. Thank you
Orange	General	Hind sight is 20/20, but with a possibility of this or another virus/pandemic returning either this fall or in the future - now is the time to take the initiative....Hospitals need to be better stocked period...Florida agency that covers unemployment has been a total failure...Yes, I know they've been slammed but numerous articles said the system was antiquated, needing an update for a few years..We have known for years, a very high percentage of our workforce is never more than a few paychecks away from being homeless...We add insult to injury by not processing their claims efficiently so they can at least have food to feed their families..I thank God for Second Harvest, churches and numerous other organizations - large and small, that have stepped up..Last but not least - DON'T OPEN NOW...I don't care which party is in office..Next time (whether it's this fall or in the future)..clear the beaches sooner..folks don't need the building to worship..and don't be naive enough to think folks will come to Florida and self quarantine for 14 days..
Osceola	Healthcare	Do not open up,. People are not taking the precautions at ALL!!! People think this is a joke. Many people are still out gathering. Please enforce quarantine or a lockdown. If we open we're going to start from 0 again. Please consider prolonging the quarantine. Thank you
Palm Beach	Recreation	Please open parks and beaches! Recent findings by the Federal Government show the virus dies quickly in heat, humidity, and sunshine.
Brevard	General	Please only lift the stay-at-home order and restrictions for businesses when we have hard DATA (not opinion) to prove that it is safe to do so. Please do not make this a political issue. Lives are more important than political leanings. Please be thoughtful about what truly is, and what is not, an essential service. The WWE is not essential. Please show the world that Floridians aren't this dumb. Please. Please do not reopen at this time. We're still in the midst of an unprecedented pandemic. Lives are at stake, including the life of my 12 month old daughter with special needs. Let's not be cavalier. Let's respect this virus for what it is-- deadly, aggressive, and still very much alive and well within our Florida communities. We must do more (and with a sense of urgency-- more testing, more collaboration, more adherence to the restrictions that are designed to save lives), not less.
Palm Beach	General	Reopen Florida now. Shutdown orders are unconstitutional and lawsuits are in the works.
Hillsborough	General	Worry about protecting our citizens we are one of the worst effected states in the union your economy wont be ok if most of your constituents are dead keep the state closed until this pandemic is over use your head and stop thinking with your wallets

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Pasco	General	Open everything (including schools). No restrictions. Except for: Have all stores close by 9pm. All stores must sanitize overnight. Seniors only the first hour of being open. OR Open nothing.... people cannot return to work and leave their children home alone. People cannot go back to working from the office and be able to homeschool their children.
Seminole	Retail	Hello, my name is Amber. I work in retail in Seminole county. I have noticed a lot of people really have not taken the stay at home order serious enough in my sense. So I am not feeling to safe if we open by stage 1. People come in large groups to shop. If there's too many people in the building.... how can we control who comes and who goes? I want to make sure our employees are safe and taking precautions coming into contact with each person on a day to day basis. Being safe is my number 1 priority. For someone as myself, I have asthma. I can't take any chances. I get that we need to get rolling with opening. Just want it as safe as possible. Thanks
Broward	Finance	Our citizens , businesses and and economy have suffered long enough. There are many small businesses that may never reopen. The longer we wait will only magnify this economic impact from our actions.I pray for those that needlessly died from a virus that invaded our country from foreign lands however further loss and human suffering may well be worse than the medical impact of the virus itself. Social gathering whether at work or at play Is the essence and fabric of humanity and perhaps greater so for Florida and our great country. We face risks every day when departing our home through auto accidents , drownings , criminal activities and countless other variables. We have lived with those risks since the dawn of our civilization but it hasn't caused us to cower in our homes and avoid contact with other humans. Continued restrictions are an antidote that is more harmful than the risk. Let us begin a return to normalcy with reasonable precautions and a phased in process that maintains our ability to mandate a shelter in place should it become necessary . Our choices are limited and we simply must decide whether it is better to face fear once than to allow fear it to permeate our thoughts and our lives any longer.
Osceola	General	as quickly and safely as possible
Duval	General	Please lift all local and state executive orders and state of emergency orders to reopen the State of Florida immediately. Citizens don't want government hand outs, they want to work.
Orange	General	Let restraunts open with social distancing to the best they can. Need to remind people the best way to stop tthe spread is by washing your hands often. I see people wearing mask and they still touch the mask with bare hands after touching other surfaces so that defeats the purpose of mask. Also still let places sell closed alcohol togo. People just need to use common sense!

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Pasco	General	Open the beaches. Gulf Coast beaches can be easily controlled. Everyone must rent the lounge chairs. Have companies set them up 6 feet apart. When someone leaves for the day, chairs are disinfected. It's a win win. People get to enjoy the beach and chair rentals companies are making money. Open the theme parks. ALL of them. Have them reduce capacity and open for the month of June to Florida residents only. There are tons of Florida residents that would go that don't normally go because of the crowds. Get these people working again. Stagger seating on rides or at shows. Employees wear mask and gloves. Patrons wear mask. It can work! Open restaurants. Reduce capacity seating. Leave an empty table between tables. People need to work, want to work, want to play, want to go out to eat. Open hair salons. Only allow 10 at a time in salons. Clean chairs between customers. These professionals are washing their hands constantly anyway. Please, let people work. It'll take a huge burden off your unemployment website that already does NOT work. And save the State of Florida tons of money in unemployment payments. Please partially open Florida for the people that call this state home.
Pinellas	General	Hi Mr. Governor! Based on the data from studies in NYC, Boston, Stanford/Santa Clara County & LA County it now seems quite clear that the virus is far more common & far less deadly than most have modeled & believed. This means we need a more targeted & sophisticated approach when reopening this May. General rule should be if you're under 50 and healthy go back to your life. The danger to you from the virus is small, but should avoid interacting with seniors. If you are over 50, unhealthy, or have a compromised immune system you should continue, as a general rule, to quarantine. This would allow the virus to circulate primarily among the younger, healthier citizens.. those who are least likely to have severe health outcomes. It would allow America to attain herd immunity with the infected being primarily young and healthy, thereby limiting health care strain. Instead of a one size fits all blanket policy, we should be adjusting our health and economic policy to reflect what the data is telling us: most infected people will be fine, but the elderly and those with suppressed immune systems are in danger. The rest of us need to work. A policy that 100% makes zero sense, both for health and the economy, is the idea everyone should continue to quarantine until a vaccine is found. We also learned recently that UV light, heat & humidity are detrimental to the health of the virus. Weather does have an impact, and spending time outside is more beneficial than being crammed into your house all day. You have done a fantastic job so far not imposing draconian orders upon us & I thank you for not giving in to the pressure from political opposition. You know what is best for Florida! Keep up the great work!
Brevard	General	Please re-open Brevard county. People can still wear masks and gloves, and social distance in large communities. I can’t work due to all the lay-offs and I can’t get paid from a unemployment since it’s been down. I’ve put a claim in over a month ago, and it’s still pending.

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Brevard	General	DO NOT REOPEN THE STATE. Keep the state closed until there are no new cases for like a week to rove the virus went away!
Pinellas	General	Please start opening Florida! For any small business to survive this, we must start taking steps to open! This is effecting the lives of all people! And We need to start taking steps so people can get there lives back! Please start opening Florida!
Pinellas	General	It's time to reopen Fla for businesses, recreation, all the things. It's time to allow Floridians to make their own choices as far as the amount of risk(s) they want to entertain. The economy is going to collapse if you don't lift the order. More people are suffering from the supposed "cure" than from the "disease". For the record: I am in the high risk population being over 60 and having an autoimmune condition. I intend to be out in society and take my chances. I am not afraid. I'm more afraid of what will become of those living paycheck to paycheck. My paycheck has not been affected but I see the suffering and it sickens me. I see people hopeless, I see the tears, I see those birthing alone and being ill in hospitals alone and dying alone and it's just wrong. OPEN UP FLA. Open up. It's past time. #floridayunited #openflorida
Pinellas	General	Good morning. Please continue with the current protections and do not open non essential businesses at this time. The health of citizens is of supreme importance. We need to see a continued decrease in cases, which we have not. Regards, Dr Matt Stewart
Brevard	Government	Until we test at least 2 million people in the state we should not open things up. Right now we have tested 300,000 people and have 30,000 confirmed cases if covid-19. That is a 10% rate of infection. In my county we lapsed 20 days before we took the virus seriously. That is why our numbers were down. The reason the curve has flattened is because we have not tested enough people. The people that were sick and elderly were tested first and that is why the spike. There are many carriers walking around with the virus and don't know they have it.
Manatee	General	Please follow the lead of reputable public health officials, not politicians on making life and death decisions during this time.
Duval	General	Before opening Florida up, we need a lot more testing so that it is safe for Floridians to get back to work. The curve may be flat, but that's because we are all still inside. If you tell everyone we are back open, the morons that live in this state will go back to their normal lifestyle and cause another surge in cases. Again, we need testing and a SLOW reopening of the state. Because this needs to be slow and safe, please tell the governor to actually fix the DEO system. We are at the point where Floridians need their money and trying to get them back to work too quickly will just make things worse. Yesterday Ron boasted about all that money in the unemployment reserve. How about he actually gives it to the people that need it??? Florida is the only state where this reserve INCREASED in the last month. This is fucking absurd.
Collier	General	Collier county beach open for exercise

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Orange	Construction	Government assistance only lasts as long as taxpayers are paying taxes. No jobs, no taxes, no government assistance.
Hillsborough	General	The Stay at Home order should continue until medical professionals deem it safe and appropriate to start a reopen process. Further measures need to be taken to help protect those that have filed for and are eligible to file for unemployment along with extending the order allowing evictions and foreclosures to be halted at the Writ of Possession stage (at the bare minimum). Landlords additionally need to be protected from losing their home should a tenant fall into this category. When appropriate to start opening it needs to be gradual and in several stages. Some of the “protections” currently in place regarding evictions and foreclosures are going to need to stay to overlap people getting back to work and having money to either pay their current bills or move on to another home.
Palm Beach	General	PLEASE begin the process of reopening in all sectors. I am a teacher, a server in a restaurant and a real estate agent. While I am fortunate enought to continue to receive one of my paychecks, many people are suffering. My 7th grade students are stuggling with the emotional blowback of quarantine, coupled with stress over the new norms in education. I agree with the decision to continue distance learning for SY20, but SY21 needs to begin in the classroom. Their parents, like many of my colleagues in my other two fields, are financially hit and very stressed. There is no light at the end of the tunnel, and that may be the most difficult feeling of all. I urge you to lay out a detailed plan and timeline that safely outlines FL's reopening. If you open many sectors at once, people that do venture out will be spread between them (not congregated in a single place). Give us the choice - go out or continue to stay in - because many will be hesitant at first. Encourage those at high risk to stay home while highlighting the fact that for most, this disease is not deadly. This is like standing at the top of a cliff, finding the nreve to dive in to the water. The longer you wait, the more difficult it is to jump. Let's dive in and reopen. If given the chance, Floridians will prove that we can behave responsibly. We will follow the protocols and continue to mitigate the disease while pumping life back into our economy. We can pave the way towards opening our state to visitors and eventually getting tourism back on track. Let's lead the nation and prove that we can do this. Possible suggestions: •elective surgeries reopen; all routine medical and dental resumes •restaurants accomodate dine in at 50% capacity, tables 6 ft apart, no bar seating, staff wears masks (maybe reservations only, no walk ins?) •retailers can operate at 30%-50% capacity •gyms are at 30% capacity as social distancing allows (reservations may help here as well) •some salon services may reopen, masks are required for staff and patrons •employees currently working from home can continue to do so of they prefer to •theaters can reopen with assigned seating that keeps patrons 6 ft apart
Lee	General	I think you should ope up everything with a requirement for social distancing. People 60 plus and those with serious pre-existing conditions should wait until results from the initial go back to work is evaluated. things like sports venues and restaurants should stage the setting etc. to meet distancing guidelines. ie. 50 to 40 percent capacity and build out from there. people and businesses have to make their own decisions about their activity and respect the health and safety of others.

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Duval	Government	The government has literally failed the poorer people, I'm on the verge of losing everything if I dont get my unemplument I haven't been paid since march 15th, and I'm completely broke now. I applied for unemployment on the 17th of March and haven't heard nothing, instead of making a comment section we should take care of our people asap.
Pasco	Recreation	Please consider reopening state parks for camping. They offer people the opportunity to travel locally and continue to self isolate with their family. Campsites around the state are almost always at least 20 feet from each other. This could be a way to open parks with limited crowds and it allows for responsible social distancing. Then as numbers continue to get better the parks can be opened further in a responsible manner.
Duval	General	We think it's way too soon once we open up the state people aren't going to observe the limitations an im afraid we're gonna see the number of cases go higher than they are now
Hillsborough	General	This nanny-state needs to stop— the economy is crushed, folks can't afford to feed their children, and bills are going unpaid. Many small businesses will never recover. The death rate of this virus does NOT justify crashing this country worse than it has been already, and those most vulnerable to it are those already susceptible to other illnesses such as the flu. Let people take individual responsibility and accountability for themselves and determine whether or not they feel safe venturing out. Let them decide if they want to go back to work or attempt to re-open their businesses. People assume risk and weigh consequences on a daily basis— this is just one of those instances. This was mass-induced hysteria courtesy of the media, and the politicians calling the shots are still getting paid while the rest of America goes without. If you have noticed, the people in this nation are already starting to ignore the "rules"— this indicates the government is losing its credibility due to the gross miscalculations, exaggeration, and non-sensical rules enacted over this mess. If this continues longer, the government will be ignored completely even when truly attempting to serve in the country's best interest.
Flagler	General	We can open in phases. I don't think we want to open and have more people infected to sit us back to square one. Testing is the key so the ones that test positive for COVID19 can isolate and quarantine, others that test donate plasma if they had the virus and the once that are vulnerable can and will protect themself appropriately. Thank you.

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Pinellas	General	As an employee in the service industry I am concerned about returning to work in the midst of covid. It is impossible for us to social distance from our coworkers and guests even operating at half capacity. Operating at half capacity many of us still won't be needed and the amount of money we will make will not be worth the risk. With us not showing symptoms for up to two weeks, how are we supposed to feel comfortable working so closely with others? I miss working but the anxiety that was felt before the restaurant closures was intense and I can imagine it will even be worse upon returning if done too soon. Even going in grocery stores is terrifying. You can see the cashiers are fearful and don't offer the same enthusiasm that they did prior to covid. People are afraid and rightfully so. Please give us more time to get covid under control and if you are insistent on reopening early, please make it mandatory that we wear masks.
Pinellas	Recreation	Please address HOA, condo associations common area opening. If following social distancing there is no reason I can't enjoy my waterfront community area. Especially since on the other side of fence the Public is using public area.
Brevard	Healthcare	Thanks for opening this up to the public! I am a dialysis social worker and a lot of patients are not able to get very important procedures, medical tests necessary for transplant, and other medical appointments. I think it's important to start allowing these appointments and tests to happen again. I am not a doctor, but I do know that It's important that dialysis patients have working fistulas and often times need appointments and procedures to keep them working properly. Medicare strongly urges us to work toward fistulas instead of catheter use because there are higher rates of sepsis with catheters. Again I'm not a doctor, but it seems to me that the odds of getting sepsis are greater than getting covid, therefore making the lack of medical care a greater risk to patients than covid. I could be wrong, but it's worth considering. In terms of opening up the community, I wonder if there is a way to safely begin opening parking to the beaches and encouraging social distancing at the beach, perhaps with a strong recommendation that people not come and vacation on the beach yet so social distancing can be possible. Thanks!
Broward	General	Do not open quickly! BE CAUTIOUS!! I am primary caregiver to 92 year old mother and daughter with special needs. In addition I am auto immune compromised. Your knee jerk reaction can kill me entire family. PLEASE THINK ABOUT US!

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Orange	General	Central Florida, where I live, has had 4 steady weeks of declines in numbers of cases. We need to begin reopening businesses so that people may return to work. Keep the most vulnerable in quarantine. Keep hospitals and nursing homes closed to the public, but allow people to practice safe measures and reopen more businesses. Florida's unemployment is among the lowest in the country and has been nearly impossible for so many to even get approved for due to the process. The unemployment and financial insecurity are terrifying. If we can slowly open businesses that make sense, more people can return to work, we can measure what happens with the virus, then slowly open more. It's been 6 weeks. We cannot remain in quarantine indefinitely. The government cannot afford to support this many people long term. And many who need support aren't able to get it now. I support reopening some businesses on May 1st with safety measures in place. Reevaluate after 2-4 weeks and open more. There will still be people who won't patron, who will stay home. That's okay too. It helps with social distancing. But perhaps we need some data that shows it IS okay to leave your home to feel comfortable with the bigger businesses returning.
Pinellas	General	Please re-open Florida!
Walton	Retail	Good Morning. I own 2 boutiques in Northwesr Florida (30A) area. We moved here 10 years to follow our dream. We have worked hard. For 3 years, my husband, my son and myself worked 353 days a year growing our business. Since this area is seasonal and expensive commercially, we have mid March til the end of August to make the money it cost to operate the other months. There isn't profit on the other months but we break even a few months, the others we tap into our spring/summer sales. Like other seasonal boutiques the timing of this has given restaurants and boutiques a gut punch. Had this happened in Jan. It would have been better because in February we max all our credit lines to stock our stores. This left us financially in a position that we aren't sure we can recover. Landlords are not willing to work with most businesses. Again giving the small businesses another punch. We are not quitters but we need help and we need it fast. For the first time in my husband and my life we had to sign up for unemployment but we haven't gotten a cent. We also applied on the first day for EIDL and PPP. We received either. Our stores have been closed for almost 40 days. No income coming in. We are prideful tax paying people and this is horrible. We have never asked our government for anything but yet if we don't get help very soon....like a couple weeks we will have to go apply for food stamps. We did everything the government has asked we continued to pay our employees, while we could not afford it but we were told to do so and we would get the PPP loan to assist. Last week we had to tell our employees that we could no longer get paid. We do over 1 million a year but our overhead is massive for our retail boutiques. Between our stores and our home (which is modest) our expenses are over 30,000 per month. Again, with no income for the month of April. I also believe and know I can control my business as well as Lowe's and Walmart. Our boutique probably during peak time (July) might do 40 transactions. In May, we might have 30 people come through our doors in a day. I am asking for the small boutique owners that you would allow us to open and have a fighting chance to recover from this. Every day is one day closer to our family having to file bankruptcy. We can control the number of customers that enter our store. We can make sure it is safe and sanitized. Also please consider addressing the commercial lease/rent problems. If nothing else allow businesses like our the ability to get out of our lease

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Miami-Dade	Recreation	Disney and Universal are integral parts of the Florida Economy and the lungs of orlando's retail and tourism. The parks should consider reopening when it is safe to do so, by cutting the allowance of guests, setting slot times for entry and exit similar to all their special events. This way long lines are avoided, crowding is avoided and food should be set outdoors in stations to avoid more people inside closed doors. Food truck style. Thermo scanners upon entry to the parks Gatherings such as fireworks and parades should be separated by areas of the park based on "bracelet or tag colors" given upon entry. Masks should be worn inside rides. Hand sanitizers and mask availability around the park and rapid testing available for purchase inside nurse stations around disney and universal park properties.
Pinellas	Recreation	Open the beaches. Being inside all the time is not good for a person's wellbeing. The people that dont to go dont have to.
Hillsborough	Recreation	I would like to see our parks reopened. Not everyone in FL lives in a community with parks and/or sidewalks or bike trails. Those of us who do not, our children are having to ride their bicycles just in the driveway or road because there are no side walks. You don't have to open the playground areas but at least open the parks for bike and nature trails access. I respect that we have to safely reopen our state, but closing our state and county parks were wrong! I'm more susceptible to catching COVOD-19 in a grocery store or any other store that I have to go into for necessities than I am outdoors at a park. PLEASE reopen our parks immediately. Thank you
Bay	Tourism	I am a property owner in Florida. Please lift the ban on vacation rentals effective May 1st. The existing ban has been interpreted by some online travel agents (VRBO for one) to mean that they will not take ANY future vacation rental bookings in the state of Florida while the ban remains in effect. Most owners have already lost all bookings in the month May (and some beyond that), so even if the ban is lifted on May 1st, it will take some time before visitors are actually coming to Florida. I rely on the bookings from May - August to carry my unit for the remainder of the year. God forbid we have any significant hurricane storms on top of what has already happened this spring. Let travelers and owners decide what they are comfortable with. Recognize that even extending the ban another 2 weeks in May has an extremely detrimental effect on the summer bookings if OTAs won't take summer reservations during that time. I appreciate that you included representatives from the theme parks on the panel, but recognize that they represent the interests of hotels and resorts. They likely see independent people running vacation rentals as competition. Individuals running vacation rentals have been largely ignored, and completely excluded from government financial support during this time. Please listen to us now!
Orange	Healthcare	We should push back the opening date for dental offices and many other health care offices that involve aerosols. Sometimes at work you get sprayed with the patients saliva and can't do anything about it until after the procedure.

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Clay	Management	We need to have a testing system set up for antibodies and covid testing that specific for bars and restaurants. We need to make sure we are keeping staff and patrons safe. Bars and restaurants should be the last to re open followed by schools. We should an antibody test similar to what NY did to see how the virus penetrates Florida's society.
Pinellas	General	Please open the State of Florida ASAP! There are so many reasons this needs to happen. Extremely important is to have our hospitals open again for those who NEED medical attention whatever it may be. They have suffered way too long. Citizens need to eat, need to work, need to LIVE! I disagree with our children not returning to school. The senior class is devastated. The list is long and this is just a few. I was born in this state and will never leave. But this is not the way to live, shuttered in place. It is very disturbing to see what is happening. Thank you for providing this opportunity to voice an opinion. Until this opportunity there was no way to be heard. And even now you may never see this. Again OPEN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.
Manatee	Healthcare	DeSantis are you crazy or just as stupid as Trump? Do not reopen Florida. We're nowhere near getting this virus under control.
Polk	General	I dont think will be prudent to open the state very soon,we haven't test everybody to make sure who has the virus and who doesn't, plus we still receiving planes from around the country what means that we havent been in an actual quarentine, completed isolated from others,plus we dont have acces right now to ,alcohol,hand sanitizers,masks..ect AN EARLY REOPEN OF THE STATE WILL JUST PUT AS BACK TO THE BEGINING OF THIS ,in my humble opinion
Citrus	Recreation	The biking trails need to be re-opened. Absurd that 300 people can pack the registers at Walmart, Lowes, Public, etc and 10 people can go out on a boat. My son is 13 and on the Santos Biking team in Ocala Fl. He has to ride appx. 100 miles per week to maintain his level. He was 1st in his class in the state prior to this closure. The Santos trail system in Ocala is his home!!!! He can't even ride on the Withlacoochee Trail . I reluctantly have resorted to him riding public roads. I take him to a nice neighborhood with long roads as a last resort. He has 1000x risk of contracting Covid from a grocery trip than he does being outdoors riding his bike!!!! Trails must open ASAP!!!!! So many riders are unsafely riding public roads. Its scary. Let my son and his team mates back into the Ocala National Forest! 10 bike riders is the same as 10 sweaty people on a boat!!! Please!!!!!
Orange	General	I believe Florida is in a position to open with some guidelines, especially in the three most affected counties. It is imperative that people are able to go back to work and try to salvage some of what they had before. In addition, there are so many Constitutional freedom issues. ~ Thank you, Ellen Keyes

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Orange	Education	It would be irresponsible to open the state at this time. We still see newly reported cases and deaths daily, the curve has not been flattened yet. If business are allowed to open too quickly, we will just be back where we are for a longer duration. The last thing we would want is to force our children back into distance learning in the fall because we jumped the gun! Please consider what the continuation short term pause would mean vs having to shut down again for months!
Broward	General	My job that was temporarily ordered shut by the City Of Hollywood is 5,000 square feet and only 15 employees that are more than 6 ft spaced out and does not deal with the public.Ridiculious I can't return and the flu is by far worse than this.Millions facing being put in the street will cause far more illness than letting us return to our jobs.Being that returning to work and entering any place of business will require a mask be mandatory until the virus is dead.Far more millions of people will die for many other reasons not to do this immediately!!!Unemployment isn't paying I filed 5 weeks ago.
Brevard	Professional Services	Numbers are still rising in Brevard. As a hairstylist I don't feel it's safe to open yet. I love my job and realize I need to work, but there is no way we can social distance. Even with all the necessary precautions, sure it makes safer for the client but we would still be coming into contact with numerous people everyday. Before the pandemic people had no care for others and would come in sick to get a hair cut, what makes you think people will be honest when asked if they have a fever or if they've been in contact with anyone who has been sick? The fact that we're in such close proximity with others is not safe right now. Anything that's outdoors, like parks and beaches, where people have the room to social distance is ok. People need to realize that haircuts, colors, nails or any other beauty service is NOT a necessity. Sure it may be an inconvenience but no one NEEDS those things.
Pasco	General	End the shutdown, people need to work
Manatee	Healthcare	It is TOO SOON to reopen Florida!! Please wait!!! Keep bars, beaches, parks, pools, and other places that people gather at closed for a bit longer!! Please have park sanitation workers deep clean all playground equipment and tables before reopening!!
Lee	General	Don't reopen the state! It will just make the number of cases go up.
Volusia	General	Way too soon to be opening up. All opening back up will do is spike the numbers again. We do not have proper testing and the numbers will not reflect a proper decline. We need more stimulus checks to support families through this and a stricter lock down with enforcement. Otherwise we will be fighting this battle for years to come.
Pinellas	Professional Services	I think hair salons should be opened IF the owner/workers want it opened and IF they practice social distancing and safe disinfecting measures before/after each client. Thank you!

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Pinellas	General	Dear Task Force. No matter what decision is made, you will always have those who don't agree. As a consumer, it has been difficult to get products needed to keep the virus at bay. There have been days of frequenting stores only to find shelves empty. However, what was noticeable was at least 80% percent of fellow shoppers were unprotected, not wearing masks or gloves and this is with safe at home in effect! Imagine how much worse it will get if the order is lifted, the virus will spread like wildfire. I am one of the fortunate people that has an essential business and my heart breaks for those who don't. There must be some other way of boosting the economy until this virus has a cure. May you all be blessed with the wisdom needed to make your decision. Respectfully, Michele Holzworth
Miami-Dade	General	Please re-open the state with some measures in place when people go out that they have to do and abide to.
Volusia	General	I think it is too soon to reopen. We just started to ramp up testing and I think we need to give it another 30 days to see where we are. We're finally starting to see the true numbers in Volusia County because we had such limited testing for so long.
Volusia	General	Gov DeSantis, Great call shutting down the nursing homes. Now that we know most of the fatalities from the virus are over 60 years old with co-morbidties why do we not open the entire economy and let the elderly and vulnerable self-isolate. In the long run if the population under 50 get the virus and acquire immunity when the elderly do come out the younger population will not be shedding the virus any longer.. come out, they will not be contracting the virus from
Polk	General	Open the state back up. At this point we are doing more harm then good. Any with high risk should stay home. Flu has more death tolls annually.
Lee	Professional Services	Please let hairdressers open. I don't want anyone to know I'm not a blond.
Pasco	Management	Ron you got just over 30 days to slow this down before hurricane season. Do your dam job
Lee	Recreation	Please reopen Florida state parks to annual pass holders ..... especially Delnor-Wiggins and Lovers Key. Limiting admission to annual pass holders would help reduce crowds plus allow those of us with annual passes be able to use the facilities that we have already paid for and have not been allowed to use. Thanks!
Polk	Retail	I work in retail and have a heart condition. I do not feel comfortable having retail stores that are not essential open until health officials have said it is safe to do so. I personally think another month of shut down is needed or we will have another serve in cases
Hillsborough	General	I think people should be allowed to make a choice . We dont need a nanny watching over us. Most people are aware of the risks. I have been an "essential " worker at a convenience store through out this pandemic. I see people every day at work , they are aware of all the safety precautions. Give people the option to shop,exercise,and get out in the sunshine

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Orange	General	I would be very happy if the areas that are less impacted,open slowly and then you open other areas little by little.On the other hand people who are high risk need to stay home,until the infection rate minimize. The most important masks must be mandatory and social gathering must be maintained. Thank you.
Brevard	Recreation	Open Melbourne beaches and parking. I can go into a crowded store but cant sit on a beach in fresh air and sunshine. Away from people. The beach is the main reason I moved to Florida. I work from home. I brought my job to Florida. I might as well have stayed in MD and helped their economy.
Broward	General	While we are all eager to go out, work, and get involved with our communities it is hard to re-open Florida with the schools closed. Schools should remain closed through the end of the school year, this is the correct action when considering the health of our kids and the future of Florida. As a result, Florida should remain closed with only essential workers being able to work. While this might hurt our economy short-term the consequences could be more if we open too soon. Consideration should be given to implementing additional practices to keeping us safe such as additional measures for out--of -state travel (monitoring who comes in and out), adopting volunteer mobile check-ins so that the State can responsibly track individuals and sanitize businesses/offices where concentrations of people carrying the virus are identified, require businesses to actually adopt curb-side food pickup (while restaurants have adopted carry out many still allow customers to walk in), having pharmacies and grocery stores implement curbside as the only option. We need to keep everyone safe!
Hillsborough	Government	I think it's way too soon to open up the economy yet we still have many cases that are still coming up and all they can think about is not the safety of everyone I work in the healthcare system and yes I do miss the patients but I'm also thinking about their health and my health he needs to re-think about this whole re-opening Florida back up
Sarasota	Professional Services	Open hair salons but require masks to be worn by clients and stylist and clients keep distance from each other. Mandatory disinfect after each client.
Lake	General	I do not feel it's safe to reopen as of yet..we need to get this Virus under control and better understand it
Orange	Finance	Fix unemployment!
Osceola	Healthcare	The hospital I work for in St Cloud Florida has seen the effects on volume but we remain steady helping all those patient's that are still coming in ill thru the emergency room. No elective surgeries for now. I consider we should remain the way it is to prevent the spread in our facility. Many patients are still having complaints and testing is getting done in house to rule out possible cases. I suggest to reopen back in June since temperature and humidity seems to have an effect on this lethal virus.

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Orange	General	We should categorize companies/businesses as low, medium or high contact. Let low contact open immediately.. Set guidelines and phases for medium contact. Then high contact should wait 2 weeks to see how the other groups fair. React to how the other groups did. If there is a flare up in those 2 weeks high contacts hold on opening. If no real issue with the first 2 groups then high can open with STRICT guidelines like capacity reduced.
Duval	General	Please re-open the city. I understand that some people will need to stay in but I also understand there are many of us that need to get out and need to go back to work so I'm asking that you re-open the city at this time
Brevard	Education	PLEASE!!! DON'T OPEN the STATE YET!!!
Seminole	Food	With adherence to social distancing and other recommended actions and behavior by the public I think that businesses should be allowed to reopen.
St. Lucie	General	I am afraid that if we don't keep the state closed for at least two more weeks to definitively make sure we've helped "flatten our curve", the non-essential businesses reopening will cause another wave within the month that will double the positive cases and extend this several months. Especially industries that have issues social distancing, even with PPE. It's best to stay closed for a couple of weeks and reopen for summer time season, versus potentially close down again in a couple of months because it happens again.
Sarasota	General	Absolutely ridiculous to be talking about opening our state, when our cases are still going up, we've not flattened nor trended down in COVID cases. We need ROBUST testing and we need to understand the immunity held before any of these decisions are made. Politicians and those demanding we open up our state would have gone to the WTC site and thrown rubble BACK onto bodies as first responders were trying to rescue them? That's exactly what you're doing to frontline workers. Also, would be nice if DeSantis would BOTHER to expand Medicaid in the state. I've been an RN for 30 years and would go back to the front lines to help during the pandemic, but I have no healthcare and therefore will not risk my life. It's time politicians trusted SCIENCE and valued it over MONEY.
Polk	Retail	If I can go into a crowded retailer like WalMart, Lowes or Publix then why shouldn't I be allowed to get my hair cut...why shouldn't I be allowed to go to Bealls...Why can't we do outside dining or even inside for that matter...we need to drop this social engineering experiment and open the state back up...we need to fully open the beaches and parks so people can be out in the fresh air without worry....

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Orange	Healthcare	I have been following the progress made on testing and other things the CDC recommends as benchmarks for beginning a phased approach to reopening, both for the state of Florida and in Orange County. Florida has made some improvement in the levels of testing but still ranks 19th in #tests/1M in pop. I have heard absolutely nothing about plans for contact tracing. As I look at graphs of new cases, I can see that Florida may have reached the apex, but there are still too many new cases each day and there has not been a steady decline over 14 consecutive days, as the CDC recommends. PPE and disinfectants are still in short supply, another obstacle to opening up the economy safely. I am fortunate to not have been financially impacted by the actions that have been taken to protect the population from infection. But I refuse to change my stay at home habits until I am confident that decisions are being made based on the data and full adherence to CDC guidelines -- not DeSantis's wish to please Trump. Once those requirements are met, I believe the first things that should open are health care facilities for non-emergency procedures that people have been putting off, probably often to the detriment of their long-term health. There may also be small businesses with minimal direct contact with customers or who can do business through individual appointments. Although I have generally spent much of my discretionary income on hair and nail salons and dining out, my habits are likely permanently changed now until a vaccine is available. I'm certainly not going to visit hair and nail salons just because the Governor tell them they can open for business. And I want to know that restaurants and other public spaces have changed their AC systems so that there's no possibility that contaminated air is being recirculated and spreading infection. High traffic, high touch businesses should be the LAST to open, not the first. They were singled for closure for a reason.
Manatee	General	It seems to me the State of Florida is jumping the gun to get reopened just to save money, and you are taking advantage of the financial desperation of people who wouldn't be so desperate to I understood the need to shut things down until we acquired enough knowledge about the virus to move forward safely for the bulk of our population. What we have determined is that the virus is very contagious, but only harmful to a small percentage of the population. This virus won't be contained until we have developed a vaccination or herd immunity. The only thing we are doing by keeping things locked down is prolonging this process. We can't keep things locked down for a year or two until a vaccination is developed and produced. While all deaths and illnesses are unfortunate, it is not right to "punish" the entire population to save a very few. It's time to let our state and country get back to normal. The state and federal governments have done a good job of educating the population on how to avoid getting the virus. If someone personally decides to go into public and contracts the illness, that is their right to do so and they will suffer the consequences good or bad. If we have confirmed cases, those people should be quarantined, but the responsibility for one's health resides with the individual and not the government. We should not be quarantining healthy citizens any longer. It's time to get things back to normal so we can proceed with our lives.

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Brevard	Healthcare	Proper PPE and high volume evacuation system or assistant to suction. More time scheduled between patients for proper sterilization. Longer appointment times. Disposable uniforms or be able to wash your uniforms at work so we aren't taking germs home.
Miami-Dade	Professional Services	Open up! I can't continue to remain without an income. Have not received a dime from unemployment yet. Also, I live in a small apartment with a 9 year old child who is craving to be outdoors going to a pool or beach. No one is wondering about our mental health being locked up. Those who want to stay indoors or are concerned should be allowed to do so. Our freedoms are being taken from us.
Hillsborough	General	I understand that this virus has affected peoples income in a huge capacity. Of course NO ONE wants to be locked up or have their life styles and freedom infringed upon but THIS goes beyond comfort. Yes.....living in a nice house / apartment that you must make payments on is comfort Yes ...driving a nice car that you must make payments on is comfort Yes....paying credit cards bills from purchases that you have made and make is comfort. LIVING A LIFE is a necessity. Life IS life. Dead is FOREVER!!!!!! There is SO MUCH about this virus that we do not know. What we DO KNOW is it does NOT only kill the old , ill and immune compromised. It will kill WHO EVER AND WHEN EVER IT CHOOSES AND HAS. Yes....it has been said that the above are MORE at risk, however, when you use that as a "rational " it states and screams.....THEY are WORTH the risk if we open the state. It has now come to light that it may be causing blood clots in the 30 to 55 yr range. I PERSONALLY know someone in their 30s , perfectly healthy suffered a brain clot and had to undergo surgery..... WE DO NOT KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT THIS VIRUS to put the American people at risk YET. IT IS TO SOON.....TO SOON , TO SOON..... It is careless, selfish, thoughtless and negligent.!!!! FACT..... DISINFECTANTS ARE NOT READILY AVAILABLE WITH AMPLE QUANTITIES. FACT.....GLOVES AND MASKS ARE NOT READILY AVAILABLE WITH AMPLE QUANTITIES. FACT.....TESTING TESTING TESTING IS NOT READILY AVAILABLE TO ALL THAT NEED OR WANT THEM
Osceola	General	How the hell are people suppose to return to work with out being able to keep THEIR WORK PLACE sanitized and free of contact Individual responsibility. Let business owners who want to open, and let me decide the level of risk I'm willing to accept. Like cigarettes, alcohol, HIV. If people are scared or high risk, let them stay home. Rather than worrying about over running hospitals they are empty and our health care workers are losing their jobs too. You think you had a health care crisis, just wait.

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Pasco	General	It is too soon to re-open. If we open now it will all be for nothing. When the recovered individuals surpasses those that are sick, then we need to have this discussion. On top of the fact there are no protections for employees who are even more at risk to have a choice to quarentine. It might create further job loss. Even in my case, I have two kids. Schools are closed and if we reopen Florida my employer may say I need to figure it out. I could be forced to quit or eventually be fired. My job also requires travel, meaning flying weekly to different parts of the country. What is there to protect me from having to fly since its a part of my job. While I am not at risk, I don't want to feel like I am being forced to potentially get sick.
Manatee	General	County commissioners and other local officials should be listen too and have some part in all decisions relating to opening businesses and other establishments. ONE SIZE Is it going to work. More testing needs to be done. Maybe opening up a business should be tied to testing of employees. And possible checking up temperatures at the door like they do it certain clinics and other health establishments.
Volusia	General	Open our state now!! The numbers don't justify the lockdown. Depression economy right around the corner and I don't want my children nor future grandchildren dealing with that. We can make a change to this direction by opening up our state now. I am attaching an article that was written by a medical doctor - truths about the coronavirus. Long but informative with medical facts!! I would also like to say that it seems the democratic governors and democratic elected officials (Jerry Demings as an example) seem to want to keep everyone locked down as long as possible - but the republican governors and elected officials want to open things up- seems political to me. Time to open it up!! Here's the article for your research. https://coronavirustruths.godaddysites.com/
Manatee	General	more & more cases are adding to the daily totals, I can't see why you would even consider opening the state. I dont think anyone would social distance if they opened things..we went to Lowe's Thur and even the employees weren't wearing masks.if companies aren't making their workers be safe, why would anyone think the public would either. There is no way to social distance at the beach safely.
Osceola	Education	I am an older teacher with an older spouse. We need to be very careful about reopening schools because (in my experience) many parents send obviously ill children with fevers and rashes to school. They are sent to the nurse. The parents can't come to pick them up, and the nurse then sends them back to class. Schools should have a dedicated "sick room" where these children are sent till their parents pick them up or the school day ends staffed by a nurse separate from the nurse's office. Attendance requirements should also tske our new normal into consideration.

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Pinellas	General	I do not believe the state should open up yet until the covid 19 crisis slows. Yes the number of cases in Florida has slowed and the curve has flattened but the number of cases each day are the same as a few weeks into the start of the pandemic. My concern is a secondary spike and with there more cases than ever in the state that will inevitable. Now with school out for the rest of the year and appears no summer camps for children. Parents like myself and my wife with no family help will jeopardize our jobs because we will need to split time at home to help virtual school our children and will not have child care for an unknown time. We have children ages 3, 8, 14. My child is also a type 1 diabetic so even if camps open I would be scare to send my child because other families my not be taking this as serious as they need to. Him getting sick with covid 19 will be a certain hospital visit. The thought of my child going to ER and be quarantined away from his family and parents not understanding why is a huge fear. You can ease those fears by continuing the safer at home order. Thank you A concerned citizen
St. Johns	General	It's time to re-open the economy! The numbers just aren't playing out and we will already struggle with tourism because of the rest of the countries fears. Let people get back to work with guidelines around crowds, etc. Also institute antibody testing state wide so that people understand how far this virus has already spread and get to a real death rate. More people will die because of the consequences of lost jobs and inability to access healthcare then this virus.
Seminole	Healthcare	we need more places in Seminole County to test for antibodies. I would also wait another month before letting businesses open up. We are a smaller dense community so this must be taken into consideration especially with hair salons, barbers and department stores. I would wait another 30 days for sure.
Duval	General	I'd like to see business to start opening back up with strict guidelines especially social distancing. I feel our economy needs to start getting back to some kind of normal, whatever that is, not sure myself what "normal" is any more. People need to return to work for many reasons.
Collier	General	We cannot reopen the state to business until such time that we truly believe COVID-19 is under control. This includes but is not limited to the opening of beaches, personal luxuries such as hair salons and nail salons, gyms and activities centers.
Osceola	Retail	I am a store manager. I think we need to limit the amount of people allowed in the stores. Also make everyone still wear masks. Limit the hours of operation. To give the stores time to clean and disinfect them. We need to keep everyone safe.
Duval	General	How about to get things opening up practice social distancing as a must and also make it mandatory to enter places with face mask .

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St. Johns	General	It’s to soon to open things back up if so we will be taking two steps backwards! But our government from DC to local Florida do not care about the American people and don’t listen period ! The system is so broken for so long does not matter what your opinion is anymore , first off let’s get rid of this joke of a president out of office before he does anymore damage
Lake	General	DONT OPEN . people like me with pre existing conditions will be screwed . im also a hairstylist and there is really no safe way to open that industry yet . i havent received any unemployment either . but i rather be broke then dead . please wait til june !!! there will be another wave if we dont . theres already 50000 dead .
Osceola	General	If you open the state, I'd like employers to still offer remote working options for those of us not wanting to be out in public yet. I support minimum options opening first but if it gets bad again, then we close down again.
St. Lucie	General	As much as I don’t want to be cooped up any longer I feel it is best we stayed closed to protect each other.
Charlotte	Tourism	Open up the state parks. Ramp up testing kits.
Sarasota	General	I do not think we should ease restrictions until we actually have the testing in place. There is no way you can social distance from personal services such as hair, nails. Many people do not wear masks or practice social distance. The people who do need to be protected from these people. We need an enforceable plan in place with testing for all before restrictions are eased.
Volusia	Accommodation	I would have restaurants have customers go to the restrooms and use the potty then wash hands before being served.
Duval	Professional Services	To soon to reopen. You will cause a lot more people to get sick. I’m waiting now on my results from the test
Sarasota	Tourism	Please open up restaurants and hotels using safe distancing. Keep safe measures In place and space tables apart to insure a healthy space for each patron. Or country Has done well and openings should begin next week, in my opinion. Thank you for letting me be part of this most urgent decision.
Broward	Recreation	I would like to see our beach opened to at least walking along the water. I've been doing this for 16 years and normally at sunrise there are only a few people out anyway. I realize the issue with partial anything and would rather play it safe. Requiring face masks and no sunbathing? I honestly don't know if it would work but that is my personal desire. Not sure i would go to a restaurant in person now even if open with restricted seating, I'd rather just get take out.

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Palm Beach	Food	I feel that restaurants should be able to open with proper health and distancing guidelines including opening at first at 50% capacity and then graduating to full capacity 4 weeks later. The key will be proper policing of restaurants making sure that they are adhering to the policies set forth and if they do not then they should be penalized or closed. During this quarantine it has amazed me that businesses such as Grocery stores and home improvement stores have been permitted to stay open while other businesses were not. Furthermore until recently no capacity limits were placed on the essential businesses and they were extremely crowded with no guidelines in place, only of recent have guidelines been put in place. Florida can open up safely by making guidelines for all businesses and consequences for those that do not follow them and then let people make their own decision if they want to go out. Best, Rocco Scarfone
Lake	Healthcare	Considering the challenges we have faced related to appropriate materials for our healthcare providers such as PPE , ventilators, etc., we should have a very detailed plan in place. Our first responders should have a well stocked stock pile of necessary equipment and PPE ready at hand to address a possible reoccurrence of covid 19 or any other virus or natural disaster. It is apparent to me that we cannot rely on Washinhton to do their part in case of disasters, we must take care of ourselves. Once our plan to reopen is in place and the necessary supplies are stockpiled, phased opening will be safer and likely be more successful.
Miami-Dade	General	Open up this state. Quit living in fear. The models and numbers have been wrong. Let us who want to to go back to leaving do so, those who want to be fearful or health at risk stay home. Please Govenor Desantas u have been an excellent job but in this you are not leading the way.
Broward	General	Florida should not re-open businesses until medical professionals say that it is safe to do so. The number of corona virus cases in Florida keep increasing. If the economy does open up, I honestly would not feel safe. The lockdown should stay intact throughout the summer also just to be safe. I hope you consider my message. I may be 17 but I've been through so much in my life, I just want my friends and family to be safe.
Lake	Finance	There should be more support for state universities, teachers, and recreation.
Okaloosa	Government	Time to open up Florida. Mortality and morbidity numbers for COVID-19 have proven to be no worse than for flu. There is no reason to prevent healthy people from getting on with their lives. Take reasonable precautions with at-risk portions of the population. Quarantine sick people. But use actual data, not early alarmist projections and models, which were ALL WRONG.

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Manatee	Retail	Really closing 24hr stores at 8:30, oneway isles and closing entrance/exits! The very idea of a 24hr store is so people could shop al there leisure. Instead you close at night and cram people together threw one entrance. Its like Walmart is doing there best to spread this virus. If im in a oneway isle and someone coughs or sneezes in front of me, i will violate your rule and not continue threw there sickness Do you know people live at night too? People must think this virus only comes out at night like the Boogeyman. Well i got news for you. Before you started closing customers could go shopping at 3am and not encounter even one person! And now in order to shop i have to RISK MY LIFE. Please stop overthinking this and return to the safer normal? Your customers will thank you and maybe live longer to shop another day.
Broward	Professional Services	Professional service providers have to ensure their facilities are cleaned prior to customers returning. They have to ensure hourly wipe down as each customer exits etc. No more than 10 should gather including staff. No waiting area should be open. Gloves and mask required for all staff and customers. Staff should be change gloves and mask after every customer or services is provided. Hours of operation remain limited nothing pass 9pm...Barber shops, salon etc. No tatoo parlors or bars unless they gather with lessbthan 10.
Escambia	Recreation	.
Volusia	General	Open up in Phases. Phase I: All retail stores should be able to open up with curbside service, no more than 15-20 in the store (depending on the size) that count should include employee's too. People should be required to wear mask and gloves inside. (Employees and Customers) No one can't try on clothes. Restaurant should stay the same as right now delivery and curbside (till we can get the % of positive cases down.) Salons should be able to open also, the same rules no more than 5 at time (number should include employee and customers) depending on size of the place. Warehouses and Smaller offices should be able to open up wearing gloves, mask with 6 ft distant. (depending on the size). Any outside jobs - should be working Large Office buildings - people should work from home for now (till % goes down). Keep the stay at home order and curfews (10 pm to 5 am) Phase II: Depends on % of positive cases. Disney Springs, Outlets, Malls and middle size office buildings. Phases III : Depends on % of positive cases. Hotels, Theme parks, Cruises and Large office buildings.

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Pasco	General	We need to open everything, beaches, amusement parks, restaurants, malls and so forth. People need to use mask, wash hands etc. using the beach for exercise only without sun bathing makes no sense. I work in the health field and have been exposed to many cold, viruses and flu's. At work we must wear mask anyways and wash hands constantly. I feel our economy needs immediate attention, if we don't get our people working again it could be more devastating. We will continue to fight diseases as we always have in the past and will be in the future. It's all about educating people and making sure that our businesses offer employees, customers and patients to provide mask, hand sanitizer even checking temperatures and whatever else is needed. We need to continue cleaning and wiping down everything and not letting our guard down. This is my personal opinion let's be smart, pray and learn from our past and move forward.
Volusia	Tourism	I think we need to be very careful when opening our state back up to tourism. There are many states that are still have more issues than us. I believe if we do not set strict boundaries we will have people attempt to "escape" to Florida again causing us to have another spike in cases. While we need tourism for economy. I think that needs to be one of the last things we reopen.
Manatee	General	We think opening up gradually over May is the appropriate decision. The governor has done a great job monitoring open hospital beds. The very workers we were trying to protect are getting furloughed around the country due to lack of patients in the hospitals. Open up slowly having businesses keep social distances. Restaurants should be able to open at half capacity gradually over May opening fully by end of month or by mid June. Businesses can check temperatures of customers and employees.
Marion	General	I believe we can reopen after more testing is done. As of now I haven't been tested and no one I know has been tested. I am 55, and a ll year cancer survivor, and I also have high blood pressure.So until that is done I feel we should remain closed
Martin	General	My husband and I feel that opening restaurants and other food eatery's should be delayed until at least June. There's just too much uncertainty right now. How would owners protect themselves should one of their employees or even a customer come down with COVID19. I see lawsuits - lots of lawsuits. It's just not worth the risk. Do owners even know whether or not they can get supplies?
Lee	Recreation	Open. People be smart. Business need to open. Schools too in the fall. This has been around a long time before all closed. Take precautions yes. But open.
Brevard	General	DO NOT OPEN FLORIDA YET! We have to get thru this the right way. Please listen to the experts and not the politically driven protesters. PLEASE USE COMMON SENSE and not what's coming from the bankrupt administration. Dr. Fauci is what we need right now. Experts will get us thru this, not politicians. If you attended college you must have an educated brain telling you whats right and whats wrong. If you're only interested in YOUR JOB then we don't need you.
Pasco	General	We should keep non essential businesses such as bars, dine in restraunts, stylists shops closed for at least a few more weeks. Elective surgeries should resume.
Lake	General	Do not open state.

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Seminole	Information	I think it so stupid to open the state at this time. By opening it up your taking chances of infected people to infect us that have stayed home like ordered. Yes we need to get our state back up and running but not so fast to infect and kill more people. Granted I'm going Bonkers staying at home but I'm a high risk person. 72 yrs old, diabetic, heart attack and immune system is not up to par. Please governor Desantis dont be a flunky for a present who talks out his ass on all things pertaining to the virus. Ya right inject yourself with bleach.this way he will have less voters to vote against his dictatorship. Again governor Desantis. Listen to the doctors, scientists and reopen the state when we are much safer. Thank you
Lee	General	I vote to re open florida in a safe way . We all need to get our lives back and jobs. Our economy is suffering and the longer we prolong this process the worst it will get in the long run . I hope that we can have things back to normal asap . Thank you
Pinellas	General	I feel we need another 2 weeks minimum like May 15th stay at home. Schools maybe in the fall. Small business as long as they practice cdc guidelines with social distancing. Parks & beaches limited for a couple more months. Areas counties where things are still growing like our state is still multiplying very limited again must follow guidelines. Large business with very strict guidelines. Work from home as much as possible. Restaurants follow limited occupany and follow guidelines. Bars distancing I doubt will happen. Otherwise, our state needs to be very careful with our elderly, very careful.
Pasco	Recreation	Please open Our resorts and Campgrounds. We know how to Social distance. We need to be outside getting vitamin d and exercise and interacting with our camping friends. It's our bodies and we want our rights back. Thanks
Seminole	Food	I feel that many restaurants should be aloud to reopen. Especially when there is outside seating along with inside, give guidelines to allow reopening. Restaurants give people excitement with friends and families, something much needed. People's spirits need to be lifted. Small businesses are hurting so bad. Let people then decide if they want to get out. I hope this is not a joke and people are reading this.
Flagler	General	I think we're jumping the gun by trying to reopen things way too soon. There are people out there who are not cooperating with the social distance or wearing a face mask while in public oh, this is putting us at risk already. The numbers are still high and I think we need to wait a couple of more weeks before you try to reopen things. They should be opened slowly and I feel only businesses that are essential such as Banks etc should be opened first.
Escambia	General	I support CDC's guidelines concerning not reopening sectors of the economy until Fl has experienced 14 days of decreasing coronavirus cases, deaths, coved hospital admissions, etc.
Osceola	Recreation	Please open all beaches. If we can't open the parks, we should at least have the beaches open. Thank you
Lee	Recreation	No face masks should be required!
St. Lucie	General	Please don't open Florida yet, our numbers of corona virus is still climbing,please think of people.i have asthma I don't want to die, no one wants to. Our economy will pick bac up.if you open up the state it will just get worse! Thank you

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Brevard	General	I do not believe the state should reopen until there is adequate testing. My husband is a smoker and my mother has diabetes, I do not want to bring anything home to them if I am told to return to work. I understand that we do not want to devastate the economy, but it is also not worth someone's life if it is preventable. At least follow the guidelines provided by the White House with a consistent downward trend, if not we will have visitors from other states and community spread will continue to happen.
Pinellas	General	Please do not open nonessential business in the state until the rate of Covid-19 infection has decreased for a number of consecutive days. Now is too soon.
Pinellas	General	Do not open the state prematurely. Extend safer at home order into May (maybe until June) Cases are continuing to increase. If you open up some beaches, pools, some businesses people will violate safe distancing requirements. I see this now! The fitness club I belong to will charge me for personal training at $500 a month and my contract won't let me out without a months notice by certified letter. I had open heart surgery one year ago and can't risk getting Covid 19?at the fitness club. I have been exercising at home. I can wait another month until it's safe to go to the fitness club. Do not open up fitness clubs where people are sweating, breathing heavy as they work out and personal trainers are in close quarters. We do not need to ignite a second wave of Covid 19
Brevard	General	I think the reopening should be gradual and measured. For instance, I think any retail setting should be for 50 percent of capacity. It is time to start bringing the economy back on line.
Hillsborough	Government	Open up Florida! I am 69 and I know how to take care of myself. By now people in the high-risk groups should know the risks. Please give those of us over the age of 60 Credit for being able to take care of ourselves and take personal responsibility for our own PPE and social distancing. It is our group that is getting sick and we don't need government help to stay healthy. Intervening with patients at nursing homes is important and I encourage the government to continue with its work in that area as well as public service announcements. I don't want my generation to hold up the young people of the world from getting on with their lives. Government cannot prevent all deaths There are risks in every day life and government cannot remove all of those risks. Those in the liberal media would probably have the government shut down all of the highways all over the country because there's a bunch of people dying and getting hurt there. This lockdown needs to stop. Open up Florida. Melvin Moore Age 69 Tampa Florida
Pasco	General	Just an opinion I think it's too soon to open up but that's out of fear ,I only pray you will do this slowly and under guidelines so we dont have to go through this again but even worse Thank you to all of you and Gov Desantis also !

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Seminole	General	While I want the state of Florida to reopen its businesses, I think at this point that it's just too early! We're still seeing new COVID-19 cases every day, and sadly so many deaths, and I think it's just too risky right now. Once we have a leveling off of new cases diagnosed, I think we could revisit this issue. We need to make sure that our hospitals can handle the number of patients and don't get overwhelmed. Thanks for allowing my input!
Broward	Retail	Given how little is known about this virus and our ability to treat or recover from it, any reopening at this time without extensive testing that is accessible to all Floridians is foolish at best and possibly downright malicious. We have a high senior population, as well as a high poverty rate. The majority of people are not convinced that it is safe to live life as “normal”. Face masks and sanitizer are not yet readily available. Focus instead in getting out the unemployment funds people are still waiting on and not letting large corporations syphon off stimulus funds meant for small businesses. It’s not a good look and we have a record of who they are and will be sure to avoid doing any business with them in the future. Also, businesses who pull employees back in without an abundance of caution, strict enforcement of social distancing and an abundance of PPE, the state and federal government must do their job in keeping citizens safe. Scientist will figure this out, but they need time and the state and federal governments are choosing to make this time more painful than it needs to be.
Osceola	General	Please open the economy! Being homeless is more deadly than the virus.
Hillsborough	Education	Please do not reopen schools, k-12 any time soon, at least til August to reconsider again depends on situation. State may supplements other online bases /website, laptop, internet for students to use from now until schools reopening, continue helping with weekly meals. For families that need kids to go somewhere if no one to watch their kids, support some day are if they want to or they have to look after their own kids, like everybody else that sacrifice their jobs to stay home with kids, those stay at home moms/dads do not get paid but they take it, because they choose kids before money. State and Governor and whoever responsible should consider seriously about health sickness/illness that will hit children and family if school rush to open too soon. Somebody are going to complain no matter choice might be, but students/ children have to come first, not liberty in the wrong time, disease time. And please push forward to be the state that see children’s life important to protect, not politics or money, or to favor some lawmakers. Thanks in advance.

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Orange	Professional Services	Hello Governor DeSantis. My wife owns a small hair salon in Altamonte Springs. She as well as the other hair stylists need to get back to work NOW. They already have a plan in place for a safe opening if you can just give the OK to do so. Lives are at stake here, and I'm talking our financial lives. The plan is for the hair stylists to coordinate their schedules so only a couple of stylists are there on a particular day. The clients are advised to only show up on time and not early so there are not people congregating in the lobby. They stylists are going to wear masks and each station will be sanitized, as well as the shampoo bowls, after each client. We also feel that the clients, as well as the staff, are smart enough to know not to come in if they are not feeling well. We feel these measures will allow for safe operations of the business as well as the safety of everyone.
Putnam	Recreation	Please consider opening parks in rural counties such as Putnam County.There are many senior citizens who use the parks for exercise and to be outside . Social distancing should still remain in effect .
Orange	General	DO NOT OPEN !!! DO NOT OPEN!!! DO NOT OPEN !!! Nothing has changed for the better, we do not have a vaccine. We do not have a treatment. My mother is extremely high risk. In the last year she has survived a triple heart bypass, and a stroke. She has diabetes and asthma and her life is utterly precious and vital. She deserves to live. Ignorant Republicans that refuse to believe in proven science and doctors and professionals who all say “we are NOT READY” to remove restrictions cannot be allowed to dictate policy against every measure of public safety and reason. Do not give in to the ignorant. If they want to infect and kill their mothers and fathers, they are welcome to, but they do NOT HAVE THE RIGHT to kill mine! Not for the sake of greed . If you reopen this state full of elderly every death will be on your soul. Think of someone else and weigh the worth of that life.
Martin	General	Please reopen the state. We can no longer continue down this path. I am married to a health care provider who works in a operating room at a local hospital. Her hours her hours are have been cut back to one day a week due to cancellation of elective surgeries . This is impacting us financially and emotionally. Let’s use common sense when attacking this problem by protecting the population who are most vulnerable. Thank you for your time and god bless
Sarasota	General	REOPEN THE ECONOMY NOW!
Pinellas	Professional Services	I don't really care about any other area except dog grooming. All other business's can remain closed until the state determines that they are safe to frequent. I just shelled out $160.00 to get my dog to the vet for skin and ear issues due to him not getting groomed. A lot of our fur babies need regular grooming to maintain their coats//skin allergies. Please consider re-opening dog grooming so we can get our babies back on track. I just spent money that could otherwise have been used to buy food and pay bills. This can be done, via curbside drop off and pick up. Thank you for your consideration.

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Pinellas	General	Please follow the recommendations of healthcare professionals, not business leaders, about when to allow beaches and businesses to open. If we open too soon, not only do we put people at risk, we also invite a second wave of infections. And, I believe a second wave of infections would be extremely demoralizing and have a very, very bad effect on the economy.
Brevard	General	Open the state now. We're the Sunshine State, Hot and humid, all these things destroy the virus. It is time.
Pasco	General	Reopen Florida. But, with social distancing guidelines that business are required to follow for safety.
Osceola	General	I really feel that socia distancingl should remain for an extended time. Retail. entertainment venues, restaurants. churches but no sports or Disney related activities at this time should slowly be opened. Beaches could be opened with some restraints. Overall, if the cases continue to decline gradually opening by mid May would be suggestion.
Miami-Dade	Healthcare	Strongly recommend re-opening and allowing elective procedures. The number of Covid-19 cases and hospital admissions are starting to decrease. The argument for preserving PPE and ventilators was valid at that time, but is no longer the case as fortunately our hospital systems have not been overwhelmed. There are hospitals, healthcare workers, and private practitioners that are suffering great financial losses at this time, adding to unemployment and dire economic circumstances. Allowing for elective procedures is part of phase 1 as per the re-opening guidelines by the White House. Please allow elective procedures to be performed as soon as possible.
Orange	Government	Please do not open Florida until we can prove to Floridians and tourist that workers in Florida have tested at a rate of 70% positive for antibodies to the Coronavirus. I did not see antibodies testing as a requirement to be met before Florida to re-open. I think it should, testing will help to build confidence that Florida is READY.
Orange	General	It’s too son to be thinking about opening. I fear another surge of the virus.
Putnam	General	I believe that the Safe-At-Home order was an overstep of power. I believe that shutting down restaurants and small businesses was a colossal mistake for Florida's economy and has thrown countless thousands into poverty and hunger. Bankruptcies are already starting and many business will be unable to open up again. Each day of delay adds to that number. The projections and models for the impact of Covid-19 have proven unreliable and detrimental to the physical, spiritual and mental welfare of Florida citizens. A quarantine is for those who are ill and a lock up is for those who are healthy. I do not believe that the Florida governor or anyone has the right to deny a means of support to its citizens. End the lock down NOT, do not wait another day. The curve, if there ever was one, is well and truly flattened and hospitals, clinics and other medical facilities are furloughing their staff for LACK of patients. Stock the insanity immediately.

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Collier	General	Reopening beaches - control the number of people allowed onto the beach and allow entry onto the beach for exercise only. Enforce social distancing. Grocery stores - make masks mandatory and control the number of people allowed into the stores. Enforce social distancing. Gyms/massage businesses/hairdressers/nail salons - stay closed until further discussion. All businesses - stay closed until further discussion.
Osceola	General	Open Stores that can maintain social distance. Not fair to have Walmart thriving but other clothing and household stores remain closed. No close in your face places like barber nails and restaurants yet. Opening strip mall stores would put a lot back safely to work. We've learned distancing, masks and washing. Ironic that Walmart who ruined small town businesses years ago is doing it once again.
Hillsborough	General	Please, please follow the advice of health experts on this.
Lee	Recreation	Live in a small new development with only 40 homes at present. Reopening the pool and beaches at this point is critical even with restrictions . The extreme heat we are experiencing combined with age and condition of most retirees... makes walking or biking impossible. But if we had an opportunity to get in a pool to exercise would be valuable for us. Please consider to reopen since there is much inconsistency throughout Lee Co many pools, facilities are open. Thank you
Pasco	Management	I do not believe that it is time to reopen Florida. I am a Pilates Instructor and have had my job put on hold which means I'm not making any income. I would love to have my job back, but I also am very afraid of contracting or spreading the virus, so I am glad that the state shut things down. It was a very wise decision. My children are in 1st and 3rd grade. I have become their education administrator 5 days a week to make up for the closing of the schools. I feel that closing the schools the remainder of the school year was a great idea to prevent the spread of the virus through our children. So with that same logic in mind, I cannot understand why Florida would allow adults to congregate together and spread the virus. I don't want to see Florida have a spike in sick people and deaths because we were impatient. We need to be smart.
Marion	Government	Open, but with social distancing.
Palm Beach	General	I believe we should do a reopen with restrictions. Open beaches without allowing people to sit on the beach, open boat ramps with no anchoring, open businesses with guidelines. We do not need to have families fall into total financial ruins! As for schools have daycares that can take the kids that have two parents working to do school virtually. Do not open the schools until the fall as kids are finally getting adjusted.
Sumter	Tourism	We really need to get Florida open for business. Our small business are suffering drastically with a virus that may not have a death rate higher than the flu! It's not fair that unemployment is broke and these people cannot access needed funds to be able to live!! Please open Florida now!!!

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Manatee	Tourism	Short Term Rentals and people arriving from hot spot states. There is NO enforcement of quarantine, no follow up of community spread from renters, need to keep short term rentals closed, no one knows who is coming and going at short term rentals, nor enforcement by Sheriff, Code Enforcement, residents are told to contact DBPR which have no authority over short term rentals but to to enforce licensing, no authority to enforce people coming from hot spots to short term rentals. All the test and mask and whatever will not be of any significance unless Florida stops checkins at short term rentals, and again there is no one enforcing De Santis Mandate. Authorities pass the buck and point finger to another agency to enforce, BIG JOKE!!!
Pasco	Healthcare	The state should open full force. The recovery numbers are well about the death rate.
Duval	General	I just came from shopping at a Walmart near me, which has markings on their floors for each isle to designate the direction of traffic flow to try to help keep their shoppers safe. I observed only about 1/2 of those people shopping obeying their requirements for traffic flow. if this is an indication of our people being able to follow common sense and the rules laid out to be safe, then we are in a world of hurt for the upcoming weeks and months with this getting more out of control.
Pinellas	General	" LISTEN TO & OBEY / FOLLOW ORDERS & ADVICE FROM MEDICAL / HEALTH EXPERTS FIRST BEFORE THE MONEY PEOPLE SO AS THAT YOU DON'T SPREAD THIS CHINESE WOHAN CORONAVIRUS ANY FURTHER OR WORSE YET "KILL" ANYBODY !"
Palm Beach	Healthcare	I am an RN and my husband a fireman. We feel strongly that the state should open as soon as possible. Beaches, playgrounds, and parks must all open at the same time to prevent congestion at any one location which wouldn't allow for enough room for social distancing. Masks should be allowed but NOT required for the general public who use tend to use them incorrectly, and masks make people touch their faces way more frequently. Wearing a mask for long periods of time can result in fainting and injury from reduced oxygenation. Cloth Allface coverings have been PROVEN to actually increase infection (https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4420971/?fbclid=IwAR1Uk62bLDmEIkBmLFRA0qNG5mGRlnTbnpOD8Vhv77Ppr6MqtgZsTbk7CDI). Businesses must be allowed to open as long as they can allow social distancing FOR NOW but there MUST be a time when they can operate as USUAL. The sooner the better. DO NOT extend the state of emergency. Let's stop being so terrified of an illness that we stop living.

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Hillsborough	General	Lets take this slow and lets start with making the public wear masks!!!!!!!! South Florida should be on a separate time line then the rest of the state- they have 60% of the cases. I am concerned, but this virus will to disappear overnight. If you are not ready to go out or if you are at risk- it is best stay inside and not go out. We all can do our part- social distance and only go out if needed. If you are sick, stay home. Employers need to offer sick time if you or a family might have been exposed and not be penalized – this will limit people going to work sick in fear of not meeting their work demands or using time they just do not have. Elective surgeries MUST start now. It is sad that employees work for a hospital or the back office support are losing jobs because are all focused on one virus. There are other medical conditions that people need to have addressed. Teledoc will be the key to having patients see their primary care physicians. In terms of school- online learning can not continue. Parents cannot be teachers and meet the demands of their jobs. This has caused more of a mental stress on people than anything- there will be a rise in divorce and substance abuse if this continues. When school resumes- smaller class sizes will be a must!!! Salons on gyms should open in the next few weeks. Salons should only have 1 client at a time per hair person. Gyms should limit people and only offer classes if everyone can keep their distance. Sign ups will be a must for stuff or block of times and only have X amount of people in at a time and then disinfect everything after every use! If users do not disinfect- they should not be allowed to return. Long term care facilities and nursing homes my goodness get the employees tested daily and give them incentives!!!!!! Daycares should start opening by mid May if they have closed and implement new guidelines. Little toddlers need to constantly watched at all times. They should have access to ALL supplies to disinfect supplies. Disney- what a disgrace- you are making all that money from streaming and you are laying off people??? For sporting events- they should consider letting fans go to outside football games- start seating super early and do not allow tailgating at first. It should be card only while in the stadium.

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Martin	General	The American people and residents of FL agreed to "Shelter in Place", in order to slow the spread, and not overwhelm our hospitals. Now that is achieved nothing else needs be said, government must release the orders given or be an oppressor. You have acted with a singular focus! Corona Virus, when and how will you measure, the physical, emotional, mental, and finical damages caused by this fear? All the brightest minds, scientists around the globe, and government agencies have acted in on this for months. And still they did not have the ability to control a nature or viral spread. What makes you think your state task force is going to do better? They can't! Americans are fed up with experts, panels, science teachers, etc... dictating to them. Dictating to them with inaccurate models, inflated models, absurd assumptions, enough of this already. Americans were born free, and understand Liberty. We are willing to fight for it! Even against our own government! Continue to suppress us and find out! This is not a threat, it is just true. Governor Desantis you don't need to feel responsible for the health of residents in florida, your not better or worse than all those experts who couldn't stop this virus either. Take a breath, and release us from these unconstitutional burdens! It is the right thing to do, what a real leader would do. Make yourself a small player, and make the people a big player! We are going to figure this out not you or your F&%$#*@ TASK FORCE! Just what we need another unelected committee to decide for us? I don't think so, send your task force HOME! Release FLORIDA NOW!
Brevard	General	As much as I'd like everyone to get back to work and start making money , I feel like it is still way to early to end the stay at home order. Yes our cases may be slowing down but as soon as everyone goes back to work and the quarantine gets lifted I'm certain we will have a spike in cases larger than ever.
Seminole	Professional Services	I am a Hair stylist . I understand the need for reopening the state and the economy ,however where salons and babershops are concerened I do think it's appropriate to take a slower approach. Unlike retail store and supermarkets , we have a lot of physical contact with our clients. We may wear masks but that doesn't change the fact that we are touching their scalps and its's incredibly difficult to cut hair in gloves safely. Also childeren will be getting haircuts, it's highly unlikely that they will keep a mask on throughout the service . Aslo keeping everything sanitized after every client - how will we get cleaning supplies , sanitization products, gloves etc IF hospitals can't keep up on their supplies and local stores can keep them stocked ? I think Salons and Barbershops need to be held off until the second phase , with all above points being taken consideration .

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Volusia	Food	I am the general manager of a restaurant in Port Orange. As much as this entire thing has been hard for my family and Me, I am scared of the restaurant being open too soon. I have a small immune compromised child at home, as well as a mother with kidney disease on dialysis. The responsibility of having to reopen my restaurant when there is still so many sick people out there is very scary for me. I just want to be sure that I will be safe and my family, as well as all of the employees I have to look after and also the guests that will be coming into my restaurant to eat. I want to be working so badly, and I want to give people a chance to come and sit down and eat our food and relax, but I just want to be sure that there is a clear and concise plan on how to do this. I need the guidelines to be clear, and us to be sure that we will not be in danger of simultaneous exposure to covid-19. Thank you for allowing me to give my opinion on this matter. I appreciate your time. Thank you, Alexis
Marion	Healthcare	Free testing for every single resident, firr and foremost. Essential employees and stores only need to be the primary focus. After essential, should come restaurants dor take out only. Then daycare, children's activity hubs such as the libraries. I do not consider tatoo parlors as important right now. Beauty salons, barbers with limited capacity only may be considered. Construction crews, landscapers, pool installers, home repair, with distancing. Farmers markets are important but with limited capacity at all times. Wal-Mart's and grocery stores need to be enforcing capacity. Way way way too many people at one rime, still. Social distancing has to be enforced somehow. Gatherings need to be controlled. Parks should be open with limited capacity. Boat ramps should be open- period. Trails for hiking, ATVs and Off road vehicles should be open now. Campgrounds with an empty spot between each site and control the capacity. Florida has not done enough yet.. Too many people on the roads and in stores.
Broward	Healthcare	Governor DeSantis, PLEASE do not reopen Florida until all medical opinions agree that it is safe to do so. I understand the effect on the economy but lives are so much more important. Thank you for giving us residents the opportunity to give you our opinions!

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Lee	General	Please ease into opening up restaurants and bars, beaches, parks, libraries and any place where more than 50 people can congregate. Set up rules, have people wear masks, no parties of 5 or more at a restaurant or bar. Even have the restaurants take our temperatures before allowing us to enter. Just for now until there is a vaccine for this virus. The state should let everyone get tested to see if we have the virus, antibodies, or if we are a carrier. Relax on the rule to get a doctors note or permission. Not everyone in this state has a doctor.
Volusia	Education	Please reopen the state.
Hillsborough	General	I would like to re-open the state of Florida with service providers such as restaurant workers hair salon employees, nail technicians etc. by wearing masks and gloves if applicable. Sanitizing their hands in front of clients before each client ,sanitizing their equipment in front of each client before each client and restricting the number of people in their respective business.
Hillsborough	Healthcare	Please re-open Tampa, Florida. I am a Licensed Hearing Aid Specialist and unfortunately all my clinics had to close. I would really love to get back to helping the community, especially the elderly with their hearing health so that they may be able to hear well especially in times like today, when needed most.
Lake	General	please open the state. No matter what the state does, everyone, that doesn't live here, will criticize anyway. Pay no attention to those that don't live here and believe everything that is posted on social media. We all know, that the heat and sunshine, will help kill the virus. Get us outside and enjoying it. Open the beaches. Open the state parks. Open the boat ramps. Let small business open This will give all the bored people places to go, besides walmart and publix. Open the theme parks!! Open the other attractions. Bring business back to the sunshine state
Pinellas	Government	Since the Feds have granted $600 a month to the unemployed in addition to theState are-Employment benefits, would suggest we wait until July 31st to re-evaluate. This is assuming healthcare experts don’t give states the green light sooner. In addition, get those checks out to the people. The inability of the Department of Economic Opportunity to do so makes me embarrassed to be a Floridian. Get it together guys. Matt Jones 661.645.598 Mattjones@mail.usf.edu
Pinellas	General	you will do what u want.I pray to God it will not come back to bit us all in the ++s.being 85 yrs of age.
Palm Beach	Recreation	I'm not only a resident, I am also a physician. I believe it is imperative that parks and beaches be open for recreation and health purposes. Just as swimming at a beach without a lifeguard carries its own level of personal responsibility, so should the reopening of our precious outdoor spaces. Social distancing can still be practiced responsibly while allowing our residents to get the much-needed exercise and enjoyment out of life that makes all the sacrifices we have made worthwhile.

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Palm Beach	Food	I believe restaurants should be opened again with the guidelines that we were following before the state being shut down until the virus has been contained. Closing restaurants is destroying many lives. A majority of the people who are struggling are those in the restaurants. If we can allow to go orders we should be able to open with the same social distancing that we did before. I myself work in a restaurant that has numerous sanitation steps prior to the corona virus and yet we were closed down. Open restaurants and lets start to get back to normal.
Palm Beach	General	Florida should not be opened, we are still adding to the Covid19 Positive numbers every single day, people are still dying everyday! Opening Florida right now will result in an even worse deadly wave of the virus. This is absolutely ridiculous to even debate about.
Manatee	General	I understand that states are wanting to get things back up and running as soon as possible due to the economy, loss of jobs, and businesses that are closed. But I am concerned about opening things back up too soon and having a bigger crisis on our hands than we did in the beginning of all this. Is the death of thousands of more people worth trying to push the economy back open? Is the state really going to suffer that bad if we stay closed a little longer? In my county people are not listening, people do not stay home, they are not wearing masks in the stores, our numbers are continuing to rise everyday with people getting sick and dying. People may not like it, but right now, they have to be told what to do. I am an "Essential Worker" at my job, I have not stopped working all this time, but I am scared. Please look at everything before you re-open the state, not just the money aspect.
Polk	General	Dear Governor Spring Break....on when to 'open the state'....this is really easy.....easier than putting on a mask. Ask the scientists and the doctors. Stop pretending you know more. Genius is not HAVING all the answers.....genius is KNOWING WHERE TO FIND THEM. Simple. See..? Easier than putting on a mask.
Glades	General	Reopen business ASAP. We all need to work to survive. The longer we stay closed will multiply the impact it has on our economy exponentially. Keep social distancing in place until we feel comfortable enough to remove it. Please allow us to get back to work before there are no jobs to go back to.
Pinellas	Information	It’s too soon to open Florida! Our cases and deaths keep climbing! We need to test our citizens I am High risk diabetes and I am terrified of this virus! Why rush when our nursing homes are testing for COVID? Plz plz do the right thing! You did with the children
Lee	General	I think services like hair, nail and waxing can be reopened with limited one on one and no one allowed to wait can be accomplished. Same with pet grooming. I think bars and restaurants are going to be more tricky. It will be difficult to effectively limit. You will get people who will sit at a bar for hours and won't afford others to come in. I sincerely think bars and restaurants are going to have to ride the storm out until we are not experiencing spikes but experiencing measurable declines.
Hernando	General	Florida should not reopen until its safe to do so.

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Orange	Tourism	We can not re-open the state. It would be disastrous to our economy to have people coming here and getting sick, and potentially dying. Our hospitals would become overwhelmed and we then we would need to lockdown for longer. Our economy is already hurting. The useless Unemployment website is already broken. Our state can not handle this round of the shut down, let alone if it needs to go on longer over the winter. I work in entertainment, but I refuse to let people die to come and see my work.
Polk	General	In regards to nail salons opening. I am a nail tech i feel like its to early. We are in close contact with people. Touching their hands. Regardless of washing hand and wearing mask. Even the plastic sheild is not proper protection. I feel like 1 more month of closure is in the best intrest of myself, my family, as well as my coworker's and client's. Its just to close for comfort at this point.
Broward	General	Begin Phase 1 on May 1st. Begin Phase 2 on May 15th. Begin Phase 3 on June 1st. That's fair and prudent.
Duval	General	I don't agree with opening the state back up. I read that when we opened up the beaches the cases went up a little bit. I feel if we open the state back up the cases will probably rise more.
Pinellas	Technology	Nothing has been developed to prevent or treat the virus and there are warnings of possibly being infected multiple times. This tells me we shouldn't open the state for tourism etc. If you can't see past your wallet, and feel compelled to put people at unnecessary risk, I implore you to REQUIRE businesses with the ability to have their employees work from home, to continue working from home. If a business doesn't have a reason to put people at risk, please don't give the option to do so. REQUIRE work from home for all businesses that have the ability to do so.
Okaloosa	Recreation	Please release specific guidelines for indoor youth sports activities. The gymnastics community is full of questions regarding the safe opening of our facilities. When can we open? Will we be limited in the number of athletes that can be in our facility at a time? Does the size of the facility or separate training areas that allow social distance affect the numbers? Regarding preventing the spread of covid-19, what would be the best practice for if an athlete or staff member in our facility contracted coronavirus? Would a facility closure be required and for how long? We are also in need of a timeline for our spring competition season. When will competitions be allowed to take place in our state? Will there be a spectator limit? Thank you for your time and consideration. Jamai Duncan
Hillsborough	Recreation	Please consider opening parks and MTB trails. Other states (including NY) have parks, hiking & biking trails open. These types of recreational activities are important for building healthy immune systems and are activities that make it easy to practice social distancing.

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Broward	General	Would like to see less fear mongering and have some positive news. We need to see an option for businesses as well as workers of If you want to open, you must meet the Federal Task force guidelines let them open. Employees if they do not feel safe returning to work then the ones who can work from home, let them-no repercussions. The workers who cannot work from home, we give them unemployment benefits for 4 weeks-without risk of them losing their jobs. Plus we need to put the try to get work requirement back on there are many many companies hiring-my rear is people like to get paid for not working. Real Estate-we need to get in to the current year Virtual tours will be the new normal....vacant homes, REO's if someone chooses to look at it in person, let them. We can not just take temps and ask questions about health-some of which could violate HIPPA. Restricted Beach hours, Start at Deerfield Beach here in Broward, have 3 hours on the beach, no sun bathing etc have to walk...and every 2-3 hours one closes one opens.... ALl beaches from 5:30 a.m.-6:30 a.m. all beached open for the sun rise...mental health is important. Gov. you are doing a great job, keep us safe and running our state. I know you never saw this coming but the leadership you have shown is amazing. We need more information facts coming out and more telling people quit getting their info from social media. We need to get Florida working again. We need to have our phases and we need to open the intercoastal for boating. We need to get our parks open again. We need to emcourage people to get out of the house and get sunshine. We need to calm peoples fears and get Florida back to work. One final point.....lets open the churches again. People need God more than ever, they need fellowship. This has to be an executive order overriding whatever the county or city says.....Greeters can do temp checks and we can all worship God together.
Seminole	Manufacturing	We need to reopen as quickly and safely as possible.
Flagler	General	I am a single mother of three children, 7 year old and 18 month old twins. I just My job is essential and can be completed via telehealth. I feel that as the state re-opens we need to give workers job security for continuing to work via telehealth to avoid employers forcing employees into risky situations. My current employer is pushing for employees to continue coming to the office to work rather than completing jobs safely at home via telehealth. As a mother of three and a full time employee I should not have to choose between keeping my family safe/healthy and working. If jobs can be completed via telehealth, employers should be encouraging employees to work from home, unlike my situation. However, I don't have any protection to ensure I can continue working via telehealth. Only time will tell before my employer requires us to work in the office again.

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St. Johns	General	Reopen the state for business. The cost of being closed is too great. Businesses are in trouble and may never return. Many of us have not been able to get unemployment. The cost of deferred medical procedures is astronomical. Each day of hesitation is costing lives. The cure IS worse than the disease. My family has had no income for a month. Could you do that? My business is closed forever. I can't believe that we the people have to ask permission to work from the government. The measures sure feel "draconian. " I watch the numbers, press briefings and this virus is now a way of life and we have to get good at living and keeping the virus in check on a personal and statewide basis.
Lake	General	I do NOT believe Florida is ready to open up yet at ALL. I don't believe there has been enough testing done to see where our numbers REALLY are as many counties were not afforded testing equally. You have created a task force without medical professionals to input data or their recommendations, so you are putting people at risk for the sake of the economy. I realize the economy IS important, but not at the risk of people's lives. I sincerely hope you WILL do this in a way to ensure that we don't fall on our faces again in a few short months with more people dead for nothing.
Hillsborough	Education	The State should not reopen until testing is available for all citizens. This will allow us to identify the sick who can then be isolated until better.
Brevard	Professional Services	I think it's too soon to open up salons, spas, and retail stores. I feel we should follow the president's guidelines by having 14 days of declining numbers. Also Brevard county has a high volume of inconclusive test numbers because of omni-testing. Please do something to fix this because I don't think our numbers are accurate. Please also enforce the rule that everyone has to wear masks when out. Also please open the beach parking. We deserve to be able to have ocean air. It will do a lot for everyone's mental well-being. Please open it so that disabled people can go and sit on a chair. We are unable to walk the beach or swim which are the current requirements. Thank you for asking our opinions and keeping us safe.
Orange	General	I know that our state is in dire straits, but if we open everything up to soon we are going to be right back where we started. Until the numbers really start going down and people stay protected by this virus, I personally we need to stay in a guarded state.
Polk	Professional Services	I realize that a lot of people don't think about nails and hair as being a necessity. However there are a lot of people out there that feel that when your hair and everything feels good you feel better. Its mental health. If we open up, smaller salons not chains, to where people can take 1 person at a time, have social distancing, disinfect the area between each person. I feel that it should be considered. A lot of my clients have medical issues that if they don't get certain things done like pedicures especially for diabetics it can cause a lot of problems. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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St. Lucie	Healthcare	I have family members who are high risk, my stepmom is in a nursing home in the Pt. St. Lucie, FL,, my immediate family has medical issues ranging from heart to breathing problems, and I have other family and friends working on the front lines in hospitals and law enforcement. We need to let science and honest evaluation guide us. The health of Floridians must be paramount to any decision. Let's stick to the list provided by the federal government. How many can we say we have? 1. Downward trend in cases for two weeks. Yesterday was the highest. Two highest in the last week. NO. 2. Robust testing for essential workers. Seeing we only had 20,000 tests yesterday and there are more than that many essential workers. NO 3. Quick contact tracing. According to state data, half of known cases haven't been traced. NO. 4. Widespread Screening for asymptomatic cases. We need 30-40k tests per day. NO 5. Screening specifically for older and disadvantaged communities. Has every resident of a nursing home get tested. NO. 6. Ability to quickly replenish PPE. We are still in bidding wars with other states and the federal stockpile is depleted. NO. 7. Ability to surge ICU capacity. Can we ramp up to prevent a NYC catastrophe? NO 8. Extra protection for senior care facilities. 20% of deaths so far I'm nursing homes. NO 9. Ability to have safe mass transit for passengers and employees. Is there an organized detailed statewide plan been published? NO. 10. Can inform public on social distancing and face covering. I've seen no statewide public info campaign. State press conferences demonstrated the governor doesn't know. NO 11. Ability to quickly change your minds and take a step back. Is the governor willing to make his own decisions? The governor said he wants to wait on presidential direction. NO
Pinellas	General	We are 0/11. Reassess these every two weeks. Please take every Do not open the state back up. our numbers are still growing and we have a huge populace of people who are high risk of developing complications. Do all the infrastructure projects you have planned now. Fix unemployment and make plans for options for kids to do the 20/21 school year virtually. Put a freeze on evictions and foreclosures on housing and business. Figure out a way to introduce a universal income so people can pay bills and eat. Work with farmers to save their crops. Make hazzard pay for all essential workers and frontline workers. Now is not the time to scrimp and dither. Listen to science and not Trump. If you dont you have a responsibility to in person apologize to everyone who loses some one from the illness if you open the state back up.
Lee	Professional Services	Reopen beauty industry by appointment only with masks required for both client and industry professional, while maintaining distancing from other work stations.

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Palm Beach	Recreation	Much of the efforts of government have focused on home Quarantine and essential businesses.. However the translational implementation of these guidelines often do not make sense. As you can well appreciate, golf is a sport that lends itself to social distancing and very simple criteria to prevent the spread at this dreaded disease. Simple guidelines for golf courses that include use of hand carts, social distancing and routine cleaning of objects likely to be touched while at the golf course (such as carts at Publix) Can assure a safe execution of a round of golf. Why not let the golf industry assist you in establishing clear guidelines that are easily enforceable. General health through being outdoors and exercising is equally as important as the transmission of COVID-19. Please support us in this endeavor. Rest assured that I support you! Sincerely, Edward R. Stapleton Associate Professor of Clinical Emergency Medicine Stony Brook University Medical Center
Miami-Dade	Real Estate	We need to re-open the state immediately. People have families and they need to work!
Volusia	General	I am concerned over our economic situation. I have noticed even with the stay at home there are almost as many people out as usual. We are a state relying on tourism, construction and food industry. We do not have a vaccine for the flu and many die from this.. In fact more.. The media has been a contributing to the fear. If we open the parks, limit occupancy to not overwhelm, check temperatures upon entrance and mask. Continued cleaning and wash stations.
Lake	General	I would take the counties with minimal virus cases and open them first with phase one. I would allow restaurants in these areas to reopen with maximum 40 capacity and tables 6 feet apart. Stores, beaches, parks and malls in these areas could open with social distancing and masks at indoor stores and malls. I would keep the heavy virus areas closed ie. Southeast Florida. There needs to be checkpoints to prevent people from the heavy virus areas from getting in their cars and traveling up to the rural open areas.
Palm Beach	General	Please do not open up Florida at this time. Please take the safety of our population in mind. We need to flattery the curve and have more testing. We need a viable system to care for those who are susceptible. Thank yo Lucille Passaretti

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Pinellas	Utilities	Do not reopen the state biggest mistake that you can make is that there are still too many cases happening overnight
Hillsborough	Government	We all want the state of Florida to reopen. However, We need to wait until the Peak is over. A lot of elderly. I'm a flight attendant and all of my flights out of Tampa aren't operating. Give it one more month. Because if this backfires it's not going to be pretty for anyone. Thank you!
St. Lucie	General	Masks should be required for any activity outside of residence Limited hours of business operations and recreational activity PUBLIC SAFETY!! Must be prioritized in any relaxation of rules Spell out what businesses must do for sanitary conditions and operations COMMON SENSE AND EVERYTHING MUST NOT BE ABOUT $$$$$ BUT HEALTH AND SAFTEY OF EVERYONE
Monroe	General	Think everyone should be let out through zipcodes. We have so many beaches in Florida the beaches can be divided by zipcodes as well have points of entry and at random beach entry valid driver's license needed. This is also for parks and restaurants as well.. This system can be rotated every week. So that everyone can have a chance to enjoy the amenities. We know how many people we have in a zipcode more or less because of the census. That can help you guys decide how many people you could have put at once.. also a curfew should be unforced. This should probably help businesses to start opening again and it helps for us to minimize the people out dinning all at once.. after a few weeks we should see what our numbers look like at take the next step from there..
Seminole	Government	The govt must open Florida back up immediately! You have tanked small businesses in a way that most will never recover. You've not even paid out on unemployment to the people you put out of work. Yet you've been collecting payment. Unconstitutional violations, unconstitutional closures. As a vet I am sickened by you poor judgement. OPEN FLORIDA

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Pasco	Government	The last time in Florida's history where the closure of some beaches and where Florida's tourism businesses was impacted was the BP "Event Horizon" oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico where tar balls washed up on some of Florida's Northwest beaches forcing them to close. The Florida Department of Financial Services made available a portal through which businesses who were impacted by the oil spill could file claims against BP for their loss of income. In a similar way, with the government's response to COVID19, Federal small business loans should be awarded on a compliance basis with Phase I reopenings of our beaches and small businesses. For those Florida counties, cities and municipalities who have not yet met the Federal guidelines for Phase I reopenings and reopen, they "may be" forced to forgo any Federal assistance recently passed by Congress. However, should there be a disagreement with these Federal guidelines, there should be a portal via the fldfs website as to why these local jurisdictions disagree using verifiable data for their justification (for example,testing in the area) where the State of Florida may in Federal Court contest any said denial of Federal aid to these communities who have demonstrated compliance with COVID19 protocol which may have not yet been officially mandated by the Federal government.
Palm Beach	Government	I think it’s pretty obvious that our governor is simply following whatever the president is saying down to the way he handles his “press conferences” by patting himself on the back and comparing FL to other states. Reopening Florida right now would be like going off your anti-biotics before they’re complete because you’re starting to feel better. All of the people who actually know what they are talking about, i.e. the doctors and scientists, are saying we are not close to our of them woods. We need to not place people at risk because people want to get out of their homes. Please consider keeping a stay at home order in place before we make things worse.

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Miami-Dade	Tourism	Florida depends mostly on its tourism, not only within U.S, but also visitors coming from other continents, such as Europe. South East Florida, (Broward and Miami-Dade, Palm Beach) has suffered tremendously due to the restriction of opening business and public area. I am aware of effect of the virus, but I believe the government should allow visitor from other country to come back to our state, and put the responsibility on the people. Putting in place guidelines and enforcing business to follow them is a better way to control the spread and also helping business to survive. Inviting tourists back, I believe is a must do. Florida should open to tourism and take out the travel bans
Broward	Professional Services	I have been a business owner of an establishment in South Florida for 19 years. We understand the magnitude of this pandemic, however, I think its time for us (citizens) to evaluate our own risks. We have been FULLY educated on how to proceed to minimize our risk of acquiring the virus. As a business owner, monitored by the Florida Department of Health, we will continue to practice, with a focus on health and public safety ,as we have been required since licensing. We are routinely monitored by the Health department to ensure proper procedures are in place for the health and well-being of our clients and staff. As a result of Covid-19 we are intensifying all procedures for sterilization and disinfection put forth by the CDC and EPA. Please allow us to reopen and take responsibility for our clients and staff's safety.
Hillsborough	General	I support and agree with the measures being taken to open Florida back up For businesses, families, the economy, income, and getting back to "normal" We crave freedom and for health, wealth it is imperative we look towards our future and REOPEN
Lake	Healthcare	Dental hygienists are the #1 most dangerous job due to the aerosols created during routine dental cleanings. We can not obtain the proper PPE in order to do our job SAFELY. Disposable gowns, n95 masks, visors, etc have been in short supply and sent to hospitals, we are in danger of spreading the virus to our families and other patients. High volume evacuation equipment designed to help reduce aerosols are sold out and back ordered. Please delay elective dental treatment until proper PPE can be acquired. Don't put us at risk.
Orange	General	Keep us closed.
Indian River	Recreation	Please open playgrounds so that the kids can exercise, too. If picnic tables, ball courts & exercise equipment is in use, it seems logical to open the swings, slides & monkey bars so that the kids can get some physical activity in. Thank you for getting on with it, I support a safely managed reopening of the state.

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Pinellas	Professional Services	Florida should NOT open back up until it is absolutely safe to do so! I work in the beauty industry and there is no way we can ensure that we can protect ourselves and our guests with current availability and prices of disinfectant products that are miraculously available. This puts everyone at risks! Also, if you work for a a chain like myself you have no control over providing additional time to make sure things are sanitary or ensuring things are in stock. People are not following the 6 FT apart guide line let alone if they are all crammed into a small lobby waiting for their appointment times. Also can not follow that guideline when you are physically touching them to provide services that are not life saving! am scared to go back to work and not have enough supplies to keep myself and others safe. This is why we should not reopen businesses that provide beauty services until absolutely necessary! We have nurses and doctors that do not have enough PPE as is! We should not reopen these businesses until it is safe to do so and we have enough supplies to ensure EVERYONES SAFETY NOT JUST THE CONSUMERS. Reopening Florida and reopening these businesses because this state and this country believes the dollar is more important than innocent lives is absolutely DISGUSTING and utterly SHAMEFUL!
Hillsborough	Healthcare	The most prudent decision when re-opening the state would be to require wearing facial covering (masks) mandatory until a proven treatment or vaccine is found. The number of cases remain elevated in the state, so I do not believe lifting restrictions at this time would be wise.
Palm Beach	Government	I live in the city of West Palm Beach, and I know people wanna get back to work. But it's way tto early in some places like mine where case numbers are still going up and there's no testing In place in the mass, I work in the restaurant business and I've had a collapsed lung in my pass and this covid19 is very dangerous for me. opening us up to sit down dining is a horrible idea. I understand opening up places where there isn't much of a impact. But palm beach, Broward, and Miami, should not be opened up yet. If you do you will see a major second wave of cases and risk to many peoples lives. Thank you for your time.
Duval	General	Incentivize employers (tax breaks) that can allow their work force to work from home to continue to do so for the foreseeable future. For factories or plants that require workers on site, encourage rotating or offsetting shifts, if that is possible. Maybe retail stores can be encouraged to actually extend hours so people can shop at later at night in less busy store environments. Bottom line, we need to get people working before rampant unemployment turns into despair which inevitably leads to crime and much worse.
Miami-Dade	Recreation	Campsites , parks and boating should be open for groups less than 10, some people have been tested and small social circles can be formed to ease the stress of social distancing. Boats should not be able to tie up together unless they equal less than 10 people total. Water access is important if beaches are closed so families can paddle board, kayak and swim. Parks alike, less than 10 people and 10 feet apart from next group of people. No pets off leashes anywhere.

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Brevard	General	The shutdown of the government was based upon fraudulent information and statistics. The shutdown is causing more damage than sars 2?covid 19. OPEN everything back up NOW!
Duval	General	My husband and I are in our 70s with underlying conditions.I only wanted to say we are willing to stay at home for a while longer if that would mean younger people could go back to work. We are very active people and miss not being out and about, but we think it is much more important for working people to get back to work.
Flagler	Real Estate	I currently live in Flagler county but I also am a resident of Monroe county where I have my property for sale in order to move my parents up here. Since March I have not gotten a single showing although I have received some interest in the property. Due to the closure at the Monroe county line nobody is being able to cross over and move the real estate market in the Keys. I understand the reason for the closure because Monroe is primarily for tourism and we don't want to sicken our Island chain. There has to be some kind of waiver for those that are ONLY looking to buy, that they be let in. Maybe a one day pass with confirmation with an active Realtor and confirmation of showing appointments. They won't be able to stay in a hotel since they are closed and if they stay past the 24hr limit they would be subject to a fine or something of the sort. The Realtor would have to be responsible for getting the pass via an online system where they can sign up their client with the County. The property addresses which they will be looking at and the tag# of the vehicle they will be driving. This would get our real estate market moving without causing disruption or risking the health of our citizens. I am a licensed real estate broker and would be willing to give more ideas and help. Thank you.
Palm Beach	Recreation	Re open public beaches with restrictions I personally have never seen so many people crowding sidewalks because they are just trying to exercise and we as surfers can easily go out and enjoy the water safely while social distancing
Volusia	Retail	Bars have been closed since March 17th. We don’t force people to come they choose to come. We need our freedom of choice back first and foremost. Second we need to try and save ourselves we haven’t gotten any PPP loans and my staff hasn’t received any unemployment assistance. We can operate standing room only (no bar stools) a lot of bars have outdoor space that can be utilized and tables can be kept to 4tops and separated. We can install touch free hand sanitizing stations, use only single use disposable cups, test employees for health issues. Whatever restrictions are imposed we can work with but we have to be allowed to open. Please we are begging you.
Orange	General	We need to back work.
Manatee	Government	Follow Federal guidelines. Ensure each business is required to have proof of it being disinfected before opening and requirements of maintaining a sanitary facility or face fines. Each business must know if their individual liabilities of not complying. Law suits for wrongful death are inevitable unless the business can show full compliance.
Brevard	General	Don’t open

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Pasco	Tourism	Please open. With precautions in place.... 6 foot social distancing. Restaurants like every other table. We are an independent rental car company at Tampa airport. We need people to come to beaches in order to survive.
Orange	Accommodation	HOW ABOUT FIX UNEMPLOYMENT AND PAY THE CLAIMS FOR MARCH 22ND!!! WE ARE WAITING !!! BILLS ARE DUE, RENT ARE DUE AND NOTHING!!!
Orange	Finance	I know the unemployment site is not the current governor's fault but it does play a major role in reopening the state. If people have no money no one is going to go out and shop considering how this coming week rent is due that two months people have not been able to rent. The average price of rent in Orlando our biggest hub for tourism is $1,435 (rentcafe) that's 2,870 of debt accumulated and that not counting utilities. The average pay for an hospitality team member is 10.69 an hour (indeed) and even after working a full 80 hour we still fall short $583 to make rent. Yes the economy will bounce back but it shouldn't be at the cost of low income citizens trying to make due. Before we open up strong regulations need to be in place for workers, we need guaranteed healthcare for all levels of employment meaning even seasonal workers and part time workers get benefits, guaranteed w minimum hours for part-time workers 25-30 is best anything below is an insult and can we please do something about companies giving pay raises and then cutting hours after because that make no sense just don't give the raise if that's going to be the case. Rent is ridiculous and so is trying to find housing and it doesn't need to be this way HUD need a serious jumpstart back to life because a lot of people are going to be missed place this issue has to be a top priority going forward and so does unemployment $275 is below minimum wage and no one can survive off that, the total amount fall short of what is needed to pay rent, utilities and food. I work in retail at an outlet mall and I don't think I'll feel comfortable at level of going back to work unless face mask are mandatory and strict repercussions were set in place for violation's, in my personal opinion I think a small amount of people should be allowed in stores while the rest can line up outside, theme parks should have a limit of five to 10 thousand in the parks at time because they are a Petri dish and if we have a second wave it'll come from them. For travel anyone who flies should have to quarantine themselves for two weeks to be on the safe side no matter where the came from but I do think we can open airports and be safe about it even if we limit flights coming in and out. My grandmother is here till June and would love to go back home overseas it's where she wants to be. For school I can only speak on college level but I think we would all appreciate a tuition freeze I work to pay for my classes I don't get
Osceola	Management	Over 1000 deaths in FL and cases multiplying every day, and the inept governor and his cronies want businesses to open? How stupid can the committee be? Be sure you follow the lobbyists instead of protecting the citizens of FL. Do not open until cases and deaths are eliminated. Use common sense.
Seminole	General	The State is not ready for an opening yet there are to many people still infected with the virus and people are not listening to the guidelines and some don't care casselberry is one of the places that i see doing what they want not caring for distance or anything the drug addicts and the homeless governor's are talking to doctors and so forth but nobody is asking the people the fears and concern they only care about money this is a money world please the president saying for us to be injection of cleaning products some people are pushing the issue nobody knows what is happening and that is scary to me.

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Orange	Professional Services	I am a director at a Spa in Orlando Florida. I think before reopening any business we should have a MINIMUM of 2 weeks of decline cases. I think a 3 tier plan is a good idea, but with specific industries in mind. It should be 10 or less people, with still practicing social distancing. It should be businesses where there is no human physical contact. After following a minimum of 2 weeks, at least a full week or more to determine if there will be any spikes in cases before the next tier starts. As much as I want to get back to work, I feel that spas, massage therapists, nail salons should be in tier 3. There is NO way to socially distant from others. We are told to not touch our faces, and in a spa, other people are touching clients faces, bodies, hands and feet. There is no way to stay 6 feet apart in any service. I just want to be sure as we open, we are as safe as possible. My uncle who was only 58 years old in good health passed away last week. PLEASE do not open too soon. Loss of lives is not worth it. If we open to soon, and we see a spike again in cases, we will just have to close down again.,
Duval	Finance	Open UNEMPLOYMENT!!!!!! Florida has never wanted to give even a nickel to the unemployed.
Duval	Government	Places like the DMV for example can begin to be re-opened on a mostly appointment driven basis for services that cannot be done online.
Osceola	General	Facial covering should be mandatory for everyone until vaccinations and proper testing is available for all and until this crisis is over. Businesses such as hair and nail solons, gyms, bars. Some restaurants should remain closed unless providing takeout. pickup and delivery options. All other business and places of worship can open ONLY if distance between patrons is mandatory and seriously observed.

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St. Johns	Education	The steps taken so far by Gov. DeSantis have proven to be on point and effective. Nationally, Florida's response has been recognized as being cutting edge without the drama and histrionics we have seen in other states. The members of this commission are thankfully proven career politicians like Miami Dades' Major, Carlos Gimenez and business leaders of Florida's core businesses. The health crisis is managed and will continue to improve. It's time to take care of our economic crisis. The current financial crisis is unsustainable at any level, family, business state or national. We cannot continue to print money and increase the state and national debt with the misguided hope that federal subsidies and loans will sustain our livelihood. A welfare state for all, is no state at all, and certainly not an economy. Florida's core businesses are tourism, farming and the small business operators that support them as consumers and providers. Thankfully, the farming industry has not been seriously damaged, farmers are farming! The tourism industry will be slow to recover, a minimum of six months and years until national and international confidence in safe travel for pleasure and business are restored. It falls to reason then that the third leg of the stool, small business infrastructure, must be allowed to open and stands the best chance of a speedy recovery. That recovery must begin sooner rather than later, May 1! Normalcy cannot return until people can return to work. Families cannot return to work until school and child care facilities reopen. The field of education is in shambles in spite of heroic actions by school teachers and administrators to deliver digital distance learning. It is not enough. Children need social interaction and professional delivery of instruction as every parent has come to learn and appreciate. I urge you to consider a statewide return to school date of August 1, if not mid July, not only to minimize what teachers call, the "summer slide," which has been taken place since
Hillsborough	General	I think small businesses such as hair, nail and wax salons should be allowed to open with the requirement that everyone wears a mask as its hard to social distance for those businesses but they need to be able to work and start make money and earning a living. If everyone does there part an wears a mask when unable to social distance then we all will be safe.

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Leon	Healthcare	Governor DeSantis, I would like to see the state open back up fully. I understand the potential risk of a spike in the numbers, but I believe it is necessary to the overall physical and economic health of our state and country. As a Firefighter/Paramedic in Florida, it is my belief that this virus has been here for the better part of a year. We did not know it at the time because we did not know to test for it. Last fall we were overwhelmed with viral “flu like” symptoms in patients, we did not shut down and survived. The term “herd immunity” has merit. Just because we have these stay at orders, not everyone does. Because of this the virus will continue to hang around. On the other hand we reopen let everyone get exposed then the antibodies will build keeping the population safe. Yes there will be people who die, but these are the same people who will die when the next time they get the flu and develop pneumonia. If we keep the research going, we will also develop better testing, a possible vaccine, and a better understanding in treatments. The evidence has shown the antivirals do work. Keeping everything shut down violates everyone’s civil liberties and constitutional rights. Allowing our citizens to return to life as we knew it, allows people to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. It will allow people to provide for themselves and not be dependent on government handouts. If individuals wish to stay home, let them make the choice to self isolate, not an order from a government official. If individuals want to get back to life as they knew it, we should allow it to happen. Also, first responders and healthcare workers do not need to be called essential and get special privileges. We made the choice to get into the profession knowing that we would be exposed to infectious diseases. Everyone’s job is essential to their survival and survival of there families. Keeping businesses such as barbers, optometrist, dentists shutdown or restricted puts people at harm. As a firefighter we have grooming standards. These standards are not only a sign of professionalism, it is to keep us safe. Long hair will not be covered by our protective clothing, this will cause our hair to catch fire, not safe. I am required to wear corrective lenses in order to see and
Palm Beach	Recreation	The beaches and boat ramps should be reopened immediately. The outdoor lifestyle that we all enjoy is healthy and will combat the corona virus. When I’m on my boat with my wife & kids, we ARE social distancing. Closing the boat ramps and beaches is punishing the rule breakers at the expense of the law abiding citizens. The various law enforcement agencies operating within the State could adequately dissipate any groups of people not adhering to the social distancing guidelines. Outdoor dining establishments should be reopened as well as indoor dining establishments opening with reduced seating capacities (requiring restaurants to reduce their number of tables by 50%). This would allow restaurants to bring in some revenue while still allowing for social distancing.
Brevard	General	Open up the state! We need to get back to living life and generating money.

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Hillsborough	General	I do not think we should re-open Florida beyond "essential" businesses until AT LEAST August. I do not want to see my parents or friends or other loved ones die. When we re-open, we should re-open select industries a few at a time with three week stretches in between to allow us to measure the impact of that industry on virus infection and death numbers. Opening the state sooner as opposed to later would only increase the number of people who contract covid-19. Though I have been immeasurably failed by the state unemployment claims system, I and my coworkers would rather not lose our lives (or bring the life-taking to loved ones) than have tables to serve. The select industries to re-open first should be those with none or minimal contact between customers/service consumers and employees. Restaurant dining rooms should not open any time soon. Please. I beg you, do not re-open the state any time soon. I don't want to die and I don't want more people to die. If you re-open the state, the blood of people killed by covid-19 will rest on your unwashable hands, DeSantis.
Pasco	General	People need to get back to work! The affect this has had on our economy is ridiculous, closing everything down has done nothing but hurt working class families. It should be the choice of the individual whether or not they feel safe to work. The damage to the economy outweighs the number of cases, the percentage of people dying is way too low to warrant this shutdown.
Clay	General	Look at the real facts, not some fictional model, and open our state NOW. The real mortality rate is barely worse than the flu and does not warrant shutting down the state. You are destroying lives of hard-working citizens with this shutdown. OPEN IT NOW!!!
Duval	Education	I will say my children are doing better with the virtual learning than when they were in school. I am very concerned for my kids to go back to school. I have a child in 2nd and 8th grade. Both had spent the entire year they were at school complaining that there was no soap or paper towels in the bathroom. I had to buy them Hand sanitizer so they could clean their hands. My 8th grader is line up with her class mates and marched everywhere and this is in a public school. How are the kids going to practice social distancing when they are pack 25+ in classrooms? My 8th grader is considered high risk so I am extra worried about her. She has had instances where she has almost passed out at school and I did not receive a call from the school and they wouldn't her call. Neither one of my child's school are good with communicating with parents. I don't feel I can trust them.

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Hillsborough	Healthcare	COVID-19 is not only crippling the Florida economy, but also the US economy. For this purpose, I will only reference numbers based on Florida. Unemployment claims in Florida are up 3951% due to the COVID-19 issue and will continue to rise without reopening the economy. Even once reopened the increase will continue as many businesses have so much lost revenue. How about we flatten this curve? Facts about why FL should reopen from this ongoing COVID-19 pandemic: •As of this writing there are 30,533 confirmed cases in FL. That is .0014% of the FL population •As of this writing there are 1046 deaths in FL. That is .000049% of the population •There is more and more evidence that many of the COVID-19 fatalities are related to preexisting conditions What kills more than COVID-19: •45k people died in 2018 of cancer which is more without using age adjusted information •29k people died in Cardiovascular disease which is more without using age adjusted information When in history do we completely shut down economies due to such a small percentage of people? This is not meant to minimize human lives, but the scare was we would over run the hospitals. Currently hospitals are at an extreme low capacity and losing millions every day; these losses will take months or even a year for facilities to regain their financial security to be back to normal. We are likely a year or more away from a vaccine. Unless we stay completely closed until there is a vaccine, we will have another wave of this pandemic; more lives will be lost. That's just a fact. However, with more and more information being discovered that many of the COVID-19 fatalities also involve a preexisting condition; can we afford to stay closed for another year? The US is trending towards a 20%+ unemployment rate; without reopening much of this will hit our Florida economy simply based on the percent of the US
Clay	Government	We are writing to express our concern for the Corona Virus and opening Florida up to quickly. I know that everyone is miserable and that is understood. BUT! If you have people working with those that are without a job then they shouldn't be going anywhere to spend money on anything anyway. Most everyone was given a stimulus package portion or share and that should sustain many for food for a while if spent responsibly. What I am concerned about is giving an inch and people taking a mile. The entitlement to do what people want is what is hurting us all. Or the opinion that it will not happen to them is what will hurt those of us who are trying to do what we need to. I feel that our leaders have our best interest at heart and we have been completely reliant on that. I do not feel like my rights are being infringed upon, I feel protected. I happen to have two immune compromised children and we are frankly scared of the irresponsible behavior of many for them. We are doing what we should be doing and are scared that when the orders are lifted if lifted to quickly that people will be irresponsible and hurt those of us who are trying to be responsible and protect our children. We have no choice but to depend on the government to aid us in this protection by keeping the order in effect until we can all be safe. Or until there is a vaccine which at least gives us a fighting chance. Thank you for valuing our opinion as citizens in our community family. Your doing a great job hang in there.

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Collier	Professional Services	I am a nail salon owner for 16 years in a private community. I am self employed ,I am the only nail tech in the salon so it is a one on one service. I believe with all the precautions I am taking it should be a safe healthy environment to reopen my salon. I am installing a plexiglass partition on my nail table requiring every client to wear a mask and gloves with just their finger tips exposed I will be taking temperature of everyone before entering the door will remained locked so people will need to knock for access. I will be wearing a mask and gloves after every client door handles and surfaces will be dissected. I believe we are an essential business to reopen, as I am concerned with the issues of some artificial nail clients developing infections due to there nails growing out to far causing possible fungus or a nail to be torn off because of nail thinning I also have several elderly clients who depend on me to trim there toe nails and remove ingrown toe nails. . This will be come a hazard for their feet if not taken care of. Please consider allowing us to reopen with smaller amounts of people and safety measures in place. Sincerely Melissa Sudano
Lee	Administrative	Do not reopen!!!
Hernando	General	I do not think opening things up too soon will be productive. We MUST wait until there are little no cases to protect the health and well-being of ALL. When we do open, we must still put many safety practices as a mandate. If Florida DOES open before it should, I will stay at home and not use any of the businesses that are open until I feel it safe to do so. What is the sense of opening and then having a mass outbreak just to have to shut it down again?
Volusia	General	There is 7000 infected people, this people soon going to start diying and we will be like New York. It is too soon to reopen the country. We need to wait and see if the healthcare force has the capacity to deal we the infectec people because if we reopen and they dont have the capacity to handle the situation alot more people will die and we will live New York's nightmare.
Duval	General	Please issue guidelines for offices employing more than 20 people. Do cubicles work? Florida has a lot of corporate offices with shared spaces of cubicles, large kitchens, meetings areas, etc. Or issue a mandate to continue to work from home where possible.
Hillsborough	General	OPEN FLORIDA!!!!! Lets get back on track. Tim Ewin
Hillsborough	General	I believe that the state needs to be re-opened ASAP. My husband's job relies on it. You need entrust your people of the state to use common sense and make their own choices about social distancing. Beaches should be opened for use not just excercise, it is an outlet for families to enjoy together.
Polk	General	Please re-open our state. We have a small business and this is hurting us. All small business are hurting. Individuals are hurting. Families are hurting. We can't go on like this. Open business up. We will stand by your decision in what ever it is. Thank you.
Orange	General	Please don't open too fast! I know people want to get back to work and make money and party etc. but I think its too soon.

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Volusia	General	Thank you for reaching out to the public! While I understand we need to get the economy and the people working again, I think social distancing measures need to remain in place. Outdoor seating vs. indoor with reduced capacity inside and 6 to 10 feet of spacing between tables. Groups of no more than 6? Waitstaff should be wearing masks while going from table to table as spacing people out does no good if one staff member is moving in close proximity to each table. Tourist attractions/museums/zoos should all limit capacity and maintain distancing between guests, just like at stores now. Beaches are doing a good job, and should just keep doing what they are doing! The general population should be required to wear masks in public places. This will need to continue for a long while, until vaccines and Titers are in place. This bug is so new!! We have no idea about immunity and long term recurrence of this virus. Pay attention to what virologists and entomologists are trying to tell us. Their voice should be a huge part of your weigh in. Lastly, our state is full of elderly residents, snowbirds, and we are a tourist attraction to not only the US but many out of country visitors as well. It is crucial we protect our visitors and even more so that we protect our resident population. Please continue safety measures and think ahead to what my be needed in the fall. Thank you again.
Orange	General	Things should open we all know that! BUT caution is needed. It should be mandatory that people in stores and in areas where there is no way to stay apart 6 feet must wear masks. People are not careful and some plain just don't care and this is a real issue when it comes to health and being cautious. Also we must observe and redirect companies that are rushing to restart and go back to "normal" as things will never be normal and that is a hard reality to face. And lastly this state needs to assist in getting disinfectant supplies for the local people, we understand that hospitals and government agencies have priorities but the local people need it to. They need to be able to keep things clean and disinfected.
Miami-Dade	General	Reopen the hair salon and barbershop nail salon, where everyone has to wear gloves and masked and temperature must be taken upon entering. All school cafeterias must be equipped with hand sanitizer located at each the entrance of the serving lines for students and upon entering inside the kitchen area for employees. Temperature should be taken and log daily. Mask should be worn daily while performing work duties. Parents must be checked upon entering the schools, all students should have enough time to wash there hands before breakfast and lunch daily. And MASK GLOVES for students and staff should be MANDATORY. And every essential worker should get Hazardous Pay.
Broward	General	Although I want the state to reopen, to avoid more losses of jobs and loss to businesses. I am in fear of what the virus can do. There are so many variables, so many symptoms. I hear terrible stories of what nurses and doctors see on a daily basis at the hospitals and although we have kept our curve down, our shutting down and social distancing has definitely been a contributing factor for that. I would also prefer to hear it is safe from the medical experts to reopen. They are the ones dealing with this on a daily basis and putting their own lives at risk. It should come from the experts.

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Bay	Accommodation	Please reopen Short Term Vacation Rentals on May 1. STR impact not only that sector, but restaurants, retail, cleaners etc. The Bay County/Panama City Beach is literally seeing our economy slaughtered. We depend on tourism in this area. It's pretty much the only industry in this area. As the beaches reopen, short term vacation rentals must reopen as well. A short term rental on the beach is not a hazard to social distancing. The Bay County/Panama City Beach area is still reeling from Hurricane Michael, many are just now getting back on their feet. Restaurants, waitstaff, tourist attractions, retail are all dependent on the families Short Term Rentals bring in. Most families do not stay in hotels or motels, they stay in self-contained condos, townhomes or stand alone homes. Self-contained condos, stand alone homes and townhomes are much , much more in tune with social distancing than hotels or motels. Short Term Vacation Rentals have their own separate heating and air systems, while hotels and motels generally do not. Hotels and motels are typically much more densely crowded than any Short Term Vacation Rental. It is discrimination to allow hotels and motels to continue to operation and disallow Short Term Vacation Rentals. Please rest assured that if this continues , most Short Term Vacation Rental owners along with many supporting businesses like restaurants, tourist attractions, cleaning services and retail will be out of business, and the tax base that Panama City Beach and Bay county depend on will disappear. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.
Orange	Healthcare	I think the state needs to look into the dental field and how dangerous it is for our profession to be working on patients without the proper PPEs (N95 mask, gowns) available to us. Better guidelines on how many patients and within a certain distance can be in one office. This needs to be mandated so it is straight across the board for the state. Too many doctors still doing non emergency work without the proper PPEs for staff. How are we supposed to know if our patients are carriers??
Broward	General	Please re-open Florida as soon as possible. This lockdown is wrecking our economy and depriving people of their basic liberty and freedom. If the goal was to avoid the spread of the virus, then it is not effective. The virus will spread regardless of the lockdown as is obvious from every global statistic. If the goal was to avoid overwhelming the medical system (like in parts of Italy), then this is misguided. The only part of the US that saw a rapid increase in cases was New York City, but that is not a blueprint for Florida since New York City has a unique degree of population density combined with a dependence on mass transit systems. As a further example, the entire country of Sweden avoided a lockdown and are now they are in the enviable position of reaching herd immunity. Remaining containment efforts and government recommendations should focus instead on the most vulnerable among us, including those in nursing homes and those with significant underlying medical conditions. The rest of the country needs to return to normal ASAP.

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Hillsborough	General	Unfortunately, this isn't an easy decision but this shutdown ca not continue our economy will not be able to bounce back from this if we keep it shutdown much longer. It all boils down to people using common sense. Wash hands, don't you h your face, 6 ft away etc. The elderly should stay at home as well as those that can become compromised because of underlying issues. Thank you
Broward	General	Hello Governor. Just wanted to say you are doing a fantastic job! I think you should reopen the state slowly And just have people wear face masks and limit the amount of people in restaurants and gyms and beaches. We need to start revamping our economy. We need to follow in Georgia's steps! Thank you and we appreciate everything you do! Deeb family
Palm Beach	Manufacturing	Open up the beaches all at once. Open up state parks only to Florida residents at first, so people can get out and camp.
St. Johns	General	I am definitely for opening with a plan of action. If we have effective medical care for those who contacted covid19 and these methods significantly reduce the % of deaths, please do reopen. Personally, I believe we need to reopen in stages vs fully opening as viruses can mutate and obviously this event has been unpredictable on a medical scale. We went from stay home or die to let's reopen without establishing confidence or what exactly changed or what data was collected and utilized to determine opening as a viable solution? Show me how this is the best possible solution with explanation of why vs dictating a solution without due diligence and proper communication.
Collier	General	Please reopen Florida. In Collier County, the number of cases hasn't warranted the response. If there are hotspots that you feel need to remain restrained, please find a way to do that so that the rest of the state can begin to get back to normal. For instance, if Miami -Dade needs some restrictions, you can control traffic flow to the west coast by monitoring traffic on I75 or US41, the same goes the for north/south corridor. I truly appreciate the work you all are doing. I know it's not easy, and I don't assume it to be. Thank you.
Lake	Healthcare	Please consider fully reopening dental care as soon as possible. Many of our patients have toothaches and fractured teeth that are causing them to go into the ER. This doesn't make sense, as the ER cannot help them. So this ties up resources that the ER should be using for more serious issues like COVID19. And it also exposes these patients to risk while sitting in the ER. Treating these patients safely in a Dental office that abides by OSHA standards is the safest choice in these situations. Thank you for understanding, Dr Kasem

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Orange	Education	I think school buildings should remain closed at least another month. It should remain as it is in Orange County where people are mostly working from home. I think we need to keep as many people out as possible. And when it does open, children should not be allowed inside, and adults should have to make appointments with only administrators allowed to be on the premises. That should be the cases in counties with more 1,000 cases. Thank you for listening. Take care.
Volusia	General	There so many confusing and mismatched pieces in the closing statewide that makes no sense. I can't play Pickelball or tennis, but I can go to Walmart,, Lowe's, etc. i cannot go to our community fitness center that is equipped with all kinds of antibacterial sprays, but I can get stuff from our local craft store. if we begin to open salons, Barbershops, restaurants and retail shops, people will go or not. The confidence level will grow as you have success. Just opening won't cause things to go back to where it was, but it is a start. Please begin opening before we go mad from having nothing to do. I. can only rearrange my garage shelves so many times.
Marion	Professional Services	I am a hair stylist in Ocala Florida and I am concerned about salons opening so soon due to our close contact with others and we also have no way of stocking up on the sanitizing supplies needed to maintain a safe environment at this time
Orange	General	The economy cannot thrive unless people are alive and healthy. And people will not be alive and healthy if you reopen the state early to try to protect the economy.
Hillsborough	Real Estate	My personal opinion as a US citizen and Floridian: Crashing the economy is doing MUCH MORE HARM THAN GOOD Simple Plan Everyone over 50 or at risk stays home Everyone else WHO WANTS TO goes back to work If you get the virus you get a week or so off MAYBE WITH PAID SICK LEAVE PLUS your body BUILDS UP IMMUNITY to this virus What are we all going to do next fall and winter if we have no immunity? Close down the country (planet) AGAIN? I also noticed that MORE PEOPLE DIED OF FLU AND PNEUMONIA than from corona virus, which means to me that any new vaccine is not guaranteed to save us My vote is to look at the ACTUAL FACTS and do what is the overall, greatest good for the most number of citizens. James

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Palm Beach	General	It's time to open up. We are not meant to hide and shut down. Secure the at risk, everyone else practice good habits and build immunity. A second wave will come but it is necessary. Only way to beat a virus is to go through it (earliest vaccine may be outdated anyways) Our hospitals will not be overrun. The curve is flattened, what we are doing will not get rid of the virus.. Spot testing is good , antibody tests are better . We are adults not children , let us go out and face it. Peoples lives and finances are becoming in ruin, and they cannot just rely on the government , that is not us, and that is not the purpose of government. If I am meant to get it then I am meant to get it.At this point the cure is worse than the disease. It is time to open up, we flattened the curve, it is time reignite Florida, our economy , and our lives.
Marion	General	Open camp grounds state and federal to state residents only at this time. Mandatory face mask when in general public. Reduce restaurant capacities by 50% with empty booth/ table on each side of occupant.
St. Johns	Education	Reopen Florida, but with major restrictions. Masks should be required for everyone when going out in public. Retail stores need to restrict the number of customers at one time and hand sanitizing stations should be set up through out stores. Elementary schools need to reopen in the fall because remote learning is difficult for the younger children. It's hard for young children to sit still and do online work. However, consider keeping middle school and high schools closed through the end of the year, or at least an option for the families that are able to make this happen. This way class sizes will be smaller. Even if some families choose remote learning this will help. Classrooms can have live video feed that streams to the students home. Universities should encourage distance/ online learning and reduce, not eliminate, the number of in person classes. The exception should be made for college students entering a medical related degree such as nursing or PA school since hands on learning is important and we need more nurses. Those that are able to work from home should continue to do so, but those that can't should be free to return to the office.
Hillsborough	General	I think all state and county parks should open back up and just rope off playgrounds and pavillions if deemed necessary. People should be able to walk bike and hike trails on foot and on horses with their family. It's cheap or free activity and allows you to be safe outside. Please open the parks back and only close necessary sections where people may gather leaving trails open.
Orange	General	OPEN UP MONDAY APRIL 27, 2020.
Santa Rosa	General	As the cases of the virus continue to rise, No antiviral available, no vaccine for the virus and the likelihood that the virus would dramatically increase I believe it would be a bad choice to open up the state. We have a large number of senior citizens who may be exposed to the virus who are the most vulnerable people, which would likely cause a greater danger to their health and possibly their deaths. My family will not return to any activities other than for essential things until the virus has gone or there is an antiviral or vaccine to combat it.

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Pasco	General	Open restaurants back up at 50% capacity, respecting 6ft social distancing, servers required to wear masks. Beaches open only for exercising for another month, no social gatherings. Elementary schools should close for the remainder of the year. The stress on teachers and parents is exhausting. Leave promotion/retention up to parents.
Manatee	General	Please open the state soon! The point of the stay-at-home order was to flatten the curve, which has been done. We need to get back to work! We can't let fear ruin our lives and the economy. Keep the elderly and immune compromised at home and let the rest of us get back to work. Also, to close outdoor activities, such as the beach and parks, is not helpful for our immune system. Fresh air, sunshine and exercise are good for us.
Lee	Accommodation	As a Professional Organizer I know exactly what you should have done and what you should do now. Unfortunately, it cannot be spoken in 400 characters or less. First of all you should never have given money to people who are steady working and have not lost any income and are not on the front line. Also, you need to duplicate what you did at Fisher Island. Florida. As for the rest, you know how to reach me. The first thing you need to do is remove all the incompetent people in charge. That would be a huge help.
Hillsborough	Technology	With the new data coming from USC, New York, Gestaldt, Germany, Scotland and others, it appears about 15% of the population has already had the virus. This significantly changes the model and almost fully explains the why the early models had to be corrected down so drastically. Had we originally know the virus death rate would be below 1% the shutdown measures may not have been necessary. Hillsborough infection rate is now down to single digits per day. The health care care system will not be overwhelmed at this rate which is why we started the shutdown initially. Remember the total number of people exposed to the virus is the same with or without a shutdown. It just happens more quickly without a shutdown. We seem to have forgotten this fact over the past two weeks. Let's get people back to work.
Lake	Healthcare	I am an RN and I'm completely and totally against opening back up until we are 100% confident that we have a handle on this virus and we won't be in imminent danger of having a second outbreak right now.
Hillsborough	General	I feel that we need to have a decline of new cases for a period of greater than one week prior to stage one of the reopening phase one.
Duval	General	Dear Reopen Task Force: Opening the state should follow the CHC guidelines promoted by the president.
Pinellas	General	It is my belief that if Florida re opens during this current Pandemic that people that have not been infected WILL somehow be infected and possibly die. I know that some people have no money and are getting desperate however unnecessary deaths will occur if the state is re opened at this time. I feel that 3 to 4 more weeks should pass before our state is reopened. So I say NO do not reopen Florida at this point in time !

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Orange	General	Florida should not reopen until adequate testing is available. Additionally, the current guidelines should be more strictly enforced.
Orange	General	I understand how badly Florida is being hit by the shut down. My husband works in the theme parks. However, I don't think we are ready to reopen. Social distancing is the only thing that is slowing the spread of virus. In order to open even very slowly, we need a plan of testing, contact tracing, enforced temperature checks upon entering establishments, and monitored quarantine for those infected. We don't want to open too soon only to see a spike in deaths. Dying citizens won't help the economy either and irresponsible opening will only scare people away from our tourism in the long run. Let's be smart and loving like the governor up North.
St. Johns	General	Please do not re-open Florida in May. We need to watch the trend lines truly decline for a few weeks or we risk in-doing all the social distancing work from the last 6-7 weeks. June 1 seems more reasonable (for now) and please do a staggered approach. Thank you,
Polk	Tourism	To facilitate much needed tourists from overseas returning to Florida airlines should instigate some form of screening/questionnaire at point of departure before they arrive in Florida.
Sarasota	General	Please wait to open up our state!!!! Too many people have died alread . Why do we want to jeopardize more lives???
Volusia	General	We should reopen as soon as possible, there are people and businesses that rely on us opening as soon as possible
Hernando	Healthcare	I understand that the pandemic has been an economic nightmare. But, I don't think that there are pandemics that are not. I believe it is too early to open the state up. The number of positive cases continues to grow daily, as do the number of deaths. There is not enough testing available, nor is it easily obtainable to know how many more residents are infected and carriers. Tourists will come here, bring more infected people, increasing the likelihood that Florida could have more sick people than the hospitals can handle. Not all stores that are currently open follow rules of social distancing, and although I wear a mask, most people do not, even people working in stores. When the government offices are safe to open to the public, then it will be safe for the public to come out.
Polk	General	Please do not rush into reopening the state of Florida while we are all anxious to get back to normal our primary concern is to remain healthy. As a member of the over 65 years of age group I don't want to take 1 step forward then 2 back so please.put our well being first.

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St. Johns	General	I know Florida is a large state with some rural areas so it is hard to make a blanket decision for everyone. I like what the Keys are doing, keeping visitors out. I wish we could do that for the whole state. Again not practical. What we can do is prevent the virus from spreading more and from coming back. To do that I think that we can't jump the gun to get the economy open too fast. I think businesses should screen for temperatures, they should require face mask, they should keep doing zoom meetings. As soon as you open it they are going to throw the whole office in a small conference room for a nonessential meeting. That worries me. I think working from home should still be encouraged. Mostly I think that nothing should change until the virus is going away. New positives down to single daily digits, how about publishing recovered numbers, that would help a ton with confidence. Opening up before the data suggests that this is almost gone is a bad move, we are a tourist state so I understand we need the revenue, but once you open it all up, we are going to be flooded with people from other states and they could potentially bring the virus with them.
St. Lucie	General	Reopening needs to happen as it is SAFE to do. Every county is different and has different needs. We need to see weeks of dropping numbers and fewer cases to begin reopening. If we reopen too fast, the virus will increase, and more people will get sick and possibly die. Safety needs to come first! Unemployment needs to be distributed more quickly, so people can survive, but opening too soon for money equals an unsafe state for all of us.
Manatee	Technology	Short Term Rentals, need to stay closed, people still coming from hot spot states with no containment enforcement. Can substantiate if you call me.
Volusia	General	Governor DeSantis, This virus is MASSIVELY overhyped and doesn't spread very well in warm weather, that the death rate was much lower than reported was apparent from the South Korean data. Also despite what fake news says its very little threat if you get Hydroxycloroquine early. Require masks and gloves in public transportation settings such as they exist here but otherwise reopen the state. The lockdowns are just a leftist plot to destroy Trump's economy. Trump seems to have gone senile and seems to have no backbone to stand up to his experts You need to adopt the more courageous stance of Brian Kemp.. Also not being able to go anywhere is intolerable are we free men or prisoners? Ignore the panicmongering Karens and reopen everything now.

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Hillsborough	Education	Please re-open Florida now. Trust the people to decide whether or not they will stay at home or go back to work. The numbers indicate we are past the worst of this illness. Here in Hillsborough county we shut the entire county down for less than25 deaths. We shut our county down for 25 deaths! Does that make sense?? Even if the death rate doubled, it still wouldn't be worth it. Remember the shutdown was because we wanted to flatten the curve, not stop all deaths. Open Florida back up, ASAP.
Hillsborough	General	All high traffic areas such as grocery stores big box stores etc. should have handwashing stations outside the facility and all people entering Facility should have to wash their hands and put on a mask before entering. This should help reduce toxicity issues from using chemicals including hand sanitizers.
Volusia	Tourism	As we open the state, keep the number of tourist coming into Florida down, do not open and let everyone flood into the state. If we open the beach restrictions should be in place for only county residents. Keep the hotels and AirBNB closed. If you let the tourist enter without any restriction we will have a major outbreak!!
Alachua	General	I understand the reasoning behind the current stay-at-home order and feel it served its purpose for people with underlying health conditions. I think now is the time to allow a heard immunity type situation to allow people to begin to build an immunity to this virus. We need to immediately re-open Florida. This is beginning to destroy the lives of so many people that have worked for so long to build a life for themselves, families and causing so much more damage than the virus has or will cause. This is becoming to political. If people are worried and have underlying health conditions than they should be allowed to stay home, but stop punishing and destroying everyone else's lives.
Polk	Tourism	Dear Mr DeSantis, Please open up vacation homes in Florida. Property management companies and owners are not getting any financial help. Each owner is a small business, they pay sales and use tax and tourist tax so the state is loosing millions of dollars also. Many owners will go into foreclosure causing a crash in the market and property managers go out of business. In addition the insurance companies are refusing to pay owners out for loss of use ! We understand that visitors should self isolate for 14 days, so why cant they book a vacation home for three or four weeks??? Children could still do school work as homes have internet. Should guests drive to Florida they could bring enough provisions for two weeks. Many people would welcome a break from their current homes, especially if they are currently living in an apartment I would welcome a reply and feed back Thank you Susan Ward For and on behalf of Flamingo Properties Inc
Pasco	Government	Please re-open the economy as soon as possible!!

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St. Johns	Recreation	I feel that beaches should be reopened to Florida residents. The extra police and wildlife officers that are not being utilized since overall crime and activity is down can be used to ensure social distancing is being observed. If sun bathers are in gross violation of the 6 feet rule then write them a citation with a fine. Also open hotels and restaurants at 50 percent capacity and require a Florida ID to check into the hotels. This will encourage Floridians to take “stay-cations” and get some economic activity restarted.
Union	General	I am a gym owner in Union co. We have been open for just over a year. We only have 4 cases in our county and yet remained closed. This is devastating to small businesses like mine when there truly is no reason we could not be open for business in a safe manner. If nothing please make it possible for businesses in situations like mine to open whether it’s in a phase 1 capacity or on a county by county basis
Polk	General	Thank you for giving me this opportunity. My ideas for reopening will be for breweys. I work for a brewery and with all that has happened we have taken a big hit but the curb side to go orders have helped. I would like for Florida to hopefully open the breweries back real soon and I believe the options we have to keep people safe is huge. Since we live in Florida we have a lot of beautiful days to be outside so the breweries could always set up seating outside for our customers. We also can leave our doors open so there is always a continuous air flow through the brewery that doesn't solely rely on the ventilation system. We can always take away a number of chairs away from the tables and we can always split the tables up. We can also take the bar stoles away from the bar so it would be a stand and go order so people are not on stop of each other. These are just some of my ideas and their are plenty more that we all can possibly do. Thank you!
St. Lucie	Transportation	No we shouldn't reopen yet and I'm someone who has been furloughed from his job in transportation. We need to get this right now before sending people back into harms way.
Miami-Dade	Information	How can you possibly be thinking to reopen everything when the spread of coronavirus is still in place and people are practically dying everyday. I believe it’s going to increase death rate even more. Till a vaccine is found, you must reconsider in reopening. The proper provision needs to be executed.
Broward	Recreation	I believe pools at large clubhouses should be open. For medical reasons, I need to do my pool aerobics 5 times a week or more. That is the only form of exercise I can do that helps me, I cant jog. The pool is my salvation, Governor DeSantis. Please help
Clay	General	Concerned about the ability for people to find adequate food and support for rent, job hunting
Sarasota	General	Please reopen Florida’s economy. Set guidelines, Socal distancing, wear masks. Was hands. We need to get back to work. Thank you.
Volusia	Recreation	Please include gyms in phase 1
Lee	General	I am almost 60 years old. I work in a restaurant. I live with my daughter and grandchildren. Two of my grandchildren have asthma. I will have to go back to work if you reopen and I could possibly be putting them and myself at risk if we open too soon. I love the people I work for but I love my family more

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Miami-Dade	Recreation	As a US Marine veteran that ended his service Honorably 1 year ago, who's purpose in life was becoming a Police Officer in the state of Florida, All I wanted to do was go to the gym workout and was in the hiring process for Miami Beach Police. Ever since Covid 19 hit, It has hindered everything I looked forward to. Please re open gyms and get things back to normal so I can achieve my goal of becoming a Police Officer.
Lee	General	Opening Florida back up already is dangerous and it's putting money over health, over our wellbeing. All it will do is prolong the situation, causing a second, third, maybe even fourth wave of Covid-19 positive tests and more deaths.
Lake	General	We need to open asap. If people want to stay home then that's their choice. I have a brand new salon that opened and closed on the same day. Our life savings is sitting there and I need to open.
Polk	General	Please do not rush to reopen "the economy". History shows that trying to rush back to "normal" too soon can cause a second wave to be much deadlier. It's sickening that our well-being rests almost completely on the capitalism machine. We should be able to ratchet down as we have so far done AND still provide for the basic needs of the people whether they are working or not. In truth, we could do this in times of good health too, if not for greed and lack of empathy and compassion. Do what's right. Fix the unemployment system Rick Scott ruined, provide regular payments to Floridians that need the assistance, keep only essential services open (churches are NOT essential, by the way) and work to keep us safe, not just to get us back to the work machine as soon as possible.
Marion	Healthcare	1) Testing most important 2) Vaccine Until these are in place, no one will be comfortable even mildly opening up the markets. I will not be okay sending my kids back to school without the above, nor businesses open to the public. If businesses can take care of daily transactions without public interactions than that should be the new norm for everyone which will be safer for everyone in the future as I am sure this will not be our last threat of pandemic's.
St. Johns	General	Please OPEN Florida today!!!
Lake	Finance	The Florida state is not ready to reopen until June 1. Reopening would be high risk for covid-19. Too many people from out of state would come here and bring virus. Look universal studio and Disney not open until june 1.
Palm Beach	Healthcare	Elective surgeries and procedures should now be permitted

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Hillsborough	Professional Services	The Re-Opening of Florida should absolutely commence with a slower roll-out for areas such as Miami and Orlando where there has been a lot of international travel and cases spread because of it. With Florida DEO not paying out over a month later of submitting unemployment, they owe it to the citizens they have failed in the State of Florida to be able to start getting their jobs back. People can't pay their bills, pay for food, pay for anything and thousands (myself included) haven't, and will not be seeing the stimulus check for allegedly another 20+ weeks, with no date to even know for the unemployment compensation. These financial stressors on top of mental health declining with the inability to work, find work, do anything, is a recipe for disaster especially the longer it goes on. If businesses and people want to work, let them work. If citizens alone aren't receiving payout, I can only imagine all of the small businesses that had to shut their doors, perhaps permanently at this point. The Florida DEO website hasn't even been acknowledged as 'designed for failure' until now, that is another decision that is too little, too late.
Miami-Dade	General	Wearing a mask outside of our home should be mandatory . It's the only way for people who understand the seriousness of this virus , To feel safe . If not a lot of people like me will continue to stay home until it's safer , That means no shopping , no spending money ... I really believe that wearing a mask would slow to reopen faster ! Thank you for the opportunity
Seminole	General	We can't consider reopening until the hospitals are ready (sufficient PPE, ventilators, etc) for the spike that will come. Reopen slowly once they're ready! We can't let the hospitals get overwhelmed or our healthcare workers go without PPE. We need programs to help the financial burden of individuals and businesses during the closure to reduce the pressure to reopen.
Brevard	Agriculture	One of the most affected and perishable areas within our state is the agriculture sector. Yet the tasfce is absent the state's elected Secretary of Agriculture. this vital sector MUST be fully represented and given priority when determining a re-opening strategy. Listen to the experts in this field, NOT politicians orfriends of the Governor.
Hernando	Food	The government is giving all this money to businesses. Without more stimulus to citizens how are we going to spend money in those businesses? Unemployment is a joke in Florida. We are starving and the government does not care. 1200 might pay one months rent or mortgage. What about electric water car payments insurance and more. Our state government has failed us
Osceola	Tourism	As someone who has worked in the front line of hospitality for over five years, I believe it is safer for the interest of all of our valued Frontline workers and locals that Florida remains closed at least until there is a more steady control of the virus. The bigger focus should be helping the unemployed and figuring out a way to control the virus, because if Florida reopens now, history might only repeat itself.
Sarasota	General	Reopen the State use ppe and keep the vulnerable at home

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Palm Beach	Recreation	I don't see the need to close boat raft friends or family go on boats and golf courses open up golf courses even a walk only it's not a contact sport it cost a lot of money to run golf courses they need to be open and get revenue
Pinellas	Retail	Please do not open the state back up yet. As someone who works retail I can assure you that people have not followed the safer at home order. My concern is that not enough essential employees have been tested. As someone on the front line dealing with thousands of people daily, our risk is higher than the average person and I don't know one person that has been tested. I recommend testing grocery store employees as if one of us were asymptomatic we could be spreading it like wild fire and not even know it. Yes we wear mask but how certain are we if how well they are preventing the spread. With currently only 1 out of every 100 people being tested that's still not great odds for being certain it's under control.
Osceola	Recreation	I would like to see Florida's campgrounds open back up! I don't believe they should have been closed in the first place. Most people are self contained, and there is plenty of distance between campsites for the most part. They are even saying sunshine kills the virus. Old home remedies always included fresh air and sunshine! Please open them back up!
Orange	Retail	I think stores need to open. Grocery stores have remained open therefore they should be able to also. I think if the proper rules with staying proper feet away from people are enforced we could all start getting back to the new normal. Barbershops salons all those other small business that rely on our business need to be opened. They need our support. Central Florida can do this and make it right so we can all get back to our old ways. Restaurants need to be opened even if it's with limited people but so many workers need to get back to work. Florida needs to start opening. Slowly but surely. It can be done. It has to be done.
Orange	General	I just want to make sure we follow the medical field experts for when we should reopen public areas. There is no sense in rushing into opening everything up if we explode in the amount of cases, it would put the public in danger and possibly force us to shut down once again.

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Seminole	General	We need to keep the Stay at Home order in place for an additional 21 days after April, 30th. There are too many unknowns and not enough testing performed to deduce accurate numbers/percentages. Then continue to re-evaluate thereafter every 14 days until we see a dramatic decrease in deaths and new positive cases. When we begin to see the bell curve flatten out, continue with the stay at home order until the figures are well down towards the bottom of the bell curve chart. This virus could easily start to mass produce again if we are not careful. Perhaps open up the beaches and parks but with distance restrictions and masks in place and enforced by police. Keep all of the drive up food services in place but employees wearing masks/gloves. Any drive up service to remain open, essential services remain open but with proper safety equipment in place. People can continue to order online from retail stores. The slow processing of unemployment claims needs to be taken care of immediately. Small businesses can take advantage of the Bill that was just passed for loans. Bottom line: Saving lives is more important than financial distress. We can recover from a financial disaster, however, money has no value if your dead. Business should concentrate of just surviving, maybe breaking even financially or a slight loss and NOT seeking a profit during this pandemic. Thank you
Broward	General	In my and my family opinion (we are 4 people) the state should start reopening immediately, but using steps with a definitive goal to be fully back to normal by the end of May. 1. Reopen beaches for walking and doing sports. (The sun and a fresh air actually helps to fight the virus). 2. In a week reopen parks and some businesses that does not attend too many people. 3. Continue reopening businesses gradually. Remember that all this measure is for single purpose only - flatten the curve, reopen, monitor, if the curve is affected hold on. This is a matter of maintaining the balance. Overall everyone will get sick and the virus will dissipate, faster we go through it without overwhelming the hospitals - better. Right now the hospitals is practically empty. Please do perform a study on how many people actually got the virus and recovered, that will also give a clue regarding when can we reopen. I myself, my family and several coworkers already had the virus and recovered, none of us have been able to get tested, our symptoms was too mild for an ICU.

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Hillsborough	General	If we do not open the state of Florida back up we will not have much of a state left. I understand the importance of keeping everyone safe but this is now the time get back to some kind of a normal life. We have all done what the President and the doctor's have asked us to do with social distancing and we now know that we can do so and stay safe doing so. All the small business need to be up and running with in the next week life has to move on. This is no different than a death in the family you have to pull yourself together and move forward and take life one day at a time. Now is the time to get moving forward and put this great state and nation of ours back to work. We all know the danger that is out there we take that chance every day when we leave our homes to go to work to the store's. This is what life is all about the chances we take in life we are not guaranteed tomorrow so we must live life to the fullest each day as if it's our last. Now is the time to get back to work.
Orange	Tourism	With tourism being such a large part of the Florida economy I feel that the vacation rental ban should be lifted as part of the plan to reopen our state. It's estimated that the rental home business accounted for $27.4 billion in sales in 2018 alone and there are many families that depend on their rental properties as a source of income. With skyrocketing unemployment numbers across the country, the rental ban cuts off another source of income for many families and small business owners, which just exacerbates these difficult times. Taking into consideration the health and safety aspects of lifting the rental ban, I believe that some rental properties can be a much safer alternative for quarantining families as opposed to hotels and resorts. Some rental properties are far more isolated than the close quarters conditions in the majority of hotels and resorts. Hotels and resorts also have shared gyms, cafeterias, pools, etc. which are a breeding ground for viral transmission. For the above reasons, please consider lifting the vacation rental ban as soon as possible for the sake of our state economy. Even if the ban is partially lifted with some kind of stipulation on the vicinity or type of rental property I feel it would be beneficial to our state and livelihood. Thank you, Mark Rizzo

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Sarasota	Government	I feel that reopening Florida right now would be a complete mistake. You have so many people refuse to participating. If you go into the stores and see the number of people wearing mask it's crazy. You have very few that actually wear them. Kids and infants in the store with no protection.You have a lot that refuse to follow the CDC suggestion and the one that do, don't wear them properly. People don't respect the 6 foot distancing rule. You have store that do not wiping carts, I have seen things that just shouldn't be happening. The worst of it all is that they don't care enough and then they become ill and expect our Heroes in the health care system to risk themselves to save them from the virus after they have refuse to follow the guidelines that would of protected them and our medical heroes and their families. It's not fair that they are allowed to continue to spread the virus because of their negligence and others have to pay for it. People should be held accountable for their negligence the same way when they break the laws for other things. It's a matter of life or death. I have seen kids in the store with no protection whatsoever. These kids can come around my kids at school and expose them and then suppose me I have Lupus. Then what? Why are people not taking this COVID 19 virus seriously. No one cares until it affects them directly. Please don't open it's still too soon. The numbers will just continue to grow. You will see. You have a huge group of civilians that refuse to follow guidelines and just want to reopen Florida to continue to break the rules. They really do get how serious this really is. I am scared. If I would of seen people actually doing the right thing then I would be concerned, but it is just not happening you need to go or have someone show you what it really looks like out there. Sincerely Its too so to Reopen Florida, Concerned Citizen
Orange	Finance	While you pander to business with your task force Florida starves. Go fix unemployment. We are out of money. It doesn't matter when businesses reopen if no one can afford to pay their bills. I'm hiking up a mountain of debt built by the state and my lifeline has been stolen. You are going to have a class action lawsuit. You are going to lose reelection. You are going to be responsible for the economic ruin of millions. Worry about the voters. We will support our local businesses. We need you to fix unemployment so we can handle the economy.
Marion	General	Florida should not be reopening until their is a clear and tangible halt in new Covid-19 cases. While the virus heavily affects within a certain demographic, viruses are known to adapt and mutate quickly. If Florida is reopened too early this demographic of affect will become much larger and any economic "benefit" that seems to be had by reopening will quickly become counter-beneficial.
St. Lucie	General	Let's stop the foolishness of shutting down a whole state!! Get everything open! If you are vulnerable to the virus then stay hope and let the other 99% of us get back to life!!!!

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Hillsborough	General	Governor, As a Florida native, I would like to thank you for your administration's efficient and wholesome handling of the Coronavirus epidemic. You all are truly the right people for the job! In a nutshell, my opinion is simple, it is time to open Florida up again. Thanks to your administration's steady hand, and the efforts put forward by the federal government, we have accomplished our mission in "flattening the curve" and bolstering our healthcare industry across the nation but especially here in Florida. Now it is time to help Florida's small business and more than 400,000 unemployed Floridians get back to work so that they may begin providing for their families. Of course, I trust the experts and give my opinion in agreement with their recommendations regarding masks, social distancing protocols, and testing to prevent spikes of infection. However, I firmly believe that we can "walk and chew gum at the same time;" especially since the victims are among the most vulnerable of our society. Keep up the good work, and I hope to see the state of Florida reopen in the next few weeks. With Complete Support, Emmanuel Vazquez
Pinellas	Healthcare	I think we should wait at least 2 more weeks before we open up businesses. May be gradually open up some of the parks now with warnings and restrictions. Just to make sure we are well down on number of cases of covid-19.
Miami-Dade	Healthcare	Please do not open Florida up at this point . Perhaps parks but no nonessential business. It’s scary that this virus has many symptoms and healthy young people are getting blood cots and strokes . We need more time to figure out treatments . Safety of citizens is most important Thank you
Seminole	General	I would support reopening Florida. However we need to be prepare for an aggressive return of the virus this fall. Testing for immunity is a critical need to get out in front of this virus.
St. Johns	Recreation	Dear Governor DeSantis, Please reopen beaches more than just the few hours currently open, including driving on & parking on the beach. We so miss our beautiful beaches here & being outdoors is actually healthy. Also like our neighbors in GA, NC & TN, please begin to reopen hair & nail salons shops & restaurants. Our beautiful city depends on those shops & restaurants and they are really struggling. Thank you for your strong leadership.

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Palm Beach	Education	With a shortage of hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, bleach cleaners, masks, gloves, hand soap, paper towels, and toilet paper, to name a few essentials, schools need to have support to open. Many of our staff, faculty, and students are high risk due to age and/or health, myself being one with lung disease. Though I understand we are important to getting parents back to work, many students are sent to school sick because of workplace PTO policies or lack thereof. A LOT of thought needs to be done as many classrooms cannot practice physical distancing due to room size and number of students. Please think and plan hard over the summer how to be sure we are all safe and keep the spread down.
Seminole	General	Re-open the state! Let those that want to work, work. Let those that want to stay home, stay home.
Broward	General	I think it may be too soon to open, although I would love to take a walk on the beach. S. Floridians are known for being rule breakers, so I am concerned a few will ruin it for the many. Haircuts and grooming should be allowed with very strict guidelines and penalties for violating. Antibody and regular testing should be a requirement for anyone dealing with the public. I think any openings has to be considered county by county, city by city. Good luck Governor...our lives are in your hands.
Broward	General	I believe as we have heard from many that politicians should move aside re; Covina 19.The scientists are unsure of how to stop the pandemic,opening businesses too early could be a huge mistake.social distancing seems to be helpful. The politicians should focus on getting the people's checks from unemployment benefits, and taking care of our most vulnerable!
Orange	General	I think it's still too soon to mass reopen. Especially when we haven't hit our predicted peak yet and we don't have enough testing kits.
Duval	General	Jobs should be open with restrictions School with more classrooms for kids and teachers so its not crowded. Open with half days. Hospitals too need more room and money More pay $$ for essential workers continued Medical field Grocery stores Gas stations Special hours for us to shop. Help daycares too. They help care for essential workers children. I work in the medical field and i have two small children. I always thought their should be a curfew after 11pm. Everything shut down by 10. 11pm-4am no one on the street. Easier to manage.

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Palm Beach	Recreation	I believe opening to early is a mistake. Businesses before recreational. People need to get back to work and jump start the economy. If you open up recreational then open gyms and pray everyone listens. I would hate to open up beaches and boat ramps so everyone can party and spread the virus.
Volusia	Management	It is too soon to open back the state of Florida. We are still receiving a thousand plus cases a day of covid-19 with the stay-at-home order in place. If we open back up that number is going to quadruple and this virus is going to become so out of hand people who lose everything and everyone. Until we have weeks of a steady decline, nothing should be reopened yet. Unemployment needs to get it together to get all of these people their money to live during this crisis situation. Safety is number one priority to our our country.
Palm Beach	General	As we make plans to reopen, it seems the public is paralyzed by fear due to the constant bombardment in the media and otherwise regarding Covid 19. Accordingly, clear messaging and reiterating the following concepts would be greatly beneficial: 1) Covid 19 will likely be with us for a long time and staying in lockdown is not sustainable; 2) Because a vaccine will likely not be available until at least next year, we must put in place sustainable long term measures to address it; 3) the negative economic impact may well result in increased depression, anxiety and suicide, as well as poverty and even starvation (meaning staying in lockdown has public health and life/death ramifications, and is not just about economics); 4) whether we open tomorrow or in two months, a second wave is likely and expected to occur due to the nature of the virus (knowing that this is expected and/or inevitable may actually lessen fear); 5) Flattening the curve was primarily intended - not to reduce the number of those infected - but to spread out the timeline of those infections to avoid overwhelming the hospitals (I see this misunderstanding often); 6) Florida hospitals are nowhere close to being overwhelmed but have significant capacity to handle any potential outbreak; and 7) given the very low risk to those who are young and healthy, allowing them to get back to work and build up immunity, while sheltering the elderly and those with underlying conditions, is likely our best option to protect the vulnerable. It might also behoove the public to be made aware of how other counties like Sweden are addressing this and have avoided lockdown altogether and seem to be approaching her immunity in the next few weeks. Thanks for the opportunity to comment. Best of luck.
Palm Beach	Healthcare	Follow experts' guidelines to open Florida. We haven't tested enough. We haven't done any contact tracking. We haven't fully and accurately reported Covid-19 sicknesses and deaths. When we open, we need strict rules to avoid a second peak.
Palm Beach	Recreation	Open summer camps and sports for kids. No large events or parent spectators. Have kids tested to participate. The children need to start getting out of the house.

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Indian River	Healthcare	I am hoping that the dentistry field to include labs would be able to open ASAP so many people are in need of this area , myself included having a recent Dentistry emergency Which has a temporary fix but without labs & regular dentist appointments in a holding pattern. Also would like to see a safe opening of hair salons & also gyms as long as safety guidelines are followed. Thank you Governor DeSantis I feel you are doing an snacking job in a difficult situation
Pinellas	General	I do not at all believe that reopening just to get the economy started quickly is the proper decision. I dont believe that it should be done until public health officials say it is safe and smart. Why have we all "stayed home" for a month, just to rush back and undo all the progress that has been made? I believe thats a disaster waiting to happen...maybe we have 2 more weeks of this, Im fine with that if thats what should be done for everyone's safety!
Orange	General	Good Afternoon! We are very thankful for everything you all have done for the community so far. Our suggestion is to keep business closed at least until June 1st. If small business were to open now and get confirmed covid cases no one would go back to their business and it would be worse then if they had waited until its safe.
Osceola	Food	As a Server in a restaurant near Disney I feel its too soon to open restaurant dining. I would not feel safe working. I am one that was tested and am clear. But until there's no daily deaths or everyone in Osceola and Orange county get tested. Not sure how I will feel them but probably alot ssfer.. Walmart is the worst place to go especially E. Osceola parkway Kissimmee fl. Sure they have signs and cones but there still allowing way to many people which makes social distancing hard. They are always out of sanitizer wipes for the shopping cart too.
Palm Beach	Healthcare	I work per diem as a RN in OP surgery. I have been told we plan to resume work May 4. I would hope by Monday or Tuesday we can get clarification on resuming elective surgery in PBC Secondly I live in a small HOA community in PGA National Many of my neighbors are older and get there exercise by going in our small community pools. It is 90 degrees many days. Before the end of March everyone was taking turns using pool, following social distancing and wiping down chairs. Please allow private pools to reopen to help keep the elderly active and healthy while following the guidelines I believe it is time to reopen slowly and safely

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Hillsborough	Government	I was affected by the pandemic. I am in the rental car transportation industry and some are on furlough and others were permanently paged off. The unemployment site is a disgrace. I have not receivedmy a check since March 23rd. The questions still have to be answered to be able to claim your weeks. It took all day Thursday, 4/23/2020 to claim the weeks of 4/4 to r/11 and 4/12 to 4/18 and now I cannot claim again until May 7th, this is ridiculous. I have family members in north Carolina that have already received 2 cares act checks and 3 unemployment checks....why is Florida's system that inadequacies to the rest of the nation, we are a disgrace...our mortgages will forebare your payment now, but in 3 months they want all of it, what good is that.
Orange	Education	The reason is people are still dieing around us. I'm a diabetic and plus have High BLOOD PRESSURE so we don't know who is carrying COVID 19 around so being said until everyone is tested no please don't open the economy back .
Pasco	General	Open it all up. Numbers don't lie but people do. This is not much worse than the flu. Curve is flattened and economy is ruined . Open it up
Hillsborough	Recreation	As a small-business man and a leader in my industry of tennis I manage multiple tennis facilities much mostly communities and Tennis Club I also managed a junior team tennis League across Three Counties with close to 50 clubs and communities for the reasons recently outline regarding the fatality rate much lower in the .1% to .2% range similar to flu + heat humidity and sunlight killing the virus plus Hydroxy Chloraquin and other treatments This is an immune issue and all who have immune issues and older people with morbidity issues should take more caution Plus all the projected initial models scaring people to death we never should have shut down but we certainly should be reopening especially Florida businesses and people are smart they will do it the right way let's be the leading State Not Just Tennis although tennis governing body is the USTA and uspta gave the go-ahead on the 23rd four states in phase one which I think Florida is to reopen and start playing recreate and for tennis coaches to start teaching I will know most of the clubs in this area about half or little more have never stopped they were playing and they were teaching very safely handling the balls not letting people touch it things like that and Hillsborough County has one of the lower counties across the state but all in all I feel like we the people and the businesses will open up in the right way let's reopen May 1st
Broward	General	Don’t be so stupid. Keep this shit closed so we all don’t die
Broward	General	We should follow the recommendations of the medical professionals on when it’s safe

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Palm Beach	General	I understand that those without income are hurting & need to work. There needs to be a compromise to open slowly & safely, while distancing. Keeping things local, don't let all the tourists come in and spread the virus because they traveled/exposed themselves. I work for Scripps Research and they are only letting some lab members come back mid May? and administrative much longer than that (with strict restrictions!). They are scientists, working on COVID-19, they know. Luckily, I am able to work from home for now and I realize I am lucky. We have been closed since 3/16 except those working on COVID-19. Don't follow all the advice of those whose interest are political and money, listen to some Drs & scientists. Find a doable compromise that allows distancing and being safe. That includes enough PPE for everyone to do their jobs appropriately/safely. I do think there will be a resurgence this summer if too much is open to travelers and then again this fall. My husband works for the County and they just got masks? That is wrong and not safe. Thank you.
Seminole	General	I think the state should let business open with social distance rules / guidelines in place until more information is gathered. That information is anti-body testing. We need to better understand how many people get sick once infected and die once infected from COVID-19. We cannot ruin lives by taking away their jobs because we are scared and if the antibody tests show the same results as we have recently seen in New York, then we need to treat this like we do the flu and get life back to normal. Once reopened, we can control outbreaks by Testing, Isolating, and if positive test result Quarantine (TIQ). Then tracing who the infected came into contact with. Notifying and testing those people, and TIQ again. We should be stockpiling ventilators and PPE equipment as well as training additional healthcare workers and makeshifts hospitals with beds to prepare for an outbreak once we reopen. While we wait for the antibody testing results here are some ideas for reopening: -all residents of Florida should be encouraged to wear a mask when going on with their daily lives. We should be required to wear them when inside places were social distance is impossible like them parks, grocery stores, movie theaters, concerts, hospitals, colleges, entertainment venues, offices, and maybe other places I am not thinking of. -However, there will have to be exceptions: if a client is getting a haircut they will not be able to wear one, or people eating inside the restaurant will not be able to either. If a person is not comfortable with this, then they can choose to not enter that premises. -Hospitals must let at least 2 family members in to be with those who are dying or giving birth. They must were a face mask. -Outside parks, beaches, playgrounds, springs, should all reopen. If an outbreaks happens and we trace it back to one of these outdoor recreational facilities, then we reconsider. -more attention should be paid to cleaning and disinfecting bars, restaurants, theme parks, other tourists/entertainment venues

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Polk	General	I have concerns about reopening the state too soon. Might be okay in cities or counties with very low numbers, but not our larger cities. When it is reopened, I think it can only be with a MANDATORY face cover. Yes, there will still be some who get sick, but will help be less. Stronger enforcement in large retail stores, face cover, less crowd, essential goods only. Too many people stroll around for something to do. Get it, but quickly, get out. There needs to be much stricter policies in place. Allow each Mayor to propose their city plan, and be approved by local citizens. Shouldn't be a single persons decision. Thank you.
Volusia	Healthcare	as a therapist doing telehealth I want a measured approach to opening that follows the advise of the scientists and medical community people are scared and that's understandable opening too fast too soon will set us back I no longer see patients in an office that I still pay for but there is no way to keep pts safe if they have to take an elevator. please don't let florida morons be trending when these decisions are made short term pain for long term gain is the goal safety first and please fix the unemployment system well known it was designed to fail and citizens in florida are hurting and the failure to expand medicaid is hurting them further open it all up put people at risk and make it even more difficult to claim unemployment
Brevard	General	I think the state should be in the stay at home order for 2 more weeks we just finally got some type of testing in brevard county and it's still not enough. The numbers are going up every day I think there should be stricter rules for people being out I am a concerned mother and grandmother please please do not open things up yet more and more people will get sick.
Palm Beach	General	You only get one chance to fully follow expert medical advice on this virus, and the almost certain consequences for not doing so will follow you for not just the rest of your political careers but your lives. Don't fuck it up.
Volusia	General	I think that relaxing mitigation and the stay at home order at this point is a mistake. I understand that the economy is suffering but it would be worse to relax orders and then reinstate. As Americans our patience and memories are very short-please don’t let impatience make decisions. I could understand starting with opening small retail businesses with continued mitigation rules in place and from that guage the confidence level of the public. I do not think that restaurants, nail salons, movie theaters, hair salons or tattoo parlors need to reopen yet. We live in a tourist driven economy in FL. Keep the stay at home order in place for one more month-hopefully start to see our covid numbers start to significantly drop-then start seriously looking at phasing opening the state. Perhaps salvage some of the summer tourist dollars.
St. Lucie	Healthcare	Please do not open to soon. People will die. Hospitals do not tell all. Get unemployment going.

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Broward	Administrative	ALL NON ESSENTIAL WORKERS SHOULD BE ABLE TO COME BACK IN A VOLUNTEERING BASIS DEPENDING ON THEIR NEED. FOR EXAMPLE MY WIFE WORKS IN A OFFICE OF A FURNITURE STORE. WHO IS THINKING OF BUYING FURNITURE RIGHT NOW? WITH THE ECONOMY GOING TO AN UNCERTAIN FUTURE TO BEGIN WITH I AM IN THE GROUP RISK WITH DIABETES, HIGH CHOLESTEROL AND TRIGLYCERIDES AND HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE. IF MY WIFE IS FORCED TO GO BACK TO WORK LIKE (IF YOU DON'T COME TO WORK YOU FIRED) SHE POTENTIALLY CAN GET INFECTED AND BRING THE VIRUS HOME AND GET ME INFECTED AND POTENTIALLY KILL ME. I KNOW SOME PEOPLE NEED THE MONEY TO PAY THEIR BILLS AND ARE WILLING TO TAKE THE RISK, I TOTALLY UNDERSTAND.BUT NOBODY SHOULDN'T BE FORCED TO GO BACK TO WORK. AT LEAST UNTIL THE NUMBER OF CASES COMES TO BELOW 100 CASES PER DAY IN THE STATE.
Brevard	Tourism	Open theme parks to Florida resident pass holders as test. Ask people to maintain 6' separation between families. Open restaurants at limited capacity. Open hotels. Do not require masks as people want to walk around and eat and drink. Possibly wear masks while waiting in lines for rides.
Marion	General	All businesses need to open as quickly as possible so we can get our economy up and running. Social distancing, limits of patrons in a facility, testing, masks, cleaning, etc. standards will need to be applied for a while. As things improve, some or all of the limitations can be relaxed. As a 72 year old retired CPA, I feel we need our Florida businesses operating & people employed to restart our economy, The business losses coupled with the enormous governmental deficits harm not only the businesses and their employees, but also all consumers of their products & services. The longer we wait to get people back to work , those employees may not have the resources to provide the basic necessities to their families. Without the products and services they provide, basic supplies may become even more scarce. The lack of sales revenues & tax collections will take years to recoup. I am concerned about the effect of this on my children & grandchildren. Savings & retirements plans are not being funded. Payroll taxes are not funding Social Security programs. Sales and entertainment taxes are not being collected. Another concern is the effect on the education of our youth. The loss of contact with their teachers & peers in the classroom may set back their development. Some type of remedial program needs to be developed to help our students stay on track to advance to the next level of their education without a gap in their learning. Schools need to be opened with possibly some additional instruction or testing to make sure our students are able to advance their education track. Sports & Recreation need to be restarted not only for the athletes, but also for the fans. Training & exercise is necessary for all levels of sports & recreation. Summer camps & training need to be open. Sports facilities need to open to prepare for team competition. Guidelines need to be developed for the safety of all athletes & fans. Tourism is important for the financial health of Florida. the large

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Palm Beach	Recreation	Unfortunately the Mayor of PB County has overriden your(Governor) order and he and his fellow commissioners have pretty much closed everything with or without offering their reasons. We Floridians appreciate that you explain and discuss and reason but we are unable to recieve any explanations from the Commissioners. Why a walk down a fairway...ALONE....or down a beach....ALONE....exposes anyone to Covid-19 is beyond comprehension and yet, they offer nothing for us, their consitutents. I have asked them if they have looked at the county north of us to see if their cases have ballooned or not....as their courses are open! We've been told if we ignore the Mayor's order, the sheriff's dept will step in....these are not the words of leaders but of bullies. We thank you, Governor deSantis for using common sense, science and for understanding your responsiblities for the good of the citizens of Florida.
Osceola	General	Please re-open the state without restrictions
Brevard	Tourism	- I'd suggest that IF AND WHEN the theme parks are reopened, consider limiting attendance to the theme parks to Florida residents only. This would prevent people traveling from out of state, and potentially from hot-spots, into Florida. This could help control to potential spread of the virus throughout Florida. - Please do not be rushed into opening the state. Testing is not equally available throughout all areas. Just 3 weeks ago, an urgent care in our county told us they had ONE test for COVID-19, but they literally told us they did not want us to come in and get tested because a positive result would mean they'd have to shut down. We could not find testing in our county at all. I know that has since been changed, but it takes two weeks to see where the State stands today in terms of cases. Don't assume we are doing good just yet.
Volusia	General	Open up the state for all that is good in the world. People have nothing to do and that will eventually result in higher crime rates and riots/protests. The virus is inevitable. Are we just going to stay inside for the next year or two? I don't think that would be a wise decision. More people still pass away from the flu and there are plenty of people that recover from the corona virus. Open up the state PLEASE so that small businesses and the country don't suffer.
Orange	General	If Florida re opens we are in danger of spreading way more than it is thisbis a highly visoted state.Please do not re open until it is completely safe to do so money its not more important than lives.Mi life matters just as my loved ones and all yoir loved ones lets think about that please please do not re open yet.
Duval	Government	It is not safe yet to reopen the state. You are taking a chance with people lives over money. Even if you open state how is anyone going to buy anything to help buisnesses stay open and bring their workers back when most in florida our broke cause of the unemployment system has failed Floridians. You are causing so much up roar over not paying people after you told them to stay home. Now you want to open because you dont wanna pay people whats owed to them. Opening up our state is not going to help the economy since people are broke and also scared to leave their houses. Everyone in florida knows why yall trying open an its not cause you care about the people but because yall losing money being closed
Duval	Government	Wait 30 more days! Be safe not sorry

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Orange	Education	I believe we need to listen to the expert health professionals prior to rushing to opening everything back up. I realize many businesses, including education which I am in, are being heavily impacted. However, there needs to be a well thought out phased approach. Also are there enough ppe to go around to protect employees. What about testing, antibody. If we don't do this right the first time...look at other countries etc...see how seriously some of them took this early on. There rates are lower. We will have a major resurgence which could have even more lasting impacts on humans and the economy.
Manatee	General	I suggest open up Florida and let the business owners use social distance guide lines. Businesses that people do not feel comfortable at will loose business of there own accord. People will only go to the businesses that put forth an effort to make their customers feel safe. Open Florida, and let common sense take they reign. Thank you for allowing public comments.
Lee	Education	Are we able to open the technical colleges and give grants to those interested in joining the health care work force, for example, as a medical assistant so that we can go help out at the hospitals or doctor's offices that need support for front line medical workers? I am currently in healthcare administration and unemployed - I'd love to take this time to switch gears to learn more to be able to help my community!
Orange	General	The more data we have the easier it is to make informed decisions. Data shows the models were woefully off base. The current data would indicate C19 is very similar if not less than deadly as influenza A. The public is aware of the risk. The government needs to step back and allow the public and the businesses make the best choices to open. We need to open to Florida residents only for the month of May. No out of state visitors until we acquire more data. Open all businesses to Florida residents. Open all beaches and parks. Allow businesses to be creative on how they service customers. Employers should double the amount of allowable sick days an employee can take each year. Continue PSAs on washing hands, cleaning hard surfaces. The shutdown has lasted long enough to allow the healthcare system to prepare. Healthy people is the best defense, herd immunity. Staying at home weakens the immune system. We need to allow the healthy to live normal lives while protecting the compromised and isolating the sick. Open Florida to Floridians first. Then reassess as more data is received. If people want to wear masks they should. Eliminate all touch screen ordering at businesses. Eliminate lines with virtual queuing. Allow crowds as long as the venue performs temp screening. Allow innovation. People are smart, they will figure it out. Thankfully the virus isn't as deadly as it was once thought to be folks.
Orange	General	We shouldnt reopen until all of the country has peaked and then shows 0 new cases. As a tourist area, we are too vulnerable. Especially as many states have unprotected protesters who have clearly stated in their written signs and agendas that they do not care about our health. Some have even said If you are sick, come anyway. They are treating other people's lives like a game and gullible people are falling in line.

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Sarasota	Healthcare	Let's open elective surgeries. In public-masks and hand washing important. Those at high risk can continue to self quarantine.
Broward	Administrative	I am writing this email to express my concern that our State may move too fast I hope you listen to the medical community and your residents about going back into the community and exposing themselves to the virus. We have sacrificed going outdoors in the hopes social distancing and stay at home help and it has. I am furloughed and still can see opening up too fast will result in a few weeks seeing set-backs. Please do the right thing. continue social distancing, wearing a mask and stay home for at least until June providing medical experts feel we are in a good place. Thank you.
Lee	General	Time to open with appropriate social distancing. Beaches, pools, Restaurants, etc. all need to reopen.
Lee	General	I believe that Phase 1 should begin, to include hospital surgeries, restaurants (with continued social distancing), hairdressers and all others. The disparity of what is/was an essential business is, in my opinion, not well thought out. Many small businesses may never recover. I believe that the residents of Florida can follow continued social distancing and can make the choice to remain home if they are insecure. Cancer patients As well as others need to receive the surgeries that were put on hold. They have been put at risk through no fault of their own. People want and need to get back to work. Please consider moving forward. Thank you.
Brevard	Healthcare	I would like to have the antibody testing done for everyone going back to work, so if they have had the virus, they are free and clear. That way we would know who is safe from the virus, at this point. If you have not had the virus then you know you need to be careful. Have the antibody test available for anyone who thinks they have had the virus. Very important.
Hillsborough	Healthcare	Please don't open the state until medical professionals give the go ahead. I work for healthi providers, and we are seeing this tragedy unfold up close and very personal. People are dying. Too many.
Miami-Dade	General	OPEN COURT HOUSES LET US GET MARRIED ALLOW RETROACTIVE DATES FOR MONTH OF APRIL SINCE COURT WAS CLOSED SO OUR MARRIAGE DATE CAN BE OUR WEDDING DATE SINCE THAT WAS ALREADY CANCELLED PLEASE

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Marion	General	I write this as I think about the long term impact this will have on my children. Open up Marion County with preventative measures. I feel that we will have equal amount of people, adults and children, die from mental health illnesses due to isolation, lack of wages and food, as the virus in the end. Students are struggling with online learning, isolation, and not having their normal routine. Schools can offer a combination of online and in person curriculum to offer some sort of normalcy for kids. Parents can get back to work to take care of their family. In a matter of two months high school seniors lost all the fun and memorable things they were waiting and working soo hard for. Open Marion County up with preventative measures.. please we beg you!
Lee	Recreation	Tennis is perfectly safe to play with built-in social distancing already there. Parks should reopen with an insistence on social distancing. Even baseball, people could play catch, practice hitting.
Marion	General	I would definitely not reopen the state. Money should not be more important than people's lives. Keep Florida closed
Hillsborough	Recreation	All business. All. 50% fire code capacity 5/1 - 5/14. 75% capacity 5/15 - 5/30. 100% after Simple solutions for all Floridians to get back to work
Escambia	Retail	Hi Governor DeSantis & the Florida Task Force, The people of Florida are depending on you. You have locked us down, taken away our means of providing for ourselves, all in the name of “safer at home.” It’s time to put an end to this giant blow to our personal financial situations, not even to mention the economy as a whole. I am a young professional just getting started in my career. My fiancé is finishing up his degree right now, set to graduate in one of the saddest times for a young person. Not because he doesn’t get a ceremony but because there are no jobs and businesses are shutting down. He’s an essential worker at Target, who raised his hourly pay and then cut his hours in his down to barely anything (8-12 hours a week). I have not seen a dime of my unemployment and I have been furloughed for over a month. We also did not qualify for the stimulus checks since we were claimed “dependent” in 2018. I ask you, sir, do we sound ‘dependent’ to you? Our lease is coming to an end and we can no longer stay there. We cannot afford our housing anymore and are forced to move in with my family. Let us go back to work, sir. We are suffering. More people are suffering from this economy that was caused by the overreaction of the media and the political games you’ve played more than this virus. *The virus is here to stay but this economy doesn’t have to be.* Please let us go back to work. Victoria
Marion	General	My husband David and I would like to re-open retail and salons with social distancing and masks. The same for work places but add temperatures taken daily. Thank you for asking.

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Hernando	Tourism	Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion. As an RN who has been working through this challenging time, like others I miss going to theme parks, movie theatres, etc. Not only is our economy challenged with these employees out of work and no tourism tax etc but there is no where for anyone to "let off steam" and forget some of the worries of the week. My suggestion is to please CAUTIOUSLY open venues such as restaurants, theme parks, movie theatres, bowling alleys, etc with STRONG guidelines to maintain social distancing. Theme parks should only be allowed 40% capacity (this would hopefully allow for 40% return of theme park jobs), restaurants must have 50% capacity with strict guidelines on 6 foot distances between tables. Bowling alleys, every other alley, movie theatres, every other row and 3 seats between families. Strict cleaning guidelines should be adhered to between patrons and ALL employees (and patrons who are not eating/drinking) should wear masks. Once point of care testing is widely available, this could also be utilized for entry to airports, theme parks and larger venues. Just my thoughts. Thank you. Amy Plunkett, RN
Lee	General	I think that in order for any one business to open . They have to have a 30 days supply of ppe for each employee and make sure that 6 foot distance is adhered to and roatig workers days off and time in and out .
Lee	General	With regarding to opening Florida, I would ask that we take a region by region approach. In Southwest Florida, we have flattened the curve and have much lower infections. With maintaining social distancing, wearing face coverings and appropriate business precautions, we should open businesses as soon as possible. The only exceptions would be those businesses that can not maintain social distancing like theaters, concerts and large sporting events.
Levy	General	Until testing is widely available for everyone, the state should remain closed. I am an essential worker and it's terrifying with the limited number of people who are out and who do not utilize masks and gloves and do not maintain social distancing. Imagine if the state opens how many more will be out there? In some states, corporations paid for testing regardless of whether symptoms are present. Why can't that be done here? Save lives. Keep Florida closed.

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Broward	General	I am writing to express my extreme concern that we be especially careful in opening our businesses up too soon. There has been a lot of clamoring from the business community and our Governor to get Florida up and running. While I understand that this is a hardship for us all, now is the time to demonstrate leadership like the Governor's of New York, Massachusetts, Maryland, Wisconsin, Illinois and California who as a mix of Democrats and Republicans are doing the right thing and putting the safety of residents above the dangerous rush to have things open up "because it's been too long". Out of respect for our first responders, healthcare workers and the vulnerable population I implore you to act prudently based on science and safety. What we don't need now is the reckless abandoning of common sense like the state of Georgia and South Carolina are doing. By no means are we ready to open person to person businesses like barbershops and salons and gyms. You can't social distance cutting someone's hair or doing nails! If he weren't the governor, I would say Mr. Kemp should be charged with reckless endangerment of his resident's lives. I am greatly concerned that there is a lack of national policy on handling this. Allowing piecemeal reopening's is a recipe for disaster. Last time I checked, we can get in our cars and drive anywhere. What is to stop residents near the border from going to Georgia, or those of us here in South Florida flying to Atlanta? The entire thing is very upsetting and impossible to control with the lack of national or at least regional coordination. Believe me, I am as weary as everyone of the shutdown; I miss my barber, my gym and favorite restaurants. Let's concentrate on things to make their lives easier by getting them the loans and unemployment payments that they need. That's where the focus should be, while looking slowly and carefully at how to open when the time is right, which of course should be gradual and at least 3 to 4 weeks away. We don't have a steady 14 day decline yet and we should not even consider anything until that happens. Also, we need more antibody testing. I have the strong suspicion that I have already corana some 2 months ago, but I have no way to
Brevard	General	I do believe that social distancing and proper distancing should be maintained - however businesses should be allowed to open. My field is fitness center- I belive staggered or limited access to begin with is a smart move. For example, open with distancing in place (ie: 30% capacity, every other machine not in use), no group classes or playrooms open. If all goes well, then add group classes with limited participation (ie: 9 people with one instructor with a total of 10 people in a class, personal trai ing one on one, however still no playrooms). Again, if that goes well then open with limited capacity (ie: limited capacity 50%, group classes with a limit of 20 people, limited playroom usage). Time limits for people would have to be put in place to allow fair usage for all. Maintain the cleaning of equipment (which our facility does on a regular basis even before the pandemic) and those who want to wear PPE would be able to (for both members and staffing). Having a nurse at our location or trained staffing to take temperatures when people come in since we are associated with a hospital (Parrish Medical Center and our fitness center is Parrish Health and Fitness) would also be helpful. If they have temperatures then they can't come in. Exercise is so vital not only for physical health, but for mental health as well and I would like to see our industry be able to open.

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Miami-Dade	Healthcare	Dear Governor De Santis I am a Professor of Medicine , MD PhD, and Director of University of Miami Hospital Diabetes Service, University of Miami. I am leading research on COVID-19. From my perspective, as physician and researcher, I feel that Miami-Dade should start reopening outdoor activities, parks and condo swimming pools upon the appropriate social distancing precautions. The percentage of positive is daily declining , the mortality rate, to be proven yet if from or with COVID-19 , is consistently below 1%, and ICU beds in the major Miami hospitals, including University of Miami, are totally available and filled by only their 40% of capacity. We are doing telehealth with good response from the patients, but the numbers suggest that the we should restart our normal life as soon as possible, with proper safety measures for both physicians and patients. Florida heat and humidity, based on valid research , can help to further reduce the virus spread. Current virus is genetically very similar to SARS and MERS that significantly decreased with the summer. Preventive medical action for those more vulnerable populations such as residents of nursing homes, poorly controlled diabetics and people with obesity should be implemented, as several studies including those from our group, are suggesting. Thanks for your consideration and nice work amid COVID-19 Sincerely Dr Gianluca Iacobellis
Duval	Food	Many people are out of jobs due to resteraunt dining rooms being closed. Also since the gyms are closed everyone is having a hard time staying in shape and maintaining your mental health. I say reopen florida but servers in restaurants should wear mask and gloves just to be cautious. We need to get money moving again because the government nor corporations are paying anyone enough to survive on their income during this time. Some people will still stay home but we will see a spike in money moving through businesses and we can get Florida back.
Duval	General	I am an Infection Preventionist. While this pandemic has been far reaching, Duval county and Florida has shown a tremendous response. Coronavirus is here to stay for now, at least until treatments and vaccines are developed. However, we need to restart our economy ASAP. People are losing their livelihoods, savings and hope for the future. We will need to move forward differently, but move forward. We will have a new normal. I hope helping people understand this will be part of any restart plan that hopefully is initiated soon.
Brevard	General	We should NOT rwopen FL yet! To do so qould be putting millions at risk of contracting covid. Yes, people would go bacl to work. But what happens if we spread the virus at a much more rapid rate?

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Pinellas	Healthcare	We need to desperately restart the elective surgery—like today, It should be before May 8. Even though that is when the mandate expires, even waiting an extra week could be disastrous. At verylatest , we should make the date May 1st. Also, please open the doctors offices for procedures. In many ways, is essential versus nonessential designation does not apply to healthcare. To have a gas station open, but not the doctors office removing skin cancers, is insane. Most doctors offices buy their own personal protective equipment and even if there were a surge it would not interfere with the hospital. And as the governor stated, there is already an oversupply of hospital beds. Thank you for your consideration.
Palm Beach	General	Attached are some recommendations I have regarding 6 integral parts of Re-Opening the state in a safe, practical and fair approach that would benefit all Floridians. Included are some of the recommendations that may have been heard in the subcommittee groups during the week.
Palm Beach	General	I think it is wreckless and irresponsible to consider opening back florida. Obviously the higher density areas are going tk be worst affected... but what happens when all is opened back and now those high density people start mixing with small low density towns? You can not prevent people from mixing and you can not trust them to follow guidelines.. refer to pictures of the sandbars, beaches, restaurants, bsrs judt days before the official shutdown. There is a reason we had to shut it all down people do not listen to rules and regulations. What needs to happen is unemployment. People pay into the system, they should not be shamed or made to wait to access their own funds. Government needs to stop seizing PPE that municipalities order for their hospitals. The more easier access to PPE the hospitals and public have, then the sooner you can responsibly open.
Brevard	General	Please do NOT open the state too soon! Our reported cases have not yet reduced sufficiently - indeed, in some counties, they are still rising. The amount of testing in the state is woefully inadequate to be able to assess the true extent of spread, and opening up too soon puts us all in jeopardy of a second wave of infection and the inevitable deaths that will ensue. Florida is especially attractive to tourists, and we need to continue to restrict movement around the country, and the world. Please be cautious, and wait a few more weeks or as long as it takes to get to a strong downward trend. The economy will recover, but death is forever. Let's not put money before people's lives.
Polk	General	Florida should follow the guidelines from the cdc and the health specialists on how and when to open the economy, nothing should be rushed. As the experts are saying and advising, if we open up and people start going out filling places too soon what little achievements and the sacrifices our health providers have made will be for nothing if this virus spreads even more.

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Broward	General	I am concerned about the closure impact on our small business. So many people are unemployed and losing their business. There must be a way to reopen safely for those who wish to do so, without penalizing people who still wish to quarantine. Individual freedoms must be retained in order for people to prosper. Government backed Unemployment benefits should not be removed from anyone who wishes to remain quarantined, and students uncomfortable with returning to school should not be punished for missing. People need to be able to work and support their families through this. Our parks, beaches and natural areas should definitely be reopened so people can exercise in sunshine and nature.
Hillsborough	General	It is time to open our state. The economic pain, stress and suffering caused by this flu is far greater than the amount of people who are sick. On a percentage of population basis there is no comparison. Those that are obese/ elderly / immune compromised etc can stay home and shelter in place. Everyone else get back to work! We are acting like a bunch of wimps by being afraid of a flu. What a soft generation. Let's save our state and country. Open! Stop being myopic about health by focusing on a virus. Focus on long term health (exercise and proper diet) the real killer is our own lack of care for long term health.
Pinellas	Management	Hi Governor Desantis. Opening up the state is a very important step but there needs to be more testing before taking that step. Also why are you more focused on opening up the state than you are actually helping us floridians who have been out of work since mid March and have been waiting on unemployment since then? You are more focused on opening up too early. If we open too early then cases and deaths will rise and the blood will be on your hands as well as Mr. Trump because it seems you are just following your mentally ill leader.
Charlotte	General	I do not believe enough testing has been done to safely re-open many aspects of Florida. We know that many people are a systematic, yet testing has only been allowed for those with specific symptoms, the elderly and healthcare. I work at a car wash. We are currently furloughed but owner plans to re-open on 4/30. Being inside of cars, touching interiors and breathing someone else's potential germs does not feel safe to me. Gloves my be provided but we are expected to wear the same pair all day. This is not safe either. I am concerned for my health, my co-workers health and my customers health. Many of these people are high risk. It is to soon to open Florida. Far more testing needs to be done and not only on those who have obvious symptoms. I realize the urgency to get people back to work and getting paid, but going forward without enough data would be foolhardy and result in more unnecessary infection/deaths. I ask that the government really listen to health advisors on this subject and do the right thing.
Hillsborough	General	Still at 1000 new cases per day. I don’t think one more month of restrictions would hurt as much as help. I’m not very concerned about the virus but I definitely don’t like hearing phrases like Second Wave, Third wave. No...people would lose their minds. I am a republican and believe in a strong economy and less government but like I said I don’t believe one more month would be any more detrimental than second or third waves.

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Collier	General	Re-open Florida with some social distancing still encouraged. Public needs to use common sense and consideration for fellow citizens(I know this is expecting a lot). Ex. Retail do what they have been doing, restaurants, limit seating. Open beaches with social distancing and beach patrols to discourage large groups with violators warned then fined if don't comply. Hair salons/barber shops open with staggered appointments and PPE. I personally don't have a problem wearing a mask and waiting in car until stylist ready. I would even wear a body suit if I could get my hair cut. I also have been lucky enough to have been partially working during this and my bosses have been good to us, feel bad for those who haven't been as lucky and need to get back to work. Thank you.
Miami-Dade	General	We should not be opening Florida until at least mid June. We need time to make sure the virus is minimized. Opening early to make money will kill people. Human life should be more important than money
Pinellas	Recreation	We can not open yet . There r so many people that haven't been tested that we could start this all over again. We need another month to get control no one will follow beach rules. Still have cases everyday and. Not enough PPE for our health care workers and food stores.
Duval	Government	Do not open FL to soon How many more people do u want to die?
Hillsborough	General	I am very concerned about the beaches opening only because that is going to Bring a lot of people & I understand it's hot I wish our pool was open, also Restaurants I don't Think it's a good idea keep it as pickup or delivery unless they have seating outside. I also feel once things open people will forget about masks and doing the right thing. People need to understand that it is very very serious problem in the world in our towns this has killed so many families mom,dad,brother,sister,aunt & uncle maybe a friend's small child. Thank you Kimberly Phillips
Bradford	General	I think it should be mandated that if you are able to still work from home you should be allowed to for at least another 30 days. This will help slow the spread and still allow people to finish the school year off with their children from home. It's a lot to expect someone to work full time and home school their children.
Clay	General	I am ALL FOR. the re opening of Florida!!!
Leon	Healthcare	With all due respect to the local businesses, opening now is a terrible idea. We don't know enough about this virus, we don't know when it will peak in Florida, new cases are being announced every day. I am already terrified to go to Publix or CVS for food and other needs. If people were wearing masks, I would feel more comfortable, but they're not. I think Step One should be to make everyone WEAR MASKS in public. Do that for two weeks at least. Please do not start opening the state yet.

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Martin	Healthcare	Please consider that there are a bunch of us old people out here that have some form of a FOOT problem There are speciality foot ware stores that help us 80 year olds Frankly, in some case, it can make a difference in our ability to walk Believe or not. the opening of shoe stores is a hell of a lot more important than being able to buy licquor Thank you for your consideration
Palm Beach	Food	Enough is enough I own a small business and I am completely closed. I have received no help from unemployment or sba. We cannot continue to survive like this for the more sensitive people stay home for the rest of us we need to get back to work before we lose more than what we have already. Hurricane season is coming and florida will have no chance to recover if we continue to close into hurricane season. Let's remember we have people working in essential business and they aren't dying at an alarming rate!! So why arent we looking at that a small percentage is sick for essential workers no one has died of the essential workers out there so let's open up with restrictions like they have and we will be fine!! Just like they are please people are losing more than they can imagine majority of people saying stay home are working from home and collecting paychecks they dont know what the rest of us is going thru out here. Most of us will rather take the chance out there then have nothing. Majority of us have no help financially. I saw a lot of questioners and people said they would rather take the chance with corona than have a vaccine come on then what's the point here and those are people that are getting paid to stay home! And who are anti vaccines well they can stay home and watch us thru there windows opening up this economy again.
Hillsborough	General	People will NOT travel to Florida if they don't feel it's safe here. Listen to the Science and Medical experts, follow their advice. The public health crisis has to be the most important thing, once people have confidence we are on top of that the Economy will. follow!
Duval	Information	I think that if a business want to reopen they should be responsible for all necessary steps and operations to take for preventing the spread of Covd19. First they should ware masks and gloves and all of the people that enter should do the same. They should take the temperature of all employees daily and do the same for anyone who wants to dine inside the business. They should make sure dining tables are six feet apart and make sure someone is disinfecting the areas of the business at all time. Reservations would also keep track of who visit the business on a day to day log when some one is entering into the business .Because of the severity of this virus we the people and the business should be held accountable for doing the right things for our lives.
Palm Beach	General	There is no need to open the state up too soon. Our fabulous governor who "takes direction" from the moron at the white house waited too long to shut the state down and now we all pay for it. DO NOT LISTEN TO ANYONE IS WASHINGTON. It's time to redeem yourself and listen to what the scientists and doctors say and not politicians or anti-vaxers holding ridiculous and dangerous protests. BE SMART. Our lives depend on you.

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Miami-Dade	General	OPEN COURT HOUSES FOR MARRIAGES
Orange	General	Reopen the economy! The entire Coronavirus “panic” has been an absolute disaster for the entire country. It is now very apparent this virus is no more deadly than the seasonal flu. Yet more peoples lives have been destroyed in an attempt to prevent exposure. The elderly and others with Medicaid conditions making them more susceptible to the virus should take necessary precautions, otherwise it’s past time to allow society to return to normalcy!
Palm Beach	General	Just wanted to add my input to the re-opening of the state. I live in Palm Beach County, have comorbidities that put. me at risk of dying of the coronavirus, and I do not feel safe going back into any store or business in my area, regardless if it opens or not. If the choice is between the economy and my life, I need to choose my life. There is not nearly enough testing to prove to me that asymptomatic people aren't spreading this disease, especially with the antibody tests coming out of Miami, New York City, and Santa Clara, California. Without sufficient testing, I will just stay home. I imagine there are many more like myself in this state. I'm not elderly, but you don't have to be elderly to be in the vulnerable category. Thank you for allowing the community to have a voice in this decision.
Palm Beach	General	I'm afraid that we have not had enough people tested and tracked to be opening. Too soon
Polk	General	As the Dr said at the news conference on Sat Apr 25, we don’t want don’t reopen Florida until the numbers warrant it and follow the 14 day phase in guideline. We have have been smart so far.. flatten the curve first. I want things to open but NOT at the risk of another flare up. Is there a way people who have lost jobs, be funneled into contract tracing or other areas of jobs that we now need.
Palm Beach	Food	I believe business can safely open while continuing a form of social distancing and implementing additional safety procedure. Restaurants operate at 50% to start, staff wear gloves & face covering, temp checks, sanitize each table/seat or booth after use. There are plenty of outdoor seating in florida as well that can help. Recommend reservations Barber shop salons can be appointment only so there is no waiting. Staff wear gloves & masks. Change gloves after each guest and disinfect each chair after each use Vulnerable should be encouraged to continue to shelter in place If business stays closed for any longer it’s going to be devastating!

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Palm Beach	General	OPEN everything up. With A symptomatic folks along with people that we know have the virus, the death rate is VERY LOW. We do not close business for the Flu. Open up or we will not have any business to go back to. The Democrats want to keep us closed until we have a vaccine, that is bullshit. Open up now or we will become a socialist country with government supporting us and we lose our country. OPEN NOW!!
Seminole	General	I think this is going on too long and over exaggerating. This is insane. It's hot and can't do anything. if it wasn't for election year this wouldn't be talked on. I'm pregnant and can't even have anyone in the doctor with me it's WRONG!!! Please end this!
Palm Beach	Recreation	I believe Golf Courses are the PERFECT place to start. One cart per person. One person on tee box and 6 feet on greens. Very easy. NO publuc water..bring your own. Beaches...need to be for walking..running..movement. police will need a presence to monitor roups of sun bathers. Boaters are tough...the party people herd up. Coast Guard will have to monitor this Restaurants..Curbside is working good for those who bought into it. Some restaurants have to turn people away tgey are so busy. Grocery...noone should be allowed in without a mask AND gloves as they touch priduce snd shelf items. 6 feet should remain the norm...same with retail.
Lake	General	1. Listen to recommendations of epidemiologists and related experts based on testing results . Do not end the lockdown until they say. One recent report estimated mid June at earliest, but I defer to ongoing expert opinion. 2. Urgently increase testing and make it much more easily available, at drugstores without prescriptions for example. Both nasal swab and antibody testing should be employed. Confidential results should be available to local public health for contact tracing. 3. Institute epidemiological contact tracing after state opens up. Increase public health funds and personnel for it massively. 4. If flares occur immediately lock down appropriate areas. Do it fast and don't dither. 5. Base all analyses and actions on SCIENCE. If the Florida epidemic worsens after lifting restrictions, the economic impact will be much worse than present.
Leon	General	Please don't make the "cure" worse than the virus. My husband is trying to keep his employees, he brokers liquor licenses and does private lending for bars and mom and pop liquor stores. My family is young and healthy and covid is not a major threat to us. Please continue to remind the public that we must protect those at risk (elderly, Obese, and those with comorbidities) but that the rest of us need to get back to LIFE. We would LOVE for Disney to be open to just FL residents for a while!

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Hernando	General	Dear sir ,I think that we should not be reopening our great state of Florida until we get a hold on this terrible virus that is devastating our great state ,I realize that the economic effects of this is horrible, but if you die from this horrible virus you will not be worring about ,money ,or the economy ,we need to continue on the path that we know is at least working and saving lives ,Sir I just want you to know that me and my entire family are very proud of you for the job that you have been doing and we pray that god keeps you and your beautiful family safe and healthy I am 57 years old and a small business owner for over 25 years until health issues caused me to have to close my buisness 5 years ago ,I have 4 sons 3 of witch serve this great NATION in our military and a 14 year old still at home and I asked god to please let me live long enough to get him raised a,since I have a compromised immune system due to my health issues I am very scared that this may not happen if we throw all the progress we have made fighting the spread of this disease, I wish people would understand the important things in life are not money and Bars, strip clubs ,tattoo parlors ,ect life isn't a big party some time you have to take a step back and be thankful for just being alive and healthy, in closing I would like to say we Floridians are tough and we will overcome this but its going to take so.e time and alot of hard work but I know with your leadership sir we all can make it thru this ,thank you agian sir for being my Governor and my god wrap his powerful hands around you and your family sir and keep you all safe because we need you the REDMANS BROOKSVILLE FLORIDA
Orange	Professional Services	Professional offices should only be allowed to reopen once they have implemented and enforced social distancing guidelines. I work in a large office with many people in open cubicle spaces. I don't know how they can keep all of us from feeling unsafe and exposed. Workers should be encouraged to work from home as much as possible, rather than being required to report to work the day the county opens.
Hillsborough	Healthcare	I would like you to consider delaying the opening of dental practices (Dental Hygiene departments - non essential medical treatments) until June. We are listed as the number one occupation at risk for spreading COVID19. I am a dental hygienist and my practice is having difficulty obtaining enough PPE equipment to get us up and running following the required OSHA standards. Our staff member that orders our products has stated much of what she has ordered is on backorder. One of her suppliers is not even returning her call. This is extremely important to keep the Dental Hygienist in FL, as well as, staff and patients safe. We use ultrasonic scalers on most, if not all, of our patients which produces aerosols. I feel this additional time is needed to make sure practices are able to obtain the necessary PPE equipment to do our job safely. I feel the number of cases will rise rapidly, if these departments are opened without being prepared with proper the PPE. Thank you in advance for your time and consideration.
Duval	General	Y'all just keep talking bout opening up but all it is is talk numbers are down people need mony to pay bills they need to work get back yo gym get back to some kind of normally so open the fuck up tired of hearing bout stats data yall just talk shit are y'all going to pay my fucking bills tired of y'all talking open the fuck up

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Miami-Dade	Finance	Miami Dade county sucks as a whole. The economy is down due to the government. And the governor of Florida let the unemployment system crash on purpose. If it wasn't for the state closing everything down to this hoax of a virus. All of us would still be working and making money. But instead you shut down the economy and call your people lazy. Wtf is wrong with you guys. I wish I can say all this in person and more. The people in office are the most arrogant and selfish humans I've ever seen. The economy needs to be reopened and THE UNEMPLOYMENT CHECKS NEED TO BE SENT TO THE CITIZENS WHO PAY THEIR MUTHAFUCKING TAXES. WHICH TAXES IS STEALING FROM PEOPLE ANYWAYS. PAY THE MONEY YOU OWE TO THE PEOPLE YOU OWE IT TOO !!! Y'ALL SUCK !!
Broward	General	Word is you want to hear from Floridians about reopening the state. Open it up. Enough is enough. Make allowances for the vulnerable, allow those who WANT to wear a mask that right. Otherwise, no one is mandated to wear a mask, no one is mandated to stay home and ALL work is essential. Period.
Orange	General	Florida should NOT be reopened until it is safe. It should NOT be guided by political associations our governor has with Trump but guided with the utmost safety of life. My fiancé is a deputy in Orange County (and tourist area of county) and he has risk factors with coronavirus. Yes; he signed up for this job but his life shouldn't be recklessly endangered anymore than it already is right now by opening up Florida when it isn't safe to do so. He shouldn't risk his life further just so someone can go to Disney or tourists can drink. Save our first responders and healthcare workers. Do what is right for us and not what's right for political gain!!! I don't have much faith in this right now.
Seminole	Healthcare	I feel that is important to open businesses little at the time. The businesses that open should have mandatory testing and regular temperature controls for all employees. We have family in Europe and saw what a catastrophe it was in Italy. We need to reopen for our economy and the sanity of our citizens while taking caution with the health of everyone. For the past 3 1/2 years our economy has grown tremendously. We need to continue this growth and not let all this hard work that the GOP and the Trump administration have done for our great country!! My mother was an immigrant from Greece who married an American soldier and my husband is a French immigrant, now a permanent resident working on getting citizenship. They have both immigrated here legally and work very hard to be where they are now. Let's not crumble our economy and society with this virus but at the same time take caution when needed. Thank you and God bless America!USGRFR
Lee	Professional Services	Retail stores and other businesses should be allowed to reopen immediately while practicing social distancing and wearing masks. Elective surgeries need to restart. Allow restaurants and other businesses to move some activity outside over the summer if space is available.

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Manatee	Retail	Retail needs to be opened. Florida has been totally a joke with their unemployment and regardless of what the governor says the improvement is not there and too many people are waiting for unemployment checks and or reopening neither which is happening. We in this sector are under paid , earning minimum wage or a little more, and most work pay check to pay check. All the promises about fixing unemployment are not working. Let us go back to work! Plus Disney and Universal get to put their employees in the unemployment system ahead of all those who have been desperate get trying to access this system. Stop playing games with peoples lives and let us get back to work!! Ps this system also is a joke because you can't get thru
Hillsborough	General	I dont think place should open until health officials have declared it is some what safer to open. Not everyone shows symptoms and that is dangerouse for the public. I understand that the economy and the country has to run.. I am in the working class. I still go to work with my nerves on check. School are still closed and daycares.. What are we going to do to help working class for babysitting? How do jobs operate regularly if we cant have our kids taken care off.
Broward	Healthcare	Whatever you decide PLEASE include the absolute wearing of a real face mask for EVERYONE who are outside, including the beaches, riding of bikes. JUST WEAR THE MASK. ANYTHING LESS IS JUST STUPID.
Broward	General	Thank you for taking my comments. With social distancing measures in place, I am very hopeful that we begin to reopen the state. I believe we have accomplished the goal of flattening the curve and our health care system is functioning properly. With that in mind, I am very concerned that keeping businesses shut down will have devastating economic consequences for years to come. Please begin lifting the stay at home restrictions and let Floridians begin to move about Florida and get out to the beaches! We live here for the sunshine and fresh air. I have been teaching from home since March 16, the consequences of isolation is affecting my mental health. Sincerely, Janie Orstad
Marion	General	Please do not lift the shelter in place order, it needs to be extended for the bigger picture. I fear if we reopen now we will have a second wave of infections. My husband commutes to the Orlando area for work, of shelter in place is lifted he will have to return and potentially be exposed to an area with higher cases. We have two small children and also have two elderly people living with us who we care for, they have no immune system and if my husband were to bring the virus home it could very well kill them. Please extend it for everyone's protection.
Seminole	General	I live with 3 people who have compromised immune systems. I don't want to risk them getting sick with this! I think it's way too soon to reopen and it's going to backfire and be worse than it is now!!!
Clay	General	It's time. Re-open for the general public. Vulnerable individuals should self-quarantine. Protect the employed workers with paid time off if needed to care for kids or other family members. Child care subsidies for working parents will ease the financial burden.

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Polk	Education	I have a compromised immune system due to chemotherapy. I feel that health officials should be the ones making the decisions on when we should reopen.
Brevard	Retail	I as well as others think it is still too early to open up florida as a result I think we should stay stay by staying home til at least june 1st 2020 ..as covid 19.is still out and if u were to open up people will NOT ABIDE by wearing masks or staying 6 ft apart...therefore it could be led to being a 2nd pandemic being much worse
Clay	Information	I think it is too soon to open back up. Duval and Clay numbers are still growing
Palm Beach	Professional Services	I am a personal trainer, and i, very strongly, do not believe gyms should be part of the phase one opening. Imagine this, someone picks up some dumbbells, lays their sweaty body on a bench, does their exercise, and puts the dumbbells back. The next person is right behind them to grab those dumbbells that no one ever thinks about cleaning. Gyms are gross and filled with germs on the best day. All things considered, a gym sounds like the perfect place for a virus to spread. Please consider postponing the opening of gyms.
Orange	Education	My name is Morgan Koski-Ruggiero and I attend the a University of Central Florida. As I go into my sophomore year, I ask that you reconsider opening universities back up for the fall semester. College has been one of the best experiences of my life and continues to help me develop and grow. However, I can't do this when I am stuck at home and have to learn through a completely online environment. As a nursing major, it's critical I receive the knowledge I need to succeed in my future career in person from a professor; lab classes that are in person that would be moved online for the fall are so much harder to learn through. Although I understand the importance of education and want to get back to my routine at UCF, I understand the importance of social distancing so that this virus doesn't come back again. I understand the more fun opportunities, such as tailgates for football games, are probably not possible and not safe for the environment. However, I do think opening up the university for the fall semester is critical not only for myself, but for every student. Students are not only missing out on educational opportunities, but the ability to be on campus for the four short years we have there. No matter what university a student attends, I think each one would benefit from college reopening in the fall, with precautions of course. Distractions at home make it harder to learn for every student of every grade level. I think opening schools and universities for the fall, with precautions, would be a great idea and help students overall mental state. I know from personal experience that moving back home can be hard and although I love my family, growing to be an independent person and striving for my future career is also important. Thank you for your time!

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Broward	General	I am a physician and feel that our process for testing and isolating is not yet robust enough to “open the floodgates” for surgeries or business as usual. There are still healthcare workers who are not being allowed to access n95s (which by the way require proper fit and sizes). I work at a major medical center and we are “sanitizing and reusing our ppe”. This is not ideal for patients or staff. I believe that parts of the state can be reopened much more than others. In South Florida, we stand to have a major public health issue. I believe we can start doing more time sensitive, urgent surgeries. I believe we should open public spaces. Malls, gyms, and other indoor areas of congregation will be a breeding ground for the virus. There must be a way to enforce limitations of customers inside any business reopened. Thank you.
Marion	General	To greatly reduce COVID19 cases if people with even number addresses shopped on Mon-Wed-Fri, and those with odd number addresses shopped Tues-Thurs-Sat, and on Sunday anyone or special senior hours, first responders etc, up to a per limit at a time entering at stores could shop, this would greatly reduce amount of people out and about, thus reducing cases of virus.in the population. It may be a faster way of eliminating covid19 period.
Hillsborough	General	I am really worried about reopening Florida, I hope that you do it very slowly and carefully. I live in the University area and I'm afraid that as soon as Florida reopens there will be a lot of parties and this area will get hit hard by coronavirus. Could you please leave the restrictions on social distancing in place and try to convince people to stay at home as often as possible. I don't want to be afraid to go to the store. If everyone was wearing masks I'd feel comfortable going to different businesses. I don't think there's any way for gyms to safely reopen.

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Flagler	Recreation	Hello, Here's the thing with my opinion. I literally do not care if stores reopen or whatever. I don't mind this new luxury of relaxing all day and sleeping in. I don't mind pretending like this is a deadly virus to all of humanity and we are all going to die to keep people grounded. This stay at home order is actually doing amazing things for the environment and helping with smog in different parts of the country and world and air pollution ratings have dropped significantly. I think it's amazing that people are riding bikes instead of driving, I hear birds more then I have in the past and friends are actually gardening and making vegetable gardens. We are going back to the basics and I think that's a positive from the fear mongering the media is portraying. People feel they are going to die if they leave their house, but the air is cleaner. So it's whatever in my book. Here's where my issues lie. The parks, beaches and trails need to reopen. It's public and our Tax dollars for maintaining these public places are forced out of our pay. Will we get a tax break for not being allowed to step foot on the beach? You have them open only in the morning so only some people are ever able to use them. I think it's ridiculous that people have to keep walking like robots in order to feel the sand under their feet or enjoy an ounce of freedom. Everyone knows, including your own doctor, that viruses neutralize in UV light and heat. We all know that naturally no one sits less then 20 feet from other families on the beach even with no pandemic. Why would anyone plant a beach chair less then 6 feet from strangers??? The beach is therapy for people who live in abusive or violent homes. It's therapy for people who are steps away from committing suicide. Why don't you just open the beaches with no limits at "go at your own risk". When the water is rough or there is no lifeguard, it's "swim at your own risk". People know that by going in the water they are risking their lives. Right? If you open public spaces, it gives people the OPTION to go to the beach or a park or a playground. No one is forced to leave their house. Let this be a "risk" for who wants to go. You can't spread a virus on the beach anymore likely then spreading the same virus at Publix where People are touching all the items, walking by people in the isles and trying on shoes or clothes at Target or picking up food from a restaurant or fast food joint where there are people in the kitchen
Broward	Food	Areas that should open first should be Outdoor public areas such as beaches, city parks, community recreation pools, and marinas. Kids playgrounds should remain closed. By only opening beaches like in Jax their is only one thing to do so everyone does the only thing you allow them to do. By expanding you won't have as many people gathering in one area the first day of opening. Social distancing should still be in effect of 6 ft. The people should be able to ride bikes, run, take their dogs for walks, play in the pools, throw the ball around while maintaining safe distancing from one another. Restaurants and Food places should do soft openings with only outside seating to start for two weeks then gradually open inside with half capacity. Barber shops and Salons should be by appointment only with limiting social distancing and amount of people allowed in at one time. Workers should be required to wear masks during work performed and follow CDC guidelines for disinfecting. Making everyone test before going back to work is an invasion of privacy. Government should not be allowed to gather data on its people that are not showing symptoms.

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Broward	General	My suggestion Proceed slowly reversing all statewide & county wide. In particular beaches & boating and flying. Actual rules released could be much clearer regarding what residents may and may not do. Also lists of testing facilities and what stages of testing. Stay safe to all . Paula Bazzone.
Palm Beach	General	I am a psychiatrist in Palm Beach and I have 2 school age kids. From a professional standpoint, my practice has taken all recommend precautions, as we provide TMS treatments which is a treatment for depression that can only be performed in a clinic. Patients are still coming in for treatment, and we are seeing, if anything, an increase in patients wanting to start treatment. They see we are following guidelines, and they are willing to take a little risk to get this treatment. From a resident and parent standpoint, I want nothing more than to see restaurants, salons, and retail stores start to open and camps open for the summer. Let residents and businesses make the decision for themselves. I am willing to take the minimal risk in order to see our economy get back on track. We are smart people. Let the healthy patrons and smart business owners have the choice. There will be patrons like me. We are more prepared in the hospitals than ever if there is a peak. Dental offices inherently take precautions. Nails salons already use gloves and masks. Restaurants can too. My kids have been cooped up for weeks. Let kids get some fresh air at camps. The camp counselors can take proper precautions too in order for these kids to have a place to go. Staying in is going to do more damage to these kids than the minimal risk of the virus causing harm to them as evidence demonstrates. I was busy enough as a psychiatrist before this shut down. I don't want to be any more busy because of the aftermath this will cause if we don't re-emerge. Give us a chance like Georgia is doing. I predict the Georgia experiment will prove everyone wrong. Let us out please! The polls are wrong, as always! We want the option to come out safely.
Lake	General	Our cases here in Central Florida are very minimal compared to the southern part of the state. As a result, I do believe our area should begin to slowly open up on April 30th, but keeping social distancing, starting, naturally, with the removal of the shelter at home order. However, my fear is that we'd see an influx of people from the south trying to come up here. This would have to be somehow discouraged. Theme parks and other tourist attractions should stay closed for the duration, at least until June. But I would like to see the opening of some nonessential businesses here to get things moving, then measure how that is going. Thank you for this opportunity to express this.
Orange	General	Keep mandatory the work from home for businesses that have the capacity and that have already implemented the work for home for their employees
Broward	Recreation	The state is releasing prisoners but I can't go surfing? It's unreasonable.

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Marion	General	To Whom it May Concern, The curve has been flattened. The latest study states that the COVID-19 virus dies quickly in heat, sunlight, and humidity. This is Florida, we have nothing but sun, heat and moist air. Ultimate you must trust the citizens of Florida that they know what is best for them. Those at risk must of course be cautious, but the rest of us can and should be be allowed to get back to work and go on with our lives.
Escambia	General	Until the state is on the downside of the pandemic curve. The administration should be extremely cautious on reopening. Also be more prepared for next season because covid 19 will return.
Duval	General	Reopen everything NOW.
Orange	Retail	I do not support reopening soon. As long as there is no vaccine and 1 active covid person living then there is a chance for it to reignite. China was on lock down for 76 days and lifted the lockdown and look where they are now. Please do not lift the lockdown until it is completely safe
Hernando	General	Thank you for your time... please consider opening very slowly. I work as a front line worker in a hospital, I fear we havent seen the worst yet. Could this opening plan include mandating mask or face covering at all times. MY OPINION IS STAY CLOSED FOR ANOTHER MONTH., but make sure you close businesses... I drove past walmart and lowes..parking lot was full and people walking out with nonessential items... so they arent listening, so we will never flatten the curve if we dont shit dont for real. Thank you Donna Lambert
Broward	General	Dear Governor Can you please listen to the scientists? Because when it comes to what is going on right now, They all know much more than you.Stop being a politician for a minute and use some common sense. When the scientists say something every year about HURRICANES, you pay attention to them like a little and curious child, now your only is the economy ,you don't care when it comes to the health of Floridians ...Please governor, go do some research about the 1918 virus and the city of Denver in Colorado then you might take a chill pill and please DO NOT TAKE LYSOL (as prescribed by Dr Donald J Trump..... Be sage governor. Sincerely PJB

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Palm Beach	General	Priority must be given to the health and safety of all Florida residents. Until widespread testing can identify who has the virus, who had it, recovered yet didn't know they had it, or who is an asymptomatic carrier, Florida should be in no hurry to return to business-as-usual. Testing is still at just a fraction of what is needed to provide usable data. Please support and encourage widespread testing at all pharmacies. Most importantly, until researchers know more precise details about this disease, and a vaccine becomes widely available, no state should rush the process of reopening. The long-term plan should be looking at years, not weeks or months. Any reopening should be in careful phases based on credible and clear data, and any reopening should be carefully monitored to ensure that the virus is not re-emerging, immediately rescinding the openings if that is the case. Also, reopening without adequate enforcement and penalties for those not following guidelines for physical distancing is critical. Too many people are still out and about not wearing any type of mask. An order to wear masks until further notice should be statewide. We have no way of knowing who is contagious. Even a negative test result is only valid for that moment in time. Not only our large elderly population is at risk, but more deaths of younger people and children are occurring. A special concern is the doctors, nurses and hospital personnel who are at grave risk each day. When, not if, a second wave of infection happens as predicted, we are at risk of not having enough medical staff to treat those affected. Finally, in a state whose robust tourism economy relies on low-paid service workers, the fact that our unemployment benefit is among the very lowest in the nation is disgraceful. Even before the pandemic the benefit paid is woefully inadequate. And the system to apply for benefits seems deliberately designed to discourage people from applying. And the system's total failure at people's time of greatest need is deplorable. That human beings should be treated in this way is unconscionable. And I would hate to see Florida emulate Georgia's rush to reopen primarily to salvage their own underfunded unemployment system, saying that since businesses could reopen people would be ineligible for applying for benefits. To place dollars over people's health is immoral, does not uphold the values our country was founded upon. Please leave politics out of these decisions. Please focus on credible data. Please look at the long view - people are

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Seminole	General	Dear Gov. DeSantis, I am very worried about my parents that are in a nursing home at Altamonte Springs. Before the pandemic, I went to the nursing home to see them, assist with their personal hygiene, wheeled them outside to take fresh air and sunlight, and now because of the pandemic I cannot go to the nursing home anymore. Not only that, but the nursing home is not taking good care of my parents because I see them on video chat and see that they have new health problems that the nurses are not taking priority in handling their health. Even if I speak to the supervisor about it, they won't listen. Gov. DeSantis, I ask that you make an announcement soon regarding when the nursing homes will start reopening to the public because even if I miss my parents from seeing them everyday, something is not right with what's going on in that nursing home and I am afraid. Please reopen every Floridian nursing facilities as soon as possible! Please, think about me and my parents, Gov. DeSantis! We need your help! Sincerely, Magda.
Palm Beach	General	Most of the people who died from the virus were already sick, from years of over eating, not exercising, drinking and smoking! So forcing all the people to stay home is the answer? Take care of the truly helpless people, like the ones in nursing homes, the rest of us can make our own decisions! I will be voting to get rid of the Palm Beach Commissioners who destroyed our economy. FREEDOM is job one.
Brevard	General	It is not time to reopen Florida. There are things experts say we need to have in place such as higher testing rates, contact tracing, and not only a flattening or the curve but a dropping of the curve. Florida doesn’t have this. Nowhere in the US has all of these yet. Please do not open yet. Please wait to see the effects of this disease over the coming weeks. Consider late May or early June.
Orange	Tourism	I think everything should open to Florida residents first. We will be more then glad to get out of the house a little and enjoy stay at home vacations. I think social distancing will have to be implemented at the theme parks for a little bit at least until international tourists are welcomed back. I think we can welcome them back sometime in the new year once everything has had the chance to calm down and we can really get an idea of if there is going to be some sort of a second wave. This way we will be able to relax some of the social distancing measures in place and the theme parks will still be enjoyable with the larger crowds that will be welcomed in.

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Broward	Education	As a mother of 2 children, I would like each school who has children sharing desks the opportunity to wipe down their chair and seat before sitting in them. Make this mandatory. My daughter is going into high school. I know that she would get extra credit in middle school just for sweeping the floor. The cleaning people need to do a Better job!
Polk	Retail	Now is not the time to reopen retail - I work in retail management and there are not enough people being diligent with their social distancing or general hygiene to put a clothing retailer or home goods store open again. It's going to create a horrible cycle and spike reinfections again. As much as I would like my employer to reopen I value my family's safety more.
Palm Beach	Professional Services	Very concerned about hair salons, barber shops, tattoo and massage parlors. Impossible to keep a safe healthy distance. No matter how cautious you are it's impossible. Plus many places do not have proper ventilation. What is the recommendation for health and safety?
Volusia	General	This is getting out of hand. Reopen everything without any restrictions. As a first responder and nurse household we don't want things closed, we don't want this social distance stuff going on. Are we going to do this everytime someone gets sick? The virus will be around for the rest of our lives and we are a non vaccine family. Open Florida back up!
Manatee	General	With the increasing numbers every day of infected persons, WE can't understand why anyone would even think about opening the state. Not everyone is willing to distance themselves, and then there are those that think no one can tell them what to do. We went to Lowe's Thurs. and NO employee was wearing a mask, and very few customers. Then you have the young that cough all over the place & think it's funny. If anyone thinks any of these people will be safe, let's say, at the beach, they are sadly mistaken. The mentality of humanity is, IT WON'T HAPPEN TO ME AND I"M NOT IN THAT AGE GROUP. LET THE OLD PEOPLE STAY HOME IF THEY DON'T WANT TO GET SICK.
Seminole	General	Please consider the harm reopening Florida will do. Things are hard for everyone at the moment but reopening nonessential businesses and allowing social distancing will just cause another spike and another lock down later in the year. As a State we need to think about us as a group rather than individual needs. Sacrificing a few weeks of non essential actions like hair cuts, going to restaurants, and theme parks is what we should be doing to preserve the lives of fellow americans. We cannot be selfish. The economy will recover but we cannot bring back those who will die. Please ask yourself, how many men, women, and children are you willing sacrifice for the sake or the economy. If you can produce a number, then by all means, tell the people and reopen Florida.

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Alachua	Tourism	I think once we have achieved the standards for Phase 1 we should open up venues for people to have an outlet. Personally, I would like to see Hard Rock Casino in Tampa open up soon, but with the same standards in place that required social distancing before they closed. I visited them on that Friday March 20th and felt very safe and confident in what they had in place. If other businesses could do that (limit space between customers, disinfect, even check temperatures thermally) I think people would venture out. We need to venture out. Not only for the economy, but for our sanity. I think 90% of the population will act responsibly, The other 10% should be fined if not following procedures. I have the utmost confidence in our Governor and our President to make these decisions and will adhere to whatever they decide, but being able to eat out or play slots is much needed.
Hernando	General	This is ridiculous. Open it all back up before this gets worse. Whoever wants to stay home can, but let us out and let us live. Our immune system is getting worse from all this. It has to stop. Open it all.
Manatee	General	Yes open up, slowly and with intelligence. I know death is scary but we have to become immune we can't keep hiding. It's not going away so we h e to learn how to live with it.
Seminole	Government	Florida should not be reopened unti at Least 20% or more have been tested. Tests should be available to everyone and all over the state. The task force should include medical experts and should have been bipartisan. Why is the secretary of Agriculture not on this task force, yet the CEO of FPL. How are they going to advise on reopening. The utilities are open and running, business as usual . Fix Unemployment NOW. It is obvious you don't want to pay out so you rather open Florida and risk people's lives. Limit the amount of international flights and test the tourists at the airport. Don' Pull the same crap you did when you let all of those flights in from NY. What a joke. Companies should be mandated to let people work from home. Not safe to share an office with 150 employees and share common areas . Governor, DO THE RIGHT THING FOR FLORIDA, NOT FOR YOUR PARTY. GET IN TOUCH WITH FLORIDIANS. Your numbers are very low and you are another governor that makes me So Florida an embarrassment. Spoken from a true Floridian who is ashamed of you. Reach out to Cuomo, maybe he could coach you on communication skills. Standing by POTUS won't help come next election. Add some medical experts to this Task Force. We don't need medical advice from CEOs and your cronies. BTW thanks for not having a dog breeder on the task force!!

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Manatee	Healthcare	We should indefinitely suggest safe distancing. Washing hands, cleaning shopping carts, having hand sanitizer available upon entering/leaving stores - should also be indefinite. Masks if you are at risk (old age, immune compromised) again - indefinitely. Big posters everywhere that say "DO NOT TOUCH YOUR EYES, NOSE, or MOUTH UNLESS YOU CAN WASH OR SANITIZE YOUR HANDS AFTER". Public service commercials on TV and radio reinforcing the above and also remind people to stay home if sick or coughing. Do all of the above and OPEN UP TO NORMAL OPERATIONS. This virus is not going to be miraculously gone anytime soon and it will recur. We can be responsible and get back to business. We have to accept that people may get it and perhaps die. Ruining the economy will eventually kill as many people as does this virus!
Miami-Dade	Healthcare	Florida should not reopen businesses at this time. There is already a shortage of PPE in the hospital and the cases should be lowered before reopening businesses. It's best for the public to stay closed until more testing is administered so that we don't have an uprise or cases and the healthcare workers such as nurses and doctors don't risk their lives trying to take care of patients because of a surge predicted to come in. People might wear masks for a couple of days until eventually they run out of supplies themselves. The public doesn't fully understand proper hygiene and people are going to get sick.
Clay	General	All business should re open without restrictions. Every job is essential. Allow the citizens to choose if they want to stay at home, wear ppe, etc.
Palm Beach	Healthcare	You have a very difficult task and decision on when and how to open Fl up. I would love the beaches to be reopened for activity such as walking, swimming and active individual sports such as surfing. However, who is going to police this. Our police have enough to do . Open gyms, swim clubs with restrictions and have the business police the rules. Wait on beaches. Open areas of business to get economy going. That should be priority and wellness of our community. Best Ann

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Miami-Dade	General	I am a type 1 diabetic that has been under stay at home orders for over a month. I have been extremely cautious due to Covid-19 and my compromised immune system. How can I be guaranteed that when we reopen I will not be exposed to this virus. I know the precautions I take but not the ones others do. I am also a mom to an 8 year old who is currently at home doing virtual school, I do not have support from family to care for my son. What do I do when we reopen and I have no one to leave him with? There are a lot of unanswered questions. As much as we need to reopen we also need to be safe and careful for those that are compromised. My father is a heart attack survivor and my husband and son have severe allergies. How can I be sure we will be safe if we reopen? What facts do we have? We do not have a vaccine or a cure, we do not have any viable facts.
Flagler	Retail	The current aid that is Provided for small businesses doesn't touch on salons and other cosmetology businesses. This makes it be on difficult for us to continue to be closed and survive. The PPP is not something salons qualify for because our employees or our workers are 1099 independent contractors. While we may not have to pay their income which is unfair to them we also still have to pay our rent and other expenses. We get no aid with that. If salons are able to install the plexi glass shield and where the proper protection use gloves and sanitary measures I feel that we should be able to re-open ASAP. We are in Volusia county where there aren't as many cases.
Orange	Education	End the school year now and use this time to prepare for school in August assuming it will still be distance learning.
Leon	General	Please place the state in lockdown. If we open the state it will put everyone at risk. We need more time to figure out how to stop the spread of this virus. People only listen if they are forced to do so. My family lives in Miami, and they say no one actually stays home nd this is just spreading the virus everywhere. PLEASE CLOSE FLORIDA.
Polk	Retail	I work for a small craft brewery in Lakeland. The PPP did not come through for us. Current rules do not allow us to do delivery because we are not also serving food. We would like to be allowed to do delivery. That will boost our sales potential enough to keep us in business. We don't think the taproom should be open yet; we still need to keep social distances and that isn't possible in our bar. But if rules about delivery were eased, it might save our 2 year old business. Www.swanbrewing.com
Miami-Dade	General	I do not want the state to be reopened until medical experts say it is safe to do so. The social distancing will not stay effective if the state is reopened. IF hospitals are running low on PPE so will the citizens. The citizens will be out 10x as much. There needs to be consequences for being out when there is a stay at home order in place. Reinforcement is needed.

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Pinellas	General	Gov. DeSantis you have truly done an outstanding job and so have the people of Florida but it is TIME TO REOPEN THE STATE! So many are suffering and their outcomes will be far worse than the virus in the long term. Perhaps ease into it through May and June in steps, with full access by July 4th? WE MUST MOVE FORWARD. My daughter's wedding was canceled and it is my sincere hope that we will be allowed to gather at the end of July without too many restrictions and hold the wedding. Again...please, please, please get this economy moving before it is too late.
Pinellas	General	As tough as this is, staying closer is safest.
Orange	General	We're not ready to open. It's far too soon. The numbers of new infections in the state are not low enough. If we try to reopen before we're ready, it will lead to more death and drag this out even longer. I get that some people are feeling cooped up, and I know that businesses want to open to remain profitable. It's not worth people loosing their lives over though. We're making progress. Opening now would undo that. It's worth noting that a surge in cases now, would do more to hurt the economy. Right now, we can be seen as a state that has acted responsibly. If the visuals of that change, it could deter future tourists. It's better for our health and our wallets to wait till it's safe to reopen. Rushing this would do more harm than good.
Orange	Healthcare	Me and my family's first concern is for the health and safety of all. Before opening everything up like before, we would feel more comfortable knowing that the spread has substantially decreased and we have already developed a vaccine or credible treatment.
Seminole	Healthcare	I am a dentist. And probably in the top 3 riskiest professions out there. If I have given two options to pick between the painful unemployment situation Plus patients in pain who cannot get their treatments done and option two of risk of death to my team members and possibility of spreading of covid-19 to other people I will always go with option one because if we are alive we can resolve the unemployment and treat the patients.
Volusia	General	I understand the pressure to reopen, almost at any cost. My father runs a restaurant, and he's hurting. But nothing will compare to the hurt of losing more of our people than absolutely necessary. We simply have to minimize death. The economy will be bad, for awhile, and it will hurt a lot of people -- but we can do something about that. We can't get lives back. I'm begging you all to take this seriously, and to put off reopening for another several months.
Pinellas	Retail	If Walmart, Home Depot, Lowe’s, Costco, Sams, CVS, Walgreens, Publix, etc can figure out “Social Distancing” so can the backbone “local mom & pop” businesses. The hospitals are not overrun with Covid19 nor do I believe they will be. Please OPEN this great state of ours. Time to end this nonsense and get back to work. NOW Thank you
Clay	General	Juat open things back up. Im an essential worker i do construction and i nor anyone else i work with have been infected. Let us be adults and go back to normal life if someone still wants to isolate let em be but for the rest of us we feel like we have had our rights taken from us. If rhings dont open soon there will be protests and civil unrest due to this lockdown. People are starving because they cant work and they have not received unemployment. This has gone on long enough and its time to end it.

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Orange	General	The numbers are all inflated, especially the deaths. If someone who had stage 4 of any kind of cancer, COPD, CF, emphysema, etc etc etc and had any kind Of breathing issue and sadly passed away it's being wrongfully labeled as covid19. Please PLEASE open up all of the economy. People need to continue to practice good hygiene and those who wish to venture out will and those who don't won't! I'm tired of hearing how everyone wants to stay home and live off of the state and federal governments "money printed out of thin air" with stimulus after stimulus , free rent and mrtg payments and no clue as to how damaging it is to our economy as a local, state, nation and world. Go to work people, earn a living, spend your money as you see fit and stop thinking the government owes you anything. I'm ready to head back to normal while still practicing the same good hygiene practices I always have but apparently most of the nation doesn't/didn't. Thank you!
Brevard	Healthcare	Please consider allowing businesses and adults to make their own informed decisions regarding how to reduce their risk of contracting the virus. The gym I own is less than 50 members with less than 10 people at the gym at a time. There are always more than 10 feet between members due to equipment used and disinfectant at all times. This occurred before there was any pandemic. Because we are a gym we were included with Massive gyms that have tens of thousands of members with hundreds at the gym at a time, we were closed with them. Please consider allowing ALL businesses to open if they are able to meet the current CDC recommendations on social distancing. The services we provide help keep people healthy and fight stress that this situation has already created for everyone. This needs to occur ASAP before small businesses like mine are shut down forever with no assistance from the SBA or any other government funding. Thank you.
Duval	General	Please please give us 2 more weeks before making it mandatory for us to go back to work. I dont want to risk my family and friends. I would rather deal with the economic situation than get the virus. Couldn't it be optional?
Manatee	Agriculture	I am a commercial fisherman and once a month I go to the Keys to get product. The Keys should not be allowed to close to non-residents. At least allow people who do business there to go in.
Palm Beach	Management	All business is essential to the owner and employees of that business. Reopen Florida NOW.
Alachua	Government	Please DO NOT open high-contact businesses! (such as gyms, salons, etc) Please DO NO open beaches or pools! Please DO NOT open malls! It is far too early in this crisis to let people breathe all over each other. Please make the right, moral, ethical decision. Protect people over profits! Thank you for your attention.

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Seminole	General	i am a esthetician and i do lash extensions. i have to be a 1ft away from people's faces all day. And I am touching peoples faces all day. if we are not supposed to touch our own faces then how come it's OK for me to go back to work and touch other people's faces???? I personally do not feel comfortable going back to work yet. We are not even able to find the correct masks to protect you against the virus. Without the N 95 mask how can I be protected being that close to a client. I feel like those in the beauty industry should be one of the last people to open. It is impossible for us to maintain social distancing with the jobs we have in the beauty industry. I am attaching a photo of an example of how close a lash artist has to be to a client to put on lash extensions so you can get an idea of why I'm so worried. Also on this form under AREAS OF INTEREST you do not have anything related to the beauty industry. There is basically 1-3 Beauty business on every major corner in Florida. There are tons of us and the fact that we're not represented at all I find baffling.
Brevard	General	The medical system has caught up to the initial rush and is better prepared to handle cases (the reason for the initial shutdown). Time to safely allow Floridians to go out and move on if they chose to. For the higher risk people they can also choose to stay in.
Leon	General	Please do not reopen the state until we have passed the infection peak and medical professionals confirm that it is safe to lift restrictions.
Clay	Education	As a teacher, I would like to see an expedited antibody test made available statewide for educators prior to the start up of the next school year.
Pinellas	General	I believe we need a uniform set of guidelines that can be administered regionally but with direction. Too many counties abut each other which would allow for stricter enforced counties to flea to less enforced such as Hillsborough to pinellas. I believe we need to mandate MASKS IS PUBLIC SPACES! I believe anyone interacting with the public such a retail operations and grocery stores mandate employees wear gloves and masks and change gloves or disinfect after each interaction. We need to limit out of state entry until we enter phase 3 of guidelines mandated by federal govt. With uniform guidelines mandates and managed at the state level we can get back to consumer confidence, active living and an ease in restrictions. All food and beverage must be made to wear masks and gloves and 10 - 12 feet between tables for safety with no cash transactions. As a business owner i am confident in my suggestions
Lake	General	From what I see in the Media and the web updates for the state of Florida, the pandemic is still escalating and should not open until we see cases going down not up. I realize it is hard on the economy and everyone, but lets stay safe a little longer.
Palm Beach	Government	We here in Palm Beach are not ready to open our numbers are crazy I would say from Palm Beach south to Miami or maybe even the keys and it's hard to reopen just a portion because then people who could possibly be infected by ppl gravitating to what is open I say stay closed instead of sacrificing the weak for the demands of the strong

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St. Lucie	Professional Services	I have been doing hair and nails for over 5 years...This worries me. I understand we will all have to open up, I just dont want it to be too soon..at this point until we have a solution, we'll worry over the taxes and all after. We are under enough stress right now. Im a single mother- my daughters father passed away and i have no one else to help watch her for starters, schools are closed and usually sge'd go to work with me but in no way do I feel safe doing that right now- what happens to those of us who relied on school to work during those hours? I also have an immune compromised roommate, we are going to be so busy when we start again..everyone wants their nails and hair done but there is no way to be under 6 ft apart- maybe leave it to those who want to open do so but dont mandate it because we still dont know what will happen until we have numbers..the last thing we need is to have the numbers going down just to go back up and back to square one. I miss my clients, going to work- most of us in this industry LOVE what we do so it affects us in many ways but my health, my daughter come 1st and i believe it is too soon to chance it...i think we need at least another month, start with beaches. Parks..see how the numbers go for those that wish to go out..then those who believe it is safe to open up a few weeks later, gather those numbers and then decide to open up completely or take a step back. Thank you for having a site to go over our input.
Hillsborough	Government	Please do not consider opening Florida until we can go at least 2 weeks without anyone dying. I have lost 2 people in I feel because of this because they both underlying health problems and they both died alone...one in Georgia the other in Florida,.
Palm Beach	General	Palm Beach should simply be one of the last counties along with Miami-Dade. If we could get testing set up at Walgreens, CVS... that would go along way in getting more people tested.
Lee	General	I think requiring facemasks in public and a curfew would be a great way to safely start slowly opening businesses. Of course continued social distancing as well. The curfew would allow our first responders to have a little down time. If not many people are on the road then less chances of emergency calls or crime.
Sarasota	Tourism	Open everything with social distancing guideline. It's killing tourism and the state finances. Herd immunity will drove this away in a few months and you'll cut unemployment in half from the very high number coming to FL. That will save more than 1,000 lives.
Santa Rosa	General	I truly believe that some counties can open, we would love to get back to normal soon as possible.
Volusia	Healthcare	It's too soon to open the state again. We already see so many people not following quarantine, which has shown an increase in my hospitals census. To reopen now would be premature and cause a strain I don't think the state or its people are ready for. Please weigh all options before opening the state. The economy we can fix, but all the loved ones we lose we can never get back. Mark Hoffman, RN

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Brevard	Real Estate	We have now managed the virus with testing and controlling the flow through our hospitals. It is time to slowly open. Maybe one type or two types of businesses at a time and see what happens. High risk people should have the choice to stay inside and self quarantine. We need to be testing our healthcare and eldery care facilities weekly to contain any out breaks. We have to get back to work.
Osceola	Tourism	As a themepark worker, I dont think there is a 100% way yet to ensure our safty as of right now. We have to work with many guests and if we're in the control operations rooth, it's a tight, closed area that we cannot leave. If we have a downtime, the control room gets filled with supervisors and technicians, so social distancing is almost impossible. For the safty of the staff at themeparks, I think it will be safer to delay opening untill we have more information about those alreay infected and how safe they are, and for the numbers in Florida in general to stay on the downfall
Orange	General	Since Floridian are aware what they need to do try to be safe. You should be able to open up all the services In this state. Factory workers should be able get back to work if the proper precautions are taken. We need to get Florida open for business as soon as possible. Too many people are getting cabin fever and this locked down will cause more problem mentally then the virus can do them physically. Remember that many businesses that were considered essential or still functioning. The rest of the state, City and private businesses should be allow to be open. Providing they practices safety for themselves and customers. businesses be giving same opportunity. the rest of the state do the same
Palm Beach	Recreation	I would love to see the beaches, golf courses, and parks reopened as soon as possible. It is healthier, both physically and mentally, for Floridians to be able to get outside. It also will help those who are fearful ease back into the idea of citizens being out of their homes. All of these activities can be done with safe social distancing. I would also love for children to be able to attend summer camp. It is unfair and unhealthy for kids to be stuck inside their homes for an extended period of time and it encourages an exceeding amount of screen time, which had been shown to be unhealthy for children. Children do not seem to be affected by this illness like adults and we need to stop quarantining them as if they are sick or likely to be harmed by this illness.

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Pasco	General	With covid 19 cases continuing to rise in floruda we should not re open. We should at least take another month to see if the cases start to decline over a period of time before we re open. We should not put people at risk by re opening at this time. We need to see a decline in cases just like the president advised before we re open at all.
Osceola	Professional Services	I would like to see the state reopen businesses that provide professional personal care such as hair salons, barber shops, and nail salons with specific guidelines in place for protection, including the use of masks and gloves. Most of these small businesses cannot last many months without clientele and revenue.
St. Johns	General	-OPEN STATE PARKS -RESUME COURT PROCEEDINGS
Pinellas	Recreation	I am CFO at Belleair Country Club in Belleair, Florida. In anticipation of reopening the Clubhouse and Sport Center in early May, I started working on a plan of protocol for members, guests and employees. Without inundating the governor's office, places of business should be required to prove their sanitizing and social distance protocol. For smaller companies with inadequate resources, samples from industry should be provided. I'm attaching our plan - which is still a work in progress. Thermal temperature at entry points is something we need to research and assess feasibility. Thanks for asking for input.
Orange	Education	We are not ready to open FL again. We need to ride our covid-19 before it gets worse!
Hillsborough	General	Dear Governor, I am a proud American who has lived in Florida for over 23 years and I love the Sunshine State. However, I have concerns about medical experts who say that we should not open up Florida until it is safe to do so. Does this mean we have to wait for a vaccine because that would take too long, out entire country cannot last much longer in this situation. As Rush Limbaugh has said many times on the radio, "This is not sustainable." As an Uber Driver, I continue to help my community through this difficult time, I sanitize my car every day before I accept passengers. Passengers have done a great job of protecting themselves as well as me as I do take the risk everyday but I love to help my community so I consider this an acceptable risk. Anyway my question is will April 30th be the final day of the stay at home order you issued back in March? Will we begin to get back to normal? Finally will social distancing be enforced for the rest of the year? Because I feel that is going to be very difficult to do in a state with a population of 22 million people. Thank you Governor for the great job you are doing so far and if you get a chance to read this, please know that I will continue to support your decisions on what you feel is best for our Sunshine State of Florida. Sincerely, Joey Bell Uber Driver Of Three Years

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Palm Beach	Healthcare	I am a doctor at my local VA hospital here in South Florida. I'm very concerned for my patients if south florida opens fully at this time. Our citizens are in a more risky demographic and I'm concerned that if we open our hospital won't be able to properly care for them. Please err on the side of caution and maintain the stay at home order at this time.
Flagler	General	Re-open the state! People can make their own decisions about where they would like to go and what activities they would like to participate in. Re-opening does not force people to go out if they don't want to but let us go back to work!!
Volusia	General	Please reopen the beaches with parking. People know to social distance especially up here in Ormond by the Sea. Please open salons and restaurants with outdoor seating and limited occupancy. We want our lives back. The press conference yesterday said sunshine and humidity kill the virus almost instantly. If people can stand in line at grocery stores and shop we should be able to do these things responsibly as well. Thank you.
Seminole	General	Hello, Re-open Florida when cases are down to 0, and there have been no new cases for about a month/when a vaccine has been invented and proven to work. Ban travel to and from places with active COVID-19 cases. Open travel to these places when cases are down to 0, and there have been no new cases for about a month/when a vaccine has been invented an proven to work. If you reopen Florida while there are still active cases, test every single person residing or visiting the state of Florida for COVID-19, regardless if they show symptoms or not. Require regular weekly tests. If that is impossible or too expensive, don't re-open Florida until there are 0 active cases, and there have been no new cases for about a month/when a vaccine has been invented and proven to work. Unless you forcibly keep infected individuals inside their house and closely monitor them until they recover or no longer have the virus, you cannot control what people do. With all the restrictions that are in place now, Florida is getting new cases by the hundreds every day. People spreading the virus are people with symptoms who ignore the protocols, have mild symptoms and think it's fine to go out, or people who are carrying the virus and do not show any symptoms. You cannot "advise" sick people to stay home and expect all of them to adhere to this advice. You cannot expect establishments to check the temperature of each customer and rely on that as a method to keep infected individuals out (people can have COVID-19 without any symptoms), especially if these establishments are short-staffed due to the social distancing restrictions. Do not rely on the belief that people will listen to advice. With all the
Orange	General	Partner with a job site to somehow get people who have lost jobs working again.
Seminole	General	Let's be careful on reopening our state! I work in the restaurant industry. We can wait a few more weeks before we change from take out only!! We need to keep everyone safe!!

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Lake	General	My thoughts, I feel that the whole country should shut down totally for 20 days. That means not leaving your home to go anywhere. Not even to the grocery store. The stores could have essential delivery personal. The government can just put everything on hold, everything. Payments, taxes, and no recourse from anyone. You could have an office set up with volunteers for each county at home for emergency contact. It's only 20 days, we all can survive if it is enforced. This will be much better than trying to reopen and have to shut us down again. This should give us a chance to eliminate the virus.
Orange	General	Floridians need to start the process of reopening using protective measures while controlling the occupancy. I feel we can start to gradually get people back to work wearing mask when in public. I feel all business should be made to create a wash station prior to entering establishments to ease people fears. If not I feel government is bound to halt all payments of rent mortgage electric until further notice.
Orange	Tourism	I work at the theme parks and my biggest concern is getting back to work but doing it safely. Employees definitely need to provided with the necessary PPE for their job. Also what I've noticed is that people don't listen. The hardest thing will be getting citizens to comply with the new normal once things are in place. Even now, its "suggested" that people where masks I'd they go out in public but there are a lot the still don't. For the theme parks it will be impossible to maintain social distancing while just walking through the park. So I think guests being required to wear a face mask should be a thing. Since masks will be apart of our new normal, theme parks could turn a profit on them buy making them decorative and themed like other merchandise. So if they dont bring their own then they have to purchase one. Upon entry every guest should have their temperature taken. Now I saw in japan they have a temp scanner where they just walk up to it and it reads out the temp immediately. If they have a high temperature then no entry. There also has to be consequences for those that don't comply with the rules of the new normal or else people won't follow the rules and it will keep spreading. For air travel, when people are coming I'm they should be checked because people will travel even knowing they are sick. For example I've seen a mother bring her child to the theme park sick riddled with chicken pox and her reason for it was because she didnt want to lose out on any money. So companies and airlines will have to continue being flexible with their cancelation guidelines. Most people dont want to cancel their trips unless the have to so if people are canceling then it's for something serious. This will avoid people traveling with the virus just to not lose out on their money.
Collier	Government	Reopen Florida! It is time and those that want to isolate can do so and those that want to go to work can do so. I am retired 62 yrs old and I can make my own decisions.of if and when to go out. But too many businesses need to be opened. Don’t cripple our economy any more for those who want to shut everything down for the sake of a few.

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Volusia	General	Leave it up to the customers to decide whether they want to be outside and support our economy. For those that feel unsafe they can choose to not go out. Our economy is our future. Sadly lives have been lost to this virus but lives have also been lost to the flu. When considering reopening please also take into account that people will make the choice whether they feel safe leaving their homes. Don't follow Georgia and make wearing masks a requirement for restaurant workers! No one wants someone to wait on them in a medical mask!!
Brevard	General	Please open back up Florida in phases. We need to open back up not just for the economy but for us the people peace of mind in this free world
Jackson	Professional Services	As a Florida resident, a mom, grandmother, care taker of my parents, and a self employed stylist I have great concerns over all those I love, and that includes my client's if we reopen Florida. As much as I love my job, my profession, and miss it and those I get to spend time and my heart on, and the money I make and NEED I feel its senseless and rediculous to reopen at this time. Not to mention selfish to put all at risk with the numbers of increased cases and deaths even with all the restrictions and closures we have had , I feel all we have been thru would just be for nothing and only mean we just prolonged the outcome making it happen anyway. I can live with being broke and living modest, because in the end those I love get to LIVE because of my choices! I myself would have a hard time living the rest of my life knowing I hurt others because I could not say NO, or could not do without things I wanted verses things I need to live. Common sense! And also i want to give a Thank you and praise for our Florida Governor and President Trump for all they are going thru for US, i feel proud we have them on our side in these trying times!
Broward	Real Estate	Businesses should be allowed to reopen immediately as long as they comply with basic safety rules (ie masks, distance, etc). The selection should be based on the ability of the business/industry to comply with safety rules, not based on the business focuses on. The government is stopping us from being able to make money but is not offering any real solution. Government is saying that tenant can stay in privately owned properties without paying rent and landlords can't do anything about it.....how is this fair, or legal, or constitutional? Is the government going to pay for the rent to the landlords? If not this is a huge abuse of power that must stop immediately and offer compensation to landlords for the rent lost.
Clay	Real Estate	Open the state up to young and healthy people to go back to work and allow the elderly and immune compromised people to stay in. Our economy is suffering and we need people working. We're going to get to a point of no return where our economy is destroyed and we will have a huge recession.
Osceola	Healthcare	I work with foster children. I would love to go back to normal but to jeopardize so many would be a major mistake until we are completely sure. Many foster children have low immune systems because of drug usage done by their parents. Many are taken care of by grandparents that are elderly. The risk is just too high still.

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Volusia	General	I absolutely believe the state needs to get re-opened. We are committing economic suicide by keeping things closed. The virus may kill directly, but what is happening here with this shutdown is going to kill people indirectly. People have put their lives into their business, only for the government to take it away? It's ridiculous. And the death toll numbers are not accurate. They are labeling everything as a COVID-19 death to inflate the numbers. We cannot continue to live in fear and make the state poor. There is a lot of harmful fallout, including depression, anxiety, suicide, stress (which leads to health problems), poverty, and more. Look at the bigger picture. The state must get re-opened and stop committing economic suicide.
Brevard	General	I am against re-opening Florida but I am supporting the opening of small businesses such as pet grooming and hair and nail salons. There should be a rule on spacing them out or only a few people at a time. These businesses are struggling. I am against opening Disney and other attractions. You can't control the population with big groups
Brevard	General	As a hairstylist I am not comfortable with re-opening at this time. I have no medical training but a license to touch people, I do not think it's safe for people in my position or other related positions to resume business. Even with sanitation guidelines and personal protective equipment, most of us do not have the ability to purchase all that is needed due to our current financial status from being out of work and because those items are very hard to find right now and should be reserved for the medical field.
Orange	General	Create a strategic plan that focuses on staggering the days and times that each industry and workplace is open. This could assist in creating a more controlled environment. In addition, implement daily point-of-care testing for the staff and patients of all medical facilities. Place a hold on the tourist industry and do not reopen until a vaccination is acquired.
Orange	Retail	Encourage any retail establishment that will be reopening to have early hours each day they are open for the at risk population to shop. The first hour of each day would be most convenient. Discourage retail establishments from offering early hours on 2 or 3 days a week because, in the case of Publix, they offered early hours two days a week and the store was slammed on these days making social distancing impossible. Dollar General offered early shopping 7 days a week and there were no crowds.
Leon	General	In order for the wellness and safety of ALL FLORIDIANS. The state must shut completely down for at least 2-3 weeks in order for the Coronavirus to STOP SPREADING. You cannot talk about reopening until you shut down. How do you reopen something that you NEVER CLOSED? If you reopen as you say now, we will definitely experience another DEADLY OUTBREAK!!!! ALL LIVES MATTER!!! SHUT DOWN COMPLETELY!!! SAVE LIVES!!!!

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Miami-Dade	Healthcare	As a physician I recommend: 1. FOCUS ON RESTARTING HELTH CARE (PEOPLE NEED SURGERIES) AND AGRICULTURE FOR NOW 2. KEEP ENTERTAINMENT CLOSED OVER THE SUMMER - THERE ARE FEW TOURISTS NOW ANYWAY 3. START STERILIZING CROWDED SPACES (BUSES/STORES) REGULARLY TO DECREASE INFECTION NOW AND TO ENCOURAGE TOURISTS TO RETURN IN THE FUTURE 4. DON'T REOPEN TOO FAST - UNDERSTAND THAT THE VIRUS GROWS EXPONENTIALLY IN JUST SEVERAL DAYS. 5. GOVERNOR, BRING MORE MASKS AND PPE TO OUR HOSPITALS, PLEASE! BE MORE PROACTIVE. WE ARE TALKING ABOUT DECREASING INFECTION BUT NURSES HAVE RECENTLY DIED FROM NOT HAVING A MASK AT WORK. DOCTORS HAVE ONLY ONE MASK FOR THE ENTIRE DAY. THIS IS A LONG TERM PROBLEM UNTIL 2021-2022
Lake	Healthcare	As a speech pathologist working with children, I am voting that we do NOT re-open the state for at least the month of May. So many lives are at stake and the numbers are still not decreasing significantly enough to warrant putting people at risk of transmission. Your influence as governor will encourage people to listen to you and follow state guidelines.
Marion	General	My husband and I think it is too soon to open everything up to the public. We are frightened that we may catch Covid 19. We are both in our 70's, with underlying problems. Thanks for asking.
Volusia	General	To safely reopen the Economy , people should Where are mandatory facemask And in for social distancing , And advise the public of anybody’s catch without a mess that would be fined
Martin	General	Re-opening the economy right now will only increase the number of cases statewide! In my opinion, the beaches should have remained closed pending testing of all Florida State residents! This is not safe and will lead to more deaths! I'd rather stay at home with my 11 year old son and 11 year old grandson dealing with cabin fever, than to have those restrictions lifted and be exposed to the virus! I take a risk just by going to the market or going to pick up medications from the pharmacy!
Broward	Education	In the case of children in EHS it is a risk to go to school, it is recommended that infants and y toddlers stay at home with their parents, most of them do not work therefore they can assume their responsibility. Therefore it is a good decision to end the school year, graduations, home visit, online. Taking into consideration the health of teachers and caregivers. It is good to wait for medical studies.
Seminole	Food	Please for the Love of God and all things Holy, wait and be cautious in order to protect our seniors. I work as a Chef in Assisted living and I have 5 serious health conditions and I go to work every day and provide healthy foods for our residents.

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Hillsborough	Healthcare	Don’t open! It’s too early and cases will spike again! If anything does start to open people need to be required to wear masks to help prevent the spread.
Duval	Education	Without a treatment nor vaccine the virus is deadly. If you do not know who has it or is a carrier you have to keep the social distancing strictly enforced. There lies the problem how to strictly enforced distance and mask. (Do we have enough mask for all school populations in FL) (just enforcing the dress code and PDA at a High School is a losing battle). You would have to re-engineer school hallways and classrooms. Even if you had two shifts of students the populations would be Impossible to manage. Mostly considering the average age group of Teachers (I dont know - but probably high 50's) along with different medical conditions would put this group at a high risk. Bottom-line this is not rocket science every detail needs to addressed and if implemented strictly enforced with consequences. Remember this not just a numbers game but a life and death game.
Collier	General	Stop the tyranny immediately. Even artificially inflating the numbers, this "outbreak" is not as bad as the seasonal flu. Even if it was a lot worst, sick and at risk people are quarantined, not healthy people. Open everything everywhere immediately and never try to cage healthy people in their homes (or anywhere else) again. We the people get it. The currency is collapsing and there is going to be a currency reset and civil unrest understandably so. This fake pandemic is a false contributor and cover up for this. We the people are awake and prepared to do what is necessary to refresh the tree of liberty. Those responsible will be dealt with. The people will rise up against this tyranny. For your sake and those you claim to represent, stand on the side of the people. Have a wonderful day, and we the people look forward to you doing the right thing for the people.
Orange	General	Florida must remain closed until adequate testing is available. Any reopening effort must be done incramentally and with many guidelines in place. Additionally, ther current stay-at-home order is not being adequately enforced.
Orange	General	DO NOT RE-OPEN UNTIL MEDICAL EXPERTS AGREE IT IS SAFE TO DO SO. YOU ARE JEOPARDIZING LIVES.
Palm Beach	General	pam beach county should not be reopened any time soon. Absolutely despicable and disgusted if you reopen even when numbers are continuously climbing every day.

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Wakulla	Healthcare	Science and fact should drive reopening the state, not politics. We should reopen the state when it is safe to do so. When everyone is wearing masks. When your temperature is checked before entering a store or public place. When testing is ready available for ALL citizens, not just those with a certain health plan or that have a doctors orders. We need testing. We need practical measures in place (temperature checkpoints, masks, social distancing, physical barriers in place around cashiers or other close contact locations, etc) and being followed before we can safely reopen. History will record how people and politicians reacted to this disease. Trying to reopen to store political points and ignoring the realities of the situation will result in people dying. We have all sacrificed during this stay at home order, don't lessen that sacrifice by reopening early and causing unnecessary deaths.
Pasco	Healthcare	I work with mostly elderly patients in the healthcare field of hearing and am in very close contact with my patients faces. We currently are having a hard time getting protective equipment as I know it needs to go to front line people but any healthcare worker who has to be in close contact or touch a patient should have availability to the equipment to protect themselves as well as patients. I also feel that all healthcare providers that would like to be tested prior to returning to work should be able to do so to make sure that we are not an asymptomatic carrier and that way if we were to get it we know we didn't have it when we did return to work. Please follow the guidelines and make sure that each county is going down daily for the 14 to 30 days before opening. I am a high risk provider and I don't want to be made to go back in an unsafe environment. I am not opposed to re-opening but safety for myself as well as childcare needs to be thought of too since school is closed too! Many parents work but also now need childcare and helping homeschool their kids criteria or has got to be loosened for this. Thank you for your help and time, a concerned healthcare provider.

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Volusia	Healthcare	As your constituent and a licensed dental hygienist, I am writing to encourage you to reinforce the importance of continuing to follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendation that dental facilities postpone elective dental procedures and non-urgent dental visits (such as dental cleanings), and prioritize urgent and emergency visits and procedures now and for the coming several weeks. Dental hygienist work within inches of a patients face and utilizes handpieces that generate aerosols or tiny particles and droplets from the patient's mouth that remain suspended in the air and pose a risk of infection to the dental team and other patients. I write to alert you that Dental offices should be limited to emergency, urgent procedures in accordance with CDC guidance at this time. As you consider next steps in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, please ensure dental hygienists, the entire dental team, their families, and the patients they serve are as safe as can be, and are not spreading Covid-19 by the HIGH aerosol production produced during a simple and elective dental cleaning. Studies have shown that dental hygienist posses the highest occupation hazard of contracting and spreading the disease, above even nurses and respiratory therapist, due to the the aerosols created of the patient’s saliva and the nature of this disease. Thank you for your consideration, A concerned Florida Dental Hygienist
Miami-Dade	Retail	I would like to see retail follow the same protocol that is happening in Texas. Retail to go which includes curbside pick up, virtual showings and delivery for two weeks before allowing limited traffic back into stores in a very controlled way. Restaurants should be allowed to open with tables 6 feet apart inside and outside should be back to normal. Open residential pools, it's 90 degrees and as long as social distancing is practiced we should be able to go to the pool Open the beaches, the virus dies in UV light, and can't survive in heat and humidity. This is Miami it's hot and humid with lots of sun. Open hotels with strict guidelines on hygiene.
Hillsborough	General	PLEASE listen to the medical professionals and not the politicians and do not reopen Florida until the medical professionals say it is safe to do so
Volusia	Food	Florida needs or stay shut till this is over, if we open back up it'll get so much worse and so many more people will die. Our lives are more important than bringing money to the state , we can replace everything and come back up in time, bit if we open and way more people die then it will be harder for anyone to get or lives back to normal

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Polk	Education	Brick and mortar public schools are a foundation of our society, and have stepped up during this most difficult time to provide stability to families throughout the state. When facts and deemedscience shows it is appreciate and safe for people to gather again, I hope the state will provide the needed funding to keep schools open at their pre-closure rates. Save money by eliminating high-stakes testing and punitive measures, or by changing how money is given to charter and private schools, but do not cut local school budgets. I recognize that this is a joint state and federal issue, so I hope the state will use its power to put pressure on the federal government to provide funding to public schools, as it has done for small businesses and individuals. Without public schools being properly funded the entire society will collapse.
Manatee	General	We must not open the state up until there is testing for ALL and contact tracing. Then there must be donors available for plasma to help those that are being currently treated for COVID-19. We do not have a minimum of 14 days without rising numbers no proper testing numbers! Unemployment site is a disgrace for this state and MUST get up and running. People are now into their 5th week without being able to get on the site or collect benefits from the state or federal additional $600 per week. Governor Desantis you should be ashamed of yourself for following in Trumps footsteps! He is a disgrace to this county! Do NOT open Florida up as we will only see more numbers of people sick!
Marion	General	Before FL reopens, we need lots more testing. We also need required testing once we open back up. For example, anyone who works with the public or coworkers should be tested periodically as well as screened for fever, cough, etc. on a daily basis before entering the workplace. Plans for the general public and public places like stores, restaurants, airports, parks, etc need to be in place and enforced as well prior to reopening. There needs to be a plan for people who live in institutions and it needs to be an enforceable plan, too. Lastly, there needs to be a plan on how to re-close parts or all of the state if certain metrics warrant it - so metrics need to be in place to track if/when any re-closing needs to happen.
Orange	Tourism	As much as I would love to go somewhere I think that if we were to open we would be risking a second wave. Majority of the jobs in Central Florida are in hospitality industry which requires for many employees to be confinded to small places. I think if we want the economy to grow fast at the end of the is to wait until people feel safe. Tourist aren't going to come unless it is safe. Companies are still going to cancel their events. I would focus on looking at what is said through those who are the health officials, the theme parks and those in destination marketing.

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Santa Rosa	General	Good afternoon. I want to begin by stating my respect for the governor during this time. The tasks and responsibilities that lay before him are not one that I envy. And all while trying to be a husband and a father to his newborn child. I want to give my input and say that I do not think Florida should reopen at this point in time. Our beaches down the street will be open next week and in 2 weeks time this should provide us with more information. As much as I want things to go back to normal (I am a teacher who doesn't get to say goodbye to her students as I am a military wife who is suppose to be moving but the travel ban has changed our timeline) I do not think we have enough information. Let us pay attention to Georgia and see how their state handles the virus over the next few weeks as they opened up this past Friday. But please, do not put us in the path of the virus until we know more.
Palm Beach	General	I believe we should re open the beaches. They are not major contributors to the spread of Covid-19, but what they are is essential to the lives of many floridians. If we reopen them, this will help people maintain their sanity by getting to leave their house and visit their place to clear their heads. Thank you for your time
Miami-Dade	Government	I do not think it is safe to re-open this quickly. We should remain shut down for an additional few weeks to not continue the spread. I believe opening so soon will back track all the progress we have already made. Lives are more important than the economy.
Lee	Healthcare	What consideration is being given to reopening nonessential surgical centers? It seems that at this point in time although the cases of COVID-19 are still on the rise in Lee and Collier counties, the media reports that the hospitals have sufficient staffing and medical supplies. I was scheduled to have my second cataract replaced one day after the eye center in Naples, FL, which would do my surgery was closed. I am having trouble seeing to drive at night. Although I don't have a need to drive after dark while I remain in Florida I need to head north in the near future to take care of a rental property in North Carolina. The lens for my second eye has been ground and paid for. I will not able to leave until the second cataract is replaced with the new lens which will enable my night vision to improve. Thank you for your consideration.
Citrus	General	When analyzing data for reopening use a graph of active cases rather than the graphs that are showing up in the media. The other graphs are not true pictures of what is happening.
Miami-Dade	Healthcare	It is too early to be opening Florida again. So many unreported test results. This will only leaf to the spread of the virus again and a longer season.
Broward	Healthcare	Testing for the virus is high priority, antibody after illness if can help. Recurrence is a dire threat to everyone. Testing for everyone as many folks are asymptomatic. Repeated as needed. Social distancing has helped the state residents keep the infection curve lower. Keep in place for months to come, along with masks. Openings must enlist advice of infectious disease experts & healthcare professionals. Openings should be slow & measured in case of spiking. Potential hotbeds as schools opened last.

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Orange	General	DO NOT RE-OPEN. You are making a mistake opening too soon and not following the CDC guidelines. YOU are putting my family at risk of catching and dieing from this disease. We have worked so hard to stay clear of getting sick and by opening the state back up you are throwing all of that hard work down the drain. DON'T DO IT. My husbands life is not worth less just so someone else can get their nails done or walk on the beach. #FloridaMorons should be arrested for violating the stay at home order and putting peoples lives at risk. Please consider your family and friends. Are their lives worth not opening stores for the enjoyment of others? Please do not re open too soon too fast. Be cautious, save lives!
Duval	General	Looking at South Dakota and Sweden. No lock down and developing herd immunity. Looking at unemployment benefits NOT THERE. Been waiting since March 3rd. Denied..... I feel it is in the best interest of all persons that are NOT at high risk for the state to reopen. We need to save our State and its economy. Those that are considered High risk SHOULD stay at home and protect their heath until this virus has subsided. I for one need to do something.. Thank you Laurence R. Vickery
Orange	General	We are not ready to reopen. Too many cases daily with no show if improvement. We do NOT feel safe with the state reopening.
Palm Beach	Retail	I do not believe retail locations should be reopen once the stay home order is lifted for May 1st. I believe most retail stores can continue to survive with online orders through their website. As a manager at a retail location I find it very unfair that I need to risk my life and my family just so people can shop for tee shirts and jeans in person. I believe this will not flatten the curve but it will make it so much worse.
Miami-Dade	General	Hialeah is a big problem in general. Businesses secretly opening up. Grocery stores full of people. There is crazy traffic! If Hialeah can't get it together, surrounding areas are still at risk.

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Hillsborough	Healthcare	It is past time to get our economy going. Let businesses open...now. If people feel that they are at risk, then they can stay home. They and their primary care practitioner (PCP) know far better than government bureaucrats their risk (if any) from COVID-19. Meanwhile the economic consequences of this shutdown will be more far reaching than any fatalities from the pandemic. Most of the people dying already have co-morbid conditions (one or more) that is the true cause of their demise. I own a medical clinic with office sin Hillsborough, Pasco and Pinellas Counties. All but the Hillsborough Office are closed. Our type of practice is what might be considered elective, at least mostly. My business revenue is down at least 90% since March. If it were not for the PPP funding I would have had to lay off all of my staff and stop paying myself. Even still, we cannot spend our way out of this with government hand outs. Gov. has nothing that it does not first take from someone else so where is all the funding going to come from for these programs if businesses and citizens are not paying taxes? This is case of the cure being worse than the disease. As Gov. Scott was fond of saying: "Let's Get Back To Work!' Perhaps you can modify it a bit and say "Let's Get Back To Work!'
Jefferson	Healthcare	Please have some public health scientists/physicians on your task force or at least run your plan by them for feedback and then consider the feedback. The reopening has to be as safe as possible so not to have a significant increase in cases. We have to remember that many of the cases, even though they lived, have serious health consequences for the rest of their lives. This is not the ordinary influenza. Thanks, Lynn Elliott
Orange	Healthcare	Maybe early June. We have to watch for surge after each phase of reopening.
Duval	Government	My wife father just tested positive as of 04/24/2020. I think we need more time to wait this out. Protesters are really putting theirselves and others at risk. So I f he dies he dies I guess . Just so you can get back to normal. Hell I dont think anybody can go back to normal this is the new normal..
St. Lucie	General	I have a disabled son at home, currently the center he goes to is also closed. And schools are not open until the fall. I also work a fulltime job. And having to go back to work, help with his schooling is even more hard if the state opens back. up. I cannot get my son sick, he will die.
Orange	General	If a business has already implanted work from home protocols, then that needs to continue. Other businesses need individual assessments. Unfortunately, businesses are treating this as an economic problem with a inconvenient health element. The reality, whether we like it or not, is that this is a massive health problem with an unfortunate economic element. I encourage the panel to look at Hokkaido, Japan. This is a POSSIBILITY here. Is Florida prepared to deal with that possibility? Or do we do the difficult and correct thing and stay closed longer?

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St. Johns	Healthcare	Please consider those of us who are waiting for surgery as you make decisions of what to open when. I was diagnosed with breast cancer in March, right before everything shut down. Imagine knowing that you have cancer and no line of sight to when you can have surgery to remove it. It is beyond frustrating. I ask that you prioritize healthcare needs before opening up anything else. My fear is that everything opens up at once, Covid cases increase, and we have to wait even longer for much needed healthcare.
Palm Beach	General	I want Florida to be re-opened IF its in a safe way. I think recreational activities should be allowed such as parks and beaches with rules, such as no party setups, sunbathing, groups. Allow boating but no one on sandbars or tie ups. Allow golf, with 1 per cart. There is a safe way to do this. Business should be allowed to open, but masks and gloves are required for both patrons and employees. Max occupancy in stores. I want to hear from medical experts...not politicians, on what is safe. The worst thing in the world will be to have to re-quarantine if the cases get out of control...so DO IT RIGHT! Dont be like Georgia or for Godsake that lady from Las Vegas and tell business owners to figure it out themselves. Give us guidelines!!! Also, considering the disaster unemployment system. There are going to be people who for family reason can not return to an open business OR are in the high risk category. I personally have employees who are in the high risk that I would honestly be afraid to have work because I cant be sure I could protect them. If people are in this category, they should be allowed to remain on unemployment (if they were even lucky enough to start receiving checks to begin with). And last...FIX THE UNEMPLOYMENT SYSTEM!! I have people who have been furloughed for a MONTH that have not received a DIME.
Lake	General	PLEASE REOPEN AT LEAST PHASE 1 ON MAY 1ST. Everyone can and should practice social distancing but people need to get back to some sort of normalcy and people need to get back to work and support their families.
Volusia	General	Dont.
Polk	General	As of 4-23 We spiked again and now we need to wait 2 weeks from that date before opened up
Wakulla	General	My thoughts are that the rural portions of the state should be allowed to reopen with CDC guidelines. The majority of these cases are in Southeast FL and heavily populated areas. I believe travel to and from the heavily infected areas should be restricted. And stay home orders there to continue until we see a drop in infections. People need money, unemployment response has been dismal at best. Open up slow and smart.

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Marion	General	I think reopening the economy is critical. People are starving and will be homeless. But when reopening the state put safety procedures in place. Such as face coverings in salons hair and nail, use social distancing in all public places and maybe allow restaurants to open at a 25% capacity for eat in dining. There is no reason why we can't open back up. Leave it up to businesses to make their own call on when to reopen and their hours of operations. Do not extend the stay at home order. People are not going to adhere to it again.
Manatee	Healthcare	My mother has an autoimmune disease and a very serious infection at the moment requiring emergency surgery yet her surgeon just telling her he cannot get her in to do the surgery until after the 25th of next month due to this covid-19. I fear she might die beforehand I am sure there or an extreme amount those people in similar situations. Question are you just going to let these people suffer and die? Because it seems the hospitals are way below capacity and I am sure there are surgical centers out there that can do Emergency Operations.
Hillsborough	Recreation	Opening braces with social distancing would be beneficial on a psychological basis and physical level. I'm 73 years old, a former nurse. I believe in some herd immunity for the recovery rate is 97 percent
Polk	General	Open Florida Now
Polk	Healthcare	My 95 yr. old mother has been steadily declining since you shut us out of her ALF. She was accustomed to daily visits and now we have a ten minute window visit ince a week. Her dementia is causing undue confusion and depression. It breaks my heart that she is spending the last days of her life alone and feeling abandoned. I would be willing to take any tests or precautions necessary to be able to improve her quality of life. Please do not continue to shut these poor souls in and reunite them with their families. It may not be the easy thing to do, but it is the right thing yo do.
Hillsborough	Healthcare	Why are we not looking at the wave of sickness that went through our communities in schools late February early March. There were people with flu like symptoms that did not test for influenza a or B. If you look at school attendance I'm sure it was way down. My eighth grader reported half of his classes empty one day. Many teachers were sick. Our high school orchestra teacher was out for over two weeks. Please compile these anti-body reports and make our state aware that maybe this has already been here which puts our death rate way down. We need to remove the fear that the media has put into everyone. Please put our people back to work soon. Thank you for al that you do, Jena LeBlanc Lutz FL PS please give us the freedom to wear mask or not. Try this, take a thick cotton towel, water and soap, put it against your mouth and blow.. My whole family had fun with this experiment. If someone coughs in a mask it doesn't stay in the mask. The mask just collects more germs as the cough is going out. If people are sick they need to stay home!
Brevard	General	Open the state back up

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Hillsborough	General	I believe Florida needs to reopen completely. There are people struggling because they are not back at work. People have kids, and elderly parents to care for. Those who are not on government assistance like food stamps and are not working can't put for meals for their families. It's beyond time for Florida to reopen. Those who're scared or sickly can remain home but it's time for the state to open. Kids can't even be kids anymore. Parents can't make money for the kids. Sooner or later waiting this long to reopen will cause the public to erupt and tensions will be so high it'll be chaos.
Pinellas	Government	Please seriously consider followOmg Sweden's lead and methodology with respect to this current public health crisis. Moving quicker to heard immunity is worthwhile and improves the majority's health and prosperity. Thank you for considering our voices.
Broward	General	Please open the beaches, parks, and marinas ASAP. This virus how a very low death rate, probably .1 to .2%. We should still have some civil liberties. If someone wants to lock themselves in isolation that is their right, but please don't force me to stay inside.
Pinellas	Healthcare	My concern as a healthcare provider is difficulty finding PPE for staff, therapeutic for infected patients and testing, both antibody and live virus. I understand the need and Governor's desire to re-open the state and agree on a personal level I am concerned for my patients.
Seminole	Construction	There are far too many new and total cases in Florida to consider reopening Florida at this time. Things should remain closed through May and at that time be re-evaluated. With no vaccine or cure for the virus the only way to eradicate it is to starve it out.
Duval	General	It's becoming increasingly clear that this virus is not as dangerous as we were led to believe. There are antibody studies done in New York as well as Stanford University that show that many more have been infected that we know. This thing has been here for much longer than March or February. It's time to reopen the state and the country now.
Manatee	General	I think it should re open. If people want to stay quarantined then they can stay home.

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Hillsborough	General	We own a floral wholesale company that supplies to florists and wedding/event planners so as you can imagine with so many weddings and events being cancelled our business and the floral industry in general has taken a huge loss. I (along with all the flower shop owners) have not understood why they were supposed to close. Many have had to lay off employees due to lack of business but tried to stay open with just the owner's operating. This is a business that receives most of it's business through online or phone orders anyway and then they deliver the flowers to people's doorsteps. They have kept their front doors locked so no foot traffic would come in, and practiced all the social distancing guidelines. In most of the counties we supply to, the officials have left these businesses alone. However, the Pinellas County Sheriff's office has really harassed these shops and threatened them with jail time if they did not lock up and leave the shops. This is just over the top and no common sense was shown with some of these business shut downs. If a business can practice the recommendations by the CDC then why shouldn't they be allowed to be open? I am very concerned about some of the government overreach that has been shown by local officials not just in Florida but throughout the country. Also, I do not understand the logic behind closing all the trails throughout Florida. I can understand making playgrounds, pavilions, etc off limits so that people don't gather there, but people need to be able to have safe places to bike, run, and walk in order to get the exercise needed to keep their immune systems healthy. Not everyone lives where there are sidewalks and we are really taking our lives in to our own hands to bike or walk on the roads. Everyone in this state knows it's a VERY dangerous place for pedestrians. I would urge you to consider opening all the trails back up. I understand some people are fearful to open things back up, but if people can go about their business with common sense the risks can be minimized. People just need accurate information and education, education, education....not the heavy hand of government. People that are elderly or have the risk factors possibly need to continue staying at home as much as possible and let the rest of us get back to work and get this economy rolling again.
Marion	General	Requiring mask/face shield and gloves for everyone would help in the opening of the economy.
Sarasota	General	We have endured this stay at home idea for long enough. My wife has been out of work for over 4 weeks, applied for Florida unemployment immediately on 3/24 and is still pending! Not sure what how you expect people to pay their Bill's if the faulty system is not working and yet you still won't allow people to earn the money. Common sense is all that is needed to combat this virus that has been over hyped and the consequences are already dismal. If you continue to let this continue there will be more deaths for the outcome than the virus itself. Enough is enough, let's go!!
Orange	General	Please wait until 14 days without infections before opening the state. If you do hair appointments one person at a time (no more than 10 in a shop) Same with nail salons Do not rush back before we are sure we won’t have a second outbreak. Listen to dr. Fauci!! I want everything to reopen just not before it’s time. Please be smart and cautious.
St. Johns	Tourism	We are a tourist driven city. Our businesses have suffered enough. We need to open. We know we need to be smart about that. It is time.

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Osceola	Tourism	Hello, one thing I have not seen much coverage on trade shows and conventions. In March when all this started HIMSS 2020 canceled it cost Orange County roughly $120 million. Dozen more events have cancelled since March. Costing the county hundreds of millions of dollars. There needs to be a safe reassures way to get the face to face marketing industry back on track and show the world Florida's resiliency and dedication that will bring people together and billions back into the economy. This single industry has direct impact on several areas including but not limited to airlines, hotels, restaurants, transportation, tax revenue and dozens of small and large businesses per event.
Palm Beach	Healthcare	If the state remains closed the economic impact will be disastrous. Businesses will fail, close down and it will take years if ever to re build. I believe there is a degree of Mis information given to the public. There will always be disease and death, but people need to make the choice to handle their health themselves. Also The results of this shut in will last years in terms of mental health. This is a free country and should not be rules with government that wants to completely control us. Outside is the best healer. Sunshine exercise, gives a strengthen immune system. Let the people live to the best of their lives not the Government s rule
Seminole	General	Shopping centers need to close in door shopping and promote more delivery and car side pickup. In the process create more jobs to help with the demand on people wanting delivery and the already increased amount of people using pick up. Hair salons, barbershop, nail shops, phone stores, bars, etc could reopen with very few inside. Max 3 employees and 3 customers spaced 6ft apart. More work at home jobs need to be created for business that are in Healthcare, real estate, teachers, tutors, fitness trainers, etc to help keep people separated but still able to bring in a income.
Miami-Dade	Government	This pandemic is very worrisome and many residents are not careful about social distancing. Stricter steps should be enforced to keep people from leaving their homes. Children should stay home and not be forced to return to school at this time. Emergency orders should be extended to allow for Virtual meetings.

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Pinellas	General	I am writing to you today to implore to reopen the State of Florida. I am speaking from a healthcare worker's point-of-view. Many patients are missing out on critical care because they are afraid to leave their homes because they have been told to stay at home to prevent spreading a disease that they most likely will never come in contact with. In fact, the exploitation of this disease and every death being classified as a COVID-19 death whether it is related or not is actually perpetuating more deaths that could be avoided if people were not scared to seek help. This stay at home order also is not doing anyone any favors from a mental health standpoint. The longer this order stays in place the more cases of depression and suicide will arise. Also for those who have lost their jobs due to the closing of the state are having a difficult time keeping food on their tables and roofs over their heads. While the government stimulus check is a good faith effort to help the afflicted it can not go on indefinitely. I recommend reopening the state as soon as possible and allow the people to choose whether they continue to shelter in place or rejoin society.
Clay	General	I think state parks should open but limit to a certain occupancy. People can be spread out all over the park to support social distancing. Malls should be closed because people tend to gather in large groups there. Financial support should be offered to everyone in all counties that are affected. I recently lost my job due to the coronavirus. I have applied for unemployment but it took me almost 2 weeks to successfully submit an application but I currently am not able to access the site to claim my weeks. This virus has shown us that our country was not ready for a pandemic and the affects that it would cause. I do not think everything should be open but places like restaurants should continue to do carry out orders or if they have outdoor seating they can allow people to dine there. As long as these places can provide social distancing support and are capable of supporting the precautions I see no issue.

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Pasco	General	As a business owner and veterinarian the whole state needs to be re-opened. 1. Primary reason is the economy. 2. Is for the general population to develop herd health immunity. (Sweden is the prime example of the effectiveness) 3. For the mental health of human and animal kind. As a result of the stay at home orders there will be a mental health crisis that is already brewing. There will be an increase in pets given up to animal shelters due to behavior problems due to changes in schedules, as well as income loss of people who can not afford the basic for their pets. This will be very taxing financially for the private and pubic (government run) shelters. On the human side an increase in people being instituitionalized, homicide and suicide increase due to stay at home order, social distancing an financial strain. While I am fortunate to own an essential business, and continue to conduct patient care. There is a major financial, physical and emotional strain on myself, my family, employees, clients and pets. I will continue to experience difficulties in regards to keeping my business open and providing patient care for quite some time after the country/globe gets "back to normal" Linda Register DVM,CVA, CVFT
Brevard	Education	I am a Brevard Public Schools employee, essential business. I am so happy you closed school until August. I do not work in a school, I am working from home which is a blessing. I believe we should follow the President's guideline's to reopen in phases. I watch the numbers daily, they are better with the exception of yesterday. I want to see Florida follow a steady decline in numbers for 14 days, then phase I. We should open very gradually, essential NON-CONTACT jobs should open first. Our numbers would be what was projected had we not practiced mitigation. Should we go back too fast with too many people out at once we will sky rocket, Fl has too many elderly folks to risk. I definately think TESTING is crucial, if we can get the FDA antibody test that will help tremendously. I for one think I had it. We won't be ready to re-open until at least the middle of May or we will be in trouble.
Orange	Retail	I think that we are doing so well now, reopening prematurely would be a mistake. We need to continue to stay home until we are able to test more people. I think May 31st.
Volusia	Healthcare	Hi . First thank you for all your help. I think when we open hairsn nail salons should have partions between sstationd. Everything should be wiped down between customers an everyone should be required to wear masks. An social distance between tables in nail salons. Everyone must wear a mask thanks

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Pinellas	General	We've all done our part to slow the spread. During that time we have given hospitals and government opportunity to catch up on supplies and prepare. It's now time to reopen business and get Florida back to work. The longer we wait them more we delay the inevitable spike in cases. We are now better prepared to deal with them. Life must go on. We are better equipped as a society to deal with them.
Orange	General	I would like to see things start to open in May. I like the idea of theme parks opening first for residents before opening nationally and internationally. This will also help hotels slowly reopen since travel will be limited.
Broward	General	Please do not rush to open the state of Florida. While I sympathize with those who are struggling with unemployment, most are struggling due to issues with the state's unemployment agency. Fix that first! Opening the state too early, and a corresponding rebound of the disease, will have a much worse impact on the state's economy than staying closed a few more weeks until we are sure the downward trends in hospitalizations, deaths and new infections can be maintained. Focus on widespread testing for the next 2-3 weeks. At this point, we have only tested 1.5% of the population. That is much too low to have a real handle on the extent of disease in our communities. Until a few days ago, we were only testing sick people. But it's the non-symptomatic cases that are the silent killers in this pandemic. We need to test widely, identify the positive cases and trace their contacts. It's the only way to really stop this disease. I am especially concerned to see that some areas, especially here in hard-hit South Florida are considering re-opening parks and beaches. While I appreciate that people are sick of being in their homes and would like a place to go out and recreate and get some fresh air, that is an unnecessary luxury at this time and we just can't afford it. We tried it at the beginning of the quarantine. People were NOT social distancing, they were not following the rules and it put others including police officers, park workers and each other at risk. I saw large groups of people congregating at parks, crowding on trails, playing soccer and football and even allowing their children to play on playground equipment that had been roped off. The state became a laughingstock when photos of our beaches, full of spring breakers, were broadcast on national and international news. And later, once the spring breakers went home, more photos emerged of local residents and tourists crowding beaches around the state. How will social distancing rules be enforced and who will do that? Will we be forcing our park rangers to risk their health to address violators who are clearly more likely to be carriers since they seem to engage in risky behavior? Will we have to rely on the police to do it? I hear a lot of talk about antibody testing. We should not rely too heavily on these tests as some magic bullet to help us know when to open the economy. Until the scientists have had a chance to determine how much immunity these antibodies actually supply to
Sarasota	General	I feel it is a wrong move to re-open Fl this soon. With cases climbing every day and not enough testing available, the move to open too quickly will jepordize too many people's lives. That is foolish!!! Health before wealth!! There are so many elderly in Englewood/Venice & Sarasota. YOU will be held responsible if these people start dying because of a rush for tourism and profit. I am Totally Against opening Florida at this time!!!

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Miami-Dade	Retail	Although many businesses will take a toll on the possibility of closure, in the long run, more lives will be saved. Not everyone in this county fully understands the severity of the virus, people are still out without masks and not confirmed on their status of covid testing. It is not fair that we have healthcare workers risking their lives for us and when we reopen the economy we will bring more sick people their direction. Are we not suppose to also help them? Are we not suppose to actually flatten the curve before considering opening businesses? Its clear to me we need more time to have everyone indoors.
Polk	General	Follow Governor Kemp's lead and reopen our state for business.
Lee	Recreation	Please reopen pools, beaches, & restaurants with appropriate social distancing requirements. Thanks for all you do!
Palm Beach	General	2 categories of citizens... First = Florida citizens who have had no symptoms... Allow these people to be screened via a 1-800 number (have a medical person ask general questions)… based on answers, advise them if they should stay home or can resume normal activities. Second = citizens that have had suspected or confirmed COVID-19 case. Have them retested... if it comes back negative, advise them to resume normal daily activities. If they then develop symptoms, seek medical assistance and stay home. Open parks / boat ramps, social distancing practices in place. Open businesses at discretion of owners. If owners do not follow good social distancing practices (i.e. disregarding them), and clients are impacted, businesses can be held liable. Good luck... tough times and a tough time to be in politics!
Broward	Real Estate	Please allow in person real estate showings which can be conducted with a limited number of individuals present and with practicing social distancing. If not for all properties at least for those currently vacated. If not impossible, it's extremely implausible that we will be able sell without the ability for buyers to view the property in person and on-site. There are many ways that lives can be ruined and making it impossible for us to sell our property at this time is an extreme hardship. Individuals should have the freedom to make their own decisions on minimal/ low risk activities. Especially as we consider opening boat ramps and other activities, Private real estate showings should be allowed. Thank you for consideration. Shaare

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Hillsborough	General	I'll make this short. If school can't be opened back up how can parents go back to work? People who have been laid off won't have anyone to watch their kids. How does a parent choose a job, or care for their child? Not all activities and business can open right now and go back to normal. Maybe open certain things, but at a very limited capacity. Floridians are still dying daily! Please keep health and safety as priorities for all of us.
Palm Beach	General	*Parks should open. People need fresh air and open space to walk - sunshine is important *Hair salons should open on appointment basis with guidelines *Retail stores should open *People need to get back to work! Isolation is causing depression and other health issues *I oppose Disney being opened to international travelers until we're assured a rebound virus isn't on the horizon
Pinellas	General	Please let the Stay-at-Home order expire. Allow County authorities deem what restrictions are appropriate based on their demographics / data.
Bay	Tourism	I live in Panama City Beach and work in Vacation property management and I need the state to open. I was effected by Hurricane Mcheal so please open up the state, give people there God given right to choose to stay home or not
Brevard	General	Reopen! Check Brevard county. Not bad! Reopen NASA daycare!! It's been 5 weeks without any childcare for my family. Thank you.
Orange	General	How can you know how many citizens have this virus when you have tested so few? How can you open small businesses until you have a standard protocol for cleaning, monitoring employees health status and monitoring clients/customers health status. How will I know that an employee of some random store has not maintained social distance within the recent past? How will you deal with the coming surge? Are you preparing by warehousing PPE and stockpiling supplies? Do you support the federal administration's decision to not participate in the international efforts for testing and vaccine trials, and do you realize that by supporting the administration's position you are risking countless lives. I question the state's concern for ALL of its citizens and residents. The virus does not discriminate, why should you? What plans do you have to ensure the safety of the voting process from the health and safety of voters and poll workers to the security of the voting booth and providing accurate counts? How can you allow farmers to plow under crops when there are hungry people? Florida is a unique state, it requires unique solutions and a bipartisan approach that puts the people first. Protect the health and welfare of the citizens and residents and you protect the state's economic recovery potential.
Duval	Retail	The State of Florida should remain on restrictive lockdown. My personal opinion is that the federal government should not determine whether when Florida should open up for business. THE RISK IS NOT WORTH THE SACRIFICE.
Leon	Healthcare	Florida should remain closed until there is testing and treatment available. We have too many vulnerable people in our state to make opening a wise move at this time. We should continue/expand the ability for remote work and education and support truly essential workers with safety equipment and medical care/supplies.

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Volusia	General	Open slow with social distances every one should have face covering for now and at least till July
Hillsborough	General	Please do not open the state anytime soon – we are not ready! Life is worth more than any dollar in the economy. No rush to do this. Listen to the doctors advice and follow suit!
Seminole	General	I recognize there is pressure to reopen from an economic standpoint. But getting this right is going to be better for Florida in the long run. Reopening should be done gradually and with fact based, scientific guidance. And far more testing needs to be available. We also need to have plans that may differ by county as South Florida and the panhandle have different concerns. And what happens if there is a spike after reopening. What is the plan to manage that? And how will we manage tourists from other states and hot spot areas? I believe there is a smart way to reopen, in a measured manner, with strict guidance for social distancing and sanitization. Providing a clearly defined plan that outlines triggers for moving to the next stage offers Floridians a way to see that there is a light at the end of the tunnel. And providing clear guidance to the elderly or socially compromised as we reopen is essential. They listen to their government officials and look to them for protection. These are trying times, with no perfect answer and I simply ask that you take a balanced, well thought out approach.
Palm Beach	Food	I work in the restaurant industry. I firmly disagree with opening up restaurants for in-dining purposes. I dont feel safe working and then coming home and potentially infecting my family. I live with high risk people. Many people are still contracting this virus and spreading it around. We cant just open up the state because things seemed to get better. You should wait until we have a sharp decline in the curve before opening the state. We don't need a second massive wave of this to happen again because you prematurely opened the state. I am struggling not making money right now and unemployment hasn't sent me anything but I'd rather be safe then go back to work and get infected and then bringing it home to my family and potentially killing them. HEALTH OVER MONEY!
Orange	General	It is far too soon to reopen the state. The peak d plateau of reported cases is not a true reflection of actual cases because of limited wide-scale testing. Reopening the state now would undo all the progress we've made. It is too soon!
Osceola	General	I feel that it is to soon for business with the virus going around. Its too risky for my team and I to com in contact with this virus. We want to flatten the curve and if we are to open businesses at the beginning of this peak we could put lots of people in danger
Seminole	General	Re-Open June 1 with social distancing guidelines. Local govt allowed to open based upon their local safety.

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Broward	General	I feel we should start to reopen things. While the virus is serious, people should have the option to make their own decisions. My suggestion would be to concentrate on protecting the elderly and people with underlaying health conditions. Set up grocery / food deliveries Medication delivery Get them things to their house, safely, so they can stay indoors if they chose to. Maybe mandate businesses that are opening to implement an hour exclusively for those people. Maybe even the beaches. 1h in the morning, 1h in the evening, only for those groups. But other than that - reopen the state. For the vast majority of citizens, this virus is not deadly.
Glades	General	I lived here for 10 years (and continuing), I've seen Florida at its worst , also at its best. I am going to school to learn real estate, willing to travel different county in Florida to continue to education myself. Me and my spouse just bought our first home last year in October , plan to live here for a while then spread our wings further. My question to you is., Would you want us stay in our home avoiding the virus? Or would you want millions of homeless Americans without our home, business, etc? Picture yourself in our shoes for once
Collier	Recreation	As a FL resident, I'd love to weigh in on this discussion. I feel it's certainly important to reopen businesses for the sake of business owners and the economy. But if we only reopen certain things at a slow rate, I feel we would be at risk of having a high volume of people flocking to one area potentially causing another outbreak. I feel we need to have a "hard reopen date". This will spread out the volume of people flooding the businesses and prevent every group of people all hitting their favorite activity or business all at once. I'm sure this has already been thought of and mentioned. But just in case, there's my thoughts. You guys are doing a great job and I appreciate all your hard work.
Orange	Healthcare	I am a medical massage practitioner and licensed massage therapist, i have middle aged and a lot of elderly clients needing my help. Until stay at home is lifted i wont be able to help these people. They call me every week or so. I myself am 67 on SSI, its not just about income for me, its mostly about helping these people have a better more comfortable life. Massage therapy can be done safely as its in our control, we always have sanitized doors and arms/hands etc.

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Miami-Dade	Healthcare	Please try your best to give options to take antibody tests from Labs to pharmacies on SELF Pay with a cap rate it will be less you have to do for free. Fisher island paid $17 per test after buying them bulk. Some jabs are advertising self tests in the $100 range but once you long in and go through all the options it tells you at the end “Sorry these are only for health care providers”. When you need to provide support care to elderly family members that are NOT in homes, this test is crucial. No idea why salons can’t be open on phase 1 with dbpr guidelines, it’s an essential service for those who can’t reach their toe nails or cut their hair like elective surgeries and same for condo s amenities paid for that should just follow dbpr additional guidelines with gyms and pools that serve as physical therapy excluding barbecues. Parks, are essential more than professional gyms. Golf, Marinas and water activities provide social distancing. Keep up the energy!
Hernando	Professional Services	I would say easing up now may be a temporary fix to people wanting to get out and about but it will be flushing all this time down the toilet. I have been watching and reading alot of local national and global news that when compared point to the need to stay as we are.Alot of activity is going on like walmart and lowes is like black friday.alot of people are disreguarding stay at home order in our state.I hate to say it but alot of people are like kids they don't want to follow orders to the tee, If you let up a little they will take it as everything is back to normal. Compare the comments in stories and people who see the significance between gambling on death versus having a chance to rebuild our lives in just a little bit longer understand we can fix this just not this second. I beleive as well though that folks have to eat and folks need to not to worry about losing homes,cars,etc... So if we could somehow just give it some more time. It would be a bad thing to start all over with everything thats been done so far. Stay safe AMERICA
Polk	Professional Services	Please consider allowing salon professionals to return to work with strict guidelines in place. Opening up salons with strict sanitation and safety guidelines will create a controlled, safe and sanitary work environment for all stylists and their guests. Also, please consider, the longer we stayed closed, the less likely that these salons will be able to re-open. Thank you for your time and for all that you are doing !

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Hillsborough	Professional Services	Reopen Florida/hillsborough county. Facts should be taken into consideration. The fact that death numbers of covid are being fabricated is enough to see we are being shut down for no good reason. Pennsylvania and many other states are retracting their death numbers. Further updated studies are proving this virus is being exaggerated and survival is higher than 98%. Doctors all over the country are exposing the inconsistencies of MSM reporting All who wish to stay home should. Those who wish to work should. This is an overreaching request and has proven to be completely unreasonable for those who do not have income coming in. Facts over feelings. Facts over Fear. Facts over self interest and gain. You were elected to uphold the constitution and serve your constituents. WIll you each and all suspend your pay out of solidarity with those who elected you
Brevard	Healthcare	We need to extend the stay at home order as Florida is ranked 7th of the10 State Populations Most at Risk for Severe COVID-19: West Virginia, 49.3 percent Kentucky, 43.6 percent Arkansas, 43.5 percent Alabama, 43.1 percent Maine, 42.5 percent Mississippi, 42.5 percent Florida, 42.1 percent Louisiana, 42.1 percent Tennessee, 41.6 percent South Carolina, 41.4 percent Percentage of residents 65 and older, or with underlying conditions.
Broward	Recreation	Our Beaches and parks need to be reopened for the physical and mental wellbeing. Our youth need the parks for physical activity. If masks must be worn, that is fine. But we can not continue this way!! Open up the beaches and parks!
Pinellas	Government	It's too early - men still spit on the ground around here. Health clubs should stay closed - the virus circulates on small droplets, through the AC, from talking, and not everyone who works out will wear a mask or gloves. Gym environments are are like hospitals, but with more heavy breathing - it will spread the virus to everyone. Schools should stay closed for the exact same reason. If you can't play volleyball on the beaches, you can't allow schools or gyms to open.
Orange	Real Estate	I own a small real estate company with 7 locations in the area. We need to get this economy open again quickly my company is struggling and we haven't received any payroll protection money yet and it looks like we might never see it due to how many people have applied. I don't want a hand out. I just want the world to open up again and give people the confidence to buy and sell houses. We have remained open as an essential business but we need everything open to get the jobs back and the confidence. Let's be real for a minute. Half of the economy is still out there working and half isn't. I need your help for my business to make it please help me.

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Volusia	General	I am very much in favor of a gradual, phased reopening starting in May. Even though I'm over 65 I feel that getting people back to work is just as important as maintaining social distance & masks in public. I think that when weighing the possibility of contracting the virus versus not having food or basic essentials, that the latter poses much more serious consequences. Florida is fortunate to have so many outdoor venues as well as such beautiful weather that getting back to the "new" normal can't come soon enough.
Hernando	General	Florida is not ready to reopen, there are still too many new cases of COVID-19. The curve has not flattened. Also, people are not following the guidelines of staying at home. It needs to be a stronger order. Extend it another two weeks, and watch the level of new cases. Masks in public should be ordered with the extension of the order.
Citrus	General	I am totally opposed to any further delay in opening businesses have been completely destroyed because of a disease that has less than a .05 death rate frankly I'm really disappointed in Ron DeSantis and his lack of leader ship . we need to open now I'm tired of Joe Biden I'm tired of Trump I'm tired Ron DeSantis i'm tired of Nancy Pelosi and the fake PPP business bail out that only went to major corporations you all make me sick you have a unemployment system that is completely collapsed no one has any money you're going to crater this economy and if all you care about your selfish interest you Trump and the Democrats are going to catch blame for this I'm sick of it
Volusia	Retail	Retail merchandising companies such as Crossmark and News America Marketing, among others, employing thousands of workers statewide, support retail operations including grocery, drug and dollar stores primarily by installing point of sale materials like signs and coupons. Product resets and small pack out projects are also on the agenda. Employees travel from store to store daily, completing mostly short tasks. These workers and the tasks they perform are unnecessary to retail operations and are the perfect vehicle for community spread of the virus. Some of these companies are representing themselves as essential retail workers and have been continuing operations during the pandemic. These groups need to be the last folks to return to work, only when the crisis is mostly over and/or there is a vaccine available and mandated for these employees.
Okaloosa	General	I truly believe by opening our state this early we will be setting ourselves up for failure that will lead to a second, and far worse, round of the virus and closures. I am a single mother with a child who has Crohn's disease. I'm a massage therapist and I do not have another income coming in, but I still believe another stay at home order is the best thing for us all. I'm praying for those who have to make these difficult decisions for so many. God Bless.

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Palm Beach	General	It is vital that we increase testing exponentially and start contact tracing before we should even consider opening Florida back up. The numbers of infected and deaths are still rising. I don't believe we have even hit our peak yet. Listen to scientists and experts to gauge the timing and follow the steps to open our state safely. We do not need a second wave that would ultimately prolong the shutdown. Also, the Task Force you've appointed, includes the mayors of Miami-Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach counties. Also hospital CEOs, the presidents of Walt Disney World Resort and Universal, and CEOs of Publix and FPL. While business leaders' input is important, it should be secondary to the advice from scientists and medical experts regarding keeping us, your constituents, safe.
Hillsborough	Government	Governor DeSantis - please consider reopening the Florida economy. Even with existing vaccines for other viruses such as the seasonal flu, there are still thousands of deaths per year so continuing to wait until a vaccine for Covid-19 could take years and at that point who knows how effective it would be for the most vulnerable. Taking into consideration the total mental and physical health of the rest of the general public, the added stress of wondering IF there will be jobs to go back to and how to provide for my family during these times along with unemployment not yet being paid out, the stress on our family continues to build. If the real purpose of shutting down the economy and quarantining healthy citizens to protect the elderly and those most vulnerable, then why are those the majority of people I see anytime we go for groceries, mail, etc. It seems to me the more practical approach would be for those most vulnerable to continue self quarantining until they seem they want to reenter society. This is the United States of America and NOT a communist or socialist country, that is IF we can keep it that way, just as stated by our founding fathers. Thank you!
Polk	Healthcare	I think we need to wait until there is a true reduction in cases. It is to soon to be opening public places. The earliest we should look at reopening is June. There is not enough PPE to protect from actual positive COVID cases and because people want to work they may ignore early symptoms. Other countries like Ireland have been shut down sooner than us and extended last week. Their death rate is much lower ours. Thank you for your time.
Hillsborough	Government	The curve has flattened, time to open back up while still promoting social distancing and washing your hands
Polk	General	It is NOT time yet to re-open the State of Florida. We just posted 300 more cases TODAY and opening to soon will only result in us ALL doing this all over again in a few short months (OR LESS).... that is if we don't contract the virus and die. As painful as it is for EVERYONE involved, we CANNOT irresponsibly open too early which would most certainly cause irreparable harm far worse than our current situation.

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Broward	General	Florida should not consider reopening until there have been several weeks of steady decline in positive cases and deaths, and tests should be readily available for everyone who wants them. Additionally, Nikki Fried should have immediate input in this Task Force and unemployment benefits should be expanded indefinitely with all the kinks worked out. Governor DeSantis should be ashamed of his response and partisan politics during these uncertain times.
Osceola	General	I believe the state of Florida should wait to re-open until public health officials have deemed it a responsible decision. Florida is such a hot spot for tourism and the reason we have been so successful in not overworking our healthcare system is because we have been so cautious. We want to keep it that way
Brevard	Healthcare	It is way way way too soon to start opening-up the state for business and regular life. Lives are more important than businesses right now!!!
Seminole	General	Dear Governor DeSantis, I am a resident of Seminole County. It is time for Floridians to get back to work. Throughout the past weeks of COVID restrictions businesses deemed “essential” remained open. Floridians who patronized those businesses voluntarily engaged in social distancing, voluntarily followed CDC guidelines. With these businesses open, sometimes serving hundreds of people at a time, twelve hours a day, seven days a week, we have witnessed COVID numbers falling. The State of South Dakota never mandated a single business closed and are also seeing COVID numbers falling. Every business is essential when families are dependent upon that income for healthy and happy lives. I believe these facts prove that Floridians are responsible people, who love their neighbors, and will CHOOSE to do the right thing. But we need our elected representatives to do the right thing; we need our businesses open. We don’t want government handouts. We want to get back to work. We want our businesses open now, not later. Sincerely, Lucia Harris Anewlucia@gmail.com
Marion	Education	I understand the media has been saying that students and teachers are adapting well to "distance learning". However, as a student, I can say that neither myself, my classmates, or teachers are performing as well as we would normally do in the classroom. I also believe that our school has already felt the coronavirus. Our seniors went on an AICE trip to New York back in January, once they returned many of them were sick and many other students in the school got sick as well. I would not be surprised if many schools have already experienced the coronavirus, this means that students survived and developed antibodies. I do feel terrible for all who have suffered; however, this disease has killed less than 0.005% of Florida's population, the closure of schools affects over 14% of our population. This is not good for the well being of our students not their education. You are responsible for the pain you have caused seniors and students across the state, and I hope you know that. Make this right and open up schools even if it is just for a few weeks.
Collier	General	Medical professional should be making the decision on when to reopen, not business interests

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Charlotte	Food	I would like to see a mandatory use of mask when people are out in public. I work with public and people just don't keep their distance
Polk	Government	I definitely agree that until we are told by the CDC or a department of Health that we are in the clear of the COVID-19 outbreak being under control the ban should remain in place. There was just talk of the country putting in place a 14 day ban. This is definitely a time for politics to stay out of this. Polk county alone has people purposely trying to spread the virus to others. I feel it would weaken the state even more if the ban was lifted at this time. I don't see enough people in Polk county abiding by the ban as it is. Thank you for your time and reading this. God bless us all and many thanks to those of you putting yourself in harms way to take care of us.
Pasco	General	Dear Governor DeSantis, I am writing to you and your task-force dedicated to re-opening the Florida economy in hopes that I can share my personal feelings on the current situation regarding COVID-19. To make this message brief, I DO NOT think Florida is ready to re-open and should remain under a stay at home order for at east the month of May. I say this as someone who lost their job due to the impact of COVID-19 and as someone whose entire life was forced to a standstill. I would gladly remain here in this state instead of risking a second, deadlier wave of the pandemic gripping our state. History has shown us that pushing to quickly to return to normalcy instead of listening to the counsel of medical and scientific experts and professionals has devastating impacts on the health and safety of the greater population and economy. In 1918, Philadelphia decided against public health concerns to hold a parade to raise moral and support for war bonds. 200,000 people packed the streets to celebrate and within 72 hours every single hospital in the city had been filled to the brim with infected patients. After 6 weeks 12,000 people died. after 6 months that number rose to 16,000. History is meant to warn us as much as teach us, and those who do not learn from the mistakes of the past are doomed to repeat them. Do not allow Florida to follow in those doomed footsteps, Governor. Sincerely, Nicholas Kuhn, a concerned Florida resident.
Volusia	Healthcare	too too soon to open up!!!
Collier	General	PLEASE do not open too soon!!! PLEASE follow the CDC and White House recommendations. Here in Naples people are not following what they are supposed to be doing now as it is, it will be a HUGE mistake to open too quickly. I am sheltering in place and going to the store only as needed, and when I do go out I am SHOCKED at how irresponsible the general public is being, I really fear for everyones health if we open too soon and not as recommended. I am eager to be able to go back to work, however not when my health is at stake because of peoples stupidity. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE do something about unemployment one month without any money is very difficult. Thank you for your time.

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Sarasota	General	In New York City they've tested 1 Iin 7 and found 21% have antibodies which with s population of 8.4m and 11500 dead the mortality rate relative to infection is 0.68%. Based on the exaggerated mortality rates being published people are scared. Some facts as to the mortality rate and reassurance that those that are vulnerable will still be protected will help in the process of reopening. We absolutely need to reopen on May 4th as there is no credible fact to suggest continuing destruction of our economy not to mention stomping on civil rights
Clay	General	We need to reopen the state. Get people back to work. Open without restrictions Let people make their own choice if they want to wear PPE.
Seminole	Administrative	I do not feel we should re open yet. Its premature as the cases keep increasing. I don't feel safe being out with my family.
Broward	Recreation	To Whom It May Concern, We are ready to go back to work to try to recover before it is too late. We the people have the right to make the decision for ourselves and our families. Each have the right to decide whether or not to stay home. We value all life. Protect the vulnerable, take safety precautions. Life must continue. We can not depend on the government or anyone else nor do we want to to. That is what makes our country so great. Generations have been challenged with illness and disease and have recovered . We will do the same. We are informed and must be given this opportunity. If this does not happen we will lose everything that we have worked hard for. It wont be death by Covid 19 it will be death of economy, proverty ,etc.
Clay	Healthcare	My husband is a veteran. He was scheduled for total shoulder reconstruction surgery on April 29th. That was cancelled because you stopped elective surgeries. My husband's surgery was not going to be in a hospital, it was going to be at the orthopedic building, surgeries that are done there are for the doctor's patients only. My husband is in extreme pain and we cannot see the doctor to get any medications to help with the pain, he is taking motrin, aleve, tylenol by the handful. It would be great if you gave a date. If all goes well, we will reopen on May 14th. Sitting here trapped in our homes because of this safer at home stuff is old. We have been home since March 1st - almost two months. Cannot walk the trails, cannot walk in the parks (state and local) cannot go to the beach except Jacksonville, cannot go out on boat - ramps are in parks. I am also having issues with my sons teacher here in Keystone Heights, she refuses to respond by email or phone or text to myself or my son, even after I contacted the principal at the school. No one will help us regarding this matter and it is horrible. My son failed last semester and the teacher didnt care, she did not contact us once telling us he was not doing his work and when he told he that he didn't understand it, she didn't care. I moved him out of advanced math because the teacher was going too fast and he expected the kids to understand it the first time. This woman should not be a teacher because it is clear - she could care less if they understand the math, she will not help or respond, she is just there to get a pay check! Monday morning I am contacting the local school board and I will continue going higher and higher until someone helps

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Pinellas	Tourism	Reopen museums, restaurants, aquariums, zoos and beaches because my parents and I haven't been able to do anything since we moved here to St. Petersburg
Orange	Healthcare	Do not end the isolation orders until a vaccine is ready. Keep your people safe, expand unemployment, do the right thing.
Nassau	General	Take action to open the state now. All of us are suffering from the economic disaster caused by the shutdown. We can't stop living to keep from dying. Open the State Parks now. Open businesses now.
Leon	General	I hope the governor takes the time to read all of our reviews about opening up Florida again. I work at Chop Barber Shop (Killearn location) and have for the past year and a half. I am also the manager at my location as well as a stylist. The most important part of opening our shop back up has to be safety. The beauty service industry is one of luxury, it is also one of the most dangerous to open back up. Because we are in the customers face all day it is extremely dangerous for up to reopen until the end of strange 2 or even in stage 3. We talk with them, we are touching them the whole time during their service with us and the customer cannot wear a mask during the service of getting a hair cut. The amount of time it will take to sanitize EVERYTHING will take so long as well when we have a new customer in our seat every 15 to 30 minutes just does not work. We have several barbers/stylist at our shop and even at half our work force per shift still is to many at one time in our shop. The amount of elderly clients and children we see daily is crazy and customers will not follow guidelines to ensure everyone's safety. For example not all people who come into the shop have 2 daughters with compromised immune systems like I do. Customers of all ages come into our shops when they are sick they don't realize that when I leave work I have to go home to my family who potentially could get any germs I have brought with me. Then where does that leave me? We also have tons of customers who travel all over the United States. We have no idea if the people who walk through our doors have been taking this seriously or not so we have no way of knowing who or when this virus could strike our little shop and endanger our health and the health of so many others. When it is flu season we seem to all get the flu not because we don't sanitize but because it's a virus that is air born and no matter all the safety precautions we take we are still enclosed in a small building and their is no way for anyone to ensure the safety of the staff and customers. I know the world must keep going and I do miss work terribly but safety has to be number one.....not money.....not politics....not the economy....but us the people and the people we go home to everyday. Getting your haircut or hair color is not essential, as much as people would like to say it is, I promise you it is not!! What is essential is protecting my customers and my family from a terrible sickness that could be
Pinellas	Professional Services	I BELIEVE THAT HAIR DRESSERS AND NAIL TECHS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO REOPEN IF THEY ARE A ONE PERSON SHOP. BOTH THE CLIENTS AND THE OPERATORS CAN AND SHOULD WEAR MASKS. IF NEITHER PERSON IS ILL OR HAS BEEN ILL THERE SHOULD NOT BE ANY REASON TO DISALLOW THE SERVICE AVAILABILITY.

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Seminole	Healthcare	Please I am urging you as a person of science to reopen everything. As they run more antibodies tests we say this virus is way more prevalent in the general population. I am a dentist and we have been dealing with aerosols since it started. We have delt with other respiratory diseases and have had no more incident outbreak. Look at TB, SARS, SWINE FLU and H1N1. The fear monguering must stop. People should be allowed to go out in the public. If we learnt anything we need more hand washing stations. If you are sick don't just tough it out, go home and rest. There are plenty of issues locking up non suck people in quarantine. Quarantine was made for the sick to be isolated.
Hillsborough	Professional Services	Regarding photographers, we have different needs based on the genre of photography. All have different levels of exposure and will need guidance based on scientific data. Some of these disciplines are easy to limit exposure and maintain distancing, such as engagements, family portraits, headshots, food, architecture and products. Events and weddings will need more guidance regarding number of people and indoor vs. outdoor. Most of us are not expecting to work events until August at the earliest.
Polk	Professional Services	I know you say salons are non essential but as a salon owner I disagree . Even before you shut us down we where doing all stylist 6 feet apart some stylist even gave a private suite . If a client is willing to come into your establishment to get a service they are confident you are taking proper sanitation procedures! You can tell as soon as you walk in a salon if it is clean or not! You works be amazed at what it does for a persons mental heath when they can not have these services done! We also offer tanning and those People need us also some have skin conditions that need the uv lights to help keep it under control! And some need it for vitamin D . I would like to know out of all the people that contacted the virus how many of them where Hair Stylist Barbers lash technician facial specialist cause I can tell you Once you said or state was closing every salon in Florida was busy! So think about that when you say we can't safely go back to work! I have 13 girls and none of my girls have received unemployment they have been denied because they are self employed. I have some for small business money and nothing we need to get back to work to pay our bills you are going to kill us by giving us so much stress !

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Lee	Real Estate	as Broker and German speaking Immigrant I have the opportunity to look on both sides of the Atlantic. 1. There is a lot of fear of the unknown and that stops the thinking, like walking alone on the street or driving alone in the car with a mask. 2. The Statistics only talks about cases, not of cases already out of hospital and or without symptoms. 3. Zip code 33914 has 40000 people but only 41 cases. Small businesses should be able to reopen incl Restaurants 4. the hot Florida Climate causes breathing issues, sweating, fogged classes with a typical mask, therefore a plastic face shield should the favorite recommendation for face mask in public to protect against coughing. 5. European property owners should be able to enter Florida 6. Restaurant should reopen in situations like in 33914 with only a small amount cases 7. Beaches should be open for all to walk, special the air in the wave zone is very healthy for people the lung problems. German North Sea islands are all "Heilbaeder" for that reason. 8. European vacationers should be allowed to travel as they are my typical customers, first as renters, than as homebuyer. 9. Get immune testing kits, a) for blood plasma for the thick, b) to proof you are healthy again or immune anyway. The best way to eliminate the fear. 10. The Sweden Model should be reviewed
Pasco	General	Open the state up ASAP please! We need our businesses to be open now...nobody can get thru to unemployment and we are suffering. Please open Florida up again.
Brevard	General	For just generally opening county by county allowing people to use their own judgement regarding their wellbeing & that of their families. There will always be those who disregard others regardless of rules! But most people are capable of understanding safety & responsibility. So let's get back to business & get people back to work & government out of our everyday lives & children back to school! Elaine Harris
Volusia	General	Close it all down til this virus crap gets out of here.. no exceptions no excuses.. we are all hurting 1 way or another. But until this is gone why jeopardize everyone anymore??.
Duval	Finance	I don't think we need to reopen until the middle of may to see where we are and to make sure that people who have had covid 19 can't get it again
Pinellas	Government	Set up hand sanitizer UV lights and Mask Kiosks around densely populated areas to give out and cleanse . Also isolating people that test positive in closed motels is a great idea.
Volusia	General	Reopen!!!! We need to work!
Orange	General	My greatest fear is once the theme parks reopen that people from all over the country and the world will flock to Orlando and there will be a huge resurgence of Covid 19 . As for education it is impossible to social distance in school and there must be a better implementation of distance learning. Digital inequity is a huge problem. State funding for technology in education must be significantly increased to make 1 to 1 digital devices the starting point not the dream. There also must be greater access to broadband in rural areas.

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Broward	Healthcare	I need to go to dentist and elective surgeries should open asap!
Seminole	General	Dear Governor DeSantis, I am a resident of Seminole County. It is time for Floridians to get back to work. Throughout the past weeks of COVID restrictions businesses deemed “essential” remained open. Floridians who patronized those businesses voluntarily engaged in social distancing, voluntarily followed CDC guidelines. With these businesses open, sometimes serving hundreds of people at a time, twelve hours a day, seven days a week, we have witnessed COVID numbers falling. The State of South Dakota never mandated a single business closed and are also seeing COVID numbers falling. Every business is essential when families are dependent upon that income for healthy and happy lives. I believe these facts prove that Floridians are responsible people, who love their neighbors, and will CHOOSE to do the right thing. But we need our elected representatives to do the right thing; we need our businesses open. We don’t want government handouts. We want to get back to work. We want our businesses open now, not later. Sincerely, Harvey Harris
Polk	Tourism	First of all I'd like to thank you for opening this up to suggestions to Florida residents. I work for Walt Disney World and I'd like to provide feedback on how best to open all theme parks I have seen several "rumors" online about opening it to Florida residents only so I'd like to share my thoughts. I know how the Disney-fanatics will respond when it's opened even if it's for "local residents only" and that is that those that have rental properties down here will likely flock here claiming to be "local". I feel that if the theme parks are to open only local/Florida residents only for a specified period of time then a Florida drivers license or Florida state ID card should be required as proof of residency, not just a mortgage/utility bill. Too many people that live out of state have rental properties that they use normally as proof of residency to obtain WDW Florida resident annual passes but do not actually live here. Also if someone were to try to enter the theme parks without such proof that they be turned away. This should be enforced starting at the auto plaza when entering the theme parks. I know Disney culture is to make the guests happy but with this situation a hard line needs to be drawn in the sand so to speak and any protocols that are created to reopen safely should be strictly adhered to until all operations resume under normal circumstances. Thank you!
Collier	Professional Services	Don’t call. Deaf. I worry cosmetology deaf working on hair with mask on???I work with 35 hair dressers.How test Costomer?? My experience Costomer will not tell you everything about there health(lies).wow

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Nassau	Government	Please reopen our parks, beaches and businesses. The purpose of the shutdown was to SLOW the spread and allow time to learn more about the virus and get hospitals and front line workers equipped and better prepared. It will take much longer to make more testing available. Finding effective treatments and a vaccine will take even longer,. The scientist say a year or more. We cannot afford the loss of our economy and the risk of losing lives to other things like suicide, abuse etc.I live in Nassau county, Fl. There have been zero deaths but I wonder how many local businesses will survive. The world and the way we live has changed very quickly. We now need to take precautions. relative to your age/health/risk factors , you may still need to stay home.to stay safe. Let the rest of us get back to work before we have to deal with a cataclysmic economic depression .the likes of which we've never seen. But most of all, let's feel free to be open to discussion while still being kind and respectful of different views. Covid-19 effects everyone on this planet. We are all in mourning to varying degrees relating to our losses. We are going to have to solve this together. In the pandemic of 1918 the scientists said that they discovered more people were getting sick and dying who were indoors and that if there were ever another pandemic they would advise people to get outside as much as possible. I would add to that that diet, exercise, lack of, or using meditation and other tools to deal with stress improves our immune system thus helping us fight off this highly contagious virus. So I end this the way I began, please reopen our parks, beaches and businesses! Thank you
Collier	Management	I am a management level leader in a law enforcement agency, and I support Gov. DeSantis' decisions to date on the safer at home because it was based on the contemporary science. However, our understanding of the disease now leads us to believe it is far less dangerous and our healthcare system can handle it. IT IS TIME TO RAPIDLY OPEN ALL MANNER OF BUSINESS IN FLORIDA.

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Putnam	General	We can't keep this up. It's honestly ridiculous that we literally killed our economy here based off bad models that projected this virus to be worst then it is. It's gonna be here with us for a while and it's not nearly as deadly as the media and governments are making it out to be. I am not saying we shouldn't be diligent and take precautions. But when it comes to getting a hair cut, going out to dinner, sitting on the beach, etc. We have every right to decide if we want to do those things as Americans. In the name of public safety you have taken our rights away thats laid out in the bill of rights. As Thomas Jefferson said " I prefer dangerous freedom over peaceful slavery." You should allow restaurants to at least open up with 50 percent capacity and groups of 10 or less to be able to eat together. If we want to go to a barber shop or hair salon we should be able to do so. You as a government have and are destroying people's lively hoods. You all are over reaching in taking our freedoms away. Every job is essential in there own right as well. People who are at high risk need to be educated and let them know to self isolate, not go out if they don't need to. Even if you let It be voluntary and people who are healthy but don't want to go out, let them stay in. But you need to let the healthy go out if they want and get on with there lives. We need to develop herd immunity and that can't happen if you keep people locked up. It's a virus and you can't kill a virus. Even if you find a vaccine/ anti viral to help treat it. (Examples: the flu, herpes, HIV, etc.). It will be here with us and we maybe able to lower the effect with a vaccine but people will still contract it.
Duval	General	I am opposed to reopening FL soon. I understand our economy is in bad shape, but this virus is no joke and it will be better to be safe than sorry. Lets continue to be patient. The possible negative impact of opening too soon out weighs the possible negative impact of opening late.
Broward	Recreation	Open the beaches and boat ramps , if needed, with restrictions please! We need our outdoor space!! Also, please no masks at least for outdoors. There's plenty outside space to be outside and far away from others.
Brevard	General	First, thank you for taking comments on reopening Florida. I am a native Floridian live in and was raised in Brevard. I work as an ocean rescue lifeguard. I would like to say how proud I am of my county and thier decisions on what course to take. My concern would be the beach and opening up parking. Memorial Day weekend is one of the most dangerous holidays because of the potential for rip currents due to unsettled sand from both the season and renurshment projects. I will stand behind any direction from the Governor and the BOCC. They have both proven to do the right thing so far. In summary, stay the course on beach parking until june 1st, and get some of the restaurant and other small businesses open with distancing restrictions as soon as possible.
Duval	Recreation	Please open the Gyms back up! Physical as well as mental health a very important. For some of us it's more than lifting weights. It our escape, our outlet, our community, or tribe.

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Orange	Government	This state CANNOT reopen any time soon. You are trying to kill people when you even suggest it and you are actively encouraging it. The message should be that people need to continue to shelter in place. You need to allow air bnbs to be in business as they are safer than hotels for people who need lodging. AND YOU NEED TO PAY THE UNEMPLOYMENT THAT YOU ARE DENYING 95% OF THE PEOPLE.
Pinellas	Tourism	I work two jobs: I work as an assistant in the travel industry and I manage a small restaurant. I have temporarily lost both of these jobs as a result of covid-19. I applied for unemployment benefits a month ago today, and have still not received anything. I tell you this so you understand I am majorly financially impacted by this, and I understand people's concerns in wanting to get back to work. However, I think it is imperative that we do not rush to reopen. I hope that the plan for Florida follows a similar guideline that the White House has proposed: slow, phased reopening after consistent declines in cases, while watching carefully for a spike, and shutting things down again if it does spike. If we rush to reopen and see an influx of cases, we will further damage the chances of tourism returning to this state, and our jobless Floridians will suffer for even longer. I know people are eager to get back to work—I certainly am too—but if we move too quickly now, we could see worse repercussions in the long run. Public safety & careful monitoring must come first, because it's the only way to regain people's trust.
Santa Rosa	Professional Services	I am very ready to go back to work, however i am a hairstylist There is NO way that we can practice social distancing in our profession. I am nervous that people want their haircuts so bad at this point that they would not communicate that they were sick or had been around someone who was. I ask you please consider extending the shutdown for our industry. Hair salons, barbershops nail salons should all remain closed.

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Manatee	Healthcare	I'm a licensed massage therapist and since so many people don't seem to have a clue what we do, I thought I would tell you. There is NO WAY to physically distance 6 feet during a massage. Even if therapists wear a mask (we usually don't) the client will not wear a mask. So we would require n95 respirators, which I've been told by my nurse friends that they're not even getting in the SNFs and they are around positive cases. The massage therapist is trapped for an hour breathing the air of a client in a small room. We need you to understand that massage therapy should be one of the last things to open. Since we are lumped in with the non-essential health care my fear is that as soon as you allow it, many massage therapist will return to work even with no or inadequate PPE because they can't afford more time off since the unemployment situation is so dire. I haven't gotten my stimulus check or unemployment, but I cannot afford to have a stroke from the clotting disorder associated with COVID-19, and as many Floridians, I am the primary caregiver for my aging parents, one of whom is on dialysis. But if you allow massage therapists to reopen their practices, and I choose not to become a lamb to the slaughter, I will be kicked off unemployment. I need this money at this time to survive until I can get trained to be a 911 dispatcher or some other job that is useful to society but with minimal exposure. Please do not allow massage therapists to practice before it's actually safe. Spa owners ignore health department rules on a regular basis, mine does, and I have no reason to think that it will be different now. Only now, that means I will be exposing myself and my clients to a potentially deadly virus that causes clotting all over the body. Massage is useful, but it's also dangerous because it can dislodge clots and send them to the heart and brain!!! This is the most important thing to remember.
Polk	General	The hospitals are not overwhelmed. The virus appears like the flu. This is the most absurd thing I have seen and we need to reopen our economy. Protect the vulnerable. People who are scared can stay home. We need to get back to work before this economically devastates our family. We are washing our hands and taking vitamins. We are outside as much as we can, with everything closed. We are healthier than ever. Reopen beaches (and parking-like who can go to the beach if they don't park). Reopen state parks and businesses and let people use their own judgement and common sense as to what's best for them. I believe our restrictions are now onerous due to the number of people in the hospital and the difference between the models and number of deaths. Florida doesn't want lawsuits. I want to worship, work and live freely and I am done living in fear. Please do the right thing for our freedom and Constitutional rights. The executive order is no longer needed by the data, and continuing would open Florida up to lawsuits for government overreach. People will eventually realize this overreaction. If you do the rig HT thing now, it will be in our economic and in Florida governments best interest. We should not be faced with layoffs and economic devastation for the small impact this has made. Reopen Florida Now!

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Hillsborough	General	I would prefer that the state open as immediately as possible. For weeks, going into months, we have all had our freedoms and liberties suppressed, our jobs taken away, our mental health comprised, all because 0.0005% of the population has been affected by something. That is 1 in 50,000. Meanwhile, 1 in 5 Americans are jobless. As the numbers stand, you are more likely to be struck by lightning. Millions are being pushed to the brink of poverty. In the effort to preserve a fraction of the at-risk population, we are compromising the working class and children now. The state should be reopened and if certain people are still fearful, then by all means, they can exercise their right to remain quarantined.
Clay	General	A key proponent of the success of this mission is to instill confidence in the people of Florida. As the U.S battle with the virus has progressed, greater uncertainty within the trusting of Governmental ruling has developed, and for understandable reason. This battle has exemplified clashing ideologies within the nation regarding the balance of safety via medical precautions and safety via economic stability. I as much as the next person wish for life to resume "normally" for a general, predictable flow of habit to return. But, in order for life to resume, people must feel it's safe. Going to the grocery store now feels like venturing into the unknown, for people to resume other activities they will need to know that they are safe to do so. An accurate representation of numbers, easily available to the people and an analysis of these numbers on a basis further than fear mongering and political rearing is necessary for those who have been closely following this progression.
Okaloosa	General	I have pre-existing conditions and I scared to go back to a busy office setting. I've been following the Covid-19 response daily and I truly believe social distancing is working. There is zero PPE available to protect the public! Please extend the lockdown to ensure the most lives are saved!
Polk	Healthcare	Reopen Florida. All one has to do is look to Sweden's approach. The data is in and this virus is not the virulent killer that was modeled. Protect those in high risk groups; nursing homes. If the governor wants my vote he will Reopen Florida now!
Pasco	Healthcare	When do anticipate opening Surgery Centers in the Tampa Fl area? I've had two scheduled procedures cancelled because of covid-19 outbreak. I'm desperate to get this procedure completed to rid me of my back pain! Thanks, Olen
St. Johns	General	Time to reopen. The curve has flattened. Can't hide in our houses forever. The goal was to flatten the curve not stay inside until it's gone. Businesses will run out of money. Hospitals will close and state and local governments will run out of money. Many essential people are working today and are surviving. I certainly don't think opening retail is going to cause armageddon. Beaches and parks should reopen immediately. Get people outside. A phased in approach to open tourism needs to be established. Older and sicker people should be encouraged to take precautions. The state has done a good job so far but it is time to move on.

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Manatee	General	Please consider allowing mobile dog groomers to go back to work. The very nature of their business allows for social distancing and we have the ability to take that distancing further by not having any client to groomer contact. Most of us work alone in our van's with one dog at a time and take all disinfecting protocols. Most mobile groomers have clients who are disabled and housebound and rely on our services weekly, biweekly or monthly for their pet care. Thank you.
Miami-Dade	Healthcare	I am a second year medical student and while I'm not on the frontlines dealing with these COVID-19 cases, I am seeing it through the eyes of my colleagues and family on the frontline. It is horrific to hear about whats going on in the hospitals, and while I know everyone wants to get out of their house and go out, I don't believe we are ready to do so. I am getting sick of being home but its not safe to go out and resume life before COVID-19. There are still risks and I think we should wait on our public health officials to dictate when we can do so. I think if the state reopens at the moment, we will will see more COVID-19 cases. Hospitals are overwhelmed and it's not fair to exhaust our healthcare workers even more. It's better to be safe than sorry. So please do not open the state at the moment, we are safe at home.
Pinellas	Government	The White House coronavirus commission outlined a 14 day pre-opening requirements. We don't meet most of them, neither does Georgia, neither do most of the 50 states. We have over 1 million people who've filed for unemployment but only 700,000 of those have verified (Today it was announced the system is off-line until Monday) and only a bit over hundred thousand of those who've actually received their unemployment check. Many haven't received their COVID19 stimulus money, Social Security recipients with minor children have been told they missed the deadline to receive a 500 bonus they were promised, and Americans married to undocumented citizens have been told they're ineligible for a stimulus check, and it may take 20 weeks to send some people their paper check. Where is all this money going to come from when we reopen businesses? They will have to re-close because A. no one has any money or B. serious minded people understand they need to stay home, Or they are or live with someone who is immune compromised and will stay home.
Orange	General	Every day we are closed we are destroying livelihoods, through both an economic standpoint and a health standpoint. The lockdowns are causing more damage to mental health and safety than we can imagine, and far beyond the threat of coronavirus. specifically, from a county standpoint, we have not seen dramatic increases, we are past any "surge", and our health systems are prepared to take on any patients. We need to protect the vulnerable, get kids back in school, open businesses, and allow people to try and salvage their livelihood. Every day we are closed, We are doing more harm than good. Please allow us to get back to our lives, and livelihood. The curve has been flattened, and we can take precautions to prevent any further surges. The lockdown needs to end April 30. There is no reason for it to continue.

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Osceola	General	I think it is a horrible idea to open our state. We have a vulnerable population mixed with a gen z population that does not care. Parking lots are full of discarded masks and gloves. The community cannot even follow direction within the stay at home orders and you want to re open for money. Get the unemployment system up to pay, do the right thing by the citizens of this state regarding rent and mortgages and you can rely on people to be less panicked and follow proper guidelines. The risk of death is much greater, and with our county having less than 300 hospital beds available. If this gets out of control we see nothing through the remainder of the year. Its toooooo soon.
Manatee	General	Open up the state and all beaches to sit. I'm older and like to sit on beach. All stores need to open people are losing what they have. $ 1200 is not enough to live on.
Broward	General	It is understood that thid virus has caused great concern amongst the masses. However, the virus is not the only factor to consider as its effects reach much farther than any of us anticipated. Access to green space like parks and nature areas as well as beaches has proven vital to the human condition and its ability to remain healthy. Small businesses have taken a tremendous hit as families are selling off whatever possessions they have to be able to continue to buy food. Healthy people have been put at a severe disadvantage making catching this virus a pale comparison to what they are dealing with as far as no income to support everyday life. For those who are so concerned, they should be supported in their ability to work from home, do school at home and any other measures they would want to enact to prevent catching the virus. But all else who want to work and be in nature, they too should be supported in their decision to expose themselves knowing the risk. And they should be able to do it without wearing masks. Our rights are God given and must be maintained. Self preservation does not trump anyone's ability to breathe fresh air.
Polk	Technology	Why are we putting stock into the opinions of health experts to decide how long we commit fiscal suicide and not equally weighing the expert opinion of economists? Why are we ignoring secondary effects completely? Why are we allowing a media frenzy to drive us to authoritarian and draconian measures in the United States of America? We will get sick. A vast majority of us will recover. You quarantine the sick. Not the healthy. How did we get here? We should have started opening two weeks ago and we never should have been okay with authoritarianism in this country EVER.

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Brevard	General	I live in Brevard County and on a daily basis, the number of China covid -19 cases go up. Took awhile for tests to made available. This is a all new virus. People are not symtomatic and they travel all over. By the time they come symtomatic they have infected, god and google only know. I have two, beautiful grand-angels, boys ages 6 and 7. My son-n-law has a tree service business. Non-essential worker. He has been out of work since all this started. He has to protect his beautiful sons. My grand-angels, or my daughter would RESPOND him. I encounter, complete IDIOTS, every two weeks, when I have to go and load up on two weeks worth of food.. No mask, touching everything and buying one package of donuts. Most , humans do not follow rules. Please, give this at least two more weeks before WE, STATE OF FLORIDA, opens! I have seen where this China covid-19 test can cost 100$. I know of NO ONE, who could afford this test. I have one neighbor who is a vet on medicare. He may be able to afford the test. How, with no income coming in, could anyone afford a cost for this test? Thus is a deadly virus. Proven to cause death. Please wait to open Florida up. Now we have to stop people from Georgia coming here. Bad enough we had New York people coming here. We, in Brevard just got toilet paper on shelves to buy. No hand sanitizer. No disinfectants on shelves. Dollar general NOT cleaning carts between customers. This virus will continue to grow. Make mask wearing, cart cleaning, disenfectants available to purchase, hand sanitizer available to purchase Law, with a fine if you break law. Only way I could see to SAFELY reopen MY STATE.
Pinellas	General	Please, please listen to health experts and the scientists who say it is too soon to reopen and relax social distancing guidelines! Please don't let more people die needlessly! Take care of first responders and people on the front lines! Please also listen to the polls! People don't want to reopen too soon. Listen to the people who know what they are talking about! The science says June at the earliest and that can change! Don't listen to people who have no clue. Get the unemployment website working ASAP and that will help people who are struggling!
Hillsborough	General	I feel that we should be careful and slow reopening the state and speed up testing to assure that we dont spike in cases.
Martin	General	Open beaches with hours for seniors and hours for kids. Calming for those that are stressed and let kids swim for exercise. We all need sun (vitamin D) to build up immunity.. Business: Use common sense and don't make it mandatory. Use masks and gloves, monitor temperature of clients. If they don't like it , too bad . Publix has done a great job , staff is well trained . Continue to search for cause and effect: ex:blood types and inherent antigens,

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Osceola	Education	We should follow CDC guidelines and advice from the REAL healthcare and scientific experts to prevent from having to start all over again, which would extend and worsen the need for lockdown. We don't want children ill or dead for going back to school when a vaccine doesn't even exist yet. Look at how Canada's leader handled his people's economic matters to ease the lockdown up for them. Learn something from him, not from our irresponsible leader who would dare to suggest for the use of house cleaners and disinfectants in humans and then claim he only said it sarcastically. People are desperate and some will see that as a green light to ingest that. We need more sensitivity in our leadership's words, actions, and mandates. Money (economy) can be recovered over time, lost lives can't.
Sarasota	Healthcare	We have the data to prove that cov-19 is no more dangerous than the yearly flu. 99.9% of population gets this- gets no symptoms (strong immunity) or cold or flu. Active virus for 2-14 days? Then gone. Natural antibodies for life (what the vaccine biz wants to do.) Better healthcare strategies for nursing home, assisted living, and hospitals needed? Yes. Open up FL!!!
Orange	Education	Distance learning needs to continue until there is a vaccine or treatment. Therefore, for August 2020 through May 2021 students should practice distance learning.
Seminole	General	I am writing this to inform everyone that I am very much interested in reopening the State of Florida as soon as possible. After seeing photos of people packed into an airliner, and people packed into home Depot, Lowe's I feel that keeping restaurants and other business closed is extremely hypocritical and borderlines on tyranny. I am not a big fan of smaller groups than five because I am not aware that the virus can detect group sizes and know exactly when to infect someone when that limit is reached, it is an idiotic rule it makes no sense and it only takes one person to spread the virus. We are Americans we fought and died to be free it's time to let us live our life. if you don't want to go outside then don't go but don't make me suffer because you don't want to go anywhere.

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Brevard	General	First off DeSantis has done a very poor job in handling he COVID pandemic in Florida. In the interest of revenue he delayed our lockdown which put Floridians at much greater risk ultimately resulting in an nreae of confirmed cases and death. His lack of immediate action proved that he was willing to sacrifice lives for revenue. Question: Why did he allow the spring break partying in Dade and Broward counties? Answer: Revenue...Result: untold number of unnecessary cases and deaths and extended our time to flatten the curve!!! NOW he wants to reopen the state much too soon....again, revenue vs. lives!!! UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS: DeSantis has done little or nothing to resolve this issue!!! Thanks to his blatant disregard for FLORIDIANS thousands are going hungry and unable to pay their bills....while his focus is on the WWE in Orlando!!! What's wrong with this picture? He is a disgrace to his position and all FLORIDIANS. He knows he is done which may hurt President Trump in November...very sad! DeSantis = negligence and DERELICTION of duties...good luck with your next business venture!!!
Orange	General	Just play it safe. I have family that are doctors and elderly. I don't agree with beaches being open already. I would like to see the stay at home extended to May 15th at least.
Sarasota	General	Here is my detailed, well founded petition to reopen beaches in Sarasota that was successful but could be useful elsewhere http://chng.it/6N9k9Q4R
Palm Beach	Government	Please DO NOT reopen Florida so soon. We have been quarantining since the beginning of March. I have been out of work for seven weeks now. My husband has been out of work for two weeks now. Let everybody remain closed for another couple weeks so we don't have to do this all over again. I can't do this again.
Orange	General	Keep small business closed at least until June. Opening within the next 2 weeks could be dangerous. If small business open and get confirmed covid cases it could possibly put them out of business. Its best if we all wait. There is no way of hiding which companies get confirmed cases. People talk.

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Hillsborough	Recreation	While I work in healthcare and have seen the effects of this disease and agree that we should wait until public health experts are okay with opening back up the state, I think when we do open up it should be cautiously and focusing on areas that would boost back up the economy and get people back to employment. For Florida this is the tourism industry however there are a lot of Florida residents that are wanting to safely go back out and start enjoying what the state has to offer. When opening up, provide businesses that reopen with rules, such as having to enforce social distancing and sanitation of common equipment. If they want to open they must put limits on the amount of people in one place and how close they are and must be able to be constantly disinfecting all surfaces. For example, many places in the past are willing to be open with dirty bathrooms, but now they must be willing to have the staff clean more frequently and extensively or risk being shut down due to inability to protect their consumers from risks related to COVId spread. All places should also screen consumers and employees at the entrances to ensure no fevers or other COVId symptoms. Lastly, antibody/COVId testing should be widely available prior to opening. More people should be able to easily find out if they have or have had this disease in order to safely prevent people from unknowingly spreading it to others.
Lake	General	Sensationalism by the media has warped all sense of perspective. The stay at home orders were intended to prevent an overload of medical facilities. That problem has not materialized thankfully. For a small minority there is high risk and that minority can continue to isolate if they chose to do so. The majority, low risk population, should no longer continue to have their lives and livelihoods uprooted. COVID-19 challenges will be displaced by other social issues very soon if things continue to progress as they have. Public opinion will begin to flip when the dollars run out and true human nature will emerge. It won't be to anyone's liking. Manage the hotspots as needed but let the rest of the state be the adults they are and manage their own lives. Tim Sloper
Miami-Dade	General	Please stop rushing the reopening of Florida. I want it to reopen. I want the economy to get back up. But you put peoples lives before that and it is disturbing. Fix the UNEMPLOYMENT web site!!! For the love of God, don't open the beaches, don't open the theatres, and restaurants yet. Many people in Miami Dade county don't even know how to keep social distance.

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Broward	Retail	My husband works in retail in Palm Beach County and has held the job for 5 years. I am disabled with Lupus and recovering from brain tumor removal. We also have my 80 year old mother-in-law with COPD. If my husband has to go back to work, he will have to find another place to live, because he can't risk our health. We would rather be poor than dead! Please don't rush to open. FL has too many older people that this can be spread to. My husband wants to go back to work, just not yet. Our numbers are too high. We haven't left our house since March 15, and our numbers are still going up locally. If he has to go back to work May 1st, I feel like the whole month and a half of quarantine will be for nothing.
Santa Rosa	Recreation	Limiting hours that beaches are open only causes more crowding. When you limit the times, people are forced to go in those small blocks of times. If it was always open, you would spread out the influx of people.
Lee	General	Will Rogers once said: " You got liars. You got damn liars. Then you got statistics." I've never trusted the MSM. It's always slanted. Until something happens to change my stance, I have come to trust Ron DeSantis. Having said that; I only assume that he has the actual numbers to the following: Folks made ill. Folks hospitalized and deaths ACTUALLY caused by the COVID 19. A 'statistic' in the Fort Myers News April 25 stated that 25 % of the Covid 19 deaths in this state were in nursing homes and/or assisted living facilities. My opinion, remove those numbers from the top and start over again. Now? What are the new numbers, then? Numbers don't lie. During the Types A and B flu season of 2017-18, this country experienced: 35 million made ill. 400,000 hospitalized. 4,000 per week for 16 deaths for a total of 65,000 deaths. And both state and federal governments were idle. I'm reading that within 2 weeks, Sweden will reach herd immunity. Lock down kills; more; later. This country needs herd immunity. I have neighbors and family members, mostly single women, that are living in 24 hour panic and fear and literally, are too afraid to walk out their front doors. Their lives have ended. Living from presser to presser - waiting for GOOD NEWS. Shame! Shame! on the government that should know what our citizenry rights are and should be PROTECTING our rights. The governments are not capable of protecting 270 million people. So stop trying. Its not working.
Suwannee	Healthcare	It’s too early to reopen the state as long as your having new case every day.
Indian River	General	Open but REQUIRE face mask, 6-8 foot distancing, retailers to have shorter hours, disinfect more and allow antibody testing for all and accessible. Concerned Registered Nurse.
Broward	Professional Services	My family and I feel it seems too soon to open salons since we are in direct contact with people. We don't want the country to go backwards. Thank you.

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Hernando	General	Think about the last time you went to a barber shop/beauty salon. Not many as it used to be - just sitting and talking. In Spring Hill, I once saw two gents in the chairs and two people waiting. For the old folks who live near me, there isn't much hair to cut and the total time is 20 minutes (even less for me!). Women don't sit under hair dryers anymore. Appointments are made and there are few ladies just sitting there. Open them up.
Hillsborough	General	It is time to reopen Florida and our economy. We now know enough to protect those who need it so there is no longer any need to punish healthy people who are willing and able to work. You will not forcing anyone into anything. You will be offering then a choice to either work or stay home as they see fit. The time for fear is over. Floridians need to be empowered to take charge of their live and rebuild our economy.
Citrus	Government	Please keep libraries closed. Books are a surface of high exposure and that's not a big economic driver.
Okaloosa	General	people need to get back to work open fla
Brevard	General	It is way to early to open Florida back up. The curve is not at a point where we the people can feel safe to open everything up. It should start opening once we have flattened all together. We still have way too many people coming up positive. Once flattened then it should be medical facilities and government offices that open up first. See how that goes and then open up more businesses.
Volusia	General	I believe it is far to early to reopen the state, with the warmer months coming up you're opening the gates for thousands of tourists looking to vacation and spread the disease around even more. Keep the state on lockdown, we still have way to many cases of our own to deal with, and opening it up to everyone is gonna make it a million times worse. I work in a restaurant and have a fear of what's to come. Having to make contact with all these people is a scary thought
St. Johns	General	In general open everything. Retail & small business first. People should wear masks if they want. Do social distancing when necessary. People need to be responsible for their own actions. Those who don't feel safe should stay home. If business not ready to open they can stay closed. Out of state tourist should be allowed in last and kept to minimum especially from high risk areas. Bottom line, people need to work, play and spend money to get Florida economy running again.
Pinellas	General	I would very much like Florida to be opened up as per the step plan I would like to be able to go to the beach and swim and paddle and walk along the beach I think it is safe to do the stepped approach and open it up beginning with the first step at the beginning of May

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Seminole	General	I'm terribly concerned about opening too soon. I feel a lot of people are not going to respect any "limited" measures, rather an all or nothing mentality. Opening too soon may also just increase the amount of covid-19 cases, we'll see another spike in a couple or weeks and that will effectively eliminate all we've worked for over the past month. I want to get back to normal just as much as the next person, but not at the expense of my health, the health of my loved ones, or public health. Opening too soon and seeing another rise in cases will only prolong this issue and more people getting sick and more deaths, will further hinder any return to economic normalcy. We've come so far, don't squander it by trying to force things and opening up too soon.
Brevard	Information	Yes open the state
Palm Beach	General	BIG BIG Task ahead for your group ~ God's Speed in your deliberations and recommendations as to when-how-who-what-where- to re-open our Glorious Great State of Florida ~ Remember privileged travelers brought this unwelcome & dangerous COVID 19 Pandemic to our beautiful state ~ and indeed ordinary citizens suffer the most !! The future is in your guided hands ~ caution is imperative ~ do not let big business push you around ~ be judicious ~ be smart ~ be wise ~ Be Floridian !! I'm retired at a young 65 in West Palm Beach, after a long public service career in City Government Management and I can assist in any way ~ Just Ask !! My Privilege to help !! My Gift w/o any compensation whatsoever ~ at-the-ready. THERE IS NO ROOM FOR DO-OVERS HERE !! NONE !! I do recommend that part of your recommendation in conclusion ~ includes sending The Communist Regime in China a DUE BILL for damages. All the best ~ Richard "Rick' Collins
Orange	General	We should reopen Florida as soon as possible- the testing facilities are not even using their daily allotment of tests as no one is sick to be tested. We in Orange County have Ben at home since mid March - 6 weeks- and the people testing positive has gone down daily - even the hospital beds are empty. We do not want the small businesses to never open back up. We are all aware about social distancing, and if people are still concerned they have the option of continuing to stay home.
Brevard	General	OPEN THE STATE UP NOW!!!!! Want to commend Gov DeSantis on his leadership through all this and "right" sizing his policies, but let's get this thing going before it's too late to recover.

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Sarasota	General	This survey is a very good idea, should have begun weeks ago and not end now. Fl is a very important state, we entice retirees to come to Fl. Cruisers, vacationers, want important high paying businesses to open here. The handling of this virus has left a lot to be desired and has made aware of the fact how little has been thought of in advance. When it comes to the virus, once you began to realize the strength of this virus and knowing the number of passengers that every ship holds coming in and out of MIA/FLL immediately you should have had a field hospital built. Knowing that NY was #1 in Covid-19 I should have taken firmer steps to control the in flux. We need serology tests and anti-body tests NOW, for everyone. I am an independent contractor travel agent who normally earns $75,000 + a year, I will now have 0 monies coming in until Dec at least and can't apply for assistance because of your BROKEN system, I pay my taxes. Would you like to send me a check? When are you going to straighten this state out. Oh, and aren't you embarrassed that unemployment max is $275.00 a week, disgraceful. Have you realized now how important our agricultural workers are? WAKE Up, now we have to worry about Hurricane season. OH, and when are you going to clean up the undrinkable water in this state, I got an bacterial infection on my leg from the pure Fl water.....and NO we should not open up to the dredge of people that will come down here to play without safety not the citizens of FL who pay your salaries. This pandemic will be back and we need a plan. Listen to the Drs. And scientists. And do what is right. Thank you
St. Johns	General	Thank you for opening our beaches. I think we should keep them open the entire day. Limit groups to 10 or less and keep from other groups by six feet. Enjoy the beach, lay out, picnic, etc. Also, open restaurants and hotels. Allow Florida residents the opportunity to enjoy their state. Staycations within their state, etc. Slowly start opening other businesses, etc. Let's get our state and economy open again. Prep for school opening in the fall. Thank you for your service to our state.
Escambia	Recreation	I personally think the state is ready to open up... the numbers are still raising the young people don't care I feel as if these is a slap in the face to risk lives of ones who actually care about there lives.i just wouldn't open Florida up just yet
Pasco	General	Please do not reopen the state until it is medically safe to do so. Please give it atleast until mid May or beyond so that it is a successful and safe reopening versus prematurely reopening and then we are all back into quarantine due to another major outbreak. Thanks!

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Hillsborough	General	It is time for Floridians to get back to work. Throughout the past weeks businesses deemed “essential” remained open. Floridians voluntarily engaged in social distancing, voluntarily followed CDC guidelines. With these businesses open, sometimes serving hundreds of people at a time, we have witnessed COVID numbers falling. The State of South Dakota never mandated a single business closed and are also seeing COVID numbers falling. These facts prove that Floridians are responsible people, who love their neighbors, and will CHOOSE to do the right thing. We need our elected representatives to do the right thing; open our businesses now, not later
Palm Beach	Recreation	Please open the large parks as it is the perfect place to social distance with thousands of acres. There are thousands of miles of trails - if you come across another person step ten feet off of the trail. Thank You Teal Clark
Orange	Retail	Keep small business closed at least until June.
Palm Beach	Recreation	open golf courses, beaches for sunning, swimming, and all businesses!!!!!!!
Seminole	General	Whilst I understand the business community wanting to get back to work and get going again, I firmly believe that this should only be done when health professionals along with supported data show and demonstrate that the risk has been severely mitigated. The concept of a decline in new cases should be a factor but not the deciding factor. I would rather see is being safer rather than sorry and extend the deadline until the 15th to gather evidence and see the impact and trends then. I believe our Governor is doing an immense job under extreme pressures but given the bill signed and the grants being paid I think it will do more harm than good opening next Friday. It should be about safety and well being rather than $’s in company and people’s pockets. Yes, Ofcourse that is important, but nothing compared to a life of which too many have been taken already. Please extend our lockdown. Best, Alistair Kerr
Palm Beach	Professional Services	I would say reopening malls to walk around and shop as well as hair places to get hair cut

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Seminole	General	Dear Gov. DeSantis, I would advise for the CDC to allow hospitals to treat COVID-19 patients with blood plasma since it's been effective in getting people out of ICU and it's been saving lives. Here would be my proposal: Get "recovered" non-hospitalized COVID-19 patients to donate blood as it has antibodies to fight the COVID-19 and to give those blood transfusion to whoever is in mild to severe condition. We need to get as much "COVID-19 recovered" blood donors to donate blood not only because it's been an effective treatment, but because we may not see a vaccine until the Fall season. Blood plasma transfusion is the ONLY effective treatment as of NOW as we wait for a vaccine. Please get these recovered people to donate blood so that we can decrease the amount of people who have been infected and get the state to reopen again sooner! Again, this is the only treatment that has been effective as we wait for a vaccine. Sincerely, Brian.
Manatee	Healthcare	I am an Uber driver and fear every time I go to work as I pick up people connect me sneezing and coughing right behind me on a nightly basis. I would like to put my mind at ease and find out if I have already had this virus. People that have had the virus should be cleared to go back to work immediately after negative test. Question are the antibody test going to be available soon help people figure out if they've had this virus or not and how quickly can I get tested
Miami-Dade	Professional Services	Hair and Nail Salons open . Still practice safety wearing masks taking temps at door . Spacing out clients. Opening hotels with new guide lines.
Osceola	Healthcare	Dear Governor, Please re-open the state. Covid19 numbers aren't as high as it was predicted by faulty models for a complete shutdown. We should go back to normal, all healthy individuals should be able to do everything as usual, sick and high risk needs to do voluntary quarantine. We want natural heard immunity, not a future vaccine derived one, where studies and proper safety protocols were skipped, no long term risk/benefit assessment done. No mandatory future vaccine for people, as everyone should be able to consent to it voluntary without any repercussions over flying, driving or other insane measures. Some political and medical leaders are considering ID certificates for immunity, I see it as discrimination and infringement on our rights. Where is the land of free and brave!? Open the state!

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Polk	General	All of Florida's industries need to reopen on May 1. Social distancing should be encouraged, but not mandated. Theme park attendees should wear masks. Florida's families have been effectively quarantined for over a month. I am a school teacher and through my conversations, this is taking a toll on families. Depression if it hasn't already, will set in. There is essentially no way to exercise or have recreation outside of the home. Unless you golf, and that is OK, while boating in my city is not. Please get Florida back on track, reopen, and protect our freedoms.
Orange	Healthcare	Do not open the state. I'm worried for the safety of myself and my grandparents.
Union	Agriculture	Please help
Seminole	General	I'm an essential that's terrified every day when I'm at work that I'm going to catch it or worse, carry it home to my family. I haven't seen my grandchildren in person for over a month. We do NOT NEED TO OPEN FLORIDA BACK UP YET. People still aren't following the guidelines correctly and if we open to soon, it will only get worse.
Hillsborough	General	I live in Hillsborough county and the number's for this virus are way below what was forecast. Small businesses are hurting people need to get back to work. We need our lives back. I'm 65 years old and I had this in December 2019, I had all the symptom's, I went to the doctor and was told it was a virus, it took a couple days for my fever to break and the cough lasted about 15 days. Many people I know had the same thing at the same time. Please open things back up NOW. Thank You David Storck
Brevard	General	Determine ahead of time what will happen to those at high risk if exposed to Covid 19. If a business reopens or if a small business qualifies for Payment Protection Plan. FOR THOSE AT HIGH RISK: 1. If laid off need to return to work? 2. Lose unemployment if unable to return to work? 3. Have to be paid by PPP even if unable to return to a job in a high tourist area?
Flagler	General	Sometimes our governments have to trust us, the public, we have trusted in them and made the mitigation work. I don't think there will be a run on the bars by 65 year old persons. Open the beaches on which people especially the older people usually social distance anyway. Open the trails and parks so we can be outside which helps prevent exposure. Develop and enforce work place rules of social distancing, sanitation and tele-work whenever possible. Everyone will continue the social distancing and protection of masks. Elected procedures in hospital should be done, not to may be as dangerous as the virus. The targeting of nursing homes should be continued, it works. Open the state offices and get those persons back to work. Restaurants must reduce the number of tables and distance, sanitize, and employees monitored for fever and virus. Once an immunity is developed we can open sports arenas, movie theaters, and malls but not until then.

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Brevard	Healthcare	I understand the need for opening up, but it needs to be gradual with appropriate precautions. What really annoys me though is when people say “the higher risk can CHOOSE to stay in”. How is it a CHOICE for them and their family members? My 17 yo grandson lives with me and is high risk due to a compromised immune system since he’s on anti-rejection meds after having a kidney transplant 2 years ago. If he goes out to go to school or work or we go out, then we don’t just risk getting Covid 19, we risk his life and his new kidney. Opening up too much too soon means the longer he and our family and others like us can start venturing out. Basically, healthy people are saying, allow us to go out and I don’t care if higher risk have to stay in longer because as long as I have my freedom it’s more important that waiting a little longer to make sure it’s safer for everyone. It’s not really a choice if it means risking you or your loved one’s life.
Lee	Healthcare	I work in a dental office. The dentist wants dental hygiene to reopen May 11 th. I am a dental hygienist. We use machines that produce aerosols / droplets. These droplets can stay in the air for 5 hours and are circulated through the office. This puts the patients after the infected patient at risk. Cleanings should not be in phase one! If anything they should be in last phase. This is not ok! People who aren’t in dental field do not understand this! We are trained for preventing blood borne pathogens not airborne. There are air filtration and new suction systems coming out now but we don’t have them yet. We don’t have proper PPE. May 11 is too soon!
Polk	Education	My only concern is school for 2020-2021 and the virus. I have 2 kids that attend public school and while the claim is that the virus doesn't hit kids hard they still bring it home to their families. I'm diabetic! I'm for opening everything like parks, restaurants and all small businesses back up so life can go back to somewhat normal. But we do need to plan for the future as well and in areas such as school too. Maybe mask should be mandatory in all public places for a while. Just my opinion, thank you
Hillsborough	General	I do not think it matters what people think to reopen a state especially when it's a matter of life and death. I think we should take our time to reopen and make sure this won't start a second wave of infections.
Duval	Recreation	Please open the state parks especially for camping. We are adults who can care for ourselves and when camping aren't you really looking to social distance from others anyway? Thanks.
Duval	General	Please open businesses, or at least those businesses that can implement social distance guidelines. Our economy and people's lives are being destroyed.

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Duval	General	Too soon to reopen!! Ever since the beach opening in Jax, the road traffic has been bad. It was like it gave the okay for everyone to go out and forget about social distancing. I went to Ed Austin park to walk last night and there was a large gathering in the large dog park. Noone social distancing, same as the ones in the parking lot the night before all hanong out at their tailgate drinking beer while their dogs rested. That was only a group of 4 with dogs there, but having a good old time splitting a 12 pack. My point is everyone is acting like it is a normal day in Jax . Next was the Walmart on beach Blvd and Hodges, no social distancing existed there. Point is you gave them a foot of leeway and they took a yard. Imo too soon to reopen.
Osceola	Recreation	Keep small business closed at least until June. Opening within the next 2 weeks could be dangerous.
Pasco	Healthcare	I think we should open things back up slowly and safely. However the labor and delivery at the hospitals should be allowed two people that get checked at hospital entrance. Expecting mother's want the father present but most usually really need their mothers as well. Also ultrasound appointments should be allowed to have the father present. These are hard times but their are certain things that you can never get back such as the birth of a child
Escambia	General	Please do not re-open the state until we have met the phase one criteria of 14 days of declining cases.
Orange	Healthcare	Persons under 65 without medical conditions appear to be very low risk with an extremely low death rate. Probably less consequential than the flu. Let's reopen Florida for this very low risk group. Special precautions can be taken for the higher risk group. But we do not have to have the same strict precautions for the entire population. Let's use some common sense / customization. One size does not fit all. If we do not get the economy moving, the long-term negative effects on the quality of life in Florida will be significantly greater than the impact of the Covid virus.
Miami-Dade	Healthcare	NO! TOO SOON to reopen cases continue to rise daily, fix Florida unemployment and get Floridians their money ASAP! We need to have a period of very low cases and then we can consider reopening in phases. Miami Dade is at extremely high risk considering our current cases stats, as much as I personally need to work for my family I am much more concerned about my family (my children's) health and well being above all!
Hernando	Education	NO! We can't reopen yet! As a teacher I track to various schools and I can get covid from anywhere! Also kids do not need to be exposed to adults carrying the virus! It is irresponsible and a crime to reopen! Florida needs to test everywhere not just some areas but everywhere! DO NOT REOPEN! TEST FIRST

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Lake	General	I am the caretaker of my 2 elderly disabled parents, unfortunately my father has prostate cancer and my mother suffers from COPD, Syncope and acute pancreatitis. For the past 2 months we have sheltered them at home, even started a month ahead of the "mandatory lockdown throughout Fl". Durung this time I, myself, have became the only one who risks going out to pick up medications, food, etc, anything that can not be purchased through home delivery. I have made the 3 layered masks and wear them on every outing and practiced the 6 feet rule. Unfortunately EVERY TIME I AM OUT I ONLY SEE MAYBE 2% wearing masks, this includes the ELDERY, PLEASE MAKE MASKS MANDATORY FOR EVERYONE!! Our wonderful essential workers needs this to help them also. Our healthcare workers NEEDS THIS SO THAT THEY CAN ONE DAY GO HOME AND HUG THEIR FAMILIES ALSO!! Thank you for your time and effort that everyone in our beautiful state has dedicated to help us through this pandemic. My God bless us all!! GOD BLESS AMERICA!!
Pinellas	General	I want to speak my mind about the prospect of re-opening the state. I honestly don't think we're ready. We're still seeing more cases pop up each day, and I was under the impression that we were going to wait for the curve to flatten. It obviously is still a problem, and allowing people to do more non essential activities is only asking for more people to die. I am willing to bet most of those out of work would choose someone else's life over a paycheck right now. Show that our leaders care more about people's lives than the bottom line. Together, we can beat this.
Bay	Accommodation	Time to open up, will be thousands of foreclosures in vacation rental business if not addressed quickly.
Volusia	Food	You need to do something to help us in the restuarant business who have yet to be paid In ALMOST 6 weeks..
Hernando	Tourism	Opening will be great please let's keep it Florida residents only for a few months. Just to see what happens. I do realize we need out of state visitors for our economy. But not yet. Yes open parks and campgrounds to Florida residents only. Thank you
Duval	General	Please make it mandatory for all business that can allow their employees to work from home to continue to work from home (especially large call centers) this will help to stop the spread of the virus.
Lee	General	Open fully now. No mandatory masks. Just full freedoms and back to our lives immediately! The data is in and does NOT support these shut downs and loss of income and business. Masks are not healthy to be worn all day and do very little if anything to protect you especially when done incorrectly which the majority of the population is doing. We can all do our part by keeping up good hygiene practices and staying home when sick just like we should do during flu season. Facts over fear please consider what the fearful public is seeing daily and how it's effecting their opinions of reopening. Spread the facts like wildfire to provide some relief to their fears. Re-open Florida!

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Pinellas	General	Hello. Thank you for starting the process of re-opening our state. This virus has upended millions of people throughout our state. We have all done our part and limited our movements in an effort to limit the impact of this virus. It is now time to re-open Florida. Millions of residents are struggling to provide the basics for themselves and their families. We cannot keep this going without permanent damage to our state. We cannot let the shut down of our state do MORE DAMAGE than Corona. PLEASE re-open our state immediately. At some point most of us will get Corona. This is NOT a matter of eradicating this virus, we simply needed to slow it down. We have slowed it down. Now let's get our state back to work. Thank you!
Broward	Recreation	Open parks and state campgrounds with safe restricrions
Taylor	Information	While I would love things to be opened now is not the time. In my county it is hard to get a test a I believe the numbers are higher than we know. Give two more weeks to get this under control. If we don't wait we might never a summer. Don't open to soon. Cases are still showing g daily.
Marion	Healthcare	About the reopening of the state. On the one hand I don't think we're ready. So many people are still dying. However on the other hand my daughter is trying to get unemployment cuz she was let go until the state opens up. I have mixed feelings because I have asthma, hypothyroidism and fibromyalgia. I'm afraid I'd be a good candidate for covid-19. I think we should open the state slowly. If possible testing us to see if we do have or have had covid-19. Marion County is mostly rural and they have told us to not call for testing unless we have symptoms. The actual count for covid-19 here maybe higher. We just don't know. If we can get tested I think we should open up the state. Thanks for listening.
Orange	Recreation	Please open all the state parks, campgrounds, beaches and beach parking. People still need to stay at least six feet apart, but we also need fresh air and the sun. Please open offices and businesses as well. The economy and people need for people to be back at work. I am not a frivolous person. I realize how dangerous this virus is. My sister is very ill in the hospital. Everyone needs to wear a mask, and carry hand sanitizer or water with beach in it everywhere they go. Thank you for all you are doing.
Seminole	General	It's way to early. Ppl are out more and not social distancing and there is a lot more of them not wearing mask. If Florida opens to early there will be more cases and death and lives are more important then the economy! Governor DeSantis reacted slow on the stay at home order and relying on what President Trump on would say on the virus. DeSantis should've done better and put the ppl that elected him to do was protect Floridians! Now will be the test to show Floridians!
Broward	Technology	Military Veteran/Field service technician wanting to get back to work and play it safe. #FLORIDAISOPENFORBUSINESS #MAGA Let's make it happen!

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Brevard	General	Let's stop being a national joke or punchline! Follow the CDC Guidelines and stop bowing down to corporate and political donors. Act on behalf of the safety of the people!
Brevard	Food	I do not understand why bars are treated differently than restaurants. With reasonable seating and capacity rules there is no difference than spacing at a grocery store or restaurant. There are many people unemployed for the sole reason that there establishment does not server food. If restaurants are opened, with reasonable accommodations, bars should be as well.
Brevard	General	Please do us all a favor and wait to open up when it is deemed safe and healthy to do so
Lee	General	I think the state of florida should stay in lockdown until there has been a multiple day decrease in the amount of cases per day. encouraging social distancing and keeping businesses closed will help the situation from getting worse than it already is. I would rather the state be locked down for longer, than the state open and then have to close again due to a spike in cases.
Broward	Recreation	Dear Sir, I am writing this as a long time resident of Broward County. I am a retired man who's only activity is my daily trips to the dog park. I have a one year old fox terrier who has more energy than the sun.Since I bought this highly active dog we have been going to the dog park seven days a week for four hours every morning. I think that at our age we are responsible enough to follow rules of safe distancing and using PPE. I beg of you to consider reopening these neighborhood parks for my dogs health and my mental stability. Just kidding on the mental stability thing. Thank you for the opportunity to add my input into this serious conversation.
Orange	Accommodation	•Immediately lift Stay At Home order and night curfew. •If you feel sick "STAY HOME" do not go to work. •Maintain social distancing as much as possible. •Anyone who chooses to go outside especially into a public gathering/forum must be wearing a "MASK!" •Allow for social gatherings such as eating at restaurants, drinking at bars, shopping at department stores or social visits, conducting COVID-19 testing and temperature readings for all visitors who visit nursing homes prior to entry. •Continue good hygiene such as: avoid touching your face; washing your hands especially after touching any frequently used item or surface; sneeze or cough into a tissue or inside of your elbow. •Disinfect frequently used items and surfaces as much as possible. •Open theme parks and Movie Theaters at 75% capacity, taking temperatures as people are walk through security stations. •Daily COVID-19 testing for all employees subject to/exposed to public social gatherings such as theme parks, restaurants bars, nursing homes. •Allow for sporting events at 75% stadium/area capacity taking temperature readings prior to entry. •Should you choose/decide to go outside your home to participate and/or enter any of the above establishments/gatherings, you do so at your own risk for exposure to COVID-19. •Post sanitary squirt stations (as in cruise ships) throughout establishments.

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Broward	Education	In the case of children in EHS it is a risk to go to school, it is recommended that infants and toddlers stay at home with their parents, most of them do not work therefore they can assume their responsibility. Therefore it is a good decision to end the school year, graduations, home visit, online. Taking into consideration the health of teachers and caregivers. It is good to wait for medical studies.
Pinellas	Government	Please be cautious in re-opening the State. The Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation at the University of Washington Is recommending that relaxing social distancing may be possible with containment strategies that include testing, contact tracing, isolation, and limiting gathering size ONLY AFTER JUNE 14th. Use good data and metrics to make these decisions and not emotion. Thank you.
Polk	Healthcare	67 yr asthma (compromised immunity) Healthcare worker. Furloughed from a very large clinic Insure my protection when called back to work. PLEASE
Pinellas	General	Regarding opening the state after covid-19 lockdown. Please monitor how Georgia's cases change after 2-4 weeks after their re-opening before deciding to open Florida. You can watch how it affects them and make decisions on that.
Lake	Healthcare	I believe this lockdown has been beneficial, but now it has to be lifted. I did the infection rate for 3 counties - Lake, Sumter and Marion respectively. The infection rate is less than 0.5%, when taking in account the total population. The economy is basically at a stand still; the public is not going out and supporting local businesses. With the infection rate this low, it is unreasonable to allow to continue on with this lockdown. People are hurting economically, unemployment is skyrocketing, and even with federal support - small business owners will inevitably will have to let go long time good employees. This does not and should not happen. Please open up the economy and end this ridiculous lockdown.
Duval	General	its time to go back to normal. no gym, no beach, no life. just tell everyone to spread out. its easy to stay apart. florida needs the money. things are calming down
Escambia	Finance	I am a hairstylist that is an independent contractor and being self employed I was denied unemployment and have not been able to appeal that decision all month because the overwhelming amount of claims that are being submitted. The online amd phone system are not open. My family is suffering and returning to work is vital. I take all necessary precautions i can to stay safe and keep others safe but I need to go back to work.
Seminole	General	Open it all up... everyone wears mask
Sarasota	Healthcare	Expand access to antibody testing to permit rapid and convenient availability to those who believe it would be of benefit.
DeSoto	Government	What good will it do to open to early and have a resurgence of the virus and everyones sick or dead.The economy will fail worse. Dont trade lives for dollars. Do what the experts say to do and dont follow politics.

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Sarasota	General	Please do not reopen businesses and recreational facilities until there is much broader testing available and the number of new cases declines for several days. And keep social distancing guidelines in effect indefinitely as we know the virus is still circulating. Also require people to wear masks when out in public. Thank you for considering the concerns of vulnerable senior citizens.
Miami-Dade	General	Do not reopen yet it's a recipe for disaster
Orange	General	I'm very optimistic about reopening Florida, I think it will be better for everyone and for the economy, we need to be flexible in this times to find the right solution, but keeping everyone in the home just will make no one gain immunity to this virus that we know will stay with us for a time, the better chance for or economy and for our lives, is, let every one that is not from the group of risky have their days back to normal, with some precautions, as the use of masks and doing our best with social distancing and sanitizing crowded places. With tourism, small businesses, and schools coming back to operate most similar to normal our economy probably will start to recover slowly. I think it's for the best and we will soon have a chance to fight tougher against this invisible enemy. I saw other countries plans to reopen doing something similar, and keeping the risky group in isolation until 70-80% of the population get immunity. With especially hours and flexible shifts for those who need and also keeping everything working as normal till the hospital's capacity gets to 50-60%, passing this capacity the state goes through a smaller stay at home till it gets lower and reopens again. But it's fundamental that the state reopen the economy as soon as possible so we will get ready for the winter season.
Manatee	General	Please require the use of masks in indoor places. People are in stores intentionally getting within 2 feet of people because they have the attitude that they are free to do whatever. They are putting others who are trying to socially distance themselves from others in harms way. They should not be able to be around others and possibly infect them. I have heard of fights breaking out in stores because an unmasked person got within 6 feet of others.
Seminole	General	I've worked in healthcare for 19 years. I specialize in infection control. I worked at advent for 17 years and now a surgical center. Reopening restaurants, ESPECIALLY those with alcohol are particularly dangerous. We all know for a fact alcohol lowers inhibitions. People's guard becomes lower. They are more likely to participate in risky behavior, same as before. in addition to that spreading the virus unwittingly. The people who have worked in this industry in my opinion most often lie on their taxes as servers claiming less. They should've had money in the bank and cash on hand. Why should the rest of us suffer because they have poor money management skills. Plenty make more than I do as educated health care personnel. The only food we truly need is from grocers. Open restaurants if you choose. Forbade alcohol sales in them. It promotes loitering, & risk taking behavior.

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Marion	General	I believe that reopening the state and country too soon could be detrimental to what the CDC and health care workers have been doing to try to slow the spread. Opening too soon could cause a spike in numbers and a regression. Everyone needs to listen to the CDC, WHO, and knowledgeable medical teams. Safety should always be put first above all else.
Lake	General	Please start to open things up soon! Continue with mandatory masks. Continue promoting good hygiene. If you are not comfortable going out due to age or comorbidities, then don't. Let the counties with the smallest cases open up first. We must get enough people out there to develop herd immunity. We can't all be forced to sit in our houses until a vaccine is developed, that's crazy and will destroy our country economically.
Osceola	Tourism	In my opinion, the theme parks could reopen BUT at reduced capacity. Instead of 100% capacity, start out with 10%. Make it for locals only. Have the theme parks judge on how this is doing. Report back to the Governor, then in a week or 2 increase it by 10% (to a total of 20% capacity). Then keep doing this increase over a week or 2 as long as there is NO negative results (positive Corona Virus results). Let the theme parks use infrared cameras to check for body heat (a sign of infection). Also give the theme parks the ability to turn away anyone that maybe infected (with NO consequences). Put the theme parks on notice, that it is up to them to keep their place safe and clean. Any increase of positive test results will result in the theme parks being shut down and the state going back on lock-down.
Broward	General	I'm giving my full support for the opening the state in full in as short time as possible! We family of 5, unemployment without any help with 3 kids at home. This is genocide of freedom and free people!!! I believe in facts and pure science which proof that all this hoax is absolutely FAKE. OPEN THE FLORIDA, OPEN THE COUNTRY WITH NO RESTRICTIONS.
Escambia	General	OPEN THE STATE UP! Let the ones that are at risk or that are afraid stay home. Open the rest of the state up please.
Orange	General	Please do not open too soon. My wifes uncle recently passed away and was only 58 years old and healthy. I think a slow open, keeping each business to be opened slowly. I think it is ridiculous that spas, salons and barber shops are opening.. They should be the LAST business that open. My works at a spa and I want her to go back to work, but for her safety and her staff, they can not stay a part in that line of business. How can you open a spa during this time, when they touch bodies all day. You cant stay 6 ft a part there. What ever decisions you make, please be safe about it. Lives lost are not worth a few more weeks of the economy being closed. Thank you for your time

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Pinellas	General	I think beaches should reopen. I work in hospility on the beach. We closed down as soon as the beaches and pools were closed down. Even though hotels are considered essential, we shut down knowing with the beaches closed no reason to stay open. Hotels, resorts etc..need to be still only operate at half full or actually less really. If the beaches do open, people will crowd in. Open them up, but only operate beach parking lots at half full or less, and hotels, resorts operate at half or less. To keep the crowds down at beaches for now. Do curfews on the beach, to close at sunset Public pools, or hotel resort pools should still remain closed. Only because with those reopened. Hotel guest just pile in the pool. Hotel resorts do not have time to babysit guest and make sure they are "social distancing" which is hard to do in a pool setting. Outside eateries. Restaurants that offer outside eating should be allowed to reopen for customers to sit down and eat. . Bars...still need remain closed for now, that is another area that be hard to control crowds for now. It is time for things to start reopening and life to start moving again. That stimulus check was a joke. I make more money a month than what I received. People still not receiving their unemployment. With no income coming in, and families its time to start getting things reopened. At the end of the day, no one will step up to the big companies and make them hold off on collecting on people behind on paying their bills. Its going take some of us forever to just get caught back up.
Duval	Transportation	I was laid off on March 23rd from being a mechanic at Z-Trip in Jacksonville. Since I've been unable to get unemployment which needs to be priority number one right now. Once people are getting paid they'll start spending money and then the jobs and economy will come back. Unfortunately this is a unprecedented disaster that will forever change American Life. But until the unemployed, which is realistically at 20% right now, get paid they will suffer tremendously. I'm unable to find a job right now because no one has money to get their car fixed. I've even attempted freelance work on my own but no body has any money. They all either has lost their job or like my brother went from working 60 hours a week to 32 or less. We Floridians need help first then let's worry about the economy.

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Pinellas	General	While I do believe that there are certain areas that definitely have a larger number of Covig cases the huge majority of the state is not dealing with the influx of positive tests. For that reason we need to get the big majority of the state on line with a re-opening in line with President Trump's phase 1. People are nearing a breaking point as I am sure that people all over the country are. But there is one exception...The state of Florida has hung the people out to dry when it comes to unemployment (worst in the country). This was a designed program by former Governor Scott and Governor DeSantis has not done a good job at all of taking care of the citizens. He has pretty much run from the issue (by the way, I am a staunch Republican and voted for him). He has really let us down and that is the compounding issue to get the economy back open. If it is not done in short order, there will be an uprising never before seen. The citizens of the state are not going to let our rights be trampled any longer. Might seem like a rant but I promise you this state is on the edge of disaster, get things open!!!
Escambia	Recreation	I do not believe thatFlorida should open up at this time. We are a high tourist area and with Memorial Day coming up I am really concerned that it will be dangerous. Our Covid number are continually increasing and until we plateau or even reduce these number I am totally against opening our state.
Orange	Education	In August open schools only if data shows no cases by area. If the area is with very low incidence open schools only by two grade levels at a time per school upper grades first. Monitor the incidence by testing those students and teacher, keep track by-weekly, then open two more grades. We do not want to open all grades at the same time all schools and have our children all infected. Teachers with underlined conditions or 60 plus years should be allowed to keep Distance Learning for their safety and students safety.

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Palm Beach	General	I am a psychiatrist and have 2 kids. In my practice, we perform TMS treatment for depression which requires patients to come in daily. I can tell you, not only did our patients continue treatments, we are seeing new patients come in despite the risk. They see the precautions we are taking and are reassured and feel the risk of their depression worsening outweighs the risk of catching covid19. They all report that the economic impact has them more concerned. As a Florida resident for my entire life, I I now we are smart people. I want nothing more than to see businesses given the option to open smartly. Patrons will come. THE POLLS ARE WRONG! The young and healthy are ready to go shopping and eat at restaurants and go to salons and the business owners are ready to set up to open with proper precautions. Let them have the choice to open. Let us have the choice to attend. As a parent, my kids need to be able to get fresh air at camp this summer. They, like all kids, have been cooped up for long enough and have missed out on enough milestones. Evidence supports they are at the least risk. They have been home with their parents who have been likely leaving the house for groceries, exposed and fine. No spikes in pediatric cases. Let them out. Keeping them in longer will cause more damage to them. Let the camps have a choice to open or not. We are capable of making smart decisions if given the chance. I predict the Georgia experiment will prove everyone wrong. Let business owners and patrons choose. We will make you proud!
Duval	Government	Its not smart to re open any state especially FL. You have checkpoint in the state but you aren't using that data from the site to make the state safer. You are allowing ppl from NY, CT, LA. We have no clue if these ppl are carrying the virus or not. But we are told act like everyone has this virus. In 1 week more than 1500+ ppl from those HOTSPOTS enter FL. The checkpoint are still open so there's more entering the state with nothing set in place to watch these outsiders. The only thing we asked them to do is self quarantine for 14 days. These ppl been on lockdown for 45 days + & you want floridans to think these people are going to listen and not be outside walking or living among us. Plus all science data tell FL not to re open until June. WE HAVE NOT HAD 14 DAYS OF DECLINE OF CASES, DEATHS or REACH OUR PEEK. STOP THIS REOPENING. It's not safe and y'all know it. If you want to economy the boost y'all to your buddy 45th again and tell him to do a better stimulus package for the people. Other countries provided their citizens with monthly payment. This admin only cares about the BIG companies. We should not be talking about the oil companies they made billions of dollars of the years and they shouldn't need many from taxpayers. The taxpayers need that money more.
Orange	General	Our community is being destroyed by this shutdown. The restrictions are government overreach in my opinion. Let vulnerable people take precautions or stay at home and let central Floridians go back to work. Folks can't get unemployment, can't make mortgage payments and rent payments. The suffering needs to stop now.
Seminole	General	I believe we should start phase 1, and re-open gyms as soon as possible.
Orange	Tourism	Please open the beaches fully!

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Citrus	General	Please open everything. Let the people decide to quarantine themselves.
Santa Rosa	Retail	Please think about slowly reopening businesses and restaurants. I am a small business owner, and I know a lot of other small business owners that are ready to open back up! Our businesses are our livelihood. We can take precautions, and of course we want to be safe and want the safety of our customers to be priority 1. We are willing to take extra steps to ensure that because we need income. We are ready to get back to work!
Hillsborough	Construction	While our industry has been deemed essential, we have certain safety items we need to acquire in order for work to continue. These items include masks, sanitizing/disinfecting wipes or sprays, gloves, hand sanitizer. These items are increasingly hard to find, not easier. As you look at opening up sectors of the economy, no doubt safety measures will be required. This will further strain the supplies available. Allowing a business to open, but then having to shutter once again when they can't acquire the needed safety items is not helpful. Particular attention needs to be paid to the suppy chain and availability of these items in these discussions.
Pasco	Healthcare	Dentists need to get the proper PPE and get all employees tested before reopening
Levy	Food	Many of us in the restaurant and bar and hotel business have been hit hard with this pandemic. Will we have a heads up as to when we will be able to open for sit down service. We need to restock and prep our entire establishment. Our rent was due and paid for last month and will need to be paid again with no money coming in. To reopen our doors will be quite costly again. Many of my employees are receiving unemployment, have children and/ or elderly parents and no intention of coming back to work for fear of contracting this Covid19. The way this unemployment us set up why would they come back to work. Half the seating capacity is a start I guess; however, I'm surely not going to need 20+ employees with 30 seats. The PPP loan is another story. We have 2 months to pay it back and we are not even open yet. Am I suppose to hire 20+ people in order to get the forgiveness? What are they suppose to do with hardly any business stand around? We are a small mom and pop veteran owned business. We are in a small town with only 12 cases and no deaths. Please open our doors before we cannot afford to and when this unemployment ends there will truly be 20+ people officially out if work with no assistance and less choices to find employment locally.
Hillsborough	Tourism	I don't believe the stay at home restrictions should be lifted yet, at least here in Hillsborough and Pinellas counties. Not without adequate screening and hope for development of a vaccine. Social distancing, for the most part, seems to be working. Opening restaurants, bars, and especially schools, despite the hardships, is an open invitation to disaster.a more detailed study and observations, followed by a sensible and slow re opening of the state, should be considered, and it should be done on a county by count basis.

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Walton	Technology	Phase in short term rentals toward mid to end of May and provide a mechanism for enforcement at local level. As a property owner who also rents, I am concerned that our small area cannot take the influx from other areas and states. We are a tourist destination and that is the lifeblood. However, we could ruin the summer if not done properly. Unlike most of Florida, summer is high season. We have lost spring break. If 22 miles of the 26 mile stretch of beach were accessible to all under customary use, we would be better prepared for the summer. The current beach nightmare needs to be addressed. The legislature broke it. They should fix it. Thanks.
Manatee	Food	I believe opening restaurants with strict guidelines would be a great place to start
Orange	General	I believe a slow opening using social distancing as soon as possible is needed. Hotels need to show cleaning that would prevent the spread of the virus. Restaurants could open with half capacity to keep people apart. I think most businesses are planning for this and need to be given the opportunity to open up, maybe only using a reservation system.
Broward	General	Should not be opening until there is testing for immunity as well as for Covid19 in all people returning to work. There needs to be a way of providing what is known as “Positive ID” in the form of either a smartphone “certificate” that can only be unlocked with the person’s fingerprint OT an implantable microchip that’s associated with a record in a national or state database registry of B people who have immunity.. also there needs to be widespread surveillance testing to identify even asymptomatic people who test positive for Covid 19 and to isolate those people. Until it’s possible to implement a digital “immune passport” and isolate Covid 19 positive people as detailed above., we should be opening ONLY businesses where it is possible to practice social distancing that keeps people safe and then should require masks that filter out VIRUSES, not just bacteria. Meanwhile Fed government should use the DPA to require businesses to manufacture these masks, and make them available to citizens to purchase at reasonable prices. The opening of tattoo parlors, massage parlors, bowling alleys should NOT be done. There is NO way to practice social distancing in those businesses. And restaurants should definitely not be allowed to open for anything other than FB delivery & pickup.
Seminole	General	I believe it is too soon to reopen Florida. As a tourist hub, reopening the state would just encourage unnecessary travel and expose many more people to the virus. We could back to zero in less time than it took for us to get here.

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Duval	Government	Please please please think of all the severely immune compromised people who depend on you to help keep us safe. I am a young person with breast cancer in the middle of chemotherapy. If my caregiver or I get COVID19 from others who are forced to work unnecessarily, I will likely die. Our lives are more important than political optics or minor inconveniences of haircuts. You can literally save my life and others with your decisions. Thank you for making the right choices.
Orange	General	Please do not be hasty.
Orange	Food	Hi, I am a bartender for a venue on International Drive in Orlando, FL. Although I have been severely impacted by the quarantine due to the nature of my work, I urge you all to consider to reopen at a later date. Being in the hospitality industry, it is our job to serve both the local community and those who travel and vacation here in the city. We are being put at a unique risk of not only becoming sick but possibly infecting others just by the nature of our jobs. We get paid below federal minimum wage because we are in tipped positions. If business is slow, we make nothing. Our hourly rate barely covers the taxes that are taken out from our tips, so most of us barely see anything above $100 on a bi-weekly paycheck. Please understand that I have no qualms about working or working hard, considering the industry norm is at least 8-10 hour shift on our feet, running around, the entire time. However, I value my health and the health of my family over the desire of others wanting something to do. There seems to be a group of individuals who think it's ok to expose others to the disease simply because they are bored, they need a haircut, a massage etc. I find it insulting that these individuals do not want to go back to work themselves, they are asking US to go back to work to service THEIR needs and that is NOT ok. Public health should be this administration's number 1 priority.

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Lake	Education	The task force needs to take in to consideration that there are people who have/will have the opportunity to work, but with the schools being closed, no camps, and child care not being easily available, people are not able to go back until there are options for child care. Also with the kids being out of school, and not going back, for this academic year, they will have missed an entire 9 weeks of school. I believe there needs to be a plan for the kids to start the new year early. The "Distance Learning" does not benefit all kids, as they all learn differently, and not to mention the fact that not everyone has access to wifi. My child's "Distance Learning" has heen nothing more then short videos, with a few basic questions, she's not engaged at all. I have reached out to the teacher for things to do to get ger ready for next year as the "Distance Learning" is not providing anything beneficial. As a parent this is my responsibility to get my child ready, however not all kids are in an environment where any learning is going to continue, there are kids that will be left behind as they learn better in the classroom, or they are in situations where learning is not a priority for whatever reason. Also the FSA testing should probably be held off for the new year as well, especially if the missed 9 weeks is not made up. Typically there is time during the year where they prep the kids for FSA, but with this missed 9 weeks of classroom time, the kids will need a full review of this past school year before learning new grade level topics, then they will need adequate time to actually learn new topics before having FSA pushed on them, especially those who will be taking the FSA for the first time. Being out of school from Mid-March-August is 5 1/2 months, that is a very long time, especially for school aged children. Please take into consideration have the missed 9 weeks made up, I understand the teacher's union won't be in favor of this, but think about the students. This has been an unprecedented situation, I understand that, but it isn't like a few missed days or weeks for a hurricane and not making the days up, this is a total of 5 1/2 months of missed time. Thank you for your attention. Jamie Oliver
Duval	Transportation	I was laid off on March 23rd from being a mechanic at Z-Trip in Jacksonville. Since I've been unable to get unemployment which needs to be priority number one right now. Once people are getting paid they'll start spending money and then the jobs and economy will come back. Unfortunately this is a unprecedented disaster that will forever change American Life. But until the unemployed, which is realistically at 20% right now, get paid they will suffer tremendously. I'm unable to find a job right now because no one has money to get their car fixed. I've even attempted freelance work on my own but no body has any money. They all either has lost their job or like my brother went from working 60 hours a week to 32 or less. We Floridians need help first then let's worry about the economy.
Orange	Retail	We need to open ASAP. The state's disastrous unemployment system has not provided any relief for my self of any of my 35 staff members put out of work by the stay at home order Let businesses open.

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Lake	General	First is gas stations , We should put clear inexpensive gloves for the pumps and the debit keypads .or bottle of common spray for the keypads . Second in construction only have 1 company at a time in the home for new construction. Also for watery places have a plastic sleeve cover for the cups that way the only thing the customer is touching is there throw away sleeves on the drinking cups in restaurants.also shield just The supermarkets have between tables then then restaurants wipe down shields between family
Pasco	Education	As a veteran teacher of over 20 years in a public high school, I can say with confidence that because of the lack of leadership and leading by example. students will not social distance under any circumstances that allows them to be around each other . In a classroom that is 17x 30, 35 students and 3 adults are crammed in. Many days there is not enough room for fire safety, let alone social distancing recommendations. Most schools in our county have no windows in the classrooms and the entire school shares the same air recycled and pushed through mold ridden air duct . The number of teachers with health issues should not surpise you under these conditions. We have 7 cancer survivors, 2 teachers with MS, 15 teachers with illnesses related to immunodeficieny . This does not include the teachers with severe breathing problems like asthma and chronic bronchitis...Our school houses and educates the special education students, many of whom are wheelchair bound and have underlying health issues related to their exceptionality. Requiring the reopening of school, even in the fall, is going to be a death sentence to our a large percentage of out staff. . In addition, quite a few teachers care for their parents, creating a highway for covid 19 to spread and decimate the population of educators in Florida. Making teachers choose between working and increasing the threat we face on a daily basis that could cost us our lives and taking care of the students we hold so dear. I have already had 2 students permanently withdraw to home school because of health issues and the fear of them dying if they go to school. Think for one moment about that. We are not policemen, though it is expected if us to shield students during a shooting. We are not therapists, tho the state forces us to teach mental health and suicide prevention to students. We are not doctors, but we are usually the first to acknowledge a student is ill, because we spend more time with them that their parents in many cases. We are teachers, which requires a selfless mindset, putting the students' safety above our own in a number of situations. Forcing us to go back to work in a building with zero fresh air, zero circulation, no windows and packed tighter than economy class on an airplane (in 2019) will cost many of us our lives and quite possibly the lives of those we care for outside the school day. Please listen to science. Please look at Italy. Please know this is not anywhere near being over. We slowed the coronavirus down, by staying at home. If we open up now, it
Seminole	General	DO NOT open businesses especially where large groups gather without widespread testing and tracking. The first businesses you should open are government offices and places the governor's family would like to frequent. If the governor deems these safe for his own family then maybe it's safe enough for mine. Support food pantries and fix the issues with unemployment claims.
Alachua	Healthcare	It is cruel and heartless to continue a lockdown that prevents citizens from obtaining the medical care they need. No Covid19 data supports a continued shutdown. It’s imperative to lift the onerous restrictions placed on our well being.

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Palm Beach	General	I am a psychiatrist and have 2 kids. In my practice, we perform TMS treatment for depression which requires patients to come in daily. I can tell you, not only did our patients continue treatments, we are seeing new patients come in despite the risk. They see the precautions we are taking and are reassured and feel the risk of their depression worsening outweighs the risk of catching covid19. They all report that the economic impact has them more concerned. As a Florida resident for my entire life, I I now we are smart people. I want nothing more than to see businesses given the option to open smartly. Patrons will come. THE POLLS ARE WRONG! The young and healthy are ready to go shopping and eat at restaurants and go to salons and the business owners are ready to set up to open with proper precautions. Let them have the choice to open. Let us have the choice to attend. As a parent, my kids need to be able to get fresh air at camp this summer. They, like all kids, have been cooped up for long enough and have missed out on enough milestones. Evidence supports they are at the least risk. They have been home with their parents who have been likely leaving the house for groceries, exposed and fine. No spikes in pediatric cases. Let them out. Keeping them in longer will cause more damage to them. Let the camps have a choice to open or not. We are capable of making smart decisions if given the chance. I predict the Georgia experiment will prove everyone wrong. Let business owners and patrons choose. We will make you proud!
Volusia	General	State needs to require mask be worn while in public until further notice. Also let businesses reopen at there discretion as long as employees and all customers are temperature checked at the door and social distancing is maintained to the best extent, then have local city PDs follow up on restaurants to make sure they are following guidelines set out if they want to remain open, any other type business would need to do temperature checks as well as social distancing and additional cleaning and disinfecting measures in order to remain open.
Charlotte	Retail	I would like to see us not open so quick. Charlotte county has had no testing sites at all and we have 199 cases as of last night that was over 40 cases in past few days. I have 3 people including myself that have at risk health issues that would be very dangerous for us to get covid-19 including my 80 year old dad that i take care of. I think at least another 30 day stay at home orders would be a very good approach go battling covid-19.. we have only been on stay at home for less then a month we got kids still out of school. For the safety of our family and kids that most since-able answer to protect our Florida families. Im not gonna lie im pretty scared to go out and Im not leaving my house to ho to a restaurant or any stores till i see huge drop in daily cases. And please test the inmates at Charlotte correction institution they are life's.. Some that don't even belong in there . TEST CHARLOTTE COUNTY please before you open. Im so concerned.. 😩😂. Please fix unemployment system. Family's are hurting .. can expect people to rush back to work with home schooling still going on the rest of May. June 1st earliest day should remove stay at home orders. Keep Florida safe..

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Martin	General	The state SHOULD NOT open until there are no new cases, and everybody can be tested whether they have symptoms or not, and a tracking system is in place. We now have over 30.000 positive cases. Florida was to slow to close the state, don't be in a rush to open the state. If the state is opened to soon you will see a spike in cases. If the state opens everybody out in public should be mandated to wear a mask.
Pinellas	General	I think it's time to reopen Florida's non-essential businesses, but still keep high risk populations safe. For instance, keep restrictions on assisted-living, or skilled-nursing facilities, but let's reopen restaurants, retail shops and the like. The sooner business activity can resume, businesses can (hopefully) start to hire displaced workers from the virtus. Business owners should be able to choose to enforce social distancing guidelines, or not, or unless public health officials declare otherwise. Thank you Governor, and all the policy makers for your leadership.
Brevard	General	Please do not reopen Florida until there has been two weeks without any cases. If there is an area that you are thinking of re opening then I think there should be a certain percentage at least of the people who have been tested negative. I heard that some tests are being counted twice so I don't think that a determination should be made on the number of negative cases alone. Think about maybe testing 75% of a city/county and if there are negative then I think it would be more reasonable to open. There's so many people with symptoms that have not been hospitalized or tested but are out there that can increase infections. I would not be proud of Florida if we enabled a second wave. (
Escambia	General	It's WAY to soon to open the state. Cases in escambia county (which is never addressed) is doubling. I feel like that if the state opens, people like myself (immuno compromised) can and will get the virus. If u do open the state are you going to MANDATE face masks to be worn by EVERYone?
Brevard	General	allow non-essential small business units that have very little interaction between employees / public to reopen with guidance. examples might be machine shops, sign makers, ...
Okaloosa	General	Our economy will be in ruins if you do not open our state asap. The impact on smammbusinesses and working families is tragic. It needs to reopen with precautions, asap

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Sarasota	General	I feel re opening of any area should be done very incrementally. Open a small sector, monitor numbers for 2 weeks then go from there. Part of the problem is some people will adhere to the guidelines of social distancing, mask wearing, coughing or sneezing so as not to spread potential germs/virus, but as we have seen, many will also not comply with these things at all and do not take the risk seriously as they selfishly don't see a risk to themselves. Not thinking about the risk they bring to others who are older or more at risk. All some folks have to do is here there is a possibility of re opening and they are already out and about and it's not even official yet. I'm also very concerned about the lack of PPE for the Home Care Industry in the state of Florida. We all know this is very difficult to come by, PPE and sanitizing supplies. I work for a Private Duty Home Health Care Agency (administrative not out in the field). We have struggled exponentially to acquire PPE and sanitizing supplies to our employees out on the front line caring for vulnerable elderly residents in their homes, some in facilities. We have spend countless hours searching online for places to by the very basic of supplies to protect our staff and keep our clients safe. I'm worried with relaxed restrictions the potential for fast virus spread amongst our clients and our Caregivers. Numbers are difficult to come by but there are likely a few thousand Home Health Care agencies in the state of Florida and potentially several hundred thousand people receiving private duty personal home health care from licensed agency home care workers. These numbers alone and the potential ripple of spread following relaxing current restrictions. Thank you for your consideration. Let's let Florida do things smartly for a change!
Osceola	Tourism	Please take the public health into consideration and not open up to soon. Just because things are looking good here in Florida doesn't mean that we should open. Once you open you will be opening the door to everyone coming from everywhere and they could bring more infection into the state thus driving numbers back up. Do not let a small group of protesters dictate policy for everyone. Our lives matter and the fact that these people are selfish and entitled was the cause of this infection spreading so fast.
Polk	Recreation	right now, State Parks for camping, should only be open to residence of Florida State. All year should be limited for out of state to only 1 week in and out for 3 weeks and how many can be at each park. plus no reservation made prior to 90 days out. this control would control out of state virus. also would open up the keys to local Florida residency, Out of state are reserving parks over a year ahead, and then cancel at last minute or sell parking spot to others. Locals can not enjoy the Keys and we are tax payers here all year.

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Pinellas	General	Please do not allow politics to run the decision of opening up the state. Fewer than 2% of the population have been tested!!!! How can we possibly know when or where the curve is with so little testing?! Please keep travelers coming from o of state shut down and beaches and vacation rentals closed for at least another 2 weeks while you roll out a plan to get everyone tested! Otherwise, all of our shutdown lock in efforts will have gone in vein. Show that you give values in others lives, first. Follow suit of so many other states, who are extending lock down. We are at a high risk here because everyone wants to take a vacation. Please don't open things up and create a new epicenter here in FL!
Orange	General	Reopening establishments should coincide with increased testing, including people without symptoms, having plentiful PPE for medical staff and first responders, and scientific knowledge. If we invite a second wave while we're already reeling from the first it will be worse. Reopening things should be as widespread as possible. If Orange County reopens retail and dining while surrounding counties do not, it's a guaranteed mad rush of people in orange and social distancing goes out the window. Study known cases of asymptomatic spread and understand them first. Boston homeless shelter documented nearly half their population that was asymptomatic at the time of testing. The church choir in LA that had massive spread, and a report out of China documenting a single contagious person infecting 9 people at 3 tables while dining out. Understand asymptomatic spread and put requirements in place when reopening things. Require masks for places like retail, etc where 6' distancing isn't likely to fail.
Hillsborough	General	In regards to "re-opening" Florida, I believe it should be guided by the science - and the ability of our state to adequately test and contact trace - which is abysmal at present. We should NOT re-open until the state's unemployment benefit system has been repaired and ALL of the presently unemployed have been given their rightful chance to the assistance they are owed. WE SHOULD NOT RE-OPEN until all our workers have adequate PPE, and our hospitals are guaranteed reimbursement for all of the work they are already doing. We should not re-open until there is a plan to mitigate infections in long-term care facilities and jails. Without these plans re-opening will results in additional Floridian deaths, and our Governor and his administration will be solely responsible for that human tragedy.

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Manatee	General	You must implement wide testing measures before considering even a soft re-open. Without testing the wide population - not just those exhibiting symptoms - especially if the age group 20-30 are the "silent carriers" of the disease - would be catastrophic. There would be multiple outbreaks and then the state would have to shut down all over again. Request tests from the WHO on behalf of the well-being of your constituents. Our country may not have enough tests produced, but we can request RELIABLE, READY-MADE tests from the WHO, or even ask for help accelerating testing methods from South Korea. Not doing so would be prideful, and pride goes before the fall. I get the push to reopen. Nearly all of my friends are in the service industry and they're all out of work doing what they can to get by. But they do not want to go back to work if it means potential for infection just because people are bored sitting at home. If you are pushing to reopen, there must ABSOLUTELY be state measures in place to mandate business like hotels, restaurants, theme parks, local attractions, theaters, etc. Provide their staff with protective equipment. While many business still open have done just that, there are many more who have not provided PPE to their workers. Assuming that corporations will do so is naive and childish. A state order assures people's safety and well-being. Until there is a reliable vaccine - and when schools reopen, there should be a mandate that all students have received this vaccine once it's available - social distancing practices are the only reliable method of minimizing infection until widespread testing is possible. Testing will show the trend of infection in the population, and where resources like PPE, food, etc. should be concentrated. Widespread testing - and also antibody testing - will show you when Florida can safely reopen will minimal consequences and in what manner.
Lee	Government	Governor DeSantis Committee Please reopen. We feel we can continue to protect ourselves.
Santa Rosa	Education	I understand opening the state and if that’s what happens that I will accept that but then open the schools back up for the children. If your opening beach’s and restaurants then why are we keeping kids from the best part of school? End of the school year is the time of year all kids have worked hard for. Seniors have waited years for this moment to graduate and have prom. Elementary kids won’t be able to say thank you to their teachers or goodbye to their new friends. I am a parent of 3 kids and I feel if we are opening the state we as parents should choose if our kids are doing distance learning or if they can go back to the classroom. If parents choose letting them go back to school have the parents do drop off only. I am also a Healthcare worker so I am doing homeschooling and trying to work full time. Just open the schools up for the last month and extend the school year into June to make up for lost time.

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Volusia	General	I think county by county is the best approach to the situation. While South Florida is still going through a much larger situation, Central Florida is doing a lot better. We believe we already had the virus back in mid January but testing was unavailable. We had the same symptoms as the virus for roughly a month. With no way to do antibody testing we can't know for sure so I wish we could do that. I think we would have a better idea of how many people have been previously infected that is not being figured into the whole number. With many other states it seems that the majority of people have been previously infected and that is giving us a completely false sense of what the real percentages are. Los Angeles County for example is saying 0.1 to 0.4 % which would be like flu percentages.
Palm Beach	Government	I am 64 years old and have Adult Onset Asthma. Opening up the government without requiring everyone to wear masks when out in public will spread the Coronavirus at a rate that the hospitals will not be able to handle. I understand the need to open up businesses but please be smart about how you do it. If you don't require people to wear masks than most will not if it is only a suggestion. Most people don't realize how dangerous this virus is to people who have immune problems and the elderly. PLEASE REQUIRE MASKS!!!!!!
Walton	Tourism	I implore you to extend ban on short term vacation rentals to at least May 15. This is from an owner of a second home. I will be losing money but our health is more important at the moment. Hopefully we will be back to normal by June 1. Thank you, Cathy Butler
Orange	Tourism	Theme parks should be front of mind in the opening plan for Orange County, they are the blood line of this area. They should re-open during phase 2 in a responsible manner.
Sarasota	General	Re open the state. With the flattening of the curve, and recent studios that show 10-85 times have already been exposed. It's time to reopen everything and practice social distancing too But the recent opening of the beaches here are a joke. They are open on 4-27, but parking is closed, so in reality , you can't go. Plus no beach sitting,, but it's ok to walk the narrow path people walk on the beach crammed together. The recent studies show the mortality rate is close to the flu, time to reopen everything and get back to living . Life has risks, but the government can't shut everything down and keep printing money to stay home, it's insane and now reality shows the shutdown was not really needed. So many lives ruined for this for no real gain
Collier	General	We need to open up our state and only quarantine THE PEOPLE AT RISK!!! I am going to have to file for bankrupcy. I am in serious financial hell. We need to open the beached. Quarantine the people who are at risk, to shut down our entire state is going to have more problems than the virus.

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Orange	Education	I would open retail, restaurants, and movie theaters first. There must be strict limits on the number of patrons allowed, i.e., one-third of movie seats and minimum of 6 feet between each restaurant sitting area). Moreover, the bar area in a restaurant should not have any seating. Patrons could have alcohol at their table. Retail must have spacing designations at checkouts. Unlike Georgia, salons, barbershops, gyms, etc. should not be opened first. Patrons and service people are just too close. Finally, I would wait a minimum of 14 days before moving to the next stage unless adequate testing and contact tracing ability have been adequately established. Otherwise, I know my wife and I will NOT be venturing out for anything more than necessities.
Polk	General	My comment is related to keeping people at a safe distance while waiting for a service (i.e., haircut, dry cleaning, cell phone repair, restaurant, etc.). Consider the method Walmart uses with grocery pickup. The app allows one to check-in and GPS alerts the Walmart employee once you've arrived. Similar virtual queues could be implemented for other industries where there is a waiting room concept. Patrons could alert the location they are on their way; alert again once they've arrived; wait in their car until the retailer contacts them via text/telephone call that they can come into the building. This way people are not exposing themselves to others, but waiting safely in their cars. This would also allow the retailer to take the necessary time to sanitize the areas before patrons arrive. It would give the retailer control over the situation. Thank you to the task force for all of the hard work they have been doing!
Pinellas	General	We appreciate the Governor's leadership during this crisis, but strongly feel that a crisis of equal proportion is looming if we do not get the state's economy back to normal, albeit safer, operations. Our state is funded primarily on sales taxes and with businesses and tourism shut down, we stand a greater chance of an economy crash in our state than in others which are funded by a state income tax. As of this morning, Florida has experienced a 3% death rate and a 16% hospitalization rate. Sad as these cases may be, they do not justify a prolonged shut down. The state needs to transition from quarantining the healthy to quarantining only the sick and vulnerable and let the rest of us get this economy back up and running. We understand there will be spikes and that cases will continue to occur, similar to other diseases like the flu, but if the healthy are not permitted to get back into society and strengthen their immunities, this thing will never become manageable. We strongly encourage you to END THE SHUTDOWN by 4/30/2020 and trust the citizens to act responsibly. We've been bombarded with the messaging, which should continue, and should be given the chance to resume our lives.
Brevard	General	Mainstream media has created unwarranted hysteria. Open the economy back up immediately. Natural herd immunity is the only immunity. The people will not accept mandated vaccines of any kind. Give us liberty or give us death. We will not accept the New World Order without a fight. Stop participating in the brainwashing!

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Volusia	General	FL needs to open up , I am a health care work and have small children . If we keep everything closed we are doing more damage than good . People need to get back to work , we can't shut down everytime something new shows up . People with auto immune issues and the elderly should be given the option to stay home with a doctor's order and it would be great to get them some kind of financial help in during that time , it's easier to help a small group of individuals financial that than more than half of FL . Our economy is important to everyone , if we stay closed more people will be on snap and cash assistance ,than we can handle.
Orange	Manufacturing	I am a small business owner that had been deemed Non Essential and am facing a month to month decision of staying in business or closing the business due to lack of funds for operation. However, I want to live free if Coronavirus and believe with all my heart that's keeping the state CLOSED until the virus cases are going down per the President is the right thing to do. Florida has just passed the 30 thousand mark and our increase of infections is maintained around 1,000 +/- EVERY DAY. This is not a good situation for Florida. Secondly, I know that we are a tourist related economy and to open the state and allow travelers from other state or from other countries WILL MAKE IT WORSE. I understand that the theme parks want to open the state so they can increase their income status, but are they ready to accept the fact they could become the major contributors to the infection rate in Florida? I am sacrificing my income, but not my health. PLEASE KEEP FLORIDA CLOSED UNTIL THECRATE OF DAILY INFECTION DROPS CONSISTENTLY FOR 14 DAYS.
Indian River	Construction	Reopen the entire state!!! I work in hvac and a lot of businesses and customers I have are waiting to do work to there Ac units once the state economy reopens. Reopen the state so we can go back to work.
Orange	General	At a minimum, please follow federal guidelines for reopening businesses around the state.
Orange	Food	Where is representation for small, independent businesses, like restaurants, on this task force? We are tired of getting overlooked and politicians being clueless about the impacts of their decisions. It must stop immediately. Who is respires entomb is???
Pinellas	Recreation	Hello my name is James Edward Smith I'm 60 I live in downtown Clearwater have a girlfriend that lives with me it's 51 between me and the senses that our apartment complex which the age range is anywhere from average of 32 to 60 I feel my girlfriend feels you're moving too soon and so does the 15 other tenants here at a Jefferson Apartments however that being said and I realize myself that you can't stay stagnant the whole time so if it must be open May 1st or May 15th or May 30th whenever then I would say just let the people go back to work and do a very very strict social Recreation opening the beaches for exercise and some parks that's my suggestion anyways we'll see what happens I just think they're so it's still too rampant this very transient State and opening it up too soon we all know the results of that

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Orange	General	You should not " open Florida " while we are in a pandemic. You should not open until there is a good plan in place, until our hospitals won't be overwhelmed, until all health workers and people would have personal protective equipment to wear. Don't open too soon or we will have our numbers rise.
Charlotte	General	Yes to reopening when the stay at home order expires 4-30-20
Pinellas	Recreation	You tell us is it safe? Carry out. Deliver? Beaches? Hair cuts?
Brevard	Technology	Please do this the CORRECT way and not just the way a minority of vocal business people want it done. I'm also a business owner and this has affected me greatly, however, I see the need to proceed slowly and carefully. We are not yet out of the woods. We have no idea how to prevent, treat, or manage this virus. Do not send foolish and/or misinformed people back to places where rapid spread of infection is likely to occur. I want things to return to"normal", but not at the expense of a second wave of sickness. Go slow. Listen to the science and medical professionals. Proceed with caution.
Hillsborough	Healthcare	In regards to elective surgeries. Similar to examples such as Whole Foods. Schedule outpatient procedures based on the elderly and Pre-existing conditions. One of the issues hospitals will face is patients being fearful to have their procedure done. Hospitals should schedule cases based on age and preexisting condition. Ex: From 7:00am-2:00pm they will conduct cases only for elederly and pre-existing. Rest of population after 2pm.
Hillsborough	Healthcare	Florida is unfortunately still experiencing spikes in cases daily, especially in largely populated counties like Hillsborough. There are literally millions living and traveling through the I4 corridor daily from Pinellas all the way through Osceola. If allowed to open, there will be substantial increases in cases. The second wave of infectious diseases has been historically worse than the first. It is too soon to open fully yet. Please wait until new cases numbers have plateaued and antibody and diagnostic tests become more widely available. Thank you for considering my opinion.
Broward	Government	Re-Open immediately. It looks like the fatality rate in Florida is 0.114%. Therefore a recovery rate of 99%+ What are you waiting for? If someone gets the Wuhan bug they see their Dr. who'll probably cure them. If not the hospital will probably take care of them and if not then they are part of the .114% and that's too bad. Let's make it happen. The sooner the better for self reliant freedom loving American citizens.
Franklin	General	Please open up businesses & tourism (vacation rentals). Only recommend the elderly and people with compromised immune health to stay-at home to safe guard themselves.

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Okaloosa	General	I am tired of seeing people who are still receiving a paycheck making decisions for people who are not! My heart goes out to those who are struggling right now. Stop restricting healthy people and let those who want to go back to work go. People who are sick should be the ones in quarantine...not healthy people. Those who are more at risk should be self isolating. This is out of control!
Volusia	Professional Services	Should open up businesses on May 1.
Hillsborough	Recreation	Outdoor recreation areas should be reopened immediately. This should include all beaches and especially state parks. There is no better opportunity for distancing than those in these wide open areas. Closing campgrounds was an especially bad decision. Campers in self-contained units do not require any services beyond perhaps power and water. The campgrounds should be reopened to these types of self-contained units immediately.
Marion	Agriculture	May 1st is too early to open up restaurants and non essential businesses. Need more testing and time for positive cases to decline further.
Okaloosa	Healthcare	Why aren't mask & gloves available to buy in stores? Additionally with corona virus numbers going up daily why are beaches being reopened... for the love of tourist $$$????
Duval	General	I think Governor Ron DeSantis is doing a great job of handling the Coronavirus crisis in the state of Florida. Regarding the process of reopening Florida, our state needs to allow businesses to reopen immediately. Gyms, hair salons, retail stores, and restaurants can all open safely now and should for the purpose of revitalizing our economy. It is not healthy for residents to remain in their homes for an extended period of time without any hope of a return to our former livelihoods. The physical and mental health of Florida's citizens depends on the quick response of the reopening Florida task force. The shutdown has continued for too long already.
Citrus	Tourism	This virus is impossible to contain unless we all stay inside forever, therefore, the majority of the people will contract the virus, it's just a matter of when. With the increase in antibody testing (which is still limited), it also seems that many people already had it, they were just asymptomatic. This brings that dreaded death rate down immensely. Yes, the symptoms of Covid19 are worse than the flu, and it takes longer to recover, and some unfortunately do not recover, but we can't stay inside forever, so we might as well embrace it and deal with it the best we can. Sure, be smart about opening up, and doing it in phases sound good, but open up rather sooner than later.

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Duval	General	I feel that Governor DeSantis has been doing an excellent job throughout this Pandemic. I have tracked the infection/death rates on the Johns Hopkins Coronavirus site for Florida since it was made available. I believe it indicates that the curve was successfully flattened, and we are well past peak. I have several family members associated with Mayo Clinic, and they agree that their experiences support the statistics. I believe a carefully phased opening of society would be prudent in most of Florida, while concentrating efforts in south Florida and with at risk individuals. I live at the beach here in Jax Beach, and believe the majority of people can properly social distance and take proper precautions, as witnessed by the beach re-opening that recently occurred. Thank you for your Task Force efforts, and thank you Governor DeSantis for your great work.
Orange	General	There's an article in the New York Times about going on the offensive to defeat the virus and I think that's what we need to do prior to reopening. We need to do large scale testing and containment of the virus to ensure it does not spread after infection. We need to get our unemployment site up and working. We need full scale testing for antibodies. It doesn't do our economy, our state, or our residents any benefit if we open early and continue to combat this virus defensively for over a year.
Brevard	General	If we slowly allow businesses to reopen. That is using common sense and some type of social distancing, it will either prove or disprove that it works. Give all business the option and hopefully we will be able to do it successfully. Perhaps we need some form of check system to monitor this. Unidentifiable checkers doing spot checks on businesses? I just know we need to get back to work and some type of normalcy.
Pinellas	General	I do not think the state is ready to re open. I feel people have not been taking the stay at home order seriously. We need to see much more of a decline before we re open! Better to stay at home longer than to re open & have to close again later.
Hillsborough	General	Please let's not open up. We are a high risk state. People are not add heading to the laws.
Leon	Transportation	Many people cannot go back to work until it is safe to fully operate public transportation. I was spending $100 a week on rideshares until my job went remote on April 3. I am still trying to make up for that lost income. This is especially true for those who work on university campuses or otherwise have to take free university routes to get around. If businesses and schools open before transportation is widely available as it was before the virus, there needs to be an accommodation made for those who do not have cars to either be reimbursed for rideshares and taxis or be protected from being fired/laid off. Similar accommodations would need to be made for children who rely on school buses to either allow them to continue learning from home or staggering start times to allow the buses to run.
Escambia	General	Open up our state immediately! The suffering caused and lives torn apart by this has gone on long enough. We should never have closed for this. We want to work and go on with our lives!!! Enough is enough!!!!!

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Volusia	General	I wholeheartedly feel that all decisions should be data and science fact driven. What do the Florida numbers show? What is the best advice from experts in the field of dealing with this virus. While I understand many are struggling financially, it seems logical that if FL opens too soon, that the backlash from increase in sickness and death would be doubly devastating. No one is enjoying this situation, but with literally lives on the line, we must continue our current course until the data and models dictate that it is safe to relax some of the directives currently in place. Thank you for asking.
Volusia	Retail	Please open Florida we cannot go any longer like this. this is ridiculous w need to get back to our jobs
Okaloosa	General	First I want to thank everyone working so hard. My family owns a small business(Roller Skating Rink) in NWFL for over 44 years. We have been closed 6 weeks now and it is devastating us. We were completely shut down, we have no income coming in to pay our bills, which in turn means our family can't pay our personal bills. Bills are piling up. We've paid into our economy for over 40 years. We've spent over 40 years pouring into our community, sponsoring little league teams, sponsoring schools, helping keep kids off of the streets and out of trouble. We've been left up here, forgotten, while our family and business drowns. Our cases aren't bad here. We take precautions daily, virus or not to protect our customers. We need to open Florida back up and get our economy going. More people are going to die from suicide or starvation from the economic downfall then from the virus. We need to get our businesses open and families back to work! It's is our constitutional right to assemble and provide for our families. It's a dangerous slope we're on right now with our rights being taken. We need to get back to work. My nephew is special needs and can't get his NEEDED therapies right now because it's been deemed nonessential. Every single business is essential. Our business is essential to our family and to many many children in our community who come from bad homes and the time they spend every Friday, Saturday and Sunday with us is their safe place on the weekends. It is our right work and provide for our families.
Osceola	General	Opening up our state too soon would lead to disaster. Covid cases would most likely spike, which would also mean a higher death rate. It would also open the door to tourists, which will also raise the number of cases. I believe we should wait, for the sake of our health. We don't want a repeat from the year 1918 when Bird Flu took over. We should at least wait for another month or two or until the number of cases in our state starts to decline. People should still continue to practice safe social distancing. I believe it is way too soon to reopen our state and open the door to even more cases.
Palm Beach	Healthcare	Please do not open gyms or workout studios. They are disgusting to begin with and I don't think they can realistically disinfect equipment and areas in any way shape or form - from weights to group exercise classes. People touch, sweat, cough/sneeze -- and this is one of my greatest fears. Thank you.

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Franklin	Tourism	Please re-open our commerce. Restaurants, stores, boat ramps, dental offices, & especially private vacation rentals. The over-kill is ridiculous. I retired from the state of Florida & manage a single condo in my home town of Carrabelle that I rely on for income. The cleanliness of "privately" owned & operated rentals offered on platforms such as Airbnb & VRBO typically surpasses most hotels, motels, resorts & inns. This Virus is not going away if we hide, nor will the next one. It is going to run its course. If you are elderly, have a compromised immune system etc. STAY AT HOME! Damage being done to our country's & world's economy etc. is far worse than Covid-19 will ever tally. Wake up & smell the bleach!
Broward	Recreation	Thanks for letting us give input. Please allow tennis facilities to allow doubles to be played rather than only singles. The greater majority of our players play only doubles . The dimensions of a tennis court area is 60'X120', 7200 square feet. We can easily manage the social distancing requirements. Thanks
St. Johns	Healthcare	I am Senior Accountant at a local hospital. I have been working from home since mid March however my hospital wants to bring my department back ASAP. As I know the need to get back to "normal" as soon as possible however I feel that going back increases my risk of getting Covid 19. If I have the capability to work from home why force me to go back to the hospital to work.
St. Johns	Retail	My only request is to get the information as soon as possible around Reopening the state. I just need to plan. I work in a well known Retail company, and would like to be able to tell my team when they are working, if at all. Thank you, Amy Moeller
Palm Beach	General	I do not think smart to open up because people aren't taking precautions now during the shutdown. Once it opens I feel this virus could spread more and cause another shut down in a few months. Smarter to play it safe and keep things closed while numbers are still increasing. Even if the state opens now I do not plan on exposing myself to the masses in public for a while to protect myself and my children.

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Duval	General	Please, please don't open everything up too soon. I would love to be eating out again, but we can do take-out for a good long while yet. I would love to be going to the gym again, but I can still do video exercise and workout at home. I would love to be going to the library again, but it make sense that it should be only for book pickup (requested in advance via library hold system) and return, NOT using computers , NO kids activities, NO sitting around. Yes to opening pools for laps only, NOT for playing around. How to make social distancing real for people...Require masks for everyone all of the time for the forseeable future.. Go to the store, but keep away from other people. Start the general message that, DESPITE what everyone wants, this is not going to be over for a good long while. MONTHS of this lie ahead and we are going to have to ADAPT and CHANGE our lifestyle. Our day-to-day-life is just NOT going to be what is was before. WE have to change OURSELVES and THE WAY WE LIVE.
Pasco	Recreation	Open Tampa Hard Rock Casino!!!!! We are so bored! We can practice social distancing there!
Pinellas	Tourism	We have 3 rental condos in Indian Shores, and we have lost numerous reservations because the beaches and pools were shut down, and tourism was discouraged. We understand there was a need for a shutdown, especially during the outbreak. While no deaths are good, the fact is that most of the deaths are from nursing homes, very elderly, overweight, and people with underlying conditions. Recent revelations that the virus dies in sunlight and heat and spreads in close quarters should indicate to everyone that it only makes sense to let people go outside.The beach in front of our condo never has many people and the whole 35 mile stretch up and down Gulf Blvd in Pinellas County is never crowded except at the North and South ends, Clearwater Beach and St. Pete Beach. We were penalized because of the reaction to the Clearwater Beach spring break crowd. Also, the closing down of the condo's chlorinated pool, which is private, is a hardship to the residents who are living there. People are not stupid. We know how to protect ourselves and social distance. By now, people who are vulnerable should know what to do to be safe. Let's get our beaches and pools open so we can exercise and get some heat and sunlight!
Clay	Food	Everything that is left at the store is always the most expensive brands and I'm high risk. Please us shut down so I can live for my family.
Pasco	General	I am hoping to see at least curb-side pickup being opened to all retailers. There seems no difference between being able to pick up or even shop in Walmart and having limited curb-side pickup for retailers like Bells, Kohls and JC Penney. Clothing is essential too! Thanks Be blessed
Walton	Recreation	I suggest opening up our State and private campgrounds. I see no reason for them to be closed. The same social distancing guidelines could be used but campers are not going to spread the virus because everyone has their own RV and the few large gatherings that happen in a park could be controlled by the Park Rangers/owners. We need a place to get away and unwind during all this and a weekend outing is perfect for that.

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Osceola	General	I am concerned that we will open earlier than we should. I work in the tourism industry, and I am currently furloughed, so I would love to reopen the economy and go back to work. However, I am more concerned about the health and safety of my community.
Manatee	General	Please open everything as we are responsible people who can make wise decisions concerning the health and well being of our families. This shut down of our total economy is devastating for all of our residents. Keep watching out for our elderly population and make testing easier for those of us who think we may have contracted this virus already and recovered with no problem. Thank you!
Okaloosa	General	Re-Open Florida NOW! American citizens are not stupid. We know the risks. We know that there are risks everyday. We know the ways to better protect ourselves. Dying from the virus is no longer as scary as becoming homeless and starving. End this insanity.
Putnam	General	I believe that the Safe-At-Home order was an overstep of power. I believe that shutting down restaurants and small businesses was a colossal mistake for Florida's economy and has thrown countless thousands into poverty and hunger. Bankruptcies are already starting and many business will be unable to open up again. Each day of delay adds to that number. The projections and models for the impact of Covid-19 have proven unreliable and detrimental to the physical, spiritual and mental welfare of Florida citizens. A quarantine is for those who are ill and a lock up is for those who are healthy. I do not believe that the Florida governor or anyone has the right to deny a means of support to its citizens. End the lock down NOW, do not wait another day. The curve, if there ever was one, is well and truly flattened and hospitals, clinics and other medical facilities are furloughing their staff for LACK of patients. Stop the insanity immediately.
Lee	General	I encourage and support seeking a broad variety of input from both medical and business communities and balancing the interests and concerns, however, I caution that the medical and public health concerns should be paramount. If the medical advice is to maintain non-essential business closures for at least several weeks, I would support that. At a minimum, the reopening should be staggered and not as abrupt as other states (not like the way Georgia is handing it). There also should be some degree of state wide coordination, otherwise, people will simply travel from one part of the state to another to obtain the services or products that they cannot obtain in their own county. I support more available testing and antibody testing, as there a presumably a large number of people who may have been undiagnosed or asymptomatic and their status changes their workforce availability. Thank you.
Duval	General	I think we should see what happens in the states that are trying to open to early. It is too soon to open up. Although, I would like to see dental services opened on a limited basis.

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Polk	General	Wait ti later in summer!I think that for larger retail to do curbside would be a small way to start, but the biggest concern is for employers in jobs where we work with mostly high risk mental health clients, many of whom are out in not so safe areas. Our employee likely to try and open too early just to make more money when we have been working hard at home and all have family who are high risk but aren't seen as reason to not have us go to the building. Please keep things where people working with clients closely out in phase 3... More time to see how things go when slowly open.
Orange	Tourism	There have been many studies that have been published that indicate that COVID-19 has infected far more people than originally expected by as much as 85 times. This goes to indicate that COVID-19 has a much lower mortality rate than the 3% originally indicated. Furthermore, there are studies that show that the mortality rate may be less than that of influenza. Closing things down was the right thing to do when we had relatively no information about the true impacts of COVID, but now that there are real wide spread studies published showing that it wasn't as bad as we expected, it's time to re-open. We do not need to continue the social distancing or have a slow gradual opening, as suggested. Let the American people back to work. Let the American people travel. Let us make our livings again. We need to look at Sweden and their results. Respectful, Benjamin Lembree
Duval	Recreation	Reopen gyms but with safety restrictions, it is getting too hot to exercise outside. Also reopen hair salons.
Palm Beach	General	Governor DeSantis is doing a great job. Please do not reopen prematurely. There are too many people who don't think they are vulnerable and that only older or at risk people are and those people should self quarantine. Those selfish people will endanger everyone unless there are mechanisms to prevent them from acting stupidly. You can read it in their comments to the Governor's briefings. To our governor - keep doing what you have been. Great job for Florida.
Broward	Healthcare	In my humble opinion as a resident of Broward county, I think that to reopen the country before a fully tested and confirmed medicine to treat COVID-19 infected people, will be a big mistake, since the Vaccine is many months away, a confirmed medicine by the WHO, is crucial for reopening. One of the reasons England is going through the highest deaths of the COVID-19 is that they did not close the schools. I hope that our beloved Governor will be super cautious.
Santa Rosa	General	General comment about reopening: I am in support of opening county by county based upon cases vs population vs hospital capacity. Things should be smart and well planned out. Social distancing should still be taken into consideration, however with some concessions made for hairdressers, nail techs, tattoo artists, as it will be impossible for them to do their jobs within the social distancing guidelines. Maybe require those fields to where a nose/mouth face mask. Restaurants would be the second step after a two week opening for jobs listed above. That gives two weeks to see if there is a spike of active cases, but more importantly a spike in hospitalization cases.

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Orange	General	No, I do not believe we should be opening the state. Please do not fall under the pressure to do just because people are protesting! The long time recovery goal needs to be what we remain focused on!
Sarasota	Recreation	Please reopen the state parks and campgrounds so we may enjoy the outdoors. Camping is the ultimate form of social distancing.
Osceola	Healthcare	The public health needs to be taken into consideration and not open up to soon. Just because things are looking good here in Florida doesn't mean that we should open. Once you open you will be opening the door to everyone coming from everywhere and they could bring more infection into the state thus driving numbers back up. Do not let a small group of protesters dictate policy for everyone. Our lives matter and the fact that these people are selfish and entitled was the cause of this infection spreading so fast. The biggest problem is that we need help from our state with Rent, Mortgages, Unemployment. The state has failed us and they want to open up to soon so that they can fail us again.
Pinellas	General	Please open the state up!! Do not allow our older population to control it!! They do not work therefore they don't have to worry about losing jobs, they do not have small children who NEED to go back to daycare. The younger people of this state are dying. It is not healthy and we are in pain..mentally, physically, and financially. Please we are begging you!! If people feel they are at risk, then they have the CHOICE to stay home, self quarentine . But it is our right to WORK and leave our homes and let our children play at parks and at the beach and pools. Think of others besides the at risk. They are not the only people who are going to suffer
Duval	General	I think the types of establishments that are opening in Georgia are the worst as all require close contact. Open larger department stores as they are not usually crowded and you can stay separated by 6 feet. Stores like Steinmart, Belks, Nordstrom and Bealls. Restaurants are the worst because the mask has to come off to eat. People often cough while eating. After the larger stores are open for 2 weeks then the small retail stores like jewelry, sports boutique. If all goes well then restaurants and bars. You need 2 weeks between each stage to study the growth of infections. Also people need to understand that if they don't have when tested they can still get it the next day, week or month.
Orange	Technology	Reopen everything, and make it mandatory for everyone to wear mask or some sort of face covering, or else impose a $300 fine and or 30 days in jail if violate mandatory mask/face covering rule. Continue with social distancing. Everyone should wear gloves or sanitize hands. If you are sick, have a cough, sneeze or temperature stay home or face $300 fine, or 30 days in jail. Restaurants can remain open for take out only, employees must wear mask and gloves. Companies should reopen to stimulate the economy. Employees of those companies should wear mask/face covering, gloves or sanitize/wash hands often.

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Pinellas	General	We need to open up now. The psychological, economic toll this is taking on us Floridians is surpassing the physical toll this virus has taken. Please have the courage Gov. Kemp of Georgia has shown. Respectfully, Frank Krogh
Volusia	Recreation	Beach should open for sunbathing. Restaurants should open with distancing masks etc a hair salons and nail salons should open. Will keep us from driving to Ga and spend our money.
Hernando	General	There are 22 MILLION Florida residents and only 1046 deaths to Covid 19. While any loss of life due to a virus is regrettable, it is an injustice to take away the lives of the MAJORITY of people that live in Florida. We've sacrificed enough to protect the most vulnerable. STOP pussyfooting around and open Florida for business as usual. Let's get back on track Governor DeSantis. The ball is in your court. JUST DO IT.
Broward	General	Let's stay the course, what stay at home is working. We can protect our citizens when testing counts the private labs in the overall numbers of those infected. We need total transparency to feel safe. I would not go to a restaurant, movie, gym, hair salon, or even shoping for clothing, cars, furniture, and non essential stores until the curve has made a significant drop. Health providers should be calling the time frame to reopen non essentials.
Broward	Recreation	Second try at submitting my comments. OPEN UP! It is ridiculous that tax-paying citizens are denied access to EMPTY beaches and parks to take a walk for some sunshine and fresh air. Equally ridiculous is closing the parking lots - So, the end result is that unless you live on the beach or in the park you can't park so you can't go to a beach or a park? From the beginning of the pandemic it was known that the virus does not do well in sunshine, warm weather & humidity. So why cut off citizens access to it??? In the community where I live you cannot even walk on a closed golf course paved pathway. Equally disconcerting is a local 12-6 AM curfew. For adults! What exactly is the rationale for that - if there even is one? The closing of our society is CASTRATING our economy. Those career legislators living in mega-mansions don't have a clue about how the restrictions are killing the average citizen or destroying their business and jobs. Is all of this a political ruse to destroy the economy? More and more of our citizens are beginning to feel that way. YES! We do need to keep citizens safe - but give us the unadulterated facts and let us make our decisions about the safe way to handle both our lives and businesses.

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Escambia	Recreation	I'm not entirely sure where Hair Salons fall into but I feel like they should not open up yet. I work in the hair industry and I feel like if we are still social distancing, doing hair contradicts that practice completely. It's not imperative for people to do their hair right now. It's more important to be safe.
Lee	General	people need to get back to work. but we need 7 million plus test. test every person in Florida.the have and the have not. if you are not a full time Florida resident go back to the state that you reside in.then you know who has it and who dose not. quarantine the sick people and in a few weeks every one should be in good shape.hurricane season is coming.we have armed guards in the stores now what is going to happen if we get a storm.there is no toilet paper,no bleach,no rubbing alcohol, plenty of the drinking alcohol.no meat at times.milk,eggs.paper towels use a rag.what will happen when there is no gas no electricity. with all the grocery stores we have here in Florida one store only has about three day worth of food.and if a storm even show it face the stores will be empty in a matter of hours.we need to do something very soon and very fast.stop all people from coming to Florida.only trucks carrying goods.we should not be letting people from any other state come here go back to where you came from.you live in new York or new Orleans or any other state why do we have take care of them. let the state they came from take care of them.THIS IS NOT VACATION TIME.go back go back.how meany of these people from where ever have infected someone in the state.they are checking them at the border but if they have no symptoms they are suppose quarantine 14 days. a new yorker left new York because they did not want to quarantine for 14 days in new York like the official told them.n.y. person response i will just leave and go to Florida. stop the madness close the border and kick out everyone not full time resident.seams mean but a Floridan is dying just terrible.everything should have been shut down.people coming by car,truck bus, plane boat, that' s the only way this is going to stop till a vaccine is available 300 plus million for the hole country.
Nassau	General	I'm concerned about opening things too soon. This morning I went to Publix and Walmart. People are still not wearing masks and coughing without covering their mouth, or using their hand to cough into then touching products on a shelf. It doesn't make me feel safe. I would encourage the stay at home order longer to help eliminate the virus. I'm not ready to rush out anywhere once things open back up.
Duval	General	The state should continue to funnel money to small businesses and ensure that individuals that lost their jobs due to COVID 19 receive their unemployment more timely. Other than that, the state / counties should remained closed for another 30 days. I do fully understand the economic impact however we as Floridians and Americans will prevail as we always do. While there is no cure for the coronavirus, we should allow more time to avoid infecting more people. We should wait for the daily confirmed cases to drop below at least 75 before making further decisions. I am sure that my one opinion is not going to matter however I will not take part in boosting Florida's economy unless I feel safe.

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Osceola	General	Thank you for all of the work that you and your team have done so far to keep the public safe from the spread of Coronavirus. I think the earliest to re-open Florida should be June 1, 2020. Opening up sooner than that could cause more harm than good to businesses. If a business is found to have people that contracted the coronavirus in that facility, people will stay away and the facility will lose a lot of business.
Bay	General	I own a condo in PCB that we are not able to rent during the Covid but hotels & motels are able to rent. What is the difference?
Clay	General	I believe that the Safe-At-Home order was an overstep of power. I believe that shutting down restaurants and small businesses was a colossal mistake for Florida's economy and has thrown countless thousands into poverty and hunger. Bankruptcies are already starting and many business will be unable to open up again. Each day of delay adds to that number. The projections and models for the impact of Covid-19 have proven unreliable and detrimental to the physical, spiritual and mental welfare of Florida citizens. A quarantine is for those who are ill and a lock up is for those who are healthy. I do not believe that the Florida governor or anyone has the right to deny a means of support to its citizens. End the lock down NOW, do not wait another day. The curve, if there ever was one, is well and truly flattened and hospitals, clinics and other medical facilities are furloughing their staff for LACK of patients. Stop the insanity immediately.
Sarasota	General	I think it is too soon to open Everything up. We are still seeing new cases every day with no vaccine. Few more weeks to a month....at the least. I don't feel safe unless we are home

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Pinellas	General	As someone who is susceptible to complications from the COVID-19 outbreak due to underlying health conditions, I find the response to such an outbreak abhorrent and I don't expect the re-opening to be any better. 1. Closure - When it became trendy to lockdown certain citizens due to "essential" status, the government chose winners and losers. Taking a look at the local emergency order in Miami-Dade, which is referenced in the Governor's Executive Order, they amended it 5 times to further carve out "winners" who were allowed to stay open for business. The state furthered the changing of rules by adding others deemed "essential." 2. Aid - Despite the slow roll-out of federal stimulus funding and other aid compared to the swiftness of stopping the household revenues by the state, the state has been terrible in response to the need of the "losers" the government chose. The unemployment rolls grew exponentially in response to the massive closures, yet the state made excuses about the system in place. They knew that closing and curtailing the businesses deemed "non-essential" in their mind would lead to MASSIVE unemployment, yet they stood still. It took WEEKS for them to roll out a PDF of a paper application for people to mail in. It took WEEKS to replace the inept director of the DEO to respond to this emergency. Despite addressing only a small percentage of applications and a massive stockpile of emergency funds that state leaders are quick to brag about, denying many for unemployment aid and dragging on a humiliating process for the rest. Being completely unable to speak with anyone in person due to closure, on the phone due to an overwhelmed system, or via email due to a complete lack of response to submitted queries. There are people who've applied and qualify for unemployment aid, yet have not received even an inkling of communication about their status in the month since applying. With an estimated 3/4 of Americans living paycheck to paycheck and an even higher level at lower socioeconomic levels, you have failed the poorest among us. The lack of opportunity, robbing Peter to pay Paul, and the poverty instituted in your leadership failings will drive many out of homes, return to their jobs, and down the socioeconomic ladder with little hope of climbing back to where they
Lake	Professional Services	More free places for getting screened for the Coronavirus. Out of the millions of people that live in Florida hardly any has been screened. Restaurants should be opened only for take-out by walkin or ordering on-line so long as a mask is worn by everyone and distance is kept between patrons and workers.
Escambia	General	I lost my income due to covid-19 I'm a daycare teacher but due to a immune disease a had to stay home and even though I miss being outside my health is more important to me than my economic hardship and the government should not open until is totally safe for everyone I wish you would go to the business that are open and see how they are packed with people shopping like nothing is happening out there I go out to take my daughter to work she works at a fast food restaurant and I worried about that every day please think about others not just business and economy would the governor please think before you make a mistake by opening Florida back please
Broward	Healthcare	OPEN UP ELECTIVE SURGERIES AND THE DENTIST! i just got my wisdom teeth removed and I need to check up please!!

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Orange	Recreation	Please open the gyms, in phase one of Donald trumps recommendations they said that opening gyms with strict sanitation protocols was okay. As a health advocate and currently studying exercise science the gym is crucial for not only physical but mental health as well. Death rates are way lower than what everyone thought they were going to be and young healthy people are Not typically dying. Have the vulnerable stay home but allow us to continue with our lives and at least allow us to have some outlet to look forward to. I am confident that all gyms would adhere to protocols and everyone would be considerate of others. The gym is more necessary now than ever considering the mental toll this pandemic has taken on us all. Please that is all I ask, the gym is so important to me and other residents of Florida. Thanks for your time! -Hans Jeziorski
Collier	Education	Please get the schools opened up for Fall. We cannot continue distant learning due to the virus whose death rate is minimal relative to the population. We have to get back to work, and get back to living.
Lee	Food	Hello, thank you for opening this portal, I am a business owner in Fort Myers Beach. This was out of our control to close, we were unable to get the SBA loan due to the funds that ran out, our employees were unable to log on to get unemployment. We told by Wells Fargo a new funding is in the works, but seriously, how much longer until we open back up, we don't want to lose our business, we worked so hard to get it up and running. I am also a RN too and know the virus exists, We will have a virus every year, we have to go on with life, numbers of people dying is sad, but do you know we have a greater chance of getting struck by lightening or winning the lottery,than dying of the Covid 1?? I mean yes we have to be smart about it, just like if you had the flu, highly contagious. wash your hands and be smart when in contactwith others. this shuldnt be this difficult.Bottom line we need back to work, the ones that don't agree has a right to stay home, pretty simple if your still worried or concerned. But again Hard working Americans need to work before they lose everything they eared!! I think the ones that don't agree to open right now, well work from home, received unemployment, or a businesses received their SBA loan, or lives off the state and it doesn't matter to these folks, because they are getting income. my business is losing about $8000.00 a day and I still have bills that come in and have to be paid with no income coming in to save our business. LETS OPEN UP!! Please our business will have to close up for good if we don't open soon without any income coming in. I also how when we open we are ready and know that people are going to have concerns, We are ready, and put actions into place for a more clean and safe environment due to the covid 19. The people that don't want to come out they have a choice to stay home, again pretty simple, stay home if your not ready. please help with this matter.
Orange	General	Hand sanitizing/hand-washing after handling of cash. Because of the microorganisms that live on money, transmission very easy and leading to cross contamination of others' goods

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Orange	General	Please take into consideration that without proper testing or without having a vaccine, we're all at risk of being exposed to this deadly disease. What they're doing in the state of Georgia is reckless and terrifying. Opening up businesses like salons and massage studios where it's impossible to practice social distancing is inviting an increase in the spread of the virus. Please keep in mind that when businesses open up, even if you tell people to practice social distancing and take precautions, not everyone will follow this guidance, thus putting us all at risk. Personally, I have a compromised immune system, so I haven't left my house (except for yard work) for 5 weeks. I don't feel it's safe to leave my house. I read stories from my neighbors on Nextdoor where they've gone to grocery stores and patrons are not following the arrows guiding them on the direction they should be walking down the aisle - and not everyone is wearing masks and the store isn't enforcing limited amounts of people in at one time. Also, for every person who posts a concern about this lack of consideration, there is another person saying they should just "suck it up." One person literally said, "I went down the wrong aisle, so shoot me." This is not the type of attitude that will keep us safe if we reopen. Reopening too soon will negate all the sacrifices we've made over these past several weeks to get us to where we are today. I fear that if we open too soon, we will see a new spike in cases (similar to what occurred during the Spanish flu) and we'll have to shut everything down again and stay closed even longer. We have only tested 1% of the population. It is irresponsible to open without extensive testing or a vaccine. Thank you for taking my thoughts and fears into consideration when making such a monumental decision.
Orange	Government	We are not ready. Please fix unemoloyment
Escambia	General	U.S. population: 332,000,000 U.S. C-19 cases: 906,551 U.S. C-19 deaths: 51,956 Flu 2018-2019: 35.5 million Hospitalizations: 490,600 Deaths: 34,200 Source: CDC Comment: There is no logic in ruining the economy over this! Quarantine the ill, let everyone else work!!
Brevard	General	My situation: Retired Swimming Pool Retail Store owner. 67 y/o, Stage 4 Metastatic Renal Cancer patient for 8 years now who is on immunotherapy treatment and diabetic (from my cancer drugs). I see no problem with opening up the Brevard County market entirely. People like myself that are high risk can assume the responsibility of protecting themselves. Our economy is dependent upon business and people working. You can not take away income from younger working people while at the same time the government can not afford to continuously support these people. I am willing to take the risk and responsibility so that this country can thrive again.

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Palm Beach	Government	Please start opening us back up again! May 1 would be a day to start by opening parks and nature preserves. 7 days later open beaches and golf courses. 7 days later start opening restaurants and bars with limited hours and less capacity for more distancing. Once that takes place and numbers do not rise, I feel like everything should be opened up by the end of May.
Volusia	Professional Services	Open our state now. Everything. Not just state parks and beaches. Thousands of people a day are going bankrupt. Stop this insanity. We will remember this on election day
Sarasota	General	Please do not reopen Florida. The coronavirus has not yet dissipated. I am also in favor of health certification for travelers coming into Florida to continue after the passage of the coronavirus. The United States needs to reinstate Ellis Island policies of immigration and traveling for safety and health of our United States citizens. Thank you
St. Johns	Food	Thanks to the DBPR's food safety programs restaurants are uniquely prepared to take all necessary precautions, albeit most of our practices are to prevent food born illness and cross contamination we do work hard to maintain safety from human transmission of hepatitis, influenza, etc. Also please warn that gloves can pose more threat of cross contamination than just using good hand washing practices.
Volusia	General	Dramatically increased testing (both for disease and for antibodies) and significant increased contact tracking capability should be demonstrated and results analyzed before reopening anything. Health care experts repeatedly list these as criteria for lifting restrictions, but I see no evidence that this is happening.
Lake	General	We need to follow the advise of public health experts and scientists. Also more testing. Please be cautious.
Baker	Recreation	Can you please reopen gyms!! People use them for therapy, like myself! I have PTSD, and several other physical injuries I use the gym for physical and mental therapy!! It's been over a month and everyone is talking about how "the curve is flattening"! Well start showing the citizens appreciation and allowing the some kind of freedom back!
Hillsborough	General	We need to reopen Florida and we believe we can do so with precautions or there will be nothing to open up to. There is no reason I can go and hang out in Walmart, Lowe's and Home Depot but small businesses that sell similar goods can't open. Seems to me the businesses with the most reveue are the only ones allowed to remain open. Open Florida now!!
Volusia	General	Do not open the state. Close the border with Georga I do not trust DeSantis because he does nothing to refute the lies of his president like inject lysol. I am afraid of DeSantis's judgement and perhaps a cover up. I willl not listen to politicians ONLY the medical people The leadership is dangerous Stay in place it is working and unless there is a way to guarantee that the people that are out and about are free of the virus and not a carrier we should stay in place and away from each other
Okaloosa	General	Please open business in Florida , we need our jobs. This is getting ridiculous enough is enough. I need a job to pay my bills, and to put food on the table. Please let me know what it is going to take to open all businesses

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Walton	Tourism	Please keep your short term rental ban in effect for at least another month. This is set to expire on April 30th and I believe we will see an enormous influx of people to the state. I know tourism is our biggest industry but we don't need to see the virus spread from out of state vacationers. Schools are closed all over the United States and people are working from home so many people will be looking for a place to escape from the virus. Please keep Florida safe.
Nassau	General	I believe we should open up a few things at a time and see how that goes and then on and then on . Just take it slow but get everyone back to work and start building America back up .
Brevard	General	The Government Reopening is a good idea it needs to happen so people can work and opportunities can come open.. We Trust In GOD and don't near to fear anything, he leads us and guides us. GOD Bless These United States Of America
Duval	Retail	please open the bookstores (secondhand or new) but allow for social distancing and also disinfecting the items. This will allow the people to tolerate staying at home more.
Collier	Recreation	I think people need to get out on beaches, parks, trails etc.as long as they keeo social distance. I also need a haircut! My biggest concern is the economy. Job losses, the market, and stores and restaurants that won't come back. We can't bring people back that die from the virus but we can save people's livelihoods. Thank you for listening.
Pinellas	General	Fix unemployment.
Citrus	Professional Services	Hair salons must be in phase 2. We also will need strict guidelines as far as only allowing so many people in the salon at a time.
Miami-Dade	Education	I'm a cancer epidemiologist that works for the State of Florida and while I'm may not be currently exposed to the virus directly. I am seeing it through the eyes of my colleagues and family on the frontline. It is horrific to hear about what's going on in the hospitals, and while I know everyone wants to get out of their house and go out, I don't believe we are ready to do so. There are still risks and I think people should understand the extensive research that is being done. If the state reopens, the state will see more COVID-19 cases and the curve will spike. Hospitals are overwhelmed and it's certainly not fair to drain our healthcare workers even more. So, if you could kindly rethink about not opening the state at the moment. If it was your innocent family member being exposed every day in the hospital, would you promote more illness?
Alachua	General	I believe in opening Florida up for the first month we should maintain 50% occupancy to ensure the safety of the workers as well as consumers. Please be smart in the reopening of Florida it could save many lives!

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Sumter	Healthcare	Governor DeSantis and other parties — please do not open up the state. Given our high elderly population, a second wave would be more deadly than the first. Our testing facilities and hospitals already struggle in the hardest hit places. My mother and grandparents live in The Villages and I fear for their safety. It feels like a ticking time bomb waiting to happen. Opening the state before the majority of cases are recovered would only lead to mutation. This would make it even harder for our health professionals to care for the sick if current treatments stop being effective because covid-19 has mutated. Also — pay out unemployment. Florida is statistically the worst state to pay out unemployment right now. People are struggling!! One more thing — essential workers don't want your thanks. They want hazard pay and higher wages. If they have to risk their lives to ensure the rest of us get the things we need, then they deserve hazard pay AT LEAST! Best, Elizabeth Salcito, BA/BS
Lee	General	I think if we do start reopening certain businesses and things like beaches and parks that we need to keep in mind that slow and steady wins the race. Figuring out innovative ways to keep following social distancing is key! Perhaps only allowing so many people inside a business at one time not only for restaurants but for retail stores as well.
Pinellas	Recreation	I believe it's important to open all parks, not just beaches at the same time and this should be done after businesses have been open. Everyone at this time has the ability to exercise In their neighborhoods and it's more important to open businesses and get real paychecks into people's hands.
Santa Rosa	General	Please take it slow...never talk about Northwest Florida where numbers are climbing... and alot of the 1st 2000 test never came back and comments say they were lost or wrong swabs were used. Im not sure but scared of the numbers climbing. Please do not reopen bars gyms salons nails are all the places there is no way to not to stay away from each other...me being older & underlying conditions already half to contend with my husband DEEMED ESSENTIAL TO SELL CARS LOL..and bring the virus home to me or even himself...he has diabetes and had throat cancer so its very scary for our family as well as others
Collier	General	As a business owner who is currently watching my business die a slow death we need to open the state back up NOW! We are still allowed to go out to Publix, Walmart, Sam's Club etc on a regular basis and it's now time to open up the remainder of the state's businesses. Place restrictions and put precautions on us that's fine but allow us to get back to business, making money for our families and getting the economy going again!
Hillsborough	General	Open it up, I love watching people die. I love chaos.

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Bay	Government	Why are we all being forced to stay home and limited to what a small group consider to be "essential" for everyone else? The scientific evidence shows that sunlight and fresh air are the most effective treatment in killing the virus. Healthy people should not be forced to stay home in Quarantine nor limited in any capacity. Our hospitals are wide open, completely empty. Most of us are asymptomatic with no issues. We should be allowed to go sit on the beach at 2pm and get that great burst of natural healing solar light. The government has gone too far. Mayors, council members, most of us in our community don't even know who these people are. Yet they make decisions on our behalf they limit our daily lives and they're taking away our civil rights and liberties out of fear and panic. You got Chinese drones flying around now doing mass surveillance to "monitor social distancing". It's a massive abuse of power and goes against our privacy laws. The data shows that the coronavirus is far less deadly than we were all led to believe. For the ones that are scared or worried about their health, they have every right to stay home! They can still work from home and order delivery services. My rights and liberties do not end where your fear and panic begin. Open the damn beaches! Stop taking people's rights away. This is not China. You don't get to impose a mandatory quarantine on healthy people. We willfully obliged to help "flatten the curve" and that's it! Not to sit and wait for a Bill Gates vaccine.
Polk	Professional Services	I want to share my opinion as a small business owner in Orange County. I believe we should resume our work once there is major control of this desease, there is enough ppe for myself and my clients, and business owners are in economic ease to continue business. As of now I don't even feel safe to go to the grocery store I can't even imagine working on my clients. My services require me to be in a very close distance to my client's face so in my line of work I cannot have a safe distance between me and my client. As of now I can't find soap, hand sanitizer, proper face masks, gloves, disinfectant detergents that my line of work requires, or protectant gowns. As a business owner I have many experiences which non of them I can cover since I don't qualify for small business benefits and even if I did the systems are not working properly. I haven't been able to even file for unemployment so I'm in economic disadvantage to get back in business. This is not our fault we didn't provoke this. Getting us back to work right now will put us in a very fine line to close down.
Palm Beach	Recreation	Open beaches and parks for exercise ONLY (walking, swimming, surfing, etc) NO sitting, lounging, fishing, or gathering!!! People need exercise!!!

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Broward	Healthcare	I don't think it's a good idea. Until today I've been seeing dirty gloves on the ground all over. CVS parking lot, Publix parking lots, on the roads. People just don't care. I live in a big apartment complex and someone threw their dirty glove in the bushes by my door. The only good thing would be for people who need to go to the doctor for cancer treatments or diabetes or heart disease. I need to go to my doctors in the Cleveland clinic in Weston for CT scans that my life depends on and I keep rescheduling them because I'm frightened. I had two cancers radiation and chemo and I have high blood pressure anxiety, Atrial Fibrillation so I need my doctors but I'm too scared to go see them because I might catch the virus. Because so many people are ignorant, how can they be so thoughtfulness throwing gloves on the ground all over the place. I also see so many young and old not wearing mask in Publix. How can I see my Doctors without catching this virus?
Lake	General	As a state our cases are increasing daily, if we were to reopen the state the number of cases would grow exponentially. We have managed the virus for now because most of the people of Florida are staying home, not interacting with each other.
Okaloosa	Tourism	Opening up beginning of May will not cause a mass influx of people but rather allow us to assure people we will be ready for late June and July so we can stop losing the remaining rentals we have. Guest are not going to flock here the way they think please help us open back up
Broward	General	Close contact people need proper PPE. Hair stylists, nail salons, opthamologists, dentists, oral surgeons etc. We need enough for everyone. The health care profession does not have enough supplies! Also educate how to properly use personal protective equipment to keep the population safe!
Manatee	Government	The State of Florida should not reopen until proper PPE equipment is available to Floridians, along with testing. Workplaces should be required to take temperatures for employees, public areas should have to follow the 6-foot distancing. We retired here 3 years ago paid for our home and pay for taxes. We want to feel safe in our community Bradenton is a retirement elderly community
Palm Beach	General	My family lives in Boca Raton Florida and have been quarantining for six weeks. There is an enormous amount of non residents that have " quarantined in our city and continue to overpopulate the streets while they vacation. I believe it's important to get businesses moving forward and allowing residents to get back to work. Please consider requiring face coverings for the safety of all parties while opening everything as soon as possible . Our personal income and financial future rests in the hands of the government. Please allow us to move back to earning a means to meet our bills.
Washington	General	I am a born and raised native Floridian, I believe this "quarantine " has run it's course and is futile to continue. In order to save the economy and people's sanity this needs to be lifted.

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Volusia	General	Florida should o[pen immediately with no restrictions. The original intent was to flatten the curve, which has been accomplished. Don't move the goalposts by saying that once the disease is nearly past, we can start doing more things This would not happen for many months, at best. Now that the curve has been flattened (Well below initial modeling), the medical field has the equipment and facilities to handle future caseloads.This would help build somewhat of a herd immunity, which is also a necessity. It is way past time that we restore the constitutional rights that were so egregiously taken away, back to the citizens. And give the economic impact, it's fair consideration in the debate If the medical impact is the only or main consideration, Florida's economy will be destroyed beyond repair. Remember, that in reality, for someone to know for sure that they were virus free, they'd have to test almost daily until we developed a vaccine or cure. That's completely unrealistic. I'd like to also point out that the CDC RECOMMENDATIONS of 6' for social distancing have been turned into law by the Gestapo across the state at every level. Be as close as you're comfortable with If you are uncomfortable being close, stay away. In the end, the per capita fatality rate in Florida is going to be .00015 or lower, yet we self imploded our economy Unfathomable
Polk	General	Please do not ease restrictions. I do not support it at all. If you open up I will not go. I do not feel safe around strangers at this time. Until there is a viable treatment or vaccine I will not go into the community except for absolutely needed reasons.
Pinellas	General	People just need to use common sense and take responsibility for themself. My wife and myself both had the virus at Xmas time and stayed home until the 3ed week of Jan. So let's get people back to work and be able to make a living again and don't break the state unemployment bank. Please open the state so I don't feel like in Nazi germany.
Hamilton	Education	Please do not re open Florida until it is medically safe to do so. While I know there is testing going on, only those that meet the criteria are being tested. It is VERY difficult to find any medical care in Hamilton County, much less testing. One location at the Health Department which is located in the southern part of the county. Numbers are probably higher then we are showing. Perhaps if the unemployment benefits and the loans for small business owners were addressed and dispersed in a timely, fair , and professional manner, there would not be this "rush" to open. The numbers have not leveled off nor are they decreasing. Florida does not meet the CDC Guidelines.

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Santa Rosa	Recreation	Please reopen the panhandle of Florida. Santa Rosa, Escambia, and Walton counties have NOT been effected like the southern counties. We DO NOT need the same restrictions as the larger metropolitan areas of Florida currently have. We need business to reopen, we need kids back in the parks and back on sports fields participating in youth sports. We need to renter society and get back to the freedoms and prosperity that are guaranteed to us as United States citizens. We cannot as a nation, state, or local community continue down this road of isolation and shut down. People are loosing faith, loosing money, loosing confidence in our leaders. Let's listen to local medical leaders, a three local hospital administrators agree- reopening into phase one is acceptable, they are the experts, they are the reason we shut down to give hospitals a chance to not be overrun. We've established what needs to be done and what safe social distancing can accomplish, let's move forward into phase one and show the nation it can be done and must be done.
Palm Beach	General	When is unemployment going to come through? It's been over a month and things are pending. I am a bartender and relied on my weekly paycheck and tips and now with all of the restaurants closed, I can't get another job and unemployment isn't coming through.
Hernando	General	ONE DEATH is TOO MANY! We need to do EVERYTHING we can to STOP the spread, not just slow it and allow people to get infected and others to die. I have been out to get essentials for my home, to place like Home Depot and Lowes as well as to the hospital and it has been my personal experience that many people don't care enough or don't know what 6 feet is. I had one older man, I am in my 50s, come and actually brush against me in one of the stores and I was upset and asked him what his problem was. He called me a name, because apparently he believed it was ok to berate a disabled person. Then he asked, "what am I supposed to do?" My response was, "Wait, go around, keep your distance, and if you don't know, STAY HOME, because you are putting yourself and everyone else that you literally run into at risk." I had to tell another individual that came within 6 inches of me, even though the lady with him kept at 6 feet, that he should talk to his girlfriend to find out the difference between 6 inches and 6 feet." It is very common for people outside of stores and in checkouts that face each other to still be less than 6 feet because they don't think about those moments when they are walking up behind someone that is going slower than them or passing and individual coming the other way. If people are that oblivious, they need to stay home so that this virus doesn't keep spreading. Places that have one exit/entrance door like convenience stores, etc., should be extra cognizant of distancing at these clog areas because human nature tells us to open the door for others, but in these times, we need to wait, look and distance and then go when it is safe. My first suggestions is: ONE WAY - In stores, aisles that are less than 8 feet apart (enough room for 2 people to walk close to either side and have 6 feet of distance between those individuals) then the aisles should be ONE WAY and shoppers need to wait for others no matter how much time it takes so that distancing can be maintained. BETTER EDUCATE - Do something to educate the public on what 6 feet is, it's not one or 2 feet and that passing another person briefly is all it takes to get infected or pass the virus to

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Volusia	Education	As an educator who works in multiple schools and with students with disabilities I am concerned about opening schools without sufficient safety measures in place. There may be a number of students on campuses that are asymptomatic spreading it to vulnerable fellow students, staff, & families. I have seen what “normal” cleaning looks like in the school....no wiping down door knobs or desks/tables or vacuuming. We’re lucky if they sweep when they take out the garbage. Cleaning every room on a daily basis with proper supplies must be required. Further, consideration must be made for class sizes, common areas, and buses. It’s not unusual to have 20+ people in a classroom, 300 in the cafeteria, 70 students on a bus, & countless numbers in halls. Maybe masks should be required for all on campus, providing sanitizing supplies to all schools (teachers should not be expected to pay out of pocket), anyone with a temperature must stay home, do random COVID tests of staff & students (if allowed legally), schools need better air filtration systems, bathrooms cleaned every hour, and access to campus be restricted to only those who must be there (meetings with parents can be done virtually). Honesty, these measures may not even be enough.
Brevard	General	I feel that we have moved passed wanting to reopen out of boredom. Peoples livelihoods, jobs, mental health, kids mental health, all of this is so important and we need to reopen the state. I think we should start by limiting restaurants to half capacity or every other table sitting. We are in FL and outside tables are options at several restaurants and I think would help people feel more comfortable. My family for one plan to be at a restaurant as soon as we are able. We have two young children who miss school and miss their friends. While I understand school is closed, it would be nice to be able to have small gatherings where they could at least see their friends. Open the playgrounds and let them play. We have annual passes to Sea World and would love to see them open. Maybe start small with just annual pass holders and Floridians. Stagger seats during shows, skip seats on rides. We would feel comfortable going to theme parks when they open.
Seminole	General	Please consider the harm reopening Florida will do. Things are hard for everyone at the moment but reopening nonessential businesses and allowing social distancing will just cause another spike and another lock down later in the year. As a State we need to think about us as a group rather than individual needs. Sacrificing a few weeks of non essential actions like hair cuts, going to restaurants, and theme parks is what we should be doing to preserve the lives of fellow americans. We cannot be selfish. The economy will recover but we cannot bring back those who will die. Please ask yourself, how many men, women, and children are you willing sacrifice for the sake or the economy. If you can produce a number, then by all means, tell the people and reopen Florida.

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Seminole	General	Everyone at all places, needs a temperature check. Scans when they walk in the door. Restaurants-plexiglass in between tables.lower the amount of patrons. 12 feet between tables allowing the server to go between the tables. Bars-masks for bartenders. Drill chairs into floor so they cannot move them close to others. Nails salons-plexigass with cutouts for arms and feet. Limit to a small amount that come in. Patrons must wear masks as well as the techs plus the techs need to wear gloves.. Hair salons. Stylists must wear an N95 mask with shield due to the splash of hair when washing and same with cutting. Patron needs to wear a mask. Stadiums and theatres. Remove seats to keep the 6 feet requirement. Build outdoor theatres. Have a deal with door dash or local food trucks to order their food , etc. Make it a requirement for everyone to wear a mask in public. Discourage gloves as they just pass germs from one to the other and have hand wash stations everywhere. Must have more testing. If someone tests positive and shows no symptoms, their blood needs to be tested for antibodies. This may help to find a cure! Please be smart and not allow business togo back so quickly. We need to beat this!
Osceola	General	So many more lives will be lost if we open the state back up right now. I want badly to get back to normal life as my son, neighbors and family do too. But I am more interested in keeping myself ,loved ones , Floridians , ALL humans ALIVE. We have to be mentally strong in order to rationally see what this pandemic is capable of doing and defeat it successfully with no more lives lost. Let's sacrifice our freedom for now in exchange for LIFE! by all means necessary!

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Osceola	Accommodation	Thank you for requesting input. We need to open for business IMMEDIATELY. Our family's multiple stream of income strategy has completely failed. -Our tenants are "iffy" and under-paying rent -Our B&B has no reservations (and won't until the fall) -I have been furloughed from my Technology Manager job at Walt Disney World -The unemployment site is down – who knows when that will provide cash to me? -The SBA lost our Economic Disaster Loan application – or something – who know? -The State has our application for a loan but no money to fund it. -Right now we have enough in the bank – after depleting my 401k to cover two months of our payments due. Our private lenders also own businesses and need our money to cover THEIR families. We need to open for business IMMEDIATELY and start creeping back to life. People who are terrified can sit at home and be terrified. That alone will meter the rate at which the economy opens up and begins the long recovery. Business protections needed: -Indemnify businesses against lawyers and lawsuits chasing COVID as an income stream. This will allow Disney to open and other businesses as well -Immediately remove the review capability from all social media platforms for all small businesses based in Florida -Immediately make it illegal for a social media "pile-on" and "gang warfare" to occur against small business (or any business) Mental protections needed: -Fully 50% of our population is paralyzed by fear
Hillsborough	General	We need to stay under the safer at home order for longer.

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Hillsborough	General	To whom it may concern, As a small business owner in the Tampa Bay area, i believe now is the time to begin the process of opening up Florida. The pandemic has been terrible for business in all industries, and it will take time for consumers to gain confidence in not only being in a public setting, but spending un-essential capitol on purchases. It will take time to rehire, re-train on enhanced cleaning policies. This is why we have to start the process now beginning MAY 1st. As i heard through reports, reopening should be done in phases. Restaurants, theme parks, and other areas i believe should be allowed to open with limited capacity, and heightened cleanliness. These business will obey by the rules as they desperately need money to to cycle back in there respected companies. Our elderly residents especially with underling conditions should stay home and we should assist them in any way possible in doing so. Theme parks such as Disney World have a important and therapeutic role to my family and they should be able to open to Florida Residents only with limited capacity. I have a autistic sister and Disney world is her safe spot and it allows her to get away from the normal day to day activities. It has been a struggle for her not being able to get away as we typically do several times a month. Apartment complex should also be allowed to open up amenities such as pools and gyms, with no large gatherings 10+ to help keep people out in the general public and spreading it county to county. Thank you for your time.
Lake	Education	Hi My name is Morgan Collins I am 18 and a senior in High School. Last year i had cancer and in December i did my last chemo in February I got to go back to public High School i thought life was looking up for me but sadly no this has all happened and ruined my last chance at a senior year. Ive had to start online school but with no actual teacher helping me i cant keep up and im now failing just thinking of school makes me cry because after years off working towards my diploma chemo has made it harder to work on my own. I just wanted to graduate high School with all my friends but with is learning disability i sadly cannot so if i were to recommend anything please try and make distance learning more personalized to who its for.
Pasco	Healthcare	Please reopen our state!! I miss smiling at strangers, hugging my family, going to the beaches and parks with my kids. If government truly cared about our health they would mandate sunlight and exercise, hand out free vitamins and ban fast food, gmo crap food.
Manatee	General	We need to open the beaches
St. Johns	General	Encourage the wearing of masks, and if possible have some of the work force work at home. Also help business like restaurants by having the fees waived in order to reduce or expand expand their business. Also encourage companies with at risk employees to have them work from home. And testing is a waste of time and money, because you could be negative one day and positive the next, so the key is to get as many people tested for the antibodies. We have to get back to work. I am praying for the Governor and the rest of our Country.

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Marion	General	It's about time this state stopped worrying about big business interest and worried about its citizens. We are all smart enough to know that by the stay-at-home rule we have begun to turn the tide, stopping this at this time we'll just reignite the transmission of this virus. My business has lost valuable income but I understand that a human life is worth more than any dollar amount. Please do not consider opening this state until it is very safe to.
Palm Beach	General	I am imploring the governor to listen to the medical experts and only open the state WHEN THER IS SUFFICIENT TESTING AND HOSPITAL CAPACITY and PPE The guidelines for reopening the economy is being ignored by other governors Do not listen to poiticians, especially those who spout unfounded medical solutions that will end up killing people. its time to actually stand up and protect your constituents, All of us. disengage from your blind allegiance to those with blood on their hands, those who put their own political aspirations before the people they were elected to represent, those who lie on record then deny their lies,
Volusia	Finance	Dear Governor. I can't get through to unemployment, I can't go to work, I can't pay my bills or buy groceries. To say we are in this together is faults. Only those receiving money are willing to make that claim. We are not in this together. There are those of us on the verge of homelessness and starvation. Open the state. Those who wish to stay home out of fear, medical necessity or who can continue to work from home can continue to do so, but those of us living paycheck to paycheck need to get back to work.
Bay	Tourism	I own 2 vacation properties in PCB. While I understand why we must be careful I can not see the difference in allowing hotels and motels to remain open but not my units. I rent to families who are also careful. By not allowing me to rent my units you are causing me to face financial difficulties not excluding foreclosure and bankruptcy. Please consider EVERYONE when making your decision to reopen. Vigilance in cleaning and time outside on the beach can only help people get passed this. Thank you.
Miami-Dade	Healthcare	I think is to soon to open and too you are risking people live just for money
Orange	Tourism	I would like to see Florida reopen because I am now furlough I have a 1yr old child and Bill's have to be paid. Unemployment isn't working and no checks have be sent and rent is due nextweek. I cant keep living like this not knowing when I will be paid and not knowing if I will be homeless or not.if we can reopen and do it safe and have everyone wear gloves and mask and just be safe we can do it.but to keep having places closed and the unemployment not sending checks is hurting Florida just as much as the virus is.
Hernando	General	We have not yet flattened the curve, in Florida. We are still seeing many new cases and many deaths. We are not yet ready to reopen the state. We need to follow the recommendations of knowledgeable health officials, and maintain safer at home guidelines and social distancing in essential businesses.

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Pasco	General	It is entirely too early to consider this. Florida overall still has cases increasing. I suspect it would be even worse if more testing was done. We do not want more of our friends and neighbors to die. Since our family is already financially devastated due to not getting any unemployment (waiting since mid-March), no stimulus check yet, and no SBA grant for my sole proprietorship, a few more weeks is irrelevant to us. We will never recover the lost income and my job requires travel to other states that remain on stay at home orders.
Polk	Education	DeSantis is a fucking joke if he reopens the state. Maybe read up on what the scientists and intelligent people have to say about it instead of worrying about the economy. That will come back. Lives won't. Wish we had a real leader during these times.
Hillsborough	General	I AM 74 YRSNOLD AND CURRENTLY HAVE A HOSPITAL POSITION AT A LOCAL HOSPITAL, AND HAVE CORONARY ARTERY DISEASE AND HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE, DURING MY 12 HRS SHIFT I AM IN POSSIBLE" DIRECT" CONTACT WITH UNDIAGNOSED COVID-19 PATIENTS AND IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE FOOD TRAYS OF DIAGNOSED COVID-19 PATIENTS. I AM FEARFUL THAT I MAY CONTACT THE COVID-19 DISEASE , THEREFOR , I HAVE BEEN ON PTO BY MY OWN CHOICE ...FOR ONE WEEK NOW AND ASKING , DO THE DOCTORS AND OTHER HEALTH CARE ADVISERS MANDATE THAT I STAY HOME UNTIL THE INCREASED RISK OF CONTRACTING COVID-19 IS LESSENED. PLEASE SEND EMAIL TO: JMLAKEHOUSE@YAHOO.COM FEARFUL...JOAN MURRAY 817-320-7953
Citrus	General	Please consider re-opening the state, this allows those who want to venture out the opportunity to do so and those who do not to still choose to stay home. At the very least please open up parks, beaches, and other outside activities. What is going on now is a not a quality way of life, honestly it is just terrible. We have to give our kids other options, at least some outside options..
Alachua	General	Don't!!! It's not safe to reopen yet. We need more testing so that numbers are reflective of the actual number of cases, and only then can we determine if we're flattening the curve. Last week was the highest jump in Florida cases of Covid 19 yet- it is not safe to reopen!
Polk	Recreation	I dont know where you stand with youth sports and sporting events. But I just heard your briefing and I feel you may be for it because its outside. I think that's a bad move. Even if we can prevent people from being too close how can we protect the kids in the dugouts. Or the people in concessions. How can we prevent spreading through asymptomatic people? I think keeping us closed longer may be highly beneficial. Not the walking paths and such, but the parks for sports. We are still having new cases. Dont put more people at risk. If Disney isnt opening that should be something to consider. They are losing the most money being closed. Yet they are smart enough to know it's not the route to take right now. Please take into consideration how many people dont believe this is actually a thing. It makes me sick to know some still think this is a political thing. So please open slowly and when it's truly safe enough to do so. It is imperative you do the right thing. Thank you

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Orange	General	Thank you for all of the work that you and your team have done so far to keep the public safe from the spread of Coronavirus. I think the earliest to re-open Florida should be June 1, 2020. Opening up sooner than that could cause more harm than good to businesses. If a business is found to have people that contracted the coronavirus in that facility, people will stay away and the facility will lose a lot of business.
Orange	General	DO NOT start reopening our state yet! Human lives are more valuable than the economy. Fix our unemployment program, keep people at home and safe, and do not needlessly endanger more lives for profit. All that will do is cause a second peak and extend this even further.
Pinellas	Professional Services	I work at a spa and there is no way to social distance from clients. Please don't reopen too soon, we need a better way to test who is out on the streets and contagious.
Lee	General	Start opening now!!!!
Hillsborough	Professional Services	Please open our state for business, within the state. Nearly everyone I know is suffering greatly and wants to work, they are tax paying law abiding citizens who are professionals and have spend tens of thousands on their education and are being forced into bankruptcy by a fear of something that chances are, will not affect them more than the Flu would. Sick me compromised people can't and should stay home, but think of all the commission based employees that are losing everything. I am living off my savings, supporting my disabled veteran son and I just want things to be as normal as possible so I don't end up losing everything. I'm not worried about being sick.. our hospital system was never overrun. You can keep tourism closed but let businesses decide to open and take proper precautions. Let us be able to work and put money back into our economy. We want to, let us. And please do something about the tyrannical leaders in Tampa attempting to remove even more of our civil rights. Please allow us to work!!!
Okaloosa	Professional Services	I own a small barber shop and use all the safe practices. I really need to get back to work. I can not survive if I'm made to stay home much longer. I have already went through my savings to keep my home and shop running. Please let me go back!! To those who say I'm putting money ahead of lives you can choose to stay home. It is that simple. This is my lively hood! And for those who say the government is offering help!! It is very hard to get just look at how it's going with unemployment!! Which by the way I can't receive.
Collier	Government	How about worrying about the issues of unemployment before opening the state?!.
Escambia	Food	I work in an restaurant industry, I like to get back to work. And look toward my future.
Orange	Government	PLEASE listen to the science!!! Our state is not ready to reopen!!! Adhere to the phasing guidelines set forth by the federal government that was created by the scientists!!! The model the federal government is using says as of last week that Florida should not reopen until middle of June. 14 day decline of positive tests and more testing is needed before even considering opening back up and going into phase one!!

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Duval	General	I think it would be incredibly irresponsible to reopen the state for business and public re recreation at this time. Please follow the guidance by the CDC and Drs. Faucet and Birx, not any politicians, when determining what is safe and appropriate. They have indicated that to reopen too soon will result in another spike in cases, meaning additional needless deaths. The lives of Floridians are more important than the bottom line. Please put us first.
Alachua	Healthcare	I am requesting that the order ceasing elective surgeries to be lifted immediately. Every day is costing millions of dollars in lost revenue to the state. I am a cataract surgeon who employs over 50 people in my office and surgery center. My staff is currently laid off. As you have stated, hospital capacity is now greater than before the pandemic began. According to the data, we are well into the downside portion of the curve, ie, PHASE 1! PPE is no longer a significant concern. Vice President Pence has recommended that the outpatient bans be lifted. Phase 1 recommended that outpatient bans be lifted. The chief of CMS recommended that bans be lifted. The Florida Society of Ambulatory Surgery Centers has briefed us on CDC guidelines to be followed to minimize risks to our patients and staff. I respectfully request that the Executive Order to discontinue elective surgeries be lifted so at least that portion of our economy which is significant can be resumed. Thank you for the opportunity to make this request. I would be happy to serve on the task force to provide feedback on this important segment of our state's economy. There are many patients that are suffering with joint pain who need knee and hip replacements and many patients with reduced vision who desire to have their cataract surgery in our outpatient surgery centers throughout the state.
Nassau	Healthcare	My husband and I are senior citizens with pre-existing conditions. Opening Florida at this time, since there has been inadequate testing, would put both of us in a position of potential harm. Many Nassau County citizens as a whole continue to not wear masks or observe social distancing
Pasco	Management	I have been without a income since March 17. I have also received a denial letter from unemployment as I am a independent worker. I have exhausted my savings and now can not buy food and other basic necessities. At this point I would advocate to reopen the state so I can begin to provide for my family. Starving and/ or losing my business and home is the largest threat to me at this point.
Lee	General	We still cannot even find face masks. I think until everyone has what they need to try and get back to something that reflects normal we should stay shut down. If/when this resurfaces we won't recover as easy if we don't wait to at least get what we need for a chance to survive.. And...I'd like to know where Marco Island got the 1000s of masks they handed out. Why can't all the cities do the same? I'd say mid May would be a better time to try and reopen.

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Brevard	General	The COVID-19 numbers, of infections and deaths, are still rising, both locally and nationwide. We have not even reached the peak of infection, let alone flattened the curve. Reopening the state for business, and tourism, would be sheer folly. You cannot govern, or tax, people who are dead. You cannot encourage tourism when people are bringing home souvenirs of germs that are killing people. I want to see Florida thrive, but in order to make that happen, Floridians have to be alive. This is not a time for Florida to live up to its reputation for reckless stupidity. Keep Florida closed, and keep Floridians alive.
Pasco	Healthcare	PLEASE don't lift the stay at home order unti Coronavirus cases decrease to minimum and all contacts are located and isolated.
Pinellas	Real Estate	Open our state up now! #1 Fix our unemployment. Florida is now rated the worse in US. Thanks DeSantis. You're the worse ever. People wouldn't mind sitting on lockdown if they had some money coming into their homes to cover expenses. You have been making people very angry and for good reason. Well part of that don't you understand. I for one won't vote for you again.
Hillsborough	General	I feel very strongly about opening the economy back up slowly and safely for Hillsborough county. Advise the elderly and immunocompromised to stay home if they can and let everyone else get back to their jobs and socially safe distancing. We need our stores, gyms, restaurants, beaches, etc to be back open. Thank you for your hard work during this trying time.
Volusia	General	Please re-open non-essential businesses.
Orange	Food	I am a server on popular idrive. As much as I want to return to work. I also know that restaurants are a breeding ground for all kinds of viruses. 1 person gets a cold 10 people get a cold. 1 person gets a stomach bug and 10 people get a stomach bug. I get sick more at work then my kids get sick at school. If we open up to fast this will be worse for people.
Manatee	General	Re-open the Florida economy! The covid precautions are worse than the virus itself. Wether it needs to be opened in baby steps or full force, it just needs to be business as usual. Thank you.
Pasco	General	It isn't safe to open Florida yet. Instead the gobernor should be concerned and working on how to process the unemployment benefits. Many people still waiting for their checks since February and still nothing. The website doesn't wowrk and calling is a big problem. Please put your attention on how to fix this asap tinstead of opening the state.

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Brevard	Government	I am in favor of ending the stay at home order in light of the fact that anti-body testing in other areas of the country are showing that more people have had COVID-19 than the data is showing - by t0 to 50 times more according to recent reports by the media. While it's extremely sad that so many people have died from this virus, but we cannot afford for our economy to collapse because of it. I have friends and family members who feel certain they actually had the virus during January and February, but had no idea it was the COVID-19 virus. Given the new symptoms the CDC just announced this week, there are probably even more people who have had the virus. The data on which the Government is making stay at home order decisions seems quite flawed. People need to get back to work and our state needs to recover economically sooner rather than later! I believe this can be done while implementing precautionary measures to protect those most vulnerable to this virus. People can decide based on their own personal risks whether they should stay at home.
Escambia	Tourism	We rely heavily on tourism My biggest concern for our area is the opening of our beaches and bars prior to that happening in other states bringing those closest to us here in drove . We have one of the largest memorial day gatherings on Pensacola Beach coming up and it scares me to think of that amount of people because social distancing would be impossible if not enforced. i come from Illinois originally and my family and friends are located in their hot zones Im 54 and i have had 5 friends my age and ibe my sons age if 31 die from thi . Of those only 1 had an underlying condition of diabetes. Economically we cannot continue to be shutdown but we need to have very careful enforceable guidelines especially when it comes to tourists. Fyi so many are bitter that when press conferences occur that the pan handle is not ever addresse .
Okaloosa	General	Please open our state.
Broward	General	I believe Florida should be gradually opening with proper social measures outlined by the federal government. Parks and beaches should open immediately so people can have a place to go to get exercise and fresh air and sunlight. Retail and personal service should be opening with maximum capacity of 50% and follow all guidelines. Restaurants as well should be included. I believe at this point most if not all will police themselves and follow more then adequate measures to protect themselves. Florida's economy is heavily weighed on tourism this has to be streamlined in the decision process. We will have spread but the natural evolution of economics and personal metal healthiness has to be taken into consideration. Thank you
Orange	Government	Do not reopen the state! Our COVID numbers are still rising and will only due so if the stats is open. Keep it closed until there are a small portion of cases to be easily contained. A second wave can hit and that would be even more detrimental to our economy. Keep it locked closed PLEASE!
Hillsborough	Professional Services	PLEASE RE OPEN IN MAY. RE OPEN WITH MANDATORY MASK .PLEASE ALLOW HAIR SALONS TO REOPEN WITH GUIDELINES MASK,LOW CAPACITY.

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Volusia	Tourism	I personally think Disney World and all other theme parks should open in June even though there could be cases rising or deescalating because i believe anybody who feels safe to come out should be allowed to come out and anybody who doesn't feel safe Or who is near someone who is vulnerable should choose to stay in. Also several of my friends work in the theme park industry and the ones who aren't furloughed (specifically universal) should open up sooner rather than later because not all of these people have years of savings they can live off of for an uncertain period of time and they need to get back to work. Also, anybody who is not vulnerable should be allowed to visit with friends who aren't as well if they have a mask on. I think a timeline to reopen should be announced next week because this uncertainty and waiting is going to have an effect on peoples mental health which would result in an even bigger catastrophe when not just looking at coronavirus deaths but both sides (mental, physical and financial). As i saw a celebrity on facebook post, the long-term effects would be worse than the crisis that i think we should open up sooner than later specifically Disney because i know so many people who would love to have a date planned sooner for when they can go back to work instead of living in fear and uncertainty. Honestly if we are quarantined much longer, the problems are going to be much worse than the virus itself in my opinion. Please consider both sides of the equation not just related to the coronavirus cases/deaths but peoples mental health and financial stability and having a date in mind much sooner instead of later. Seeing specifically that there is a deescalation of cases in Orange County, i think Disney would be safe to reopen in June and anybody who feels safe should be allowed to come and those that do not feel safe can just stay in the house. This extended period of slowdowns should give the healthcare more time to over prepare by getting more beds and PDE. Another thing to consider is people from around the state/county who have to keep rescheduling their Disney vacations due to so much uncertainty. Even though Disney is taking reservations as early as June 1 (though there's no guarantee it will be reopened by then) having a date to reopen set much sooner than later will help set their minds at ease. Please consider the long-term mental effects of everybody who can't work from home.
Manatee	Construction	The stay-at-home order was the biggest April Fool's joke of 2020. The only people that seem to affect where those who already were affected i e restaurant workers and the elderly. The rest of us have still been out here working. Since you guys aren't taking this seriously you might as well let us get back to our normal lives.
Pasco	General	Before you waste any more time and energy here, Fix your unemployment system! I'm five weeks, my wife four waiting, and waiting. This...after dozens of hours over multiple days just to apply for the meager sum. We have savings. Most do not and your ineptness to fix the system will cost all of you at election time. Fix your unemployment system. What you've done so far, is far from enough.
Duval	Retail	Hobby Lobby,Joann"s for cloth and material for making masks Wal-Mart is cleaned out and only has limited items.They also have games and crafts to entertain children.

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Orange	Tourism	Unless you can keep tourism open for state residents only, keep it closed. We dont need people from other states or countries coming here right now and risking bringing it back here or contracting it in florida and taking it back to their state or country causing the cycle to continue. If we open up for state residents only it would allow some generation of income with less crowds and less risk of people bringing it from other countries. Then after 3 months if the curve is still relatively flat open tourism up for US residents. And then after 3 months of flattened curve we can allow for international tourism. We must consider that this isnt just a state issue but a global issue and need to look at the whole picture when it comes to tourism and how not only the virus effects tourism, but how tourism can contribute to the resurgence of the virus.
St. Johns	Education	When making decisions on education, please consider ALL entities and not just children. Staff will be interacting from close quarters in busses, cafeteria, hallways. Our classrooms are not big enough for social distancing and all of our schools are overcrowded. High schoolers are jam packed like sardines at class changes and primary school will not be able to follow hygiene recs. And special needs students should not be forgotten. Please ensure that schools are provided with abundant supplies- hand sanitizer, tissues, PPE, cleaning agents, and weekly or monthly heavy cleaning of the school. Keep in mind students are sharing desks, computers, headphones, etc.
Pinellas	Recreation	It makes zero sense Dog parks are closed. Now even more people are congregating along the shore line by the Vinoy because more people are walking their dogs there. Open dog parks !
Okaloosa	General	Personally, I do not feel safe returning to work when there are citizens with zero common sense, meaning even if they're sick, they still go out and about without the consideration of others. Until we see a decline in cases NATIONWIDE, Florida shouldn't be reopening. Florida should be freezing utilities and other bills so those who can't work or are feel unsafe returning to work are able to live comfortably under quarantine.
Volusia	Healthcare	Too soon to reopen
Seminole	General	Hello, I am reaching out to ask that the state of Florida extend the stay at home order. While we, as a state, have done a good job in helping flatten the curve, we are not at a point that we are ready to return to "normal." The stay at home order should be extended while we maneuver through this unprecedented time. It is not yet the time to be opening hair salons, gyms, etc. when we know people who are going out to these places are not the ones who will follow procedures properly. When we are ready to re-open I strongly recommend opening slowly, but I would be highly uncomfortable if we returned to normal when many states are still canceling major events through the next few months. Please do not put our citizens in harms way. Please keep us safe.
Volusia	Real Estate	Should stay closed down until end of May/beginning of June. If opened everyone should have to were masks.

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Hillsborough	Healthcare	As an RN MPH , I want to thank you for this opportunity. We have all been alone and isolated and for me this is hopeful site. We need to be smart, small businesses need to require masks and gloves until the numbers of cases is 0. What does not need to happen is a resurgence of cases and a repeat of this crisis. Restaurants need to distance tables and reduce the number of patrons entering their establishments. All cooks and food prep workers must wear masks. Bars need to distance bar stools. Salon workers need to wear masks and gloves to protect their clients. We need to slowly reestablish our state in a safe manner establishing faith in our system not fear. I think with guidelines in place and reviewing the number and location of cases every two weeks, we can then make further changes. So let's safely and slowly with confidence move forward in a smart manner and open florida. Use MD guidance, political, small business owners, caregivers, and feedback from the general population. Let's all do our best to understand this virus and take ownership of the decisions made for the safety of all Floridians. I am willing to help in becoming involved as we all pull together for an amazing positive comeback. We can beat this virus by working together.
Clay	Retail	Please reopen our state. We need to go spend some of the stimulus money on small businesses and restaurants so we can save them before they all go under. please please please please please open it up
Palm Beach	General	We need to get things back up and running. Those who need and want to can still stay home as they please. More have had this then we know of and are fine. People walk and still get together all day long. End the suffering and open!!
Collier	Recreation	Please open all beaches throughout Florida on the same day. I feel this is so important....example: Miami does not come to Naples beaches and vice versa. So many more cases in Miami than Naples. Thank you for all your hard work through this disaster. Be safe and God bless! Debbie Bonavita
Brevard	Food	I think opening some businesses slowly is the right move, but I think restaurants should remain doing take out only. There is no way to properly socially distance and the workers are directly involved in handling people's cups and utensils. I think the risk factor for restaurants and bars is too high still.
Walton	Tourism	I feel it is too early to open back up. Especially with us being a beach community, people from hard hit areas will travel here. And increase our personal risk. I think we should keep everything closed down for another month. Please do not reopen everything. It's about everyone, not just us getting antsy and wanting to go to the beach. Our ancestors got drafted and died for our country. We can stay home for our country.
Lake	General	I do not feel that now is the time to step back into everything being open ..we still have an influx of travelers coming into and out of our state daily. They can say the will self quarantine --but will they?? I feel that we need to at least think about the ramifications of all the places opening at once - how will you track anything then... we will be back to ground zero and have to start the process all over.

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Pasco	General	There are 551,947 people that live in Pasco county of that there have been 230 people infected by the Corona Virus and 4 death. The Safer at home order effects 551,717 people that are not effected by the virus in anyway but we can not go to a restaurant get our haircut or walk in the state parks. The government says that Sunshine kills the virus within 1 minute but yet the one place that would be the safest place is the beach and it is closed. Also if social Distancing is supposed to stop the virus then why after a month are there still infections. Italy, Spain and France had some of the strictest stay at home orders and still after almost 2 months there are still many infections everyday how is that possible if social distance is supposed to get rid of the virus. OPEN THE BUSINESSES BACK UP BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE!!!
Lee	Professional Services	I would really like to see hair salons not open so fast. It is not fair that we have to wear all this protective gear to cut hair. Open hair salons when we don't have to worry about only having 1 customer at a time or not take temperatures. It is not possible to stay 6 feet from a customer cutting hair. Open us up in phase 2 or 3, I was tested positive for COVID19 and it was a horrible experience, I was a lucky one to not have to go to the hospital but I was nervous for my children. God for bid a customer gives something to one of my stylist then brings it home to there family all because we had to be open so early
Sumter	General	No way. Wait until you have met the federal guidelines.
Volusia	Tourism	Please do not open any tourist attractions until July 1st. Let's make sure we are all safe from this terrible virus before opening Disney World, Universal or any theme parks. As much as I miss going to these parks I would much rather have a plan in place that keeps everyone safe. Proper disinfectant must be used to clean all area and rides of the parks. Cast members must wear mask, guests must wear masks, hand sanitizer must be available throughout the parks and proper social distancing must be done. Until all of these needs are met, then the parks shouldn't open.
Osceola	Food	I don't believe Florida should be reopened, I think that we should give it 2 more weeks after Monday. Just to insure no one has been contaminated in the ending of quarantine.
Orange	General	Until we have adequate treatment and safety measures in place and testing of the whole state , it should remain closed.
Polk	General	I think it is way to early to reopen Florida. People do no follow social distancing now. What makes you think they will follow later or at reopening. Yes I am going stir crazy but want to keep the virus away from my senior dad so I stay home. Yes I want to get back to work but want to be safe first. Please do not reopen Florida yet.

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Palm Beach	General	Please do not loosen stay at home restrictions until we have at least two weeks of dramatic decrease in new cases AND there is widespread availability of free testing for all. AND an accurate antibody test is available. And only those areas able to truly maintain social distancing and have PPE available for all staff. If we end this too soon, all this financial pain will be for nothing. And the second wave will be much worse on health and pocketbooks. The protesters are a small minority of idiots. Listen to epidemiologists and medical experts. Make experts part of your panel. In other words, use logic, not politics or emotion. Unless that emotion is empathy.
Lee	Tourism	Theme parks are a way to boost economic prosperity quickly. Theme parks were open during highly infectious times and NO cases were reported AT ALL. They are also a means of escape during a time when we have all had enough. Disney and Universal did everything right by closing, but at some point we need not only the financial stability provided by those services but the sense of normalcy they give us. If opening is not your plan, please let us know the steps to reopening that will occur as there are a ton of people with hotel reservations that will need to to make plans and book/rebook trips
Duval	Government	Governor DeSantis I know the importance of re-opening the State of Florida and getting the economy back up but I believe we should wait. I believe we should wait until the end of May or the beginning of June to start slowly re-opening. This will give extra time to make sure the curve is flatten while insuring the safety of all Floridians. Once this passes business can recall their employees back to deep clean stoves and cooking area's that have not been operational in sometime and to disinfect the stores or resturaunts. Together with all safety measures in place we can come out of this stronger and better Floridians..
Duval	Information	I say we should stay closed and not allow states who have open to come to Florida, until we won this fight the economy will come back you cannot get the people back I take care of my elderly parents, I might survive cov 19 but can they we have to many seniors, to take that chance there is no way to social distance in a theater or restaurant , I think the gov should help people financially to keep up with mortgage , rent etc, and when the country safe we can go back to work and pay the gov back when the economy better, people can wait to get there hair done or nails done that is not essential, only thing that is essential is food, shelter, gas, healthcare, the beaches are ok if its safe but that should be it people should be able to get unemployment, to get them through tough times, and sbl or set up online service to keep them afloat. Keep Jacksonville on stay at home where it is safe
Orange	General	Need more time and testing to determine reopening. Should not have reopend beaches. Good that Gov consulted with Cleveland Clinic. Not the time for politics. Feds have failed the American people.
Broward	General	Florida overall is not ready to reopen. There is too much at risk...lives.

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Polk	Tourism	Theme Parks should open to Florida only. With discounts about half off their prices for hotels and stuff like food than they will not lose a lot of money. Also legalized cannabis would be a smart move states that did this made at least 3 million in the first month. With tourist that come to Florida you have a chance to make more. Also legalized cannabis could fund programs like health care that was unfunded. Or body cameras to protect our sheriffs and police and youth programs to keep gang activities down. Or cut housing taxes and lower rent costs. Or fund visit Florida. What is great about doing this yourself you can put the money where it would be best used in our state and set the rules for it. I have seen articles about states harvesting the rewards from this decision why can't Florida. If it was legalized here when Florida opens back up the state would be able to get way more money to fast track our state to a better tomorrow.
Polk	Professional Services	I am a self-employed hair stylist in salon were there is only 2 of us. We operate by appointments only and can schedule clients one at a time to be able to clean between appointments. Plus we are able to were mask and take all precautions to keep from spreading the virus.. i understand salons with more stylist would have a harder time ,but I think smaller salons should be able to return to work on May 1st, especially on an area we're we have a lower case number.
Escambia	Construction	Handymen are not essential, having said that buisness will still suffer while a vaccine does not exist, I am a worker who goes to peoples homes, the safest place to be! People will not willingly invite me to their home where the cover of safety is to be compromised, by reopening without the numbers dropping is not only a doom to the buisness I'm running, but it's also a doom to your voters, residents, and all of the like wise, I understand people are frustrated, I am too, but I'd rather not have a hand in the death of citizens, make more testing available, then let's recheck our options
Pinellas	General	Dear Governor, I voted for you. I know you are doing the best you can. But, my daughter works as a server and has been out of work over a month. Please re-open Florida. Some very evil people have turned a bad flu into an epidemic and you know it. Don't betray your people. Thank you, Bambi Neal
Manatee	Government	We should not re-open. The economy will always come back. You cannot bring back the dead. We have not peaked. We should of closed earlier !
Pinellas	Retail	would like the health experts to tell us when safe to reopen florida--I work in retail and right across from our store is a retirement village that has had 9 deaths recently due to Coronas. I do not feel safe opening store with virus still hitting hard

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Lee	General	We need to get everything up and running by June. Too many people are unemployed and desperate. This may become a grave safety issue. The public had 6 weeks of education in distancing and staying home when sick. The responsibility is on the people. You can't stop life for months til people wise up. Initially, open up requiring anyone going into a building to wear masks and gloves. The entertainment venues and sporting events should be back to business July 1st. Maybe large venues could have screening in place. The economy is the biggest issue to me. Thank you! Lisa Kruvelis
Manatee	General	Dear Governer DeSantis, You did the right thing by keeping all public schools closed until the end of the school year. However it is indefensible attempting to open portions of Florida, beaches included, with an aging and elderly population that heavily occupies every county of the state. It is absolutely unconscionable and you will have blood on your hands and your cabinets hands by allowing this to happen too soon, when the state numbers for coronavirus infection and death have not yet peaked. Please consider re-closing beaches and businesses for the health of ALL. Secure tests and masks for all. MAKE people wear masks if they must go outside. Make all supermarkets and big box stores contact-free curbside pick-up or delivery. Make Florida AS SAFE as possible. You are not doing that when you open businesses and beaches.
Washington	General	Please don't cave to the pressure and open too soon, I do not need my hair done, but I do need to go to the dentist. First thing to open should be doctors and dentists, non emergency surgery and the like, with hair, tattoos, restaurants and tourism at the end. I know people are hurting, but we cannot weather another, potentially longer, shutdown should we have another wave of this virus.

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Miami-Dade	General	I believe that with caution wearing a mask business's should be able to open as long as they follow the proper rules for preventing the spread of the coronavirus.. People also if going back to work employers should provide protection with masks, hand sanitizers, alcohol wipes, or a water spray bottle with some bleach to wipe the area down for their employees.and the public. If offices have windows they can be aired out a few times during business hours or have Air filters if it helps eliminate the coronavirus and now maybe those ultralight installing them in AC' systems it might help. For the restaurants if they have the space to provide tables outdoors with distance if not continue with take-out orders.. I am not an expert in any of these things I've mentioned its just suggestions. I do pray and hope that God blesses us all and saves us from this evil coronavirus and that soon it's all in the past and that we've learned from it and not take life for granted and to be more kind to one another nothing in this life is guarantee only our Father in Heaven does.. I want to thank all of our Government and Dr's, nurses, police, rescue, fire dept , pharmacy, and grocery store employees, restaurants employees, volunteers for food distribution, volunteers, red cross, for all their wonderful and great help God bless them all thank you so very much w love love you all !!!!!
Escambia	Professional Services	I do not see that it is safe to reopen salons, barber shops, tattoo parlors (yet). While we can wear protective equipment, check temperatures, etc. we still come in very close contacts with our clients, ultimately putting us, and the client at risk. While we can spread the chairs out and limit occupancy in the salon, we can not distance from performing the service the client is having done.
Broward	Healthcare	Regardless masks /face coverings should be mandatory in all essential business,anywhere where it is not possible to maintain 6 feet distance,until a vaccine is available . All universities should remain online at least until spring semester 2021. Due the nature of large 600-700 seat lecture halls. Dormatory lifestyle, fraternity,sorority lifestyle,sporting events and the list goes on . would put both Faculty,students at very high risk . And endanger lives. and of course put our wonderful university system open to major lawsuits, due to many deaths . The hope is by spring 2021. We would have perfected antibody testing,And be that much closer to a vaccine. The problem with hybrid learning allowing students on campus who must be hands on,you must open the biggest liabilities the dorms. Increase funding to the state university,to keep all learning on line ,until we have Much more valid scientific data on Covid 19. I am a Nurse Practitioner.
Hillsborough	Recreation	I understand there is a virus out there but you have shut us down for over a month. As a small business owner I am a grown intelligent adult that can be safe and take care of my customers in a safe way. You, the people making the decisions, are still getting paid and could not possibly understand what it's like to not have income to pay your bills. At this point you need to find something in the middle. We cannot stay closed. We need to open. Treat us like adults let us do the 6 feet apart, 10 people or less, wear masks and open Hillsborough County!!

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St. Lucie	General	Please do not open the state of Florida. I fear that it may be a bit too soon. My family and i have been practicing stay at home since March 15th. Just ask that we wait it out a bit. I do understand that some may not have a job and have bill's to pay, but the bills will remain after they are no longer. Try to help those people, they need assistance the most at this time. Just my humble opinion.
Duval	Recreation	People need to be outside. Being cooped up just makes people unhealthy. Open up all campgrounds and areas where people can get away.
Palm Beach	Healthcare	AS A PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN, I AM REQUESTING THAT THE STATE TAKE GRADUAL STEPS TO RE OPEN FORIDA'S ECONOMY. THERE IS LITTLE YET KNOWN ABOUT THE SPREAD ANBD IMMUNITY OF PEOPLE WITH THE VIRUS AND IT SEEMS PREMATURE TO EXPOSE CITIZENS TO THE SIGNIFICANT HEALTH RISKS ASSOICIATED WITH WIDESPREAD CONTACT. WE KNOW THAT IOT WILL TAKE UP TO 3 WEEKS TO SEE THE EFFECTS OF ANY CHANGES AND WITH OUR INABILITY TO ON SITE TESTING, CONTACT TRACKING AND ISOLATION YOU NEED TO ACT RESPONSIBLY. WE STILL DO NOT COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CDC FOR RE- OPENING. ALSO I AM CONCERNED THET THE ONLY ELECTED STATEWIDE DEMOCRAT NIKKI FRIED , WHOS IS RESPONSIBLE FOR FLORIDA'S AGRICULTURAL SECTOR WAS NOT INVITED TO THE DISCUSSIONS RELATED TO RE OPENING . ALSO NO HEALTH CARE OFFICIALS ARE ON THIS COMMITTE - ISN'T THAT A LITTLE STRANGE SINCE THIS IS PRIMARILY A HEALTH CARE PROBLEM . STOP THE PARTISANSHIP AND WORK FOR ALL FLORIDA CITIZENS
Orange	General	Schools are now closed the rest of the year and now your going to reopen the economy. This is going to force many people back to work. This is not a bad thing but you need to make special considerations for childcare as well as parents with immunocompromised children. Special contingencies for people in these situations is required. Maybe free childcare should be offered. An on-site day care at state government offices for their employees as well as community options for non government employees. Also special funds or wash center people can use before they return home to their families.
Orange	General	All businesses should have a system In place . As long as we have a system and certain protocol we can open everything. Enough shut down . It has been 6 weeks now. I believe we gained enough time to be prepared for dealing with this situation. I am In favor of at least moving to phase 2. Stating May 1st. May God bless State of Florida and bless America.
Hillsborough	General	We are not ready to open yet.
Hernando	General	Please reopen this state and allow people to go back to work. The numbers that are being supplied do not JUSTIFY keeping things shut down while people are not working, not receiving a paycheck, not receiving a stimulus check, not receiving unemployment, victims of domestic abuse, suicidal, mentally ill and on and on and on. I have auto immune disease and work in the health care system. There are things we can continue to do to be safe. Not allowing people to LIVE is just ridiculous when the numbers don't JUSTIFY it!

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Sumter	General	PLEASE TALK ABOUT THE ECONOMY MORE & GETTING PEOPLE BACK TO WORK SOON. Talk less about testing. People need to go back to work now.!! Please address those floridians who are losing hope. The economy is JUST as important as the virus.
Orange	General	There is a nonpartisan plan developed for opening the economy in a four phase system that should be considered if you haven't heard about it yet. It's called the Road map to Pandemic Resilence. https://ethics.harvard.edu/covid-roadmap https://youtu.be/HhRQxk9QA-o
Lee	Healthcare	Please address dental offices. When are we to open for elective dental work? Dentists need to be able to test their patients for COVID19 before they are seen in the office. We also need access to antibody testing for ourselves and our staff to know who has antibodies. This needs to happen ASAP. Why allow pharmacists to administer the tests and not dentists? We also need to be able to obtain PPE for our staff - something that so far has been extremely difficult
Pinellas	General	Open up the State. People need to go back to work. The economy needs to get back. If people don't want to go out, that's fine. The rest of us are intelligent humans and can make our own decisions. Enough is enough. We need to move on.
Pasco	General	1. Please re open tennis courts at the very least; tennis is played apart from each other! Social distancing defined! 2. Please allow restaurants to re-open and if necessary limit capacity like what was initially done (50%, every other table, etc.) Ultimately please let us, the taxpayer and educated individuals have the freedom to choose what to do. If people are scared to patronize businesses, that's fine! Nobody is forcing them to do anything. Freedom means allowing people to act and take their own risks. I risk dying in a crash every day I go to work. I risk drowning every time I go in the pool or ocean. We risk my daughter's life every time she goes in the car or pool with us. That responsibility is ours and ours alone. Please let us have the freedom our forefathers fought and died for back. They dealt with extremely contagious diseases too, just as every generation has. They didn't take freedom away as a result.
Brevard	Healthcare	After testing 1,000 people in Brevard Co. to see how many had developed antibodies after having Coronavirus, only 1% developed antibodies. The herd immunity theory is not working. Listen to the healthcare workers' advice for reopening the state, not the economists. Include the nursing home Coronavirus numbers in Florida's count.
Lake	Healthcare	Do NOT relax our covid distancing yet!!!! We are not ready and our cases are still rising!!! We don't have enough testing yet and you need to put us before money!!!!! Stop trying to please Trump and think about us first!!

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Palm Beach	General	Im all for the slow reopening of our state. I do believe it should come in stages, with required precautions in place. As a restaurant employee who has been working this entire time providing take out and delivery services, I've seen first hand the need and desire for these services. I believe when opportunities are available many people will choose to to go out, so please require businesses and consumers to maintain safety standards and limit capacities allowed at one time. Reevaluate bi weekly and make adjustments as needed.
Sumter	Healthcare	Central Florida in general, and the Villages specifically, needs widespread testing before reopening. The Villages is a community where people congregate in large numbers and where the majority are elderly and/or vulnerable. In addition, there are many here who deny the seriousness of COVID-19 and have refused to wear masks or practice social distancing. Testing here is essential!
Sarasota	General	I think that we should open everything up ASAP. Otherwise we risk a lot more damage to local economy and people involved as it may lead to more deaths because there is a saying that states. If people loose everything and they got nothing left to loose, they loose it. That means there could be more violence and other things where people will die as a result. We should be smart and open up the economy so that people can go back to work and support their families. This virus covid-19 proved that is no more dangerous than the regular flu. We should be safe and maintain our distance and keep clean as much as possible but at the same time we need to get back to our daily lives ASAP. Thank you
Hillsborough	Recreation	Safety of the public citizens first! We must first be able to control before we can go back out! I like the stay-at-home orders because people do not listen to how serious this is.
Brevard	Healthcare	As a recently retired Infection Control Practitioner, my background in the field tells me it is way to early to open Florida back up. I understand that we are all worried about the economy, but we need to ride this out a few more weeks or we will be right back where we started in the beginning.
Duval	General	In my opinion it is still too early to reopen Florida, we must wait a little longer and be very careful, to reopen, I do not think it is good to reopen public spaces such as restaurants and bars yet, I think that should be the last thing that opens, I am strongly agree that schools remain closed for the remainder of the school year. I do not agree with the decision taken in duval to reopen the beaches, in my opinion it can generate more infections. I can only suggest that they think more about the health and safety of people, than in the economy, if there is a large outbreak, the economy will not serve them, because then they will not have anyone to support them. For me health comes first, without health we cannot do anything.
Pinellas	General	Don't open Florida for business. All healthcare workers and service providers are at increased risk of dying! Greed is not the solution to a man made problem. Keep Florida closed.

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Pinellas	General	I just have a few ideas to share with you. I agree businesses should be opened up in stages. Some types of businesses before others. In addition to deciding which types of businesses to open initially and particularly for customer-driven businesses, it could be recommended that businesses open under a strict "no walk-ins", "by appointment only" or "reservations only" basis. Of course, still observing "social distancing guidelines", proper distancing between customers and disinfecting thoroughly between customer visits. As an example, if a restaurant has a seating capacity of 50, at first make available only 20 seats. After a period of time and according to government guidelines, then you may make available more seating. Many of the "nonessential" manufacturing businesses could also reopen by implementing the use of masks and gloves, social distancing and thorough disinfection of tools, machines and areas after use. Limit the number of individuals allowed in common areas according to the size of the area and safe distancing recommendations. Likewise, medical and dental offices and all doctors could begin their practices with appointment only visits, and hospitals should be allowed to start elective surgical procedures and well patient screenings by appointment only again. As for beaches and parks, initially, open the beaches up to local residents. Monitor this for a couple of weeks and reassess. Eventually open the public access gradually to other visitors. You could do this by limiting the public parking areas as to only allow a set number of vehicles parking during a given time. Blocking off the parking lots could help to limit the number of persons in the areas. Shop owners along the beach areas must adhere to the "customer only parking" allowed in their lots. These ideas are mainly for the smaller parks and beach communities. I am sure the larger parks (Disney, Busch Gardens, and the like.) will have their own ideas more tailored to their services. Observe the guidelines for a time (maybe 14 days or so), re-evaluate how this is doing and adjust accordingly. Obviously if there
Pasco	Manufacturing	Good afternoon, As a Florida business owner and someone that travels frequently for my company, I would like to start off by stating that i am truly pleased with how this situation has been handled so far with regards to our great state. Comparing it to how other states have handled this I am proud to be from Florida. With that being said i believe it is time to open Florida back up and get things going again. Even with some minor restrictions if necessary. This has taken quite a toll already on my business and many other of my friends that own businesses here in Florida. Thanks, Tim Rosej
Hillsborough	General	Do NOT reopen the public beaches, parks, or restaurants for sit in dining without a clear plan to lessen the risk of exposure for all citizens.
Pasco	Tourism	Our sole purpose of staying at home was to flatten the curve. We have done just that, hospitals are not overwhelmed right now. For everyone’s sanity and health we need to open the state. Theme parks could be opened to Florida residents only, I would gladly participate in a simulation if they needed people to help. The kids need outlets, parks and playgrounds should open ASAP. The number of drownings in our state are ridiculous right now.

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Walton	Accommodation	THANK YOU for allowing our voices to be heard! Thank you for attempting to take care of our state and constituents the best way you knew how. As a small business operator. I cannot imagine the stress and insults being thrown your way from both directions. I represent a professional vacation rental management company in the FL Panhandle. I cannot begin to express to you my concern of our economy being shut down and the local economy suffering. Should a shut down continue with the vacation rental ban, our economy will collapse - it's only a matter of time. We are a driving force to this area with bed taxes, supporting other local businesses, and employing over 20 team members (not including our 100+ Owners, cleaners, vendors, etc.) Without rentals, Owners cannot pay Association dues.The real estate sector would be on the brink of collapsing again if so many Owners have to sell and the inventory floods the market. As a professional vacation rental manager, we are setting up all necessary precautions to ensure our properties and guests are safe: following CDC guidelines, wearing PPP, disinfecting properties with solutions that kill COVID-19, etc. We would be willing to require a couple day gaps between reservations if that makes everyone feel better. I see the devastation. I see where things are headed if we don't begin to slowly re-open. I support your efforts for a solid, slow re-opening, but we need to know what's going on. I cannot flip the light on and begin operating tomorrow. I need a week lead-time. Knowing at the last hour is debilitating to allow me proper time to stock up on supplies, prepare, train, re-hire, etc. Please have daily press conferences at the same time, every day, on TV so we can stay informed. I never know when you are going to pop up on the screen, and it's very hard to stay tuned to the terrible media all day long just waiting for your voice. The only other thing I would like to say, is that it was completely discriminatory of you to close only vacation rentals and not hotels - if you are going to force one sector of lodging to close, you should ensure those businesses are going to receive government funding. Thanks for listening.
Clay	General	I agree to reopen Florida people we need to work to feed our families our bills. Farmers need money as qell. People who disagree came continued doing their social distances and other can return to work. It has impacted our family business our house payment our other bills.
Brevard	Healthcare	FL should be re-opened in phases in line with those set forth by the White House. It's time to open and allow businesses to operate using smart social distancing guidelines. Those who are elderly and/or medically fragile should continue to stay home unless leaving for essentials or medical care. Get unemployment up and running; pay retroactive claims. Disney should only be open to FL residents for the foreseeable future.
Duval	General	Desantis and all appointees are trump lap dogs, can them all and start over with educated people
Bay	Tourism	I would like to see vacation rentals opened back up. I have already seen rental management companies go under. It is time to allow vacation rental owners to restart their business. I own and manage two small lower end units and in one month I have personally lost $18,000. My story is not the only one.

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Miami-Dade	Retail	Don't open up the state until it's safe! Between April 24 & 25 we got 800 more cases of Covid19. I live in Miami and I work in retail, it's a small store and I have no way whatsoever of social distancing from my coworkers and I have to help customers so I obviously can't social distance from them. My store also attracts tourists from all over the world. For the love of God, wait for the Covid19 cases to dramatically drop, a lot!! Health over politics. Why even ask the public what we prefer??? The governor needs to do what's best for the people In his state. He needs to think about our health no matter what anybody says. This virus is terrifying and if we open up too soon Covid cases could surge. Memorial Day is coming up, and Miami Breach is going to be insane packed with people!! I feel we should wait a bit more to open FL until more testing is done.🙏🙏 Signed:very concerned citizen.
Lee	Healthcare	We need to treat our dental patients and the aerosol is high risk. All the dentists I have spoken with and staff want us to do testing. We need to be able to administer a test to any patient that is going to get a procedure that produces aerosols. Dentists are highly trained in blood, saliva and injections. -we would be interested in the quickest test possible for 15 minutes or 45 minute test or even the next day test- we could run them the day before if even needed. please stop overwhelming the pharmacist! they have enough to do with all the Rx and vaccinations— let the dentist help because we also need to know the status of our patients for our safety and the staff safety— people have had their dental work put off for six weeks now— we've had to go in for emergencies But the number of emergencies is starting to grow— please include dentistry for testing especially out of network dentist— dentist in or out of network should be able to perform the testing and submit to the insurance. We are here and ready to help and this would kill two birds with one stone and would make dentistry safer to perform
Duval	General	It appears our governor is President Trump's tool. He is embarrassing. He only seems to care about economy. Churches, guns, professional wrestling?!?! Not only are these absolutely NON ESSENTIAL, two of the three are dangerous in the hands of most weak minded Americans. I leave it to you to figure out which two. Re opening the state shouldn't be based merely on hospital capacity and political interests. I abhor our so called leader and I cannot wait to vote him out of office.
Osceola	Finance	Before trying to open the state.... first fix the unemployment issue.... my husband filled for unemployment on march 28-29 and still no answer... that is 4 weeks without income
Polk	General	We're never going to have zero cases. Nobody is staying home anyway so we might as well get these folks that are out of work, back to work. Everyone knows the risk/precautions so let the people decide how they want to handle it. Let's put this thing in gear and send it.
Hillsborough	Administrative	I believe June 1st would be a date to satisfy most Floridians. The curve has been flagged and people need to get back to work, especially with the unemployment website isn't helping people get paid.
Hillsborough	Professional Services	I personally still do not feel safe to go to work and/re-opening of including the impacts to small businesses, healthcare, education, tourism, agriculture, retail, recreation and sports and construction.

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Seminole	Recreation	Keep small business closed at least until June. Opening within the next 2 weeks could be dangerous. If small business open and get confirmed covid cases it could possibly put them out of business.
Alachua	Recreation	I desperately need to open my business by June. I run an event venue where we hold weddings. I am hopeful that we will move forward with reasonable precautions such as hand sanitizing stations and limiting to no more than one person per 30sf or so. My fear is this. I am in Alachua county and our numbers are all down, qualifying us for phase one under the federal guidelines. However, ourcounty commissioners have been publicly saying that even though we qualify, they do not intend to stop the stay at home order when the Governor's order is relaxed. Please protect counties who have reduced infections and hospitalizations from government overreach. Thank you
Volusia	Professional Services	Massage therapists open, medically needed
Seminole	General	NO NO NO NO NO. HOW MANY "NO"s will it take for people to understand that it is NOT TIME YET to open Florida. America is a great country BECAUSE of all of our freedoms but some people are behaving like spoiled brats in time out when they are told we have to take necessary precautions...not just to protect themselves but the rest of society. we are in the middle of a WORLDWIDE HEALTHCARE EMERGENCY. Time for community leaders to step up and be the "mean parent" who is making the unpopular decision because it is the RIGHT thing to do.
Palm Beach	General	Open the private community pools and private beaches. Restaurants salons and close contact should remain closed. Stadiums and gyms should remain closed.
Bay	Healthcare	With Bay county being a tourist destination it's ridiculous to open everything at once. I would like to know how Hotels and motels can be open and receive bailouts as condo owners go broke. I'm not totally in favor of opening short term rentals however there's no difference in the two. No one is following stay home order now that city and county officials partially opened the beach and tourists are driving in to stay in those hotels and motels you left open. Numbers will increase in our area due to this and we've been lucky so far. I realize things will have to open eventually for economy but don't go strictly by our numbers or population in a tourist town. Fix unemployment people have been laid off for 6 weeks and are starving it's ridiculous.

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Miami-Dade	General	Mr. Governor, I'm a single mom of 2 kids with asthma, a proud registered Republican for this great state, and I wish nothing more to get back to work. I would love nothing more then to get back to work. I'm a bartender at one of the longest running restaurants in Miami, I miss my regulars, I miss interacting with people over 5 feet tall, I miss my co-workers who I consider not just friends but also family. But I also have to take into consideration the health and well being of my own family. my daughter gets a flu shot every year and still ends up getting it. Every year this little boo ends up in the hospital in respiratory destess, crazy fevers, and non stop asthma attacks I trust your better judgment to protect our state, but all ask , is that you take my little family into consideration I just received my first ui check which was for a fraction of what I normally make, if I'm willing to take a huge pay cut to stay home to keep my kids safe , that should mean something . I know you just had a little one yourself, if you dont feel safe taking that little one into a restaurant, please dont reopen them and force me to make the choice between the job that I love or the kids that I have promised to protect.
Seminole	General	We must increase or testing level such that EVERYONE who plans to resume contact with others outside of the people with whom they live daily. This means pre-testing must include not only people such as barbers and tattoo parlor owner/operators but anyone who plans to be in an enclosed space such as a gym, restaurant or store. This virus is been established to be very, very contagious and not knowing if you are shedding virus means you are gambling with the lives of those around you some of whom are being required to work in these environments or risk losing their jobs. Additionally, everyone traveling outside their homes for work or shopping, etc. would need to wear a medical grade mask as a precaution. As of now many people are still entering stores and other enclosed places without any mask being worn. Any first responder or healthcare worker should be tested at least monthly for COVID-19 as they are at greater risk of exposing others and themselves to the virus. All COVID-19 testing including antibody testing should be at no cost to the people being tested. When a person tests positive for COVID-19 they MUST be quarantined by the local health department. Their immediate family or those with whom they live must be quarantined as well until they can be tested and then retested a week later to find out they are still testing negative on both tests. Anyone who has been in the community before testing positive must have their contacts traced back at least 5 days to make sure that all who had close contact are tested.

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Miami-Dade	Government	Please reopen our beaches and parks. It is no longer disputed that sunshine and fresh air are conditions in which the virus is least likely to survive and be transmitted. Please end the mandatory masks. I can not wear them due to breathing difficulties and I am severely ridiculed for it every time I am forced to go in public for necessities. Please allow businesses to reopen. My friends are suffering financially in ways some will never recover. Some are despairing. Please we do not have to continue to punish the healthy to protect the at risk. Please help us reopen and those who still need to isolate may certainly continue taking those precautions. Please end the punishment of the people who NEED to get back to work in order to provide for their families.
St. Johns	Professional Services	As a licensed cosmetologist for almost 14 years I am a 1099 independent contractor. I was frustrated to see that there was not someone from our industry on the task force to reopen Florida. Although you have a representative for the DBPR our industry is very unique. Our licensing, continued education and daily work revolves around close contact with others and sanitation and disinfection. Please consider someone from our industry to be on your task force to help open Florida, stimulate the economy, and get people back to feeling like themselves again. We are so important to mental and emotional health. As a 1099, as many are in our industry we have been completely skipped over. We have not received a stimulus check and unemployment.....well, you know the issue with that. We need to get back to work! We cannot continue to “work from home”. It’s not possible. Please help us! Please help our industry! Everyone needs us! Everyone needs a haircut!

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Broward	General	Covid-19 is never going to go away, the point of the stay at home order was so slow the curve, which we have done. If Floridians want to go back to work, they should be allowed to. It's up to people who have underlying health concerns, or live with people with underlying health conditions to stay at home. Healthy people need to go back to work. Florida should also reopen the beaches. We need somewhere to go outdoors. Staying indoors is making us sick physically and mentally. There is more risk going to a grocery store than going to the beach and maintaining social distancing. The longer you wait, the more crowded the beaches will be as people get more and more cabin fever. Limiting hours will also funnel more people into a shorter frame, so limited hours is not a good idea. Open the amenities in our complexes, we pay for them and we can maintain distancing and wipe down our spaces to mitigate risk. It's should be our choice and we pay for those things. The more studies come out proves that people can have the virus and still appear healthy. That is why the vulnerable population must take responsibility for themselves and continue to stay home. Those who can work remote should continue to do so. But keeping all people home is just delaying the inevitable, we cannot stay inside forever. I fear people will become desperate and start crime. I fear people will lose hope and hurt themselves. A phased opening will help to expose people to the sickness slowly and start herd immunity. Start with parks, beaches and outdoor spaces. Then open resturants, movie theaters, salons and stores occupying at 50%. Then open bars to 50% by June 1st. Any later and many will not survive, especially in South Florida. We need travel to start again this summer. The airlines need it. People with family out of the state need it. We need to look at the facts that this virus is not nearly as dangerous as anticipated. Its important to lay our fact because people are running off of emotions and being irrational. Give those who are still scared the option to
Pinellas	Food	Mr. DeSantis and task force members, Please consider opening restaurants in Pinellas county as soon as possible. I have worked for the same company for 27 years as a bartender. That may not be a thing to brag about, but I have always provided for myself and now my son and I haven't been able to do that since March 21. I have also not received any unemployment money since then so reopening would be a god send. Just like many others, I fight not to get depressed because of the situation. I am healthy and wanting to work and not just collect a check from the government (if it ever comes). I WANT TO WORK!!!! Have the old people stay home so us healthy ones can be productive members of society!!!! Thank you.
Seminole	Healthcare	Extend stay at home order until more testing
Hillsborough	General	We all want to go back to normal, but please don't reopen the state too early. By doing so, we're going to end up in worse shape than before. Extend the order, and keep us safe.

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Broward	General	It is too soon to open the state of Florida.... 1000 people have died in our state and the medical people say its WAY TOOOOOOO SOON! Don't do anything now that we will regret later... Remember that this is the health and LIVES of our people, just because your mentor (Trump) is an idiot doesn't mean you have to be. Cindy Berger
Polk	General	As a teacher here in the state of Florida, I must implore this task force to please pay attention to medical experts. Yes, people are hurting financially, they need to be helped, but sending people back to work when it is not safe is just endangering people in the name of money. Listen to experts, push to make changes that can support people until it is truly safe to begin working again. Dont make people go back to work and endanger themselves, just to increase profits and line the pockets of investors more than front line workers.
Polk	Recreation	Keep small business closed at least until June.
Escambia	General	The state should open back up not just for economic reasons but for health and well being. People locked down is taking a toll on basic health, not being to get out to exercise, but for mental well being. People are social creatures and being confined breaks down that barrier and creates greater depression.
Brevard	General	LIVES over money!
Okaloosa	Tourism	We are highly encouraging you all to please open vacation rentals with no additional restrictions. We are a respected self regulating industry with impeccable standards. Further, the market will respond appropriately in regards to consumer confidence. We have unfairly suffered as hotels have remained open. Thank you for your consideration
Pinellas	General	Testing - that is the only answer. Let's do what South Korea did. Let's invest in testing. It's the only sure way to resolve this - test, isolate and quarantine - test some more until there is a vaccine, then make sure it can be mass produced
Flagler	Government	I would wait until June to see where we are then. I think we should make sure there is not a wave coming plus see what happens to the states that open sooner.
Palm Beach	Recreation	PLZZ RE-OPEN THE DOG PARKS IN WEST BOCA (BURT AAROHNSON REGIONAL PARK). PEOPLE WILL DISTANCE THEMSELVES AND THE PARKS ARE LARGE ENOUGH TO ACCOMODATE THAT. THX!
Pinellas	Healthcare	I truly believe we need to reopen with a phased approach as soon as possible. All areas of the economy are suffering, not just restaurants and travel. For example the lack of elective procedures are having a huge negative impact on healthcare providers and hospitals. The economic impacts on many will be far worse than the impacts on COVID-19. Unfortunately, we will not see many of those for months or years to come. It is time to open up at least parts of the state for everyone's well being.

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Duval	Government	PLEASE re-open the DMV for Florida. I have been waiting since February to have Title transferred to my name in addition to Tag transfer. Also, I am anxiously waiting for Nail Salon to open. Please take these requests into consideration.
Pinellas	Recreation	Thank you all for your Hard work. On May 1st Please open the Beaches for exercise in the am and pm for locals only . Do Not open the beaches to for sitting UNTIL Memorial Day weekend is Over. Then to locals in small groups. If Sun light kills the virus and is good for mental health. PLEASE allow us to walk on the beach . Thank you.
Pasco	General	Many localities in Florida have minimal cases of the virus and should be completely opened. Citizens can take responsibility for themselves to take precautions for staying safe.
Polk	General	Thank you for this opportunity. As businesses open and employees are called back to work, what consideration will be taken for those whose children are normally in school, daycare, or after school programs, that will now affect their ability to go back to work? If they have no one to watch their children, they could be fired for not returning back to work? There is so much more than to just “open up”. How people have to readjust should be carefully considered.
Lee	General	Please do not make any decisions that will impact the seniors living in the state - do not open places that do close contact like nail salons , hair salons just yet - as much as I want to get my hair and nails done, it is puke be reckless to allow right now. You can open things like retail stores with curbside delivery and offices with minimum peopl working. We have stayed in quarantine for so long a few more weeks won’t hurt but could do actual damage if populations jump right in! Rather take opening slow and steady then jump in with two feet. If we have a huge spike in cases then we have done all this quarantine for nothing and we are not getting younger! As an aide my husband was 85 on April 23 and a group of our friend drove by honking their horns and left signs ! It was actually one of his best birthday present s!!
Broward	General	Need to open up all stores and restaurant's to lower capacity.. Keep in practice social distances. Until someone has come up with a vaccine.
Pinellas	Government	I want you to start re-opening the state. It is time
Volusia	General	Keep small business closed at least until June.
Hillsborough	Retail	So I have a auto immune lung disease called Sarcoidosis. Had it diagnosed since 2000. Don’t worry. Most people with this live a perfectly normal life span. I know at least one lady that is in her nineties and has this. Not contagious. Actually, they do not even know what causes it. 70% of the time, it goes away on its own. This makes me one of those higher risk folks if I should get any flu, but yes, this one in particular. So that means I might need to take precautions. But the solution is not to stop you from working and protecting me. It is my responsibility to protect myself. So, go back to work, and I will do what I think I need to do. .
Osceola	Management	I believe we should not open. We should give Atleast 2 more weeks to reopen.

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Orange	Tourism	I want to make sure the public & tourists are held to some kind of enforceable standard in locations like malls, attractions, theme parks, entertainment destinations, etc. I will not feel comfortable if the business is not able or willing to enforce that individuals follow social distancing guidelines, the need for face masks, etc. I am nervous of the members of the public that have not taken this seriously, and I fear those individuals will be the most lackadaisical visitors once entertainment venues are reopen.
Orange	General	We flattened the curve now feather it. We cannot let the cure be worst than the disease. My dad was kicked out of the house in 9th grade during the Great Depression for lack of food. Death and misery from a depression might be much worse than COVID 19. Keep up the great work and push to keep our economy open as much as possible.
Indian River	Healthcare	I do not feel we should be reopening the state. As an "essential employee" myself I still don't feel comfortable around others and we have hundreds of new cases a day. If we reopen everything that is going to go way up from everyone being exposed to one another.
Escambia	Retail	While I understand the economic impact this virus is having on everyone,as an essential employee we are exposed everyday working in the retail industry. With the number of cases still going up throughout the state and here 8n nwfl, I don't understand the reopening of the state. Ppl still are still out and about because if Bordem. I get that. But I feel the virus is and will be a larger issue in nwfl if Florida ooens completely. There still needs to be measures to protect us.
Martin	General	As you consider opening Florida please consider what we have already gone through and terms of loss of life and difficulty. It would be imperative if we were to open the state for every single individual to wear a mask except when doing solitary exercise or walking in an area where there will be no other human contact. I have a second home in California and there everybody has to wear a mask. Everyone in every store and every gas station wears masks. Here in Florida the people have failed in that regard because it's been left as an option. I also think strict measures at our beaches would have to be enforced so that large groups do not get together and began a second surge of infection. Nursing homes would have to be even more careful than ever if the stay-in-place order is lifte. I hope you are considering these very dangerous factors. Jobs and the economy can be rebuilt but lives can not be! It would also be critical to test many more Floridians and begin tracking the infection rate much more thoroughly.

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Broward	General	I think no matter what is decided upon, once businesses and locations start to open back up Floridians will go out in masses, not sure how to combat that, but no doubt that should be addressed. Unfortunately, we live in a world where not everyone listens and abides to the rules. I would like to see beaches and parks opened first. I would support limited hours and their use for EXERCISE ONLY to start which keeps people moving, and not for sunbathing or picnicking where larger groups would gather. If hair salons, gyms and tattoo parlors are to open first then all retail stores/businesses should open at the same time - that makes more sense. More importantly, the supply chain needs to get back to normal. Too many products out of stock everywhere - maybe put a 1 per person limit on everything everywhere until that happens. Lastly, I want to thank everyone for managing this crisis as well as you all have. I have been in agreement of the stay at home orders from the start and doing my part. So thank you very much for keeping us safe.
Pasco	General	RE OPEN FLORIDA
Pinellas	General	Would like to wait a couple more weeks before gradually reopening.
Osceola	Professional Services	I think Phase 1 should begin May 1st. Get small businesses open before its too late. It's unreal that large box stores can be open with 100's and 100's of customers and the salon I work in with less than 10 people counting clients cannot open. We are willing to wear masks and take safety precautions to be safe but it's unfair to wait and cost us our livelihood. I feel if people are afraid to go out let them stay at home. For the rest of us give us back our life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.
Volusia	Education	No cases are going up here in Volusia it better to be safe
Pinellas	Tourism	Leaders in Florida need to seriously consider restricting non property owner vacationers/tourists . Once Florida opens there will likely be a surge of non property owner vacationers/tourists from hard hit NE states. I truly believe this will likely be a big problem with repeated coronavirus case spikes.
Flagler	General	Please keep the state closed for atleast another few weeks! It is such a mistake to reopen this soon... my family will not support this at all... You are signing 10000s of folks death warrant!
Osceola	Recreation	Keep small business closed at least until June.
Hillsborough	Education	I personally still do not feel safe to go to work and/re-opening of including the impacts to small businesses, healthcare, education, tourism, agriculture, retail, recreation and sports and construction.
Pinellas	Healthcare	Do nor open up Florida..
Indian River	Healthcare	I work as a oral surgeon assistant in Indian river county my concern is how safe are we with reopening when me and many other assistants have to perform surgeries along side the doctors for sometimes 4 hours on end. We don't feel safe having to go back into this kind of environment where there is no option for us to social distance and that's second to the fact that the mouth is one of the dirtiest places to work on in general we don't have an option for a patient to put a mask on either. we are scared for our lives and don't want to be forced to go back to work and chance bringing something home to our family for an ELECTIVE SURGERY. NOT MANDATORY!!!!! Please listen to us !
Sarasota	General	I feel safe enough for the Quarantine and the lock down be lifted. Let's reopen FL!

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Seminole	General	I feel that the “stay at home” order should remain in effect until at least May 31, if not longer. I fear that many people think once the order is lifted, the virus will be eradicated and they can return to the same habits and lifestyle they were living prior to this crisis. if they do so, we will see an even bigger outbreak than we have now and all the sacrifices we are currently making will be for naught. Why should my family be put at risk by the selfishness of others who want to get a haircut, their nails done, go shopping at the mall, or just get out of the house because they are bored. I think that the majority of people who want the state reopened want their selfish nonessential needs met, not so that they can go back to work to provide for their families. There are too many asymptotic cases out there, too dangerous. Please act quickly to close when next wave(s) come
Lake	General	Good afternoon, my suggestion is that for essential workers who have been on the front lines at grocery stores, pharmacies, and general places outside of the medical field be rotated with those who active and willingly want to work in there place giving individuals a break and also allowing them to be tested. Mandatory washing stations for proper cleaning with sensors for hand soap, doors, and hand drying be emplimented in all open establishments. Social distancing has to remain at the for front but young individuals who have or will graduate college should be encouraged to take advantage of delivery service positions to better serve the community as a low risk. Masks should be mandatory and those without masks can be refused service. Hair salons and grooming services are by appointment only after acknowledging that they have not had flu, covid, or exposure to either. Workers must wear masks and gloves and customers the same. All food and groceries must remain curbside and delivery for another 30 days. Hotels reopen in select locations heavily monitored for covid 19 symptoms reserved solely for families who experience hardship due to disaster and temperature checks implemented upon reentry. Local events like basketball games and soccer games open to players and select audiences no more than 1000 socially distanced among stadiums for first 3 weeks of reopening. Janitorial service workers should be contracted by the state for cleaning of commercial buildings to lighten the load of essential worker . This should all be monitored over a 30 day period. Lastly for medical services. Telehealth should continue but dental workers and vision care should be on a need basis. Food assistance programs should be established closer to hurricane season.
Brevard	General	I know we have to be cautious but we must open small businesses. People need to work. Please open beauty shops.
Volusia	Recreation	Sunbathing with social distancing please reopen and allow for this

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St. Lucie	General	I am asking that first the beaches be re-opened, secondly the parks and pickleball courts. I am a fisherman that mostly fishes on the beach and by its nature there has to be distance between us so are lines do not cross. 20,30 feet or more. Also the pickleball courts where you are also distanced by the nature of the game. So many of us have had our rights trampled by these blanket rules that don't make much sense. Another insight is the fact that this virus has to run its course through society, it has to happen and it will happen, we have no way to stop it, only slow it down. Protect the elderly, sick and unhealthy people. That should be the focus.
Flagler	General	Florida has to open up eventually. So if the govenor decides to open up May 1st or so then atleast make it mandatory for people to wear masks and still respect social distancing in stores. We live in a tourist state so we are going to be getting travelers from everywhere to come here. I also work in retail and we all know once stores open people are going to shop and flood the stores, which I'm sure that's what the governor wants for the economy and for businesses but that is going to be unsafe for all of us especially because most people do not take this seriously. So just put some serious rules in place like New York and other states have!
Sarasota	General	Keep small business closed at least until June.
Brevard	General	florida in not ready to be re-opened. it would just set back the progress we have made. And out of state people with come and bring more cases. LIVES BEFORE MONEY!
Pinellas	General	Offer tax credits to every company that keeps their workforce working from home and online Reduce occupancy limits for any company that runs "cube farms" where employees perform work that can be done online to reduce the chances of another pandemic spreading. End state and local taxes on internet service Reduce regulation of internet service allowing more providers to enter the market Wave workers comp for every employee that a company keeps working from home and online Expand online schools (charter, private, public) so our kids will never go without a quality education whenever another disaster strikes End city and county licensing requirements for any self-employed/home business that works online
Volusia	General	Hello, my name is David Baldauff I am a resident of DeLand Florida, my suggestion is to allow all mom & pop businesses including bars & restaurants to reopen in a safe and responsible way. Because in deland most of our restaurants & bars are independently owned and operate on shoe string budgets so let's get back to work.
Sumter	General	Re-open all businesses, advising the vulnerable to stay home. Too much damage is occurring to the economy. Considering that most people will survive the virus, we are sacrificing the economy for a small minority that can stay home.

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Orange	General	Open May 26th, 2020 or June 1st. Get one major holiday out of the way so there will be no large gathering to celebrate. Open all boat ramps. Keep the islands closed that everyone hangs out on, but people should be able to go fish or take boat rides.
Broward	Professional Services	I am basically a one man operation as a nail technician providing hand, foot and nail care for men. It is a service that many men require to maintain the health and integrity of their hands, feet and nails. Some cannot reach their toenails or have ingrown, calluses, diabetes, neuropathy, fungus etc.and maintenance is required to prevent bacterial and other infections. At minimum small business where there is one customer at any given time with all safety measures should be allowed to open. Risks are minimal and these are . My services are not for cosmetic but more for health reasons. There should be a mechanism for businesses to apply for exceptions otherwise there will be a lot of business closures. I will reemploy my employees at the right time but I have to pay the Bill's and be able to get food etc especially when no signs of any stimulus money, UI, PPP. We are being failed by the system. Other countries like Canada have successfully implemented procedures that work smoothly .This a failure on government. However, I applaud this ser up of a task force and getting public input. Thank you to our good governance in our State by our Governor.
Orange	General	Just don't open until it's safe, if you are going to open up give people the option to either work or stay home and collect unemployment until it's safe for us to work, a lot of us have immunocompromised people at home, and by opening too soon people like me are going to have to make choices of sacrificing our selves and our family to covid or going back to work for an hourly paycheck. fix unemployment we all pay for it, I have been paying for it since I started working in 2007 and I have NEVER used it I have never been with out a job and now that I need it, it's not working! My husband has also not been able to work his grocery job because it's not safe, his mother lives with us and she is HIGH RISK, and still no unemployment we have been with out jobs for a month. You guys know it's not safe better then we do, make the right choice please.
Broward	General	I am a nail salon owner which 30 nail technicians in Fort Lauderdale. I think it is too early to reopen business right now. I have talked with my technicians and other nail salon owners, Due to the nature of our business that requires touching our clients and gathering of staff and clients, we are all worried to work at this time. I believe the coronavirus cases will increase really fast again if we reopen now. There are plastic shield which can be installed on manicure stations. Unfortunately, those will not help to stop the spread. Nail salon is not only about manicure, there are also pedicures station and waxing room. Also, all nail salons have a very small rest area for technicians to share to eat and rest together. The health of our technicians and community are the most important. Hope you can make right decision to hell us go through this pandemic. Thank you for your hard work.

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Pinellas	Tourism	Let's follow the science. Covid 19 doesn't seem to like heat and sunlight. Getting people outside in the sun will be better for their health. We can still social distance, and wear masks where appropriate. Also, swimming in condo pools, which are typically chlorinated, is a safe and healthy activity. Please allow our beaches and pools reopen. Finally, it is time to allow visitors to returns to our lodging options.
Volusia	Management	It is my concern that the cases in my county have not subsided and continue to grow . Unfortunately people haven't taken this seriously in the 1st place and should we open people will absolutely disregard the social distancing recommendations because they will think it must not be that much of a threat if the government is willing to open back up so soon while there are cases of infection still being reported. I lost my Father to the Coronavirus and had someone say to me "oh it's really real I thought this was just a scam" those words hurt so bad because we are losing so many people and there are those who still think it's a joke and are not taking the proper precautions! Its because of them that we will continue to grow in infection numbers please do not open back up till we truly know how to battle this I cant keep losing people I love!
Polk	General	I would begin to lift restrictions as of May 31st by removing the "stay at home" ban, but keeping the social distancing plan in place. Open smaller business (salons & gyms), as well as beaches, restaurants and clothing retailers to open and allowing 50% capacity at a time. Allow dentist and doctors to go back to normal practice allowing small capacity in the waiting area. In 30 days (June 30), open smaller attractions (Gatorland, Fun Spot, LEGOLAND). July 15th - August 1st, (if all is well and CoVid-19 cases continue to fall), open larger attractions (Disney, Universal, Sea World etc.) The larger attractions MUST be last. These draw the most Foreign tourist and will have the biggest impact on spreading the virus if we open too soon. I don't believe we've had enough of a decline throughout the world to safely open these places yet.
Hillsborough	Education	I personally still do not feel safe to go to work and/re-opening of including the impacts to small businesses, healthcare, education, tourism, agriculture, retail, recreation and sports and construction.
Orange	General	Please reopen all community parks. The mental well being of our children even as young as 2 is declining. We need access to our playgrounds for so many reasons. We can even create more janitorial jobs for someone to sanitize the playground 3-4 times a day. We should install purrell stations at all playgrounds in the future as well. Also companies should not be cutting pay for those in the frontline. My husband is a physician assistant who is staffed by a company named envision health, they cut my husbands pay by 10%. This is a stab in the back to someone who works in the ICU with limited PPE & now limited pay. Not asking for more money, but it should be illegal to cut the pay of medical field employees amid a pandemic.
Brevard	Management	I'll be comfortable opening up when we have achieved 100% testing and have a contact tracking system in place. Until then if they open we won't go.

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Hillsborough	Management	Good afternoon! I am a restaurant manager who has been working since this all has started, let me explain to you the importance of keeping it closed for a little bit longer. I go to work every day and still work with my staff and talk to guest. I don't know where these people have been but I continue to serve my community, with the hopes of not bringing it home to my family or mother in law who lives with me. My husband also works at all children's in st Pete and they have had zero cases and I would like to keep it that way. We are getting caught up with the idea of having money flowing again and being "normal" and trust me I get it, my restaurant is losing money everyday, employees who don't have income, but I want to be safe, I want my staff who has been working hard to stay safe. We didn't get to be home with our families and be safe. Testing more is bringing more people with it and it is scary! Please keep My staff and I safe, so we can continue to do our jobs for our families.
Polk	General	We need to open up Florida. Studies show that immunity builds with social interaction.
Seminole	General	First of, I would like to thank the Governor and mayors and other authorities in Florida for keeping us informed in an honest and open way throughout this epidemic. I really appreciate and feel safe because of how you handle it. Secondly, regarding reopening state: I am not opposing the idea. However I have asthma and so far I have protected myself from getting the virus following guidelines and I plan to do so until a cure for it is found, since I am afraid of the consequences of me catching the virus and my respiratory system may or may not fail me and kill me as a result. Therefore I request authorities to keep people like me in your mind and make decisions for us as well as majority of people who are healthier than us, so we would not lose our minority voice among the population. For example for my job, I have been teleworking and have been productive employee. I would like to have a choice on whether to work in the office or keep teleworking when my work opens up. I would not want to lose some of the conveniences such as special hours of shopping for people who are at risk at the grocery places or food delivery services or having my delivery left at my door without me interacting with the delivery persons. Please consider these during your decision making. Having enough hospital beds is good however no one can guarantee that IF I get sick that you can save my life if I end up in the hospital because we don't have a FDA approved cure for it yet for hospitals to use for my therapy in the hospital. So please provide us options to choose to decision how much risk we would like to accept in our regular life as the cure is trying to be found. And please make it public when the cure is found so we would be aware and know exactly how to get it so we don't need to worry anymore. Thank you for giving us this opportunity to provide our input.
Hillsborough	Construction	I think it's too early to open up.

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Hernando	General	Hello my name is pastor Amy Byerley. I am the senior pastor of Brooksville Church of the nazarene. In my opinion we should wait another month before opening. Wait till June 1. The cases are increasing and I'm worried about the people of Florida. Churches have a lot of elderly. If and when churches reopen I think we should start off with 20 people and that's if we can provide social distancing. We can do that by easily removing chairs and keeping the seating at 20. Then over time slowly bringing in more congregants. I would love to have all church people show up. I love being with my church members but right now what's more important is to keep everyone safely. And that is loving your neighbor. I also think that we should just limit ourselves as a church to worship services only. Then gradually introduce Sunday school classes, children's activities and youth activities. I would love to help in any way I can. God bless Pastor Amy
Orange	Accommodation	Under the current stay at home order, workers who fall into the low socioeconomic class are currently at high risk for infection due to the nature of their occupations. Those include people who work in customer service and the food service industries. The large corporations that they work for do not provide their employees with enough masks and gloves to authentically protect their or their customer's health. In doing so, it only creates a faux image of safety while lying to the parties involved, stating that it indeed protects them against infection. I feel that a new policy must be in place to ensure that those workers are provided with a necessary supplies to ensure a safe working environment void of cross-contamination. If a big corporation wants to stay open during this pandemic, they must provide a safe working environment for their employees. Otherwise, they are clearly putting their profits over the lives of their customers and employees.
Hillsborough	General	I think Florida it's not ready for open yet. Everyday we have more cases and people died. just as many people do not realize how serious the situation is. But the government is only do what most people think. that is why nothing will come of it.
Pasco	General	Thank you for all you're doing to open our state. We all know the hit it's taken in every area. It has absolutely nothing to do with me as I'm retired but "the state" really needs to dump it's current tech people and purchase or develop a site for unemployment that works! It's just terrible and a total embarrassment to the citizens that live here what these people are going through and totally uncalled for. As a senior I would love to see the parks and beaches opened. Restaurants with perhaps limited seating; disposable utensils wrapped in cellophane as some fast food places have, "to go" paper menus as many have, better cleaning habits for restaurants. I pray for all that have these decisions to make. Thank you again for what you're doing and for asking for our imput.
Seminole	General	Please follow White House guide line for each phase. Re-open only when Florida cases decline for consecutive 14 days.

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Duval	General	WE SHOULD NOT RE-OPEN FLORIDA ! IT IS STILL VERY EARLY FOR US TO BE BACK IN THE PUBLIC, WHICH INCLUDES RETAIL STORES ,TRAVELING,VACATIONING AND ETC. THIS IS A DEADLY VIRUS THAT IS KILLING OUR COUNTRY AND IF WE CAN PREVENT IT AND STOP THE SPREAD WE NEED TO DO THAT . Why DO WE NEED TO RE-OPEN AND PUT EVEN MORE CITIZENS AND KIDS AT RISK . PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE DO NOT RE-OPEN FLORIDA . WE NEED TO STOP THE SPREAD AND SAVE OUR PEOPLE. LETS MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION AND REMAIN ON A LOCK DOWN . PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE DO NOT RE-OPEN . THIS VIRUS IS VERY VERY VERY DEADLY . THE HOSPITAL WILL BE OVERWHELMED IF WE MAKE THIS MOVE OF RE-OPENING FLORIDA . PLEASE PLEASE DON'T KILL US !!!
Hillsborough	Education	I personally still do not feel safe to go to work and/re-opening of including the impacts to small businesses, healthcare, education, tourism, agriculture, retail, recreation and sports and construction.
Pinellas	General	This shutdown is causing more harm that good. The state of Florida can not afford to stay shutdown. We have small business owners such as barbers and hair stylists that live off the income they make as that is their only source. We do not get unemployment because we don't qualify. How do you expect families as such as these ones to live through this? We have had all our rights stripped from us. Including access to the beach which is an escape for many with mental illnesses to find peace when they need it most. It should be up to us to decide whether we want to quarantine or get back out into the world. My children are suffering from this as well, being cooped up in the house the behavior of both of them has changed significantly not being able to enjoy being around their friends, let alone learn is the social setting they are supposed to be in with the ones that are best qualified to give them an education. Us parents are making this time the best positive way possible, but for how long that may last if the state is not opened back up soon? I recommend restaurants have a capacity limit, I recommend people be able to go back to the beach in groups less than 8 while maintaining social distancing. I recommend we work our way back to where we were before all of this. There will not be a cure or vaccine for 18 months, and we people can not make it through 18 months of quarantine. The virus will be back just like the rest but we have to make a decision, we hide from it or we accept this for what it is and give us the RIGHTS WE HAVE WHICH IS TO MAKE OUR OWN CHOICE AS TO WHAT WE DO IN REGARDS TO KEEPING HEALTHY.
Hillsborough	Retail	Fix the fucking unemployment issue and backlogged cases. Finish helpining those they are already impacted and fuck the whole "open back up thing." you can open back up when people stop getting sick and stop dying, that's how you'll fucking know. I have completed the unemployment application, on the mobile friendly version you had to launch because you can't even run a regular government website correctly with updated code, and have yet to even be notified that the application was received or submitted, let alone processed and this was week one of April. Just in short, just fuck fucking off.

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Manatee	Government	Reopen everything but with guidelines in keeping with the six feet of social distancing gloves mask and few people in public areas like the stores grocery stores just allow a few people at a time a few people is better than no people for businesses. And make sure you tell businesses that they will be penalized for Public Health risk if they have more than 10 or 15 people in at a time This is new for this generation I know some of the older people are saying that it looks like the depression but it is new to most of us so I hope you all are remembering that whether you are rich middle-class or poor that this happened to everyone and that we are Kinder and gentler to one another in the days and years to come.
Pinellas	Professional Services	Please allow pet grooming to reopen. This can be done with minimal human to human interaction. Mobile groomers take animal at the front door straight to their vehicle, easy to do safely wearing mask and gloves. Groomers with storefronts can easily walk out to vehicle to get pet, wearing mask and gloves. Pet grooming is a health issue for the animal, not just about beauty. Nails need trimming, ears and teeth need cleaning, and in case of non-shedding breeds, hair MUST be cut to avoid matting and skin damage. Groomers are for the most part low paid self employed people who can safely go back to work without endangering people. Thank you.
Citrus	Real Estate	Please do not open the state until it is absolutely safe to do so.
Orange	General	I work in the retail industry in Orlando, FL. I have worked in the industry for fourteen years and am proud of the work we do. However, I know better than anyone that if we open too early, then I will feel responsible for my staff and customers. Experts everywhere agree it is too early to open and I live in constant fear of going back to work and then bringing home COVID-19 to my older parents, who watch my dog when I am working. As there is not a single doctor on the committee to reopen FL, I fear that money is more important to the governor than people's lives. The best thing to do is to remain under lockdown for as long as the experts say. And maybe the governor can focus on fixing the unemployment system instead of killing Floridians.
Santa Rosa	General	America has learned a valuable lesson. People carry germs! Wash your hands, don't touch your face, and cough in your elbow. These are all basic infection control procedures that have now been emphasized to the public to maintain a healthy interaction with others. Let's all be conscientious of this so we can open our economy and start the recovery process of our great nation.
Broward	General	Keeping the beaches and outdoor spaces closed are going to make people more vulnerable to the virus than opening. We need sunlight and exercise to keep our immune system strong. High risk individuals should continue to stay home and send healthy people back to work!! Fear has been instilled in the community and we need facts and numbers to show the virus is not the dangerous sickness we thought it was. Proven by asymptomatic people, and those testing with antibodies to show many more people had it than we even thought.

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Duval	General	I believe we should have already been reopened and we need to get things back to normalcy. The only way to do this is to open again like Georgia did. Someone needs to look into all the deaths that have occurred due to having to be shut in, such as the Kennedy family. There are going to be more and no one speaks about that. Both the mother and son would still be alive today if their state had not enforced a lockdown. Also, the ramifications from mental and physical health decline from not being able to go to gyms and exercise like before and have a healthy everyday lifestyle will be substantial. So more lives will be lost in this respect and will likely surpass the number of lives lost to the virus. This is something that needs to be addressed as well. Child abuse and domestic violence and the loss of first responders' lives handling these calls have increased and will continue to rise of the stay at home orders are not lifted. Why is no one looking into all of these numbers and making charts? Truth prevails.
Citrus	Tourism	Everywhere, I read the suggestion of taking people's temperature wherever you go, theme parks, restaurants, etc. Really this is a joke. Research shows that people are more contagious before they show symptoms of Covid-19. Therefore, even when people do not have a fever, they can still spread the virus. This is how people contracted Covid-19 on cruise ships and theme parks and they did not get sick until they got home. Instead of checking people's temperatures at the parks, maybe we can use the antibodies test. These are supposed to show whether people have antibodies, have the virus, or do not it at all. I am one of our many Floridians who have Disney and Universal annual passes and is an avid cruiser. If you tell me that you would open the parks tomorrow without making any adjustments and I would have to sign a waiver, I will be there to spend my money.
Pinellas	General	I'm getting ready to move to largo Florida may 2nd in with my mom and dad. We aren't ready to open yet..please don't yet.. I'm Deana I'm on social security disability.
Sarasota	Recreation	I don't understand the opening of Siesta Key beaches and Longboat key beaches while leaving Lidi key beach closed?? We are all Satasota ounty and the excuse that there are more cases here is ridiculous.... I walk to both Longboat and Siesta ,,,we all shop in the same stores ???? I understand Manatee has more issues which again includes parts of Longboat but yet they are open..Again, I get it it if all are closed but to leave the middle one out doesn't seem to make any sense..... Thank You.
Orange	General	I don't believe we need to re-open Florida until health officials deem it safe.
Broward	General	Please open playgrounds, golf, beaches and salons. We need to get out of the house. We need to exercise, we need to play and we need to feel good about ourselves again. People who are worried can stay home.
Hillsborough	General	Please open the state and end the media made crisis. Encourage vulnerable to continue to shelter.
Clay	General	Please open our state. Too many people are hurting not being able to work. The people who are saying its too soon are sitting at home being paid until its over so it doesn't affect them. We cant stay closed any longer than may 1st. Our world may never recover. Please Mr.Desantis. Please.

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Sumter	Healthcare	Despair. That's what delays in "elective" surgical procedures means to people in pain, especially those whose conditions mean that delays today in treatment will rob them of future life expectancy. Despair. Folk who have had their surgeries cancelled hours before the first stop order have since been on a medical roller coaster, seeing their procedures scheduled and then cancelled again. The hope of relief from pain and related problems gets crushed by successive indefinite "governmental schedule changes," inflicting emotional agony on top of the physical harm. This "for the greater good" malarkie can only go so far, especially if it's intended to placate the general public. Hours before their scheduled surgeries Joe Everyman who can't walk due to pain and Jane Everywoman with severe gastrointestinal problems are told their surgeries are now "indefintely postponed" and need to to "suck it in" for who knows how long, but "Tommy John surgery" for major league baseball players with multi-million dollar guaranteed contracts is considered "essential" in Florida. I guess making sure 30-year-olds can throw a 100-mph fastball is considered more "essential" to society than average folk being able to walk, sleep pain-reduced or the like. The celebrities don't seem to have to live with the unknown "if or when" our health care system can give relief, as they seem to qualify for "wink, wink, nod, nod" exceptions to the restrictions placed on the rest of us. The "you can wait a few more days or weeks" concept because there may be more COVID-19 cases which need hospitalization gets lame when one looks at the numbers and sees the suffering folk in pain endure up close and personal. We're not talking about wanting face-lifts or liposuction, but real, honest-to-God pain and suffering. COVID-19 is bad, but causing extended physical agony and emotional despair to those with conditions as bad or worse than COVID-19 is downright cruel. Yes, folk can die from COVID-19, but folk also die from what they can't get now out of the fear of COVID-19.
Hernando	General	Thank you for allowing input. Hernando County has 86 cases with 3 deaths. I think moving to Phase I reopening would be good for the residents of the county - if they are low risk. Encouraging high risk residents to remain at home would be appropriate. Opening Outdoor restaurants with social distancing would be a welcome relief and allowing social distancing with hair salons would be much appreciated. I think encouraging use of masks in grocery stores and retail is a good idea. My son and wife live in Hong Kong and truly believe the masks in crowded areas has positively impacted their numbers. We need to restart the economy and get people back to work or I believe we will see more health related issues other than the virus. We need to take some positive action and give Fl residents hope for the immediate future.
Flagler	General	Please dont risk my families life for a dollar... please keep Fla closed atleast til our numbers start dropping.... dont sign our death warrants

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St. Lucie	Healthcare	COSMETIC SURGERY. when you reopen electives, this will include a massive influx of cosmetic surgeries. You said at the Cleveland clinic task force meeting today that when you speak about electives that you don't mean "like cosmetic surgeries " but those are a huge amount of the types of electives that will influx to our offices, surgery centers and hospitals when you allow electives. Are you going to prohibit certain kinds of electives? . I work in plastic surgery and we have patients begging us to open. Also, how will you insure that the hospitals aren't overrun ? Will you limit the amount of procedures allowed per day ? Cataract doctors will easily do 30 cataract surgeries in one day with an entire pre op area full of these patients for just one doctor. They are 15 minute cases so they are filling the waiting rooms and pre op areas . How will you prevent that kind of congregation? We all want to return to work but do it safely. How will this work ? Simply reinstating elective procedures is too broad . Hospital admissions are down because we aren't doing electives. Those numbers will shoot back up once we restart at an alarming rate. Not just covid patients - but the normal influx of admissions associated with the volume of patients recovering from electives and their complications.
Polk	General	Keep Florida closed!
Hillsborough	General	There should be no re opening atleast until August or September, its better be safe then sorry. The goverment needs to supply people without bank accounts with cards to put money on and supply sed mony until August or September to keep the economy going
Volusia	Information	Dont reopen until were sure we wont get this virus. Stay closed until 100% safe and no risk.
Pinellas	Food	Start phase one now and open the beaches. People are left without pay and need their jobs. Those who wish stay home can.
Seminole	Education	Leave decisions up to scientists and medical professionals.
Charlotte	Education	As a special educator in the public school setting who works with preschool children with various developmental and language delays I would encourage a class size limit moving forward. These students require a level of close contact with their teacher and peers, lack an understanding of social distancing and will need constant adult support to maintain rigorous hygiene routines. In addition many students are non-verbal and are unable to share that they are not feeling well or someone at home is sick. Prior to the school closure I had 14 children enrolled in my classroom with two more slated to start when school returned from spring break. Limiting class sizes for these young delayed students would allow better mitigation, sanitation, hygiene and slowing of the spread of various germs. Keeping our youngest most vulnerable learners protected must not be overlooked.
Hillsborough	General	I agree it's time to take a measured, careful approach to reopening the state. Starting with the lowest risk businesses and expanding from there. But requirements such as mandatory masks (by all patrons), hand sanitizer available, nightly cleaning/disinfecting of the business. Also, careful consideration of location---more rural locations are less at risk than congested cities. So start there. And absolutely NO preferential treatment given to businesses with more political clout than others! Do not make this political, or you will lose the trust of everyone and create more chaos. The WWE move was ridiculous.

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Lee	Government	Undoubtably the task force has sought the advice and input of highly skilled medical experts in preparing its reports and recommendations to Governor De Santis. It would be better to stay the course and endure a few more weeks of restrictions than prematurely end them, have the numbers start to escalate, and have to revert to even more restrictive practices. I support listening to the medical advisors and a delay of reopening non=essential businesses for a few more weeks, or a gradual transition. It would be helpful if the task force sought information by industry if different types of businesses can really operate and maintain safe practices until testing is universal and a vaccine is available, and available for all. Best practices should be identified for safe practices, standards developed, and adhered to, for going forward, for public health reasons. This should be a centralized function, not county or city, and even all governors of the states could share the best practices and adapt for their own states but not have to reinvent the wheel.
St. Johns	Healthcare	We have sacrificed a lot to get this far. The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance, but everyone who is hasty comes only to want. ~ Proverbs 21:5 We have Dr Fauci for a reason. We have a Surgeon General for a reason. We have a head of the CDC for a reason. Take your guidance from them...not politicians, not businessmen. A healthy nation is a STRONG nation.
Palm Beach	General	Don't open things back up, they need to be closed for atleast another 2 months or so. People are still testing positive & ecspecially with summer coming up and so many people party and go to beaches its gonna spread like wildfire.
Hillsborough	General	I personally still do not feel safe to go to work and/re-opening of including the impacts to small businesses, healthcare, education, tourism, agriculture, retail, recreation and sports and construction.
Orange	General	Not sure if my comment will be read. But we need to start reopening. Our economy is going to suffer greatly. As a community we need to treat this like any illness and use good hygiene. We can't close the doors to establishments and lock ourselves inside when an illness is spreading. We don't do that for the flu and that kills more younger population than Covid-19 has. Also, we need our dr's to make sure before declaring someone died of the virus to make sure a test was conducted. It's so sad to see ORLANDO and the surrounding cities, communities and our nation in fear. We can't live like this and have our god given personal Freedoms stripped.
Seminole	General	CDC guidelines should be followed exactly as written. Its is what is recommended by the federal government who is overseeing the safety and well being of all citizens. Every phase should be implemented only when all safety measures have been established. Each phase should also not have a designated timeline, only moving into next phase once the risk for exposure, infected cases has not increased. Overall, limiting the number of individuals congregating in one location should still be limited. Travel into the state should also be limited.

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Brevard	General	Personally I have confined myself to home since March 15th. As a senior citizen I couldn't wait for the President or our Governor to protect me. The President played it down as nothing and the Governor waited for Trump to tell him what to do: As Florida continues to have an increase in cases I see no ethical reason to open up Florida and spread Covid-19 when waiting several more weeks or even a month for a huge decline in cases and deaths. Personally I'm listening to Dr Fauci who knows more than the President or Governors.. Unfortunately the President has mysteriously omitted Dr Fauci from his recent press briefings. Maybe Dr Fauci is against Hydroxychlorquine, axithromycin and disinfectants as a cure. Carol Ellis
Escambia	General	I believe that we should begin reopening FL. Of course, we should still have guidelines in place, but let small businesses find ways to reopen so they can provide for their families. And please reopen the beaches for families and those who wish to exercise! Of course, no large gatherings or parties, but let families get out into the sand and water for our mental well-being and to let our kids run out all their energy! I believe that we have flattened the curve well, now let's get people back to work so we don't flatten the economy as well.
Duval	General	I believe we need to open FL as soon as possible. There are risks in everything. We simply need to mitigate the risks by enforcing social distancing and washing hands etc. People aren't staying home anyway. So I cannot see the need to continue cripple the economy
Orange	General	DO NOT OPEN THINGS BACK UP YET!!!! We're going to be right back to the beginning again and. This will never go away.
Polk	General	I want the medical professionals to decide when it is safe NOT the politicians
Clay	General	Re-open the state, yesterday!!!!!! As a small business owner and member of our area business association I can tell that we are all healthy and desperate to go back to work. We don't have a gubmint check coming in to pay rent, utilities etc... Alot of our members have applied for the relief checks but NO-ONE has received a dime. Your killing us with the senseless pandemic panic. OPEN UP NOW!!!!!!!!!
Pasco	General	I support only essential businesses being open & doing what we are doing now. I love that the Keys shutdown for one more month. Spirit just canceled my Mom's flight in June to be with me for my birthday. It was the right thing to do. No flights between TPA & ACY in June by them at all. I do not think anything else should reopen until the number of positives stop, as well as the deaths. I know our economy is suffering, but there are plenty of places hiring to keep up with consumer demand (Publix, Sam's Walmart, Costco, BJs & many others). Please keep it the way it is until the number of positives and deaths stop.

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Alachua	Accommodation	I understand the concerns for public safety. That's why I understand keeping essential business and services open. Now if other businesses are to be kept closed, there needs to be an executive State and local government decision on waiving(not deferring)essential bill payments. This includes rent and mortgage payments, and utility payments. A stipend should be given to realty owners landlords of apartments to cover expenses. If business do open, then all business operations that don't require physical contact should be open with the same social distancing guidelines. All hair salons, gyms, and other business that perform physical contact services are to open with testing methods for workers and customers who are requesting service.
Manatee	General	Although I am terrified I am unable to pay my bills, opening up the state right now would be a huge mistake. Our numbers are still rising and testing still isnt being done as it should be. Florida residdents are going to be hurting due to unavailable unemployment benefits and those who are out of work. The state should have been shut down completely from the beginning, because it wasnt, it went out of control and isnt getting better. 2 weeks of a strong lockdown as opposed to this months of light lockdown would have made a huge difference. I am one of the ones who cant go out due to health issues. I cannot provide for my family! Opening the state will be a mistake. Also everyone should be wearing masks. EVERYONE!
Leon	General	It's time to end restrictions on people and businesses that prevent them from making a living, and infringe on our rights. If there is no spike from the last months experience of going to the grocery stores and the home improvement stores while practicing social distancing then we've proven that this disease is a paper tiger and we can get on with our lives. End it now. Give us rational guidelines and get out of our way. Put your administration's energy into discovering who has been damaged by the shutdown and target relief to them. I'm talking specifically about the small businesses of Florida who always get the short end of the stick and have had to bear the the bulk of the financial burden during this crisis.
Brevard	General	It is too soon to open everything back up. Testing is not being done as it should be so the numbers are not accurate. I know at least 2 people turned away from testing at the ER even though they had symptoms and contact with positive cases. And with beaches now open, and people in general not taking this seriously, cases are continuing to rise. If we must re-open, it must be done with severe restrictions in place. Anyone who can work remotely: should. Those who can't shouldn't be forced to go to work simply to save the state from having to pay unemployment. There are too many people who are compromised medically who are forced to work as it is. Lives before money! It is time to show Floridians that our government actually cares about the people who live here and not just about money.
Seminole	General	As hard of a time as I'm having to take care of. My family right. I feel that we are in no way ready to reopen we should not even be looking at loosening things up until the end of May. I would rather struggle and hopefully dont become homeless that open things back up right now.

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Clay	Government	Please don't re-open Florida yet. It's too soon. If the schools are closed, everything else should be. We need to keep those of us who are susceptible to the virus, who have children & who have elderly parents with health issues safe.
Hillsborough	Construction	Please re open Florida this has gone on long enough. We want to get back to work. If you extend the lock down then you have to fix the unemployment site first. Also, it's not worth ruining the economy over something we can prevent by being responsible citizens. Please give us a timeline and/or criteria to meet to open back up. AND NOW THIS RESPONSE IS ERRORING OUT FOR HIGH TRAFFIC DO SOMETHING RIGHT FOR ONCE!!!!!
Citrus	Healthcare	The profession which has the highest risk of contracting COVID-19 is dentistry. All members of the dental team are at high risk of contacting the virus due to the unavoidable production of aerosolized particulate matter generated while performing dental procedures. Dental offices have been closed since March 23rd. They are supposed to re-open May 11. There are still no standards from CDC or the ADA as to how to safely perform dentistry, and how to equip an office to contain the aerosol. You should keep dental offices closed for all but emergencies until those two agencies establish a standard, and offices must prove they've met the standard. Otherwise, all dental professionals and all dental patients are at risk of contracting and spreading the virus.
Manatee	General	No opening until scientists say so! Staying safe is a PRIORITY!
Orange	Government	I understand everyone is ready for the state to open but we are not prepare for this. As my self considered as first responder we first need to see the numbers decreasing before opening the state. We haven't taken any action on disinfecting the streets. I understand smaller businesses need to open but, most business come from our tourist and we won't have tourist for awhile. How will these small business be able to disinfect their store and restaurants if we are still lacking these disinfecting items at the stores? These items would need to be use after each customer. By opening the state little by little this early will cause more people to get infected and end up dying due to the lack of medical machines. This will end up causing the state to take extreme measurements where the economy in the state will become worst. That will prolong us to go back to normal. We need to continue what we already have in effect. We need more control over this COVID19. I understand the economy is important, but keeping people alive is a priority. We need to understand us humans are the ones that bring the economy up and we need to be safe in order to do that.

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Indian River	Healthcare	I work as a oral surgeon assistant in Indian river county my concern is how safe are we with reopening when me and many other assistants have to perform surgeries along side the doctors for sometimes 4 hours on end. We don't feel safe having to go back into this kind of environment where there is no option for us to social distance and that's second to the fact that the mouth is one of the dirtiest places to work on in general we don't have an option for a patient to put a mask on either. we are scared for our lives and don't want to be forced to go back to work and chance bringing something home to our family for an ELECTIVE SURGERY. NOT MANDATORY!!!!! Please listen to us !
Broward	General	I think people should have a negative test band showing name and ID number on their hand (something like the band the hospital use on their patients) valid for a week or so (i'll leave that to the experts) to show before you are permitted inside a restaurant or an event, together with mandatory temperature check, and masks.
Columbia	General	I am appalled that the Governor is so willing to "open" the economy when positive cases and deaths are still going up! I believe that masks should strongly be encouraged if not mandatory. Please do not do this!
Broward	Education	Schools need to be revamped, before opening, by either class size, scheduling or health checks, including vaccines. This is a protective measure for students, faculty, staff, families and the community.
Pasco	General	You need to start re-opening. People are suffering economically. My husband and I have been blessed enough to be able to continue to work, at least at this point, but we feel for those who are not. Sure, it's easy for those to stay home when you have money coming in from a job, government assistance, social security, or rich, but there are those who don't any of this. I am not saying to open up and forget cautions, but let people work. They keep saying the cases should go down for 14 days but how do you expect to do that when more and more people are being tested. Enough is enough already. Open things, limit restaurant capacity, space people out, wear masks, just let things start moving again, PLEASE! It's so much damage for such a small percentage. I know it's serious, but it is not going away as long as we stay in hiding. We are destroying ourselves. People need to work.Thank you for listening.
Pasco	Government	Governor, We are on the verge of losing everything. Please reopen the state now. If people are afraid for their health they can stay home. This is supposed to be a free country where we can choose our own paths. If you go beyond May 1st we will have to bankrupt personally and business. We have laid off 50 employees who are all suffering. If you leave the state closed you are the person responsible for causing more pain, bankruptcies and I believe deaths. STOP THE MADNESS - REOPEN FLORIDA NOW!!!!

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Palm Beach	Finance	Dear Team, The moral question of reopening and the effects it will have on our citizens is an extremely tough decision to make. There are many unknowns and the data pool | models are skewed to reflect an inaccurate mortality rate. Unfortunately, I believe everyone will at some point encounter Covid-19 in their life and herd immunity will be our most powerful weapon in the short term. Back in January my entire family became ill with a strange virus. My wife, four boys, and even our standard poodle were ill. We had headaches, sore throats, fever, fatigue, and diarrhea. The sore throats lasted for over five weeks. We thought it was our filters, maybe our cats, and we even procured air purifiers for the entire house. It was a miserable time as we struggled with our daily routines, but we kept moving forward. We remained mentally positive, took our daily vitamins, and continued with our lives. On April 8th, 2020 I tested positive for the Covid-19 antibodies confirming my theory that we had encountered Covid-19 earlier in the year. We also believe that many of your local constituents in Palm Beach County are in the same category of having contacted the virus earlier in the year and have since recovered. The main goal for shutting down our local economy was to not over run our hospitals and give science time. We do not have the infrastructure to support all the high-risk patients encountering Covid-19 at one time. However, we have achieved that goal as hospitals are now prepared for the influx of Covid-19 ill citizens. In fact, many hospital ER rooms in our area are reducing staff hours. I am certain your team is aware. As a local financial advisor, my desire to re-open our community is not one of selfish desire. It's from a fiduciary perspective. It is for the people, our local service business infrastructure that needs the opportunity to get back to work. We will never forget our social responsibilities and we fully understand the risk. Personally, I already work out of my home and can do many reviews online with
Escambia	Recreation	A very large recreation in Florida is bingo halls. There are 7 in my town alone. Are crowds range from 25 to 75 people in most halls are open from 10:30 a.m. To 10:00 p.m. 7 days a week. Since we are volunteer workers we have no so called boss to help us regulate openings and closings. PLEASE PLEASE specifically name Bingo halls in your regulations on opening
Pasco	Information	Do NOT reopen Florida, MUCH of the state is elderly or high risk? WHY WOULD YOU PUT LIVES AT RISK? Disney probs won't even open til next year and you wanna open a tourist state? Do not truck in all these infected people to our state. Y'all know your only caring about $$$$ so just stop and care about the people for a minute damn. I myself still won't be able to leave even if y'all are stupid enough to reopen WAAAY TO EARLY. Stop trying to go against the advice of MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS AND DO JOT OPEN UP THE STATE UNTIL THE CURVE HAS COMPLETELY FLATTENED

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Orange	Education	The task force needs to be guided by the scientific and public health experts in any and ALL decisions it makes. Gov. DeSantis must NOT play politics — especially in an effort to appease the erratic and dangerous whims of President Donald “Disinfectant Injections Can Cure Covid-19” Trump — and overrule science or health experts as we move forward. Moreover, the state needs to begin contingency planning for future inevitable stay at home orders, especially regarding supplies for health care workers, funding for hospitals, and protections for all frontline workers. Additionally, the state needs to begin planning for long-term disruptions to all schools and universities by budgeting for increased support for distance learning. All health, education, and other important public service certification programs — whether permanent or temporary — need deadline extensions for 1-2 years as public servants work through this crisis (amidst all the turmoil, do we really need our valued public servants jumping through certification and re-certification hoops when they have a sudden, massive surge in work load changers?). Finally, state business and political leaders need to consider ways in which state taxes can be altered — perhaps on a temporary “wartime” needs basis — to make up for lost revenue. If this state is firing one nurse, firefighter, cop, or teacher at this time so that taxes can be kept artificially low for big businesses, there will be political hell to pay. Likewise, state pension funds must be preserved and protected.
Sarasota	General	First of all thank you to Governor and his team for not panicking and instituting draconian measures. I really think phasing of the opening makes good sense both by location (county) and business or activity. Farmer Markets seems to be something that should get opened sooner rather than later. Many of the small farmers and artisan food people are really struggling. With the outdoor nature of the markets they are more safe than most retail environments. There could be limits set on many people are let in the market and then keep the booths separated more than in the past. People love the Sarasota market and it will have a positive impact both financially and from a mental health perspective. Restaurants need to be allowed to open with reduced seating. The wait staff and the owners of these places are really struggling. I would keep bars closed for the first phase. Perhaps the following week I would loo to expand the openings to include beauty parlors, health clubs. etc. I would think both a different plan for Miami as it is very different than Sarasota. I cannot offer any suggestions on that. People need to be able to reclaim some normalcy so please move as soon as you can with Phase 1

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Seminole	Tourism	I work at WDW in Security. I honestly think all theme parks should be last to open as they draw the out of country and out of state visitors the most and can cause a second go around of the virus locally by infecting those who work in this industry and many don't have the money to continue to stay home from being sick. Unemployment is so many weeks behind no one is going to have faith in any other system to support staying at home when work resumes which will cause the sick to go to work.
Volusia	Education	When schools return in the fall provide flexibility and financial support for each district to support their students and families. We will need to decrease the amount of students in a classroom. This might mean having session A and B. My idea would be session A attends school Monday, Wednesday and Friday with no more than 10 students in a class for teacher direct instruction. Then on Tuesday and Thursday those students would work digitally independently. Session B students would attend Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday for direct instruction. With Wednesday and Friday being the days they work digitally. Kindergarten needs to become a half day program. Half day program for kindergarten is still used in many states (Colorado as an example). We need to be thoughtful and aware that next year we will have many difficulties with health, and fear for students/faculty/families. We need to be proactive and develop a plan early for everyone to make a plan on how to adapt with the many changes our world is facing. Don't wait plan now!
Manatee	General	We will continue to do things curbside through this year. We will not travel and we will not "shop" anywhere in randemly in stores. We will order everything on line. We call in ahead and pay and have it brought to our cars. If the State opens up we will not use services.
Palm Beach	Recreation	Good day As much as I want to be safe and have the entire country safe, it isn't healthy remaining in the house for this length of time. Although I am working remotely from my office, my business has been hurt by this Pandemic. I am sure things will get back on track soon; maybe by late summer, but it needs to get going As for me, I play golf and we were already practicing social distancing at the PBC courses. We were not that close together to begin with. Yes riding in a cart with a fellow golfer has it's drawbacks but they can always let just one golfer per cart. Even golfers that walk the course is already social distancing. Being outside has a huge effect on people especially children. We need to be outside doing the things we are/were so used to. I am a Vietnam Veteran and except for it being much quieter here, I felt safer over there. Strange as it may seem, but I did. Let's get this state and the rest of the country back on track in a safe environment before we all begin losing our minds, please! Thank you

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Walton	Retail	PLEASE REOPEN!! I have two retail stores (one in PCB and one in Destin) I employ 21 women. Not one of them have been able to get unemployment due to the Inefficient website. They want to work!! The numbers of Covid are showing that we will be ok! The sales numbers are showing that our businesses will fail. Doesn't make since you keep the store, Target, next to me open and keep my small store closed. I guess you only can get Covid in small businesses?
Pinellas	Food	I am in complete favor of outdoor dining resuming as well as any other outdoor venues as long as some type of social distancing is still maintained. Such as limiting each table to no more than 5-10 people and spacing tables at least 6 ft. apart. I think this needs to happen May 1 to help the local economy and businesses because the weather here would allow those business to regain more of their revenue immediately. It also gives us locals a way to get outside where statistics continue to prove that transmission is nill to none as the overwhelmingly vast majority of transmissions in this country and beyond have been, and continue to be, spread indoors.
Hillsborough	General	Reopen Hillsborogh County ASAP.
Duval	General	Let's be smart, let's be cautious, but let's also be reasonable as we ease back into this in May and get people who've gone without income--or their much needed unemployment benefits--back to work.

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Pinellas	General	It is the opinion of health experts around the world that if we reopen too quickly we will see a spike in cases. I believe it makes more sense to listen to people who have spent their entire careers studying infectious diseases than it does to listen to the minority of Florida residents who want to reopen right now and politicians who may be more concerned with the economy than of human health. More than 75% of Floridians are on the side of wanting to keep stay at home orders until health experts agree it is safe. There has not been a steady decline in cases, in fact it's been the opposite, we continue to increase. Please consider maintaining the stay at home orders and have patience on reopening. States likes Georgia are already reopening and if you want an example to look at, wait and see what happens to that state. Our neighbors to the north could see an influx in cases and decide to shut down again for all we know. Give it some more time. This is what your citizens want. Yes, many of us are out of work, so how about distributing the unemployment checks that have yet to go out and offer some additional protections for people struggling to pay bills. We're supposed to be in this together but reopening too soon just shows that we are not. It shows you'd rather please the minority of Floridians who are ok with reopening and you'd rather worry about the economy than human lives and the safety of medical workers. The fact that people discuss sacrificing "the weak" for the good of the economy is sickening, and I hope you will not give in to the people who think that way. I'm a 30 year old woman who exercises regularly, eats well, and is overall healthy but I do have asthma. It's under control for the most part but a respiratory virus could do serious damage. Am I one of the "weak" ones people are ok with sacrificing? At least I know about my health issues and have taken precautions. On the other hand of this, there are close to 30 million Americans who don't have health insurance and millions more are underinsured. Do you think all of them know about their potential underlying health conditions? Even people with insurance don't go to the doctor regularly and may have something that is undiagnosed that could put them at risk of COVID19 complications. And as we've
Brevard	Healthcare	Elective medical procedures and dentistry should be first to go back. We understand infection control the best and provide much needed services for the citizens of Florida
Pinellas	General	It is not safe to start re opening Florida or any other state for that matter. The second the state is opened too early, you will see a spike in positive cases and deaths and those lives lost will be on you guys. Be smart about this people.
Palm Beach	Recreation	If parks and golf courses are opened there should be strict adherence to the "new normal". Also, all facilities should save a supply of PPE that is replenished weekly for employees and the public or they should be mandated to close.
Palm Beach	General	We need widespread testing and contact tracing, to see a decrease in new cases, hospitalizations and deaths before re-opening and coordination with our healthcare professionals (not pushes from corporate lobbyists) .

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Pinellas	Healthcare	-Follow the example of Sweden and allow everything to be opened up immediately-- all businesses, beaches and parks, etc. -Encourage continued social distancing and hygiene. -Encourage at risk individuals to continue to shelter in place. -There well may be an increase in COVID-19 cases, however, the benefits of opening back up the economy outweigh the risks.
Orange	Professional Services	Hi I just want to share my opinion on opening up the state. I want to share my opinion as a small business owner in Orange County. I believe we should resume our work once there is major control of this desease, there is enough ppe for myself and my clients, and business owners are in economic ease to continue business. As of now I don't even feel safe to go to the grocery store I can't even imagine working on my clients. My services require me to be in a very close distance to my client's face so in my line of work I cannot have a safe distance between me and my client. As of now I can't find hand soap, hand sanitizer, proper face masks, gloves, disinfectant detergents that my line of work requires, or protectant gowns. As a business owner I have many expences which non of them I can cover since I don't qualify for small business benefits and even if I did the systems are not even working properly. I haven't been able to even file for unemployment so I'm in economic disadvantage to get back in business. This is not our fault we didn't provoke this. Getting us back to work right now will put us in a very fine line to close down.
Pinellas	General	Open up now. It has to be done at some point. People know how to stay distant and wash their hands. People who are too afraid to come out can stay home. Our economy needs to start.

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Flagler	Administrative	Hopefully this protocol guidelines will help communities deal with the start up and limit exposure to communities not currently affected by high number of active exposure. I think each town should not be open to out of town workers to or from a high epicenter. For FL it currently maybe be Jacksonville, Tampa, Miami and Orlando. If people want to work there they should relocate or arrange work at home. Maybe allow sublets or housing exchange allowances. Each town needs to be accountable to fend off the virus until numbers are a certain standard as ? Per square mile. If a High Exposure City has an abutting town with slightly lower exposure rates both cities can join together as a plan for remediation for their district. Also all people with chronic lung conditions, heart conditions and low immunity in these areas made to work from home, given a temporary leave of abscence or provisional work accomodations to limit their exposure to other workers and public areas. No public transportaion for at risk persons can be allowed unless less than 3 or less persons share and precaution measures taken. All persons working in commercial buisness that can functionally work from home should be allowed to continue during first phase of reopening. Public should stay home except for essential service needs, low risk of human contact or low risk of contracting the virus (have antibodies). Personal visits between at risk persons with people in hi risk exposure jobs be limited except between household members unless within 48 hours after person has recently cleared testing for the virus and precautions taken not to transmit the virus. At Risk persons should not be going into homes of persons with hi risk exposure. Limiting transmission to at risk people is the ultimate goal and restrictiing surge in low occurrence areas. People having tested for antibodies can transport virus. All persons must continue precautions until the virus is irradiated. Each retail buisness to prepare a statement of thier commitment to limit virus exposure and be made publicly available for consumers. State will provide guidelines for public safety which are to be followed for each buisness type relative to size and space. Committees with participation from businesses to set and revise guidelines as conditions change. Buisness are asked to submit plans to best allow limited transmission of the virus and maybe designated hours or day of operation with extra precaution for at risk persons. All accomodations with stated times of availibility must be posted and
Monroe	General	Tell DeSantis that I said he should take his newborn baby to the beach, the grocery store, or any other public place and just hang out with people that don't have masks on. Tell him I said to give it go.
Pasco	General	Hello, I go to work everyday and Unfortunately it has slowed down a lot but I get in customers cars everyday and use protection and stand next to a lot of my co workers everyday and knock on word don’t get sick and I get on the snap on truck with 6 guys in a 5x5 feet area and knock on wood don’t get sick. I have not changed a single thing in my life style and myself as well as my family haven’t got sick. Although I do believe there is a illness out there I don’t believe that it’s as big and scary as the media hypes it up to be. Thank you and with that being said I’m gonna name my new 18 degree headed 632 COVID-19 because it’s gonna be a mad mfer

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Hillsborough	Professional Services	As much as I want Florida to open, I know the business I was laid off from, didn't strictly follow the CDC rules before oir shutdown. It's the beauty industry. There is no way to do that SAFELY 7 feet apart. Especially if one sneezes or coughs near a blowdryer. It will spread it around 30 feet! We were OFTEN over the rule of 10. Had no masks or lysol due to their delay in ordering and the shortage. And me, being reception, am EXPECTED to clean the bathrooms, common surfaces, take the trash, and share orgone systems and computers with other employees at the same time. As well as constant touching of merchant systems without plexiglass or any protection. So one sneeze or cough and Im forced to be exposed. I don't believe beauty services should be essential, there is no true way to mitigate that close contact risk. I also DO NOT believe anything should be opened UNTIL UNEMPLOYMENT claims have been paid. Period. It's unacceptable. And lastly, those, like me with illnesses making them rethink everything and in concern for their lives (and I live with two people over 65) should remain eligible for unemployment even after reopening. It isn't right for us to be sent to our death march just to pay bills when we know our risk is high.
Okaloosa	Tourism	I wanna know how is this social distancing and etc gonna work for people in the hotel and resort industry. There is no possible way to keep us safe if people is allowed to congregate and book rooms and then housekeeping has to clean up how do we know them people haven't been exposed or infected with covid-19. I'm very concerned for my family as I work in this industry.
Okaloosa	General	It is too soon!! I watch the governors press conferences every day and NOT ONCE has he mentioned the panhandle area!!! Did he forget that we exist up here??!! Our numbers are going up and continuing to go up daily. Its great that he feels there has been a start to the overall state decline, but that is only the first step. Now is the time to say “this is working” and take it to mean we continue until ALL AREAS OF THE STATE see a decline or everyone is able to be tested for antibodies, sick or not!!! It is only just now starting to decline. Please use common sense!!! Opening too soon will just set us back and more will be sick
Polk	Information	I believe we need to open the state when medical experts say its safe.. Lets just say that if the virus kills a small percent of the people , Would you wanna open the state if your own family were mostly in those numbers . No, you'd wanna know its safe for them and thats how we feel out here. We wanna know its safe.
Santa Rosa	Recreation	Regarding the short hours for beaches in any county ... Short hours will make for crowded beaches. Open them up totally... My husband and I always went in the morning when there was no crowds. We like it that way. A few hours a day it's gonna look like OC Maryland on a hot day. It will be so crowded no one will be able to enjoy themselves. Just some food for thought. Thank ya much 😁🌴 Navarre is our beach of choice.

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Orange	Tourism	Opening up the state to tourism to early is putting thousands of people like myself who have conditions that place us at high risk in danger. Once businesses open back up we're going to be forced to choose between our job and our health because we all know that no business is going to be ok with us calling out of work so that we aren't putting our own lives at risk just so that people can get out of their homes. I say wait until the Coronavirus has a vaccine and wait for the numbers to be close to 0 before reopening any of the theme parks back up. I rather lose my paycheck than lose my life or the life of a family member or friend. This isn't the time to focus on making money it's time to show your employees, customers and the people of Florida that you actually care about us and want to do what's best for everyone's health.
Hillsborough	Retail	I think Florida should reopen safely. I for one am on the fence as I was temporarily laid off on March 18th and my unemployment application is still pending. I think for our economy we need to open, but want it to be done safely. I work for a small business in a mall in Hillsborough Cointy and am concerned as they want companies to pay rent for the entire time closed and yet small businesses can barely make it not opened.
Miami-Dade	Finance	Fix the unemployment website and start paying people. This is a main problem. Stop rushing the reopening! Start worrying about people's health.
Duval	General	Mandatory masks , tracking and testing would make people feel safer going out into the public again . Taiwan is an excellent example although I realize that all could never happen in the United States. Thank you for giving us an opportunity to voice our ideas.
Bay	Tourism	I think we need to start vacation rentals in May 1. There are not many bookings for May and this will allow for a soft reopening before June comes. I think everyone should have to wear masks when in buildings and stores and this will keep the spread down. I know some of the condo buildings are requiring masks when you're in the buildings common areas. I think this is a great idea but it's only going to help is everyone does it. We are recovering still from Michael and something like this would certainly wipe many people that are small business owners out. I have kept my 2 employees paid to minimize the stress on the states unemployment as well as my staff who could not possibly live without a paycheck for 2 weeks. They are both single moms. But this had been coming out if my savings add I am making no income myself. Lucky I got the PPP LOAN si that gives us a little while but that will end too and then what? Please consider opening up while keeping us a safe as possible
Hillsborough	General	Just open it up and let us get back to living our lives. People that are scared and want to continue with staying at home can and should be able to but we should have the same choice to get on with our lives. There has been so much of this that makes absolutely no sense, I can't take my family out in the wide open to the beach or out on hiking trails but can stand shoulder to shoulder inside a Walmart. This is more tyranny than anything, you quarantine the sick, not the healthy. Open Florida

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Broward	Retail	I currently work in retail and believe it would be a mistake to open up all stores. Despite the fact that you limit the amount of people inside the store , it is still difficult to maintain social distancing. Many people come to buy groceries, while we have other who just come to walk around the store and take their masks off once inside.e
Pinellas	Healthcare	I am a dental hygienist. We are more at risk then dentists and assistants due to aerosols our equipment makes, the amount of time we are with patients, and the fact we are by ourselves with no one to help suction (four handed dentistry). Hygienist can see between 8-15 patients a day. Some offices have two or three hygienists at a time plus the patients that the doctor sees. That is almost 50-100 patients a day an office can see in a day. If one person comes in asymptomatic with no way to test the patient prior to ANY dental procedure then we are putting potentially hundreds of people at risk including the community. I purpose a phased opening for dental offices. Restorative procedures should start on 5/11 followed by hygiene services on 6/1. Also, dental offices should be required to have 2 weeks worth of PPE on hand and be able to have access to ordering PPE to be able to open. We need access to rapid antibody testing that is reliable and can be completed on each patient when they arrive. Aerosols being suspended in the rooms after the patient leaves is also a concern as we see back to back patients. We can only control aerosols so much especially without an assistant. Procedures should have an required amount of time between when a patient leaves and a new one enters set by the health department. Florida is a high risk population (especially Dunedin where I work) due to the geriatric population and medical problems that patients have. Our PPE has been designed for bloodborne pathogens not respiratory pathogens. Dentistry has never been able to treat a patient with TB due to it being respiratory unless we had the proper respirator or pt was treated in a hospital. Taking xrays can even lead to the spread of the virus due to a patient coughing and gagging. Again, am pleading that the consider dentist AND hygienists high risk and assist us in getting antibody testing, ppe that we need, and do a slow phased opening of dental offices.
Seminole	Healthcare	We should not reopen until there are more tests available for everyone. Also, we have to ensure that there is enough PPE's for not only hospital employee but also for healthcare workers in other settins like home health and nursing homes. And I want to emphasize that we need enough PPE's to use like we did prior the the virus. Right now we are reusing which causes cross contamination, we need to go back to the right way to use PPEs, not the current change in the rules.

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Flagler	General	I don't think reopening right now is very smart . Are numbers are going up alone in my area of Flagler County numbers are going up daily do to more testing finally be able to be tested . I'm someone with a high risk health issues , I still have to go out to get food , meds , pay Bill's, I'm scared to death each time I go out because we don't know if the person to left , right, front or behind us has it and is still going out. My daughter that is 20 works for Publix on the Bakery and she already tooken care of people that don't wear mask , that have told her they are taking care of someone that has it , or they have it people don't care about others when they do that . We are risking the younger generation, we are risking people like myself all lifes matters . Please keep it the way it is right now . Fix the unemployment site I know many people that are about to lose everything because the site is so mess up . I feel also we need to shut down everything for 2 weeks atleast to flatten this sucker , make groceries all available for delivery up hiring for it state wide .
Hillsborough	Government	Why is Nikki Fried not a member of your Task Force? She represents a great deal of Floridians and we need to be represented.
Pinellas	General	I recommend we open with same guidelines as GA. Open restaurants to limited number of people. all Public places have hand sanitizing stations, and at every table. Limit number of people in pubic places like salons. Keep SD markers in grocery stores. Gas station should be made to provide dispensers of disposable gloves and hand wash by every pump.
Orange	Manufacturing	I own a sm. Business. We are in shut down at this time . I would like to see measured reopening . Say using the customers address so if you have an odd number address you can shop on Monday Wednesday and Friday.. even number addresses Tuesday Thursday Saturday that way crowd control at shops would be easier . No long lines waiting outside just to get into stores because you have cut the shoppers out by half . And in some of the other countries book stores allowed to open 2 days a week Children’s clothing stores 3 days a week To slow the stampede Thank you
Polk	Healthcare	Until testing can be done on the majority of population it would be foolish to reopen the State. It is suspected that half of the carriers are asymptomatic. Currently people who.have no insurance are being charged $85.00 for test. That in itself can stop a majority of the citizens to just take there chances.
Hillsborough	Healthcare	As a public health expert, I do understand the consequences of premature reopening of the state. Please consider observing the epi curve for both the cases and deaths before making decisions. Allow the epidemiologist at the department of health to interpret the data not lay politicians. The cost of increased cases and deaths as a result of premature reopening will be far worse and outweigh the economic gains.

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DeSoto	General	My concern is do we have enough testing completed by county that are representative of current populations that have been tested to ensure we are on the down side of the Virus? I don't think our rural community has the resources to get a accurate number to make a informed decision. Is there a quota of a percentage of population to be tested to ensure the most accurate decision to open back all of our business. We need it the most in our small community but we have come this far and I would hate to see this be a business decision verses a balance medical Analytical decision based on accurate test. I believe you've done a good job attempting to protect the citizens of Florida and I just hope that we can make the best informed decisions for all the sacrifices so far so that we don't have to face these obstacles again with the resurgence of the virus.
Broward	Healthcare	I do not think Florida needs to reopen any time soon. Cases and deaths are still going up . I'm at risk given my respiratory issues. Decisions should not be made politically . If you care about the people sometimes the hardest decision is the right decision . Opening Florida will mean there will be a spike .
Broward	Recreation	Please allow private condo associations to open pools as long as social distance is respected. No large gatherings or pool parties. This is no different than back yard private pools. The beaches, parks, and marinas should be opened with social distance rules. Why are road gas stations allowed to sell fuel, but marinas can not ?
Alachua	Professional Services	I have a Barbershop in Newberry fl. Im have a one person shop, I need to reopen. Ive been unable to get the $600.00 a week Ive applied for it. Alachua county closed non essenial businesses two weeks before the Govenor closed us. Ive spent my savings and have nothing less if you dont let us work, Im going to lose my home and business. This is sad that we have to write and beg in the United State of America to work, go out side our homes. Im afraid if you dont do something socialist is around the corner for us all. Thank you for your time.
Pasco	Food	Please do not open Restaurants during phase 1 they are a breeding ground for germs.You cannot social distance everyone is on top of each other.I work as a server.I feel it is to soon to open bars and restuarants.
Pinellas	General	I believe Floridians are ready to open our state responsibly. Those with underlying illnesses and low immunity should responsibly remain vigilant. Those living with the vulnerable should be responsible for their actions. There seems to be no reason to not allow all businesses, large and small to open their doors responsibly. We need to resume living as normal life as possible. Ignorance is never a good excuse for bad actions. If our lives are unable to return to our choice driven responsibility that too is ignorance.
Seminole	General	As an medical employee, we shouldn't open the state. There's still too many people getting sick from the virus and people will just not comply with the social distancing if we open now. We'll risk our families and mor deaths.
Orange	Real Estate	I think we should start reopening businesses and allow those that are able to continue to work from home if they can. Especially 60 plus.
Orange	Recreation	Keep small business closed at least until June.

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Brevard	Government	Please do not open up yet! Brevard peak isn't until mid May. Opening sooner could spell disaster I fear. Let's see what June looks like. Business owners and workers who have been left unemployed by this pandemic would not be as willing to risk their lives to go back to work had they been receiving the stimulus money and reemployment money they should have had these last 6 weeks or more. I can only imagine the stress and hunger they are experiencing. I also fear by opening , those who will go out and about will only increase the chances of becoming exposed greater to those of us who have strictly followed the stay at home orders and plan to continue. Thank you for your consideration, Sincerely, Christine Gaskill
Hernando	Professional Services	Please re-open Florida I am a cosmetologist and we need to start to get back to normal with health and safety precautions.
Hillsborough	Management	We need to protect our citizens from an invisible enemy. I understand everyone wants things back to normal. We have to make sure it is safe to reopen without risking people lives. Right now it is not safe. We need to fix the unemployment system. Be lenient and help all the people out of work. It may take a couple months before we can go back to normal. But reducing the risk of death due to this virus should be our number 1 priority. Let's focus on the business of saving lives at this present time. Its hurricane season as well. Having people stay at home is not a bad idea. Fix the unemployment system so people can feed their families and keep their homes. Extend the no eviction policy for one month. We should reopen when it is safe to do so. God bless
Indian River	Food	I work in a restaurant as a server and at work I'm constantly clearing people's used flat ware, drinking glasses, and soiled napkins. All of these things make COVID-19 easily transferable to the server and dishwasher because they are likely to have saliva on them! So reopening these establishments seems high risk to me since it is still difficult to find hand sanitizers and disinfectants. As Rick Scott has stated that Floridians would rather collect unemployment instead of work is far from the truth. I have not been able to collect any unemployment due to problems with the system and still feel that it is still to early to reopen these establishments because even though the curve is flattened there will be a resurgence in covid weeks later! Please take into consideration that the curve is flattened because we are not handling people's infected items. Maybe when testing supplies, new work procedures are in place, ventilators, and better access to disinfectants are available we will feel more comfortable getting back to serving the public
Pinellas	General	Re open the state so we can have our American freedom back. Let people stay home if they choose to. If someone is at risk they are old and retired anyway and can stay home without sending us all into poverty. Please re open !!!

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Duval	Government	They need to reopen the IRS to the extent possible or at least have workers re-serve over the phone. because like me there are many people presenting problems with their taxes. I have submitted my taxes since February 24 and I have not yet been able to get my refund due to problems with my identity and therefore I have not received the stimulus either. I work in the hotel industry and I lost my job a month ago due to the closure of the hotels, many employees were left out.
Polk	Recreation	My family and many others in the state of Florida love living here for the many beautiful state parks that we have access to. We love to hike, fish, camp and kayak. We feel so blessed to live here. One of the suggestions we have for reopening state parks is begin opening them for day usage and camping at 30 or 50% capacity. You can even put an extra fee to pay for the extra attendents that would be needed to monitor capacities and to pay an attendents to keep restrooms and picnic areas disinfected. We understand their would be a demand so maybe have a lottery for camping spaces and reservations for day uses. As the virus comes under control we can up capacities until back to normal. Thank you for taking suggestions. Just among my friends and family are some great ideas on how we can take back some of the things that this virus has taken from us. It may look a little different but that's ok. Their are worse things then having to wear a mask at the beach or a park. And worse would be not being able to go to these places at all. Sincerely, Joanna Lowery and family
Sarasota	General	Don't understand how you can reopen businesses but not schools. Who is going to look after the young kids when mom/dad or just mom or dad (single parents) have to go back to work. A 7r old can't take of oneself.....hello! So basically you are going to penalize single parent households who are barely hanging on to now pay for child care while they have lost jobs or weren't paid? I can't afford that....are you coming to look after my kids while had back to work during the day?
Hillsborough	General	Reopen Florida!
Pinellas	General	I live in Pinellas but have a job in Hillsborough. I am an office employee that still has a job. and I am currently working from home. Moving forward it should be mandatory that if you can and are working from home that needs to continue. I fear being forced back into the office as it seems everyday there are new facts emerging. Companies should not be able to put our lives at risk when we can and are working remotely. Thank you.

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Lake	Professional Services	I want to express my concern over the opening of salons. I am employed by a franchised corporate salon. We perform strictly haircuts, beard trims, and shampoo services. The salon operates on a computer system that uses walk-in clients or online check ins. Therefore, no employee is accustomed to the appointment procedures. In a six hour shift it is typical to perform at least 25 haircuts per stylist. I ask that when you imagine the phased approach of hair salons you consider the businesses such as the one I am employed by. I feel that we are at a greater risk than what some may Invision when they think of a salon. Additionally, the access to mask and other ppe right now are very slim. While I live my job, I do not see haircuts as essential.
Volusia	General	I do not think we should open up businesses or end the stay-at-home order yet. Georgia has opened and they're still saying they are 5 days out from the top of their curve. Let's wait and see how things go there for a couple weeks to see if the virus spreads more or it doesn't make a huge difference. Getting the economy up and running is of course a priority, but not more than our lives.
Hillsborough	General	I believe that Florida should at least be kept in quarantine till at least mid may.
Brevard	Retail	Please open salons! We need haircuts! Restaurants in our area should also be reopened! Our economy is really suffering.
Pasco	General	Reopen the state. The closures been going on for way too long. Recommend elderly ppl or severe health conditions to continue to take extreme precautions but everyone else should be allowed to continue their lives with precautions as well. People losing their jobs, businesses, their lives will cause more deaths in the long run. Reopen Florida ASAP.
Pinellas	General	The cure is worse than the disease. Florida an$ the Governor have been unable to deliver support to the people. It's time to let people get back to work. Time for tyrant government to give the state back to the people and respect the constitution.
Marion	General	Shelter the nursing homes. Open every single park, restaurant, salon, hotel, marina, fishing ramp, and remind people to wash their hands. I am 71, and my children and grandchildren are afraid to come near. I am a teacher, (adjunct College of Central Florida) and I received a memo that the College (which has a significant foundation endowment for emergencies) gets $5 million, while the mom and pop restaurants and businesses wait in line. Something is very wrong here. There are plenty of respirators, I hear, and it's time to open up. If you have to, say something about masks, even though we've been told repeatedly by doctors they don't do any good. If you have a cold, wear a mask and stay home. OPEN UP.
Hillsborough	Education	Students who show any signs of illness or allergy should wear masks when returning to school. As a teacher I see children spread illness all the time, parents will send kids to school while they are sick, claiming it is allergies. Then the illness cycles over and over throughout the class.
Okaloosa	Tourism	I don't think that we should freely reopen everything. Bringing tourists here is inviting the virus to our homes. Especially when there's so many military families here who are not even allowed to travel why should they be "quarantined" with the state inviting potentially sick people. Waste of time

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Manatee	Recreation	I am a member of the United States Coast Guard and I believe that the current stay at home orders are not feasible. We need to get people back working. I am unaffected and still feel this way. The statistics are out there and we need herd immunity. The current stay at home Order will only push things further along and make this longer and harsher. Also, gyms need to reopen because this is an immune affected virus and how can we strengthen our systems without facilities to do this. I could get into statistics but I'm not, we know this needs to end, so let's get it going.
Lee	Healthcare	I think we should open the state as Italy is doing in stages! I know that people are hurting to get back to work but opening too fast will create nothing but a second wave of the virus without a way to cure it.
Polk	General	Please begin to re open. Limit number of customers per square feet, require that places are clean and sanitized regularly, encourage face masks and maintain 6 feet distancing. Be sure adequate medical care is available to those needing it. Begin in phases and move forward from there. People need to get back to work , Be reasonable and aware, but open us up please! Thank you!
Lake	General	Having a child with down syndrome I am a bit nervous to reopen too quickly. Knowing this could possibly kill him frightens me. We have spent numerous weeks in the hospital with him from a cold leading to double pneumonia. We also have another baby. My fear is this. If we reopen and have to go back to work our little children will have to go to a daycare. These children in daycare we know are carriers and where it might not be serious for them my child gets sick very easily and will end up possibly dead. Because all these children's parents work and are surrounded by other potential carriers and then they drop their children off at preschool where it is near impossible to practice social distancing. Deaths are still on the rise. If some people were not following the safer at home order now when it is lifted there is no chance they will be following social distancing. I think we need much more antibody testing and employers need more tests on site. I think in 2 weeks we can have much more progress and would know much more and test many more that it would then be safe to consider start opening
Escambia	General	PLEASE DO NOT!!!! Reopen. Too soon!!!!
Manatee	General	In the counties with less cases, let the younger people, 55 and under go back to work and go out. People need to wear masks when out. Businesses such as hairdresser need to practice social distancing as best possible. Customers need to be maybe 8 feet away from each other while being worked on, the hairdresser has to wear a mask. Clients cannot wait in the salon, and will have to wait in their cars for availability. Could have a forehead thermometer and take everyone's temperature, including the hairdresser, and do not work or take anyone with temp of 100 or more. Practice hand washing and sterilizing of equipment between each client. Client even needs to wash hands when comes into the salon. Would need to wipe everything down with bleach wipes in-between customers, especially chair. Women are willing to do anything right now to get their hair cut. Please let the hairdressers go back to work. Everyone 55 and older, or anyone with health condition still needs to stay home.

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Miami-Dade	General	Do not reopen the state for business to tourists unless all tourists are tested and retested. Daily sterilization of common places and transportation need to be done multiple times a day. The airport and ubers, taxis, trains, ships need sterilization. Fix the unemployment process. Mortgage and rent needs to be suspended without affecting the credit ratings. Organize the farmers that are throwing away food and arrange for safe delivery of those food items. Pay the farmers for these losses. Masks need to be worn in public until a vaccine is available. All employees of government, social services need to be tested more than once. Environmental protections need to be in place and not reduced. Too many people are out in Miami Dade county. It's like there is no stay at home order.
Marion	Food	Until medical experts state unequivocally that it is safe to do so, you should not reopen the state. You should reserve your efforts for correcting the unemployment situation.
Hillsborough	General	Please begin re-opening as soon as possible! Trust businesses to make decisions that will be best for the communities we serve.
Okaloosa	Retail	Please reopen hair salons and barber shops. We can wear masks.
St. Johns	General	Please reopen this great state! It is time to take care of our people again by letting them provide for themselves! We can be responsible and be trusted to do the right thing with everything open! This is terrible for mental health and for our children and families!
Pinellas	General	I know Florida should open so people can go back to work,but maybe open slowly with restrictions and everyone should be wearing a mask when leaving your home. Maybe that way the virus will lessen more. Thank you Governor for your concern
Osceola	Recreation	Keep small business closed at least until June.
Escambia	General	Please do not rush to re-open the state. We need to follow the advice of medical experts (not those hand picked by the governor to tell him what he wants to hear). Do not follow the lead of Georgia (which our President disagreed with). Please do not kowtow to those who want to open to make money off of tourism. We do not need the be open for business so people from God knows where can flood into the state. Do what is right to keep Floridians healthy!
Pinellas	General	The state should not reopen until public health officials say that it is safe to do so.
Bay	Government	My husband and I have a vacation rental that is bleeding money. We will not be able to keep it much longer and will be forced to let it foreclose. We have filed for EIDL and PPP with no response. Please Reopen short term rentals.

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Orange	Food	I am a Florida native born in Miami living in Orlando and before that lived in Kissimmee. I love supporting local non chain restaurants, bars/breweries, local farms, local shop owners. I am wondering how these establishments can reopen safely and still make enough to keep their doors open, especially if they are mandated to try to run their business at half capacity? Will there be assistance from local state or Federal government to help them "bridge the gap" until they can operate at 100% again? Finally, my confidence level is and probably will be at zero because I cannot be 100% assured that building ESPECIALLY the HVAC, or that booth, bar, door, seat, restroom etc. is completely free of covid19. While I would like to think my smaller locally owned places might be better than a national chain, but what assurance can you provide? Are the health dept./inspectors going to issue a "certified covid19 safe" certification they can put on their door? How do we know when it is "safe" again? I do not think I/we will venture out until June/July/August, well maybe. The same goes for our vacations, we always go to the West Coast beaches and there we also support local places, in other words we do our part to support our local economy we live work sleep and eat FLORIDA.
Volusia	Healthcare	Dear Governor Desantis, As someone who has her own array of health issues and works in healthcare, I have to let you know that I think it is far too early to consider reopening the state. I understand hat it is hard to see our economy falter, but it is your job to protect all of the citizens of Florida, not just the healthy ones. There are other, healthier ways to stimulate the economy. We are in a health crisis and reopening the state too early will inevitably end up with more deaths that I'm sure you do not want to hold any responsibility for. Please do the right thing and hold off on reopening the state until it is clearly safe to do so. I hope you and your family stay safe, Brittney Giles
Miami-Dade	General	My family and I have been taking this virus very seriously and remained in doors we would hate for stuff to fully open and then the outbreak becomes even worst and it be a major setback ! Better to move slowly then rush into stuff and be on boat in a few weeks but now only with more deaths or people infected!
Okaloosa	General	Please allow the opening of all business, beaches, parks etc. If people are too scared to go to these places then they can stay home. But the rest of us are tired of house arrest without a crime!! FREE FLORIDA!!!
Pinellas	Finance	The government should not re open Florida until there is a vaccine or cure to covid 19

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Sarasota	General	First step fix unemployment and Open the Beaches and beach parking lots, but still have the 6 feet minimum, just make only every other parking spot available enforce with citations for people who do not follow. Second step after proof of a week of no increase in covid cases (as in, an almost flat curve) Open restaurants and all beach parking. Open state and municipal parks but leave nightclubs/social clubs closed Step 3 Open nightclubs and aquariums and other businesses/establishments, as well as encourage ride shares again.
Hardee	General	I think we should open up Florida , open up the malls,bars,movie theaters, etc but we must do it extra cautious.
Hillsborough	Healthcare	I am a hygiene assistant. This means that I'm a dental who assists a hygienist. We are the highest risk occupation. Actually, higher than respiratory therapists. I also have asthma, a disabled daughter, and an elderly father who I care for. I do need to work, however, I am concerned about my and my families health. I believe the state should reopen when their are sufficient tests with a quick turnaround that we'd (staff) be tested periodically. I also think the new case rate needs to drop for at least two weeks-and maintain or continue to lower. My thought would be that the lowest risk would open first, wait two weeks and assess at that time if the next level can open or if need be pull back. Systematically open lowest to highest risk occupations, allowing that period of two week between each phase to assess how we are doing. I don't feel we are ready to start at this time. I Don think as a state we have a good enough handle on testing and contact tracing. This link shows occupations by risk. https://www.visualcapitalist.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/covid-19-occupational-risk-scores.html I also am concerned as we are quickly approaching hurricane season. Could you please address what the impact of Covid will have on that?
Pinellas	Food	So many weddings and baby showers have had to be postponed. Please consider allowing groups of 50 people or less to have showers and weddings by 6/1. Postponing event have crushed event locations and put a hardship on vendors financially but also their schedules.

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Hillsborough	Healthcare	As an RN in a large hospital in Manatee County, I would like to see our state gradually, but quickly, open back up and get out of this panic response mode. We also need to quickly roll out large scale antibody testing so we have a better idea of how much of the general public has been infected and had an immune response. On a personal level, I feel that these draconian shut down measures are unjustified, ineffective, unConstitutional, and will ultimately do more harm than good. This view is not changed by my role as an RN. We need to accept that there is no way to STOP the spread of this and acknowledge that the best we can hope for is to prevent hospital overloading and save as many lives as possible. Herd immunity is ultimately the only thing that will finally end this outbreak. We should be focusing on protecting and supporting those most at-risk of becoming seriously ill and requiring hospitalization, rather than pursuing this fruitless shutdown of the overall economy. Start opening back up, please!
Okaloosa	General	I think it's irresponsible to open beaches up this early. We should wait until our numbers actually start to go down. Once the tourist come back we're going to overwhelm this area. It's not all about money, these are people's lives
Brevard	Healthcare	I feel like we should only open restaurants and things that are necessary. Pharmacy's, grocery stores, doctor offices, and hospitals are the ones that are essential. People are going to think we are back to normal if we reopen everything. My 4 year old just got over pnemonia and had it for a month. She was unable to get tested due to her age. They tested her for strep and flu which came back negative. We need to get more people tested before we just give the okay to open again. Florida has so many tourists and it's almost summer. We keep hearing that if you have symptoms you can get tested. That's not true and if it was my daughter would have got tested. I can only imagine how many others are in the same boat.
Palm Beach	Healthcare	As a high-risk person I am totally against re-opening the state until such time as testing has been completed on at least 50% of the population and the rate of infections is down to less than 10 per day. Then we'll know the virus is being controlled. Opening up now without testing capability is asking for more trouble than we're able to handle. If we must continue to social distance and wear masks, so be it. By doing so we're saving lives. At the same time the state MUST resolve the unemployment situation. People are literally starving! Thank you.

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Hillsborough	General	I think We as individuals know what's best for our families and ourselves. We do not need Government overreaching it's assumed powers and treating its constituents like War prisoners. We should have the right to go about our daily life if we choose to do so. If we choose to stay at home, that's also our right. Business should be able to continue to operate with its employees making decisions for what's best for them. People die everyday. So do we limit cars, traffic, motorcycles, walking in the street, in order to protect everyone? Faith is more important than fear. Our Government and Media has spread fear throughout our country with hopes of destroying our economy before the election. Funny how we have a major pandemic every 4 years before election. We will continue to vote out the government officials restricting our rights. Elected officials should not try and play God, we all will die of something.
Orange	Construction	I believe we should not open prematurely. It would nullify the point of closing the state to protect the public health, if when people get out, those that were locked up, now become exposed to the virus and we are back to square 1, as if the lockdown would have never happened. Then, we would have closed businesses, lost revenue and impacted the economy in vain. Moreover, if we get a second wave because we opened prematurely, then businesses would have to be kept locked for a longer time than if we postponed it enough to make sure the pool of susceptible individuals that could continue to spread the virus has decreased substantially.
Marion	General	Nothing should reopen until the number of new cases and deaths shows a steady decline for at least 2 consecutive weeks, and the medical advisors agree it is okay to start opening low risk things..
Lee	Education	It's time to reopen and encourage those who are vulnerable to stay home. As an educator, I am saddened that kids will go 5 months without seeing teachers and friends. The negative emotional impact of continued closures will outweigh the impact of the virus on the majority of the population. Graduation ceremonies need to be able to take place by July and school must reopen in August.
Pasco	Healthcare	I feel elective surgery should open for people who need it. We will take all precautions but people can't not have these procedures. Also doctors and nurses needs to open their business back up for the economy.
Orange	General	Good afternoon , I am writing to voice my opinion and concerns on reopening. I can't wait to have things start to open up. My family has lost out on a lot during this shut down. Every kid had a milestone school year and missed many activities. My husband work has been very slow. I'm all for opening, what I am not for is being forced to wear masks, gloves ect. If the sick and immune compromised want to stay home and wear them then that is there choice. A lot of people cant wear then. Whether is it health, phobia ect. I am claustrophobic putting stuff over my face causes panic , my son has a lower heart rate and has been known to pass out therefore restricting is air flow will only make it worse. What about autistic people that cant handle them ? I think you have seen and felt wearing them in the heat and long term causes breathing issues. As far as parks and ect wearing them people will constantly be touching their face to take them off and on to eat drink and get a few deep breaths. I see lawsuits in the future when people start to pass out from being over heated due to wearing them.

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Orange	General	My husband is considered essential because he is in the moving business. Isn't this dangerous having these men sit 3 to 6 people in the truck And going into strangers houses to move them. Needless to say due to his age he has stopped working he is 65 and is afraid of bringing it home to his family. We have not received our stimulus money nor has he received his unemployment. I also am considered essential as a licensed title and it scares the hell out of me when I have to walk into a closing room with total strangers. I do have a mask but it is scary as hell. Please keep Florida closed and reconsider some of what is considered essential
Orange	Tourism	One NOW or we will lose everything! Leaders will be voted out of they prolong this!
Pasco	General	Slowly reopening the state i think is critical safety and the economy. We are in a very difficult situation of having to protect both of those issues. This isn't just about the virus, or just about the economy. I would feel safe if Florida took its time slowly opening businesses and limiting capacity. Theme parks allowing Florida passholders first, then allowing ticket purchase, then more and more as we continue to hold fast with improvements. Making disinfecting cleaning practices the standard and norm, a requirement of you will in order to operate. Require masks as mass gatherings and encourage sociology distancing. I really this those with underlying conditions and elderly facilities will need to continue to shelter and not allow visits. That group will need to do so till we have a drug therapy or vaccine. It's unfortunate but it's for their safety while allowing the rest of the state to carry on carefully. We need to ensure those people are financially and medically taken care of during this time.
Bay	Accommodation	Sort Term Rental we need to be allowed to open up we are way less susceptible than South Florida and with social distancing will be fine. Hotels and motels are much more likely to be not as clean as our condos. We have been impacted for two years now.
Pasco	General	We need to reopen Florida ASAP. People need to get back to work and live their lives. People are losing their businesses and jobs which will create more deaths than this virus. Elderly and people with severe health conditions can continue to use extreme precautions until vaccine is created. We need to put money back in the economy and help save lives by having ppl keep their businesses and jobs.

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Okaloosa	Healthcare	Governor DeSantis because the Dental Hygienist are concerned about practicing and putting their patients and communities at risk. Many health care providers in our state of Florida have not been able to secure a reasonable supply of PPE that would be required to actively and safely treat patients. We use universal precautions assuming every patient has a communicable disease. Now we must include COVID 19. There is literally a PPE shortage. Why should we see any patients for prophys, perio-maintenance, scaling and root planing with the amount of aerosols we produce without proper protection? As many unknowns still remain with this virus, we fear we do not know how to properly disinfect our operatories in a normal fast-paced day. How do we remove all the aerosols lingering in the room after the use of our equipment so that the room is safe for the next patient? Isn't it possible that we could be spreading this virus to every patient we see and our families? As a dental community, we will just add to the percentage of health care workers affected with covid. I want to stress that dental hygienists are ranked amongst the highest of professionals at risk for both contracting and spreading this virus, and we still remain amongst one of the most at-risk professions. All we have available to us at this time is level 3 masks, gloves and eye protection. These items are the same PPE being recommended for store clerks and shoppers. Please Governor DeSantis of Florida, we are asking the you delay allowing dental hygienist to practice until we can practice safely!
Pasco	General	I think we should not rush the re opening! Even when we reopen the economy is not going to be the same people are not gonna spend like they before and that is gonna make the workers even more hard on them because there will be no assistance and less income! To go along with schools still being out and issues of childcare as like for myself! Also there is still an incline of cases I believe opening now would be irresponsible wait until the cases have gone down into the 300-200s thank you
Pinellas	Food	As much as I would love to open Sea Sea Riders Restaurant our 32 year family owned and operated restaurant up for business I'm concerned it's to soon. We need to be prepared and we are not in the food industry. We need more guidelines on keeping our staff safe. The liabilities jeopardize our industry. Please play it safe. We can't control the customers coming in that will infect our staff.
Lee	General	Here is my suggestion. Look at a map. There are 2 sides to Florida yet you seem to have forgotten that. Southwest Florida watches your press conferences everyday and you have become a joke to us. You have no idea we exist. You have shown us no help, no compassion, no sign of any thought of us. The only good thing is, we will remember you when the time comes. We want a leader who is concerned about the whole state, not just Miami. Just because our numbers arent as high, doesnt mean we dont have sick people. It would of been nice to know you are helping us also. I fear now it is to late, no one cares what you say. Its seems it is all patting yourself on the back and telling us about Miami. At least you finally stopped talking about The Villages. That was turning into a drinking game.

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Hillsborough	General	Elective surgeries should be happening. Dentists and optometrists should go back to work. Restaurants should open as long as they can practice social distancing where patrons are. Gyms, salons, etc. should limit the amount of people allowed in their business and be emphasizing the importance of cleanliness and sanitation. WE NEED TO RE-OPEN No matter when we re-open, there will be a peak in numbers so we can't worry about that too much - it is inevitable.
Palm Beach	Healthcare	Please do not open restaurants,theaters ,gyms, until COVID FLATTENS significantlyi in late June or July. OPEN BEACHES,POOLS,TENNIS COURTS IN NEXT TWOWEEKS AS LONG AS SOCIAL DISTANCING AND MASKS ARE MAINTAINED HEALTHCARE FACILITIES SHOULD BE OPEN FOR EMERGENCIES AND NON-ELECTIVE PROCEDURES.
Manatee	Tourism	please consider extending "no vacation rentals", we want to get Florida residents up and running first before having to worry.
Pinellas	Retail	People should be able to decide if they want to resume normal activities. If they want to stay home, fine, if they want to get a haircut, fine. I believe that the potential consequences of this threat is way overblown in comparison to other flu occurrences.
Duval	General	I appreciate the fine balance between safety and economy, and I realize there will be no ideal solution. But I like the idea of reinstating healthcare-related industries first, then retail and food service with stipulations of social distancing. As far as parks and recreational facilities, I would like parks open, again with stipulations and clear understanding that shared spaces like bathrooms or picnic areas could be inaccessible for a little longer. Schools should be made available for summer school purposes, especially to combat the summer slide, but online solutions could continue in some way. It's important for the kids to have the social interactions and normalcy though, so by fall it would be great to have a plan for going back to normal classes and being prepared for round two if it happens (if nothing else, to be prepared for flu season). I think any mass gathering that encourages travel or extended time in areas outside of "home" should be discontinued until fall. In other words, meetings, conferences, sports. I hate to hit the hotel industry like that, but I feel like that would help to contain outbreaks. Meetings and conferences can happen online. Sports can be televised and streamed. Churches need to continue to provide services but the close gatherings of people should be limited. It would be great if they could continue to broadcast online through the summer as well but I realize that's hard. Thanks for asking for our input.
Palm Beach	Food	I deliver food. Until everything is open again. The CDC says wash hands often. How can we do that when restaurants are not letting us use their restrooms? Not everyone can get gloves. Thank you.
Lee	Education	1.Number of cases still going up... why aren't we locking down completely instead of discussing reopening? Makes no sense. 2. Are there plans for ALL kids to get tested prior to entering school in the Fall?

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Pasco	General	I think until we have less than 500 new cases per day things need to be the same. If ee do decide to open a few things masks should be mandatory. There are to many people in FL. That won't follow the guidelines. Do not embarrass our state. Look to health officials for advice. If we open everything and more innocent people start dying that would be horrible. I'm sorry but ONE DEATH is too many. Keep Floridians safe and take this very very slow . Hinestly if we had just shut everything down for 2 weeks ..Everything and have gas stations pay at the pump only and grocery stores carry out only the curve woukd of Been flattened sooner. But everyone is still out NON ESSENTIALLY SHOPPING. Keep your people safe a little longer !!!
Osceola	General	My thought for the day.....How many people would be an okay number of people to die for you to get to eat dinner out, go to get a haircut, or go to a shopping mall, concert or sporting event. Call all your family into your living room and pick which one you would let die for you to go back to work. Your mother or father. How about your child or grandchild. Maybe your brother, sister, grandmother, grandfather, uncle, aunt, or cousins. Your spouse or significant other. How about your best friend. Well, who did.you pick? Yes, let's all go about our normal lives. That is way more important than a few thousand lives right? Here is my choice.....I would stay in my house for a year to save your life.....or to have back someone who I lost for just one day.
Palm Beach	General	I am giving my opinion on partially opening up Florida. I believe that opening up parks and beaches should be allowed. Both venues can be controlled by social distancing, opening and closing times for both. Before the parks closed there weren't that many people in the park that visited during the weekdays. So I believe that the parks should be opened on the week days between 8:00 and 5:00 to start. We have park rangers that can enforce social distancing. Weekend times should be open between 8:00 and 3:00 with the same conditions mentioned above. Golf courses should also be opened as well during certain hours. The range masters can enforce social distancing. Restaurants and gyms can also open to strict rules on social distancing and if they don't follow them they they would be subject to fines or closure of there business. They could be required to check patrons temperature to be sure that they don't have a fever and not be allowed in. These are my ideas and I'm sure you folks have heard these ideas already, but I do believe Florida needs to start open the economy. Sincerely, Jon Morse
Highlands	Healthcare	I'm on the frontlines and we do not have the appropriate PPE to protect ourselves and not enough testing and antibody testing. These 3 things in my opinion have to be readily available before we completely open up our state.
Pasco	General	Why would we reopen if numbers are still going up? I am considered an essential worker and I only go out when needed to. We should not reopen until we see a decrease in numbers with this virus.

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Pasco	General	I am a mother to three kids - 2,7 and 11. Our neighborhood has shut down access to the parks and pool. One of my kids has autism, the other has sensory issues due to being drug exposed in the womb (we adopted him through foster care) we desperately need the park and pool and some of our old routine back. Please open the parks and pools to help with this and to also relieve some of the anxiety and mental health issues this lock down and pandemic are causing. We respect the danger that exposes and think that hand sanitizing, limiting the number of people at a time, and other measures can be taken and we will respect them. I know that I'm not the only one in this situation. We appreciate ALL the governor is doing and are avid supporters!
Lee	Accommodation	Reopen all of Florida without restrictions. If folks feel unsafe stay at home. We MUST get things going or we will indeed die. Masks and distancing may still be needed, but we work around it. Free the people, state and country. Thanks, Bob and Mary
Pasco	General	You need to open now. Certain businesses have been able to stay open and do social distancing . I feel the rest of our businesses should have the same opportunity as those. I feel we the people are intelligent enough and have the right to chose for ourselves how we go about our business and in doing so safely. We need to get back to work
Okaloosa	Food	Dine-in service should be reopened in Florida. The measures we have taken to keep things sanitized and safe are far greater than the stores that have been allowed to remain open. Small business owners and their employees are struggling right now and need to go back to work.
Escambia	General	Reopen! Especially beaches (no time limits).
St. Lucie	Healthcare	My hip is deteriorating and my surgery delayed. We need to open up INDICATED surgery like joint replacement. Mine will be outpatient at a center that does only ortho cases and does not treat sick or covid pts. I am in pain every day. Please open up these needed surgery.
Pinellas	General	I think you should absolutely NOT reopen Florida. Why cut the cord to your parachute just because it slowed you down. It makes ZERO sense. I have 3 small children which suffer from asthma please don't jeopardize the heath and safety of our people they do not deserve this. I thank you for considering the people of FLORIDA
Citrus	Recreation	The state parks and forests need to be reopened now. The equestrian trails including the Greenway by their very nature are always isolated from public gatherings. There was no reason to close the trails to begin with. Along with people, trail horses need to be exercised and cannot be idle for months on end.
Lake	General	Open NOW!
St. Johns	General	There's no significant decrease in cases across counties nearby. We should extend the stay-at-home order until June.
Seminole	Professional Services	I don't not believe we as a community are ready for reopening anything just yet. We need more time. Let's be smart about this whole thing.
St. Johns	General	Please open us businesses now and stop talking about it. I have lost all of my work and my husband has his own business that was thriving and is now struggling. People need to work and get out! Please do this ASAP. Thank you!

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Miami-Dade	Education	I do not think Florida is ready to completely open yet. We should remember that the coronavirus has hit the US the hardest. Florida is in a group of the top states with cases. I think beaches should have law enforcement to enforce social distancing. I also think that south Florida should remain closed for another month. Particularly Miami Dade county and Broward county should remain mostly closed. Universities should keep dorms closed. Other parts of Florida can resume classes in person but I do not think Broward and Miami Dade counties should resume in person classes for a month or more because the gatherings of thousands of people will overwhelm our hospitals and see a rise in cases. I have multiple family members who work in the hospitals here in Miami and they have said their ICUs are already full. I think it is extremely unsafe to re open anything that cannot have social distancing enforced in hot spots of Florida. If DeSantis truly wishes to reopen the economy, he should primarily focus on doing so in parts of Florida where coronavirus is not as rampant .
Collier	General	As a retired couple, ages 74 & 83, living in a high rise community directly on the Gulf, we have carefully observed all the precautions and stay at home instructions. Yet it is time to reopen restaurants, hair salons, nail salons and other retail businesses closed by the shutdown. Masks and gloves can be worn and distancing put in place. Large groups can still be prohibited. Much of this has currently been done in grocery stores and Home Depots. I trust the people of Collier County and of our generation to exercise good sense and make thoughtful decisions for themselves. You should as well. That said, it is important for employers to be required to make employees with illness to stay at home with pay. Special monitoring of each employee (temp, contact w/ positive cases, symptoms) is important for every business. Continue expanding testing capabilities. Most snowbirds have (or soon will) gone home. I cannot speak for East Coast FL but I do not believe our beaches restaurants hotels will be overrun in Collier Co. Most will cautiously venture out gradually in my opinion.
Hillsborough	Healthcare	I am a nurse in Tampa Florida. We have never had a lot of covid positive patients at one time. (Thank god). But I am currently undergoing fertility treatment and my fertility clinic is not allowing new treatments until elective surgeries are resumed. I do not feel my infertility should be viewed as elective but it is what it is. I understand the point is to flatten the curve and reduce the risk of more people contracting covid 19. However, if we do in fact meet the presidents guidelines to enter into phase 1, I really hope that you and the committee decide to allow elective surgeries to resume May 1st as well as opening up some of the stores etc with social distancing.
Orange	Tourism	I strongly am hoping for the re opening of theme parks in June. I am an employee of Universal Orlando and as such, along with many others, am concerned about the company's future. I am confident that with measures in place, the park could reopen in a limited capacity in June and still provide all the rides, shows, and entertainment that guests are used to. Slowly over time, it will return to normal. I think beaches should have reduced hours, along with enforcement of social distancing. I think restaurants should remain carry out only for awhile longer.

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Miami-Dade	Administrative	Good day. I suggest that we follow Georgia's governers Kemp and open everything asap. In azed by the abuse of people not paying rent that have the money to pay rent. This is not right. To summarize, who ever wants to stay home, has that right but we should open back up asap. Including the court system in order to end the abuse tenants are imposing on landlords.
Escambia	General	Don't reopen state! Keep as it is until we have 2 weeks of decline in cases. Listen to the medical experts! Reopen slowly.
Escambia	General	It's time to reopen FL. The COVID numbers presented by the press focus on the dramatic. Somewhat like, "If it bleeds, it leads.". The recovery rate is the important number. Recent studies have stated most COVID deaths are in conjunction with associated co-morbidities and 90+% related to two or more co-morbidities. If "herd-immunity" is what is needed to develop anti-bodies, isn't a "stay at home" order the antithesis of this? Those that are sick need a stay at home order. What has happened to America and our unalienable rights?
Hillsborough	Recreation	Open Florida back up.
Sarasota	General	I support reopening Florida with 1. Compliance with state/federal distance guidelines 2. Continued testing and monitoring
Hernando	Education	In regards to college openings. I do believe college campus locations should remain closed throughout the Fall semester with a reevaluation on reopening being done prior to the 2021 Spring term. The possibility of a relapse of cases and the potential of having to transition back to an online format in the middle of a semester is incredibly difficulty on the faculty, staff, and students. Many students have been forced to withdraw from courses because they could not make the transition on such short notice, which was warranted under the circumstances, but to ask them to again be prepared for a second round of transitions to an online format in the middle of a term is an unecsessary burdon.
Palm Beach	Healthcare	PLEASE OOEN FLORIDA NOW. IM SICK AND TIRED OF THE FEAR MONGERING. THE SICK NEED TO QUARANTINED NOT THE HEALTHY! OPEN FLORIDA NOW AND RESTORE OUR RIGHTS.
Palm Beach	General	I don't believe that South Florida should be reopened until we've had at least 7 days of no new cases. If you open it up now you will just have more cases, more deaths in assisted living homes, nursing homes, rehab facilities. You people in northern Florida have no idea of what we need here in South Fl.
Pinellas	General	Open Florida for Business. It has shown that there is no difference between states that are closed and Not Closed. Open Air and Sunshine will kill viruses even the Fauci's own NIAID funded China Virus. The Beaches and associated Business should be open to assist in virus elimination. There is not a single business in Florida that is not essential, yet we see local State, County and city governments that are far less essential and should be reduced in size and scope or eliminated. Why is it that so many government offices are closed, yet no government positions are eliminated? Is it because Governments have no money but is wasting our money.

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Duval	General	We need to get a good grip on Covid-19 BEFORE we reopen statewide. There are too many unknown factors and the need for easy, manageable testing should be paramount before just getting back to normal. If you start too soon, people can/could die due to increased, unnecessary exposure. That point alone should be important to everyone and keeping people safe should be the priorty.
Sarasota	General	I want to thank Governor DeSantis and the members of the Re-Open Florida Task Force for their self-less time and efforts. We are grateful for your commitment. I'm sure you all realize how damaging the shut-down has been to the economy and how many lives have been impacted. While the health concern is paramount, the measures taken to address Covid 19 seem disproportionate to the actual threat. Carefully restarting the economy is essential to the well being of every citizen. As you gather recommendations for reopening Florida, I urge you to be mindful of the first ten amendments to the U.S. Constitution, including Freedom of Religion, Speech, Press, Assembly and Petition. We need to balance responsible mitigation with a robust economy. For example, please consider the benefits of "Herd Immunity." Thank you for your consideration.
Broward	Food	Please I'm really want the county to be open but look at the cases we have,I have been not working for almost two months,I had aply for help nothing yet I need to pay my bill,please see what you can do ,just like the motor in Miami helping the residents there pay there bill look at the situation of The Who vote for who help you get there please don't let's us down,please so I need food at the same time I don't want to go at there in die
Seminole	General	Pleass do NOT open up state its only going to get worse then going to have to shut down again!
Hillsborough	General	Please do not open up the state to soon. I have not seen my grandchildren or children since March 11. They have been stay at home as well. I would hate for all of this sacrifice to in vain. You must think about the health of the citizens and if we are healthy in Florida or economy will follow. Thank you
Escambia	Healthcare	Considering that the numbers of people in the state that have the virus and the numbers of deaths from the virus are still going up every day , opening the beaches seems to be a very bad idea . If the numbers start coming down that would be the time to think about opening up the beaches but money seems to rule more than health and that is sad in the country that's supposed to be here to help others in need and we can't take care of our own .
Orange	Healthcare	I'm not agree at all is to soon ,also the kids stay home doing home schooling if we go back who is going to take care of them ,I work in health care we don't have enough PPE
Brevard	General	Please reopen Florida asap!

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Palm Beach	Recreation	There two topics I feel strongly about needing to be reopened as noted below: 1) ALL Florida Beaches(including state parks) - all florida beaches should be open for Sporting activity which can not take place else where. Examples of sporting activities includes surfing of any kind(surfing, kite surfing, skimboarding), ocean swimming, ocean kayaking, beach dives, etc. An example of an activity that can take place elsewhere could even include running or walking as these activities can be done inland and will keep beaches less crowded for Watersports. Also, most cities allow walking or running with beach views as for how they are developed. Absolutely no lounging, laying, coolers etc should be allowed. Violators should be fined and required to leave 2) Boating - All boat ramps and kayak launches that safely allow groups to remain 6ft of space. It is my opinion that no sandbar mooring should be allowed unless no boats are within a 50foot radius of said vessel, and all water law enforcement and military(USCG) should strictly enforce an executive order like this. Fishing is an essential activity and even recreationally done, feeds numerous florida families and adheres to social distancing guidelines. Both of these areas are extremely important to physical and mental health of a large number of floridians.
Lake	General	As a retired individual with a steady income stream its easy for me to say keep everything closed until we're sure there's a handle on this virus. In reality though I understand the need for opening up the economy and getting people back to work. That being said, as an older individual with a history of some health issues I feel there could be a balance between opening up the economy and protecting ALL of our citizens. First I think it should be absolutely mandatory to wear a face mask when inside buildings open to the public. Restaurants would have to be an exception because you can't eat with a mask on therefore there should be mandatory distancing in restaurants. Personally I would choose NOT to eat inside a restaurant for quite a while yet and that certainly is an option for people. Face masks should also be mandatory outside where people congregate such as a public park etc. Finally there should be consequences if you violate rules intended to protect the health of people. The obvious consequence is that you could make someone very sick but if you don't follow the rules there should be fines in place where the first offence may be $50 second offence $250 third offence $1000 and possible jail time. People MUST take this serious and unless faced with steep penalties I'm afraid many won't.
Palm Beach	Retail	I work as a Manager for a gas station. I think we should wait until Mid May before you make any decisions. We are still having too many deaths and people getting sick. Opening now might only make things worse

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Duval	General	Reopen with the requirement of wearing face masks. Restaurants should limit the number of patrons..seat guest every other table, staff to wear masks. Visiting Salons, theatres, or restaurants are no different then going to the grocery store. Keeping the service industry from working is more detrimental than the virus. Providing “free” monies to this class is worthless and ultimately just cost taxpayers.
Palm Beach	General	We should NOT be opening Florida if this virus cannot be contained. People will be walking around for weeks not knowing they have it, And it will be another disaster such as New York City. I know our leadership in Florida is much smarter than this and will make The right decision moving forward. Not just to align your pockets. Think of the people. The people make Florida.
Osceola	General	My thought for the day.....How many people would be an okay number of people to die for you to get to eat dinner out, go to get a haircut, or go to a shopping mall, concert or sporting event. Call all your family into your living room and pick which one you would let die for you to go back to work. Your mother or father. How about your child or grandchild. Maybe your brother, sister, grandmother, grandfather, uncle, aunt, or cousins. Your spouse or significant other. How about your best friend. Well, who did.you pick? Yes, let's all go about our normal lives. That is way more important than a few thousand lives right? Here is my choice.....I would stay in my house for a year to save your life.....or to have back someone who I lost for just one day.
Palm Beach	General	Please go slowly and keep us safe. I have known seniors and young healthy folks who have died to this terrible disease. Please in everything you do remember the safety of your citizens. We are your responsibility. I didn't vote for you, but I have come to respect many of your policy decisions. You are not a stupid or evil man. Just remember us. Our lives have meaning just like yours and those of your family and friends. We are a big, difficult state, but I hope you can craft solutions for our different areas that work for the needs of those areas and prioritize citizens' safety. Thank you for the work you are doing and for your stewardship of the state and all the many different people in it who are in your trust. We are in your hands. Thank you.

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St. Lucie	General	Yes re-open the state. Those who are medically at risk and those who don't feel comfortable yet need to stay home until the risk lessens further. Florida needs to start its engine again. If an area flares-up, then the state needs to take action to quiet the flames, but we can't be held hostage for months until a vaccine is created. Keep social distancing in place and a strong suggestion to wear masks. The supermarkets are full of people doing exactly that. Other businesses can implement the same protocol. Folks keep talking about testing. That's fine, but I can be negative one minute and positive 10 minutes later. What are we going to do, test ourselves every hour? Talk about triggering OCD! Those who have the Wuhan Virus symptoms need to get tested and seek medical attention, of course. Testing is partially a red herring in my humble opinion.
Hillsborough	General	Swedens method of keeping everything open while implementing some social distancing measures works! This unconstitutional draconian lockdown is going to create the next financial depression and it looks like some liberal politicians want it that way. Open the great. State of Florida now! I promise Floridas voters will remember you if you dont.
Miami-Dade	Administrative	Good afternoon, As a governor, we trust in you to do the best for our health. I feel if are number of cases keep rising please do not reopen until there's a realistic action plan by health experts and not the public option. Thank you
Pinellas	Professional Services	We need to re-open Florida as soon as possible, I propose the following to help spread not only coronavirus but other diseases - 1. Open the beaches first to boost our immune system 2. Reopen business making it mandatory to wear masks inside of the buildings 3. Make mandatory prohibition on wearing medical gowns outside the medical establishment especially in to stores - grocery etc 4. Require businesses to install hepa filters, use UV light for sanitizing the environment for 1 year 5. Require businesses to install sneeze sheilds 6. Require businesses to install dividers if "cubicles" are used We need to re-open Florida back up as soon as possible!
Escambia	General	I think the limitations of opening the beaches should be considered. While I agree and want the Beaches opened...the time frames will have more congestion in your hours than if you had full blown access. When you limit the hours you may as well just pile all of these folks in a public arena. Open the beaches 24 hours so people will not feel the need to pile in on a 3 hour window..that increases popualtions at stores as well.

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Volusia	Government	You need to reopen the state now. After a lot of antibody testing, it has become very clear that this virus is nowhere near as deadly as previously thought. Governor Cuomo has announced that New York City has had an infection rate of 21%, and New York State over 14%. Testing in Chelsea Massachusetts shows even higher levels of infection. In California antibody testing has shown 55 to 80 times more people have had it then of tested positive for it. 94% of the people thatwere hospitalized for the virus in New York City, had pre-existing conditions. Most people had pre-existing conditions, and were over 65. There never should have been a Statewide shutdown. That was based on politics, and not science. To allow the shutdown to go on for one more day should be criminal. There should be no Statewide restrictions. If there are any restrictions, it should be at the local level where it is easier to throw those people out of office. You are destroying the state. The panic has been much worse than the pandemic.
Hillsborough	Food	Reopen Tampa and allow people to get back to living and working again.
Palm Beach	General	Do not open Florida, I am an essential worker...let's be safe first...
Orange	General	I'm going to keep this short and simple. PLEASE protect our elderly citizens. My family has lived in Florida for 35 years. PLEASE Do not allow people over 65 to return to the workforce until there is a vaccine. My parents are both 75. My father has worked full time his entire life. My entire Family works in the service industry. He has 4 underlying conditions. If you let him go back to work he will go and get himself sick and my mother sick. PLEASE I am begging you do not allow people over 65 to return to work. thank you and God bless you.
Volusia	Healthcare	I'm a health care provider and business owner. I think we should wait until Mid May then SLOWLY re open. Base it on science FACTS. If up tick in cases/deaths re apply some restrictions in those SPECIFIC/TARGETED areas!
Flagler	Accommodation	Open the economy ASAP - just watch this video - qualified doctors can say it better than me https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xfLVxx_IBLU&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR2xLCgAxXlQ-CulWzowBOgKgVUhxVOHaj1PsLyW4_4dsAN9mo7h-rdX8Oo
Sarasota	General	I believe the economy should open in phases and with guidance from scientists and health professionals. Having a family member in long term care, I'm also highly concerned about residence and employees of those facilities. I believe that testing in long term facilities should be a requirement of all employees, new residents and re-admits. I believe large gatherings, such as conventions, theme parks, sporting events and concerts should be allowed only after a vaccine or pharmaceutical treatment is available.
Hillsborough	Recreation	Parks and recreation and beaches need to be opened immediately for exercise and mental health of Florida residents. If we have to wear masks... enforce that. Closing public lands is over-reaching, unnecessary and damaging to public health and the economy.
Broward	General	do not reopen the state especially south 'FL

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Hillsborough	Tourism	I don't think that we are ready to open up yet with the daily number of confirmed cases and deaths. Especially places like hair salons, movie theaters and bowling alleys. And restaurants. There is no way to be 6 feet apart at hair salons and they are not essentials. For movie theaters, they should skip rows when seating people and leave quite a few feats in between people. And it should be mandatory for people to sign something stating that they have not been sick or are not sick when they first go in, there should be signs everywhere stating that people with any symptoms should not go in to any of these places
Lee	General	Lee county has not been hit the way some areas have, enough time has passed and it's time to move forward. If people don't feel ready they can stay home. Common sense and responsibility for oneself is what people need to do. The governor and others with him have been doing great.
Monroe	Government	It is pathetic the way the unemployment has been handled. Shame on the Governor for going on Hannity on Fox News patting himself on the back. FL is the ONLY state whose unemployment fund is actually increasing. Every single state, except FL, is seeing their funds diminish because they are paying unemployment. Ken Lawson needs to be fired, not put in a different position. Desantis should not take a paycheck until every person who applied (and those who are still trying) gets paid. The website has been completely down for days. This is not helpful. Also, the numbers on the DEO dashboard do not add up. Apparently you think we're stupid but for those of us who can do basic math, the numbers don't even add up. This is shameful. I am a registered Republican and will absolutely not vote for Desantis. And as seemingly typical with anything in FL, even the link to submit this would not work. I will hit submit for the 4th time and hope it goes through. This must be controlled by DEO! Nope, still doesn't work. My 4th grader could handle IT better than Florida.
Pinellas	Government	To reopen before the pandemic would be foolish, to say the least. Reopening would lengthen the duration of the pandemic! I certainly have no desire to be exposed to someone who's carrying the active virus,
Escambia	General	How do you sleep at night supporting this damaged and amoral man
Duval	Healthcare	I would like for the "re-opening" decisions to be based on science and fact that keeps our community and state safe. Going back to "business as usual" or creating increased interactions between people could increase the number of positive cases and for the elderly, medically vulnerable or those with respiratory issues, could lead to death. I value those vulnerable people in my family and community and do not want you to make decisions solely based on money. Our federal government with the blessing of our state senators thought our nation was wealthy enough to have the richest people and corporations pay zero in tax dollars so we surely have enough funds to take care of the working class and working poor since the nation has found that we rely on them exclusively for day to day existence.

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Sarasota	General	We need to keep our state going, a lot of people who live in Florida are elderly but they can order online and have it sent to their house and use social distancing. A lot of people aren't going out and are scared to come out and work because of the virus but everyone is wearing masks and being safe. We need mainly important stuff open like the DMVs and government offices
Palm Beach	Healthcare	Until there is more widespread testing and there is a continuous drop in the number of new cases, the stay at home policy should remain in place.
Santa Rosa	Professional Services	I have served on a State Board of Cosmetology for 3 years in New England. I own five salons. Two in Santa Rosa and three in Escambia county. Suggestions for salon openings. Sign on entry door for clients to go directly to restroom and wash hands. Stylist take infrared temperatures of client and self to show client. Give client mask. Use clean capes on every client. One client area time per chair. No clients in waiting area. Must wait outside salon. All tools soak in Barbicde after every client. Use diluted Barbicide in spray bottles and wipe everything client touches after they leave. Salon stations must be 6' apart. Salons with more than six stylists can only work half their staff at one time. Stylists can't have an assistant or apprentice working in salon. Salons need HEPA filter air purifier for every 500 sq ft. End of day everything wiped down with Barbicide spray.
Duval	General	Enough is enough already. We've flattened the curve and are getting tired of being told what to do by the government. OPEN UP THE STATE OF FLORIDA! Or at least the counties that aren't as affected. If people want to wear a mask and quarantine themselves voluntarily, so be it. But you're killing the economy and ruining the lives of people.
Hillsborough	Government	Recommend masks/social distancing. Permit businesses to refuse service with no repercussions if they post regulations and ask you to leave. Request input from various business as to how they would maintain social distancing, such as restaurants/bars. (difficult to eat and drink with a mask on). Do not permit large gatherings including sports and social events until further testing with real data can show an accurate infection/death count. Open parks and recreation areas with warning signs to inform persons that playground equipment may not be safe. Depending on the area, steps may be implemented at a City or County level, possibly even by zip code.
Sarasota	General	State should reopen along lines that President Trump outlined.
Seminole	Manufacturing	Need more essential jobs, instead of heavily relaying on tourism & Service job. Need more job creation to take care of seniors citizens in FL. Unions to Contribute to State, learn from California there home health aide system. A win/win for state & for the people.

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Martin	Recreation	Outdoor recreation is fundamental to the stability of Florida's tourist economy. Golf, beaches, tennis and other outdoor areas such as parks need to reopen as soon as possible. Medically, these areas have been shown to be safer than interior environments both in levels of contagion and overall human health. Martin is a great County as golf is still permitted under restrictions. One of those however, married couples in their own cart or the same cart is where things are over enforced. Yet, golfers to my South would gladly comply just to be out playing. Give people the healthy option in Florida to exercise, cause their vitamin D levels and ease anxiety and stress. It is medically supportable as a decision.
Lake	General	Please do not put us at unnecessary risk to accommodate large businesses with huge cash reserves. Opening stadiums and theme parks right now could put us right back in the same situation a few weeks from now. I think there is room to carefully open some businesses that do not force close contact, and where physical distancing can be practiced. Telework should still be mandatory for any business that is reasonably capable of doing so.
Hillsborough	Government	Governer DeSantis, I'm respectfully asking you to keep the state closed Umbro the virus can be contained. Our population is especially susceptible and you have a responsibility to protect your constituents. In addition, please have the unemployment website handled. It's embarrassing. Many Thanks, Courtney Clayton
Palm Beach	Retail	Please DO NOT reopen our state too soon! I know these are hard times for us all but our health and lives are more important than than opening the State too soon. Besides the last thing we need is an influx of irresponsible tourists.
Indian River	General	There needs to be a testing system in place - diagnostic and antibody - with clear goals and metrics. Like Governor Cuomo is doing, key numbers need to be tracked and reported publicly in real time. Those key numbers determine under what conditions businesses, etc can open and, if and when they must close again. There also must be a system for contact tracing. And the unemployment system needs to be fixed, benefits extended, so people can afford to stay home as directed. Basically, follow what Governors Cuomo and Newsom has been doing - not what Kemp is doing.
Hillsborough	Healthcare	It is time to get back to our daily routines and get back to work!!! We can all go back to our daily routines using safety measures. We have been quarantined long enough and statistics will eventually demonstrate that COVID-19 is not any worse than the flu. We can still use protective measures with the elderly and high risk. Everyone else needs to get back to their routine before we fall into an economic depression!!!
Palm Beach	Recreation	People who live in condos and apartments are suffering unnecessarily. Please open parks, recreation areas and beaches immediately. We trusted you to lead us through this problem - it is time now for you to trust us to behave responsibly. Thank you.
Orange	Real Estate	Re open Florida as soon as possible. Keep distancing guidelines until numbers are safe enough to remove them . Vulnerable should remained sheltered with limited contact of those going out. Masks should be used in any crowd setting, large social setting.
Broward	General	When MEDICAL experts (which Trump is NOT) say it is safe.

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Broward	General	It's time to open ! With care of course. Restaurants need to space out tables or continue takeout if feasible. Retail stores should have all employees masked. Food industry should also have employees masked and gloved! We can open safely if masks are mandatory inside places. Limited number of people to enter stores, restaurants etc. theirs is the new norm, so let's embrace it.
Orange	General	It is too soon to open Florida. Cases and deaths are still rising. This is not only a florida problem, or an American problem...it is a world problem. And it is still out of control. Continue social distancing and really help people find a way to make money safely with out risk of getting infected and infecting others. Have real solutions and stop listening to politicians over medical experts.. Do what is really best for the people.
Okaloosa	General	We are number 8 in states with the most cases. Or cases are going up not down. We don't have ample testing. And I don't think we should be putting our senioes and healthcare workers at a greater risk. Too many people aren't taking this serious and this is going to backfire on us. I think this is a very bad idea to reopen so soon.
Broward	Government	HI, in reference to Covid. I think beaches, parks re recreational areas should be the last places to open. I feel maybe stores could open, only allowing a certain amount of customers based on square footage. Same for restaurants. Just my opinion. Thank you for your time. Stay well Karen
Lake	Healthcare	It is not safe to open anything right now! Especially for the immune compromised!
Brevard	Government	The state of Florida should not reopen. The numbers keep getting higher and higher and opening the state up again will cause an even higher amount of the states population to get infected which can include you and your family.
Manatee	General	NO.. definitely not ready to open Florida with all the new cases daily!!!!!!! I am very stressed out NOT having any of my due unemployment yet, 5 WEEKS later! I would like you to try to live week to week in normal everyday life as I was, and not this is 5 WEEKS later, and I haven't received a penny! Think about all the people in this position, and try to live for the next 5 weeks on NOTHING!! I want my due unemployment, and pandemic money now please!!!! No more waiting and delays!! Thank you!
Orange	Government	It is clear that cases are still increasing and we are not out of the woods yet. The soonest Florida should reopen would be mid to late May, and even then it must be done gradually. If done too soon and too quickly then people will assume we're in the clear and have a free for all when that's not at all what the current climate we're living in is like. Also please fix unemployment before even reopening the state. No amount of reopening changes the fact that you still owe thousands of Floridians pay for the past 6+ weeks.
Palm Beach	Finance	It is stupid to reopen right now. I understand people are hurting for money but you will make things worst if you open now

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Lee	Government	Opening up the Gates in Florida!?😁 Sorry Bad Idea ! 😕😯 I know like everyone else, I want to start being able to go out an do more things. But I also know as I work in Food Service, People are not listening to begin with . I'd say start with outdoor activities like Beaches, Parks Yard Sales. Places where people can stay 6 feet away from other people easily enough. See how that go's first before we start sticking people in groups in confined spaces. Just my opinion😉
Brevard	General	Until there is treatment a general reopening would not be wise. But some successful normalization will help when tourist attractions can open (with pop. limits). And there are a number of things that would start normalization and get some of the people that need it jobs. Cleaning, cooks and other home jobs (especially for the elderly). Vendors should where masks and clean hands going in then coming out. And change clothes between locations. Open restaurants with separation. Serving staff in facemasks. Tables 50% closed or minimum of 6' apart. Table seating recommended for family groups. 8 seats max. Disinfect tables and chairs after each use. Get Dept of Health out checking And instructing. Get people out. Golf is ongoing and easy to keep distance. Now try beaches. But limit parking. No busses. Enforce distancing. Only family groups in 6' of each other. Authorize staff, etc. to cite and remove those who don't comply. Did you get the virus danger? Any beach must have full time designated toilet staff. For parks, use stimulus money. For restaurants on beach do similar, and in each case enforce. Good PR...we are using stimulus and state funds to help instruct and ensure cleanliness and disinfecting is universal as we re-open various activities. Places like museums should be easy. Staff with masks. Suggested for all. Again, toilets to get special attention.
Polk	General	Governor DeSantis waited too late to close the state. Spring break alone contributed to the spread throughout Florida and the rest of the country. The idea of opening the state back up now is crazy. The numbers keep growing and it would be foolish to lift the stay at home order now. The governor should be concentrating more on fixing the unemployment system as the number one priority. He owes it to the people of Florida. Take care of us and not his own ambitions to politically position himself for his next election. I for one will vote him out. I also hold him responsible for the deaths of Floridians. He is in a position of leadership and he needs to step up to the podium and lead! If he does make the stupid decision to open businesses, I won't be patronizing any of them. It's not safe yet to leave home.

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Columbia	General	I believe we need to continue to isolate high-risk populations and keep voluntary social distance guidelines. I believe all other business and commerce should be opened up without restriction because the negative economic psychological and social effects of the lockdown outweighs in my opinion any benefit. Herd immunity in my personal and professional opinion is the solution. The Swiss are showing us the way. I've been a registered nurse for 23 years and I'm currently working on the Front Line Screening patients coming into my Hospital. I believe if we did widespread antibody testing it will show a significant portion of the population have antibodies. We need to get to about 80% for herd immunity and now that it's clear that ventilator shortage is not a problem it's time to open up.
Polk	Tourism	Polk Supply. We are a HVAC Service company that works in the resort areas around Disney. This stay at home order has destroyed the majority of the businesses that rely on the tourist industry around the amusement parks. Tens of thousands of people are unemployed and it will eventually collapse the economy in this area. We must start getting back to business in this area the beginning of May. If not the economic affects will filter down into every industry including the real estate market. Please, let's get back business. This virus can be dealt with and not destroy our lives.
Pinellas	Recreation	I am currently temporarily residing on the East coast in Delray assisting my girlfriend with the care of her parents. My concern is the importance of state residents being able to exercise and enjoy the outdoors. Several Golf courses and boat ramps are open on the West coast though on the East coast everything is shut down. I understand that there is a higher occurrence of Covid-19 on the East coast. That being said and providing residents on the East Coast abide by the same restrictions in place on the West Coast why is it that Golf courses and boat ramps are not open on the East coast?
Volusia	Recreation	To early to reopen
Palm Beach	Recreation	Open parks and beaches for recreation.... not gathering on the beach yet,but soon, still as family, not mass gatherings. Time to be able to swim, surf, walk, jog the beach again. And walk dogs down there.
Pinellas	Government	Local governments have too much power and are out of their league when making decisions on what, when, and for how long things will be closed. They need better and more consolidated guidance from the Governor. Also, all of the beaches, parks, schools, and other public facilities that are closed are payed for by property tax. Home owners should receive a tax break or exemptions for this and next year's property tax bill for not being able to access these taxpayer funded amenities.
Polk	General	We should not be opening it up until we have reasonable assurance that we aren't putting ourselves at risk and risk having to do another quarantine. Our lives are more important than tourists or business as usual. Error on the side of caution please
Hillsborough	Healthcare	Open the state! We have sunshine to spare! If people are too fearfull to go out, they can stay in. But for me and my house, we serve the Lord & it is time to open the state! May 1st should be the target date!! Thank you, Louise

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Pasco	General	As someone who is now staying at home to home school there child and someone who is also 8 months pregnant . I believe it's a horrible idea to reopen the state at this time . Why not wait till July when the virus is expected to slow down. And see what happens slowely. Reopening the state right now is such a horrible idea. Someone with kids should understand that it's just putting our youth and older people at risk. Another 30 days or more. Isn't gonna hurt anyone it's gonna help.
Polk	General	The cure will kill more than the actual illness. We have women, children, and pets who are stuck in violent homes. We have children home alone because their parents are essential and must continue working. These children are not attending virtual school because there is no guidance or accountability at home. Our local businesses are suffering tremendously. While some have adapted and have continued operations while adhering to social distancing guidelines, many cannot and may have to shut their doors forever. Suicide rates are high. Mental health patients aren't being seen. Please reopen our state to residents, at least. Allow us to enjoy the reasons why we live here: our beaches, lakes, rivers, and nature parks. Those who aren't ready to emerge can continue to shelter in place, but let it be a choice!
Hillsborough	General	I'm immunocompromised and my parents, both in their 80's and high risk, live with me and my family. I've put a lot of thoughts into keeping us safe. Here are some ideas: 1) Testing: We need to be able to test nearly everyone in FL -- symptomatic and non-symptomatic. It's the only way to know how the virus is spreading. 2) "Clean zones": Zones where you have to prove you free of the virus, either never having had it or completely resolved. Once in one of these zones, we can relax distancing. But, if someone leaves the zone, they have to re-certify to come back in. 3) Keep stay at home, social distancing measures, and allow for only essentials business to operate outside the "clean" zones. This all hinges on testing and A LOT of it.... and fast testing.
Okaloosa	Tourism	The state must be fully opened. All businesses and schools have suffered enough. We, as a society, have learned lessons that will carry us into the future on this virus. In the meantime, continue to protect the at-risk and let us all get back to work. It is cruel and unnecessary to continue to leave us all in the dark, with little hope that a wise solution will be reached. If you wish to delay opening the state until this virus is fully eradicated, we will all be economically ruined forever. Open the state now.
Orange	Information	I support a slow and staged re-opening of Florida. But I think social distancing and wearing masks should be required until the end of the year.

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Polk	General	Please open up the stores and restaurants. Allow hospitals to perform elective surgeries. Maybe advise those who are immunocompromised and or over 65 to continue to stay at home but for the rest of us we need to work. I work for a hospital and my hours have been drastically cut. We are not overwhelmed at all. I want to continue to work and help others. For the restraints, maybe allow dining at 50% capacity again. And the stores allow so many in at once. Advise people to continue to use masks if possible. I am worried for our economy. I am worried for our mental health. And I am worried what is going to happen to me if my hours continue to be cut. I only have 3 weeks of pto. Please consider reopening. Even consider reopening salons with social distancing, only one client per stylist and wear a mask. Thank you for your consideration.
Polk	General	I believe Florida needs to be "reopened." People are well informed and knowledgeable as far as social distancing practices are concerned. Most people will be responsible when they go get their hair cut, take their kids to the park, and go to the gym. And the business owners will be responsible also. Enough is enough. Our economy is suffering. Thank you.
Lake	General	1. CURRENTLY the general public and ALL employees of ANY open businesses MUST wear face protection when inside business areas and in contact with employees or customers. Employees should wear gloves when handling items in direct contact with customers (any business providing direct customer services like grocery checkout). Social distancing standards would remain in place. The current STAY AT HOME guidance would remain in place. All CDC guidelines would remain in effect. 2. ASAP all public safety, medical personnel, and essential business employees should be tested for COVID 19 antibodies. The general population including AT RISK persons should be tested after all business employees are completed. NON RESIDENTS must be tested upon entrance to Florida. Those who are antibody positive can return to work/normal activity without PPE restrictions. Those who are Antibody POSITIVE should be issued a Certified ID stating they are Antibody POSITIVE. This ID can be presented upon demand to verify their status. Those without such an ID would continue to follow current CDC guidelines for face masks and other measures deemed necessary. Antibody negative or not tested NON RESIDENTS would be required to self quarantine upon entrance to Florida. After quarantine NON RESIDENTS must follow all CDC guidelines until they obtain an ID card. 3. After initial CDC guidelines are met for infection control rates Phase 1 should be a SLOW CONTROLLED opening of non-essential businesses based ONLY on public need and safety. Ex: Personal contact services limited to hair cutting ONLY. Restaurants, movie theaters, retail, and other social based businesses remain closed for inside customers unless those customers can produce a certified antibody positive ID. No one without this ID would be allowed entrance. Social distancing standards would remain in place inside these businesses. Phase 1 would continue until infection rates are under control across the entire state. 4. Phase 2 would add more non-essential businesses based upon public need and safety. Phase 2 would continue until a vaccine is available and the general population has been vaccinated. Increase the limit of the number of persons allowed inside a business provided they have a certified antibody positive ID. STAY AT HOME guidelines would remain for anyone in the AT RISK

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Manatee	Retail	My wife and I now have NO income since the beginning of April. We are both hard workers and have built our lives around our work as so many Floridians have done. We are both local west coast Florida kids having attended Sarasota and King High respectively. We have lived through hurricanes over our lifetimes and have always being responsible enough to prepare for and survive those storms. We protected ourselves and our 3 children during those storms and through the bad flu seasons we have experienced over the past few years. The Governor did the right thing in issuing the "stay-at-home" order but MORE IMPORTANTLY zeroed in on protecting the most vulnerable Covid-19 possibilities in the nursing homes just like his military background would tell him to do, i.e., FOCUS IN ON THE TARGET AND SEND YOUR "SHOCK TROOPS" IN TO DESTROY THE ENEMY. AND HE DID IT SUCCESSFULLY as evidenced by the compliment he has received for the state's performance. I DO NOT intend to shop at, eat at or gather at a nursing home anytime in the near future. I DO intend to go out to eat, shop and get my hair cut IF THE STATE ALLOWS me to do that. And I'm speaking for many other Floridians who feel the same way. LIFT THE ORDER AND WE CITIZENS AND BUSINESS OWNERS WILL TAKE IT FROM THERE in a wise, careful and innovative way just as we've ALWAYS done. Treat us as constitutionally-abiding citizens....and we vote! Thank you ad God bless. Nick and Nancy DeVirgilis
Duval	Retail	Hello Govenor & Taak force, I am a retail District Manager, and my concern for the retail industry is ensuring all companies have the essentials to keep patrons as well as staff safe. I think as we slowly open it definitely should be in waves, and Retailers should be ready to open by Mid May. Malls are going to be a huge concern because that is one area "everyone" will flock to. It must be mandated that all patrons visiting Malls must where face masks, if not that will be another potential hot spot. Ensuring that Retailers have everything needed to safely open, because if it's hard for us to get it as consumers, what have companies been able to get while closed for 30+ days. And if any area sees a spike in cases, then those areas immediately begin to shut down businesses because if not our second wave will be here quicker and more rapid. I trust in the task force decision, but again approach with caution, and let's take baby steps, a rush to open everything will only comeback and bite us!
Polk	Tourism	Please keep Florida closed until advised otherwise is safe to reopen my health officials. We are about to hit the peak of the virus in May and we need to remain closed until at least June 2nd. Human lives are worth more than reopening the state right now.
Manatee	General	Reopen the beaches in Manatee county so residents have a safe place to go outside!
Santa Rosa	General	Open all State Parks and no time limit on beaches.
Duval	General	Slow n steady wins the race. Stimulus for anyone under $75K for the next six months.

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Orange	Government	When the state capitals are open back up for business, tours, and the courts are hearing cases live, then you can begin to reconsider opening up the rest of Florida. We are not beyond the curve by any means, testing is not readily available, the numbers continue to go up, and this seems to be a ploy for the state to get out of paying unemployment benefits.
Brevard	General	In my opinion, Counties should not open until their are no more positive cases. Or until the counts start going down. Thank you.
Palm Beach	Healthcare	Everyone currently working should be tested for the antibodies. Then any group going to work in fields that will be opened up should be tested for the antibodies, if they have the antibodies they can go to work. As different operations open up employees and owners should be tested for antibodies and be free to go back to work. I believe many people have already had the virus, but don't know it. They also have not been able to determine because of testing.
Polk	Healthcare	Eyesight is essential. Open Opticals and let Opticians place orders for eyeglasses. Parents are getting upset because their child needs eyeglasses. The chairs I are spaced out. Appointments are spread out. The frames will be wiped down after trying on. Wal-Mart needs to hear from the governor to give permission to take care of the people eyes. Please help. Www.ciambronevision.com Inside Wal-Mart. Let's keep our employees working.
Pinellas	Healthcare	You clearly don't understand how viruses work. Listen to the experts not wealthy business interests. If you open the state without this virus being contained first, you absolutely will make people into vectors for this virus and further place Floridians at unacceptable risk of dying. Life trumps economy. If you don't understand what a vector is, think of a mosquito spreading malaria
Charlotte	Real Estate	Dear Governor Ron DeSantis , While I live in the same state as you I feel a world away. You asked us to help you, we did. You asked us to close our business, we did. You asked us to stay home, we did. You asked us to continue to stay at home, we are. So here I am, at home, waiting. You told us don't worry unemployment will come, it hasn't. You told us don't worry grants are coming, they haven't. You told us don't worry forgivable loans are coming, they haven't. So here I am, at home waiting. I wait alongside my coworkers, family and friends, small business owners, the self-employed and the independent contractors. A massive number of Florida residents who are waiting for the Unemployment portal to open for us, waiting for loan approvals, waiting for stimulus checks. All of these programs, we are at the back of the line for. So here we wait. While bills come daily, savings continuously dwindling and still doing our part. It is time you do yours. It is an inconceivable expectation to close unessential business halting all income and expect us to survive. We need to pay our bills and put food on the table. Without immediate action, you are leaving us no options. How are we to survive? We deserve an answer. Coming soon is no longer acceptable!!!

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Broward	General	Please open the golf courses if not all the courses then the private clubs Thank you
Broward	General	South Florida is not prepared for re-opening.I was diagnosed with pneumonia in mid-February after battling upper respiratory issues since early January. I have been exposed to a large number of high net-worth, frequent travelers. I contacted the Broward Department of Health on March 11 and was referred to their Epidemiology Department for follow-up. I did not qualify for testing given my age, lack of travel, and no "known" contact with somebody who has tested positive. I still have not received a call or a test despite repeated calls. There a few provisions, such as gloves and masks, available to protect our health and mitigate exposure. I ordered masks from Amazon in early April and they are not projected to arrive until mid-May. People are already being non-compliant. Don't endanger those of us who are listening to the science and taking this seriously. Models are projecting that we will not hit the peak for another 2 weeks. Put people over profits! Let's not jump the gun until we have adequate protective equipment available to the public!
Manatee	Healthcare	My biggest concern with not re-opening the state is that NO herd immunity will be present if this virus does come back around in the fall. Why would we continue to go through a cycle of opening and closing the economy instead of developing the greatest weapon we have against this virus, which is herd immunity. As bad as it sounds, it is survival of the fittest, but i feel like floridians are forgetting that that has always been the case with any outbreak such as the flu. If the coronavirus is really showing lower mortality rate than the flu, why is the state closed? The high risk people and communities should stay at home if it is necessary, but the majority of the population should be developing immunity so that we do not see the same amount of cases or deaths in the fall.
Osceola	General	It is time to move on. Life is full of unknowns and risks from driving a car, flying on a plane, living through heart or cancer treatments. You cannot legislate life. The very low numbers Of Covid 19 compared to the population of Florida do not add up. Stop punishing everyone for the few who need protection. We must restart our economy. People are suffering much more from confinement and worry than from the virus. Please open Florida up right away. The 21,964,000 people who are not affected can follow reasonable requirements for a while. But we need to LIVE or we will suffer from much more than a virus. Our Constitution has been violated and it is time for freedom to be restored.
Collier	Recreation	I am a handicapped senior, I rely on my community pool for exercise. Please encourage the opening of community pools, as I and many others rely on them.
Brevard	Healthcare	I do not think meetings of more than 10 which are at least 6 ft apart should be done. I think all parks and rec bookings for meetings should be suspended until there is a vaccine

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Pinellas	Recreation	At the very least, I feel that Florida is ready to be able to go to parks and beaches. With the increase in heat and humidity, the threat seems to lessen each day. Most of us enjoy the outdoors in small groups or less normally. If the comfort level needs to be there, then keep social distancing in place. It is ridiculous to me to keep people locked up indoors. That's not human nature and frankly not healthy. Those at risk should continue with extra precautions like face coverings. This would be a good start, but more openings should quickly follow. Thank you.
Charlotte	General	This county is getting more and more covid caseses and I know many have not been reported to state like it should be. I believe you should hold off on opening the atate beachesnor patks until we are less than the 14 cases ib 2 week time period like said in beginning. We have gone up over 50 in just 3 days .. please keep the safety of you state in mind and question before you make a drastic choice to reopen .
Manatee	Recreation	I've lost my job 3/18 applied unemployment which as of today no answers ! Please open to the ones who can and want to work ... I can't pay rent or elec or buy food ??? My landlord doesn't care ???
Hillsborough	Recreation	I think things should stay as is for now. I think face mask should be mandatory when in public places like stores, gas stations, etc. Open up parks but only the trails not playground equipment if possible.
Charlotte	General	My cent's worth, that business is able to open where they can follow guidelines setup that are common sense.people should be able to spread out where feasible. I also do agree that the knee jerk fashion in which things have been handled should be a wake up call and that the administration have an open mind and take in advice from many different perspectives and not just the nanny state types. Thank you Daniel Williams Punta Gorda.
Hillsborough	Education	Please reopen school ASAP. Kids are suffering! Also extracurricular activities such as clubs, sports, pools, playgrounds, etc. We all know this is nothing but a common cold.
Pinellas	Professional Services	We need to reopen businesses with recommended CDC guidelines. People are NOT able to access unemployment from the state and people need to get back to work. The patch work of some counties allowing some businesses and some NOT is a ridiculous situation. I have a small business in Pinellas county and neighboring Hillsborough county allows the same business to operate, but my business cannot operate. I am losing my business because of that. We were easily operating with the CDC guidelines, with 6 feet separation and wearing masks etc. People are hungry and desperate, we need to have business open SAFELY NOW.

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Duval	General	with guidelines, I feel we can opened most business..the arrows work as in aisles one way and checking out line up. I feel people know how to protect themselves and others.. open most of fla where the virus has flat lines...people are desperate to have money to pay bills etc and to eat...business need to open and see if they can make it...
Orange	Food	Please consider opening Florida with masks and social distancing. Those at risk can stay home. Asian countries have been doing this for 2 months. Thanks
Marion	Education	I am a teacher and have been for 19 years in Marion County. Teaching virtually is not the same as teaching them face to face. As both a teacher and parent of a middle and high school student, we need to get back in the classroom. I am worried about students, not just the ones that I haven't heard from, but also the ones doing their work. Are they really okay? When I I would see these kids each day just by looking at their faces and expressions to know if they were having a good or bad day. Were there issues with friends, a boyfriend, a girlfriend, or something at home. Virtually, I can't tell how they are doing. This year we started mental health training. If we are truly concerned about mental health, we need to get them back in school. And school is more than the book learning. It is learning how to interact with others. It is the extracurricular activities and sports that can't be done virtually. If there was a true health concern, we sacrifice these things for our health. However 99.99 % of our population is well. Thousands die from distracted driving. Have you banned cell phone? No. We have to get this economy started and we can't without school. Who keeps the kids so parents work, if there is no school. We need to start this summer. We also need closure for this year. We need to be able to gather back with our students, of course it can be by student and parent choice. But we should not deny those who want to be in school, their right, because others are too scared to go back. The longer we wait the more scared people will be due to the media. Start extracurriculars, sports, summer school, drivers ed., etc. For one, it will be a smaller group, easier to get started. Two, it is summer and Florida and hot. Viruses don't live long in the heat. Then we go back in August, no mask, back like normal. Sanitize and clean schools. Make sure kids, especially elementary are taught proper hygiene. Make those standards for kindergarten and 1st grade. These things used to be taught but we have put so much on these teachers to get these kids to do that there isn't time for that. Good hygiene is important - pandemic or not. You think parents teach this, but most don't. Otherwise, go back to normal, we owe it to our students, teachers, and society. Remember 99.99% is not infected or were infected and it didn't make them sick. We can't let fear run our way of thinking. That is not the American way. If we would have used this mentality, we would have never formed this great nation or have done all the great things we have done. So let's

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Pasco	Retail	Good afternoon I am writing to you as a mother of two autistic toddlers with an online fashion resale business. After my children were diagnosed with autism, I had to find a way to make a living while being present with my children. I started a fashion resale business that requires buying inventory from thrift stores and retail outlets like TJ max, Ross etc. This allowed me to find marketable items that I could resell and provide for my family. Since the shutdowns began, I have been desperately trying to find other ways to get inventory, make money, etc. The closures of all the stores have put my business in jeopardy and my family in financial ruin. And on top of this, I am trying to homeschool too. Please reopen our stores so that people like myself don't have to loose sleep and worry about how I can put food on my table. Perhaps there can be limitations on the amount of people allowed in stores or face mask requirements. I don't know what else to do with my business at a complete halt with no where to accumulate inventory!! Please help !!
Pasco	Transportation	I work for a car dealership and sales are definitely down. For a group of people that relies heavily on commission to pay, it can be very frustrating to handle. I also used to work in healthcare so I understand the need to protect citizens and hospital staff, but I fully believe people who are at risk should quarantine and the rest of us need to get back to work. We're going to have more healthcare issues if i can't afford insurance with no income than if we allow people back to work. I am strongly looking forward to loosening the reigns on the stag at home order.
Broward	General	I STRONGLY want to keep the state closed until we meet CDC guidelines of 14 days in declining deaths... even then, continue wearing masks, social distancing, and small groups.
Flagler	General	As someone who is the sole caretaker of my Dad who lives with us and is 92 with underlying lung issues, I would oppose any re-opening of the State until it is mandatory for EVERYONE to wear a face covering in public. And have it enforced. My dad's life depends on this, as I am sure many other people's who are in the high risk zone. Thank you for taking the time to let me have a voice in this very important matter. And thank you for all you do. I have faith you will make the right decisions. I might add, my family has been home - and I mean home - for almost 40 days now. Groceries are delivered. No one has come into the house. We are doing our part and would hate to see our sacrifice go to naught by other irresponsible people. God Bless.
Escambia	General	Wait it out! Opening up things too soon will not only spread the virus even faster, but without consumer confidence in safety and health, no one will be spending money! So you'll overwhelm our healthcare system, kill thousands of innocent people and the economy won't be bouncing back and we'll hit a possible deeper economic hole. You can't rush consumer confidence and safety. In the meantime, having only 6% of applicants get a check for unemployment is absolutely UNACCEPTABLE. This needs to be fixed ASAP.

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Pinellas	General	Open the beaches to walking with social distancing. Allow local stores to open with safeguards. Allow hospitals to accept patients other than COVID cases. Most surgeries require only a couple of days in the hospital at most and you recover at home. Protect the most vulnerable, but allow others to get back to work. Allow service industries (AC, Plumbing, Electrical) to do non emergency repairs and maintenance. Allow stores and restaurants to turn people away with no penalties if they are concerned with either that person's health or demeanor regarding health precautions. Allow short term rentals of least 30 days at first then allow shorter term rentals as the data permits. Make sure municipalities and counties are not being too restrictive in their policies to keep consistency throughout the state. Have friends that are still being kicked off the local beaches while walking.... and yet they can walk along Gulf Boulevard.
Monroe	General	For us here in Monroe County that live in the Florida Keys. We need to keep the roadblocks up even though we still have mainlanders coming down and of of state visitors as well, so we know the road block is fully secure. We should be able to open up everything locally as our population is a little under 26,000. The numbers reflecting the sick here and the number of deaths is proof in itself that this has long been far stretched and the medical agenda has taken this too far. Most people I know down here believe they already had it and recovered from this, local doctors state the same and it started as of late november. Here in the keys we are exposed to every cold, flu, disease across the globe daily. Number one transmission which no one talks about is money! Currency Bill's and coins. The entire state of Florida but more so here in the keys has always had an over abundance of sunshine, fresh air and at this time of year our UV index is very high. People will get sick, some unfortunately will die, and the bigger majority will survive. This is the only factual scenarios of life. Some of us are and have been wide awake to the politics of the world and here in our country. There are literally hundreds of thousands of not more medical professionals and scientists around the world. Most would've already cured this but we all know what's going on in the background. Keep holding the people money from them in this game of politics and its only going to escalate into retaliation. I'm blessed to be working as I am a construction worker and Ac worker. Plenty of jobs are available but the masses would rather depend on your slow processes. The masses are scared with your death numbers, your exhausting contradictions. It's all common sense and you all know it while your wasting your mass for the public and such. We voted you in, some of us knowing that it's all corrupt. You all still have jobs and the security of knowing this is a sham. Let the people go and live, make the right choice, before the choice is made for you. Do your jobs without yourselves in mind, that will truly have you working for the people. Speak your honest opinions without fear of losing your jobs because as you know millions are waiting for their money by you people. Thank you!

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Marion	General	I believe that reopening Florida needs to start in small, two week stages. Only after we see a steady decline in new cases. I do not believe we are ready to reopen come May 1st. I think at this point, May 15th should be our first goal date, again only if we are seeing a decline in new cases.
Pinellas	Healthcare	DO NOT REOPEN FLORIDA YOU WILL KILL PEOPLE.
Hillsborough	General	I dont think the state should open to tourists as covid 19 isn't under control and the numbers in florida look bad and also here in hillsborough county . Social distance should still be applied and masks should be worn if in stores or out and about . Beaches should be open to swim only or exercising no beach parties or concerts or filled stadiums. Restaurants i think should only do takeout for now until the numbers improve . And schools should remain closed until its under control but my children have never been to a public school and I won't put em in 1 because of how bad our school system is here in Florida.
Pinellas	General	Dear Governor: Thank you for your thankless work. I will be brief: I am a partially disabled, 70 year old Viet Nam vet and I depend on exercise to try to stay well and to stay sane. I am not allowed to use the pool or exercise facility in my privately owned condo. This is crazy. Do not take away personal freedom or responsibility. I can look out for myself. Please open beaches, gyms, and private facilities immediately. Don't deny freedom to play it overly safe. People want to work and need to recreate. Help the people without hindering what this country stands for the most: freedom. Sincerely, Jack DeMumbrum
Hillsborough	Recreation	Parks and beaches should open with restrictions. Some beaches have opened but without a Florida directive I don't think some counties will ever open the beaches because they are being so conservative. Our kids need larger green spaces to throw a football or frisbee or just run out energy. Kids are playing in the streets and it's not safe. The front or back yard is just not enough for recreation anymore. Playground equipment may not be safe and could be restricted until further informaiton is known on the virus but please give us some open spaces. Thank you.
Broward	General	Slow opening only if supported by medical experts. Would like to see service areas such as restaurants be some of the first. Must follow strict guidelines as recommended by the cdc. Masks at all times , no crowds, distance. Bars only if food is served. I want consideration to areas that have the highest lay-off and lower income be considered. Thank you from a registered nurse, health and safety first.

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Hillsborough	General	I believe that it would not be the smart thing to reopen the state. Since florida stayed open longer than most places and beaches were not shutdown when this all started to spread the virus. Your putting people lives at risk by opening pre maturely. I understand that people are hurting and have lost jobs because of this but our lives should come first because when you do open many jobs won't be filled because people are sick, scared to go to work or dieing. Help us by putting something in place to protect those that are hurting. Help the people that are on the front line of this. Do something for us and stop worrying about how big business will fall. If we keep going and open everything will be worse. I can not see it being a smart move to re open the state before atleast June.
Volusia	General	I think reopening the state now would be putting money and politics ahead of the lives of our people. If we act too rashly more lives will be lost and the state will have to be closed down again, only this time the economic toll will be that much greater. Please think of our most vulnerable citizens and show them that they are not expendable.
Hillsborough	General	It's time to Re-Open and let people choose for themselves if they go out or not
Manatee	Administrative	NO.. definitely not ready to open Florida with all the new cases daily!!!!!!! I am very stressed out NOT having any of my due unemployment yet, 5 WEEKS later! I would like you to try to live week to week in normal everyday life as I was, and not this is 5 WEEKS later, and I haven't received a penny! Think about all the people in this position, and try to live for the next 5 weeks on NOTHING!! I want my due unemployment, and pandemic money now please!!!! No more waiting and delays!! Thank you!

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Duval	General	Please don't reopen Florida until we have better testing and tracing. Don't reopen so soon. I fear we'd have a second and deadlier wave. My husband and I, especially he is at very high risk to die of Covid-19. He's a diabetic and he works at a call center. Even though they don't have a date in which they'll return to the building, please keep in mind those who are immuno compromised and elderly, especially when that's a large chunk of Florida's population. At least let them work from home if they're able to. Please follow the lead of California and New York. Do it very gradually. Don't do what Georgia is doing and in fact, I don't know why the Southern states aren't doing a coordinating plan like the Western, North Eastern, and Midwestern States are. It would help. Also, PLEASE, PLEASE listen to the public health officials, the scientists, the doctors. Don't listen to politicians. DON"T listen to TRUMP! Please...please don't throw us all under the bus for the sake of the economy. Yes, I understand that financially, people are hurting A TON but please...please think of public health and safety. Economies can bounce back. Human lives can't if their dead. So I beg you...be very gradual about this. Adhere to social distancing, mask wearing, NO large gatherings! Not yet. Not until we have a peer reviewed and scientifically proven treatment and vaccine and I know it will take a long time but I'm ok with sheltering in place as long as it keeps my husband and family safe. I'm more concerned about health right now. In regards to the unemployment website: PLEASE fix it! So that people can get unemployment checks and so they can get money to tie them over! Geesh....
Seminole	General	Keeping with all the safety and health recommendations should stay in place. Large venues that hold massive amounts of people should stay closed for approx. 2 more months. Places such as salons, for 2 more weeks. Doctors offices that need to see patients in person, such as Dentists, 2 more weeks. Technical schools, in 2 more weeks. Restaurants, 3 more weeks.Department stores and malls, in 3 more weeks. Public Parks, in one week. All these farmers that have all this food that is being wasted, not to mention their income, is just a sin. There are too many hungry people in the world to be throwing food away. There has to be some relief. I myself am without a job and life is looking pretty bleak. Central Florida is so dependent on tourism. The hotels are vacant. My son laid off from a prominent hotel/restaurant in downtown Orlando. I hope the leaders on the Task Force come up with a good plan soon. I am trusting our elected officials to make the best decisions with the best information possible. I am trying to be patient, still waiting for the Federal Cares Act money to be available for me, as my UI benefits ran out 5 weeks ago and hope there will be an extension to get me by. My son has yet to get his benefits. Regards...

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Manatee	General	Yes! We need to reopen the state. I do not believe we can eradicate this virus by staying home and our temporary closures have given the medical community time to get provisions in place to handle a spike I believe will happen when we reopen the state. However I also believe a spike is inevitable no matter when we open. It is only delaying the inevitable go stay closed. The sooner we open the sooner we can all begin to build immunity to this virus. I also believe the mortality rate is significantly lower than is being reported due to the simple fact not every one who has had the virus has been tested and counted in the numbers. Thank you! Leslee Bennett
Leon	Retail	If retail reopens thrift shops should not be reopened until 7-14 days after stores with new goods. Thrift shops such as Goodwill, etc. do not wash donated items. They should be required to hold donations for at least 7 days before putting out to sell to consumers to guarantee viruses become inactive. Employees are safer with the delay and will be better off financially with federal help. Most do not have health insurance or sick leave. If called in they would be forced to work while I'll and jeopardize public health of customers, many of whom are over 65.
Charlotte	Education	Thank you for allowing students and staff to continue E-Learning this year. As an educator of students with special needs, this is their best option. Unfortunately, it is not possible to insist that all residents of Florida wear masks nor follow social distancing. This is a personal choice, one that I have adopted and follow. What can be done? Producing the facts and research, as well as the pros and cons is all one can do. It is up to each individual as to whether they want to follow the guidelines or not. As an educator, we only want what is best for each individual. I have been in grocery stores and see what each establishment has placed, i.e. arrows, shields, guide ropes and other items, to help insure that guidelines are followed, but many of the residents will not follow the guidelines. It's a catch 22! We need more education, billboards with education and just the facts. Continued closures where large groups can and will congregate. Continued social distances. It would be so simple if everyone would just do what they are suppose to do... wear masks until we are cleared or have a vaccine, but life is not that simple and people do not like yo follow rules or be told what they must do. Thank you for allowing the residents to voice their concerns, Connie Whelahan
Miami-Dade	General	I'm in favor of reopening certain things in our state. People going back to work with masks and distancing themselves seems right. I would not reopen beaches and bars because I believe it's hard to keep distance and wear masks in a beach and or bar. I also have kids and I'm grateful schools won't reopen and even think that universities should only offer online classes for now.

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Hillsborough	General	Hello , I will not feel confortable going back to what it use to be, everything open, that is!..Unless, the advise to do so, comes from health proffesionals, and not from business leaders..I will not be going to the Gym, there is no way to isolate weight, and such..Heck, i will not be going shopping either, unless we have a vaccine available.. This virus is too contagious , to be allowing people close together again. We need a cure. Not a band-aid. thank you for the opportunity to offer my feedback.
Pasco	Healthcare	I am writing to you today because I am concerned for my personal safety at work, and for the safety of the patient's that I care for. I am a licensed Dental Hygienist in the State of Florida. As you know, dental office are planning to open soon. I understand that dentists, as business owners, are eager to reopen as they are concerned about finances. However, resuming elective dental services at this time puts the health of their staff and patient's at risk. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is still in short supply, and some dentists are expecting their hygienists to work without proper PPE and new infection control training. Dental Hygienists have the highest risk of contracting the coronavirus of any occupation due to the unique nature of our work. We work in very close proximity to the patient, and utilize dental instruments which create aerosols. These aerosols can suspend the virus in the air for hours, potentially infecting us, the rest of the dental team and our patients. It is virtually impossible to have your teeth cleaned without generating aerosols. The aerosols created by Patient A at 8:00 are still lingering in the air and dropping down on surfaces on Patient B at 9:00 and Patient C at 10:00. It is estimated that 50% of people actively shedding the coronavirus are asymptotic. Without the ability to test, we must assume that everyone is infectious (Universal Precautions). The Center for Disease Control, CDC, recommends that dental facilities postpone elective procedures, surgeries and non-urgent dental treatment until further notice. I urge you to enforce the CDC recommendations to postpone dental hygiene services at this time, and mandate resuming elective dental services As you consider next steps in reopening businesses, I hope you understand the unique risks to dental hygiene professionals. I ask you to make decisions that will ensure the safety of dental hygienists, their families and the patients they serve.
Broward	General	Do NOT open everything up just to please the “fool” in D.C. Show some leadership and don’t just be a “follower.” Until there is MORE widespread TESTING it is NOT safe to go out. “Senior hours” at grocery stores and pharmacies have been a tremendous help to thousands and thousands of people! You need to pay more attention to the older, more vulnerable part of the population. WE pay the majority of your taxes, WE need to be tested!!!
Duval	General	I completely disagree with re opening, look at JAX beaches, it is very hard to do the social distances there, look at the numbers it is going up, I don’t know why governor or Mayer’s they are happy for more testing but I don’t see there plan to bring the number down. Thanks

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Broward	General	If cases continue to decline and antibody tests can be readily administered, I would like to see an opening to begin by Memorial Day. Beaches and parks first June 1-small businesses like hair salons barbers and restaurants at a limited capacity June 10- begin to allow malls movie theaters other larger venues June 15-Disney and other tourist attractions Perhaps start with Florida Residents and limited capacity with proper procedures in place such as hand washing stations , removing parades fireworks, guests would have to drive so that monorails and buses do not operate yet July 1-summer camps and schools can begin preparing for August We need the antibody tests to be a regular part of our plan to get Fl back to work!
Flagler	Management	Too soon to open up. We still have new cases daily and to jeopardize the progress we've made is irresponsible.. What will we do next time? How many have to die? It's crazy. Don't make this political. Leave it shut down for. Couple of More weeks then re-evaluate. Not now.
Duval	General	Yes, we should reopen immediately. I am a first responder and the destruction caused by shutting in families is on the rise. No one is wanting to talk about this or the numbers. It far outweighs the impact of the virus. There needs to be a task force put in place that looks at past, present, and future numbers on the loss of lives and health issues caused by this method of handling the virus. We are talking about the elderly but why are the doctors not talking about heart disease and bone density loss from not having access to weights and cardio equipment? Simple guidelines and measures such as washing your hands, sanitizing surfaces, and distancing yourself properly is the way we have always handled diseases like this in the past and should continue to do moving forward.
Palm Beach	Education	Reopening businesses and lifting stay at home orders too soon just for this governor to earn Brownie points with his buddy in the White House would be an epic mistake and cost lives. What percentage of Floridans have been tested? Last I saw, it was only around 1%. That means we have absolutely NO IDEA how many cases there truly are. And you absolutely cannot claim we have flattened the curve without accurate DATA. This governor needs to stop being a Trump puppet and do his job and protect the citizens of Florida.
Pinellas	General	With the number of cases rising daily it would be ludicrous to open things back up at this time.
Escambia	General	Reopen beaches immediately. Provide comparative death tolls of other causes [heart disease, cancer, violence] next to Covid-19. Show Florida citizens respect, illustrating your faith in our talents for polite self-preservation. Remove any public official who believes he or she is my dad or mom. We the people can do this without being marched by pinched ears.

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Hendry	Government	I personally think our state should NOT open back up, it's to early and out little county's numbers are still rising I think we need to give it another month, if everyone is getting unemployment the small business are qualified for loans what is the big rush, I personally think everything should be shut down for 2 weeks in order to get our numbers down and to beat this virus, if the schools are closed why is it a big rush to open everything back up!! So no we should not open up right away!
Flagler	General	Please do not open the state up until the health EXPERTS agree it is safe to do so. Everytime you let people out to congregate it adds another 14 days to the closure as infections spike after you do so. You have a duty to protect the citizens of this state from this disease. The people protesting the continued closure and social distancing are a small minority whose real purpose is to show discontent and incite violence in the community. Don't be fooled. They are not Patriots. Also like your unemployment system this system is impossible to work with. Either fix it or take it down. It makes the state look like a third world country.
Hillsborough	Education	Please reopen business, especially universities as soon as possible. Our economy is going to hurt a lot more than those who have been negatively affected by the virus as we continue to stay closed. Universities need to reopen as they are large scale employers, just as any private corporations. Please reopen so that our students could be taken care of so that their education doesn't continue to suffer.
Hillsborough	General	Open by 1 May. Let the economic forces dictate requirements. For example, people will not go to a restaurant, theater, or sporting event unless they feel safe at those venues. Owners of these venues know this an will ensure they attract those customers. Life is full of risks and this is one of them...too many families are being destroyed by the shutdown.
Osceola	General	I know this is tough times for everyone but the governor has made wise choices and has extended huge relief both monetarily and health care needs. I do not agree with reopening at this time, being a single mother of two I k kw tge struggle with home schooling but as rough as it may seem it is safer this way and school will be over soon. The CDC map states it is best to open Florida in June,one more month is not that long to see where we stand by then. I ask to please take in consideration kids elders and the sick, I have a mother with cancer with whom loves with me and the more in people coming in and out of the house the more chances she or any of us will be compromised for the corona virus. Let's wait a little longer. Thank you
Orange	General	Allow all business that want to reopen to reopen. Establish flexible sick leave policies for employees.

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Marion	Government	As Americans we all did the right thing. The Chinese Communist Governmemt hid the virus and facts from us so as a precaution we canceled travel and temporarily closed our businesses & livelihoods. Thanks to great leadership in Washington DC & our Governor Ron DeSantis thousands & perhaps millions of people were safe from infection or even death from potentially overwhelming hospitals. Since we have more knowledge of the virus now & what people must do to protect themselves I believe it is time to allow businesses to open back up. I speak from personal experience being a cancer survivor & navigating society and life for over a year during times my immune system was compromised. People can get back to work and go out as long as they know how to protect themselves.We must get the great state & nation moving again. Thank you and God Bless.
Manatee	General	As concerned as I am about the health...I'm equally concerned about our citizens (overall) and economy. All three must be considered. My husband has been laid off since the first week of April and the states unemployment web site is always crashed. We finally got filed but have not received any communication whatsoever. When calling the help line it disconnects us and we can't log in. If you can't get $ into residents accounts, we cannot afford to pay bills, therefore worsening an already bad situation. It seems citizens need to either risk their health (and others) by working, or risk losing everything not working because our state is so inefficient in handling this overall crisis. In banking I had to have a pandemic plan and a disaster plan ...and recovery plans for both. Audited and tested regularly. Why doesn't our state have this for unemployment etc? I believe our hurricane preparedness is better than any state, but this has been bad overall.
Pinellas	Healthcare	In addition to current social distancing, require everyone wear face masks in public places or any workplace. Obviously, testing needs to be massively increased but just as important is contact tracing. Several states are implementing this, and it can provide jobs for people, many while remaining home. Any re-opening should be done AFTER a couple weeks of declining new cases, which has not yet happened in Florida. And should be done stepwise, starting in businesses and areas where monitoring can be more easily done. Opening up large public areas such as beaches will not be easily enforceable. And perhaps waiting at least 2-3 weeks to see how case numbers responded in the other states, like GA, following their re-opening, will provide at least some data on what works and what does not.

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Leon	Healthcare	As a dental hygienist, we as a whole DO NOT feel safe going back to work May 11! There needs to be CLEAR protocols and mandates across the board for ALL offices. “Recommendations” are an absolute joke because many dentists do not take it seriously and it’s business as usual for them. The staff and patients have the right to be protected accordingly; there should have been a hygienist on the task force for input since we are at highest risk due to being inches from the mouth creating aerosols/droplets with every patient, every appointment, all day every day. With new information coming out every other day about COVID-19, more time needs to be given to make sure offices are fully prepared with clear protocols and practices and not rush to reopen because of public pressure. Our health is worth that!
Charlotte	Healthcare	PLEASE OPEN THE STATE UP. Losing tons of money and work, losing interest, going house crazy, the world needs to thrive and be open, the people who are at risk should be advised to stay indoor and wear masks if needed in public places, let people live again
Pinellas	Government	Too soon to opem up 6/9
Pasco	General	Please I beg of you be slow when re opening. My mom is high risk. She has asthma a bad case of pollen put her in the hospital for a week before this all happened. If you reopen fast she is one of the ones who could die. Please be smart and take every persons lives into account. I know this comment won’t do much but I’m hoping someone sees it and does the responsible thing and slows down. Test more, and have an actual count of who’s sick and who’s not.. I am disappointed in how we are testing or the lack there of.
Highlands	General	There appears to be a general consensus in the medical community; i.e. physicians and other health care providers, that the opening of communities at this time is happening too soon. This opinion was communicated clearly by Dr. Fauci a good number of times. Be that as it may his voice as well as the majority of other medical professionals voicing the same opinion have been shuffled more or less into the backdrop in favor of a more vocal crowd willing to risk opening their communities, and the country generally speaking. I fear the true danger that COVID-19 presents is being overlooked in order to rush back to a sense of economic security, and I believe that this kind of attitude is dead wrong, and will prove to undermine the efforts made so far to curb the spread of COVID-19. I have a sense of dread that general public does not understand that we are not going to be able to change the virus without a vaccine in place. Magical thinking, which is to say, believing simply that it will not be a problem, is wrong in this instance and will prove to herald a relapse in outbreaks of the disease. There was a similar situation that occurred during the 1918 Spanish flu pandemic. It would serve us all well to look into that because those affected by that pandemic behaved just as communities of people today are demanding to open back up. Those who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it. I hope I am wrong but my instincts tell me that I am not wrong about this. Thank you for allowing us to express our opinions.

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Citrus	General	Now is NOT the time to reopen Florida. Most people are not following social distancing guidelines as it is. The health and safety of citizens should be number one priority at the moment. I beg you, please do not reopen schools. Please do not go back to business as usual yet. We havent even hit the predicted peak of infections. I am immunocompromised and will likely not fair well if I am infected. My children are essential workers who are put at risk daily. Keep Florida CLOSED and learn from the pandemics of the past. Too early and we will loose more citizens to Covid 19 unnecessarily.
Volusia	General	Let's get started on all aspects of opening up. If we need to wear masks, gloves, etc. We are ready. Everyone has been cooped up for too long. Our economy is going to hell and we all can do something about it. Thank you for your time.
Clay	General	Please reopen state and county offices, libraries, tax assessor, etc first by at least a week before general opening.
Hillsborough	General	It's too soon. Following the 14 days of declining cases model we just had a huge spike of over 1000 a few days ago. If we have come this far already. A few more weeks of stay at home and businesses closed Has far less potential for harm than reopening portions of certain business and risk a second wave. How much revenue will these minor openings really generate? Who will even feel safe enough to go to these businesses? And who has disposable income to start spending away? So why open if there is a majority of people that still won't even go to these businesses. Play it safe. Get more testing. Have 14 days of declining numbers at least before even considering opening anything in any capacity.
Pasco	General	The state needs to be reopened. People are tired of staying indoors. Most adults want to be treated like adults and not be forced to do anything they don't want to. If I am afraid of COVID-19, it should be my choice to stay in. I do not need the government to dictate my personal life. How about the government focus on the homeless or elderly care? How about the government resolve high prescription prices? They sure as hell don't need to tell me to stay away from a park or beach. Finally, staying at home is actually causing higher infection rates. Familial infection is the highest. Why? Because when five to seven people live together, if one gets sick they all get sick. May as well let everyone do whatever the hell they want. Stop killing people.
Hillsborough	General	Please make sure we are at a low or no virus before you open anything in our state. I do work for a Bank and am currently working from home but I am also high risk and I don't feel we are at a point that we are safe to re-open. Wearing mask and gloves does help but we can end up in a relapse and more people can get infected. Please keep the state closed.

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Miami-Dade	General	Hello DeSantis We urge to take consideration into opening the majority of Florida back up to its citizens. Individuals with Chronic illnesses, or elderly in homes with previous health issues should be recommended to stay home. Healthy individuals should be allowed to go back to work. A bulk of Floridas GDP is hospitality and service industry. Hotels, Restaurants, and Small business must be allowed to open at the will and choice of their owners. Currently there is absolutely no one consuming anything in the State besides basic necessity's so there is barely any tax revenue being collected. Not allowing Florida's citizens to go back to work is causing more harm than good. Even with the Governments $1,200 check people will not get by since rents, mortgages, car payments, utility's, and cell phone bills are all still due. Aside from the economical harm the psychological toll this lock-down has incurred on people and their well being should be taken into consideration. The total population in Florida is 21.48 million people. The total cases are 30,533 with 1,046 deaths. This is about one-third of the death rate from the flu. If you take the population of 21.48 million in Florida and take the current COVID-19 flu deaths you are looking at a death rate of 0.0000498% There is no reason for everything to be lockdown for something that has caused less harm than the flu from every year prior. I urge to get things open again for the people.
Brevard	General	My husband and I are more than ready for the state to open businesses in Brevard. We can still maintain 6ft distancing and wearing of face masks, when practical. Please allow restaurants, nail salons and hair salons to open. The operator can wear face masks and customers can as well. This has gone on long enough. Those who are not yet comfortable can continue to stay inside. It's called freedom! Let's begin to live our lives. Thank you for allowing the beaches in Brevard to remain open with activity restrictions.

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Charlotte	Healthcare	I would like Gov. De Santis to use healthcare advisors as his source of direction in 'reopening' Florida's non-essential businesses, beaches, sporting events, etc. Our country continues to rise dramatically in confirmed cases of covid-19 as do deaths. Premature return to 'normal' will result in drastic consequences. Does the state or individual counties have a way to direct those who are unemployed to a specific employment site? Many restaurants are providing take-out, including delivery. Many stores that remain open for essential purchases, like food & toiletries, require additional stockers, etc. Restricting inbound interstate travel, which could have been implemented early in March and curbed the drastic increase in cases that we've seen occur, is but one way to reduce the number and severity of cases. Again, Governor De Santis, I implore you to take your direction from the medical experts on this matter!
Brevard	General	Re-opening the economy should be done slowly and in progressively planned stages. Guidelines need to be in place so that social distancing and use of masks will protect patrons & workers. Enforcement of the guidelines also needs to be laid out & understood before reopening. Please do not open things up without the approval of healthcare professionals & advisors. Our state welcomes tourists from everywhere making it imperative to insure successfully reopening without more outbreaks of the virus.
Duval	General	RE: Re-opening businesses in Florida. In light of the fact the Covid19 virus is highly infectious and there is neither a cure nor vaccine it seems prudent to delay re-opening Florida until there has been a well defined and sustained drop in new infections for no less than two weeks. Even then we can expect an uptick in new infections as a result. This virus is highly lethal in certain age groups and Doctors are seeing catastrophic lung damage and excessive clotting induced strokes. It is more likely a biological weapon than a “natural occuring” coronavirus. Dont open, it cant be cured.

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Okaloosa	General	I can not speak for what has happened in other parts of the state, but for our little town of Crestview, pre safer-at-home order and post safer-at-home order has been exactly the same. That said, I appreciate the Safer-at-home as it has had an enforcement of the social distancing protocal. For my family, as a Girl Scout Leader, and Asst Cub Master; we will be continuing social distancing through end of May. My Girl Scout Troop will not be meeting for rest of the year to protect the elderly of the church we meet as the young may be asymptomatic. I am trying hard to convince our Cub Master to follow the same for our Pack. I plan in June to restart meeting in open air environments. I have an asthmatic son. I have watched his lips turn blue and him gasp for air after his first asthma attack. I do not want to go through that again. I do not want any parent to go through that, not child to watch their parent go through that. That is why I feel I am taking the extreme. While there is no right time to try to reopen the state. I do feel, just a little more time to truly have a game plan is necessary. 5 days is not sufficient to make a plan to re-open the entire state. Give us 2 more weeks to feel like we are on the down hill of this virus and our government has a solid plan in place. I also feel the state needs to be re-opened in sections. Our area has not been hit as hard as southern Florida. We will be ready to open before they are. Let us be your trial for if the plan works before implementing on a larger population. Please keep in mind how vastly different parts of the state is and somethings will work in the urban that will not work in the rural. Thank you for taking on this difficult task and more for opening up for the public to voice their viewpoints.
Palm Beach	General	Open Florida Back Up, I got shit to do!
Pinellas	General	I think we need a few more weeks. With the numbers still rising and the vulnerable having it brought to them in their sheltered environments scares me that people are carriers. I have a special needs daughter and the more people out and about the spread will get worse. I think we should still have a better handle on how to fight this in a few weeks. We are getting there but we aren't there as of yet. I work in a gym /YMCA and am so afraid that if you open them the spread will be horrific. People do not need to be in a gym to work out. We are offering many ways to stay active during quarantine.
Sarasota	Transportation	Please open the DMV we have essential workers that need to register cars and etc. if its about safety then do appointments and put up those plex glass barriers for the workers and put tape down for the 6 foot rule.. thank you
Hillsborough	General	The state of Florida has followed stay at home protocols. A lot of people are on the brink of losing their businesses. We need to get back to work while continually following safety measures for our elderly and high risk population. The statistics will later demonstrate that COVID-19 was not any worse than the flu. It’s time to reopen Florida before we head to an economic depression.
Highlands	General	Please stop sacrificing the lives of 8nnocent people for a few billionaires upset about their stocks dropping a bit

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Collier	Food	Mr. Governor, I am a restaurant employee in Collier County. I am deeply concerned about you opening this state before the medical professionals not business professionals advise it would be safe. I'm sure the business owners want to reopen as soon as possible and rightfully so. However the Health and safety of the citizens should come before anything else period. The economy will be rebuilt and come back on time. It won't be rebuilt immediately whether you open now or next month but you can save precious lives by waiting until we have this virus under control. A life can not be given back but the economy will come back. We need to test way more than we are now. It's unacceptable to be where we are testing wise. We workers have families to take care of and we can't do it dead and buried. Please think long and hard before you reopen. If it's too early and people Did you will Have to live with that decision.
Hillsborough	Recreation	We need to open parks. Generally speaking, those are going to be healthy individuals anyway. I get still not having massive group outings but for exercise and recreational activities I think it's is safe and easy to continue to social distance.
Sarasota	Food	As a mother of two young children, one of which needing a nebulizer any time he has common cold, I am a waitress. I am petrified of what is to come if dining rooms are to open back up. Even with mask protocol and paper menus, it will not contain the virus. We come in contact with cups you've drank from , silverware you just had in your mouth, napkins you used to wipe your mouth and hands, we scrap your food you are from your plate to the trash, we clean up your table you've sat at for an hour, we take your credit cards you've touched over and over, and all 20 employees use the same computers to ring in food, over and over again. It's too soon to re open dining room restaurants. As a result the virus will spread too quickly between the employees and their families. Take out only until the virus is out of each county.
Palm Beach	Information	Wait until we are 14 days past the peak.
Orange	Healthcare	I would love it open. BUT I don't think people will respect the guidelines, therefore, I think it's to soon.
Hillsborough	General	I think as we open we need to be aware of the places most will go and most that are young and may not show signs of symptoms but have covid. I think as much as I would love to get back to the bars and gym as I went to those everyday. That's will ppl will swarm the most and if those open too soon we will Reinfect all over again. I think gyms more then bars should be last too open

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Orange	Healthcare	I am a Dental Hygienist and I am very concerned about what our future will look like? I would like to see all dental personnel be tested with the antibody FDA approved test before returning to work. There has been no definitive guidelines from the CDC or ADA on PPE when we return back to work after this outbreak? The current level III mask recommended for us to wear (if they are available) does not protect us nor the public from diseases such as Tuberculosis and will surely not protect against Clovis 19! I am concerned working in such close contact with patients body fluids and the aerosols created from patients saliva due to such items like cavitrons to perform cleanings and the “drills” dentist use, they will disperse aerosols on surrounding surfaces and clothes. Although we disinfect and sterilize dental equipment the aerosols have contaminated our hair, clothes and shoes. I feel this will allow a further transmission of the virus that can be better controlled if PPE requirements are made and available to us and our patients. If the antibody test is mandated for dental office employees at least we as healthcare providers can feel safe returning to our families and can continue to serve our patients needs at ease. Thank you for your time and consideration, Cristina Eiben, CRDH
St. Johns	General	If you do reopen, please still allow work from home to work from home. Kids are out of school with no camp. Immune suppressed people who are forced to go back to work. Going back to work should be optional! Everything should be optional with no firing or lay offs. If business reopen we will not be allowed to work from home. Please create an option that employers can not fire people for wanting to work from home once this begins. There is still a month left of school. With teaching our kids and working full time in office the American People will be put under stress and working from home can keep the spread low if they are able to work from home. We are not ready to go back with kids being out of school!
Brevard	General	1. Dentistry & Medical : specially Dentists must get back to work and performing normal procedures immediately! Of course the protocols for seeing patients must continue, but there is no reason in the first place why this had to stop! The same methadology applies to Medical Doctors, and all selective surgeries. 2. Mr. Governor, if you don't get Florida back to work, and ramp up the testing at a higher capacity, so we can keep those who are sick Quarantine, and those who are Healthy back to work, You will be part of the bigger problem and not the Solution and will end up destroying the Economy of our Great State & turning this State Blue in November!! Which we can not afford to do. I am from Ponte Vedra Beach, I have met you personally, my former wife is related to your wife's long time Hair Dresser, and Im begging you to get Florida back to work, eith the Healthy work force! Yes, we NEED MORE TESTING, so we can Quarantine those that are sick, but Businesses are suffering, many will go under already, retail stores need to open, service Industries need to open! Don't allow the Solution to be worse than the problem Thank you.

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Alachua	Recreation	Opening in phases is one of the smartest ways to move forward. It is time to open the State Parks and the beaches. Then move on to businesses with restrictions such as social distancing and include wearing masks when indoors. The curve has been flattened. Even hospitals are hurting financially because of reduced usage. Some of the cities/counties in south Florida will have to open at a slower pace because of the prevalence of the disease.
Collier	Tourism	We need to be very careful and take our time and not rush to open beaches especially here in Collier county> With Miami-Dade and Broward county beaches closed we will get an influx from the east coast of people coming to our beaches. The east coast has a higher percentage of covid--19 and will put us at risk. We should wait at least until after Memorial day weekend and take it slow with restrictions. I believe the restaurants should open sooner with social distancing and employees taking precautions. We should open our pools in private developments for renters and condo owners again with social distancing.
Hillsborough	Education	As a public charter school principal, I applaud the decision to continue distance learning in K-12. If we had more weeks of school left, the issue might be different..but we are almost at the end and could not handle the inevitable brick-and-mortar PLUS distance that would occur when only half of our students returned. However, with adults and businesses.....we should reopen businesses, with a caution about large groups, vunerable populations and interstate travel... and allow the capitalist market to control the situation. Citizens will only do what they feel is safe! Destroying our economy could result in as many lives lost as the virus! Black Tuesday in 1929 resulted in many lost lives! Reopen and trust to the judgment of Florida's Citizens!
Osceola	General	It's too early to consider a date for opening the state. Initial steps should include: - guidelines for employers for each type of business/organization regarding what they must do to provide a safe environment for their workers, with a checklist to be completed and submitted to the counties in which they operate. - guidelines for customers of each type of business/organization to protect themselves. - Ramp up testing for everyone, not just those with a doctor's recommendation.
Miami-Dade	General	I think we should start with construction and agricultural and maybe offices

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Hillsborough	Healthcare	Kill the ban on "Elective Medical Procedures" immediately! Hospitals are not overrun with Covid-19 patients; and we have plenty of gloves and masks for medical professionals. Routine exams are when medical providers discover potentially deadly problems when they are still in an early stage - a time when many options exist. Cardiac stress tests; high blood pressure screenings; skin exams; hip replacements, colonoscopies ... all of these procedures are not being done right now. Ninety percent of medical professionals are woefully under-utilized right now because of the focus on Coronavirus and nothing else. Covid-19 is a very discriminatory disease - WE ARE NOT ALL IN THIS TOGETHER! Let's protect those at risk and stop pretending that is is an equal-opportunity threat to us all. Millions of asymptomatic people have proven otherwise.
Seminole	General	Open all retail stores with the REQUIREMENT that customers AND employees have to wear masks or face shields. Nail Salons need to provide plexiglas shields to separate the customer from the tech. The shield can be easily attached to the manicure tables. They can be portable for the pedicure seats. Restaurant owner should space out their tables and/or provide portable plexiglas dividers between them. Servers should wear masks or face shields.
Lee	Tourism	Please reopen Florida! The coronavirus has impacted ALL phases of life and will completely destroy our economy if businesses don't reopen soon. The economy is tanking and will take a long time to recover. We are in a recession, and heading into a depression. I'm retired and living off money I invested in the stock market. Life MUST return to "normal"! Thank you for allowing us to share our opinions!
Polk	Food	I'm wondering what type of system will be in place to make sure these mom & pop, out of the way restaurants, are actually going to comply to any conditions. I know at least 1 that didn't comply with initial guidelines and has allowed inside dining late at night. if we don't feel safe enough to go back to work in restaurants is there any protections for us? Also, what type of child care is available? I don't have assistance with that as my kids are 8, 10 & 14. I don't know where they can go and I can't afford regular daycare even if they are open. Please make sure this is a slow process. Florida is always portrayed poorly. Lets not help that narrative.
Hillsborough	Retail	I understand. A slower reopening for Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties but the rest of the state should be able to start phasing in non- essential businesses and elective surgeries. We should also open up beaches, trails and parks. Give us restrictions. We will abide by them. Please do not leave it up to mayors. Jane Castor will never open up Hillsborough county with only 1000 cases and 24 deaths in a population of 1.5 million. Over half of our deaths and cases are in south Florida the rest of the state should.not be held to the same restrictions as they are. Thank you!!

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Taylor	Information	When will dance studios reopen? How will the distancing be implemented? It's difficult to social distance with a class that has 15 to 25 students, in a small dance room with 1 to 2 teachers, and dance routines that have physical contact. Also would you allow an end of the year recital? There will be a least 300 plus people in the auditorium. My child attends a dance studio and I have been told that if you open up gyms the studio will reopen, I don't see how they can adhere to strict physical distancing. Please specify this when making an announcement of your decision to reopen Florida. Thank you.
Indian River	General	I'm in favor of opening the state back up. Too many people are hurting right now. The economic impact of this will be terrible. Let the snow birds go back home. No body knows what shelter at home means. We can go to all the big box stores, and the mom and pop's are not allowed to open!! If people are scared they can stay home. Its every Americans right to have the choice. People can't pay their bills.Nothing is consistent. Don't do this but you can if you need to. I have a grandfaughter 9 mos old needs an EEG and they won't do it until the restrictions are lifted, but I had a colonoscopy 2 weeks ago. Come on !!!!! Doesn't make much sense.
Duval	General	I do not feel that Florida is ready to reopen. I understand that some people are eager to get back to work, however science has proven differently. I live in Jacksonville, one of the largest cities in Florida. This virus is very contagious, someone can be asymptomatic and still spread this virus to someone else. There needs to be some time of system in allowing people to go back to work. Its understandable that some want to open up thier businesses and go back to work, but what good is the money if you die trying to make the money, and you are no longer here and able to spend it. We are one of the richest countries in the world, however we have one of the highest death rates of all the countries, that alone should tell you that we as a country should do more to keep Americans safe. I am also a Veteran and I love my country and my state, but opening up Florida to soon is not what is best for America or Florida.
Santa Rosa	General	I vote NO. The COVID 19 millions of people are still catching the COVID 19. I feel like we shouldn't open up because the COVID 19 is going to get worse and more and more people will start to pass away. We don't want to keep putting risk to our families. I feel that opening restaurants is putting our Society at danger. I feel we should give everything at least another month or two. I feel that if the government can open our community back up, That the government has higher power to make people really stay home!!
Orange	General	It would be great if we could open the state. However I would not go anywhere without a mask and the service industry's workers need to wear them too. Why would I risk my health and safety eating out/shopping when I don't know if the people around me are sick. Until the virus is completely gone. #masksforall
Volusia	General	I honestly believe the state, as well as ALL states, should resume business as usual. I also believe it is unconstitutional to force everyone to close shop and quarantine. Quarantine should consist of the folks that are high risk. It makes no sense to lockdown everyone over the few that are in the high risk category. The few should take the necessary precautions and the economy should resume.

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Palm Beach	Recreation	Open all beaches, parks and golf courses immediately. Ask people to use social distancing &/or masks. We need to have our outdoor recreational areas opened up. The science states that sunshine and humidity kill the virus more rapidly. What are you waiting for? We complied with your mandates to ensure we did not overrun our hospital capacity. We have protected that. Palm Beach County has 1.49M people and 0.17% of people have tested positive. Sadly people have died but it is time to stop holding the rest of us hostage to your “nanny state” mentality. We are adults and can make our own choices. You are all losing credibility when you say “follow the science” but only when it suits us.
Pinellas	Healthcare	It is too soon to open up. The apparent plateau of case numbers only reflects the plateau of number of tests applied... We must act using long-term strategy, if we open up prematurely it will only amplify the problem and set us back even more. So far, limiting contact has been effective and we must continue to do so in order to save lives. We are discussing public policy. I suggest we organize a more effective strategy to deal with recent economic setbacks for wage earners and try to limit human contact for as long as possible. This will save lives and help restore long-term economic benefits sooner, rather than imposing on healthcare facilities, endangering staff and prolonging the effects of this health crisis.
Pinellas	General	Please, Extend the Stay at home orders till Jun 1 atleast . A common approach then can be decided based on Phase by phase approach depending upon STATS
Pinellas	Healthcare	I'm a RN in a hospital in St. Petersburg. We still not have an adequate amount of PPE, testing swabs, respiratory inhalers and cleaning supplies. The hospital is about to open up to elective surgeries. The hospital administration with recommendations from the CDC are coming up with new ways everyday to have us work with less and less protection. I think until our hospitals can provide protections to frontline healthcare providers we need to be very careful how we open. I recognize people need to get back to work. Businesses should be able to open if the can maintain social distancing and sanitary guidelines. Beaches should be able to open for exercise. I think by limiting hours it would increase crowding. I think parking lots could open at half capacity. Every other space blocked off.
Sarasota	Finance	With the number of cases and deaths in Florida continuing to increase, I do not believe that it is a good time to re-open Florida and lift the stay at home order. I personally believe that we should follow directions from our federal government and the CDC. Let’s not prolong the effects of this pandemic by opening Florida back up too soon.

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Pinellas	Construction	The focus at this time for the governor should be GETTING THE UNEMPLOYMENT FUNDS TO THE UNEMPLOYED in this state. You need to do whatever is necessary to GET THE JOB DONE. If that means people working over time and around the clock if necessary than DO IT!. To make matters worse if that is possible , the unemployment offices are shut down this weekend so people can't check on the status of their claims. I am a native Floridian and am ashamed at the way this administration has handled this issue. Florida unemployment pay is one of the lowest and shortest time periods in the country. You are wanting to open up the state and expose more people to Corvid-19 before they receive their first unemployment check! I understand why people want to open up the state especially when they aren't even receiving the pittance from unemployment to feed their families. YOU NEED TO GET YOUR PRIORTIES STRAIGHT.
Pinellas	Healthcare	HELL NO FLORIDA SHOULD NOT REOPEN! We have too many vulnerable people to risk it. If we reopen too soon, we will be repeating the pattern of the flu of 1918. It is foolish and pointless to reopen when we'll just have to shut everything down again. There is no cure and no control to coronavirus. Lives are not worth risking over making a few dollars. The economy will recover from this. People will not. Please, do the right thing. Do not reopen Florida until this has passed!
St. Johns	General	Please open the state up! Protect our Seniors and people who are high risk. But if someone wants to work let them if they don't let them stay home. No one is forced to go to a store or business. Just don't go if they feel unsafe. But the rest of us understand no one gets out of this world alive.
Lee	General	Let us decide and keep government out of our business as much as possible. We can make our own decisions. Open Florida up!!! We need to be outside - we now know that heat and humidity dramatically can decrease the chance of contracting and containment of the virus. Open the restaurants- they're dying. Why can stores like target and Walmart be open and not other retail stores? This can all be done safety- it's not rocket science. If folks do not feel safe going out yet, then they should not go. Make a decision now! Please OPEN before the cure becomes worst than the virus.
Hillsborough	Retail	I think it is to early to relax restrictions. They appear to be working. Still, the number of cases and deaths increase daily. We need to wait till there is more testing so we know who is sick and the number of people with new cases and deaths decline substantially. I'm not going out until I think it is safe whether DeSantis or Trump say is safe or not. Trump is a proven liar who cares nothing about who dies except to the extent it effects him or his re-election prospects. DeSantis is a Trump lackey who owes his job to Trump and will do whatever Trump says so he cannot be trusted either. Jane Caster has been a good leader and made good decisions for Tampa. I trust her leadership mush more than Desantis or Trump.
Marion	General	Do. Not. Reopen. The numbers now represent the success of the lockdown. We currently do not meet step one or two of the guidelines. Let's consider this for June at earliest. Also might want to start testing the essential workers without symptoms (grocery store workers, health care workers,)

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Miami-Dade	General	I think that Florida should re-open. However, first and foremost, every county should be required to wear masks at all times when in any type of business. NO EXCEPTIONS!! The reason being, if the state opens, people are going to be more mobile and move around to different areas, so it has to be all or nothing. Every business should modify to continue a safe distancing. I am in Palmetto Bay, and frequent stores there, in Coral Gables, and in Pinecrest, and they are always packed, but everyone wears a mask, and for the most part is very respectful of personal space, especially when the stores mark off designated areas in between each person. That should also be something that each business would be required to do as well So I can't imagine why any other business should not be allowed to open, as long as everyone is properly covered and distanced. Like I mentioned, I believe it has to be every county or nothing.
Pinellas	General	We have been watching this pandemic across the world and across the country. We need to learn from this. We need to continue stay at home. We need to require masks in public. We need to assure food support for those who need it. We need to halt any evictions. We need to fix the unemployment applications. We need to support people in need. We need more testing. We need to publish daily the numbers of infections, hospitalizations and deaths. We need to follow science. We need to shelter in place until it is safe not until wishful thinking makes it so. This requires a strong governor and strong congress. Be a leader. STEM in schools is important. Show people you get it. Follow the epidemiologists recommendations. Listen to the doctors. Watch what happens when things are open. People die.
Orange	General	Opening the state without following the guidelines of the federal government is an irresponsible decision. I understand the need to get the state economy back up and running but more testing is key to opening safely and we as a state have not meet any of the requirements for the phases of opening.
Orange	General	I feel strongly that for many to feel comfortable it is essential to have the ability to test for anti-bodies widespread. For many that have not displayed symptoms, the anti-body test would help me to understand the level of personal caution and protective measures I would take when going into public would be affected greatly if I knew if I had antibodies.
Hillsborough	General	Florida is not ready to be reopened
Lee	Healthcare	Shouldn't reopen till cases drop really significantly in the counties ! This is not the time to relax guidelines !
St. Lucie	General	Has no one looked at the history of the 1918 pandemic? They reopened the states when it looked like everything was subsiding and then there was a second wave of infections that was worse than the first one that killed more people than the first wave. There was a 3rd wave after that but the second wave was the deadliest. People that don't learn from history are doomed to repeat it.

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Hillsborough	Healthcare	Florida needs to get back to living. I'm all for opening up Florida but I firmly believe we should all wear masks in public spaces. This is such a simple thing to do to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 so I can't understand why our government doesn't promote this. Sincerely, Stephanie R. Moore, APRN, FNP-C Mask Wearer and Hand Sanitizer User
Hillsborough	General	The state of Florida has followed stay at home protocols. A lot of people are on the brink of losing their businesses. We need to get back to work while continually following safety measures for our elderly and high risk population. The statistics will later demonstrate that COVID-19 was not any worse than the flu. It's time to reopen Florida before we head to an economic depression.
Hillsborough	Recreation	Reopen disney but limit it to state resident pass holders. This will allow cast members to get back to work but will limit those able to enter the park for social distancing. It will also prevent people from entering from other states to go to the parks.
Miami-Dade	General	I am concerned that we are rushing the opening of business in South Florida. We are heading into the slowest season of the year. We are not, nor should we be getting tourists yet. My recommendation is to review this situation every two weeks. Out of country and out of state folks should not be allowed into Florida until the healthcare providers say it is okay. We are all walking a tight rope, you fall to one side and it hurts financially, you fall to the other side and besides death, we have a lot of people that will be much weaker, possibly disabled to some degree due to the virus. It is a terrble choice either way. I would love to say Floridians are smart, but I see runners running around Brickell Key. My wife and I would love to walk around, but is supposed to be closed. We have been in our condo building from March 9th and will be here at least to the end of June.
Hillsborough	Management	Slowly open, but definitely make it mandatory to use face masks.
Broward	General	We need to open up florida, beaches&department stores. You can't even go to the dentist? Everything need's to be open.A lot of companies are going to go out. Mary

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Seminole	Government	We have not seen full tracking of this virus within our state. Before we put people back to work we need to make sure we are in a position to handle the eventual exposure for everyone. What about the people who can go back to work but will expose others once they do? Without proper FULL accountable tracking how can this happen? We should not even have the beaches open at this point. Data from the 1918 flu showed that communities who rushed and went back to work too see soon recovered slower than those who waited. The ones who waited made a better recovery also. We must not rush this process. Be responsible and take care of those who are out of work.
Orange	Healthcare	Please open the gyms back up as soon as humanely possible.
Brevard	General	I work for a major government contracting corporation in Brevard county. We have been deemed essential to report to work. 65% of the company is teleworking from home. I can not do my job from home so am forced to physically report to work. As someone that does have to go to work, though thankful to have a paycheck, I worry everyday about coworkers I come in contact with. I would prefer not re-opening the state until there has been a significant decline in cases and deaths and some effort is made to test a larger sample of our population before everyone is released to the public/work. If we essential workers have to work, we should be protected as much as possible. Thank you.
Broward	Recreation	Please reopen gyms, tennis courts, golf courses and parks for our mental health. Society has been crippled financially, mentally, physically and to some degree spiritually.

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Orange	General	To Whom It May Concern, Thank you all for allowing the public to voice our opinions as you make the difficult decisions about the re-opening of our great state. Also, your collective hard work and dedication in these trying times is greatly appreciated. I am in the “time to open up camp” of citizens who feel we can’t continue to allow weeks to pass without a phasing plan and dates. We’ve had near six weeks of quarantine already and the damage both financially and mentally keeps piling up. I understand and agree with what we’ve done thus far and the things we will continue to need to do even after we start a phased re-opening. But we need to start bringing back the positive, giving hope and restoring people’s sanity. I believe a phased re-opening, following the federal guidelines, is responsible. I also feel that areas with minimal cases may open at a faster pace than those with higher case numbers. Further, I agree with an instate campaign to help jump start our economy, give Floridians the chance to get out, return to work and spend again. We are a state with a significant population and if we start with ourselves, we buy time and allow businesses to get going before we open our doors to everyone else again down the road. It would also allow businesses to implement, practice and improve on any new standards employed for their respective fields. It is all of our responsibility to be personally accountable to maintain the appropriate safety measures needed at home, at work or out in public. Let’s trust Floridians, like we did successfully with the quarantine and open up and smartly get the proverbial “ball rolling”. Thank you for your time and consideration. We all appreciate how hard you are working on our behalf. Respectfully, John G. Scarfo Orlando, FL 32836
Citrus	General	Gov, Please consider reopening hospitality businesses, gyms, hairdressers soon. Your task force encourages in state vacation, but if you don't give people some kind of date then hope is lost. People will travel to GA for vacations! More important, our local businesses are hurting.
Martin	Healthcare	Gov. We do not need to reopen Florida. Our lives are at stake. Tourism may be where our dollars come from, but we need Floridians safe. Do not reopen our state.
Osceola	General	I am a Certified Safety Professional, with extensive experience working for municipalities and time share. I have served on the EOC for Volusia County. Currently, I work in insurance. These are my thoughts and I am sharing it as a citizen of Florida in hopes to assist in the effort to get Florida back online. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Andrea
Pinellas	Healthcare	I am a dental hygienist. We are to return to work May 8. I am not comfortable without the proper PPE. Everything is on back order and we don’t have access to gowns...shields...or n95 masks. What I do produces aerosols. I am concerned for me and my patients and we need to be protected.

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Polk	General	It is way too soon to be reopening. I live with someone who is immunocompromised and two others who are almost 60. You need to be putting people's health first and not the economy. The economy can recover, there's no recovering from death. If you're so worried about the economy than put your efforts into fixing the reemployment system. If we reopen too soon, it's going to hit even harder and more people will die.
Polk	Retail	I have a business where we interact with the public all day. Please help me keep staff and customers safe.
Washington	General	Personal services like hair care, nail care, massages should be opened for business. While they are very close the parties can wear mast and be protected. Why should Walmart, Lowe's, Target get most of the business when the small business go out of business?
St. Lucie	General	In the interest of all of our citizens, with special concern for our over 60 and compromised populations, my strong belief is that it is too soon to open our state. Even with the current order in place, people are not abiding. To open our state with the restrictions required for such action would require people to respect the rules and Florida has proven time and time again that they cannot. We were late in closing down. Let's see what happens in the states that open early and take our lead from them. Too many asymptomatic folks here not being cautious.
Palm Beach	Recreation	I really want the parks and restaurant open but to be safe, please consider this
Pinellas	General	My 2 cents for what its worth. I feel the state should begin to open and use the same guidelines they did when it began to close. Restaurants go to 50% occupancy and all tables and bar stools 6' apart. Beaches should open but not the parking lots, at least in the first phase. Monitor how people behave and as things settle, then open the parking lots but keep the current social distancing rules. All pools should be put under the discretion of the building owners or HOA's, each complex is different and should be managed that way. Hotels should also be allowed to open but keep the current social distancing rules in all areas where people could gather. Movie theaters should open but monitor the seating arrangements, families only sit together all others adhere to current social distancing guidelines. The delivery system (food and grocery's) that is currently in use should stay for those that are not healthy or elderly or simply dont feel comfortable going out. Tennis and golf should open as well as parks with workout sections, but abide by current social distancing guidelines. Retail/wholesale business's should open but use the 50% occupancy rules and the current social distancing guidelines. Its time to get back to work and get things moving, I think most people understand the situation and will abide by the rules. I know their will always be some people that won't but that's no different than prior to the shut down.

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Nassau	Tourism	Is it possible to limit tourism for a week or two? Get a baseline of the locals using the restaurants, stores, hair salons etc. then let the tourists return & see if Fernandina remains stable or if numbers shoot up. I do want the tourists to return, but not in droves all at once. We don't know where they will come from & how much they will bring to our small island. Right now when I go to the store, I know mostly local nassau county people have been there before me. Once the tourists come, who knows where they have been... will there be safeguards in place if the covid19 cases increase to say 100 cases? Limit tourists until the number goes down to 25-50 again? It's a small hospital here, let's do this smart-PLEASE!
Brevard	General	I think it's a month 2 soon. As a person of extreme high risk, I have Multiple Sclerosis, asthma and COPD. I don't think healthy people understand the wide spread effects opening will have. I also believe opening early will just force another rise in positive cases and more deaths in a month or two from now. You won't see the negative effects right away and we'll find ourselves in yet another lock down. The importance of stopping it should be for front above money and ecommerce.
Hillsborough	General	I recommend that we should wait and see how reopening will work with other states. Don't be among the first states which are reopening because it is not a wise idea. Let's watch other states reopening closely especially the number of new cases and then make a decision. However I think it is too early to reopen now because Florida didn't reach the climax yet. Always look to New York as an example, well someone will say Florida is different because population is spread out. Remember this virus can get from human to human through different ways. Thanks for the good job you are doing.
Hillsborough	Healthcare	The state of Florida has followed stay at home protocols. A lot of people are on the brink of losing their businesses. We need to get back to work while continually following safety measures for our elderly and high risk population. The statistics will later demonstrate that COVID-19 was not any worse than the flu. It's time to reopen Florida before we head to an economic depression.
Pasco	General	I am a tennis player, The tennis courts on this area should be left open for players. This is a distance game.We are safe here, no coronavirus reported. We go by the CDC guidelines. Thanks for your attention.
Palm Beach	Recreation	Please consider opening beaches and golf courses ASAP.

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Sarasota	General	As a single mom who own her own cleaning business, I would like to know how I have been declared ineligible for remployment. My last day working was March 17th 2020. I care for my elderly father an work with my 71 yr old mother. Alot of my customers are elderly and one is in a nursing home, whom I visit weekly. The risk of going back to my job is just too high. Going into peoples homes to clean the germs right now is not even an option for me if and when we open back up. I need assistance!!! Mom and I have been doing drive through food banks, takung the kids for free luches at the school, my church helped me pay my power bill and I have started to sell what I can online. Please help me get unemployment and DO NOT open everything up all at once. Lets watch china, Italy and now George first and learn before we put everyone I live at risk. Look at the fliruda keys.. Maybe we need to follow their lead!! By opening up beaches we are only inviting New York here, and others who are ordered to stay indoors. Praying for our world right now.
Hillsborough	General	Please delay opening until accurate testing is in place and available to all who would like to be tested. Testing for antibodies, if accurate, can only serve as a guideline up to the time of testing these are your results. When a person leaves the testing site and goes out in public they are no longer guaranteed the same results which leads to a false sense of security. Anything can happen after the time of testing. No one really knows if these results still hold true days, weeks, or months later, it all depends on their actions. If opening is going to occur, please trickle or stagger in the businesses categories opening allowing the numbers to be closely monitored. Compassion and empathy must be in place for first responders as they take on the brunt of this dreadful virus. They risk their own lives and their families for us. They need more than prayers and well wishes. They need all necessary supplies and equipment on hand in order for any type of reopening. Put yourself in their place,. Lives, all lives matter.
Lee	Accommodation	Please look into providing restrictive and best practice guidelines to hotels and restaurants in order to allow these businesses to accept guests at an initial reduced capacity beginning May 1st. Also, recognizing that these guidelines may need to be more or less restrictive in certain cities, counties, age groups, etc., please ensure that these guidelines recognize these specifications so they need not to be reinterpreted, reduced or expanded by local municipalities. Direction from one source is imperative, statewide, and should also be a mandate put forth by the State. Thank you for your time and service to our wonderful state!

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Clay	General	I realize we are fighting a deadly disease. I am immune deficient. I am use to staying home and I have a specially made mask. We need to re-open our state with some restrictions. I know a lot of people out of work not getting unemployment because of our dilapidated system. My granddaughter has not received hers and she is single on her own. People have to feed their families. Food Banks cannot keep up with the demand. People with health problems, hypertension, diabetes are not eating appropriately which is going to increase their problems. Depression is increasing in people that has never had it. Nurses ARE being laid off. Hospitals are not full. Put restrictions on businesses. Must wear mask, take temperatures every day before working, washing hands between waiting on people and disinfecting tables and areas, safe distancing of patrons. All stores continue special hours for seniors and people with health problems.
Escambia	General	My concern about reopening is that there is still a lack of availability of sanitizing items such as disinfectant wipes, sprays, hand santitizers etc. It is nearly impossible to find these items. How can we fix this issue? I work at an essential business that has remained open and order supplies, but have not been able to order the mentioned supplies in over a month. How can we be sure businesses are able to sanitize effectively during this time of reopening? Also, would like the antibody test to bw more widely available to test for possible immunity.
Okaloosa	Recreation	I am a Tikis boat Captain in Destin. We have been shut down over a month with no income now. Our boat only carries out 6 people maximum, open and outdoors. To me opening these businesses up will be safe and effective for people's income to get back to work. We follow all guidelines with keeping boats 50 feet apart and less than 10 people. We have germx onboard and masks if needed. We are open air and sunshine. Once to our destination people get off the boat and swim. I understand large groups or packed vessels, but there are many tourist attractions on the water such as ours that would be social distancing and abiding by the guidelines. We have to get back to work before we are all homeless and lose vehicles and utilities. Even if it is temporarily only available to locals who need to get out of quarantine or get some much needed sunshine. We all have to find a way to get some normalcy. Please open up the beaches and our waterways so we can make income on what already is a seasonal income and the clock is ticking. Thank you
Palm Beach	Management	Ready to go back to work, but unable to collect unemployement because system didn't work.
St. Johns	Tourism	When the state does open up, people from EVERYWHERE will flock here to escape and they will bring the virus with them. I believe the state borders and hotels should be closed to out of state tourists and the experiment of reopening the economy and the tourism industry should be for state residents initially. I am very concerned visitors from hot spots will flock here in mass numbers and spike our curve. The theme parks and beaches will become Petri dishes. Open the theme parks to Florida residents first, then out of state residents and later on to international guests. People need to get back to work but we need to take care of our Florida residents and employees before we accommodate evacuees from hot spots. #floridafirst

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Broward	General	Please look at the authentic numbers of cases and put it all in perspective and open up our state!!! Please!!!!
Palm Beach	Recreation	I live in a condo complex and we have about 38 acres within the gated community. Our pools, tennis courts and gyms are closed. I would like to suggest that the decision on opening of recreation facilities within private properties be assigned to each of such private entities, as long as the state guidelines are required to be followed, i.e. distancing, wearing masks etc.
Lee	Healthcare	The state shouldn't reopen until there is a therapeutic medication to kill the virus or a vaccine to prevent the virus. People and governments are in too much of a rush to reopen and people will get lax at following guidelines and we'll be back to square one or worse.
Escambia	General	With numbers rising it is too dangerous to open right now!
Pasco	General	The economy, economy is people, can't survive being isolated, unproductive. Too many will lose all. Businesses and homes. Protect yourself. Those that don't think they've been isolated long enough can stay isolated. We can't knowingly allow people to lose what they have worked years for! Some can not recover.
Hillsborough	General	Do not reopen the state. Keep the public and essential workers safe.
Sumter	General	I am only one person, but I am very concerned for the welfare of our economy, and hope that we reopen as soon as possible. Thank you
Hillsborough	General	Everyone SHALL be required to wear a face mask which will protect each other. Hair salons barbers, tattoo limited appointments so only a few at a time masks and new pair of gloves for each customer. Bowling alleys masks and gloves limit number maybe half capacity. Restaurants of course face masks remove seating so patrons are at least 6 ft apart. Throw away menus(suggest to owners maybe even limit food items to the most popular which will help restaurants from having to buy alot in the beginning) Massage parlor require masks even during massage.
Broward	General	Both myself has been furloughed by our jobs from hospitality business. With two kids I wish I could say I want to have everything opened but that isn't what we need. We should follow Doctors,researchers specific guidelines when to open up. As much as I hate not to be able to go to the beach , phasing opening out seems like a good idea. Hair salons, spa, where physical contact a must should be in the very last phase. We want to be safe . As safe as possible. Another help from government will be needed. We also have not received unemployment benefits despite that we have filed a long time ago. Hope it helps.
Pinellas	Recreation	Open beaches, restaurants at minimum.

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Duval	General	Please make a campaign to encourage the use of masks as we reopen. Still so many are not using them. I think if we can make an encouraging campaign to normalize the use of masks more will do it. Support businesses who will ask their customers wear masks. This may also help those who may have to return to work sooner than they prefer and also encourage those who do not wish to be out to maybe go out and support their local businesses. Masks, masks, masks. Paper, cloth, with inserts, etc.
Broward	General	It is way to early to be opening the country back up, we have no vaccine and there is still thousands of people with the virus. I believe if we open back up without a vaccine we will spread it worse the second time then the first time. We will he losing innocent lives who have been avoiding getting the virus. Is the dollar really more important then Americans lives!
Charlotte	Professional Services	I would like to see a reopening soon of hair and nail salons. It could be by a county-to-county level depending on the outbreak. And it should be by appointment only, masks worn by both nail techs/hairdressers and customers. Also limited amount in people in each shop depending on the square foot size of the shop. Also take the temperature of the customer before allowing in the shop. Strict rules about cleaning work stations after each customer. Also dog groomers could reopen without having contact with the dog owner except to drop off and pick up.
Polk	Professional Services	Open up the fricken state. This is ridiculous. People need to get back to work.
Orange	General	Open the economy at once. This is doing nothing but destroying economy and people's lives. Open parks, boat ramps, beaches, nature trails and everything that should have never been closed that allow people to get away from it all and unwind. The governor even commented that hospital occupancy is lower than before all this crap started. That tells me it has been way over exaggerated and blown completely out of proportion. And the fake survey that says Floridians want to keep things closed now a joke! Nobody wants that. People want to work and get on with our lives and to end this political motivated mess!
Volusia	General	Re-Open Florida: I think as much as I would love to have everything more accessible again we have to be cognizant of the average age and health of the general population. We need to have more availability to testing both for the virus and antibodies and be able to treat effectively those who need care for severe cases of the virus. We are still a long way from having this highly contagious disease under control in this state and elsewhere. The tourism industry is vital to Florida, but that just makes everyone more vulnerable. Please proceed cautiously.
Duval	Education	Please do not reopen Florida nor Jacksonville. We clearly have high rates of infection rates and who knows, there are so much more untested but are infected. With that, it could be unknowingly spread more and infecting more people. Thank you.

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Collier	General	Thankx Gov DeSantis for the awesome job you are doing for us Floridians. You certainly have our health and best interests first and foremost. I would like to see elective surgeries open. My husband had one cataract done the morning that it was announced later that day all elective surgeries must stop. These are not done in a hospital. But an eye center. It's been almost 4 weeks now and one eye is clear and the other getting harder to see out of Also if you open hair salons, limit the customers in there at a time? And both client and hairdresser masked. Same w nail studios..these people are really hurting through this. Restaurants open outdoor seating only at this time? And socially distanced? For 2 weeks? See how that goes? FYI I am 66 years old and work for a major airline at RSW and have had to go to work everyday. I am a ticket counter/gate agent and are in contact w people everyday and cannot social distance when we have to take their luggage credit cards see their license etc. ..but we are taking any necessary precautions we can to remain healthy. Thanks again for your relentless hard work and putting This awesome task force together.
Bradford	General	Governor Kemp reopened Georgia and today, for whatever reason, folks from Georgia are flocking to Florida. We still have rising numbers of Covid cases and deaths resulting from same. Now, with people headed to Florida, we can expect more of the same. Most folks are wearing masks and gloves, taking the proper precautions, but I see many that are not. These same "are not" ones, will spread Covid. Open if we must, but in tiny increments, counties with the least amount of cases first, then on down the line. I for one, am not going to stop wearing my mask or gloves in public spaces. Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion Best regards
Pinellas	General	Please open up Florida. The longer we stay closed, the more time it will take to recover our economy and more and more people simply won't be able to recover. We will see a marked increase in applications for government entitlements as businesses and restaurants close permanently, many jobs will be lost. Anger, depression, suicide, addictions, families at risk, will increase and strain our economy further. Taxes will need to be increased and this will force the price of goods and services to increase, as well. Please let at least those Floridians who are of low risk, and those who need to earn a living to feed themselves and their familie, get on with it. Thank you for your consideration.

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Palm Beach	General	If many antibody studies are now showing a death rate of .5%, with a disproportionate amount of these deaths in older and at risk people, then there is absolutely no reason to not open up the economy. Protect the at-risk and let the rest of us mingle. It is actually safer to have us mingle and create herd immunity now, in less time, rather than let it spread slowly and have these people at risk for longer periods of time. Safest option is to open back up! I appreciate DeSantis taking it smart and slow, and that when national emergencies occur, some restrictions may be appropriate. However, my right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness is taken away, it better be for a very good reason. Right now, it' appears that the cure is becoming worse than the problem, and that concerns me a lot. I consider myself a rational and reasonable person, understanding that there needs to be a balance, but me and the rest of my friends are all loosing our patience with this. Be smart, but you need to start creating some sort of relief plan now, "let out some steam" , so that there is not a huge explosion. It would be politically wise to give SOMETHiNG on May 1st, so that people feel like there is progress being made. That will go a long way in calming nervous people.
Hillsborough	General	We desperately need the economy to be restarted sooner than later, people are getting desperate and mental wellness and health is deteriorating for many. More testing is needed, as long as there is ample testing, then targeted mitigation can be enforced as not to shut down the entire economy of Florida again as the safer at home orders are lifted. There needs to be a defined plan of action to address opening up the economy that is transparent and communicated with all Floridians effectively.
Osceola	Government	THE FACT THAT THE VIRUS CAN be spread thru the air conditioning, we need to keep buildings closed until it is safe for those on the front lines can remain safe and healthy! We should shelter in place till June 1st
Pinellas	Retail	Dont open to soon. We only have one shot at re opening.
Pinellas	General	The state is not ready to open up yet. We are still seeing high numbers even though we are plateauing. When there are reports that we won't see our spike until June, we need to listen and heed their warning. I appreciate the closures of school for the rest of the school year. But hearing that beaches are opening up in various places, some packed full of people, shows that while people are happy to get out of their house they are not willing to listen and take precautions. The same will happen if you open restaurants or even Disney. Even if they limit the amount of people getting in, the crammed line out the door will be where people could get infected. It's just not safe. Please think of those of us who are high risk and wait to open up the state. Thank you.
Lake	General	Please reopen the state. Failure to save our economy from collapse will result in more harm, to include deaths, than this virus. I appreciate your consideration.

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Volusia	Professional Services	I am a Licensed Massage therapist. I work in an 8x6 room and see upwards of 12 people a day. A lot of them over 60 or immune compromised. I myself am immune compromised. I am in this room 30/60/90 minutes while breathing others inhalations. The Florida Board of Massage has not updated their website since February about COVID. I need to know what Phase I'm included in. I would assume Phase 3 as there is no way I can socially distance with what I do but I need direction as I have an employer. When everything opens up what am I supposed to say when I hear 'Well everything is opened up get to work' when I know through my education that what I do is NOT safe for the public and COVID spread I'm the near future. OSHA has us a medium exposure risks as well.
Okaloosa	Recreation	Its time to allow people to go back to work. The spread in our county never got out of hand and only affected a fraction of a percent. 3 deaths are attributed to the virus, but one was a friend of a family member and the family says it was a known heart issue and when they treated it as Coronavirus it possibly cost him his life. Allow people to make their own choices and protect and support the most vulnerable.
Leon	General	I think the state needs to stay closed. I am concerned about the impact on the health of the citizens that opening will have. I believe the economy will be hurt more if we open too soon and the population gets sick. We need to prioritize the health of the citizens over everything else.
Pasco	Food	I'm a server, working at a small restaurant, I can't pay my bills. Unemployment is a joke. It's been over a month and I haven't received any help from the state. This is unreal. Open back up so we can go back to work. I'll take my chances. Mask or no mask, I need to work to pay my bills and eat. Thanks
Sarasota	General	It is my strong opinion that we wait until scientists and medical experts say it is wise to reopen state. I applaud our leadership for not reopening schools at this time. Before reopening is an option all hospitals need to have ample stock of what they will need in regards to PPE and ventilators, etc. Hospitalizations will increase for all reasons after reopening. More car accidents, etc. The system needs to be prepared. From my understanding of what is being said, there will be a resurge of cases once reopened and possibly/ likely in the winter. We are poised to be prepared ahead of the curve. Have what is needed on hand rather than scramble for it and put health care workers at greater risk. We are doing this. We are in it already and it is working. Why open up just to see numbers increase and people die?
Palm Beach	General	I do not understand why golf courses are closed. They should be reopened with restrictions--walk or one person per cart. I can't think of many other activities that are easier to be socially distancing. Outdoors, sunshine--healthy!
Orange	General	Please open the library. I am a senior citizen and need to read. Both the libraries and book stores are closed.
Hillsborough	Food	I think we should re open but have limitations basically a trial to see if the number of COVID 19 goes up or not and if it doesn't then slowly stop the limitations

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Palm Beach	Administrative	I have two teenagers and a heart condition. As much as I would love for Florida to re- open, it is way too risky and too soon. We are a tourist area and people esp from northeast come down here often putting even more strain on our health care system. We have to be responsible and do this only when there are enough valid tests and a cure or remedy for this virus. Kids going back to school or me going out there to work with a heart issue is scary. Money is not more important than life. We need to help single moms and people in need. Get unemployment working to relieve tje financial burden on us or propose for more stimulus help. Please. Most don't enjoy isolation and quarantines, however, this is the situation we are in and to be reckless or greedy will only set us back. Stay closed, acquire tests, get food and money to your people in Florida, keep borders to Florida strictly monitored until we can heal properly and be tested and cured if we get this. I surely don't want to have anybody I know, most importantly my family to get this virus.....To me, we should stay quatantined until testing is sufficiant, until we know if there is immunity once you get this, and/or there is a cure or remedy to keep.people from dying. In the meantime, people need your help and not just words. Unfortunately, people who contract this if mild walk around in public bc and say they don't have it infecting people. I know for a fact that there are people going to work with thid virus knowingly infecting people but need money so they work. That is the Reality. People are selfish and this goes on everyday so NO...it is not just asymptomatic people we have to worry about, it is people walking around inconsiderately as well. That is why it would not be prudent to open up before things mentioned above are in place. It would be RECKLESS AND GREED MOTIVATED. NOT PEOPLE AND THEIR LIVES.
Palm Beach	General	It is my understanding that the Commision is looking for opinions on reopening our beautiful State of Florida regarding covid-19. As the mother of an ICU COVID RN in Palm Beach County, and a resident of this great state, I urge you to slow down and do not reopen completely. I am not understanding why you are not making it mandatory for everyone to wear a mask when in public. If we were all protecting one another, opening up slowly might not be a bad idea. But just suggesting that people do things will not be successful in fighting the 'invisible enemy'. Make it mandatory like you do seat belts(Social Liberty attack, my ass!)! If you insist on reopening our great state at the cost of lives , the least you can do is use the slogan "NO shirt, NO shoes, NO mask, NO entry!" I have never been more disappointed to be a native Floridian as I am now!
Broward	General	Please keep us alive. Not at least until June
Bay	Finance	Residential Insurance Mediation under the FL Dept of Financial Services - please add a law that allows these to be done via phone or video so mediators and insurance adjusters do not have to travel throughout the state and meet at public libraries. This has been has been done temporarily due to covid-19. It been very effective, made scheduling easier, and made the process of getting claims resolved faster. It needs to be continued and an order is necessary. Thank you.

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Alachua	General	Dear Governor DeSantis and Task Force, PLEASE OPEN FLORIDA. I am a small business owner of a pool hall/ sports bar (with no food, just ocassional food trucks outside) in the city of Gainesville, FL. We have been completely shut down with no revenue since March 17, yet our monthly bills continue, and our small staff is out of work and displaced. We can definitely maintain any cleanliness or social distancing guidelines within our large interior and exterior space. No one at risk comes to our establishment. Additionally, I work on the Heart to Heart committee at our local schools' PTSA , taking care of lower income children in our county. These families where parents were already struggling financially are now STRUGGLING, and in some cases STARVING AND ABOUT TO BE HOMELESS. Yesterday a mom I delivered groceries to said she had a slow leak in her tire and did not have quarters to use the air machine at the gas station to fill it. PEOPLE ARE GETTING DESPERATE- PEOPLE ARE GETTING ANGER- DOMESTIC BATTERY AND CHILD ABUSE AND EVEN SUICIDES ARE ON THE RISE IN OUR COUNTY. Please open Florida. Thank you, Kim Cinque
Volusia	Professional Services	As a Barber and a Cosmetologist I am terrified to go back to work. Yes there are new guidelines for safety but it only takes one person to mess it all up at my job for people to unknowingly get the virus. I have elderly clients with health issues at risk. I have my parents and grandparents at risk. I'm the only one in my family that deals with the public so obviously I would be the reason the virus would enter my household and get my family sick. Opening back up is going to do more harm than good. Honestly I do not trust my job with my health, my family's health, and my clients health. You can't guarantee me the everyone in Florida is going to abide by the new protocols for health safety.
Lee	Retail	Businesses need to open. People are ready, they can do it while keeping safety there number 1 priority. Beaches open to the public with limited hours to start open every other day.
Sarasota	General	Although I think Desantis has done an amazing job, this non-sense has been carried on too long already. OPEN THE STATE before you do any more irreparable damage! It was obvious weeks ago that the foretold devastation was all a lie. If the purpose of the economic and societal destruction was to 'flatten the curve' and let the hospitals prepare for the onslaught of bodies, they were ready weeks ago and would not be sitting at 40% capacity and laying people off. The curve turned flat and downward starting April 2 and has been declining ever since. The numbers referred to are irrational and baseless. This entire ordeal is an unconstitutional overreach by all divisions of government and must stop immediately!
Lee	Real Estate	Until testing is readily available to all that need or want a test, we should wait to re-open the state.

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Marion	Healthcare	i feel that the state should reopen when we see a decline in sickness. People are still going out without regard. If you allow to many people back out you are going to see a greater influx. I know marion county has seen no decline in cases. Please continue to put safety over profits.
Lee	General	Please reopen everything for residents only for time being. NO Tourist. See how that goes
Monroe	Healthcare	Relaxing the stay at home order could significantly increase the death toll from the coronavirus, most medical professionals are warning us. Health officials continue to say that the best way to defeat this virus is to order nonessential businesses to stay closed and to KEEP STAY AT HOME orders. As a nurse, I am pleading with you to NOT reopen the state until the medical experts say it is safe. Do the right thing and you will save lives.
Brevard	General	Please do not "open" our state restrictions regarding the Covid 19 virus until health officials are reasonably confident that the threat to us is very low. In a state where so many are "at risk" because of age and underlying conditions, it is imperative that we protect everyone. Our older citizens must not come in contact with those who have impatiently demanded a less restricted environment.
Pinellas	Healthcare	I feel that the public does not understand the full impact of the virus and do not take pre-cautions as instructed. If restrictions are relaxed the public will take less caution and think the virus is no longer a threat. When the second wave hits - more will resist restrictions and guidlines. The old adage "give an inch - take a mile" I have an adult child who is a Critical Care Paramedic and whose life is on the line everyday taking care of people who are sick including those that selfishly did not follow the guidlines. Please, do not re-open the state for another 30 days. - Thank you.
Lee	General	I think Florida should reopen immediately. This virus has been overblown in the news and people are losing their businesses . It is ridiculous to allow this to go on. Our economy is dying. Whoever doesn't want to venture out , can stay home. The rest of us want to live!,,
Taylor	General	Are you reopening dance studios? Please keep them closed a little while longer as they can not adhere to strict physical distancing. There is more than 10 students in a class and in the older classes they have physical contact in there dance. They practice for a recital and have more than 10 or even 50 people at the recital.
Marion	General	This has to be done slowly or we will end up with more cases . Things need to be reopened very slowly to see how it goes. Perhaps open restaurants with limited capacity but no gyms, or personal services that involve direct contact. But....now is not the time....we have cases climbing steadily. We need more testing, including antibody testing in all counties. I realize our economy is tanking but we can not risk people's lives despite of that.
Lee	General	I think Florida should OPEN! If people want to stay home no one is making them leave their homes! We can be safe and open the state! We have go to get people back to work!
Orange	General	I am vehemently against opening the economy at this time. I did not see any doctors or scientist on your committee. That tells me money is more important than people and their families.

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St. Lucie	General	If you can shop all isles if Wal-Mart you should be able to shop anywhere. Restaurant should stay carry out only fir 30 more days. Lifeguards on every beach open and enforce social distance. Beauty shops can open with masks only and only 1-1 ratio within 6 ft.
Lee	Government	I believe that the re-opening of the economy should be done in stages and slowly. I base this on the experience I had when visiting the grocery and the pharmacy. While I was wearing a mask and gloves, the great majority of people were wearing neither and were not practicing 'social distancing'. Since, by my observation, many people were acting irresponsibly during the peak of the pandemic, opening the economy will convince them that no further caution is necessary.
Palm Beach	Recreation	Open the parks, reserves, etc. Do not open the venues for those area. Give people and families a place outside their homes. Give people a place to exercise. Allow fishing in the wonderful lakes, allow immediate families to enjoy the outdoor. Golf courses could be open.
Martin	Manufacturing	We must get the state back to work before we're driven into poverty. I understand the need to protect the vulnerable but at what cost? Livelihood over lives.
Hillsborough	General	Reopen the state!!!!
Lake	General	I do not think we are ready to reopen. Despite what is said in the Media. Social Distancing is not happening in this area Specifically the Villages. I am a nurse and greatly concerned of the surge in cases we are seeing in addition to the lack of concern in the area as well as not following direction. Very few wearing masks, no social distance at all literally had a person cough on the back of my next yesterday when I was out to get my monthly groceries. At least with the restriction there is a scrutiny but if we reopen it will be a bigger free for all then it is now. I really think things are just getting started here in the villages. Not what is being reported in the villages and this community spans three counties. Please help us healthcare providers and do not re open yet. Please lets make sure these cases are slowing down first!!
Broward	Recreation	Please re-open the public boat ramps. I have been boating and diving in this state for over 40 years an have rarely, if ever, been within 6 feet of anyone who wasn't along with me when launching, diving or pulling out my boat. I understand the reason to keep the beaches closed but this shouldn't apply to boat ramps.
Marion	General	Although the Chinese flu is serious, the media and the liberal Democrats are blowing this way out of proportion trying to inflate the numbers of deaths that have been related to COVID-19, help the people who are out of work at this point for no reason of theirs and small businesses need help now we don't need to be adding all these liberal ideas and things into the stimulus package take care of the American people now this is such a disgrace there's a lot more going on here then just try to protect people from getting infected especially when you see the Democrats putting in the bills they want to give to the Kennedy foundation keep open abortion clinics may God help us.

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Osceola	General	I think we should wait to reopen until our curve has gone steadily down and that we are testing and tracking. Reopening should also stress distancing as well as sanitizing and face masks. I don't think the governor should he political in his decision at all and should do what is right for the people
Brevard	Recreation	I am a resident of Brevard county within 10 minutes of the beach. i have a pass to Jetty Park. I would like to return to my almost daily walks at Jetty Park on the pier and my grandchildren playing on the beach and at the playground. I suggest that if you would like to re_open slowly you might start for just pass holders temporarily. If this is too much perhaps group by odd or even addresses from FL licenses or by alphabet; i.e., A-M certain days N-Z others. Of course opening all the parks and their surrounding restaurants would be ideal. Such a healthy Florida resident lifestyle. Pedestrian and family friendly. We always traveled with our hand sanitizer as any citizen should be happily encouraged to do all year. But especially during any flu season. The other situation is gyms. I am a senior citizen and their are certain exercises I simply can't set up at my home. I have been doing a great job retaining my fitness up to now but feel like I am starting to stiffen up in certain areas. i need the gym for my health. I believe it is essential. Please consider people like me in your re-opening decisions. And thank you for the good work you are doing for our communities! I believe our Governor is doing a great job and have high hopes for his task force covid-19 recreation task force . Sincerely, your friend, Holly Olsen
Polk	Food	Opening to soon , may cause the virus to spread like wildfire
Pinellas	Finance	Open the state back up!!! Our freedoms have been stolen. This cannot continue. People need to work.
Broward	General	I live in Broward County and think that first of all we need anti-bodies testing for everyone to see how many residents have already had the coronavirus. If the majority of the population has had it vs. the deaths than the ratio of deaths is much smaller and the state can open back up. Although I'm fortunate to still have a job my heart breaks for those that don't and are struggling to pay their bills and have food on their table. This is not fair to them so we need to find a quick solution. Without proper testing we don't have the right data to know the impact of this disease. Once opened up those that suffer second ailments and the elderly should make their own decision of quarantine until there's a vaccine but the entire state shouldn't suffer for a small population. As far as schools opening back up let them just finish the rest of the school year remotely and reevaluate in August when the new school year starts. We as humans fear the unknown that's why we need anti-bodies testing and rapid 5 minute coronavirus test to ensure that employees can be tested before going into work each day.

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Hillsborough	Healthcare	I do not believe we should reopen the state until we have enough tests in medical facilities (not just hospitals, but doctors offices, urgent care centers, and skilled nursing facilities), all medical facilities have an abundance of PPE, and the number of novel cases in our state is on a continuous decline for a minimum of 4 weeks. It is too risky to prematurely open the state as it puts ALL lives in danger.
Polk	General	I do not believe Florida is ready to reopen entirely. I sympathize with all those out of work since I am also one of them. However, until testing is up to speed we are not ready. You should be focused on fixing the fiasco with the unemployment system. I luckily have additional income but for those thousands of tourism jobs who rely on a weekly paycheck it must be sheer devastation. But what do the politicians care, they have not fixed this broken system for years. Now there is a price to pay and the low income Floridians are unfortunately the ones who are paying. Why are there so few tests being done? Why are there still shortages of PPE? It is a disgrace for this country to be in the situation it is. Heaven help all of us if it gets any worse. GET THE TESTING DONE and when it's at a decent negative results per capital then consider getting the economy back on track!
Escambia	Healthcare	We have a small Dental Office in Pensacola, Florida. We have been closed for over 4 weeks. We have 8 employees and one dentist. Please open up all Dental offices. We already practice infection control above and beyond what is necessary We don't know how much longer we will be able to keep the office open if it stays closed much longer. We have spent countless hours trying to get UI for them and weeks to get the PPP. WE NEED HELP NOW! Please please reopen Dentists ASAP!

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Pasco	General	Opening the state to early could result in even more deaths than we already have. Floridians as a whole Have already proven that they cannot handle basic social distancing guidelines. And have no regard for other life. Throughout our block down people have proven that they are irresponsible disgusting and don't understand hygiene. Opening our state to early will surely results in a lot more deaths. Not everyone is taking this seriously enough and they don't seem to understand the repercussions of their carelessness. Personally, I have loved ones who could be susceptible to this virus. As a result my mother has stayed home for now 40 days. Opening the state to early would prove her efforts fruitless. Most Floridians would prefer the state to have tigher Constrictions. There are too many people deemed essential that are not essential. A haircut is not essential. Fast food is not essential. There should be stricter guidelines for all Florida residents. there should be more repercussions for not following the stay at home orders. People should be understanding that a few months of staying in lockdown is a lot better than dying and being in a casket. The irresponsible masses should be held accountable for their irresponsible actions. Even if you are not in the age range or have previous medical conditions that may make you susceptible to this disease you may still be a carrier and You in turn may be responsible for causing somebody Else to become ill. It should be noted that your civil liberties are not more important than other peoples lives. A few months of a stay at home would be a lot more feasible if our unemployment systems were properly in place And being expedited properly for people that really need the help. If we could get the help for the people who are out of work less people I'm sure would be protesting for the state to be opening back up. There is absolutely no reason restaurants fast food restaurants drive-through's are considered essential. I understand the thought process behind this is to preserve life for those employees to the best of the company's ability but it is just another reason for people to leave their homes. Do Not open the state just yet there are plenty of people who are either infected and don't know in spreading it around to others or people who are affected they know and they have zero regard for anybody else. It's a scary world we live in. I think martial law should be put into affect and then hopefully that'll cause people to actually get it together. Thank you for taking the time to read this
St. Lucie	Management	open some regulations now. Like interior painting, cabinet installation, furniture delivery and trades work at condos. The owners of condos need to get things done, the trade people need the work some are one or 2 person businesses. They are all suffering. These are all low impact businesses RE distancing. Yet they are all vital to the property owners, to the business owner/operator, and they are all vital to the economy.
Bay	Tourism	After Hurricane Michael hit the Panama City Beach outlying areas, it's taken 18 months for many people to get back into their homes. Within weeks, rumors of Covid19 hit which then shut down most of the businesses. Since Panama City Beach is made up primarily of Condo's, Hotels, Restaurants and various other businesses, the shut down of the beaches is devastating. Opening only partially is still costing these businesses huge losses of revenue which has resulted in many furloughed or lost jobs. Please encourage the City of Panama City Beach City Council to completely open the beaches. People are calling daily asking when the restaurants and beaches will be fully operational again and ready to book! Please open the Panhandle for tourism.

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Lee	Tourism	Please reopen Florida! The coronavirus has impacted All Phases of life and will completely destroy our economy if businesses don't reopen soon. The economy is tanking I will take a long time to recover. We are in a recession, and heading into a depression. I'm retired and living off money I invested in the stock market life must return to normal! Thank you for allowing us to share our opinions.!
Clay	General	People are losing their small business. We can't pay our bills with no unemployment. This alone is a disaster. We the people demand you give our freedoms back. Open the pools, beaches, restaurants.. Etc. We need our livelihoods back. I voted for you sir. Please don't let Florida down. Get us back to work..
Seminole	General	Please open the state back up. Many are suffering.
Hillsborough	General	I was sent home from work April 3 because I am over 65 your order only said senior citizens must stay at home that was so wrong social security doesn't start until 66 1/2 I called your office did not get a call back emailed twice no reply I am asking whatever you do to start opening the state do not discriminate because of age Please be sure the Governor gets to read this I bet you don't even mention it to him
Duval	Education	As an elementary special education teacher at Mandarin Oaks Elementary and a mother of 2, I believe schools should remain virtual for a long as needed for the safety of teachers, students and caregivers. Over my 17 year experience in the classroom in Duval County, the amount of bodily fluids, sneezing, coughing, puking, nose blowing, etc that I have witnessed would turn anyone into a germophobe. I have been sneezed on, coughed on, had boogers on me so many times it's disgusting. I also have a thyroid issue and a sensitivity to histamine, which both suppress my immune system. I am no match for this virus. It is not possible to contain the spread of germs in a school. I have seen stomach viruses and the flu spread through class after class like wildfire. This past December, in my daughter's middle school language arts class, 25 kids dropped like flies from the flu in the matter of 2 days, which then spread to us caregivers at home, myself included. The point is that this is in middle school where the kids are independent and know how to cover their mouths and hands - and it still did not matter. It spread throughout the school like wildfire. The outcome from the spread of this virus in a school setting could be absolutely catostrophic. Schools do not need to open back up until it is safe. Duval County has a virtual platform that is amazing and needs to be continued until this virus is no longer a threat, no matter how long that may be. I believe it should be considered for Duval and the state of Florida to remain virtual for the upcoming school year 2020-2021. Thank you for listening.
Brevard	General	The # of infections are not going down so why would you place citizens in harm way, stop trying to pass the buck you know what the right decision is stand up for right
Hillsborough	Management	Don't be a turd, Ron. We need widespread testing, including those without symptoms, before we can reopen. You also need to require face covering for all people in public places. Research shows that if everyone cooperates, the infection risk drops. Don't put all of our lives at risk Show the world that even though we elected you, Florida is not actually a state full of idiots.

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Palm Beach	Recreation	Please allow condo associations to reopen their pools with the social distancing rules. I have arthritis and swimming daily helps with the pain. It has been so long since I have been able to swim. I am a low income senior citizen living on social security. This affects everyone and I am suffering from not being able to swim. I also would like to walk on the beach where it is cooler in the late afternoon than around my neighborhood. Please consider reopening and hopefully the citizens of Boca will follow your guidelines to stay safe. Thank you for all you do.
Broward Polk	Construction Healthcare	We need our economy running again. Research from the Federal Reserve and the MIT Sloan School of Management indicates that prematurely stopping pandemic mitigations will have a devastating long term impact to our economy. https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3561560 Concurrently, a Sloan researcher has published guidelines on how to reopen effectively. https://mitsloan.mit.edu/ideas-made-to-matter/how-to-restart-economy-a-post-pandemic-workforce We need broadly available, effective testing available in order to re open. It is a hard pre requisite. We need to observe 14 days of reduction in cases, death, and hospitalizations. This is a hard pre-requisite, otherwise inter and intra state travel will cause an even stronger resurgence of the disease. A second wave will destroy our economy. We need to make sure that we are investing in the long term, not the short term. Please make sure we are making decisions based on facts and analysis, not emotions. At your service, Dan Nutting
Orange	Government	You do not have the authority to tell two consenting adults they cannot voluntarily exchange labor for money. You do not have the authority to tell free people they cannot leave their homes. You are not a dictator. Rescind these unconstitutional orders now. Don't cave into the pressure from misguided social distancing warriors. They are but a tiny vocal minority. Just do what you know is right and do it with confidence and conviction. If you do this, you'll win re-election in a landslide, trust me.
Brevard	Accommodation	Allow vacation rentals at hotels at a percentage of maximum occupancy such as 25%. Allow vacation rentals at smaller establishments)i.e B&B to rent all rooms allowing a 14 day interim between rentals.

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Lake	Recreation	PLEASE open beaches, small groups of youth sports, gyms, and outdoor recreation. My children, specifically my 4 year old is severely depressed. There has to be a better way to protect the vulnerable without killing businesses and killing jobs. The youth of America are now suffering far more than they would from what is mostly a mild virus. The curve has been flattened. I own a small gymnastics business and we will not survive this if it continues much longer. We MUST re-open. This is largely an overreaction. Sweden is doing it right. Herd immunity through youth and younger healthy people will be the best protection for elderly and vulnerable. We cannot continue to ruin lives. There are many business that will never recover, and children who can't get their childhood back.
Brevard	Healthcare	I am writing today to ask you to consider staying shut down for a little longer. I understand that people that are at home are bored, tired of staying in the house and financially worried, however the focus needs to be on the healthcare at this time. Healthcare workers are the ones that have to explain to residents and loved ones why they can not see each other, why they cannot leave the community, why they can not do group activities, etc. The residents are the ones who are declining mentally from being less active then ever before. The healthcare industry is concerned that opening up so soon will cause this too reoccur which means, the residents and loved ones have to be on lock down longer than they need to be. This means each week anxiety increases for loved ones and residents, declines in cognition, and risk for physical declines and more. The only way that we can get back to some sort of normality and safety is prolonging the shut down to make sure we do not have an influx from Easter weekend. While we may have been shutdown, most people felt it was okay to have block parties and family gatherings for Easter Sunday. It is too soon to tell if these gatherings caused the spread of COVID-19. I ask you to please wait to reopen Florida again. Thank you for your time.
Hillsborough	General	I believe the governor should NOT reopen the state so soon especially when Covid 19 cases keep increasing. He's just asking for another mass virus spread and for the state to become another hot spot. People will not follow social distancing and there isn't strict enforcement of those CDC guidelines. If people knew they would get fined or even arrested for not following CDC guidelines in public then MAYBE reopening would be somewhat successful.
Lake	Transportation	I personally think we need to open everything up again. This disease is not going to go away. Staying at home and doing nothing and destroying our economy is not going to make COVID-19 go away. We can't make one major problem into another major problem. We can't have a pandemic and a great depression! I know the disease is bad I'm not trying to minimize that. I'm just saying that closing everything down is not going to cure the disease. So if there is no endgame to this then we need to open up.

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Miami-Dade	General	This is more inline with Miami Dade. I feel if the residents of Miami Dade use caution súcubo as social distancing and proper face mask, we could certainly and gradually open up small business and stores etc. not sure if this would be possible with law enforcement but I see a lot of young people in our country doing as they please and totally ignoring all the protocols to keep safe. Maybe if the state starts giving citations we would be better off. I'm all for opening up business and getting back to some sort of normalcy. But I feel if something stricter like citations where people need to pay and be hold accountable especially the younger generation who is clearly ignorant or just stupid in doing what the state has been saying from day 1. Social distancing and wear your masks when you go out. Thank you for all your hard work Governor! We appreciate you.
Hillsborough	General	Until new cases of covid 19 stop Florida and the us should stay shut down... more and more new cases every day.... are the citizens life worth nothing
Sarasota	General	We need to open all our businesses again now. Millions of Floridians are unemployed with rent overdue and hungry children to feed. The public is now well aware of how to minimize the risk of being sick from this virus. Restrictions are strangling our economy. Lets get back to work now!
Palm Beach	Professional Services	I am a salon owner. I think if businesses are able to open masks should be required for service providers and patrons. To keep both businesses and its patrons safe.
Sarasota	General	I think it's time to reopen FL fully. As a single Mom of 6 who had just lost her job of 20 years right before this, I need to get working again. My ex husband is also not working , and not providing child support. I've lost my health insurance, but do not qualify for Medicaid due to other circumstances, but now can't afford medical insurance for my kids who have significant medical issues. I need to get back to work to get on insurance and provide for my kids. This virus isn't as serious as we all thought, and I am well enough to work, my children's long term medical issues would not be effected by the virus if they got it. Please let us get back to work, I do not want to have to cash in my 401k to survive, when in my late 40s I shouldn't be touching. Please open up FL fully to all businesses!
Brevard	Healthcare	More tests need to be available and people need to be tested, especially antibody tests. Continue social distance and require masks in stores., etc. Slowly and safely open the state?and the woeful and pitiful unemployment system, Florida should be ashamed and thus needs to be fixed NOW! People are in dire straits not be able to work.
Polk	General	Make it a law that Everyone Must Wear Face Masks! If anyone is out in the stores or not exercising, they must receive a fine. It's the one way to start. All grocery stores must still have someone keep cleaning the carts once they are turned in & before they go to a new guest. Anyone seen disposing of their gloves or mask in public on the ground or shopping carts also must be fined. Open areas with limited access to patrons. Everyone needs to be responsible for themselves & others.

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Hillsborough	General	Please do NOT reopen Florida. We just had the largest number of cases in 24 hours since April 3. If you reopen, numbers will get worse than that creating an all-time peak. People do not follow social distancing guidelines. You have to keep us closed until there are no more new cases and people are recovering, otherwise this will last much longer than it could.
Okaloosa	General	My family and myself are opposed to Florida reopening. Until there are medical ways to fight the virus ie: vaccines or medicine. The state should remain closed. Florida is known as "God's waiting room". There are so many old vulnerable residents in the area that would highly benefit if the state stayed shut down. Another point is that alot of Florida has beach towns which attract alot of tourists. Tourist= virus threats from outside the local area. Someone that is living in a highly infected area can bring the virus to one of our beach towns and cause an outbreak. The government has done a VERY poor job in this crisis and I highly suggest to look at the methods of other countries (like Canada) on guidance of how to keep our citizens safe.
Pinellas	General	Task Force and Governor DeSantis, While it would appear that the state of Florida is on its way to flattening the curve, please keep in mind what got us to this point. While we didn't become the next New York or Italy, we could have. It was only through the efforts of the citizens of the state, local governments not being afraid to step up, and yes the governor, even if he came to the conclusion the rest of us did a little late. Everyone wants to reopen the state, get people working again, recharge our economy. We, the people of Florida, are dependent upon you, our highest elected official and those he has designated to assist in planning to do this carefully, smartly and based on sound data by actual scientists, not aspirations, ramblings,llining your own pockets and politically charged rationales. Thank you
Polk	General	I think if the economy is opened there should be a stipulation of wearing masks while in public.
Orange	General	I feel the state needs a plan to reopen but at a slow rate of phasing the openings. The safety of our residents has to be 1st priority with our economy right behind that. I think 2 weeks is a great point to start the opening of our state. Mask wearing needs to be mandatory for as long as it takes to keep the virus under control. Businesses need to be allowed to open at a reduced capacity as soon as possible. Our people are needing help and are not getting it especially with unemployment. I feel it is horrible at the end of April that people are still waiting for any money at al- how does Florida expect people to survive? Make mass testing a priority and enforce quarantine if positive
Okaloosa	General	It’s not safe yet! Reopening means exposing retail and hospitality workers like myself to thousands of people from all over the country how selfishly want a vacation. How can we justify putting state income over the life of someone’s brother or mother or friend?

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Hillsborough	General	Seems like we should be listening to health care officials, doctors, CDC, people with education and experienced in healthcare fields not politicians who are uneducated in healthcare and are obviously going about this for political gain. Sure doesn't seem like much has gone right. Florida is still seeing peaks and deaths going up. An unemployment system that is failing Americans. We have Floridans out of work with no money. How about fixing some of these things. Should be a slow process to get Florida open. Otherwise we will be shutting down again in a couple weeks.
Polk	General	People are hurting but we should not rush to open. Listen to the physicians, they are the only ones with the public's best interest at heart. Rushing businesses to open with no safety net for their employees should they become ill, and with no provisions for child care, is a recipe for further suffering. Consider if a business can even survive if it's operating at half staff and following CDC guidelines. An thoughtful caring approach needs to be taken. Pictures in Georgia show people crowding barber shops, clients not wearing masks. How about we cool our heels and watch what happens there before jumping in. Remember, this is a purple state, not red, and there are a lot of unhappy Democrat voters right now. Don't let fealty to the president bring you down. You had a lot of support prior to this.
Palm Beach	Food	If Workers with underlying health conditions, weak immune systems ect, are required to stay home once we start re-opening Florida, please MAKE IT CLEAR to employers not to fire these workers due to this situation. Assure these workers that they be able to return to their jobs once government decides its safe for them to return to work. These workers have bills to pay just like everyone else. They are very hard working people who have underlying health conditions they are sacrificing staying home for the sake of their health, their co-workers, their customers and their communities. Thank you.
Santa Rosa	Recreation	I believe the state does need to slowly open. I am an at risk individual who is on chemo for an autoimmune disease. I understand the need for stores, doctors, etc to open for the economy. As a teacher, I think it was the right decision so stay with virtual school. However, I have children who play sports. We travel for sports. It is a huge part of our life. I know local ballparks plan to reopen. I question where youth sports are essential??? I DO NOT believe youth sports should be allowed to resume. Children coming from different towns isn't safe. Tournaments with hundreds of people, even though outside, are not safe. It would be impossible to social distance and that is hundreds of people using the same restrooms. Please consider not starting up youth sports in stage 1

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Charlotte	Healthcare	Don’t reopen Florida until the Government gets input from the medical professionals, showing a decline in cases and no new deaths for 14 to 21days, then and only then, open up the more essential businesses first, that does not mean restaurants and bars at full capacity. There still needs to be social distancing to keep new cases popping up and may have to continue to see where we are at until fall, when flu season starts. The less contact we have going forward, the less severe outbreaks during hurricane season and the upcoming flu season. There needs to be strict guidelines to be followed by all businesses to ensure a safe Florida, especially when the snowbirds return.....
St. Lucie	General	YES!!!! Open it ALL up now! Tired of this BS. If YOU want to stay sheltered, be my guest. I plan to use my God given sense and Freedom to NOT stay sheltered and dependent on the gov't!
Orange	Professional Services	In a word caution wins. From my years of experience in the salon industry (41) I do not feel we are a phase 1 business. We work in closer contact than almost any other profession and our services while very important, they are not essential. We are in the beauty/appearance business. We make people “look” good. You can not make that essential no matter how much we would like to. It has been suggested that clients and hairdressers alike wear mask and gloves and that they be changed every client. Is that what we as people want? To take valuable PPE out of the market place when they are still asking all healthcare workers to reuse one mask for an entire week. With all of these strict guidelines that have been suggested elsewhere for salons, who is in charge of seeing that it is adhered to? The vast majority of salons are independently worked. There is little to zero supervision. I have worked in this business since I was 10 years old helping my Aunt in her salon and these rules will not be adhered to. Hairstylist are artists that work from our hearts. We create. We make people into beautiful people. We are free spirited. We are not typically scientific or medically minded. I have loved the salon life from the day I first picked up a hair roller in my Aunts salon. Our time will come again to make the magic we all do so well. This however is not that time. Stay at home for now so the art and beauty that we do can shine bright later. This is the time to put this effort into true essentials as they need all of our help getting restarted now. When that happens,the things that are truly essential and necessary...it will be the time for us but not now...

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Palm Beach	Tourism	The original goal was to flatten the curve to prevent an overloading of the healthcare system - that has been accomplished. Our state thrives and exists because of the tourism industry - whether it is beaches, theme parks, golf courses etc and all of that and what it entails MUST be a priority. Communication is key, and it needs to be much better and not so overreaching. The Virus while not the flu, IS similar in that overall the vast majority of people do not experience severe symptoms and that needs to be communicated more clearly. Scaring the people does NOT WORK. Don't scare, just prepare. Masks are not the answer unless people are using them properly. A very public showing of proper hygiene, spreading out tables a bit more, more outdoor seating and encouraging people will work much better than a threat of do this or else. The lack of leadership in PB County has made most of us feel like prisoners in our own homes - relying on faulty models has cost so many so much. Some ideas ... Hand sanitizers mounted outside of each store, designated employees for sanitizing throughout the day. Restaurants opening are critical, much like salons that can be cleaned and sanitized between customers. More automated doors, more locations taking Apple Pay/Android pay. Temporarily no reusable bags. Whatever I can do to help I am happy to do so.
Clay	Professional Services	As a massage therapist, I want to re-open as safely as possible for ALL my clients and myself. Please DO NOT open us until you have made the best possible choices. We should be some of the LAST to open due to direct contact and close proximity. People are not honest about being sick or being are sick people they just want a service. We all need to be protected including the client after the dishonest and the therapist. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE DONT RUSH INTO SPA RE-OPENING.
St. Lucie	General	I wanted to find out when Florida will start to re-open. I know and agree that it needs to be done safely and in steps. I think we can do that. Thank you all for the steps to take care of the residents of florida.
Lake	Food	Please start to reopen. People that don't want to go out don't have to. Eating out is our main source of family time and to-go orders aren't the same. Our house is small and tensions are high in our household we need to get out. Not everyone is employed and unemployment only pays a portion of what we eere making. We are stuck at home yet retail isn't open to buy clothing that's appropriate for staying at home. Shopping online isn't always an option. Salons are also essential businesses. My nails are so long I am scratching my contacts and I am working from home but makes typing difficult. Cutting them isn't an option as I fear damaging them further.

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Santa Rosa	Government	It's time to re-open the economy. If you're sick, seek medical help or stay at home. Protect the elderly who are at risk the most. These are individual choices not governments. It's time to re-open the beaches. Beaches in North West Florida are large and wide. No reason to close them. Sunshine, exercise and being outdoors are healthy activities. Not being ordered to confinement by government. This government overreach has gone on long enough and too far. This is the United States of America, Home of the Free. Thank you.
Seminole	General	Require everyone to wear masks in public places and closed buildings. Focus on plan to get small businesses up and running again. Establish a maximum occupancy per square foot. Maintain social distancing as much as possible. Have theme parks limit admission & require everyone to wear masks.
Broward	General	I am strongly positioned on the side that knows, based on facts, that if we don't open businesses quickly in a common sense way that still addresses the virus, we will lose many more people's lives to actions that are causing our economy and society to collapse
Orange	General	It has become clear each day that COVID is not nearly as dangerous as thought!! The MORTALITY rate will be dropping and it is more widespread than thought as well...These issues should have been looked at LONG BEFORE CLOSURES, STAY HOME and SOCIAL DIST!! People PANIC and they see HYSTERIA so they think WAIT UNTIL IT IS SAFE...there is no SUCH THING AS SAFE!! Before COVID are you save from the FLU? PNEUMONIA, DRUNK DRIVERS, AIRPLANE CRASHES, INFECTIONS, HEART ATTACK, CANCER and such...LIFE is a risk and when people say wait until it is safe...THAT IS RECIPE for PARALYSIS and that is what has happened!! Until PEOPLE see people eating out, traveling, shopping, living, working out, going to theme parks, water parks, going to the ocean and they will feel FEAR!! FEAR IS PARALYZING RON!! We are in the GREATEST STATE for SUN, HIGH TEMPS and HUMIDITY which WE KNOW KILLS COVID and HINDERS IT!! We need to CELEBRATE our GOD GIVEN CLIMATE and SUN that GOD gives to KILL COVID and SHOW PEOPLE NOT BE AFRAID!! The more people see others LIVING and DOING their FEAR will subside! The Health Experts have had a HORRIBLE RECORD...the UNDERESTIMATED the ARRIVAL OF COVID which looks more and more like late 2019 and OVERESTIMATED the DANGER and LETHAL RESULTS of COVID DRASTICALLY!! The MODELS HAVE BEEN TERRIBLE!! Ron as the VIRUS is MORE WIDESPREAD here then why SOCIAL DISTANCE? The MORTALITY is much much lower...WHY SOCIAL DISTANCE? We have had this here since I BET DEC or NOV 2019 were the HOSPITALS SWAMPED?? NO? did people fall over NO? Were we alot happier in Dec, Jan and Feb YES and STATE WAS THRIVING!! Social Distancing cannot exist in THEME PARKS, RESTAURANTS, SHOWS, EVENTS why? Because as a people we do not LIVE 6 ft apart and MASKS are separation, isolation, suspicion and misery!! They are not even PROVEN TO HELP and we know the OUTDOORS is least likely place to catch VIRUS...THE

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Miami-Dade	General	Florida, at least south Florida is not ready to be reopened. I can't risk my loved ones because everywhere around me in downtown Miami and Brickell has had recent outbreaks of Corona. It is not safe yet to reopen, let the educated doctors take the lead on this. Open South Florida in the middle of May at the earliest anything sooner would be selfish and irresponsible by the government. People's lives are more important than money, we already lost over 1,000 people for not going into a strict lockdown and not quarantined earlier. It is selfish and unnecessary to reopen at this time as so many more lives that could be safes by staying home would be lost.
Palm Beach	Professional Services	I think you need to open up the state, if people are comfortable going out with masks and feel safe they should. If people are concerned they should stay home. It is necessary for the economy.
Pinellas	General	The top health leaders are stating that it is too soon to open our state as we need to remain vigilant on the social distancing guidelines and staying safer at home rules. I understand that economics are taking a big hit right now. But if we don't remain vigilant and the virus spreads faster, businesses and the state of Florida will take an even larger hit and will impact this state for much longer. Please listen to the health professionals and have the courage to lead our state following their advice on re-opening our state.
Brevard	General	think baby steps in reopening. I would start on May 1st with gyms, restaurants at only 50% capacity and even regular retail but with limitations on the amount of people allowed in at a time. I would keep bars closed for now as those are way too crowded and people do not have good judgement when drunk. No parks, amusement parks, move theaters at this time
Collier	Retail	I work in a small clothing boutique on 5th Avenue in Naples and I am concerned about the idea of opening all retail businesses without some guidelines in place concerning the square footage of the establishments and number of people allowed within those parameters. On a normal business day, I am in very close contact with the customers assisting with clothes fittings, fastening accessories, and positioning sunglasses on their faces. Not to mention, the checkout process involving the handling of cash and credit cards and the use of a touch screen signature pad. It would be virtually impossible for us, the employees, to be "distanced" from the clientele in a small shop if we reopened too soon without any restrictions. When the task force looks at reopening the retail industry I recommend that you start with large scale stores that can better practice social distancing and monitor how they are impacted by COVID19 before reopening smaller stores.

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Orange	General	Fix the unemployment website Expand testing Leverage the resources of the State University System to accelerate research for therapies and vaccine development Fix the sieve structure of the tax code to broaden the tax base and overcome shortfalls in the state budget Expand Medicare and Medicaid Expand the Food Assistance Program Don’t be Georgia
Pinellas	Healthcare	I would suggest re-opening slowly once the numbers have trended down. Not if they are trending up or at a plateau, since they would likely trend up. I would leave room to close again if needed. It would make sense to reopen beaches with strict measures to continue social distancing, limits on groups and 6 ft apart, etc. Police would likely have to monitor the beaches to ensure compliance. Areas like state parks and smaller beaches such as Honeymoon island may have to limit the number of people coming in. But as long as social distance guidelines are followed I would understand reopening nature to the world. I would suggest continuation of social distance measures in grocery stores, pharmacies and limiting capacity in restaurants to start out, when the time is right.
Seminole	General	If Florida reopens, then everyone should wear mask if going out in public.
Indian River	Accommodation	We have been isolating in our RV in the same park, everyone around is doing the same but some of the parks will not allow you to stay more then 2 weeks. So allowing many of the RV parks state parks to use the RV sites will help with reducing the movement. Florida is home to many full time RV'ers. Please open the RV slots back up.

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Orange	General	There are so many areas that coronavirus closures have impacted, it is impossible to choose just one! I am a healthcare worker whose place of employment has been closed. I work for a wonderful company who is still paying us to work from home for the most part, but my husband, who is a PA in dermatology, had to sign a waiver of employment contract because his company closed multiple offices, resulting in a huge cut in pay. I want to see the state open up again in a cautious manner. If some businesses, such as grocery stores, big retail stores and others can continue to operate using social distancing and wearing face masks, etc. then I think most other businesses should be allowed to open as well. As for beaches, they should also be opened as long as they are patrolled and social distancing is enforced. Sunlight and fresh air are some of the best things you can do at times like this. In addition, it helps so much with a person's mental health to be able to get out and see other people, participate in life again and feel that they have not lost everything. So many are hurting financially and emotionally and prolonging this isolation is having devastating effects on people. For those who have a great fear of this virus, let them stay home! Nobody needs to force them to come out in public if they are afraid to. But, in turn, there are a lot of us who take responsibility for our own health and don't appreciate having our freedoms taken away from us when we could easily do the things we want to do while maintaining social distancing, handwashing, etc. Has everyone forgotten how deadly the regular flu has been in the past? The flu season in the winter of 2017 killed over 60,000 people in the United States alone. Nothing was done. No closings, no mandatory curfews, no mandatory PPE, absolutely nothing! No one was forced to get a flu shot if they didn't want to, although I and my family always get ours. There is so much more to be said, but that is enough for now. Please start opening the state (and the whole country as well) by May 1st so people can start living again and enjoying the freedom that this country stands for. As for those who want to stay in lockdown, go ahead and stay locked down, but don't force the rest
Sarasota	General	Businesses should & have to open as soon as possible. People are all ready starting to leave their homes. Traffic & out door activity have increased dramatically in the last couple weeks as I drive for a living. I suggest stores opening with strict guidelines such as temperatures taken at door along with mandatory use of hand sanitizer supplied by the store upon entry, & most importantly, patrons "must wear masks."

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Lake	Healthcare	The priority in this season of the Covid 19 is to keep everyone safe. Most of us are trying to do our part social distancing, good hygiene etc., but it's frustrating that we can't get the supplies to implement this. Shelf's at the stores are bare. We live in America this is unacceptable. There are limited testing places in this part of Lake County. Thursday a testing facility was opened at Cooper memorial library. This testing place will only be opened twice a week and you have to pay $20. Why do the people of Lake county have to pay when there's free testing elsewhere?They were testing for both Covid and also a blood test to see if we have the antibodies. The lines were so long. If you got there an hour before they open the wait was over 3 hrs. The mental health of us all is a big concern. Worst unemployment system in the nation! My son in law filed weeks ago and can't get any information. Both my daughters are first responders and after working in the Covid unit for over 12 hrs she has the stress of her husband not being able to get any answers about his unemployment. Their bank screwed up the insurance on their mortgage and is taking no responsibility so they have tried for days to straighten this out to no avail. God is the only one helping us get through this. I understand we never had anything like this before and Trump and DeSantis are trying their best, but the every day Joe is desperate. I'll keep praying for you please help us.
Volusia	General	I am 73, a veteran, relatively healthy. My Doctor thinks it is "certainly possible" that I had the virus in December. I am far, far more concerned with the economy than I am the Covid. This country weathered the Spanish Flu in 1918, the Asian Flu in 1957, H1N1 in 2009 and the flu every winter. There is a vast abyss between concern and panic. Too much of the media is on the Panic side. We need to push forward as much as possible to open this economy back up and make an active choice to live our lives the way we want to. And I don't want to live it in a shell. Final comment- I shudder to think where we'd be now if our Governor race had gone in the other direction. See Michigan.
Duval	Recreation	Please allow us to sunbath and use towels while at the beach. It is proven that UV rays dispose of the virus almost immediately. Also consider the sun interacts with our bodies to create vitamin D, which helps improve our immune system. Not to mention the stress relief of enjoying a beautiful day at the beach. And please also open the beaches completely, not just a few hours each day. It is easy enough to social distance while there, as most of us do keep a good distance from others.

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Lee	General	Health is and always will be more important than the economy. If the state is opened too quickly and is poorly managed, the result will be twofold: 1. More death 2. Greater distrust of government and business Those two outcomes will result in consumers refusing to participate in the opened economy and will lead to longer term economic decline. The reopening must be smart and should follow the federal government phases and guidelines. Florida is not ready yet for anything more than the limited opening of certain large outdoor spaces. If this is done poorly, Florida will lose confidence, tourism, and livelihoods. Thank you for allowing my comments.
Pinellas	Healthcare	My mother is in an ALF and is late stage Alzheimer patient on Hospice. I am POA and have not been allowed to visit nor has my hospice nurse been allowed to come in as of the last two weeks. I am very supportive of the concern to protect our elderly in facilities but it seem as if interpretation to any order directed varies from place to place. It has been 6 weeks now that I have not been able to see her and i feel there needs to be some clear direction for family members particularly of hospice patients and the need for them to receive proper care. It is very unnerving to think that my hospice nurse has been denied access to her patients. If there is not some clear direction soon to these facilities, then my only other option is to bring her home which would be quite difficult. Human compassion needs to factor in on all this. Thank you.
Manatee	General	I believe we should open up our beaches and restaurants this Is going to far when you can even use bathrooms in 7 eleven stores and it is a proven fact that sunlight kills any bacteria and warmth the beaches should not have been closed at all salt water and sunlight kills any bacteria do they should have not closed Florida period, there have been hundreds of bad viruses out there and never once was the country shut now I think this is ridiculous already, arresting people for parking , going to church services, and parents taking children to park and being arrested in front of children that time is uncalled for what do you expect families to do when you close everything down, kids out if school people out of work in danger of losing everything they worked all our lives for. THIS IS A FREE COUNTRY NOT A COMMUNIST COUNTRY, OUR MILITARY FOUGHT AND DIED TO KERP OUR FREEDOM AND YOU ARE TAKING AWAY OUR LEGAL RIGHTS¡!!!!!!!!!!!!
Manatee	General	Not everyone shows signs of being sick, which will infect many. How could you possibly protect us by allowing anyone in the work place. Floridians working paycheck to paycheck can't afford to take off if they're sick. Do you really think people who are hungry, who can't pay their bills will tell you to stay closed?!?

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Polk	General	We need to reopen the state as quickly as possible. Antibody testing has shown this virus has been with us for far longer than originally shown and has affected a greater number of people. The number of people who get sick is not much greater than a bad Flu season. Since this virus seems to affect Seniors more, we should keep enhanced protections on Senior living centers, but the rest of us need to get back to work. This state needs its people working before poverty and depression will kill more people than the virus has. We need our parks reopened. Being outdoors in the sun will only help kill off the virus and make the population healthier. Thank you!
Hillsborough	Government	No, Florida shouldn't be reopened until at least 60% residents have been tested. Plus, how can you wear a face mask and get a haircut or get your hair washed, permed, or colored? It doesn't make sense! After the large majority are tested, I can see clothing stores opening, not barber shops & beauty salons.
Sarasota	General	I think we should suspend schools, including online schooling, before the end of the year. Right now, the children are attending and spend about 1-2 hours online, they have to do "homework". It is very hard and stressful for me to schedule 2 children for their Zoom classes, and then keep up with the homework they have to do. Those of us who are responsible, will continue to get on I-ready once a week, but right now the extra classes are very stressful. I would also love to get my hair done, but am very weary....maybe salons could be reopened just to their regular clients, or for those people who are regular clients and appointment only, no walk-ins.
Duval	Healthcare	I disagree with opening up Florida. The main thing is there are still Covid-19 cases being reported daily. You need to wait until there are no more positive cases being reported. If you open to soon then the Covid-19 could be more detrimental to our state. I also think that opening the beaches was to soon. What if this virus is spread again and we have more people die. This could be bad for our state. Thank you. Teena P Cox
Martin	Administrative	Do not open businesses and the state. Until every Floridian has been tested and the positive people are quarantined, we should be told to stay home. To ignor the rise of cases and deaths is incompetent, stupid and murderous. Save lives.
Brevard	Food	Please reopen restaurants, we need to work!!
Pinellas	Government	Until there's a definite flattening of the curve our state should NOT be reopened.

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Escambia	General	The amount of new cases per day is currently higher than it has ever been, including during the time period in which the stay at home orders were put in place. Specifically, yesterday, April 24th, the US saw the highest one day new case total ever recorded and this is a trend, not an anomaly. From early on, the CDC stated explicitly that the majority of the US population will eventually come into contact with this virus. Florida has only seen 1.5% of its residents infected, therefore the lion share of the pandemic is still ahead of us, not behind us. What logic, based on the aforementioned current trends and future predictions by the CDC, is being used in this decision to relax current restrictions? Is that logic any different than what was planned when the current restrictions were enacted?
Hillsborough	Healthcare	If we re-open we are going to lose alot of lives. I personally think it is too soon because there are thousands of lives still dying daily. DO NOT OPEN PLEASE!!
Brevard	Government	It's honestly too early to reopen Florida. It's understandable that people want to get back to how things used to be but that's not going to happen anytime soon. The lives of Floridians are way more more important than anything else. If we open up too soon we will see more deaths. We need to be a little more patient and stay closed until it is safer to reopen.
Osceola	General	I have been a resident of Florida and Osceola County for nearly 12 years and have often seen rash and unwise happenings. In this time of Global Pandemic, I have been keenly aware -- through cyber connectivity -- of international handling by communications with friends. All too often, my international awareness has caused me dismay over POTUS handling. Fortunately, FL Gubernatorial handling has not mirrored the ignorance of POTUS. In FL the Govenor has evidenced his depth of understanding Constitutional Rights while exhibiting all the best practices of prudence that scientific knowledge can give. Although I espouse a different political ideology, the govenor builds confidence and trust by exhibiting a nonpartisan genuine concern for citizens health first. In my opinion, we all know, by historical fact, economies rebound and severe job loss is not new in the span of time. The economy depends on life and life depends on health and well-being of citizens. I just finished watching the govenors briefing from the Cleveland Clinic (4/25/20). I am encouraged by his wisdom and clarity. I am in the "at risk" population and appreciate his saying openly and with educated conviction such things as: "I am not in a rush (to reopen), ...shopping is more a place of infection (opportunity), ...to open a movie theatre and maintain proper social distancing doesn't seem possible, ...we are only discovering so much of the unknown (so speculating is not valuable without facts)." Of course I may have paraphrased due to just picking from memory of what I saw him say in the broadcast. Bottom line is that he instills trust in the system that governs and guides this state in a time when no living person has adult wisdom of such a circumstance. Please, TASK Force, be cautious and keep Floridians safe and healthy so that in the long run, we are better for having taken the steps with wisdom, and not in haste just to "feel free." False freedom is oportunistic toward foolishness and foolishness lacks responsibility and diligence..... a lack of diligence lets the lurking enemy invade, atrack and kill. I prefer to stay-safely-at-home for as long as necessary.
Jackson	Retail	We need to get back to work. Still heard nothing from unemployment

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Palm Beach	Government	I ask that you reopen all business within the state of Florida. I know several people who are running out of money and will soon add to the congestion at food banks. I believe as many do that because the mortality rate of the coronavirus is so low, the people at the greatest risk and their loved ones need to be careful but they also need the rest of us to keep the world going for them.
Hillsborough	General	Reopen Florida in the best interest of he whole state
St. Johns	General	An easy fact based opening after the 2 week decrease in cases. No hair salon .barber or tattoo parlor need to be open during this time. No bars either. Required masks on for grocery stores and pharmacy. A quick open and relapse would be terrible for our economy and safety of us all.
Seminole	Healthcare	Dear Governor DeSantis, Please don't re-open the State of Florida too soon. I understand the financial ramifications, but lives are at stake. People are clearly not responsible enough to properly social distance, gather in crowds and take precautions - thus the need for additional regulations and continued closures. My house is filled with essential workers (paramedic, nurse, security and teacher) and opening too soon will put my family at risk in addition to thousands more. If everything opens too soon, the number of cases will significantly rise again. This will in turn create a burden on the healthcare system and possibly prompt another closure. Please do the right thing! Sincerely, Julie A. Ward, RN, BSN
Bay	General	You have asked for comments about re-opening the state. I realize that there are many people having financial problems now because of the mismanagement of the Unemployment system. And while I know that people need money, you also know that a lot more people need to be tested for the virus first. Not only the sick, but the ones that haven't shown any symptoms. There is evidence that people who aren't getting sick after exposure could donate their blood to help those that are sick. Maybe because I'm in a smaller county, we haven't seen anyone doing this. I hope it is being done in the larger cities. But until this is done, I'm opposed to re-opening Florida.

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Pinellas	Government	The state of Florida needs to listen to medical professionals and not lobbying industries looking solely at restarting the economy for their bottom line. Disregarding science and continued best practices has detrimental effects. The government delayed protective orders, jeopordizing millions of citizens and visitors. If we would have been progressive in response, we would be back to normal faster. At the rate we are going with inconsistent legislation, priority placed on business versus human lives, the temporary inconvenience of being unemployed and unable to make income as a sole proprietor of several businesses is fine by me, because the consequence of going to interact with the public without proper protective gear or protocols leaves a risk of medical bankruptcy if i become ill. My father, who lives in a different state, is COVID-19 positive and is asymptomatic. He is a carrier with NO symptoms. He contracted it an assisted living facility where staff were following recommendations. If medical professionals cant be protected and protect patients without 100% certainty, why should I believe that the general healthcare uneducated and overzealous people who publicly picket without protection will do what's best for all. It's obvious they only care about ones self. Little do they realize the manipulation of civil rights and throwing one-liner jargon is not a substitute for actual government and civics education. The government's main focus is to protect and provide a safe and amiable life for all. Where there is an overwhelming majority of people who support staying at home for as long as possible , it seems that government officials lean weary on the small minority that can help them get reelected. If the government officials are scared of their re-election options when disrupting the small minority that got them elected, I would rather have them give up their seat and see what happens when somebody who is competent and reflects the will and choice of the majority is able to do your job.
Hillsborough	General	It would be helpful if people that are employed are prioritized in testing, that way we know which employees/workers can get back to work and which can't. That way we can at least get a part of the economy back up and running. I received my test results today and I tested negative. I would REALLY like to get back to work so that I'm not depending on government hand outs to save me. Thank you.
Santa Rosa	General	SPA AND BEAUTY INDUSTRY***** I believe there should be a very slow and modest approach to the reopening of spas in Florida. As an esthetician, we are in such close proximity to people. Spending a full hour working on the public's faces. Them touching linens and everything else in the room that would cause contamination.

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Santa Rosa	Recreation	I am opposed to the reopening of certain places of businesses. As an independent contractor, I have not seen any clients until I feel safe to do so. I also maintain a fitness center which is planning on reopening May 1st. I understand that some counties have not been affected as badly than others. To open beaches, barbershops, fitness facilities in my opinion would be a mistake. We have gone this long without so what would more time hurt when people are still getting sick and unfortunately dying. To social distant in a gym would be chaos as not all patrons sanitize before and after use, you still have people who chose not to wash their hands when using the restroom, as well as individuals who don't wear shower shoes. The list is long on gym rule violations and with added pressure on staff and their health and exposure, it would be an unnecessary risk.
Walton	Accommodation	Please keep short term rentals closed for a while longer. We do not need an influx of tourists right now. Please delay reopening for at least a week or two.
Hillsborough	General	I feel like we do not need to reopen at this time, wait two weeks in May and look at the numbers, if not wait until June. It is not safe for the people to open back up and all of us be in this same situation we are right now. Just please don't open up the state yet until we have better certainty.
Orange	General	Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Floridians understand the tough decisions facing our State right now. And we appreciate the careful thought and analysis given to the reopening of our State. With that, our family urges State leaders not to reopen at this time and to extend the stay at home order for another month. People are hurting financially, yes, but please don't compound the situation by endangering our health more than necessary. The criticism you may receive for being thoughtful and slow will be far less than acting hasty and dangerous. Please keep us safe. Please go slow. Please do not reopen our State at this time. Thank you for your continued efforts on our behalf.
Seminole	General	If the money that was allotted to the state would be passed out there would be a lot less people agonizing but our state is so incredibly inefficient is that why people are complaining . Too many political appointees and not enough brain power. The opening of the state should be done by scientists and not politics
Pinellas	General	Florida should allow only essential businesses to remain open til May 15th After that everything should open up in stages Restaurant and gyms should wait until June 1st
Palm Beach	General	I definitely think that re opening too soon can lead to some catastrophic results. Through history we have seen states that relaxed their policies too soon after Spanish flu had rebounds of infection. I think we have to be very slow with re opening and keep these shelter at home restrictions in place until at least the end of May. I think opening the boat ramps with very strict rules about congregating is ok but the beaches should remain closed. Restaurants & bars should remain closed as well. Saving lives is more important than the economy at this point.
Orange	Administrative	Mail home test kits with a central (multiple) drop off locations One person can drop off for whole family

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Sarasota	General	You can open barber shops where most chairs are 6 ft apart anyways maybe say you have to wear mask but I don't think it's needed and restaurants should be open and fallow the rules you used before you shut them down tables 6 ft apart and no more than 10 people together
Lee	General	Regarding the Re-Opening of Florida, I believe the date of reopen should be determined by a medical expert and as far as what should be opened first I would suggest the places that have the least chance of spreading the virus such as open areas. You all started with some parks and trials and that is a great start. We should follow the CDC director's suggestion of opening up gradually and county by county (based on Covid numbers). Maybe beaches next with limited access. Small businesses should be opened before large ones due to the number of people inside the business and the small business needs more help then the giants. I understand we want the economy to open up even though it already is with online ordering but if people do not feel safe out there than opening certain businesses do not make sense as no one will show up. My biggest worry is that we open too soon and the virus spreads even more. From what we are finding out about this deadly virus is that it effects people of all ages. Thank you for your consideration, Linda Magyar
Broward	General	Please open all playgrounds and public parks immediately. I think we should not have public schools summer camp this year to avoid large gatherings. Please open the beach by May 1st. I believe it is too early to open indoors entertainment facilities like movie theater and indoor playgrounds. I would say to open them by June 1st. Restaurants can continue to do pick-up and delivery until June 1st. In summary, let's start slowly reopening after June 1st.

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Miami-Dade	General	What we know…fatality rate by age: Under 50 has a 1.9% fatality rate if you have underlying conditions. Above 60 has a 26% fatality rate and is in the high-risk group, especially those with underlying conditions. Therefore, a focused approach needs to be made to protect and sequester those in the high-risk group...the elderly, people with chronic diseases, and the immunologically compromised. Establish groups of health professionals, tested negative for the virus, to tend to those at high-risk. The remaining Floridians should be treated the way we have always dealt with familiar outbreaks such as the Swine Flu and others. Trust Floridians to continue to be respectful of others when coughing or sneezing, washing their hands regularly, and staying home if they feel sick. The vast majority that are or get infected will get over it in days, a small number will require hospitalization. Sending everyone home for an unspecified period has in fact increased, not decreased, risk to those in the high-risk group. For example, unnecessarily closing beaches and college dorms leaving low-risk students no other choice but to travel back home to high-risk parents and family members was an error. Allow Floridians to make their own choices. Those who have symptoms should self-isolate with or without testing, which is exactly what Floridians do with the flu. Low-risk Floridians should be allowed to return to work or school. Stay at home measures, business and school closures, and public areas closures need to be lifted. Follow examples, such as in Sweden, where the most vulnerable remain protected while the remaining population is free to make personal choices. Trust Floridians to stay cautious and help protect those at risk. I for one continue to keep myself and my children at a distance from my parents, who are in the high-risk group. Allow the free market to dictate how businesses respond. Allow businesses, restaurants, and bars to open. Floridians should be given a choice if they want to visit these establishments prompting business owners to respond to demand, to make decisions if and when to open, how to protect staff and patrons, and when to phase in employees and staff as needed.
Clay	General	I would encourage the governor make up for his initial delay. ONLY once the numbers go consistently down which requires TESTING, TESTING, TESTING should we really start to think about it, not jump blindly in, but come to a plan with your constituency having confidence in the plan and you. And you can open things all you want I guess, but can not make anyone avail themselves of those services or support unsafe businesses.
Seminole	Finance	I am an Rn for 38 years still working in a hospital. I am blessed to have not gotten sick and still have a paycheck. Others not so lucky. Open up the economy with common sense. Wash your hands.Hand sanitize often. Wipe down carts cover your mouth with a mask or covering. People need to get back to work.

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Volusia	Information	So we have applied for ELID and PPP Loans and have been denied or ignored in our efforts to receive help! We have been 2 businesses since 2002. We have been forced to pay 12000 dollars worth of property taxes leaving us with no working capitial! Our mortgage broker Select Portforlio select gave us a 90 day forbearance but we are expected to pay the 3 months in full plus late fees at the end of the 90 days? With what money? Now we are extending the stay at home order to May 8th!? The cure is becoming worse than the disease! Volusia County has 600000 people and about 200 cases of infection but we are closed for business? Not sure why? I am not saying be careless but we believe we can open up with common sense! If you are gonna ignore our cries for help at least let us get back to work! I am a 16 year US ARMY military veteran, father of 4, registered voter, and business owner please help us!
Lake	Healthcare	I work in a gym that's part of a hospital in Lake County. We serve a large population of senior citizens as well as several thousand general population members. We have 6 staff members and no more than two working on the floor at a time. It would be extremely difficult to keep up with serving our members AND trying to manage all the cleaning that would be required. Exposing our members to one another at this time (very close to the peak of infection rate) would not only be short-sighted, but would put my life and our members lives in danger. Please wait until testing capacity is increased, infection rate is decreased, and people are better versed in social distancing measures.
Pinellas	General	Lives are worth more than money. EVERYTHING but human lives is replaceable even if difficult. Do not open Florida until the scientific and health experts say it is safe to do so. Florida is still on an upward curve, as far as I can see. If we open too soon, how many more infections? Worse, how many more deaths? Bottom line, do the right thing for our citizens, the ones who voted for you and the ones who didn't-doesn't matter now, we're all Floridians. And when you look at our population demographics, high risk Floridians.
Palm Beach	Healthcare	Palm Beach County is one of the highest counties among two others in the state of Florida in death and positive coronavirus. My mother has an immune deficiency, a common cold could rob her of her life. I find it quite difficult to agree with Opening up the entire state of Florida even with social distancing. The two times I have had to go to the grocery store and shop in the past six weeks has been absolutely terrifying for me. My mother lives with me and she's the only family I have so I'm stressing my great concern.
Broward	Retail	Hello, I am 29 years old, I have two auto immune disorders and get sick very fast and easy. I don't want to be in a position that I have to chose risking my life or having a roof over my head. I think opening the state back up before we are ready is not only a bad idea but it's signing the death certificate for people like me who aren't able to fight illnesses off. I do not want to be one of the lives that are risked for the economy.

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Santa Rosa	General	Please reopen everything! Open the beaches all day. Do limited capacity at restaurants but lets move on. The emotional, mental and financial toll that this is causing appears to outweigh the toll of the virus, at this point. Look at local domestic violence and child abuse reports. School should reopen early in August to help students “catch up” on what they missed. Re open Florida!
Pasco	General	State needs to stay closed. Even with it closed people dont listen. People are still gathering and not listening to any advice they have been given to prevent the spread. If the state reopens it's going to get worse. It is too soon to open. Hillsborough county in itself only has tested 1% of their population, it could possibly be so much worse than what is being said. People should all be tested to get accurate readings and then decide then whether or not to open the state.
Osceola	General	Hello, I am writing today to ask that we continue stay at home practices through the month of May. I believe that only by continuing the trend of flattening the curve to keep covid from spreading faster. Based on how other countries with strict lockdowns and longer times are now emerging with few to no deaths is proof that it is not safe yet. Our numbers are still going up. I along with other Floridians, are not going to be going out if you open too soon. We are a family if 8 and we plan on staying home through June. Maybe even longer if you reopen too early and numbers go up. We are not going to vacation at all, we are not going back to our old shopping ways or eating out 4-5 nights a week. We had a few in state trips planned before this, but we cannot trust that this virus will be gone now, with the rush across America to reopen. I have lost trust in the government when it comes to public safety with this rush to reopen. A diverse panel of scientists are the only ones who should be determining when it is safe to start a modified lifestyle again. Florida is a huge risk for a second wave due to tourism and I am not willing to risk myself or my childrens safety for money. Thank you for your time.
Orange	General	I think reopening the state this soon is a terrible mistake. It opens us up for a second wave of the virus.
Orange	Tourism	Hello! I work for the theme parks and hospitality (as do a lot of unemployed Floridians). Our state is a big tourist destination and while I would love for everything to be open and ready to go ASAP, I know we can’t without social distancing and safety guidelines. I would like to see the theme parks be open to localities first like the counties and cities they reside in to show people what to expect and get it out into the media, and then start a gradual increase if we keep numbers of new cases low and keep expanding until we hit statewide, then start opening up. Floridians are ready to get out so why not let them so we can start practicing our social distance, teach the city, then the county, then then the state. Open up in phases, keep the numbers low, and grow from there. It’s the only way to make the general public feel safe and that we know what we are doing. If we can’t do that, I’d like to see a guaranteed basic income for those displaced until we can open because it not our fault we can’t work. Thanks so much.

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Pasco	General	Dear governor of the state of Florida, we need you to open up Florida. Businesses are hurting and may have to close permanently! Your unemployment is broken! Families are loosing everything! Their is not enough data to support this shutdown on the entire country. Our freedom is being threatened! I voted for you because I believe in president trump! I know your trying and cannot please everyone, however I have to agree with the governor of Georgia! He is doing right! You cannot stay in your house and hide to be safe! We all have an appointment to die and cannot escape it! I want to enjoy life while I'm here. I see crowed grocery stores, home depo, big lots etc, etc. you can get sick there so why not let us go to the movies! This makes no sense. This is not a pandemic! Same amount of people died from the flu! Open up the state! You will be making the right decision! Don't bankrupt Florida! Thank you!
Bay	General	Please don't open up florida just yet.. we are not ready. We should listen to the health workers who say it's too soon to open up, not just open up for tourism. Please think about the health of your people.
Okaloosa	Tourism	Open up for business ASAP. Our community has suffered enough. It's time for people to be responsible for their own actions!
Brevard	General	There are certainly areas of the state that have less cases than others and cases of COVID-19 do seem to be leveling off in some places. But please consider allowing citizens the option to stay in their homes if that's what makes them most comfortable. Many people haven't seen COVID-19 as a threat and continue to go about their lives. But others of us are worried about our health and are staying home and wearing masks when going out. We shouldn't have to be made to risk our lives just like those who want to continue to go out should be able to do so if they please. Mass congregations of people I think have to continue to be limited. No more than 10 people congregating, businesses if open at 50% capacity, people staying 6 feet apart, and masks should continue to worn if that makes you feel more comfortable. We all will continue to be exposed to the virus and until there's a vaccine no one is safe. Opening too soon will cause more people to die unnecessarily. This isn't over after only a month. I think businesses can reopen if they think they can sanitize and keep people 6 feet apart while in their stores. Restaurants will have to limit their capacity. People should be allowed to wear masks while out if that makes them comfortable. No large sporting events, concerts. People will go out if they feel comfortable to do so. This will be a slow process. Please don't rush into it.
Palm Beach	General	Please reopen all of Florida and without mask mandates or required vaccines at any point. The data does not warrant a continued total shutdown. Our businesses need the option to reopen and all natural areas should be accessible! Lead the way, reopen Florida!!!

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Martin	Healthcare	Please open Florida and The Dental offices - We are essential business for keeping people healthy and we are well prepared and ready . Our office had to let us go with no PPP loan money coming in (not because they didn't apply) I filed for unemployment for the first time in my life .(Not a good feeling).And no one knows when we will get money from unemployment. The numbers speak - Compromised people stay home - isolate specific hospitals in each area and GET FLorida open for business NOW . Thank You
Manatee	General	They should open up the government. It will NOT make a difference if we stay in out home longer. People are out without a mask. Keeping us in our home longer in gonna make it worst.... What the governments should do open up back everything but make people wear their mask in public.. If we stay in our home longer is gonna be worst. People are worrying about bills. Bad stuff could happen if we stay in our homes. People are worry about their bills.
Broward	Retail	I believe that we should start opening things up as soon as possible, whether that is this week or May 1st. I think all outdoor activities should be allowed to resume. I believe all retail stores should be allowed to open, while keeping the social distancing guidelines in place as the current stores do. Small businesses should be allowed to reopen as long as they can safely do so. I think that after the first phase, masks should become optional, and the first phase should not last longer than 2 weeks.
Hillsborough	General	It is time to start re-opening the Florida economy. Allow stores to re-open, with social distancing measures and smaller crowd sizing restrictions in place. Restaurants seat every other table, and no more than 4 at a table. buffets need to be closed down for now, and maybe new rules regarding them to stop people from physically touching the food, and worse, tasting soup from the ladle. Perhaps buffets need to be attended, more like a cafeteria rather than self serve. Same with public parks and beaches. Facilities that open need to disinfect tables, key pads, counters, door knobs, handles, etc. on a frequent basis, and mandate hand sanitizing frequently for people who are going out. Masks are actually ineffective, and can cause the spread of viruses because people do not wear them properly, and still continue to touch their faces, and air borne droplets can enter through the eyes. If people are symptomatic, they should stay at home. If absolutely necessary to go out, they need to wear a mask to protect others, and they need to practice hygiene measures even more . Gloves give people a false sense of security, they wear the gloves and still touch their face, or consume food, and they don't change their gloves when moving from area to area, and they spread the virus. Time magazine article quote : As the new coronavirus COVID-19 spreads in the U.S., people who are well want to stay that way. But since no vaccines are currently available, the strongest weapons Americans have are basic preventive measures like hand-washing and sanitizing surfaces, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The simplicity of those recommendations is likely unsettling to people anxious to do more to protect themselves, so it's no surprise that face masks are in short supply—despite the CDC specifically not recommending them for healthy people trying to protect against COVID-19. "It seems kind of intuitively obvious that if you put something—whether it's a scarf or a mask—in front of your nose and mouth, that will filter out some of these viruses that are floating around out there," says Dr. William Schaffner, professor of medicine in the division of infectious diseases at Vanderbilt University. The only problem: that's not likely to be effective against respiratory illnesses like the flu and COVID-19. If it were, "the CDC would have recommended it years ago," he says. "It doesn't, because it makes science-based recommendations." The CDC also does not recommend N95 respirators—the tight-

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Hillsborough	Education	I am in a category that is considered essential. Having our children at home has been very trying. I have an elderly father that has deteriorated in health over the years including battling cancer, Parkinson's disease and broken bones due to a falling injury. Even though it is very difficult having the kids at home and I do have some at a very young age, I would not send my children to school right now if we are open our schools. I prefer to supper and work long hours, come home to do more homework and wake up early to do more homework than to put my kids at risk which would in turn put the rest of my family at risk. I cannot take the risk of having any illnesses brought to our home. Yes children can rebound easily but the adults that are around them cannot. I support keeping the schools closed. I think until a vaccine is created this is an essential move. The governor has done a lot to help people and I think opening up a lot of these areas would just put us back to where we were on the onset. We need to stop this insanity and people need to adhere to the guidelines to keep everyone safer.
Hillsborough	General	Please reopen the State. If people want to stay home that is their right. Many people did not get checks from the federal government. Stop depriving them of their right to provide for their families. If you leave this up to local governments, Hillsborough County will be very slow to reopen, as their emergency planning group seems to pay no attention to the economy and obviously has no faith in the common sense of the community. I've sat at home for almost a month. What's the point in prolonging this? At some point, everyone is going to get out again and some people are going to get sick. Please don't make these shutdowns a new way of life. I pay taxes. I've never been arrested. I've never gotten unemployment or welfare. My husband and I work. Now our elected officials have decided that our right to work is secondary to this pandemic. Some of these estimates have been wildly incorrect. Before destroying people's lives, shouldn't we have number within a 100,000 range. I've never been more disillusioned with the government than I am now. This pandemic has come with the sobering knowledge that my government really can take everything away.
Miami-Dade	General	Totally Agree in opening the economy in Florida. ENFORCE the basic safety guidelines at all public places and working environment places. ENFORCE the use of FACE MASK all the time. Gatherings allowed for 10 or less. Easy access for testing kits of Coviv to monitor and control the spread. EDUCATE ALL CITIZENS constantly.
Orange	Tourism	I work in tourism (Disney). I trust Disney to open when necessary, presumably after the rest of the state. My opinion is that tourism sector will be fine, and should stay closed until it's safe. If that means most tourist attractions are closed until July or later, that is completely fine! I have been disappointed by how the governor has been managing this situation, but I believe he can make up for it by opening the state in a safe manner.

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Pasco	General	1.) Reopen small business just regulate social distancing per guidelines. Big box stores put on a good show outside of bldg., but not practices once inside. 2.) Gas stations need to become full service to limit qty of people handling pumps. 3.). Panhandlers are out again. Pass legislation to eliminate this practice.
Orange	Healthcare	Both anti-body and infection tests MUST be readily available to EVERYONE before FL reopens so that people have the information needed to make appropriate decisions about being around others. I am a 60 year old female with asthma and continued weakness who tried and failed to get an appointment for a test at Blanchard Park. Given that awful experience and articles I've read about ER visiting Floridians being turned down for testing, it seems like the government is managing infection numbers by controlling how many and who gets tested. Until the numbers are REAL and people are able to determine the state of their own health, the state should remain closed
Seminole	General	I would like to see salons , retail , and restaurants with limited capacity. Clearly marked areas to stand and sit and still maintain social distancing. Take temperature and require face mask to be worn while shopping and in the salons. Elective surgeries And dental offices should be allowed to be reopened. Floridians need to get back to work! I believe we are intelligent and can maintain a safe distance and still be allowed to live our lives. Please keep in mind football season is about to start as well. Our athletes need to get back into training and that needs to be a top agenda as well. 😁 Regards Janie Lloyd
Manatee	General	Don't open the state until late May. Keep your eyes on Georgia, Texas, and S Carolina. Let them be the guinea pigs and see what happens to their Covid -19 numbers. Get those checks to people who need them. Organize farmers who are throwing away milk, vegis, etc... and get those items to food banks. Love the idea of allowing pharmacists to test for Covid.
Citrus	General	Open up the stae like Georgia!! This is a big state with counties not affected hardly at all! The hardest hit from virus are obese,old, comprimised individuals,nursing home patients! These people should stay home and practice all suggestions for precautions. People need to work!! I am older and dont go out much but I would like to go to a restaurant etc.PLEASE OPEN THIS STATE UP!
Hillsborough	Healthcare	Please do not let tourists start rushing to our beautiful state! You have to keep in mind the virus is still out there and highly contagious. Public places should enforce using masks and stop allowing people to wear gloves. They are cross contaminating everything they touch with gloves on.

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Hendry	General	As far as I am concerned and ALL of the people I am in contact with, feel EVERY business is essential. Its essential to their livelihood. People are smarter than you you give them credit. They will do whatever it takes to be able to work. These people are the ones sheltering and following your guidelines. It's the high risk, retired people in my area that could care less. The ones we are supposedly doing this for aren't following rules but the ones that are are being punished. You are threatening the mental health and well being of everyone that keeps this state going if this continues much longer.
Sarasota	Information	No, we are opening beaches and parks to early. I am afraid opening up too early is more political than for the safety of the public.
Okaloosa	Government	Restaurants need to be open with 50% restrictions They have been trying to maintain with to gos but workers are hurting
Orange	Tourism	Keep the theme parks closed until after vaccination of tourist and resident population.
Walton	Professional Services	The state being shut is killing our small house cleaning business as it is our only source of income.PLEASE OPEN THE STATE NOW!!!!
Escambia	General	Hello, I hope you and your Family's are well. I have alot of breathing trouble I have Copd so I can speak from experience on how hard is for me . I'm afraid that opening to fast I believe that people are not taking this Virus serious enough.I pray to God that the Government would take a little more time to think about people like me and not be selfish that really go's for the the one's trying to open up everything to soon .I'm a student at Pensacola College and I live on SSI half the time my ends don't meet. Thank you and Love and Mercy. Julia Benton
Charlotte	General	We are not ready to be opening up retail, hair salons, barbershop, tattoo parlors. Way too close to easily spread the virus even if wearing masks. The virus can be on your hands and you can spread it on surfaces and being in close contact. People need to be wearing masks 100% of the time while in public.
Broward	Recreation	Pools, water parks and sporting activities can open only pertaining to temp checks before admission. Retail can be opened with masks only. Restaurants, should only be allowed limited seating, temp Checks at the door before entering

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Palm Beach	Tourism	The original goal was to flatten the curve to prevent an overloading of the healthcare system - that has been accomplished. Our state thrives and exists because of the tourism industry - whether it is beaches, theme parks, golf courses etc and all of that and what it entails MUST be a priority. Communication is key, and it needs to be much better and not so overreaching. The Virus while not the flu, IS similar in that overall the vast majority of people do not experience severe symptoms and that needs to be communicated more clearly. Scaring the people does NOT WORK. Don't scare, just prepare. Masks are not the answer unless people are using them properly. A very public showing of proper hygiene, spreading out tables a bit more, more outdoor seating and encouraging people will work much better than a threat of do this or else. The lack of leadership in PB County has made most of us feel like prisoners in our own homes - relying on faulty models has cost so many so much. Some ideas ... Hand sanitizers mounted outside of each store, designated employees for sanitizing throughout the day. Restaurants opening are critical, much like salons that can be cleaned and sanitized between customers. More automated doors, more locations taking Apple Pay/Android pay. Temporarily no reusable bags. Whatever I can do to help I am happy to do so.
Miami-Dade	General	Hi , I live in Miami Dade county in Hialeah . I really think the we need to re opening the state soon but right now the cases of Covid -19 still increasing , if we re opening too soon we are going to have a second wave and our economy is going to be even worse , not talking about how many more deaths . THIS IS NOT ABOUT POLITICS THIS IS ABOUT PEOPLE THE GOVERNMENT HAVE TO PUT THE PEOPLE FIRST . We pay a lot of taxes where is the money when Floridians need it .In Hialeah a saw a lot of persons on public parking lots getting together with out protection .
Seminole	General	It is time to open per the federal phased guidelines.
Pasco	Government	It's time to reopen Florida. The economic impact is unacceptable. Floridians know what's going on and how to protect themselves and others. There are more people suffering from job loss than Covid-19. It's time to get back to work.

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Broward	Retail	Have a plan to spread out sick people in hospitals if hospitals start to be overwhelmed. We have more than enough space right now. Here in Broward their is no one at the hospital.i was there the other day. People are going to get this and it just is a matter of time. Educated people on it that is doesn't mean you are going to die. You may not get sick at all. This needs to be repeated over and over again. People are confused from the media and they that if they step outside of their house they may die. Reality is that if we don't get the state back open soon they will. We will start seeing hunger and violence. This is unacceptable governor. Use real facts. How come no one is checking up with the people who had it to see if they recovered. The number keeps going up because no one cares about people who have recovered. Open it back up. Every time I watch a update from the governor all people want to say is where is my money? Where is my unemployment? They aren't wanting to get back to work. All they are worried about is sitting at home collecting. The education of this pandemic is terrible. The news as well doesn't highlight any good and keeps digging deeper to make it worse. All the facts point to many things that you are more likely to die from. More people die from car accidents. Did you know more people have died from stress. We are going to end up hurting people in the long run if you don't open back up the state. Have people wear masks for a while till control is restored. That is all. Read the real statistics. Send them out to people. Come on don't ruin our economy and people's lives. People gonna end up committing spice and violence if you don't reopen back up everything. Do what is right and what makes sense with actual facts. Not what people are wanting because they are confused.

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Citrus	Education	I would please like to address state colleges. Our son is a grad student at FSU. We support him 100% financially. He has to live in an apartment in Tallahassee. We have to pay rent plus Tallahassee electric even when he is not there, which comes to over $100 per month for utilities due to sewer, garbage, and ambulance fees. He left his apartment Mar 10 to shelter at home with us in Citrus County. We still have to pay his lease until July and his utilities, even though he is not there. We had previously signed a lease for next year at $1250 per month plus utilities starting in August. If FSU does not return in August, it does not seem fair that we will have to pay for the Tallahassee apartment he won't be in. Can there be some legislature to address this scenario if students do not return for the fall semester? I worry about the economic effect on Tallahassee apartment complexes too. Also, I have an idea to phase in students returning to FSU if you are worried about the fall. Perhaps have just the grad students return for the beginning of the fall semester. Their class sizes are smaller, so social distancing would be easier, plus they live off campus not in the dorms. The grad students often are the instructors for courses. They could use classroom space to tape lectures and offer the online courses to undergrads so they could hopefully return mid semester or in January. Another idea would be for Florida students to return first with out of state then international students later. We did not receive any stimulus money for our 22 year old college son, and this worry about paying for his apartment if grad school is not a go for the fall is what keeps me awake at night. Please consider the points I have raised and that you for the platform to bring this up.
Pasco	General	Not at all a good idea to reopen anything until a vaccine is found. This so called "malaria treatment" should not be an excuse. Would you send someone into the core of a nuclear reactor without protection just because we can treat cancer? In fact there should be stricter quarantine policies. I live in a small town, am in fact part of the "essential workforce", yet ever since the "stay safer at home" went into effect, I have yet to see a drop in daily traffic. There's no way that many people in a small area are all essential workers, or doing that much supply shopping on a daily basis.
Hernando	General	Please reopen Florida for business. By all means have companies institute social distancing and cleaning procedures but we cannot stay locked up forever. The longer this lasts the worse it will be for our economy. The cure will be worse than the virus. Thank you!
Pinellas	General	I believe Florida should resume Life as soon as possible. If people want to stay home and deteriorate until there is a cure for the virus that's there choice. So be it.
Orange	General	There is no need to create a wheel. The good thing South Korea has already created the system to overcome global pandemic. All we need to do is copy their methods over. Sure, some may cry over limited freedoms, but we need to push it aside as freedoms mean nothing when hundred of thousands can die by end of 2020 if drastic methods are not implemented. Help your residents by guiding them through tough times.

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Orange	Tourism	There shouldn't have been any closure. There should have been guidelines to which a free people can choose to follow. Private businesses could have created their own policies for which free citizens could have made a choice in following, or not doing business. We need to open Florida without restrictions from the gov't only guidelines for those that want to follow. The models were incorrect, the data was missing, decisions was hastily made that has ruined many lives economically. There's antibody studies emerging that this is no worse than any other year's pandemic, and that the measures taken were too extreme. I have not followed any stay at home orders, and I will continue not to follow them out of protest of unjust infringements of my rights to be free without molestation from local state or federal gov't The people have a choice and we don't need a nanny state telling us what is safe for us.
Miami-Dade	Healthcare	As a healthcare worker, we are struggling to stay safe and care for the number of patients diagnosed with COVID19. Opening the state/county to early can be detrimental to many healthcare workers, first respondents, police officers, etc. Citizens, especially Floridians, are clearly not responsible enough to be out in public.
Hillsborough	Healthcare	Healthcare professionals are all saying it’s too soon to open and encouraging people to continue to stay home. Other places are opening up because it is beneficial for the economy, not because it is safe. Also, if the state does open I am not confident that people would take the necessary precautions to stay safe seeing that we are one of the top 10 states in the country with confirmed cases.
Orange	General	I feel like we have to move on.. The research is made to accommodate the agenda of the presenter. Stanford published a study that states infection rate is 50-85 times higher than reported which puts mortality rate at 1-100,000.

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Osceola	General	If Businesses provide hand wash/sanitize stations, and masks are required (No shirt, no shoes, no mask, no service). I don't see why we can't begin to reopen our economy. Restaurants might need to reduce capacity to allow 6ft spacing between tables, but as long as employees are wearing masks, and guests keep masks on until food arrives I would be comfortable going back to eat somewhere. The same holds true to our theme parks. Masks all the time, reduced ride capacity, markings within queue lines to designate six foot spacing. Increased sanitization of handrails and such in queues. All should be manageable. Large fireworks shows are problematic for some time, unless the parks reduce their capacity to match what the believe they can safely space out in their viewing areas. While some will not venture out, some will. The theme parks should be allowed to reopen, but continue to work with the State and the CDS to look at park capacities. Initially, profitability may be zero or low, but some income is better than zero income. Theme parks that reopen working with the state and CDC guidelines should also be protected from liability if someone gets sick. People need to take personal responsibility for their safety. Bring hand sanitizer and masks, and monitor proximity to other guests. The longer our economy remains closed the more damaging it will be in the long term. Before the parks can open, we need to see a definite decline or plateau in new cases/deaths. Any adjustments to capacities need to be done carefully, and perhaps a couple of weeks a part. My hope is that Disney and Universal would begin to put measure in place and bring cast/crew back to to work to test those measures before beginning to reopen to guests. the them parks/movie theaters and such may need virtual queuing to enter the park to manage the number of guests in line at screening check points. This is a complex logistics problem, that I have faith that the entertainment industry will be able to solve for. The industry adapted to 911, they will adapt to this until there is a better long term health solution in place.
Bay	Food	Need to restart b4 there is no work left no money to pay house payment bills never received my coronavirsa check because TurboTax how they make account then delete them the irs has no clue what your bank info is no government irs support
Hillsborough	General	Don’t be a tyrant. Let people go back to work. Individuals will decide voluntarily whether or not they’re ready to assume the risk of going back out into the world. Forcing them to stay home is unjust and goes against everything this country stands for. It’s a matter of time before protests start then riots follow. Protect the nursing homes, continue to update the public with new information, stock up on medical equipment, and encourage innovation to fight this and future pandemics. Have the courage to be a leader who says you believe in civil liberties and trust that individuals in this state will make the best decision for themselves and their families. It’s not the governments job to make choices for individuals; we are not property of the government.
Washington	General	Reopening the state will absolutely cause the numbers to spike up but I am of the personal opinion that the faster enough of us contract this virus the quicker it will have run its course. I say open the state for business but keep the hospitals limited for now and keep the nursing homes on lockdown until its ran through the rest of us.

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Marion	Information	I do not think it's safe to open Florida just yet please consider waiting until at least May 15th to reevaluate. I am a widow my son's only parent and I'm scared to catch COVID-19. I have been sheltering in place in my home since April 1st. I am not able to work from home so this decision has impacted me financially but I would rather be broke than dead. Thank you in advance.
St. Johns	Healthcare	Adult daughter suffering substance abuse and severe mental health issues. Local behavior health facilitie can't extend an appointment for 6 to 8 weeks. BCBS not willing to cover residential care.
Hillsborough	Professional Services	Governor, As a business consultant I have been fortunate that I have been able to continue my services, with an easy transition to a virtual function, and earn an income. Tens of thousands of others are not. Floridians care about each other and will not compromise the health of our community under any circumstances. I strongly urge you to reopen Florida's businesses and services for the sake of the thousands of Floridians living in a petrifying pergatory. Many of whom facing hunger, An inability to afford medical care for themselves and their children, and a wide range of mental stressors contributing to the fear, panic, and misery of this trying time. Be clear, concrete, and resolute in your guidances and allow the citizens of the Great Sunshine State to get back to work, play, and financial security. I wish you health and wellness as we all get through this together. Please stand to this call to leadership for which we elected you, and of which we trust you to be capable. Hillsborough Co. Resident, Ian Callander
Brevard	General	Disinfecting supplies and toilet paper need to be readily available before any return to work. Companies/agencies/organizations need to implement infection prevention procedures. Until a vaccine or proven and effective treatment is available, teleworking needs to be the recommended option if conducive to business type. Workplaces need to be redesigned for social distancing. Parents of young children need options to work from home, vary their hours, or receive emergency paid parental leave if daycare, after-school care, summer camps, etc. are not available.
Hernando	Retail	In Hernnado county, testing has been minimal. No one following social distancing. I work at Walmart and it public hangout number one. Too many people, too little control. We need a free drive thru testing here. Many of us retail workers do not feel like we're protected. Liquor stores open, grocery open, and people everywhere. Please keep it closed for a month more but be stricter on masks, capacity and testing. Here in our county no one taking this seriously

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Duval	Tourism	As a grandmother of 2 young boys and mother of an adult child who are vulnerable, my concern is opening attractions and beaches prematurely. There are those who refuse to follow social distancing. Even keeping them at home, there are adults who must go out for medicine, supplies, and work. There is an increased chance of exposure if the population has this entertainment to attend. Please carefully consider all options before decisions are made, and not the bottom line only. The economy will rebound in time. People may not.
Broward	Management	We need to begin open our state soon , right now people are panicking, we need to give back trust to the people locked down is hurting more then Corona virus , i believe when we begin doing test to everyone we will find out the many more people has been infected with the virus and the lock down didn't worked at all , and in fact this had damage our state far beyond repair, the beginning of the opening need to start now every where and make it the by the end of my every business is open again. Let's look at the same Science facts .
Broward	Real Estate	I have sold Real Estate for over 26 years and am self employed. My husband Is also self employed. His business is remodeling and renovating. We are out of business. We need to reopen on all levels. People have to know it is safe to let others into their homes. We have to be able to pay our bills and we can't. We didn't shut down our state of our country for the Flu or for Measles, or for Polio or for Chicken pox, or for H1N1, or for Polio, or for any other communicable disease! Common sense says we should reopen all businesses in order for businesses and people to survive.
Orange	General	Please wait one more month and please fix unemployment! My children and husband mean more to me then this economic screw up! Please help your unemployed Floridians and keep us home!
Seminole	General	Thank you for having a portal for residents to submit there thoughts. That said, the citizens of Florida have done their part to help flatten the curve and it is now time to wisely and slowly reopen the economy. There comes a point where we cannot afford to have people not working and no incomes for families. Additionally, for those who feel unsafe- they have the freedom to stay home.
Pasco	Management	Somehow Florida needs to open back up on some level. I understand the health concerns, but economy is a big concern. When ole omg back up, people have to have to take personal responsibility.Government can not be responsible for everyone, and those that do not feel comfort can stay in, but we can not survive without commerce. I would love to share more. Chad

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Martin	Retail	I work at a unique retail store that has closed some of it's stores and cut back staff at other locations. The Covid 19 virus is still out there across our state. If you start re-opening the stores then people from highly infected areas in the state will start coming to Martin County to do there shopping. If this happens then the outbreak here will explode. I take care of my elderly father who is at high risk due to age and underlying health issues. I can't imagine bringing the virus home and infecting him just to get paid $13.00/hr. We need to be smart about this and not rush into opening places that have a higher risk of infection due to shoppers/employees being in close contact. Please think of the potential for doing more harm than good! I know people that have died from the virus and also some that have gotten very sick from it. The state needs more time to heal before we start re-opening non essential stores.
Walton	General	We must keep short term rentals closed. I am a small business owner in a coastal Community, Santa Rosa Beach. Our cases of Covid-19 spiked during Spring break but subsided once the tourist left. Our economy, including my small business, relies on tourist dollars. However the health and wellbeing of my neighbors and family is not worth a couple of months income. I am familiar with economic hardships beyond my control. In the mid 80's I moved to Florida after the economy in Louisiana tanked due to oil prices. I learned to save for a rainy day, good lesson that has served me in many ways. Some people may be learning that lesson now. Our County Commissioners held an emergency meeting last week to open the beaches which will bring a flood of tourist from states with high numbers of Covid 19 cases. Most of the public commenting to open up rentals and beaches were out of state rental property owners. They do not live or vote in Florida. Follow the Federal guidelines. Do NOT open nonessential commerce until the cases are on the decline. We are still on the upswing and you are killing your constituents with a rush to make money. Follow Disney and Seaside's lead, watch what they are doing.
Pinellas	Healthcare	I pray that careful and knowledgeable consideration is being taken in regards to opening dental offices for routine care. It is not mandated at this time to wear N95 masks when treating patients. The aerosols that are produced when using our equipment, the proximity that we are at when treating patients and the proximity of other patients in different treatment rooms all needs to be in consideration. Knowing how fast and easily spread this virus is quiet frankly scares me to work in someone's mouth at this time! We are not in a safe enough state to go back for routine care at this time. So many times when we work saliva and debris will fly into our hair, hit our foreheads or even go over our glasses and hit our eyebrows or eyelids! Times that by 8-15 patients a day without the proper PPE. We are doomed to be exposed and spread this virus. Numerous reports put Dental professionals at an extremely high risk for exposure to this virus. PLEASE don't let this fall in deaf ears. Sincerely, Registered Dental Hygienist.

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Sumter	General	My Real Estate business here in The Villages has changed over the past month due to Covid-19 regulations. Virtual open houses instead of physical open houses, which is a big deal where I live. But the biggest change was the early departure of seasonal visitors and the cancellation of those that were coming in as I'm sure was the case throughout Florida. Although we have been living life a little more fully here than those in some other places, the lifestyle here is still much less than the norm. That being said, the health and safety of everyone is of utmost importance. For the most part, people here in The Villages who have other medical conditions that make them a higher risk for severe illness or death from Covid-19 are not going out. The rest of us are helping them with shopping, dog walking and any other needs they have, and can continue to do so until it is truly safe for them to get back to a routine life. I strongly feel that we have to open businesses like salons, barber shops, governmental offices, financial firms, services and associations (like RALSC Realtor Assoc.), retail, restaurants, really almost everything with certain restrictions in place, depending on the type of business they are and the manner in which they operate. The wearing of masks is an easy restriction to live with, as is the use of gloves, if people are properly washing or disposing of used items. Keeping surrounding areas sanitized is a difficult taks, but wearing masks and gloves will help to keep people safe. I know restaurant owners in another state that are feeling a terrible impact, which I'm sure many here feel as well. That field may be one of the more difficult ones to open in a manner that is safe for both workers and patrons, but it really has to be done soon before these restaurants reach a point where they can"t recover from this. We need to open in a limited fashion, places of worship, entertainment and sports areans, with less occupancy allowed for the time being. These events can be supplemented with free streaming services from places of worship and with pay per view options for entertainment and sports. I do think that we should continue with virtual communication in addition to or instead of physical meetings whenever possible for business meetings, seminars, educational classes including public and private school through grade 12 (through end of school year) and medical visits that don't require actual physical interaction with the doctor. Medicare and the V.A. have already approved virtual
Hillsborough	Recreation	please open state parks and forests to day use on May 1. camping can be at later time..need public lands to get outside in the sunshine
Pinellas	Professional Services	Hello, I currently work in an upscale salon and spa in Wesley Chapel. As a professional nail technician, i would highly suggest that both technicians and clients wear masks and technicians also wear gloves. Also the idea of having a plexiglass barrier with slots for clients arms/hands. Before the stay home order the salon staggered appointments so that we didn't have alot of clients in the salon at once. Also we already did deep cleaning, we wore masks and gloves. I do have lots of ideas that could work for alot of the industries. Thanks.
Brevard	General	Please DO NOT lift the shelter in place orders until the CDC or other scientific organizations say it is safe. It is too soon. Please pay out unemployment to those economically affected, and support expanding federal relief programs.

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Palm Beach	Healthcare	The Governor's rush to reopen Florida during this healthcare crisis is irresponsible and dangerous. With over 30,000 cases and over 1000 deaths we are obviously not in any way prepared to handle this problem and reopening the state before the disease even peaks is reckless and will undoubtedly cause more cases, leading to more deaths. Do something about actually helping people that need the help but carelessly reopening is going to hurt far more than it helps.
Orange	Management	Both anti-body and infection tests MUST be readily available to EVERYONE before FL reopens so that people have the information needed to make appropriate decisions about being around others. I am a 60 year old female with asthma and continued weakness who tried and failed to get an appointment for a test at Blanchard Park. Given that awful experience and articles I've read about ER visiting Floridians being turned down for testing, it seems like the government is managing infection numbers by controlling how many and who gets tested. Until the numbers are REAL and people are able to determine the state of their own health, the state should remain closed
Pinellas	General	I think an extension would be good. We have come to far to go backwards now. I work in healthcare and I see the cases slowing but not enough to put the public back in the public
Pinellas	General	While I do understand the importance of opening up there needs to be strict guidelines that are monitored. Yes people need to get back to work but at what cost. I feel leaving Florida closed for a little longer say the middle of May wil give more time. Businesses need time to prepare properly. Opening beaches and parks will bring people out in millions. I think travel should be banned at least till July and then only in the states. No one belongs traveling out of country. People should wear masks when out, and summer camps need to cancel field trips and have children stay at the camp.
Broward	General	No matter when the state opens the virus will still be there. However I do feel like if you had arrangements made for any strip hotel stay or whatever that they should accommodate you for that loss that was made because it was at no fault of anyone's that this happened.
Hillsborough	Tourism	I am employed as a Travel Agent by AAA Travel. Our Travel industry is going to take a long while to come back. In the meantime, I believe you definitely need to open certain businesses slowly. People have been confined to their homes and as soon as you open the gates, its going to be like a wildfire. I believe the elective surgeries should come first, then public parks, restaurants with strict guidelines as to how many people can be inside at a time. You almost have to treat this as if youre letting your child Out of the house from being grounded. Have to monitor how people are going to behave first. The last thing we need is this Virus to come back with a vengeance.

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Volusia	Government	Cases are still on the rise and opening this soon will most likely start another surge .. Most of the people i have spoken to are very scared and think its unsafe to reopen this soon ... THERE MUST BE AT LEAST 14 CONSECUTIVE DAYS WITH A LOWER NUMBER OF POSITIVE CASES AND APRIL 23 WE HAD A HIGH OF OVER 1000 CASES IN FLORIDA ,.. WHAT DOES THAT TELL YOU? THIS VIRUS IS STILL OUT THERE WAITING TO SURGE AGAIN IF YOU LET PEOPLE OUT ...Volusia and flagler counties continue to have more cases each day out peak is comming
Lake	General	I'll be the first to say that I didn't want my husband to be out of work. He's the bread winner of the family and was furloughed from both jobs. However, I maintain that I want to hear from health officials on the re-opening of the state. I'm not a doctor or a health professional but it stands to reason that since herd immunity can't happen unless millions more are infected or a vaccine is available, we will just end up having to close the country again. I've read a new study about the younger people who are asymptomatic are having major strokes but testing positive for covid-19. This thing is scary. Remember, you are hearing from a mom of 2 who has a husband who lost 90% of income, can't get through the unemployment system (aka no income), and wants her husband to go back to work...but not so soon. Not without an effective course of treatment.
Orange	Real Estate	All of the information people depended on, leading to the shut down of our economy, is false. The models were all wrong. The death numbers wrong and manipulated (ie labeling deaths as covid19 even when they weren't tested). Ron DeSantis needs to lead the charge, be bold, and open this economy in Florida full throttle. There is no need to pussy foot around as, day by day, businesses are dying and not coming back. Open the state without qualifiers.
Brevard	General	Florida's stay at home order should rescinded, including outdoor parks, beaches, and hiking trails. Those that are vulnerable need to stay home and be protected while the general population needs to get back to life and business. Our immune systems and our community will benefit from those who can be immune becoming immune as well as getting fresh air, exercise, and access to the oceans. The collateral damage from these shutdowns is going to be greater than the benefits at this point. Not only are we keeping children at home on computers more rather than outside, but we are seeing an increase in drug related issues and abuse which have lasting consequences as well. That is without even mentioning the people who can't work, pay their bills, and feed themselves because of the shutdowns. I am fully aware of the reasons for why we are doing this, but we are throwing the baby out with the bathwater so to speak. We are trying to solve one problem by creating many more. The reports coming from hospitals saying that the heart attack and stroke patients that would usually come in have all disappeared and the assumption is because of fear of contracting corona-virus, are these people dying in their homes? I understand there are counties with much worse situations than mine and in that case let's look at opening county by county, but these blanket orders are causing widespread collateral damage in order to solve shortages in small, specific areas of the state and country.

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Broward	General	The number of Floridians who have lost jobs is astronomical. These jobs are not coming back. The delay in reopening the economy has placed the welfare of the elderly and immunocompromised above the welfare of families. Parents are no longer able to pay their mortgage, money for food is running out. I read a statistic that for every person who died, over 500 people lost their jobs. This is unacceptable. We must reopen our economy immediately. People who are scared, sick or vulnerable can still remain in quarantine until they feel safe but the remaining residents should be able to open their small businesses, go back to work and begin the Herculean task of rebuilding. Additionally, any measures that people want to take to protect themselves, masks or vaccines, must remain voluntary. Americans have the right to decline medical procedures that have risk. Vaccines cannot ne the exception. Masks have been shown to increase respiratory problems and most people are not wearing them correctly anyways. Further, making masks mandatory increase fear. With the mortality rate declining everyday, the fear should be directed at the possibility of increased suicides, children left without parents and not for a virus that is killing less than 1% of our country with an average age of 80.
Pasco	Tourism	I am asking for two things. One is open up community pools. I need to swim again. Swimming laps is a safe way to get exercise. Also it would be nice to go to a theme park again My vote is start opening
Pinellas	Management	Do not feel there is enough testing being done or even available to establish baselines for thoughts of reopening the state. There are nursing homes, ALFs, prisons that need testing, help with staffing to insure those folks safety. Feel the state needs to be more open about deaths and concerns about these folks and facilities. No the state is NOT ready to open up without endangering more deaths.
Santa Rosa	General	Open up small business in places that are not impacted as much as other areas. We had one but because of this we lost it entirely when the money for loans etc. ran out.. Healthcare can still be kept as it is now but on a scale to which area it is located. Might as well keep schools closed but will children have to renter the same grade? Tourism has suffered and places should be open to help get the economy going again. Florida is a Tourist state. Agriculture needs to already be going, the virus has nothing to do with growing food that i know of. If you look at it logically it all goes hand in hand together.
Pinellas	General	Let's get the ball rolling! We cannot let our economy go further into the abyss! Open everything up now!

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Broward	Recreation	Hello, I believe it is in parent you open beach and boat ramps up, there is absolutely no reason for the boat ramps to be shut down that is very un American and it pisses a lot of people off. I am not a rocket surgeon but the fact I've lived in Florida all my life allows me to know that wind coming off of the ocean is much cleaner than anything in the city therefore the beach is a very safe place and it's very very frustrating, I live in America and if I want to go to the goddamn beach I should be allowed to this is absolutely ridiculous open the GD state back up all this BS needs to end I feel as if I'm living in a communist country. There was a mother with her baby in a park in East Fort Lauderdale sitting on the grass in a police officer over his microphone yelled at her" to get out of the park or face arrest" Disgusting. Governor I think you're doing an excellent job and please try to open us back up it is killing everybody monetarily wise, I don't want handouts I just wanna work and be able to come and go like an American is supposed to be able to without harassment, all Publix is were out of meat and I can't even go catch fish due to not being allowed on the beach!! Shameful I know sheriff is only doing job but do you give somebody to much power and a lot of negative people take that as they can do whatever they want so sheriffs and police are taking advantage as well by harassing people that are trying to get exercise or just walking to GD Park which they cannot do. Shameful I know sheriff is only doing job but do you give somebody too much power and a lot of negative people take that as they can do whatever they want so sheriffs and police are taking advantage as well by harassing people that are trying to get exercise or just walking to GD park which they cannot do. HopefullyThis will come to an end shortly but it has dire consequences as to the public relying on the government,Which the Democrats obviously want everybody to do so they can look like the good guys
Osceola	Real Estate	I think its time to start reopening in the phases. We're supposedly ahead of the curve ,& this financial burden closing the state needs to end. Ppl are out of money, unemployment is taking too long to process because of the number of ppl applying. Smsll businesses are being denied their insurance claims. I am a state licensed public insurance adjuster & I am helping snsml businesses with their civil authority curfew claims & the insurance companies are changing the perils to deny coverage. We'll gladly talk to someone about this. These businesses need to pay their bills & their landlords are not working with them. In fact many of them were unable to get funding & their landlords are saying pay or we're evicting you. The landlords have expense too& those expenses haven't stopped because of the pandemic. How many more cases of child abuse are occurring because of the state being shutdown & the stress? How much has our murder-suicide & suicide deaths increased because of the sttess? Start opening up & apply guidelines. Ppl are suffering. Start antibody testing to get numbers of projected cases so we can move forward.

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Hillsborough	General	it should continue to be stressed to all medium and large companies that all employees that can work remotely continue to do so for as long as possible to continue to promote social distancing. While the current trajectory of the 'curve' is low, an extended work from home mentality will continue to help immensley.
Pinellas	General	I think we can open is slow and safe. However we need our supplies like Clorox wipes, hand sanitizers, mask and assurance extra sanitizing will be happening in open areas. I have a 70 year old husband who has had 4 open heart surgeries I'm scared for him! We can't find supplies when we go even during senior hours!!! We must do this right the first time. Protect us and please lean on these manufacturing of supplies to step up. Sincerely Deborah kennedy
Santa Rosa	Tourism	I'm concerned about tourists coming in from states that opened without following federal government phased guidelines, such as Georgia, South Carolina, and Oklahoma. We can't afford to be myopic or short sighted about the harm that premature "normalcy" could cause. We need to pay attention to science and the experts and forgo the temptation to listen to those who are using an emotional response to a crisis as their basis to make decisions. We need testing. I have been waiting for a call back from our community health line for almost a week. I've had zero response from an overwhelmed system. We need testing before a reopening plan evolves.
Pinellas	Healthcare	Florida's elected officials need to take the danger posed by the COVID-19 pandemic seriously and NOT prematurely re-open the state.
Bay	General	Please open the State under the Phasing recommendations from the President. While I believe we need to get back up and running, I believe we must use common sense and make sure we are responsible and deliberate about the process. We must use care not to put lives at risk in this arduous task by moving to soon to get back to normal. Sincerely, Lorrie Buschmeyer
Marion	General	We have a family of 10 3 different families living under one roof. 2 with disabilities 4 children under 7 and myself and my daughter who is 18 a senior. All the adults lost their jobs back in March. Mom of 4 was denied unemployment why? Who knows can't get through to ask. My sister and brother in law who is a triple amputee (and was supposed to have brain surgery on the day of the lock down). Neither one of them has gotten their stimulus money Why? I myself have not gotten unemployment either. I got my stimulus but because my daughter is 18 but a senior who I claimed I didn't get the 500. We can't do or go anywhere because we r broke. We are having plumbing problems and can't bath or do dishes can't even go get tested. This all is ridiculous stop saying we r working on it. Pay the claims and deal with the rest later. We r hungry We r aggravated We need to buy essentials Please help Sandra Yeager

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Lake	Food	Allow restraunts and cafes to have more spread out seating by using outdoor space like lawns, sidewalks, parking lot areas. This would help keep safer distances between tables.
Hillsborough	General	Don't open yet. Increase testing first and than you need to start and extend antibody testing as well. Then we could consider reopening slowly. Some business may have to change their way of business until we get through this.
Palm Beach	Education	Every Florida Class of 2020 student deserves an in-person graduation. Please direct every county - including Palm Beach County - to schedule in-person ceremonies for graduates. Parents and students are having no say in the decisions that Superintendents are making. They can not make the decision for hundreds for students and their families. Schedule in-person graduations for later this summer!!!!!
Pasco	Recreation	OPEN FLORIDA
Escambia	General	I am a Floridian who is concerned we will open things too early. I am currently furloughed and my husband is not. I would love to get back to work, just not at the cost of my life or others. I have been listening to what scientists are saying, and am afraid if we open things too soon then we will just be back to where we are closed down again. Living in Escambia county and my husband working in Santa Rosa, I have not seen a great difference in the amount of people out and about during this stay at home order, and this concerns me. Just wanted to give my opinion, and I hope you do what is best for everyone in the state, and not a select few. Thank you.
Duval	General	I understand that everyone wants to get back to Normal, but I doubt if the Country let alone the State will be back to Normal. I understand that people want to get back to work. But what happens with the kids that will be home alone and are doing school work from home and parents have to help them, Why are people so in a hurry to sit down in a restaurant to eat a Burger or Chicken when you can bet they won't be cleaning the way they'll be doing once their open for a minute and germs are still being spreaded. It is way too soon being a Cancer patient it scares me to even go to my appointments & store because I'm afraid. I think this state needs at least another 30 days to June 1st or at least until kids or out of school, parents with school aged kids some cant afford daycare especially if they have more than 1. People are still contracting it and more Testing needs to be done, Open back up for those to go out and be subject to bringing it back to their families and make matters worse again. I day NO
Pasco	General	Hello Iam writing in regards to the reopen Florida ideas . I think we need to educate the owners first. Every different business well have different needs and guidance. Educate .1st Next give them the tools they will need .Temputure readers, gloves , mask. And of course a gradual opening . Thanks Greg Jackman

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Pinellas	General	Please open Florida back up. We want to get back to work and pay our bills. We can't let this virus rule our lives. Let the Elderly and the ill stay at home if they must. Hard working Americans want to work.
Hillsborough	General	We are ready to reopen Florida's economy. People are hurting financially. Common sense guidelines to keep social distancing are what is needed. Publish those guidelines for each industry to give people confidence. We have been doing what is needed to grocery shop. We can do this. The state is prepared. Keep testing but please put people back to work!!!
Hillsborough	Management	What mandate does this group have to follow medical professionals guidance and which medical professionals are involved? As no one on this list has any background in epidemiology and public health expertise is limited. What access to state medical resources does this group have, where is that informationbeing made public? How is the safety of the public being placed ahead of the clearly politically driven information Gov Desantis has been repeating and relying on.
Hernando	General	Please consider how devastating it would be for a small business to reopen now, have the virus spike, and have to close back down. Almost all businesses are going to have to expend capital to reopen. If they have to close back down , losing that investment could be the final straw for many. We are making progress against the virus, but we have not won yet. 2000 more Americans died yesterday. Wait a couple more weeks and those numbers will become negligible. Only then will it be safe to reopen. Thank you for your consideration.
Okaloosa	General	I think start with your retail stores.This will allow people to go out and do something a little different while being able to somewhat control the social distancing and getting the economy started as well as maybe save some businesses. Once we see how this is working with the number of new cases (while enhancing our testing) start with eateries based off their occupancy numbers. Limit it to 25%, then 50% etc while watching the numbers. As this increases, look at elective type medical (dental, elective surgeries) to begin to come on line. Just my thought but most likely has holes that others may find which is why having several eyes watching and inputting will help us get online with hopefully no resurgence.
Walton	Tourism	As an owner and resident of Florida and someone who owns property for beach rentals. I think it's only right that the state does NOT open up statewide rentals until at least June 1 . Then make a decision depending on new cases and the activity of the virus. It would make safe sense to gradually open the state to residence only and we must be very strict on that anyone crossing state lines should go into mandatory quarantine thank you.
Broward	Professional Services	Specifically beauty & nail salons. Would like to know when we can open & guidelines in which to do so. Would prefer not to open until the medical & scientific experts tell us it is safe.

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Broward	Technology	Hi, As part of the process for Florida to reopen, I feel places that conduct IT services such as data centers should be re opened. These places are essential as they provide the backbone for major companies. For example, the Autonation headquarters in downtown Ft Lauderdale has been closed since lock down has been initiated. Allowing at least some of these individuals to go back to work can help keep the technological operations of the company up and running which can provide overall benefits to customers and dealerships across the United States. -In general, I feel IT departments across the state in al companies should be allowed to go back to work under strict guidelines until the pandemic subsides.
Volusia	General	I feel that if masks are mandated for everyone to wear and with mandated social distancing opening up all our daily activities and business operations its an acceptable level of risk as a resident I'm willing to assume.
Martin	Recreation	Please open all beaches with guidelines for social distancing, if neccessary. Pickleball courts should also be open for doubles play at least for people within the same household. Open stores while requiring all to wear a mask & social distance. Hand sanitizer should be available at each store. People who are at risk should be given extra help to remain at home, if they wish. Thank you!
Brevard	General	Kudos to the Governor of Georgia for opening his state when other governors have failed to take the lead.
Volusia	General	Governor Desantis, I implore you to hold off on reopening the State of Florida's economy until our country's expert medical officials say it is safe to do so. This virus is killing people regardless of age or current health status. Over 50,000 American lives have been lost already. We should not put even one more life at risk. To sacrifice Americans for the sake of money is greed at its worst and most evil. Please, do not reopen our great state without the ensured security of your citizens' safety from medical experts with experience and integrity. Thank you.
Sarasota	General	Dear sir I have been out of work since March 17, we all go in grocery stores home depot etc we can catch it there more than we can at bars , restraunts, there are about 100 of my friends who are bartenders but we all have families to support, I personally have four children We understand that covid is dangerous but so is the flu, the swine flu, h1n1 so we don't close everything down so we all lose our houses cars etc please help us we have done what you have asked but we can go on much longer. April 30th the stay at home order is up can you please let us get back to being normal Americans Thank you for your time Please help us and open the state Give us the chance to show you we can wash our hands wear mask dont tell us we can't do it and leave us shut down.

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Polk	Technology	The state needs to be re-opened, without delay or any compromises. The majority of the public continues to be allowed to do close-quarters shopping, with 6 foot distance. However, it is said the coronavirus can be spread as far as 27' away. The masks people are wearing do not prevent the spread of coronavirus - from nor to the wearer. The flu season of 2018-19 killed more people in the US than who have died from covid-19 *GLOBALLY* - These are all proven facts. Our civil rights are being trampled due to a state of emergency which never should have existed, and is the ultimate ends of the abuse of these powers. This coronavirus has been nothing but a tool by the politically corrupt to further their agendas. This outbreak is nowhere near as severe as our yearly flu seasons. I'm not saying this virus is no big deal at all, but it most certainly has been blown way out of proportion, especially when compared to the influenza. My statements are based on publish scientific data, the CDC statistics for the 2018-19 flu season, and worldometer's coronavirus tracker. The stay at home order is unconstitutional (now that the state of emergency has been proven to be invoked improperly) The State and all counties in the State of Florida should be ordered to revoke all laws and orders given to suppress civil liberties.
Polk	Technology	It's past time to open. Killing the economy will be seen as not worth it once the dust settles and real numbers are out.
Sarasota	General	Don’t open up the state till everyone gets tested! We have to much tourist influence that could set us back to the beginning! Let’s not make a mistake that could really hurt our state!
Manatee	Healthcare	Mandated PPE for DENTAL HYGIENISTS. There are not mandates for PPE only recommendations from OSHA and the CDC. Hygienists are constantly overlooked or lumped in with dentists. We create a massive amount of aerosols in the process of completing the procedures required of us. We must depend on the judgements of our employers as to what PPE they feel is necessary. DENTAL HYGIENISTS NEED OUR OWN VOICE AND SHOULD NOT CONTINUALLY BE LUMPED IN WITH DENTISTS.
Lee	Government	My opinion is reopen Florida now. Obese and the elderly should not influence whether we can leave our homes. The hospitals, doctors offices are empty. People need to have elective surgeries that have delayed them. We need to go back to work and back to our lives. Please let Floridians reopen our state now. Thank you.
Orange	General	Its time to open our economy enough is enough Floridian's businesses are important too the virus is on the downward turn we have to get back to work its time.
Lee	General	Good Afternoon, I think it would be great to open the parks , but with no congregating . Walking ,jogging, and biking. Restaurants with proper spacing and the staff should wear mask and gloves.

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Pinellas	Healthcare	As a nurse I do not agree with opening the state so soon. One of the reasons our numbers are flattening out is due to the stay at home order. Open the state and watch the numbers skyrocket. I feel opening the state is placing money over lives. I get it people need money and need to work but at what cost?
Pasco	Construction	Under Department of AG, pest control is likely to already have in place the equipment to sanitize andisenfect public spaces. Has there been talk of waiving non-compete agreements for employees of those companies who have forced people from the bbn industry? Also, Is there any talk of suspension of non compete agreements during this pandemic as it could cause a hindering to the recovery efforts and/or cause undue hardship on the unemployment sector. It seems only fair that an ex employee should be able to find a job in their industry rather than the State to bear the burden of retraining.
Citrus	General	First I have to say that that Quinnipiac poll must be flawed, as they have in the past, because I haven't talked to a single person that feels the way they claim so many people do about re-opening Florida. Everyone I've spoken with knows they have to be more careful, much more careful, then they were in the past. And they also believe things can start to open now with a little thought and responsibility on everyone's part. I have a very close friend with a restaurant who is hurting really bad. She can stay afloat if thing could only go back to as it was in the beginning days of the virus. She stopped selling alcohol and divided her seating so there was large spaces between guests and it was enough to keep employees on the payrolls and at least break even. Take-out doesn't pay the bills or keep people employed as she had to cut the personnel to four employees. Each and everyone of us has an expiration date. Some protections are good and maybe required. Unlike politicians and entertainment stars, my hair needs cutting badly. Funny how their hair doesn't grow in a month or more. Let us be responsible adults and allow us to get back to living and working within limited guidelines. Please.
Lee	Government	In support of REOPENING Florida ASAP
Seminole	Food	We need to open up everything now there is no reason to delay any more. There is such a small number of deaths compared to population this is so overblown. Please let's open everything up now.
Seminole	Recreation	Please open. Those will stay home that choose too. I'm sure this will be around for months. If those who are sick just need to stay home. It's that simple
Orange	Tourism	Open theme parks by June, make sure Halloween Horror Nights still happens. Ok with 6 foot rule in lines, but don't take away our alcohol and food stands.
Brevard	Healthcare	Reopen the state. I am a nurse, work in healthcare and we have diseases that kill and hurt far more people. People need access to medical care, ways to provide income and minimize risks to mental health exacerbation. It's time.
Miami-Dade	Education	Miami dade schools are set to open on August 24th. It would help to start right after Labor Day so that teachers have ample time to set up classrooms and plan for the year. It also gives time for the virus to Hopefully be eliminated by that time

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Polk	General	Too early to open People do not follow social Distancing now. So they won't follow it later. I have not been exposed and do not want to when it reopens. Don't want a 2nd round of this and it will happen. I want to Get back to work sooner then later. I lost my job due to this virus. And can't find work yet. Reopening too soon will affect me again later with a 2nd round of the virus.
Pinellas	General	I'm concerned about the farming industry and wasting less produce. I hate to read about letting all those vegetables and fruits being left to rot while there are so many hungry. Offer up limited access to locals with pick up trucks who can then get the produce to the masses at a low cost or for free . Florida has so much great produce and we should take care of Floridians. I also would like the state to mandate use of masks and eye protection once we get things reopen. We need to learn from history that people are basic foolish and will revert to old ways which will cause a bigger problem than we had previously. I dear a huge second wave if we leave it in the hands of the people.
Volusia	General	I feel like the medical professionals are still saying it's not safe to reopen which brings up 2 concerns. The first is in regards to massage therapy. LMTs are in a position where they do not know when they would be safe to practice again. They should not be allowed to until phase 3 to keep up with social distancing guidelines and they need it in an order so they dont lose their jobs. That brings up my second concern. If these people practice or social distancing and the safer at home order is lifted too soon how do we know there wont be a devastating 2nd wave? I believe we should stay closed until June at the very least. We have an older population and many people with weak immune systems. I choose life over money. Please extend the safer at home order and place a clear order for massage therapists to not rub until phase 3. Thank you.
Marion	Food	since no one in the restaurant business has been able to recieve their unemployment checks they need to open back up. my daughter goes to the website to claim her money and it kicks her off.
Marion	General	1st, I say wait 2 weeks and see how the numbers move in Georgia. 2, the second you open up beaches, parks, hotels, watch the tourists come in and then watch our numbers go up. I live on top of The Villages and find this would be a very dangerous area to open up. 1/2 the people here refuse to see this virus as a threat. Open up the Villages and see the numbers GO UP !! If you make this area any more dangerous than it is already, I will need to seriously think about moving my elderly parent back up north.

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Broward	Education	I think we can safely reopen public schools next year with some new policies put in place.. Perhaps children do not attend 5days a week but rotate every other day or so with 1/2 or 1/3 of the class attending each day and using distance learning for the times they are not at school. This would be especially important for families to get back to work but also for young children to actually participate in lessons and learn strategies to use at home independently during times they are not at school. Distance learning for kindergarten, using the computer for the majority of instruction, is not developmentally appropriate.
Polk	General	I feel the we should not reopen yet. It is still too soon, especially with new reports that, previously infected with COVID - 19, does not make you immune to reinfection. Florida does rely on tourism, as our biggest employers have thousand of employees not mention, the millions tourist from all over the world, each year. Which would increase our chances of starting another wave of COVID - 19 world wide. We need to listen to the science AND how other countries have been able to flatten the curve before profit. I do miss my job and the people I work with, but the health of my family and friends are most important to me.
Lee	General	So many people are hurting from this shutdown. Way more than those who have been affected by Covid 19. This shutdown should have never happened. The unemployment system has been inaccessible and people are not making anything at all. This is killing small businesses. The numbers aren't there to support the closures. Open us back up!
Miami-Dade	Wholesale	We should continue as is until there is alot more testing, antibody testing on a mass scale. Social distancing should remain in place until there is a vaccine.
Brevard	Professional Services	Lift quarantine. Open schools. Remove all covid-19 restrictions.
Pinellas	General	I do not agree with a decision to reopen our state at this time. I am a business owner, and am impacted financially. However, keeping my family safe and healthy far outweighs any reduced income that I may be able to bring in at this time. I have a high risk household, caring for an elderly father with congestive heart failure, hypertension, and diabetes. The last thing our community needs is any influx of tourists coming to our area, potentially increasing our risk and case numbers. Please give our state more time to heal and flatten the curve. We are not ready!!
Pinellas	Healthcare	Please implement the proven measures to control an epidemic before a general reopening: (1) universal testing for anyone upon request with or without symptoms; (2) readily available masks, mandatory face mask use in public places where social distancing cannot be assured; (3) contact tracing; (4) Available surge capacity of PPE and clinical treatment facilities to deal with local outbreaks; (5) continuously and transparently update the public on case experience and the above measures.
Lee	Recreation	Would love the gyms and parks open.
Orange	General	Open Florida back up please! Open parks, businesses, beaches. Open it all up! Still recommend that those who are immunocompromised stay home, but let the healthy Floridians get back to work and back to life as usual. The hospitals have had plenty of time to get prepared. Let get that natural herd immunity on the rise.

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Marion	Healthcare	Are there medical professionals on the committee to open up Florida?
Lee	General	In order to reopen and help residents feel safer, wearing masks in public in counties that have high COV-19 numbers should be mandatory. If people don't feel safe, they will continue to stay home which will not help businesses get back to some type of normal. Florida has a high number of seniors. How can they and the people around them ensure that they have not been exposed when going out in public again? Given what our nation has been through, wearing a mask is a small thing to ask people. Especially with the threat of numbers increasing if stay at home orders aren't eased correctly.
Orange	General	Dear Governor DeSantis, This is not an easy time to be Governor and I'm confident you are doing your best to balance the health and safety of your citizens with the very harsh economic impact of COVID-19. Please add Agriculture and Consumer Services Nikki Fried to your Re-Open Florida Task Force because she was duly elected by the people of Florida. So many of us feel so powerless right now it would help to know that our vote did count. Hearing opposition forces only makes a person stronger. When making your decision to reopen Florida please consider MEDS:: What the Medical profession recommends, , what the Epidemiologist s are saying, analyzing the Data and looking at the Science. Thank you.
Duval	General	I am of the age and group with under lying conditions. All I hear is keep the most vulnerable isolated and everyone else go on with life. Doesn't seem fair I feel punished. I understand that we need to get back to work but I worry that things will be relaxed within days of opening and not being taken seriously. I can't stay in my home forever and hope others follow guidelines. Please enforce mask wearing and testing for everyone so I can at least have some what of a life as well.
Orange	Tourism	For Orlando, announce both Walt Disney World and Universal theme parks will open June 1. Offer 40% discount for each park; advertise that non-invasive thermal temps will be taken and if over virus limit, access will be denied. Getting theme parks open is key to getting hotels' up and running, for restaurants, rental cars, airlines etc. The key is get theme parks up and running, and that creates the Engine that pulls all the other cars, using train analogy. If we don't do this, Orlando will look like the depression of 1930's. Get Disney and Universal to each agree on reopening promotions to encourage attendance. We can do this !!
Broward	Professional Services	Reopen real estate, restaurants/bars where seating is outside largely and inside far apart, hotels and all office buildings where folks can't work remotely
Miami-Dade	General	Prefer if our state's government waits to see what the new cases and hospitalizations numbers are by May 1. If # are on an increase, even slight, we should wait to open. Concerned that the opening of beaches, may create higher #'s again. People from across the state are flocking to those opened places. Also others, even here in Dade County, have automatically relaxed their recommended sanitary procedures. Thanks for opportunity to express my opinion.

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Hillsborough	General	Thank you for asking. The small business community is in need of the community to re-open for the economic impact as early as possible (safely). With that said, health and safety is number one. Please, please make sure there is one set of clear set of requirements, expectations, rules/laws, guidelines, best practices shared (working in our new normal). Federal, State, AND County governments along with community partners need to have one untied message when the time comes to open up to the public again.
Pasco	Tourism	If we can shop in Wal-Mart, we should be able to camp! Open the state parks, we don't care if the bathrooms stay closed ... Let us camp! Now is the best timr of the year for Floridians to camp. It is after snowbird season and before "real" summer heat arrives. You can't fix stupid, some Floridians, will still congregate, but most will maintain their social distancing.
Hillsborough	Recreation	Allow re-opening of state parks for fitness only. Keep pavilions closed. Recommend that county and city parks can make their own decisions on park openings. Recommend that everyone use masks if possible in public. Have park rangers enforce rules at their own discretion. Thank you for the opportunity to make suggestions.
Duval	General	It's time to start opening up business and it can be done safely.
Martin	Healthcare	Do not re open FLORIDA until covid is gone!
Pinellas	Tourism	If the state is to open, it should open counties to county residents only first. Inviting in state or out of state tourism will only make distancing impossible. Allowing tourism will put all Florida residents and the populations of tourists home states at risk.
Washington	Professional Services	I am a small business owner! We should reopen and use common sense on keeping people safe. The Florida panhandle should be allowed to reopen we have low numbers of infections anyway.
Brevard	Healthcare	do not risk lives to rush re opening the state before we meet the federal guideines
Pinellas	General	As long as Florida is still having more cases every day it is too soon to open the state. When we see a decrease and a tibody tests are available, then yes. People wouldn't be so hot to reopen if they were getting their unemployment and if there was a rent/mortgage moratorium.
Orange	General	It is my belief that our state should reopen as soon as possible, especially given the findings of the Stanford Antibodies study. Building herd immunity is far more important to breaking the power of the virus than the hope that it will die out as we lock everything down. We need the young and healthy building these antibodies, and with a blanket shutdown, this is not possible.
Osceola	Food	Even thought we all feel the necessity to go back to our routines we should wait more before we open. While there still people getting sick and the number of cases of people dying still increasing in the state we should all continue at home to avoid to the max any type of exposure to the sickness. Thanks and stay safe.

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Brevard	General	A few things of importance to me in re-opening would be continued social distancing, including masks in public places; no large gatherings until phase 4 is defined. Also, there has been great confusion regarding beaches, particularly in Brevard County. Public parking is closed, but are the beaches open? Brevard County and Palm Bay has been the least communicative and least helpful during this pandemic. There were disagreements between the county council and mayors opening and shutting the beaches. Help us out. Also, when the bars with restaurants open, such as Meg O'Malleys in Melbourne, will there be repercussions for those that choose to allow large gatherings such as what Meg O'Malleys did on St Patrick's Day? It would be costly to re-open too quickly and have to shut down again in a month. Thank you for your time.
Duval	General	Open business back up using guidelines such as wearing face mask, limiting occupancy, and social distancing, Also make realistic guidelines for outdoor events.
Santa Rosa	General	Open with safe measures in place! Let's get back to business in the panhandle!!
Polk	Food	Restaurants should be allowed to open immediately allowing them to seat 60% Capacity. Resorts should be able to reopen and practice social distancing! We need Florida back open immediately. This lockdown is outrageous government over reach
Miami-Dade	Education	Regarding re-opening Florida, It would be very beneficial to require everyone to wear a mask outside the home, to include children above a certain age. Parents should be discouraged from taking small children into retail establishments. Since a lot of the Covid 19 virus is spread asymptomaticaly, by having everyone wearing mask would keep those with no symptoms from spreading to others. This has worked very well in places where implemented, such as the Chec Republic, South Korea, etc. Obviously common sense exceptions should be made for places like restaurants, beaches, etc. This is the one thing you can do to protect people and allow the state to open.
Hillsborough	General	I believe that Florida should NOT reopen, right now. Our cases are rising every few days and then they come back down. I have several friends in the medical community, and they are also wanting for it to not reopen right now. It's been a very scary and trying time for them. I also have several friends that have lost friends and family members from covid-19. When I am out in public I see how careless people are. Lots of them cough and sneeze in the vicinity of people and just don't seem to care. I've actually seen them laugh about it. How disgusting! And I definitely know that my job should not be reopening anytime soon. I run sound and lights, for bands that play in bars and restaurants. Our band draws in hundreds of people at every show. Very crowded! We were panicking the last week before they finally closed everything down. Praying we wouldn't catch the Coronavirus especially since it was spring break. Please do not reopen our state right now.
Brevard	General	Wait until June. I work in healthcare, and think keeping the community safe and healthy is better than opening too soon, and getting a surge in new cases.
Hillsborough	Retail	Tattoo shops, hair salons and cosmetic salons, and other one on one industries to open. Restaurants, malls, and bars should remain closed.

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Santa Rosa	General	Opening the state, right now or next week, is a huge mistake. We have flattened nothing. Please do not allow us to give in to a bunch of idiots and those that worship at the ass of tRump, Desantid and gaerz. Use your brain and let data and medical experts guide us back to normal life. I would absolutely love to serve on this team as an independent voter and free thinker. Do not bow to Orangina and his boot licking lackeys and trained monkeys. Keith Colvard U S Navy veteran
Hernando	Healthcare	Dear Governor Desantis, I am writing with many concerns over reopening of dental practices. As a dental hygienist for 30 plus years I believe it would be putting a lot of people at high risk since the dental office has a high aerosol component to almost everything we do. Presently it would be difficult to practice especially as hygienist as we are as face to face with our patients and obviously they can't wear masks.. I believe continuing with emergency treatment as needed is the best until we can get ahead of this virus. Please I beg of you to have some of your task force look into this as I've heard nothing about it in your briefings. Thank you Linda Launier RDH

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Palm Beach	General	Hello, Thank you for considering feedback from Floridians during this important times. My feedback is as follows: 1) DO NOT rush to reopen, Florida is a tourist destination and SFL cases are still on the rise. Follow the government guidelines to see STEADY decline for at least two weeks prior to making any announcements. 2) SFL should be reopen at a later time, the 3 counties are the hot spots of the State and you have to treat them uniquely. 3) When considering reopening, start with open space venues and limit capacity to mandate the 6 feet distancing. Limit venue capacity to 50%. 4) Restaurants should remain on take out and delivery for the moment. Putting a group of people indoors and while eating and breathing, it's a recipe for disaster during this time. 5) When indoor nonessential business are allowed to open, they should be mandated to limit capacity to the 6 feet and all citizens should be mandated to wear masks if running errands indoors. 6) If citizens are not following the rules, police MUST make them accountable. This is not a joke and those who don't take it seriously can get ill on their own but we must prevent them from hurting responsible citizens that are doing the right thing. 7) Schools should remain closed through end of school year. Children cannot be expected to follow guidelines and their safety is a main responsibility of yours! 8) Fix the unemployment system for the love of God! There are millions of impacted Floridians that DESERVE their benefits yet your system continues to fail while citizens cannot put food in their mouths or pay rent. Develop better technology, hire smarter and bigger, but do what you have to do to pay our people! Thank you and please make smart decisions to keep Floridians safe! Best, Mariana Marcano
Hillsborough	Government	Open slowly starting with businesses and restaurants. Avoid large gatherings in public places. Continue sanitation of everything. Forever
Hillsborough	Healthcare	Elective surgeries must be resumed, as multiple facilities are furloughing nurses, sterile processing technicians, and surgical technicians. The solution is to test every patient for Corona in the pre-op stage. Some of us live paycheck to paycheck, and we will not survive if this suspension of surgeries continue.
Martin	Healthcare	Do not reopen Florida until covid gone.
Hernando	General	Open up FL! No restrictions. Let's get back on with living. Those who failed to make good choices in life and have put themselves in a situation where a normal human immune system would fight off the Rona, are now vulnerable to it I.e. hypertension, obesity, diabetes, can stay home all they want. Let's get people back to work, let's honor the sacrifice of every American who gave their life for freedom.

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Seminole	Information	I think you should open up people need to make a living if you are over 65 in failing health or have issues at your own risk stay home or avoid large gatherings (most already do) it's time to open up Flu kills more people you can get run over or be in an accident or have a stroke or heart attack or choke on food. All life is precious and living life comes with risk. Let those who are scared stay home and change the laws about suing businesses Thanks for your hard work
Charlotte	Tourism	Please consider opening up vacation rentals to out of state people they will come to Florida from the hotspots and we don't need the added exposure at this time keep it closed at least in until May 30th please
Pasco	General	Where can the public obtain face masks so we can venture out. Online are sold out. Maybe the counties can offer at fire stations , offered by the state. Have a business have a daily certification posted that states they are disinfected. Limit patrons at establishments during business hours. Always maintain at least 6 ft. AND FOR GOODNESS SAKE GET THE UNEMPLOYMENT ISSUES FIXED ASAP AND IN THE MEANTIME CREAT A NEW SYSTEM GOING FORWARD!!!!!!
Hillsborough	Professional Services	I am the owner of 13 hair salons in the Tampa Bay area and I was mandated to close to no fault of my own due to COVID-19. This business has been in my family for 34+ years and has survived many ups and downs in the economy along the way. I was born in Florida, I am a graduate of the University of Florida, and a member of James Madison Institute (JMI), so I am a true FLORIDIAN! In a 24 hour time period I was forced from being a highly efficient business into having ZERO cash flow for the unforeseen future as a non-essential business! It is one thing to go from 100% cash flow to 50% or even 30% cash flow, but to go to 0% cash flow is impossible to navigate! Our professional cosmetologist workforce went to school to obtain a license in which a majority of their schooling was spent on disinfection. Now is the time to give them the opportunity to prove the value of this education. These professionals need to be allowed the chance to follow strict guidelines upon re-opening and earn a living. I am preparing my staff to take the steps necessary to provide a healthy and safe opportunity for providing an essential service. Steps like: Eliminating waiting areas and having guests wait outside or in their cars, taking temperatures of each person before entering the salon, everyone must wear facial covering, 1 guest per stylist, stations 6' apart, stylists must wear different gloves for each guest, hand sanitizer available, rigorous cleaning process with disinfectants and requiring each member to certify in Barbicide Disinfection Certification Course online. I believe we should be given the opportunity to prove that we have made changes to our business at this difficult time. Thank you for your time and efforts during this life changing event.

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Alachua	General	Cancel rent, cancel mortgages, cancel utilities, give everyone $2,000 per month, let people who want to work be essential or remote employees. Nationalize the healthcare marketplace, just make all hospitals charge to the state what it costs them to run without taking them over. This is the only way to save the system. Don't dismantle things, don't order people back to work, just please, please, stop killing people with hesitancy and privatization and austerity.
Polk	Government	Its almost been 30 days so i think Florida should reopen
Palm Beach	General	All of the latest data indicates that there are many more who have been exposed to CV-19 than originally thought. Moreover, additional data from NY tells us that almost all of those hospitalized had compromised immune systems (obesity, diabetes, respiratory issues, other immune deficiencies). No one wants lives lost, but millions of jobs have been lost and the mental health issues rising due to the shut down (lost businesses, lost jobs, fear of the unknown) are escalating at an alarming pace. Lives will similarly be at risk due to these health issues, no different than the virus. We MUST take a more targeted approach, focusing on those most at risk (pre-existing conditions, age). By focusing efforts, we'll be better at protecting those who need to be protected. This allows us to open the state in fairly short order while still protecting the most vulnerable. Leadership is needed here...tough decisions need to be made that will open up the state in DAYS, not weeks or months. The data supports such a move. We can implement a revised Shelter-In-Place order that focuses our efforts on protecting those most vulnerable, allowing businesses to open, parks and golf courses to open and our "new normal" to begin almost immediately. Short of this, you're ignoring the data and bending to public perception rather than showing true leadership. You're relegating our state to a slow death. Be bold. Be decisive and Florida can lead the way to a normalized, focused approach to open up not just in our state but nationwide.
Pinellas	General	PLEASE do the right thing and do not permit a rush to return to normal, because things are not normal. The virus is just as present and just as contagious as it has been for the last month, and reopening the economy fully will cause a second spike that could actually be deadlier than the first. Please extend the stay at home order to at least 15 May, and beyond if necessary, until we meet the precondition of 2 full weeks of declining cases. Please also make masks required in all public places including restaurants. Please continue to require social distancing and gathering of no more than 10 people. Finally, please do not reopen beaches and other large venues until 15 June for public use.

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Sarasota	Professional Services	Re-Open Task Force, I am a hairstylist, my CONCERN is going back to work WITHOUT having ALL the NECESSARY SAFEGUARDS in PLACE. We NEED to have DBPR guidelines outlined in ADVANCE. Georgia gave their guidelines days before opening...not adequately allowing time to prepare, in my opinion. The biggest ISSUE is access to PPE when there is NOT enough for the medical field. The Dental field expressed on the call on Friday, they DO NOT have PPE readily available either. How are we going to be PREPARED? PPE for our openings is SPARSE, sanitation, and sterilization supplies are NOT available. Other essential items needed for our NEW NORMAL are NOT ALL available at this time. (Touch-less hand sanitizers, touch-less soap dispensers, disposable capes, disposable aprons, touch-less infrared thermometers, and N95 masks, face shields etc). I have educated myself during this time and tried to prepare for what I will need being a high-risk person with an autoimmune disorder on a metabolic medication. I have taken the CDC guidelines very seriously, to protect myself, my family, and when I return to work my co-workers, their families, and my valued friends/clients. For me it is a matter of Life! There is no other option... PLEASE consider having the DBPR issue the Guidelines/Restrictions for Hairstylist/Barbers and the Beauty Industry WELL IN ADVANCE of opening them. PLEASE consider allowing TIME for PPE to REPLENISH after the medical and dental field have been allowed to resume normal activity BEFORE opening Beauty Industry. NOT having PPE in the Beauty Industry is a potentially devastating decision. Thank You All for Your Time, Thank You All for Your Service To Florida.
Lee	Retail	May 15th at the earliest. I really think we should watch what happens in other states that are Opening now, like Georgia, and see what happens with their numbers in a couple of weeks. My job does not afford me the ability to " social distance ", and I don't think it's right to make people work, and risk exposure at this point. A couple of more weeks is what we need
Charlotte	General	Re open everything in stages 50% for two weeks then 75 for two then 100. We cannot wait for a vaccine that is possibly 12 months away. heard immunity is our only path at this point.

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Polk	General	There are many concerns to weigh however right now we have no plan. We don't know what can open. We don't know if the stay at open will be extended. We only know schools are closed and eventually we all have to go back to work leaving kids where? Unemployment needs to be paid quickly. Unemployment, stress, suicide, famine, violence and addiction will cause many more deaths than COVID. We need a plan. What can be opened when? I would suggest allowing everything to reopen as long as social distancing can be accomplished. Random COVID testing can be at EVERY business to ensure the numbers are not rising. Masks can be required in indoor places. Allow tourism to open with these measures. Allow child care centers/schools to open for child care of working parents. No more than 10 per room and no contact. In the mean time create food distribution, help to everyone. My small town had lines for hours last weekend to receive food. People are NOT ok. We know what will help kill the virus... hand washing, stores sanitizing, social distancing, face masks, no touch check outs, sunshine and vitamins. It's time to be creative and thrive.
Palm Beach	Government	Open Florida all of south Florida we can make our own choices. You are causing the Florida economy to suffer. Open and let us choose!!! We want to work ! You are going to cause more problems
Duval	Healthcare	As a frontline healthcare worker in Jacksonville, the re-opening of the state is crucial and complicated at the same time. I feel it should be a must that when the state reopens it be mandatory for all to wear cloth masks to continue to flatten the curve of COVID-19. This is something that hospitals have adopted and have minimized the spread to healthcare workers by patient or each other. However knowledge is key, the cloth masks aren't to just protect yourself but other as well. Thank you!
Citrus	Construction	I've been out of work since the 16th of March. Still haven't heard anything back from unemployment. We have 3 adults and 1 child in the house and only recieved $1700 stimulus. If the government isn't going to help then, send us back to work we can't survive waiting around for the government to handle things.
Sumter	General	Not yet, it's too soon. People need to continue to work from home until at least June 30 Social distancing for most likely quite some time. When people do finally return to the office they need to wear masks and still follow social distancing as much as possible. To conduct meetings/hearings by video for several months.
Seminole	Tourism	I work at the theme parks and do we really need to open up the state when we're going up by the hundreds of people affected? Look at New York. They're making mass graves because they can't keep up with the death toll. Miami hasn't had a homicide in 7 weeks for the first time since 1957. 1957. Closing more businesses like Starbucks, Chick Fil A and forcing people to stay home is the best course of action.

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Martin	General	Thank you for the opportunity to provide public feedback into the process as your teams work to re-open our great state. Below are a list of items that I would very much like to see considered as it relates to communicating the path forward to our citizens. 1.Reducing FEAR to Caution. While you do not and cannot necessarily control how journalists will “frame” a story I would ask that the communications provided by the state to its people that are pre-written and provided to the press be purposeful in their content attempting to reduce peoples fear of COVID-19 to “caution” of COVID-19. It is a virus, and like all virus’, it is shed and spread through coughing, sneezing, and other means of contact while in its incubation period. It is NOT the “black plague”. It is NOT Ebola. It is a virus, and as with Influenza, it travels from host to host in the same fashion. And just like Influenza, it is best to be cautious and work to avoid contracting it. But it is NOT a death sentence for the vast majority of Floridians who have healthy immune systems and are without pre-existing conditions. We must continue every day to reduce the fear mongering that is so prevalent in the media. It does not help. 2.Facts. We are inundated daily with the numbers on how many positive tests, how many deaths, how many hospitalizations, etc. -- however, these numbers are presented WITHOUT perspective. As re-opening communications are prepared and in an effort to achieve the reduction of fear stated above, perspective should be a critical component of what is being communicated to our citizens. To achieve this perspective, please consider some or all of these additional statistics to help people understand that caution is necessary, but fear is not. Specifically: •The number of patients with recorded and documents symptoms who have fully recovered. •The number of documented Influenza cases in the State with the SAME stats as shown for COVID-19. (i.e case counts by week or month, death rates, hospitalization rates, etc.) •The percentage of hospital utilization, county by county. •All of this information as a percentage of the TOTAL population of Florida (which I believe is somewhere in the 21 to 22 million range). 3.Encourage “normalcy” with caution and common sense. It will do absolutely no good to open up the food industry if people are too afraid to go out to a restaurant. Or to tell property owners that it's
Clay	Healthcare	The re-opening of Florida is a public health issue. If Florida doesn’t have an enforceable plan/order tip require face masks to be worn in businesses, then the spread of covid-19 will spike and continue to spread. Also, if face masks are required to be worn in businesses, merchants must be required to enforce patrons to comply or merchants must be fined. Also we need the required resources for covid-19 testing as a proactive measure.
Polk	Wholesale	Please stop the nonsense propaganda of shutting down our entire economy for a virus that is not nearly as deadly as the flu every year! We have lost our damn minds. We will never recover from the financial mess this has caused! Turn off the damn tv AND GET BACK TO WORK!!! DO THE RIGHT THING AND PEOPLE WORK AND TESUNE THEIR LIVES!!!

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Orange	General	Reopen Florida, Floridian's are desperate for sensible policymakers who have the courage to ignore the panic and rely on facts. . Fact 1: The overwhelming majority of people do not have any significant risk of dying from COVID-19. The recent Stanford University antibody study now estimates that the fatality rate if infected is likely 0.1 to 0.2 percent. In New York City, the rate of death for people 18 to 45 years old is 0.01 percent, people aged 75 and over have a death rate 80 times that. For people under 18 years old, the rate of death is zero per 100,000. Of all fatal cases in New York state, two-thirds were in patients over 70 years of age; more than 95 percent were over 50 years of age; and about 90 percent of all fatal cases had an underlying illness. And young adults and children in normal health have almost no risk of any serious illness from COVID-19. Fact 2: Protecting older, at-risk people eliminates hospital overcrowding. We can learn about hospital utilization from data from New York City. For those under 18 years of age, hospitalization from the virus is 0.01 percent per 100,000 people; for those 18 to 44 years old, hospitalization is 0.1 percent per 100,000. Even for people ages 65 to 74, only 1.7 percent were hospitalized. Dr. Leora Horwitz of NYU Medical Center concluded "age is far and away the strongest risk factor for hospitalization." Half of all people testing positive for infection have no symptoms at all. The vast majority of younger, otherwise healthy people do not need significant medical care if they catch this infection. Fact 3: Vital population immunity is prevented by total isolation policies, prolonging the problem. We know from decades of medical science that infection itself allows people to generate an immune response — antibodies — so
Hillsborough	General	We need to start to reopen the state immediately, please look at the antibody studies, this virus has been here much longer than initially thought. With Miami mortality rate at 0.2%, would we have really closed the state if we knew this would be the mortality rate? We will soon be reaching unemployment levels only seen before in the great Depression, the leaders need to see that this economic harm will be far worse than this virus could ever cause. Also if you are really concerned about a second wave and it being during flu season, maybe it’s better to open now and slowly increase infections to have less people susceptible to it during flu season. These “lock down” orders may prove soon to be the greats failure of public policy in history. Another question never answered by the “experts” is now that we know the virus has been here probably since December but definitely in January, why were hospitals overrun in Jan and Feb? It’s because this virus is not as dangerous as political leaders and the news have made it to be. The state and local govts said all along these measures were to flatten the curve and not have our health system over capacity, well now hospitals are cutting hours and laying off. The state needs to ignore the media and their message of fear and panic and open the state to allow people to work and put food on their table.

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Duval	Healthcare	I think we need to reopen Jax to its residents. Don't allow out of state/country travel for residents nor anyone flying from out of the state/country into Jax. Don't allow elderly (80 years +) or anyone who resides in a nursing home/assisted living etc out in public areas unless for essential items groceries and necessary doctors appointments. And finally residents must wear some sort of a mask in all public areas (if outdoors, no mask necessary but to keep a minimum of 6 feet at all times).
Brevard	Information	Please do not open Florida yet. All reports from many agencies are stating it is too soon. Let us act on information and science not on the pressure put out by big business. A healthy state will draw more tourism than a state besieged by illness and poor management. Please give us another month to fight this pandemic.
Polk	General	This lockdown is severely impacting many people I know who work in the Restaurant and Bar industry. They were despondent when the original order came down on March 17th. Here we are almost at the end of April and these people are sitting here with no income. unemployment has been almost impossible to get due to the terribly slow process to get them approved. Even the industry I am in is being severely impacted because our revenue is in providing services to small businesses. We may loose large swaths of our customer base permanently if this caries on any longer. Open Florida. Let us go back to work. Let us decide how much interaction we can safely tolerate. We can be safe and still open the economy.
Pasco	Government	I do not understand. We see construction workers, utility workers, etc all out and about in groups.people standing in line waiting to get in a massive store. Wouldnt it best to be in open space than lined up againat a building? We are adults and know to keep distance. I live on the Gulf in a condo and they have shut us down to no family, no guests, no rentals (We rent our private home seasonally) and no deliveries. Beaches parks, and now most restaurants, and hotels know the protocols and new procedures, why are you still keeping your state locked up? I swear Im in a nightmare. People getting arrested to go to church and murderers, sex offenders are let free. I am so confused. Please let us out, open hotels, beaches, restaurants, etc. Florida is a hospitality state, and needs to be open, with care. Florida and lives are being destroyed over fear and losing their livelihood and PURPOSE. Ps i do not believe condos should be grouped with hotels. This is my private home, and they shut out our families and visitors. Thank you
Jackson	General	All the economies need to open up. Its not fair to keep things shut down. People are running out of food, they already live paycheck to paycheck. The best immunity to this is your bodys own immunity. We are devastating our communities & possibly even our country by staying closed. If we don't get back to a "normal" we could be setting pace to never recovering. We can still practice distancing & good hygiene.
Sarasota	General	Do NOT reopen Florida yet.

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Pinellas	Healthcare	It is too soon to open up Florida. Having beaches and other areas for people to congregate will eliminate any progress we've made thus far by social distancing. The current statewide public health statistics do not support opening back up. There are way too many older residents and others with compromising health conditions in this state. Just take a look at our nursing homes and retirement communities. I do NOT support opening up at this time.
Leon	Construction	I support continued public education regarding safe practices and loosen all regulations allowing freedom to open businesses or not. The free market needs to guide, not politics based on uncertain medical opinions. Test test test.
Broward	General	Encourage safety but open up the state. Personal responsibility is key.
Pinellas	Healthcare	We should start reopening with healthy outcome. Asking the right questions and being careful to screen for ill people is important keeping areas sanitary is also necessary. Possibly limiting the number f patients per day
Hillsborough	General	Please keep Florida closed until we show a consistent decline in new cases for a minimum of 3 weeks. Do not reopen any non-essential businesses and enforce the stay-at-home laws in place now. Personally very upset that I am being ordered back to work tomorrow when I have been successfully working from home for over a month. There is no reason for this and it is unsafe. More and more businesses will do this as standards are relaxed and this pandemic will explode again. More unnecessary deaths will result. Look at history from 1918 to see what is about to happen. All new deaths will be on the heads of those that allow businesses to reopen too soon. Lives are more important than money.
Flagler	Food	Please open Resturants with outside setting in Flagler. We have only has 106 cases. Thank You Gov. We are praying for You!
Palm Beach	Recreation	Phase 1 Golf, 9 holes only Per day ,front 9/back 9 so they are 2 courses. No carts.60 and over tee up in am and after 5 Tennis, singles only. 1 hour limit. Gyms. 1 hour workout per person. Up to 25% occupancy. Make appointment for time online. Example 8 am to 9 am appointment, exit all clients and clean gym for 1/2 an hour. Next appointment 930 to 1030 repeat. Open pools in community's and public beaches with restrictions.
Manatee	General	Just ready to get back to normal.
Duval	General	It seems the stay at home order expires on April 30th, which is this coming Thursday. With everything that we hear & see, it appears our county, as well as the majority of the northern counties are ready to start re-opening. It would help so much, especially since kids are still at home for school. We can't live like this forever. I feel we start opening slow soon & go from there. So let's just do this. Time to live again. I feel people will be more careful because we want to live again. Please open up!

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Orange	General	I work or worked as a dog groomer in lake county. My opinion is not to reopen until or unless deemed safe for all. The job I do much like others requires one on one with clients multiple people multiple times throughout the day. Yes we are a small shop yes we can clean and be safe but no we cant account for where or who our clients come in contact with. My youngest daughter has a kidney disorder that compresses her immune system and for me to risk bringing anything home to her is simply not an option. I ask that you wait and make absolutely sure the environment in Florida is the safest it will be before you decide to allow mass exodus for all! Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in on this a monumental decision. Now if we could just get unemployment up and working properly.
Pinellas	General	We need to extended the safer at home order for another 30 days and you should not consider reopening the economy until June. If we reopen too fast or too soon it could be a big disaster causing more people to die from covid-19. We need to protect the children and the elderly. If we open daycares and summer camps to early ,children are at high risk for contracting the virus and spreading it due to not being able to properly social distance. It is unnecessary to risk lives. If we reopen too soon the combat of fight the virus in could get a lot worse with rapid new cases infections and putting us further behind in combatting the virus and possible having to close everything again costing more money in the state and more lives will be lost. We need to stay ahead and protect the progress we have made this far and not take steps back in fighting the virus and taking a bigger hit on the economy. Without people living and feeling safe their will be no economy to reopen too. You also need to consider postponing non emergency dental procedures and extending the order. The risk is too high for dental professionals and patients doing non emergency dental care. Please limit to only dental emergencies. We do not need to risk people's lives for non dental emergencies. I seen a poll where over 70% of people want to extend the order to stay home. People do not feel safe going out. Giving another 30 day order will allow the people who are infected from the virus to recover and new cases to be on a bigger decline. We have had high numbers of new cases even with ther lockdown in place and if we lift it to early the new cases will rise at a very rapid rate. Giving the infected more time to recover with extending the orders will lessen the chance of transmission . We need more recoveries and less new cases to be able to reopen safely.

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Orange	General	How's this? Any suggestions? I would like to see small businesses open with guidelines to protect employees and customers. For example, outdoor dining could be allowed with social distancing as a first step. Recent studies have shown that the danger is reduced when outside. Beaches, parks, outdoor activities should be open with appropriate protective measures so that people can stay healthy while practicing measures to reduce possibilities of contracting the virus. It seems that gyms could follow social distancing and patrons could use gloves and masks. Guidelines should include protection from liability for small business owners. Patrons and employees should not be able to sue if they believe they have contracted the virus in connection with their presence in a small business.
Pinellas	General	Don't let down the restrictions so soon that we have to do this a second time. Instead, allow truly ESSENTIAL activities (not TATTOO parlors) to resume activities if they can present a safe way to operate. Theaters, and schools, must stay closed for now. Restaurants must be for take away only, with food ordered online, or by phone, and picked up out in front of the establishment. Courts could be opened, with spacing and masks, etc.
Escambia	General	It is WAY TOO SOON to open up Florida. Here in Escambia county we have more cases every day. Several bad decisions have already been made, and opening up too soon would be another, causing the state to close back up. We should wait to see what other states do and the results of those actions before our stupidity gets more people killed. Saving lives is more important than going to the beach or the economy.
Seminole	Healthcare	A comprehensive educated science based plan for businesses to open up with consideration of employees and the general public to follow so that the health of everyone doesn't become more detrimental
Hillsborough	General	I know these are trying times, but I feel like if we don't open up places, including restaurants, sooner than later that a lot of people are going to be put on a financial grave they won't be able to get out of. I am a full time musician so my work depends on restaurants being open. I understand it can't go back to full capacity but even at 50% can help a lot of people get back to work. I was asked by my government to stay home and do my part which I have and have had zero luck getting any financial help from unemployment, and now it's getting to the point I don't know how I'm gonna be able to help my family. We have 2 boys, 3 year old and 2 months. Please open things back up!
St. Johns	Transportation	Make it mandatory to work from home for those jobs that can effectively be remote.

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Pinellas	Healthcare	Dear Governor DeSantis, I would like to urge you to keep Florida closed until all the criteria of the plan for re- opening is met. I understand how this is affecting our economy, but I trust the experts opinions on this and believe opening too early would be a big mistake. As a health care provider, I want to get back to work seeing patients in my office, but not until it is safe for my patients and myself. Let's get this right so we don't find ourselves back in this same mess or even worse In a few weeks. Please help keep Floridians safe and do the right thing. Do not open Florida until the appropriate time. Thank you. Most sincerely yours, Amy Harrington
Palm Beach	General	ALL of Florida needs to open now as we are in economic ruin. Beaches and parks need to be first. A 5 year old boy got hit on a nearby street from trying to ride his bike and had to be taken by a trauma hawk. I have a 2 and a 5 year old that I am now scared to ride their bikes around the neighborhood. If gyms are opening in phase one which are way more dirty, then the parks can open. Small businesses need to open now as everybody is suffering. We need to return to work before my children starve and we lose our house. Unemployment is taking forever and barely covers the cost of food for a family. Please save our great state and OPEN all of it NOW!
Manatee	Government	Dear Governor DeSantis As your constituent I write to you to let you know that this is not the time to reopen the state of Florida for business. Florida has not peeked. The numbers are still rising. We do not have sufficient testing. My county for instance doesn't even offer open testing. Children cannot return to school, and risk exposing their parents and grandparents that live at home. I understand the economic impact. However economic impact is worthless without a healthy population. Do the right thing. People will suffer and die if we do not. One dead Floridian is enough not to open the State. I am not sending my kids back to school in harms' way. The virus is still circulating and infecting. We don't know who has it or who doesn't. I hope you understand. Sincerely, Richard Urra
Orange	Finance	Please reopen the state as soon as you can. It is very concerning financially not to be allowed to perform my job here and since my family has not been able to apply for unemployment due to the website not working we need our income. My brother cannot even login to website, it says his password is incorrect but cannot change it. Please allow us to go back to work next month.

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Clay	General	We are a small business. I have strict controls on the amount of people allowed in and out, strict controls on how people interact with eachother and strict control on the things that they do while they are in my business. Not only was my business deemed non-essential, it was demonized as a place where COVID was just allowed to run rampant and portrayed in a light that will cause irreversible damage for years to come. I own a gym, where people can strengthen their bodies, where I educate them on healthy habits, where I empower them with the tools necessary to become disease resistant, where I train them to be mentally stronger, and where the government put an unconstitutional & uncalled for overreaching ban. Many gym owners rolled over and took this ban as law, didn't receive any BS Stimulus, and now will never open again. REOPEN FLORIDA GOVERNOR! It wasn't your idea to close it, but I understand the pressures that led you to that decision. You can't stick by your guns as a matter of principle now, the truth is out about the virus and mistakes were made. DO NOT MAKE THEM WORSE!
Pinellas	Real Estate	Are all businesses opening and doing business as usual? There are people who have not been tested who will take the virus into the workplace, restaurants etc. I believe that more time and thought should go into this decision.
Manatee	Government	Brand new restaurant this year and we are now broke. My landlord is Benderson they will sue me until I'm dead. Your bridge loan is broke PPP is broke .. what am I to do to feed my family?? Open the state or pay all of my bills because I am broke what a sad horrible thing my whole life savings gone without a care in the world from this state. Cipriano Cucina and Bar 3561 53rd Ave W Bradenton

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Pasco	Government	Look at this based on REAL numbers. Here in Pasco county, the stay at home order seems to not be adhered to, yet we only have4 deaths. What it has had an affect on is now having to be herded like cattle to walk into a store, counted before you enter and left standing outside til someone comes out, so you can enter. We have destroyed our economy long enough. If warmth and sunshine kills the virus in a minute, then....I guess we should be back outside living our lives, putting Florida back together, WITHOUT tracking our moves. We are all running around anyway, so just give the green light to all people and businesses, stress the importance of cautious interaction, tell people if they wish to stay home longer, fine, if you choose to get out there, fine. It needs to be the people's choice. As the numbers are coming down, the risk is as well. DO NOT infringe on our Freedoms or Liberties as Americans. Governor, you could be the first to completely open our state, show the rest that we are past the worst and set an example of how, with a bit of caution, we can get back to NORMAL, not a new normal. In time, the masks will go away, the people will return to Florida and get us back on track. One important thing you need to be adding to your speeches, is that you will not allow ANYTHING to be put on us that steps on Americans rights, this will boost your approval. I don't believe in psychics, but Sylvia Brown predicted, years ago, that in 2020 a virus would come on strong and hard, then leave just as fast, not to be seen again for 10 more years. Coincidental? maybe, maybe not. You will be called many things if you do this for your citizens of Florida, but as this virus falls away and the Florida economy comes back, you will be seen as the governor who honored our Freedoms and Liberties, and made the right choices. Thank you for reading this and I hope you will keep your Constitutional oath to us. James Shafer
Polk	Government	It is reasonable to assume that after 45 to 60 days will behavioral modification our society understands what each needs to do to protect themselves. The state should open up all businesses according to the federal guidelines established by the Trump administration as soon as possible. Those who are compromised must shelter themselves to protect their own health and continue to modify their behavior exposure. The cure cannot be a allowed to inflict a greater cost to our livelihoods, Floridians need to start working their way back to some kind of normal as soon as possible.
Palm Beach	Accommodation	We need a Declaration for local governments to allow contractors to enter a condo to complete an existing construction job. Our HOA Board of Directors is not allowing us to complete our remodel to our permanent and legal residence. Therefore, we cannot move back into our residence. Our contractor has been banned for 4 weeks, with no end in sight. After talking to our Board of Directors, they have said that when they hear from Governor Ron DeSantis and local government via a Declaration, then they will allow the construction to continue. Please help with this! This is creating a hardship for us to have double housing expenses. Further, we have countertops, doors, cabinet, sink sitting at local vendors. They are at risk of being lost, stolen or damaged. Further, is the business decides to close, we will have lost all these materials.

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Seminole	General	Dear Governor DeSantis, Open Florida back up now. And completely. Any job that makes money for a family IS essential. It is tyranny to close down our economy and the way people provide for their families. Anyone who doesn't want to be exposed to the covid virus or any of the other 300,000 known viruses (that We don't shut down the state for) can stay home and carry on in isolation if they choose. But we must let the people who choose not to be under "house arrest" to go back to work. If you don't open up Florida you will see many more deaths from depression, as well as the costs of continued therapy we will all need from this trauma. We the people have rights to our liberty and the pursuit of happiness as well as the rights to assemble. And there will be many, hopefully peaceful, protests if the state doesn't open up and our God given rights to be with our friends, churches and family restored. Thank you in advance for doing the right thing. #openupflorida
Broward	General	Wait 2 weeks and observe the challenges of Atlanta since they already started to relax their restrictions. Then start easing restrictions in stages with least potential for spread i.e. parks and boat ramps, then increase the risk level gradually. Then medium gathering establishments such as restaurants and bowling ally's. Lastly large gathering potential such as sporting events and concerts. Until the virus has disappeared it should be "highly suggested" to be protected with a mask especially with large gatherings.
Osceola	General	Our state needs to open!!! This is just wrong.
Hillsborough	General	Please reopen the state. The excessive shutting down of the state has aided to the enormous economic crisis we are now facing and it is terrifying. Knowing that our state relies heavily on tourism, I can't even imagine the scale of loss our state is now facing because of this shut down and the years it could take to recoup these losses. My husband has already had to take a 30% cut in pay and we are now worried he will loose his job altogether. With millions of people already without a job, worrying he will be unable to find a job in a timely manner if he were to get let go is a sobering reality for us. In addition to financial and economic stresses, this shut down has taken a toll on the mental health of every member of my family. Please open up beaches without restrictions, please open up community pools. Give us hope again.
Palm Beach	General	Open everything. Everyone's work is essential to survive. 6ft of distance and mask required.

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Pinellas	Government	The State of Florida needs to be opened to Florida Residents only. Step one, close all hotels, motels and short term rentals in the state to all except verified business travelers. No families allowed. Step two, Mail an address verification card to every mailing address. Assign shopping/business visits based on the last number of the address. Addresses ending in 1 shop on the 1st, 11th and 21st. Addresses ending in 2 shop on the 2nd, 12th, an 22nd. All the way to 0 being the 10th, 20th and 30th. The homeless population would have to register with a facility for a shopping/business schedule. Guests in someone's house must adhear to their day. Everyone can go to work on their normal schedule with businesses make time allowance for the employees assigned days. Right now, very few people are following the stay at home guidelines and are in stores every day. Keep the beaches exercise only.
Manatee	General	I am ready for FL to re-open. In steps so people don't freak out but let's get this going! Thank you for hearing us! We love the Governor!
Pinellas	General	I do not want Florida to re-open in May. We need to keep our citizens safe. Thank you.
Miami-Dade	General	Please reopen everything immediately. This city is essentially open and ready to go, people want their lives back and we are ALL OVER the streets, parks, and eating places. The people who don't feel safe please just stay home until you are ready. Keep distancing measures in place (masks, limit venue capacities) until cases reduce to essentially zero per population capita. The large majority feels its time to get our lives back, we want our freedoms restored. This is not Cuba or Venezuela where we are told what to do by the government. This 45 day trial of Socialism is not what America is based upon. If you don't open, the people will open it for you. People are going to start losing businesses, mental health, physical health, and permanent economic damage (fewer tax dollars), The cure cannot be worse than the cause. Please reopen ASAP
Lee	General	Open everything immediately. You know that the death numbers are outrageously inflated.
Duval	General	I think that reopening is a risk our state shouldn't take. By opening Florida back up you're opening the state up to tourists who may or may not be infected or at risk. While the majority of the citizens who live here are permanent residents most are not. What is the point of opening the state if we've already stopped the children from going to school. It be smarter to just wait until other high tourist traffic states open and show that the curve doesn't go up. Opening our state means risking our states residents to tourists who do not care about our state or our safety.

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Pinellas	Professional Services	Please reopen the state. Even if the virus was as deadly as health experts initially predicted (it isn't) the half-measures we are currently conducting are meaningless. Why is it ok to be in a crowded supermarket but not ok to be at a crowded shopping mall? Tell the vulnerable population that they should remain isolated, wear masks, and protect themselves. Let everyone else earn a living. Reopen Florida now.
Escambia	Professional Services	I am a licensed massage therapist in Pensacola,FL. I kindly ask that Spas, Salons both hai and nail and tattoo shops remain closed during Phase one because these jobs are 100% hands on contact with the clients and proper social distancing is not an option while giving a massage , haircut, tattoo or manicures. We need to be cautious and safe for ourselves and our customers.
Santa Rosa	General	Please don’t follow the lead of other counties and limit the time. I believe this is the biggest (no brainer) thing I have seen. Why pack everyone in and limit them to 1 or 2 parking lots in a specified time. It is known now sunlight and heat kills this virus in record time. The heat of the day is between 11-2pm yet Santa Rosa decides to limit the time from 2-7pm. Please consider how beneficial this is for the people of this state. Staying inside is killing our immune systems.
Hernando	Healthcare	Countermanding the Stay @home order & reopening the state of FL will be disastrous for all of us & would exasterbate the Corona Epidemic & thousands more of our citizens! It is a reckless & deadly action!! Please do not do this! Thousands of lives depend on your NOT doing this!!
Charlotte	General	People need to be able to get back to work. The little guy is suffering financially. Let everyone get back to work, with guidelines in place. We can take our precaution and the people who don't want to venture out dont have to.

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Seminole	General	Florida in NO uncertain terms should be relaxing the measures it has taken to protect the people. The ONLY reason COVID-19 case numbers have not grown more is due to people staying at home and minimizing contact with others. My company (Cisco Systems) is suggesting we do as we are now for at least another 2-3 weeks and then they will re-evaluate. There are many others that have the same feelings that taking the risk right now is just not worth it. There is also an issue with simply looking and the number of people being admitted into hospitals. That number is reduced for one reason; staying at home and limiting contact with others. Spoke to a pal who is a MD with HCA and he advised that if we start to loosen things now he feels that it is likely to see us go back to where we were before with drastically climbing infection rates and hospital stays. Impact to business is horrible but everyone things that if small business opens back up that they will go back to work. That will not happen for quite sometime. Do we really think a resturant that can only serve perhaps 33-50 percent of its normal capacity will hire everyone back. The answer to that would be a no and the same would be true for many other businesses. Far safer to wait a little while until stats are much better and we can be more assured that we are past this until the fall. We think it is bad on owners now but many wont have the money to spend in small business stores until most are back to work for a little while. I encourage STRONGLY not rushing to open too quickly. We don't want Florida to be a Georgia. Florida is not READT TO OPN for at least another few weeks and then very slowly and we need to make sure it is essential business that opens. Not hair and nail slaons along with bowling alleys.
Pinellas	General	As a waitress of 44 years in Florida who needs to work (no unemployment or Fed stimulus yet for me and out of work since the third week in March), I need to work, but I am more concerned with my and others risk and safety. I don't understand in beginning to reopen the business' being chosen in other states and talked about here are the ones with the closest personal contact. When I serve people in a dine-in setting I can't help but get very close to my customers as I lean across the table in front of them to serve their food, clear their plates etc. There is no way to do 6 foot social distancing and they certainly will not have on masks while they are eating. I would love to at least be able to have on a mask, but the reality of a mask is that when I am wearing one, it protects them more than me. Please give this some consideration. I have left my house to grocery shop once in this time, but I would be more comfortable beginning to venture out if everyone were required to wear mask/face covering until it is safer. Also, I know many people, myself included, who had a very strange cough/flu-like illness in Jan. and Feb. If only we could do the anti-body testing to determine if had it already, we could more safely get back out in the world. Testing really is the answer until there is a vaccine, but in the meantime masks for everyone please. Thank you for your consideration. Nancy Ellen McVay

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Flagler	General	Reopen FL. The numbers don't match and the models are all wrong. Yes this may be a new serious virus but it is no different than viruses in the past. We have never done anything like this for any previous virus or illness. The shutdown is only worsening the situation. These stimulus checks just don't cut it. They don't cover anywhere enough of the costs of a family that has lost their job. They can not fix the soul crushing feeling of being unable to provide for your family. We have medicine that works. The facts are coming out about the mortality rate and how "suspected" deaths are included in the total death count which makes all that information FALSE! Keep "We the People" down too long and unable to do anything ourselves to make the situation better, we will rise up and take back our freedom. The DOJ is also saying they will side with citizens now. You will maintain more control if you open it rather than making us take it back.
Lee	Tourism	Gov DeSantis - Please consider extending the ban on short term rentals for out-of-state vacationers. We have a trip scheduled along with 20 other couples from RI, MA, NH, & Chicago area to Captiva in early May, as we have for years. If we are not allowed to congregate, sunbathe on the beaches, or gather in restaurants and bars our trip would be more remembered as "the Florida vacation that stunk" - which will stick in our minds longer than "the Florida vacation that didn't happen". We'd much rather save our funds and memories for next year, when the sunshine state is able to be fully open !
Miami-Dade	General	Florida is a large diverse state. What may be good for the Panhandle may not be good for South Florida. Population density is a key factor as well as the type of local industries, the dynamics of transportation, and even demographics like age. What this all implies is that different strategies may be required by location. Regardless of the location, though, all "opening" strategies should follow a minimal specs criteria and a phased approach such as the one suggested by the Safra Center for Ethics at Harvard, attached. And all of this is predicated on widespread testing of the population. Florida lags other large states in testing for the virus. And we should definitely continue to ease the burden on the unemployed. The Governor should also look beyond the present by establishing another task force to look at the world post COVID 19 with recommendations to implement in 2021 and beyond. Let's not squander a crisis.

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Palm Beach	General	If you open parks and beaches , people will have more risk to get infected, I have a compromised immune system and I am worried about catching the virus. You would tell me to stay at home right? and I am staying at home, But if you don't keep the guidelines and social distance, I will be forced to go back to work, with 200 coworkers, where people cough and sneeze right next to you, and go to work sick, and I will be at risk of getting infected. If you don't keep the guidelines, we will eventually get infected, with the virus. Please do NOT removed the social distance, we don't have a vaccine yet. Wuhan was in lockdown for 4 months before opening. Italy and Spain the same, so you think We will be ok if we open soon? Social distance and guidelines should be enforced and keep it for at least 4 months. It is not enough when Government officials are on TV saying that elderly and inmune compromise people should stay at home. It is not up to us to decide to stay at home if you are pushing to open the economy, people will be forced to go out again, and this weeks we spent at home will be for nothing.
Polk	Government	How about you fix the florida DEO before putting resources anywhere else. Desantis is a joke!
Miami-Dade	Tourism	In my opinion, Florida is not in a position to open for general commerce, especially in the area of tourism. In Miami-Dade County, one of the areas in the state that attracts a lot of visitors, we're already struggling with combating the virus as the most populous county in the state. It would not be wise to invite more people to the county that could potentially import the virus or take it with them after being exposed from one of our county's residents. Thank you for accepting my comment and considering my concern.
Broward	General	It's time to reopen Florida and the country as a whole. Get this unwarranted response that has destroyed enough of the economy and people's lives behind us and back to work and life.
Marion	General	Please re-open Florida now. People that feel they are susceptible to the virus can continue to self-isolate until they feel safe. And those that feel it is okay for them to go back to work or school can do so. The choice is up to the individual and their specific needs. This shutdown is having unintended consequences that are just as deadly and/or costly as the virus. We can do both - isolate the vulnerable and allow those that are healthy to work/ school. Furthermore, we do not need burdensome, job-killing regulations put on our businesses. If people want to wear masks they can. If a business needs to put extra precautions in place to assure their customers they can. Government edicts are a one size fits all solution that have the same affect as regulations; they hurt employers/ jobs and ultimately hurt employees and the economy. To treat this virus any differently than past viruses / flu is to set a dangerous precedent that could cause havoc to our society every Year. Please open Florida now.
Miami-Dade	Construction	In my opinion the governor should open trade and others with distancing people. but it shouldn't open fully. Thank you
Hillsborough	Food	If they open Florida to soon it's going to show Our leader only care about the economy in not the People but you can't have a economy if all The workers are dead from the (Beer virus)💰🍺🤢🤮😷

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Orange	General	There are many people suffering and losing out financially. Families endangered. Businesses closed down and won't be able to reopen. This is inhuman!!!! If people are fearful let them stay home!!! It's time to open up FLORIDA!
Seminole	General	I have been listening to the task force conference calls and to date all I have heard is companies trying to use the buzz words of "safety" and "health". Although we do have to consider those options it would be nice to hear someone actually speak to the issue of opening our economy. It is well known by this time that the virus is not the deadly enemy that we were told it would be. Florida's economy is very dependent on tourism and recreation attractions. I understand that we cannot open things immediately however we need to have an aggressive plan to get businesses of all sizes back open so our residents can get their jobs back and support their families. As to some of the topics that have been speculated in the media about possible actions, trying to require everyone to wear a mask in public is absolutely not something that should be considered for any reason. Also the idea of checking temperatures is also not practical and if the "experts" are correct, will only find those that should be at home anyway. The heat and humidity in Florida makes this more of a risk than the false sense of security that it would give those that do not want us to get back to work anyway. I ask that we institute basic common sense reasoning within the plan to open our economy and not focus only on the models of experts that have been wrong from the very beginning. Please open Florida quickly and allow us to get back to our normal lives.
Brevard	General	Until there are enough COVID tests for EVERYONE, WITHOUT LIMIT, to be tested, and enough antibody tests for EVERYONE, WITHOUT LIMIT, to be tested for antibodies, we shouldn't be sending people back into the fire. As it is, Floridians are terrible at social distancing, just go to any grocery store.
Collier	Professional Services	While the stay-at-home order has been stressful for me and my daughter, it is much better than the alternative of one or both of us getting sick. We have adapted by her completing school work at my office, while I work. It is just the two of us and we miss having a gym, ballet school, and girls nights out with our respective friends. However, we also have high-risk members of our family that we have had to avoid for weeks at a time. My mother is at an age that increases her risk. And, my father is a heart-transplant patient, which places him at an extremely high risk. While we are social distancing and maintaining safe standards, there are plenty of "weak links" who are not. The stay-at-home order protects us from them... Even when Florida starts opening up, we plan to minimize our time in public to reduce our risk of contracting the second wave of infection.

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Lake	General	My concern is specific to salons/spas. I own a small salon. While I'm anxious to return to work, I'm concerned about doing so prematurely. We cannot effectively social distance while performing hair or nails services and requiring costly PPE would add supply overhead that could be difficult to maintain and better used by medical facilities, and already REQUIRED proper disinfectants would be in short supply. I like the phasing idea to slowly reopen and putting limits on the amount of people allowed in at a time (including employees) based on total square footage. Ex: 1 person per 36 square feet allowing for 6ft of distance between people in any direction. We cannot look at only the extant to which something is essential but also the extent to which any business can operate safely under continued social distancing guidelines.
Charlotte	Information	I have been trying to contact the Governor for the past 5 weeks.. I applied for unemployment on March 8th... I haven't received anything... I have 2 kids and no job.. Please get me get my unemployment before we really do start going hungry! Please.. Last four of my social is 9439.. Please.
Brevard	Education	Schools need to open very soon. Online classes not really workin especially for K-3 grades. Teachers do not have any experience in online class and doing a terrible job. Zoo and other parks along with pet shelters should be open May 1. Summer camps need to get open as well.
Pasco	Recreation	I am interested in finding out how Florida residents will be protected once beaches, parks and theme parks open. I am extremely immune compromised due to chronic medical issues I have and while I love time outside at the beach I wish to know that it is safe.
Okaloosa	Recreation	Our family owns and operates a small business that we have poured ourselves into for over 40 years. We closed the business on March 16, with the understanding that we could re-open in a couple of weeks. We were also informed by the government that they were going to get assistance to small businesses while they were closed. It was over a month before our business received any assistance . It was barely enough to meet payroll and bills continue to pile up! What started out as being shut down for two weeks has turned into an indefinite period of time , With no end in sight! If we are not able to open up soon we will join the ranks of many businesses that will go under for no fault of our own ! Okaloosa has experienced three deaths to the coronavirus. One of these deaths was falsely reported as coronavirus. Our state cannot survive if the economy is shut down much longer! Please stop this insanity!
St. Johns	Retail	Sic Semper Tyranus. Dictators have always used fear to erode the populations rights and control them. The government's suspension of the bill of rights will only result in their removal. The picking of winners and losers must stop. Desantis should resign immediately. Open the state up today.
Pinellas	General	Do not open for at least another 30 days!!
Miami-Dade	General	Florida should not re open until we are cleared by CDC in combination with WHO.
Hillsborough	General	We just need to open. People need to work.

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Hillsborough	General	Regarding COVID-19: Please do not reopen without mores testing for the virus and antibodies. I've stayed in since 3/24- to go out now without knowing where and who is viral would be catastrophic and deadly.
Santa Rosa	General	Open everything back up with anyone high risk still staying in or limiting their activities. I don't think people understand that the virus will still be here if we close another month or 3 months. People are still going to Walmart in groups, with their families; to convenience stores and gas stations; and to home improvement stores. I don't see what the difference is in shopping there or at another "unessential" business. They have the potential to be exposed to the virus at any of these businesses. Places like dentist offices, optometrists and nail and beauty shops need to be able to open back up. These businesses can limit customers if needed. I also believe beaches and state parks need to reopen now.
Sarasota	Management	Reopen Florida! All jobs are essential!
Lake	General	Reopening the economy We can reopen some businesses such as retail by emulating what publix and Walmart are doing. Start out with baby steps, opening a few hours a day then increasing it as the public becomes more comfortable. Require everyone to wear masks. Put makings on the floors so people are going in one direction. Put plexiglass at cashier stations. Limit how am any can shop at one time. Parts of the state are already open, just carry what we learned in those business over to those that can open. We have to get back to work! Take dining outdoors. Open golf courses, beaches(with social distancing) miniature golf etc
Palm Beach	Healthcare	Open Florida only when: high quality PPE is available everywhere on demand; widespread testing has been completed; we have a good idea how much of the population has been infected; when the rate of infection of medical staff slows to a trickle. It would be best if we had a range of effective therapies and medications on hand before Florida reopens. Open slowly taking steps to ensure we do not overburden hospitals. If mortality spikes, be prepared to issue new stay at home orders. Personally, I am not sure the public would adhere to a second one as well as they have the first. Much better to keep what we have in force until we are confident we have everything we need to meet a spike in infections. Augment staffing of all nursing homes, ALF's, etc. Make infection control highest priority for patients and staff.
Orange	Tourism	I work at both Disney World and Universal. As much as I miss my jobs and am struggling without pay, I'd rather face that then go back to work and risk my health and safety everyday due to the parks opening up too soon.
Hernando	General	I believe it is a HUGE mistake to re-open anything in Florida. Our numbers of Corona keep climbing and I believe you will be putting people's lives in jeopardy if you choose to do this. I think we are going to have a second round of Corona, if this is done, and the 2nd will be worse than the first!
Taylor	Healthcare	I do not think the state should re-open because when it does this virus is going to spread and it's going to be very bad
Santa Rosa	Food	As a bar owner, I just need to re-open. So please, just allow us to welcome back all our customers.

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Collier	Healthcare	As an elderly, diabetic resident I am very concerned with the opening of Florida. With many of my neighbors and friends being in the high risk group, I would hate to see a growth in the number of cases. This would endanger all of us and lead to a greater economic crisis, not to mention the difficulties placed on our medical facilities and staff. In Naples, we will soon have the ability to test large numbers of people for antibodies. Let's wait until the results are in with this testing before beginning to open our communities to additional dangers.
Duval	General	Hello, I live in Duval County. When Mayor Curry opened the beaches, I saw an influx of out of state individuals flocking to the beach. We are all in this together; one nation, all 50 states. But if Florida is among the first states to open, the governor needs to plan for the influx of individuals seeking jobs, ammenitites, and something to do. Floridians have done well to flatten the curve and I would hate to see all of our hard work go to waste.
Washington	General	I think it is to soon to open up the state, stay put till its gone
Brevard	Recreation	When reopening consider Disney. Please make strict rules for the number of people allowed. Do not allow out of state visitors for a while yet in any regard because they will bring more cases from hot spot states. Make masks for everyone a must or they will be fined. It's the only way to curb new cases. Consider all the elderly and immune compromised! Please!
Brevard	General	Yes us Fl. residents would love to have the State Parks open for us. We live here full time and support our state. Please let us continue to keep the economy going by being able to use the state parks to camp and enjoy in.
Seminole	Education	There is a plan to run summer school at Valencia College with hundreds of high school students at six different campuses. This is a danger to all staff and students. Please keep all school gatherings closed for the entire summer. Let's try to get students back to 'normal' and plan for the Fall. The risks aren't worth the rewards.

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Hillsborough	Administrative	So in the drop-down list there's no option for "ENVIRONMENT"??? Why not? This issue is the biggest driver of ALL our State's economies; tourism, fishing, recreation, business, agriculture. NONE of those things work without clean air, clean water, protected wildlands, rivers, beaches and waters. The narrow focus of this appointed committee further illustrates the narrow focus of the Governor and Cabinet. Limited number of democrats appointed, making this a partisan committee; NOT including the Ag Secretary, so shutting out that HUGE part of Florida's economy; appointing mostly large corporate business leaders, leaving small businesses under represented (at best) when we are the ones suffering the most. And lastly (shame on you) including only TWO women in this group! Seriously, the lack of appropriate citizen and small business representation is overwhelming. And in case you haven't been paying attention, for the first time in a very long time, we have clean air and clean beaches and nesting/breeding wildlife where they typically compete with human impacts. How can you NOT consider these issues in your "RE-OPEN FLORIDA PLAN". There is WAY more to our state than JOBS. And we're all tired of that well-worn excuse. Please listen to the PEOPLE for a change! We don't care about Washington issues; we care about Florida's!
Pinellas	General	The industry in which I work is not listed in the area of interest. I work for a non profit organization that is governed by FLDHSMV. We deal with the public on a walk in & by appt basis as well as providing services in a classroom setting. It is almost impossible for us to operate while following the government standards- social distancing etc. I also feel like Pinellas County, Hillsborough County etc are not on anyone's radar unless it has to do with tourism or sports. It is completely unsafe for us to reopen and we need clear cut guidelines. The govt says 14 days of no new cases for Phase 1 but our numbers continue to increase. I don't think each county is being looked at individually and the focus is not on the smaller businesses. It is terrifying to think that I could go back to work in a week if the stay at home order is not extended, exposing my clients, my coworkers & myself to this virus. Testing is sparse, to say the least. We have steadily increasing cases but there's hardly any testing being done so it's obvious the numbers are higher than being reported. Until there is easily accessible & widespread testing, we should not be permitted to reopen in Pinellas County. If we reopen too soon,, there will be a spike in cases IF we can even get tested. There will be a spike in hospitalizations. The curve is not flat in FL. I am scared the regular person's interests are not taken into consideration. Big corporations, big money makers, that's the focus.

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Palm Beach	Information	Please follow the Federal Guidelines and only open up based on those guidelines. My mom is 89 years old and I'm good health, but I fear for her health should we rush to loosen protections which could result in increasing infection rates and potential disaster for the elderly, like my mom. Thank you for your time and consideration, Sincerely Erich von Unruh,
Orange	General	I believe that the state should not reopen until the new case count for the whole state has dropped dramatically AND not until there is widespread testing for every citizen on demand. And all workers should be tested BEFORE they go back to their workplace. And then re-opening in phases. In the first phase, ALL citizens should be required to wear face masks; social distancing with 6 ft gaps should be enforced, and with no groups of over 3 allowed to congregate in indoor facilities or outdoor public spaces, unless they are direct family who previously sheltered together. And this should be enforced strictly, with high fines and threat of potential jail time to ensure compliance! Police should make their presence known in high traffic areas and areas where young people are apt to congregate. Restaurants and other businesses should be allowed to open, but only IF they can enforce above social distancing AND below sanitation procedures. Strict specified sanitation procedures should be observed prior and after each customer's occupation or use of tables/booths/railings/door handles, register key-pads, etc... All public bathrooms must have an attendant who sanitizes the restroom constantly. All food handlers, kitchen workers, waiters must wear face-masks and disposable gloves (discarded frequently). And hand sanitizer must be available for ALL patrons to use with vocal encouragement to do so. Movie theaters should also be allowed to re-open under similar constraints. Public transportation of any kind, must be under strict sanitation procedures, with taxi/Uber drivers responsible for cleaning after each of their riders, and buses or trains having a dedicated crew-member to clean continuously after each rider departs. High traffic businesses should be under strict social distancing measures. And businesses with side by side employees, must be regulated to ensure their workers have adequate spacing, are wearing masks, and with proper sanitation. The key to everyone being safe, and feeling safe, is mandatory face masks for all, social distancing with no close groupings allowed (as specified above), and testing, testing, testing. The above should continue until new cases are rare!
Okaloosa	General	I work as a server in a big restaurant and I miss working so much. That being said, i dont want to go back until it's safe. I have a toddler at home who is dying to leave the house and i would rather lose my mind in quarantine thank risk reopening early and having a huge second wave. Tourism is a huge part of my daily life and it is sad here without it, but I'm not ready and I dont think its smart to reopen early. I think we need to continue to stay home. Being broke is hard. Being dead is way worse in my opinion. My job is talking about opening up may 1st. If we do I will be there. But I will be scared. Do we really want everyone out and about full time living in fear? Thank you for your time.

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Palm Beach	Government	Open the state! People will take care of themselves. We can't close the country to save a few lives—if that were the case we would do it every year for the flu! More than anything, let private golf clubs open their courses using best health care practices. Who are the idiots who think it's safer to go to Publix than it is to have 50 people spread out over 100 acres?
Putnam	General	I think we should start to open businesses with care and common sense if the state has the ability to contact trace outbreaks and contain them. Even if the officials are not 100% positive, we need to try. The cost of staying in lock down is devastating to the people of Florida. I am 67 with a long historyof asthma. I am aware enough to take precautions and restrict my travel. I feel for all the people that are suffering due to loss of work and trapped in a bad situation. Many of these people will benefit from opening up the economy as conditions are met. Just because I have your attention, It would be nice if we had hand sanitizer and toilet paper on the shelves out here in the country.....
Lee	General	The economy at both the state and federal level are going to need to be reopened without restrictions. Or both will inevitably collapse. A recession and or depression of any kind will have far more long term harmful ramifications than covid. Urge those who are most susceptible to continue to shelter in place. As for the rest of us life must go on. Death is an inherent risk of daily life.
Duval	Retail	We own a retail establishment and desperately need to open in the near future to survive. We do not qualify for any loans or assistance and also did not qualify to defer our home, business mortgages or other bills. We are on the edge of losing the roof over our head. We need to be allowed to open back up ASAP.
Duval	Healthcare	You asked for citizen input about reopening Florida. I believe until you have more testing you don't know how many people are carrying the virus thus positive cases could spike. I live two blocks from the beach, it is crowded with people with chairs and coolers and groups. Facebook had a picture of a couple on their chairs with beers in the cup holder sitting in front of a police officer, the local coffee shop with outdoor seats filled. How would you control what should be steep regulations like distancing and masks and taking temperatures if many will not obey them and there is little that can be done to enforce them. And this doesn't mention the hordes of people who will fill our communities from out of town. I believe if you miss vital steps to get to reopening businesses you will create more infected people and more deaths which will hurt the economy even more. Find a way to get the test kits needed, get the results, then figure out if and when to open. You infer a relationship with the president so maybe you can use that more affectively in getting the supplies we need.

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Orange	General	As much as we need to restart the economy, we need to ensure that we are doing it at the right pace and with wise and safe decisions. My chief concern is that reopening too quickly would increase the chances of having a relapse with the virus, which would hinder any progress made. In addition to the tragic results of a spike in mortality rates and virus cases that would overwhelm the health care system, a second hit on an already weakened economy would bring even more devastation to the Florida economy. Especially since our state is so dependent on tourism, we can't afford to reopen too fast - if consumers don't feel safe, then they will not travel here or go to any businesses. These are not easy decisions to make and I sincerely appreciate the opportunity to share my perspective with the task force. Thank you!
Orange	General	I feel that with extreme caution a few things like beaches and parks could be opened with strict enforcement of social distancing by local police. As someone who is immune compromised and has two adult kids living at home who are both high risk, it concerns me to open up too soon. I am also concerned about opening back up because then those of us who are high risk will be expected to return to work, despite the very real threat that poses. IF we do not return, we will not be able to continue (yeah right, I spent two weeks trying to register for unemployment on line before finally giving up and sending in paper app. who knows when I will hear back) receiving unemployment benefits. Under no circumstances should restaurants be opened for indoor dining, or movie theaters or bowling alleys. These places would be breeding grounds for germs and pose a real threat to both employees and customers. We must use extreme caution because those who are returning to society will definitely be exposing those who are high risk, both at grocery stores and at home, if they work and come home. Also, we have chosen to not eat out during this time because the restaurant workers are not wearing masks while cooking and handling food. If this was a requirement, I and I am sure others might be more willing to support local restaurants during this time.
Hillsborough	Professional Services	Only begin to gradually open when numbers come consistently down for 14 days. Be sure we have enough testing.
Santa Rosa	General	Opening the beaches prematurely is going to have massively negative outcomes. The states stay at home order is so lax, that people are still going out as normal. The panhandle hasn't seen a decrease in traffic and tourists are still coming here. They can't get renters for their beach houses, so they are flocking here instead, to "quarantine" at the beach instead of their home states. The military is not reporting it's positive case numbers which extremely skew the regions overall numbers. There isn't enough broad testing to get a handle on the severity of the situation. The lack of competent leadership in this state is astounding.

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Clay	Professional Services	My work is opening back up as soon as the restrictions are lifted. My doctor ordered an antibody test for me yesterday since we believe I may have had covid in march. I have not been able to take the test yet and whatever unknown virus i did have has left me with a compromised respirtory system and i use an inhaler now because my breathing is so shallow. I would feel much more comfortable knowing my test results before going back to being a barber in an extremely busy shop. I think we need more widespread testing available so we dont go into this blindly. It is too soon to reopen and I do not feel safe yet. Thank you for your consideration of the public.
Hillsborough	General	Do not rush to.open the state to frivolous services that you cannot maintain six feet of distancing. I would rather have bad hair days than visit an undertaker. So many people are not taking basic precautions..terrifies me!
Santa Rosa	Recreation	The beaches, parks and another recreation should be opened up during this pandemic. We need an outlet, somewhere to get out of the house. Social distancing is very achievable while outdoors. Let us get a breath of fresh air and enjoy the vitamin D. Being outside not only helps our immune system, but will overwhelmingly increase our mental health. We all have common sense here. We know how to social distance and will report if something is getting out of hand. Thank you Summer
Polk	General	How about our joke of a governor fix the Dept of economic opportunity before opening the state. Desantis is a joke!
Volusia	General	I realize people are concerned about being out of work but being sick or dead is not the solution. We need to continue the stay at home order through May
Dixie	General	Don't open the house door yet. It's because of allowing spring break to happen and opening Florida to northern states where shut down was in place is why Florida has so many cases now. Reopen and the numbers are only going to go up. Is our governor so far in Trump's pocket that money is more important than people?
Orange	Tourism	I fully support reopening the parks and having healthy people work. Allowing sick people to stay at home or someone who has someone with a compromised immune system is a good idea. I also fully support using temperature checks or QR codes like they do at China. That seems to be working ok for them. I really want to get back to work I never wanted to leave work to begin with. People also need their unemployment if they are to support the economy and buy groceries or go to stores and restaurants. Me and countless others have been waiting a long time for payments that haven't started yet.
Polk	Education	I have a daughter that is in college. I feel that financial assistant should be provided for tuition and housing to help college students who are not getting any financial assistance from the government. We are currently paying monthly for an apartment that is right near the university that she is not staying in due to the university being closed. The apartment will not work with us and says if the rental payment does not get paid then they will send us to collections. Financial assistance for college students would be very beneficial to the students and families during this difficult time that our country is enduring.

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Palm Beach	Food	I say we should reopen florida for the healthy people. Them being inside is not helping our immune system as a healthy man myself i say we reopen florida for the healthy and leave the sick at home!
Pasco	General	Open the state - with safety measures in place Open parks and beaches with safe distancing requirements Open small businesses that are able to meet recommendations Open churches with recommendations of safe distancing and cleaning Open restaurants with safe distancing & cleaning requirements Allow medical procedures
Hernando	General	Work with religious orgs to have them offer multiple services, ie Saturday Catholic masses at 2,3,4,5,and 6 o'clock. This would also offer some control of the flow of people into restaurants after the service. Also, work with local gov't to remove obstacles to expanding outdoor seating at restaurants. If we want restaurants to reduce capacity, let them use a section of their parking lot for dining. Set limits on #s of shoppers in stores. Not ridiculous low #s but enough to avoid crowds. As an example, my local Walmart has had way too many people in there at one time during the stay at home order.
St. Johns	Food	Such a difficult time, trying to balance health vs economy. I'd hold off till possibly mid May. Watching to see if we can continue a decline in new cases. Then, very carefully allow restaurants to reopen while holding back on the number of people allowed in, and seating distancing. Also the restaurant should keep areas sanitized. Right before restaurants were shut down, we ate at Keke's in St. Augustine and they were already doing this.
Broward	Government	Non-essential businesses should not be opened until we have more information about immunity for people who have already had the virus, we need more information about re-infection and antibodies. We need a major percentage of the population tested. SCHOOLS SHOULD NOT BE OPEN UNTIL WE ARE 100% SURE THAT IT IS SAFE!!! Kids are at risk too, Desantis!
Pasco	General	Please open everything. Keep advisories needed. Those who need to remain quranteed have that option. After 45 days my youngest son still hasn't gotten his UE $$. We will all suffer greatly if our economy dies. Screw the socialists, do not let them win. Process checks for everyone who has claimed, sort out errors when they get back to work. The system was broken befor this virus.
Orange	Finance	Reopening the state without the ability to test for a symptomatic infections is dangerous. We haven't truly quarantined which also has unseen affects. I don't see any evidence supporting Florida's on the downturn. Re-opening too soon will set us back farther than waiting until we see a decline for a significant period of time. Decision made in haste than can endanger 1 person is a bad decision. We are in a holding pattern due to lack of vaccine. Today, we are unequivocally safer in our homes.

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Volusia	Healthcare	People should be able to start working with social distancing guidelines. Restaurants should be able to devise a way for customers to view menus, remain 6 feet apart and still serve food. The antibody testing needs to be started and ramped up. Increased contact tracing needs more emphasis. Medical coding on cause of death needs to be accurate reported. PPE needs to be reinforced for all medical facilities with State and Federal support.
Polk	General	Events such as runs, triathlons, walks, plays, concerts, and festivals need to be cancelled. No way possible to police mass gatherings for social distancing or medical screening all participants and spectators. This places everyone in jeopardy at events that draw from all over the Nation and world.
Pinellas	General	Do not re-open until we have comprehensive testing. Our numbers look like they are low because no one can get tested. We also need wide access to anti-body tests prior to opening. Please use actual science as your guide.
Hillsborough	Healthcare	My interest is re-opening Florida due to covid19... (not "healthcare" in the regular sense) Florida should adhere to the strictest guidelines concerning social distancing and shut down businesses and schools and beaches etc for as long as covid19 is a threat to society. All residents of Hillsborough county should have the opportunity to undergo tests to determine their health condition to be in the position to address their health as appropriate for each individual. Under NO CIRCUMSTANCES should business interests take priority over the health of the community at large.
Leon	General	Listen to scientists and medical experts to prevent unnecessary deaths. If we reopen prematurely, more people will die and we'll have an even longer subsequent shutdown. I have a compromised immune system and cannot go back to normal without evidence we are all safe!
Escambia	Healthcare	Please do not open us up until there is a decline of coved-19. If you open one county to include beaches you are inviting people from other counties and states to come here, they may come from places that have a high infection rate and cause our numbers to continue to increase, therefore; taking it longer for us to bounce back. Also, your new unemployment task force is no better than before. I am not sure what needs to be done but perhaps look at how other successful states are handling it. I am a republican and concerned that this is really going to hurt us in November.
Palm Beach	Education	Probably we are gonna have second wave our school stay closed just remote learning till 2021 after winter. Also who is able to work from home should do it. Or companies should do employees rotation. It means one works from home today another tomorrow and etc.

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Volusia	General	When restaurants and stores do reopen , make sure to encourage them to keep up non contact curbside service, as those that are elderly or have underlying conditions should continue to have as little contact with others as possible until a treatment or vaccine is found.. it will not only help those people but will also help the businesses. I, for one, will not eat out immediately, as I live with an older person and, seeing some of the people who want to reopen and not take precautions will make me stay at home, as they have no regard for their own health, let alone others. Curb side service will help those who want to err on the side of caution but still generate revenue. Thank you.
Orange	Healthcare	With unreliable reporting, lack of widely available testing and continuing high numbers of cases, now is not the time to reopen the state. Until testing is available for everyone, with the addition of antibody testing, there is no way to ensure the safety of our residents
Flagler	Tourism	We need tourism. That is the states biggest industry. I own a tour boat company I'm deland. Blue heron river tours. This has crushed my business. I lost my entire busy season and so far I have no help of any kind financially. The only way I'm going to make it is to do tours so I can feed my kids
Miami-Dade	Government	COVID-19 has a 98% recovery rate, this rate of recovery does not justify the draconian mitigation measures that were implemented and it's time to lift them now. We were told at the onset, that this virus had a low risk unless you were elderly with underlying conditions. So, this was their going in stance; everyone else was low risk and no need to discontinue normal routines yet the Task Force inexplicably deviated from this posture and shut everyone down, now they are back to the elderly with underlying conditions (see Appendix to reopening guidelines below). The world stopped and the economy destroyed when we could have easily just looked out for vulnerable people and this is what needs to take place now; while everyone else goes back to work and public places. The flattening of the curve shelter-in-place was meant to buy time and prevent hospitals from getting overwhelmed; enough time has passed and hospitals are not overwhelmed; somehow flattening the curve was conflated with preventing death which was never the intent; the curve has flattened and the goal was met. All of the models used to justify the shut-down have thus far proven to be wildly inaccurate; current models reflect COVID-19 mortality is less than the seasonal flu; because of this, the Task Force has advised hospitals to count all deaths potentially but not proven to be caused by COVID-19 to be counted as caused by COVID-19 in an effort to hit high numbers in an attempt to make the actual deaths meet their inaccurate predictions; this is highly unethical and needs to be taken into account when weighing the decision to lift the shut down. Recall Broward County overreacted by shutting down when 3 elderly people with underlying condition passed away in a nursing home; only one out of the 3 was attributed to COVID-19; for this the entire low risk population was shut down. That action was unnecessary as evidenced by the Task Force's new guidelines taking us back to square one as to who in the State of Florida is vulnerable and needs to take precautions. In closing, refer to the Task Force Reopening of America Guidelines Appendix for justification to lift the shut down imposed on the majority low risk population: Appendix Vulnerable Individuals 1. Elderly individuals. 2. Individuals with serious underlying health conditions, including high blood pressure, chronic lung disease, diabetes, obesity,

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Charlotte	General	I considering Florida Numbers are still going up yes I've noticed they have slow down but in my area we've had a sudden jump in numbers we were low for a long time I think more testing needs to be done before Florida reopens I know this is hard on businesses and people. But I think it would be best besides what good is open up Florida back up if people are dead. I understand that people want to get back to work but at this point I think we will be just putting more lives in danger considering PEP is hard to fine for the public at this point.
Monroe	General	Dear Governor, You have done an incredible job since your election. Open up Florida and make individuals responsible for their own health. If you are elderly or are in a high risk group these individuals should be responsible for wearing PPE and making their own decisions as to how much to expose themselves to the disease. Of course our resources should go to increase resources and education for Nursing homes, assisted living facilities and home health services for the elderly but we cannot afford to keep our economy shut down. People need to go to their doctors, dentists, get screening and elective surgeries. We need to start getting back out and back to normal before society begins to breakdown. Over 50% of Americans live paycheck to paycheck and have no reserves to fall back on. Let your shutdown orders expire on April 30th and open Florida up for business. Thank you.
Lee	General	I think we have elected DeSantis to govern our state, therefore, I feel confident he is acting in best for our state. Our economy already weaker this past months, needs to get back on track and people need to learn how to get back on track slowly, but surely,. If we are to ever learn how to avoid sickness, it is not going to be hiding out. I am ready for things to open as appropriate.
Pinellas	General	I am a manager of Lifetime Athletic. I speak for all 350 employees at our Tampa club when I say that allowing fitness businesses to open is critical for our overall well being as human beings. People go to the gym for so many different reasons, whether it be to get in shape, blow off steam, or for long term medical reasons such as myself. Being a young cancer survivor, working out is not an option for me. It's a vital part of my survival. I run the LifeSpa inside of the Tampa Lifetime Athletic. I also oversee all of our spas in Georgia and Florida. For me, being furloughed has been detrimental to my overall well being, mental health, and financially life. Unable to support my family, unable to get the necessary equipment needed to stay strong, is not sustainable. Having gone through chemotherapy, I am considered at risk. However, I am smart enough to know my own limits and stay safe. We need to reopen sooner rather than later. If those at risk don't want to go out, they can stay home. But to keep businesses closed that aren't essential is biased and leaves way too much room for interpretation. What's essential to me, may not be essential to you, but we need to reopen our country and our beautiful state.
Polk	General	There is a greater chance of being struck by lightening than death by corona in my county. I don't understand why its illegal to have family over for dinner.

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Duval	General	I dont approve opening Florida back up as the numbers are still climbing along with deaths. This virus is very serious and also how many will get it when you open Florida up? This virus has definitely has hurt our country and economy so which is more important saving lives or money ?? Need to put God back in our schools, churches, meetings and etc and the rest will take care of itself along with God. God bless each and everyone of you and God bless the USA. Governor Desantis you have done a great job protecting the people of Florida ! Keep up the good work! Thank you Sir and I voted for you and will vote for you again !
Pinellas	General	Open necessities such as barber shops but strict social distancing has to be enforced. Working in Tampa and living in Pinellas, I saw more daily traffic after the state stay at home went into effect. Before the order, traffic was light. It tripled after the order was placed. Most retailers and grocery stores are very good at maintaining social distancing. When people are out in between these areas, they are shoulder to shoulder because they dont care. Dont open too soon for the masses.
Pinellas	General	Please think long and hard before "reopening" the state. We are doing fairly well right now with mostly only essential businesses open. Our level.of cases and fatalities is relatively low. By reopening non essential businesses like Georgia has, you will see bigger spikes in both cases and fatalities. We have not done nearly enough testing to have even a faint idea of how many people actually have the virus. Since the virus can be passed from people who are completely asymptomatic you endanger us all by getting back to normal too soon. Look at the pools, the vast majority of people on Florida and nationwide agree, there needs to be more time before reopening.

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Orange	General	I 100% agree we should re-open Florida with the continued social distancing, hand washing and responsible living day to day. Individuals that are smart will protect themselves, I wash my hands frequently and wear a mask when I think I'll be around a lot of people, like the grocery store. I don't think gloves are working at all. Most people don't know how to use them correctly and they are continuing to spread the virus. Washing hands is the better solution. One idea I have is that when workers are sent back to work, if they were able to make arrangements to work at home during the quarantine, that they should be allowed to continue to work from home indefinitely. That will cut down on the re-introduction of the virus in the workplace. My husband works for the state and has been allowed, successfully to work at home. He's also 68 years old and should be allowed to continue that as a matter of course for his job. It will help morale and lessen the concern about their colleagues. It would also help with the flu season as we get ready for it again in the fall. I believe it would also be good for the economy because businesses will find they can reduce costs and overhead while having more productive employees. I'm also a licensed Real Estate agent and have been taking excessive precautions while showing homes, wiping down doorknobs and counters while my clients are viewing properties. I open and close anything I can for them as well. I also give them gloves to wear inside each home we see which are discarded after each home and I provide them wipes and hand sanitizer after removing gloves, until they can wash them again.
Okaloosa	Retail	I work in a small jewelry in the Destin commons. I can not see myself going back to work. There is no way to social distance, people try things on and there is no proper way to clean them afterwards. We all have to go to work sick or not. Most can not go back to work, because we have children home and home schooling. I also have a family that is higher risk of catching covid-19, I would feel devastated if I brought it home to them. I think opening to soon will be devastating for us all. More will get sick and more will die if we do not control and have no new cases for at least 2 weeks. A major shut down need to occur before we can get back to a some what normal life.
Manatee	General	Governor DeSantis, Please se do not let our state repeat the mistakes made with the Spanish Flu. Of you allow us to reopen too soon that is exactly what will happen. I recognize that financial impact is hard to quantify but I can assure you it will be more devastating if you allow it to happen too fast. I also think when we do open up it has to be on a County by County based on medical professionals best practices for this type of scenario. Thank you for all you and the team is doing. Regards, Matt Woods

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Indian River	General	Reopening Florida would be a huge mistake. We haven't even come close to peaking or flattening the curve. Furthermore, Florida is a state full of retirees who will die if we reopen the state. There are studies shown that even young, healthy people like me are at risk of sever complications from COVID-19, including stroke. Every time a person comes into contact with another person, they are giving that other person the germs of every person they've come into contact with, including COVID-19. Considering how many asymptomatic people there are and the extreme lack of testing, the only tool we have against this deadly disease is physical isolation. I am begging you to not reopen the state.
Lake	Tourism	We must get the state back to work. Yes, a very small percentage of people are dying from covid and it's unfortunate. However, we are doing more harm to more people due to the loss of jobs and medical benefits to thousands of families - by not opening up the "crue" is worse than the disease.
Walton	General	I believe NW FL should be opened back up because there are a lot lower confirmed cases of COVID 19 overall in the area. I believe 65 years and older should remained quarantined, but that Floridians should use their own judgement with this virus.
Broward	Recreation	Public boat ramps-no restrooms, just access to the water for fishing.
Orange	General	Voting NO to re-opening the state. The reason is people are Not following the rules for social distancing and safe practices for COVID-19. It would be better to revisit this matter in mid-May. Thank you.
Miami-Dade	General	Poverty and suicide rates is way higher that Covid19 death. This makes no sense to continue the lock down. Open up our country, let's up do our job. This quarantine is against the constitution. We won't stop fighting for our right and the truth. Thanks
Broward	Recreation	Regarding gyms....I know many gym business owners who are willing to take extra precaution and necessary actions to keep clients healthy and safe before, during, and after exercise. These owners rely heavily on maintaining clients and gyms should be a priority. After all, most people don't congregate anywhere close to each other As they do in the supermarket or Walmart...Etc. A maximum of 10 persons in a gym (depending on size) would work. We know that, because we tried that prior to the closing of non-essential. We are greatly appreciative for consideration.
Jackson	Education	No! It is too soon to open the state for business. Hundreds of new positive cases of Covid-19 are identified in the state of Florida each day. PLEASE do not open the state for business until it is safe to do so. Thank you for your consideration.
St. Johns	Retail	I feel the worst is probably behind us, the state should reopen and just keep social distancing in place for the time being and the rules in place for the elderly
Broward	General	Please allow elective surgeries again!

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Polk	General	Hi Mr.Gov so my family and i have some recommendations that could be used in opening florida so one thing that has to happen is fixing the unemployment website and to get people like me money to help pay there bills. Second the people of florida need beaches to reopen safely and in a timed manner. Finally parks like disney should open soon but just with florida residents and annual pass holders but mr.damaro can help with that in helping disney reopen safely and fast and and encourage jobs to have better sick pay so they can stay home and still get payed. And being a fairly new resident in fl for a year why is florida ONE OF THREE states with a minimum number of weeks and pay benefits so when something like this happens it would be better suited for our residents. Thank you so much,Matt Livingston and family.
Orange	General	I feel we should remain closed at least thru the end of May. We have one of the largest elderly populations in the country and one of the largest tourism states, especially here in Orlando in the country. The combination of the two are just asking for trouble. Not to mention the uncertainty and fears everyone has. To partially open does not send confidence to the public that it is safe to get out and mingle among people or shop in stores. I feel like the economy would not be helped as much as we think and we run the risk of this pandemic coming back with a vengeance. Maybe we could speak to the banks and creditors that are getting money to maybe put a 90 day moratorium on all mortgage payments, car payments, credit card payments. That would be real help and felt by the people of Florida. Then we could focus on our families and communities and get past this time with as little pain as possible.
Polk	Finance	I'm writing to express my views on reopening Florida. Please do it cautiously and in phases. To have a second wave would certainly be a disaster. I'm in the exceedingly high risk group, over 65 and one lung, so I will remain isolated as much as possible. The Governor commented in today's press conference he wasn't going to rush in to allowing closed in areas to reopen. I agree. Go ahead and slowly allow restaurants with outside seating to resume operations. I would go get my haircut if I could request it be cut outside. Open some things, wait 2-3 weeks to monitor the change in infection rate, then if good open a few more things. Have someone research the best airflow patterns for restaurants and other smaller venues to minimize spread if someone has no symptoms. Please don't just turn the switch and either condemn me to never leave my house or worse to die. Thank you for this opportunity to speak. Regards, Ellen Bagdon
Orange	General	It is absolutely unsafe to open yet, we have a number of deaths each day and it's currently rising. It's not fair to ask us to risk our life just for a dollar !!!!!

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Hernando	Education	There's no reasonable way to guarantee the health and safety of children and school staff. Many will not be willing to return until there is, especially those of us who fall in the high risk category. Numbers are still growing !You must also be mindful of the data that strongly suggested that there will be a resurgence later in the calendar year. Keep schools closed! Put efforts into getting stimulus money and unemployment checks out! To safeguard the future, the present policies need to be continued. Continue to be preventive, not reactive! And do not allow the pension funds of your public employees to get raided. The people who have been stepping up deserve some protection, loyalty, respect and appreciation.
Palm Beach	Government	Do not open this state. Are you totally insane.
Hillsborough	Food	One of my largest concerns is the opening of restaurants and I work within the industry. I have dedicated my life to hospitality and work my way up into the corporate structure. I love my job. I want nothing more than for all of our concepts to reopen! However after working in the industry my entire life I have some concerns. The culture within a restaurant has always promoted servers, cooks, and hosts to come in sick. If you can't get your shift covered you come in. If you can't make rent, you come in. You don't have health insurance in most instances so most can't afford to go to a doctor out of pocket. What can be done to ensure all front of house and heart of house staff are never working Ill. How does one keep a kitchen line 6 feet apart? Stations would have to be entirely redesigned. How do you keep booths 6 feet apart and tables. There would need to , at least initially be limited seating capacity. What are we gonna do about shared tea pitchers , water pitchers, beer pitchers, coffee pots, etc etc These are just the tip of the iceberg when discussing reopening restaurants. Please do it safely and with all of these issues and beyond addressed
Orange	Administrative	As has been made abundantly clear by the state government -- not just over the past two months, but stretching all the way back to the first days of the Skeletor era -- Florida has zero regard for the working class and the middle class, the very people who make up the backbone of this state. The unemployment fiasco is emblematic of this: the system is not "broken" and "in need of repair." It's working exactly as the folks who destroyed it had intended. I'm utterly convince that Florida will attempt to reopen before the proverbial curve has had a chance to hit a downward arc, because it's better for the people who run this state to sacrifice its most vulnerable residents (health-wise or financially) than to provide tangible assistance to them in a time of need. Even if (when?) the number of unemployment claims continues to skyrocket, the state's response will almost certainly be along the lines of, "Look, we're open for business now. You guys are all on your own." This is the level of depravity that has overtaken, and now crippled, the Florida legislature. Nothing matters as long as the faceless developers, shady businessmen, and other multi-millionaire/billionaire shitheel sugar daddies -- oops, I mean "supporters" -- are looked after and pampered in a sufficient manner. As for the overwhelming majority of the state's population, well... let them eat yellow cake.

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Hillsborough	Management	If Essential business can open safely, so can other businesses. Keep people who can perform their jobs remotely doing so. Keep the schools and day cares closed through the end of this school year. Open the parks and beaches and continue to recommend social distancing. The people will do what is right and safe. Provide citizens the death rate information from this year (March and April) vs last year. Curious to see if there was a decline overall. No one has provided the public with this information and curios to see what that looks like. Also, has there been an increase in domestic violence, suicide, and substance abuse this year. All needs to be taken into consideration when opening back up. Staying inside cannot be healthy. Thanks.
Lee	General	The 'Covid' shutdown represents government overreach. Let's end it now.
Hillsborough	General	It is well past time to begin reopening the Florida economy. Agree that throwing open the doors is probably not the best way forward, but there are plenty of mitigation strategies that all businesses can utilize. In addition, the ability to go back to work, earn a paycheck, and provide for one's family should be paramount. The virus is here, it's not going away and stumbling towards another great depression is dangerous. What is worse, a virus that is treatable, and somewhat preventable, or a state or country with nobody working, a broken government, and no hope? People need to be allowed to be people, the government should not get into the habit of dictating peoples' livelihoods. Please, look at the statistics, look at our resources, look at what limitations the State has, and let's get back to work.
Manatee	General	We agreed to 30 days to stop the spread to not overwhelm hospitals. I sincerely hope you intend to open business as usual at the end of the month, we do not consent to any further lockdowns.
Volusia	General	I do not think we can risk our citizen's lives by reopening until our curve is in decline. What Georgia is doing Is dangerous and stupid. Fix the disgraceful unemployment system, and keep us safe for at least another month. If you do open it, I won't be out spending because it's not safe, and many avoidable deaths will be in the Governor's head.
Miami-Dade	Recreation	Dear Gov DeSantis, Please encourage local counties to expedite the opening of their beaches. Here in south Florida our beach communities are full of children that have no where to play but literally in the street. In my opinion you can open all beaches and allow residents to access the beach closest to the home at a certain time. For example, 33160 can access Sunny Isles Beach from 9-10 am and 4-5 pm, 33180 can use from 11-12 and 5-6pm and so on. Thank you for making this portal available, I think you're doing a great job! Best, Michelle
Pinellas	General	Can WE get back to "Living" and not just 'Existing'!? I'm all for "herd immunity' at this point. We worked hard all our lives, lived within our means, saved, paid our bills did all the right things and NOW, we face THIS? I want to the sick and at risk people to do what they have to, stay at home, etc but LET the healthy get back to LIVING!

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Hillsborough	Professional Services	The reason China steals our technology is freedom! Our citizens, armed with freedom, create amazing every day. My firm has helped more than 70 business owners file for EIDL & PPP over the past 4+ weeks, and the one constant they share is a desire for freedom. If the Florida Governor, state, local & municipal leaders would step back and take a 30,000 feet perspective, the answers would be crystal clear! Tell the PEOPLE of Florida "we trust you". You own businesses & make difficult decisions all the time. Tell the people "here are the guidelines, now everyone do what it is you do best". Once business owners are shown they are trusted, and every Floridian for that matter, they WILL rise to the occasion and show the world why we are the greatest. It's time for Governor DeSantis & his Task Force to step back & let Florida prove them right by stepping aside and not micro-managing.
Martin	Professional Services	Our business provides Summer Camps and tutoring services across our county. Some to very disadvantaged populations. On our site, we can separate children into groups of less than 20 all day with no parents allowed in building. We need to prepare if camps are going to be allowed to be open. We also need guidelines though we have put many rules in place on our own for when it happens. Many of our families need childcare to return to work or want extra help due to school time loss. We want to be safe as well. We also need guidance on employees over 65. Rules that keep us within the parameters of discrimination laws as well as safety recommendations.
Okaloosa	Healthcare	I'm an outpatient Pediatrician working in Crestview, FL. I'm a parent of 4 children who attend public school, and a military veteran & spouse. I've lived & worked in medicine in 9 states as well as England, over the past 26 years.. I have concerns about 1) the LACK of AVAILABLE local testing for my patients, 2) how difficult it has been to get any kids tested, and 3) the strong likelihood that kids in the community are the vectors, spreading COVID19 at their daycare or school. Many of my patients are uninsured, Medicaid, foster kids, or in custody of grandparents, etc. They are not able or willing to drive 45-60 min to be tested for COVID19 in Pensacola or Freeport or Destin, and they shouldn't have to. They also can't afford to pay for a test or pay for an ED/Urgent Care visit just to get tested. If we send everyone back to work, daycare, summer camp, and such, there will most certainly be a wave of COVID19 in NW FL far bigger than the current, though our numbers are certainly artificially low due to lack of testing. I also have ongoing concerns about appropriate PPE availability for future waves of illness that we will see when we re-open. PLEASE insist on local testing in every county, for everyone regardless of their ability to pay, before allowing everything to re-open. The local Health Departments should be actively working this issue and planning for the long term. Please continue to fund them and staff them. Please continue programs like WIC and DCF, which are keeping many of my patients alive during this time of economic distress. Thank you

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Lee	General	With the numbers staying steady in SWFL, opening the state back to normal is going to cause a second wave of this virus, in which I don't believe Florida is ready for. I think we need to continue to have restaurants as take out only. I think we still need to limit the times people are out and about and still urge for them to be out for essentials. I am a store manager of a business deemed essential and we have people daily coming into our store to just "browse". If we are so concerned about schools that they are staying closed, then we need to about our citizens, especially with the elderly population that we have.
Palm Beach	General	Hello Governor DeSantis and Re-Open Florida Task Force Team, Thank you for taking the time to read the comments of concerned Florida residents. I strongly believe that all plans to open the state should be guided by the medical community and science. While many are anxious and ready to go back to life as we knew it, we must accept the fact that life will never be normal as we knew it. We have to adjust to a new normal, and this requires that we have a clear, calculated plan. As a mother of two children attending Palm Beach County Schools, I am relieved that you decided to keep schools closed for the remainder of the year. This was a wise decision that will save many lives. Thank you! Please don't allow the shifting wave of politics to guide your decisions. A slow and steady, methodical path is the only way to truly reopen the economy successfully. As a consumer, I wouldn't even consider venturing out to a restaurant, getting my hair cut, going to the mall or going on vacation in Orlando. All of these activities come with great risk to my life and the lives of my family, neighbors and friends. If we follow science and listen to the medical community, public confidence will increase. Right now, I have zero confidence that it is safe to go back to life as we knew it. If you move too fast, you will immediately lose any ground that was gained through social distancing. While moving steadily will anger and frustrate some residents, they will one day thank you for saving their life and the lives of those that they love. I also believe that most Florida residents would prefer to sacrifice life as they knew it for the short term to preserve their lives. Respectfully, Julie Barbera
Broward	General	Thank you Governor Desantis for giving us an opportunity to share our thoughts regarding how to reopen FL. For counties like Broward County, I feel it is too soon to reopen businesses. Our County is still being heavily impacted by COVID-19. I do feel that other areas in the state that have less cases may be ready to open but using standard precautions such as enforcement of all having to wear masks, 6ft social distancing and proper sanitation of businesses with law enforcement ensuring this measures are taking place and giving fines to those that do not adhere to the rules. With regards to Broward, I feel we need to see less cases reported on a daily basis, more testing and less cases occurring in our nursing homes. Thank you for all that you are doing Governor to keep us safe in this great state of Florida.

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Pinellas	General	The Federal Government put out clear guidelines regarding reopening. Follow the Phases recommended.
Pasco	General	Everything needs to be reopened immediately, worst decision to shut down
Palm Beach	General	Please open NOW! We are aware of the risks!
Broward	General	I think the first thing that should be done before any consideration is given to opening businesses, schools, beaches and Parks is that everyone regardless of current health status should be given a test for covid-19 and blood work for antibodies. After the results are compiled then I believe staggered opening with limited amounts of crowds should be considered. Although staying at home has been difficult, I find solace in the fact that I may be contributing to halting the spread of this vicious disease.
Columbia	General	I believe it is to early to open the state . Cases are still occurring daily . Florida deaths have went up. I work in the Hospitality industry and if we open back up to in state travel most jobs will be slow still resulting in no hours . More people will get sick then we will not be able to work again . I live in Lake City and work in hospitality . If no events are happening then we won't see much business and risking our health . The little town next to us has over 100 cases
Palm Beach	Healthcare	Elective surgery(all specialties) should resume asap. Free-standing and office based surgery centers are even safer than hospital based elective surgery when it comes to infectious conditions. Social distancing can be maintained more easily. Of course, no patient will undergo any procedure if there is a concern of any medical problem and the operating room itself is one if the safest places to be as it is the closest you can get to a sterile environment. We all need to get back to work. Thank you.
Pinellas	General	Please consider this FACT..."95% of deaths have been people over 60 years or age". If the goal is to save lives, this FACT must be leveraged. It has been totally ignored to date. The Stay-At-Home order should now only pertain to people over 60, effective immediately. Stop putting hundreds of thousands of people out of work simply to avoid them having flu symptoms.

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Pinellas	General	As a 25 yr combat veteran family we choose Florida to be our forever home. That being said, please remember to continue lead from a place of fact over fear. I am also a trauma psychologist and have devoted my adult life to helping my fellow citizens nurture our innate ability to do hard things. Allow Floridians to do what we do best and they is to address stressful complex issues with intellect and compassion. We do it every hurricane season and this novel virus discovery is really no different except we have had our livelihoods held hostage. We are all suffering but most horrifying is the suffering of our most vulnerable. Our elderly, veterans, at risk youth, mentally ill, homeless and children. We must use this as an opportunity to not let them fall behind any longer. Make sensible and replicable plans to care for them going forward. Socially conditioning people is never the answer. Make progress to continue to put system based plans into action. Bring in leaders from the veteran community to help make policy that Continues to address this need. Do not over legislate a medical crisis. Set an example of how smaller governance does indeed foster more societal responsibility. Allow citizens to problem solve along with you and empower us with knowledge and not fear.
Orange	Healthcare	As a nurse and following the ever evolving updates of Covid19, in my opinion we should air on the side of caution with opening up places slowly. Like first restaurants at minimum capacity of no more then 25 -35 people inside establishments eating at any given time. Start out small and if no further cases are becoming critical then slowly open more restaurants. Then start opening small gatherings of Health related Doctors offices but of course still practicing social distancing and proper hand washing etc. and masks for the compromised patient populations that need them or people with Asthma, or Immune Compromised patients. No bars or social gatherings places for frivolous reasons till we get a better handle on testing people who have had Covid19 and for further testing on how long the Antibodies will flourish in individual patients bodies etc and if the need more antibodies. Make sure to have all proper PPE available to all hospital, Doctors offices and let pharmacists/Extra nursing staff have an area in the store to properly be gowned and with PPE and conduct Covid 19 Test Sites and Antibody Testing at various locations. Not just during the day only but up till 10pm at sites as needed for further data collection of who all has had Covid 19 already and who might be asymptotic carriers. Hopefully my ideas can be of some help. I would gladly help out wherever the Govt or Any Covid 19 Testing Sites would need help. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Felicia Steele, Nurse

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Orange	General	I'd like to see FL taken off the Stay At Home order effective April 30, 2020. I'd like to see restaurants, gyms, bars, shops, salons and dentists opened with social distancing and cleaning measures as apart of their reopening. I think opening things May 1 would be safe with social distancing in mind. Thank you!
St. Johns	Healthcare	The White House guidelines say that there needs to be a downward trajectory of flu-like illnesses reported within a 14-day period; a Downward trajectory of COVID-like syndromic cases reported within a 14-day period; a downward trajectory of documented cases within a 14-day period; or a downward trajectory of positive tests as a percent of total tests within a 14-day period. Until we have met those standards (and we have not) then we need to continue to shelter in place. Forcing businesses to open, when they are going to have very few customers, means that their employees will no longer be eligible for unemployment (assuming they ever get it from the Florida system). The aim is to keep front-line workers safe and with enough food to eat, and letting them stay home achieves that. PLEASE listen to the doctors and public health experts before you listen to the Chamber of Commerce. It is not worth even one dead employee or customer, when we can wait three weeks and have everyone be safer.
Manatee	General	Reopening Florida before the Covid19 numbers start to decline throughout the state on a consistent downward trend is a dangerous, irresponsible idea. I live in a county where the Covid19 numbers are climbing, and my zipcode in particular has a particularly high number of cases. The local government has caved in to demands to open boat ramps and exclude private property from curfews. The result, as predicted, is a spike in cases. If Florida reopens prematurely the result will be a resurgence in deaths. Opening the state gradually, while on the surface sounds logical, with travel so easy and frequent, people in areas with a high concentration of cases will carry the virus to areas with a low concentration and cause a spike in those areas. When the state does reopen there need to be STRICTLY ENFORCED rules on wearing masks in public. If everyone is required to wear masks it will at least slow the spread to levels that can be managed. During interactions if both parties are not spreading saliva/nasal droplets, the chance of spreading virus drops significantly. This means strict liability with associated penalties for failure to comply.
Pinellas	General	Reopen Florida gyms.
Palm Beach	General	I am 100% AGAINST relaxing restrictions at this time in reference to the coronavirus. The ONLY reason we have had success with keeping numbers down and not overwhelming hospitals is due to stay at home orders. To continue that success, we need to continue the stay at home orders. The numbers.....aka sick people.....are still increasing. Please find a way to help those hurting financially so we can continue staying at home without some going hungry. Please help the people of Florida and do the right thing for us.
Palm Beach	Recreation	I think the gated communities can begin opening their clubhouses by following the cdc guidelines and for their own residents only

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Broward	Accommodation	I feel it's important to have vacation rentals open and would site economic and health benefits.
Broward	General	Make the entire state wear masks/ coverings. As a Broward native living in Lee County for college, people don't understand what 6 ft is and get too close.
Brevard	Government	In reference to re opening the state.....some businesses could open as long as you can have the social distancing of the 6 ft being observed. My opinion.....with Trumps guidelines to open....we are not even close to being able to open. I know the Gov has stated at one point that we are flattening to curve . I don't see it, again my opinion. Too many ppl are carriers and don't know it.. Brevard is just now ramping up with there numbers Increasing daily. I know we are a tourism state,and we are losing money, but please take care of your ppl of Florida before letting them back in. Let's wait a little longer. We dont know a lot about this virus yet. Please wait. Thank you.
Hillsborough	General	Please start slowly and give very precise instructions to our businesses. Maybe not rules, but instruction and guidance. I would like to have 4 weeks between phases...
Miami-Dade	General	condo facilities that are well managed should have oversight for their own facilities and be able to open pools etc. also as you're policing beaches now how is it not possible to poilce them with strict hours and distancing measures in place? fine the violators give the money to small businesses. a working website would be helpful as would multipole choose for quick answers!!!
Hillsborough	General	I feel we should start reopening now with safety measures. Restaurant s with more spacing. Salons with staff wearing masks, gloves, and proper spacing, etc. Beaches definitely. Police can write tickets to those who do not follow the rules. Parks and playgrounds should be open. People do not need government deciding their every move. Those vulnerable should stay home for their own well being. Those who disagree with opening should also stay home and distance themselves from their family members and friends who chose to go out. Thank you!
Lee	General	First off I think Gov DeSantis has done a great job through all of this. This is a situation that no one saw coming and for this long and no one knew how to properly prepare for it. However I do feel we need to open the state back up, with certain restrictions, such as social distancing. They majority of the people out of work, at least in my area and from what I see are your core of the economy. Restaurants, Hotel, Retail, Beauty and Health. Open those up!! Immediately! You will then see a decrease in unemployment claims. Well at least you will from me, I work in Retail and also in Real Estate so I welcome things opening up again!! I need to make money!! I have been waiting for my UE application to be approved, it took me 10 days to even be able to submit my application so obviously that is a hot topic and needs to be revamped severely. Keep up the good work Governor!!!

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Hillsborough	General	It's not sustainable to keep the state on lock down until this virus goes away. Instead we have to learn to live with it. Advise the proper precautions be taken and reopen the state including opening restaurants, barber shops, gyms, movie theaters, etc.
Hillsborough	Recreation	Open our beaches. Pinellas County is thinking of reopening their beaches, but not open public parking. That makes no sense. I used to go to Sunset Beach every Saturday by myself early in the morning to walk and collect shells for a couple of hours as a stress reliever. So please, open the beaches and don't forget to open the parking lots too. Thank you for this opportunity to hear my concerns.
Manatee	General	I think it would be beneficial for the whole country if Florida began opening up ASAP. Following the model that Georgia is going seems like a good idea in my opinion. We need to take into account that studies, such as the one fro University of South Carolina, which showed the number of people who have COVID-19 antibodies was 20 to 60 times more than recently thought, with these studies, and the need of Pennsylvania having to remove hundreds from their COVID death count, which points to false numbers on total dead from this virus, we should still take precautions, but open up all business to reopen and take precautions. Let people,like the elderly, take proper precautions, like staying home, while young people like no longer be restricted.
Lake	General	Please reopen some businesses with people keeping social distancing. If some people think it's too early, they can stay home until they feel safe but I think you should reopen some businesses now.
Manatee	Education	I have serious concerns about schools opening in August. I think by doing so this puts not only the children at risk but the teachers and other staff members getting exposed. I think that doing this will put a lot of us at risk and cause a second outbreak far worse than the first. Personally online schooling is working for all three of my kids and I am still able to work with my students throughout the week. We call schools germ factories and thay is because they are. This is a serious corpus and without a vaccine I think it's careless to put everyone in danger like this again.
Hillsborough	Healthcare	People are in the hospital because they have no choice. People go to the dentist and get Covid19 due to droplets in the air that last 3 hrs and there will be more people at the hospital due to COVID-19. Opening is reckless. Need more time to have more info about this virus and implement measures to avoid spread of disease.
Suwannee	General	For the sake of our economy and small business owners, we must reopen. If Walmart and Lowe's can remain open, small businesses should be allowed to open. We can keep social distancing in effect and still reopen businesses responsibly! For the sake of many families' livelihoods, we must open.
Marion	General	It is time to end this unlawful and inappropriate activity. End the shutdown today and introduce legislation to prohibit the practice.

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Hillsborough	General	I would like to comment in favor of the slow opening of the state. My husband (single income family with a 5 year old) works for a wine distributor. They have 2 sides- hotel/restaurant and grocery. My husband works for the restaurant side and thankfully during this, they have asked those employees to help out on grocery and are able to keep their jobs. They received an email yesterday that if this continues they will have to start layoffs because at the time, they have over 4 million dollars in outstanding invoices, which (to be honest) some of these restaurants may not open back up. So while people complain about “I miss restaurants! I want to go out!” Please remember that some people NEED these restaurants to open back up. Please help us and our friends! Just as the state slowly closed them, 50% capacity, we can do the same for opening!! We have to! Please! May 1st!!
Duval	General	I am concerned about the health of the people of Jax Fla. I think reopening the city now is to soon. People are still dying and being infected. We can't be moved because everyone is anxious to return back to normal. Which is okay but not now! Please take your time in making this decision. If the city reopens within the week myself and my family will not be participating in anything. No dinners; no movies; no gyms! We will be at home! Thank you for your time.
Marion	Recreation	Communities like on top of world have many activities that are on hold with lock down. Would be nice to see our activities (golf, pickleball, tennis, badminton, rec centers, wood shop, etc) reopen with people recognizing the social distance in place, and many if not all residents would continue with wiping down rackets, balls equipment etc. Club meetings could wait til phase 2 or 3. Our activities are not open to the public unless visitors with families. Until into phase 3 limitation of visitors could be excluded.
Lee	General	For the health safety of our community, it is too soon.
Alachua	Healthcare	As a concerned citizen, I do not feel as if it is in the interest of public health to re-open Florida's economy until public health officials have deemed it safe to do so. To open the economy now when social distancing orders have finally begun to make a lasting dent on the viral curve would be ridiculously naïve, putting the risk of many workers and citizens at risk. Without these workers, there will be no economy. Please, for the sake of the state, extend the stay-at-home orders and keep the economy closed.
Miami-Dade	Recreation	Please open up retail. Why are liquor stores open but places like Hobby Lobby & Kohl’s isn’t? Grocery stores, gas stations, office & home supply stores are open but yet our infection rates remain low. It’s time to open them up, let people get back to work & shopping. Please over ride the Mayor of Dade county. He is abusing power & is beyond ridiculous with his closings.
Hillsborough	General	Do not open Florida yet

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Seminole	Tourism	I strongly believe we should NOT open right now. If we were to re-open all the beaches and theme parks for instance, think of all the people that are NOT from the state of Florida who would want to come and vacation during this pandemic. This was proven during spring break. They would be bringing more risk to Florida when we, ourselves are still not safe. I understand the damage to the economy but is human life not more important? Can't have an economy without healthy people. I also do not think it is fair to the senior citizens. They have to stay inside just so everyone can be out and about being irresponsible? And to be fair, they are not the only at risk group. Re-opening is inevitable but that does not mean it needs to be right now! Think saving lives not saving money!
Broward	Recreation	Covid is NOT a death sentence. Are we trying to keep people from dying or from getting the virus. IT IS NOT a death sentence. Look at the recent DATA. More people have been exposed or gotten COVID than previously known. I.E. California and NY studies. the amount of people his HIGH but the death rate is not correlated equally.. This the death rate is quite low and 989 percent of people recover. Its looks like the FLU death incidence is more .. We have NEVER closed the country due to an illness.. if we don't open soon, more people will suffer Poverty and suicide. We MUST balance economics with this situation. Open up Florida now. This include Beaches. UV and humidity kills it.
Duval	General	I do not feel that Florida is ready to reopen. I understand that some people are eager to get back to work, however science has proven differently. I live in Jacksonville, one of he largest cities in Florida. This virus is very contagious, someone can be asymptomatic and still spread this virus to someone else. There needs to be some time of system in allowing people to go back to work. Its understandable that some want to open up there businesses and go back to work, but what good is the money if you die trying to make the money, and you are no longer here and able to spend it. We are one of the richest countries in the world, however we have one of the highest death rates of all the countries, that alone should tell you that we as a country should do more to keep Americans safe. I am also a Veteran and I love my countr and my state, but opening up Florida to soon its not what is best for America or Florida.

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Pinellas	Healthcare	The shutdown of the Florida economy by this administration with the recklessness of a bull in a china shop is staggering. Specifically, the vague EO 20-72 was implement and destroyed parts of the healthcare system with the stoke of a pen with no real purpose than to supposedly preserve PPE. The re-gearing and retrofitting the entire healthcare system to ONLY treat the China Virus was simply stupid. Does this administration truly believe that all other healthcare needs took a hiatus during this period? This administration has put far more at risk by such broad and vague restrictions. Define "emergency". Conditions that were necessary, but not yet emergency, now predictably become an emergency. Options to treat are much fewer and now extraction or amputation are all that is left. Patients and doctors are fearful that insurance companies will not cover treatments during this period if they are not virus related. This administration seems oblivious that people hang on their every word and parse the meaning. It seems to me that the government has collected a lot of data and information. I suggest it be used for more than your trivia games and to scare people. I can understand that at first it seemed that the virus was falling from the sky or it was magic. No one knew how it was transmitted. It has been more than a month and things have changed. This administration knows the HIGH PROBABLITY situations WHERE, WHEN and HOW the virus is transmitted. Restrictions should be structured based upon PROBABLE and just not just POSSIBLE. Since the federal, state and local governments have not shared this information, all you have done (and a fine job I might add) is cause a panic. People are not sure when to have their guard up. So they do it all of the time and never go or do things. Where are the incidents of transmission? It appears large number of people, indoors with close contact situations. That would be travel hubs, airports, nursing homes, etc. Not beaches or dental offices. Show me the transmission incident data on restaurants. By zip code really does not give information regarding the situation.
Escambia	Healthcare	Scientists, epidemiologists, and contact tracers should be making this decision. Please follow the science.
Sarasota	Retail	Please require everyone that comes into a store to wear a mask. I will be wearing a mask when I am working to protect the customers and they should have to wear one too protect the employees. Also would be great if all stores had the plexiglass at registers like target has. Publix has it too but target did a better job with it extending all the way across the register area. Keeping cashiers and store employees safe will keep everyone that comes in the store safe. Thank you.
Alachua	Real Estate	OPEN OUR STATE NOW!! This is Uncontitutional. The numbers DO NOT JUSTIFY ruining our entire Country!! Be THE LEADER and show the Country WE'RE FLORIDA STRONG!!
Hillsborough	Management	I strongly agree it's time to start opening up. If people feel the need to stay home they may but the long term effects of this shutdown will be catastrophic if we continue. I am an essential worker and my financial situation has not been effected except in my retirement account but I feel for all the effected people in the hospitality industry and others. I agreed with the precautions to start but each day I feel it is overkill and we need to get back to somewhat normal.

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Polk	General	Gyms need to be able to open. Including apartment/condo/HOA-sponsored gyms in these communities. I am pre-diabetic and need to continue to lose weight. Others are gaining significant weight due to no access to fitness equipment.
Broward	Professional Services	Governor Desantis, I applaud you for asking to include those who are more directly affected than the 'professional' ones who often make these kind of decisions. I definitely believe in listening to, and heeding the advice of professionals and experts in the field of which a decision should be made. But the people who are directly impacted should be solicited and heeded as well. I am a self-employed tax and bookkeeping professional. My business has been impacted by the virus, though not as critically as others. However, I am aware of those whose businesses, such as some of my own clients, are very much impacted. I believe that in the cases of some nonessential businesses such as barber shops or nail and beauty salons, eyeglass shops to name a few, can begin to be reopened gradually. I am suggesting this more for the benefit of the business owners than the customers. But perhaps they can begin limited service hours, and limited customers in the shops at one time. Staff and customers should wear masks and there should not be more than 10 customers in the business at one time, and even less depending on the size of business space. I believe that some restaurants can be gradually reopened using some of the same guidelines, though i do realize that it is not sensible to implement using masks while eating. I would also suggest including residents, including those such as myself, to be a part of your task force, and explore options regarding reopening those closed nonessential businesses one by one and see which can be reopened gradually and wisely. i am totally against a complete reopening of the state at this time. Thank you for this opportunity to be a part of this forum.
Charlotte	Healthcare	Hi. How will offices have social distancing? They put out memos of things they are doing for safety, but they aren't actually doing them..
Hillsborough	General	It is now established that you way over reacted because these numbers were immensely overblown. Stop trying to save face with this slow open. Own your mistakes. Sun, heat, and humidity kill COVID. Open state parks and beaches immediately!
Hillsborough	Finance	As much as I would love to see the economy reopen, I do not believe the time is now. We are still seeing spikes in cases and opening Florida could be more devastating. What about small business owners that aren't comfortable opening up, how many of them may lose businesses as landlords will look to begin collecting rent. I know this is a hard decision and I hope the best one is chosen by looking at the health and safety of the florida constituents and not from a pure business perspective.

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Orange	General	I really feel that prolonging this shutdown further will cause irreparable damage to the economy, and to peoples lives. What is the point of saving people's health if they have to live with their lives destroyed? I think the tasks at hand should be to figure out ways of implementing stay at homes for those with compromised immune systems and the elderly, and taking better care of providing public health options in the communities. If you're going to continue the stay at home order for everyone, you'd best fix the unemployment system first. It's a national embarrassment.
Levy	General	It is time to lift ALL restrictions that have been imposed as a result of the Wuhan COVID-19 virus. Our economy has been devastated and if we don't quickly restore our freedom to live our lives, it may soon be a permanent death to prosperity. The knee jerk reaction, from the top down, should NEVER have happened. This is not the way we have "handled" any other health epidemic EVER! The original recommendations of wash your hands, don't touch your face, stay home if you're sick we're all reasonable and adequate. We would be far ahead of "the curve" by now and we would not have destroyed our economy (including the healthcare industry), left so many seeking unemployment compensation, allowed Congress to create horrendously humongous spending bills...and I could go on and on. Every measure taken that deprived us of our property (jobs and businesses) and our liberty has been unConstitutional and MUST be lifted immediately! Restore our freedom to practice individual responsibility and reliance on self. Get out of our way and We The People will fix what overreaching government has broken. Nothing less will be well tolerated by people who prize the freedom layed out in our US Constitution and granted to us by Our Creator. We are eager to turn the page and go back to life pre-coronavirus! Signed; 65 yo trying to survive on 1K/mo SS since being told I could no longer work as a licensed massage therapist!
Pinellas	General	Please open up salons and gyms! We can be safe. Those who don't agree can stay home!!!
Hillsborough	General	Reopening Plan Extend current stay at home for 2 weeks. Establish places where people can get masks for no cost. Require masks until end of May in public settings where 6 feet is not possible. Masks required for any large gathering until science tells us it's safe.
Orange	General	Until there is a dramatic decrease in daily COVID cases consistently for several weeks, it is entirely too risky to reopen the state. As the daughter of a man who lives on a ventilator, it is like playing Russian roulette by opening up the state with a knee jerk reaction. Don't follow the foolish steps of the neighboring state, Georgia. My father's life, and so many others, is more important. Yes, we need to open at some point, but its too soon.

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Pinellas	General	I think we need to have a rolling opening for Florida residents ONLY. We cannot afford to allow throngs of tourists from who knows where to descend on our state, which they certainly will do once the beaches open. Keep the beaches open for exercise only. As someone said, do what is working and build off of that, like curbside pickup and delivery for any store/business that can do it safely. Opening restaurants is very concerning since I work in a hotel and restaurant. I am having a very hard time with feeling comfortable in going back to work amongst tourists from anywhere around the world. I might feel a little better about having only Florida residents in the hotel and restaurant. Also concerned with how my employer will keep us safe as it is impossible to practice social distancing working in a restaurant. What about public pools? How are you going to operate a pool at a hotel safely? As anxious as I am to get back to work, especially since I have not had one unemployment check for 5 weeks, I would appreciate your recommendation to open slowly so we do not see a spike in cases/deaths. Thank you and good luck.
Pinellas	General	As long as the numbers keep going up, we need to stay home. We need the numbers to decrease at least 14 days straight before we even think about reopening the cities or the state. We need to increase testing. The nursing homes are 'Petri dishes' for COVID-19. All nursing home employees need to be tested and every teacher needs to be tested as well as all hospital employees need to be tested before the cities and states are opened even a little. Then the ones testing negative need to have tracing done to mark their contacts. This disease can be spread by an asymptomatic person, that is dangerous. I have 4 asthmatics in my immediate family. They are at risk as am I, I am over 65. In addition, I wish small business owners were on this task force, Barbers, hairdressers, nail techs.etc.. They are most impacted by this Pandemic. White collar workers can work from home
Nassau	Accommodation	There is no way for businesses to maintain the 6' social distancing requirements. People must be vigilant in their hygiene and cleanliness, which probably will not happen. We need testing in all businesses with quick results to stop the spread. Business leaders must be at the forefront of accomodations for their employees and held responsible if they do not comply.
Lee	General	Everyone should be required to wear a face covering at all times when they are out in public.
Osceola	General	I believe we can re-open slowly with certain rules. For example maximum capacity in restaurants, keep curbside pick up available. Hotels/libraries can open up with big social areas closed off to promote social distancing. Keep sanitation and social distancing a high priority still, encourage Floridians vacation in FL & not let fear takeover. Also if you feeling unwell be responsible and get checked incase

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Palm Beach	General	I do not think that Palm Beach County is safe to open at this time. More testing needs to be done and the county needs a little more time to see the level of cases and deaths decrease. Safety is the most important over getting back to work. If you put our county back to work and the virus worsens or spikes again then we will have to stop working again and that will be worse than just waiting a bit longer now. Thank you!
Alachua	General	We need to stay closed for a few more weeks. We need to keep the majority of this virus out of the mainstream before the tourist & Hurricane season starts. It is going to be hard enough with people from out of state coming to visit during the summer potentially bringing the virus to us. Flattening the curve a little bit longer will also buy us time to get the proper Medical testing available for everyone. Please continue to keep the State closed until at least June 1st and re-evaluate from there. It would also be nice if there was a clear explanation of the stages of reopening the state. Also the precautions that will be needed to do so. If we are going to reopen, we need to have items readily available to do so. This includes hand sanitizers, face masks, wipes and other precautionary items that will help us stay safe. I have not seen definitions of the stages of reopening but having the supplies available is the first step.
St. Lucie	Retail	Please reopen businesses. Stores, offices, beauty salons, barbershops, restaurants have been closed long enough. We need to get back to normal life. The fear-mongering needs to stop today.
Alachua	Education	Hello Governor DeSantis! I'm writing to you to request that you order/recommend schools and universities to open at the start of the 2020-21 academic school year. I am currently a student at the University of Florida. Having UF resume their normal operations will allow students to return to in person classes, extracurricular activities, and university jobs. If classes remain online, students will not be able to continue most extracurricular activities which are complementary to formal education (for example, I am on the UF Mock Trial Team to prepare me for a law career). I am also concerned that many businesses in Gainesville will not survive if classes remain online for Fall 2020. These businesses rely on students to stay afloat and many students rely on them for work. Please consider ordering and encouraging schools and universities to open in Fall 2020 for the benefit of students, faculty, and local businesses. Thank you, Shayna Schulman

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Lee	General	It would be foolish to re open everything at this point in the pandemic. It was negligent to even open up the beaches and parks and now you are thinking about putting even more lives at risk. Rick Scott screwed us with this and DeSantis hasn't done anything to make it better. I never voted for either of them and I. Glad I didn't because I knew they would be incompetent when stuff got real. This is absurd, and blatent negligence as a public office holder and will make every effort to make sure everyone involved will never hold any power or representation of the people of Florida because he is doing a crappy job at it. Keep the state closed and maybe take notes from the Michigan governer. The woman with more balls to do something to protect her state unlike you. You put the disclaimer there because you know how badly you've done as a governer and know people will rip into you. DESANTIS IS A PUPPET.
Duval	General	Please reopen north Florida!!
Brevard	General	I don't feel our numbers are leveling off. The cases are growing like crazy to me. I think its also important to start reopening, but I'm afraid that it is to soon. I think 2 more weeks should show our numbers hopefully leveling out. Then I think the 3 phases should start. Every one is struggling but 2 more weeks is better than to soon and all we have done will have been for nothing.
Pinellas	Healthcare	Set up testing at blood banks and plasma centers for people willing to donate.
Indian River	General	I feel we should continue what we are currently doing. Keep Essential open until our numbers are really down. We all can be a little more patient. We need to make sure schools and colleges can reopen. The students have already suffered enough not getting stimulus money and paying tuition and leases.
Manatee	General	PLEASE re-open the state for normal business. People NEED to get their lives and business back. People who are at risk or concerned can continue to social distance but the rest of us NEED to get back to normal. I don't agree with abortion, but pro-abortion people constantly use "my body my choice" to justify why the rest of us have to allow them to have abortions. I don't think it's a fair statement in abortion because it's the baby's body. However, in the case of this virus, it is my body and my choice if I want to go out into the real world and live again, I can and do assume all the risks that go along with that. I risk car accidents, food poisoning, plane crashes, viral infections (of all kinds), bacterial infections (of all kinds) as part of living my daily life. I accept full responsibility for the risks associated with living in an imperfect world. PLEASE RE-OPEN!!!
Orange	General	Would like to open the state slowly and in the same way it closed. A limit on the number of people in social gatherings with bars and nightclubs the last to open.

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Palm Beach	Healthcare	I am a librarian in Palm Beach County. Almost all of my patrons are over 60. The fatality rate in our county is higher than it is in any other place in Florida. Reopening Florida at this point when the infection rate hasn't lowered in any significant way is a death sentence for a significant part of our population. If you're worried about the economy, worry about all the people that will not be contributing to the economy because they've died. Just as 155 people have already died and more than five percent of the 2,600 infected people that we know of, because testing is limited and we really have no idea how many people actually have covid, will die. That's our fatality rate her in Palm Beach County - 5.96%. I would, going forward prefer to see my patrons still alive by the end of this year. If that means waiting another month or two to see any of them in person, that is no sacrifice at all.
Orange	General	In my opinion, I believe we should structure our re-opening similar to the way Georgia has done -- but this should not happen until we have a consistent pattern of a decline of confirmed COVID-19 hospitalizations for at least two weeks prior to the re-opening of non-essential businesses. Additionally, I would highly recommend that the antibody testing is available to all Florida residents whether they are symptomatic or not. This will be the most effective way to gauge the current status of COVID infection and recovery in the state.
Indian River	Information	When will we begin to receive the additional $600 Unemployment Benefit? As of today, I have not received any; I am grateful for the $275 weekly benefit, but the $600 would help me buy food and pay bills. Thank you for listening to me and I look forward to hearing from you.
Hillsborough	General	You need to start reopening parts of the economy. The lockdown was meant to give hospitals time to prepare. Hospitals here are empty. My friend is a nurse in a cardiac unit was let go and took a temporary assignment in MA. This was never meant to prevent Covid. Keeping everyone this way is dragging it out. There's no guarantee of a vaccine. People need to start getting acclimated to openings. Otherwise come August school will be a disaster. Florida kids don't have another year to waste on faux online school. Please start reopening some things on a limited basis. It's also killing businesses and self employed folks.
Palm Beach	General	Keep salons stadiums and restaurants closed. Open up private community pools and beaches.

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Pasco	Healthcare	As an RN, and former small business owner (local bar in new port richey, fl), i see this from both sides.... health and economy. on one hand, we do need to be responsible about health and take precautions.... on the other hand, we can not just hide under our couches, and let our civilization crumble around us I think we do need to open for business. I do think that humans need contact with others I do think that we may need to be cautious about how we interact I do not think that we can just "isolate" and "hope" this all goes away one day. I think there is a new reality upon us. many "3rd world" countries have had to deal with mass death and pandemic for a very long time..... Those of us in "1st world" nations thought we far advanced and immune We need to be better prepared in the future for these kind of national emergencies. This will not be the last time it happens. For too long, Florida has relied on "tourism". We need a stronger economy and stop tying to "live in the 1950s". We could be an industry leading state in the area of healthcare both in personell and supply manufacture and distribution. Open up Florida, but don't just rely on tourism and entertainment. It is time to build Florida's economic base.... responsibly
Hernando	Recreation	Please open our State Parks. These parks can provide recreation while keeping with social distancing. Florida residents need to exercise and enjoy the great outdoors.
Lake	General	P L E A S E anyone tell mr desantis to refrain from comparing this virus situation to the life altering 911. I cringe every time he says it. He obviously knows nothing about how many lives were affected thru death, injury, long term illness etc. 911 should never be compared to any other event. It stands alone. And shame on mr desantis for not knowing this very very important fact of history. Thank you.
Palm Beach	Recreation	Our dogs are going crazt. They do not understand their lack of exercise. OPEN THE DOG PARKS
Lee	General	I urge the state of Florida follow the science and NOT open up until, as the guidelines from the Federal Government state, that we have a 14 day period of declining deaths and infections, and then only when we have enough testing to do an effective job of contact tracking so that we do not have a second wave of infections. Then we would be able to be in PHASE 1, and then need to follow the steps before getting to PHASE 2, and so on. Thank you.

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Duval	General	This is unconstitutional and unacceptable. The burden is on the State to demonstrate why the least restrictive intervention can't work and you have not done this. The science goes against the policies in place in fact. It has caused immeasurable economic and psychological hardship. This is on you. The longer it goes on the more deaths and distress and social unrest there will be. You can end it now and show courage.
Pinellas	General	1. Everyone must use hand sanitizer at the door before entering a building. 2. Everyone must wear a face mask in a public building or in areas where people are near. 3. Restaurants should continue curbside pick up, but allow 25% of indoor seating to be used as you can't eat with a face mask on. 4. Movie theaters remain closed for now because some people will do what they want when the lights go out. 5. Reopen craft, clothing, all retail stores but limit amount of people in at a time. Again, everyone wears masks. 6. Theme parks will reduce amount of visitors, indoor shows allow only 1/3 seats filled, spaced out. Social distancing and redesigning lines to promote distancing as lines move. 7. If it flares up in the fall, which it will most likely do, please suggest that food truck vendors be allowed to park at truck stops, mall parking lots, etc so truck drivers can get some decent hot meals. Truck drivers can pay for their meals, food vendors will make money, and truckers can eat something beside fast food or junk food.
Lee	General	Open FL back up no reason for healthy people to shelter in place!!! We now have enough microbiology studies of this new virus & it's similar to the flu! Use common sense and wash your hands!

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Polk	General	I agree with opening the state but still with restrictions. We don't want to have a massive freak out like March 2020. Baby steps. I do no believe opening the state back to 100 % functionality will be helpful. There is still a very contagious virus being passed from one person to another. If we open at 100 percent again we're likely going to experience another outbreak/peak of positive cases. Please do not open the state all at once and without restrictions. Here's an example. Here in little ole' Lake Wales, we have an awesome restaurant that everyone loves because it's the only of its kind within 30 miles of us. Japanese Steak house EXPRESS. Our city loves it! The closed one is in Lakeland or Orlando. Our local Japanese gem opened up yesterday for the first time in a month. They open it restricted to only take-out and had a little tent set up outside for patrons to pick up/pay. It was pouring cats and dogs. Raining like we haven't seen in a year. I heard this morning we got over 5 inches! That's a record for this time of year! We were thinking about ordering a Togo meal and I couldn't get them to answer the phone. So we decided to hop in the car and drive over. There was a line outside the door of close to 25 people. All of them standing in the rain and huddled up together trying to get a order. This is what will happen to ALL restaurants, gyms, beaches, malls and theme parks. It would be a disaster. Like I mentioned before I believe baby steps would be the right move. Thank you for opening this suggestion box. I will be sharing with all my near & dear to do the same.
Santa Rosa	General	Test
Escambia	Healthcare	I do not understand why we would listen to anyone but health experts on when to reopen Florida's economy. We have one of the oldest (greatest risk) and most poorly educated populace in America. We need to keep our economy closed. For comparison, we spend $6trillion on 2 wars as a direct response to 9/11/01 where less than 3,000 people died. That is a $2BILLION response per lost life. Now we are 1/3rd of the way there (1,000 deaths from covid19) just in Florida alone and we are already talking about reopening the economy after just a month? The only reason the virus has not hit us harder is from social distancing measure put in place. Do not trade Florida's safety for corporate greed.
Seminole	General	My feeling is we need to get back to normal business as soon as possible unemployment does not pay you enough to pay bills it barely provides food for an individual much less a family. Not to mention the website has been riddled with problems for years and every time a concern is voiced it falls upon deaf ears
Pinellas	Healthcare	Please watch this enlightening video from 2 doctors/scientists who've done extensive testing of 10s of 1000s of residents in Kern County, CA. This is a presentation to journalists from 3 days ago. This is the science and facts about Covid19 and the terrible secondary effects that are taking place because of stay-home policies. If anything, just watch the first few minutes. https://youtu.be/xfLVxx_IBLU
Seminole	Healthcare	Please open up the dental offices so we can get our teeth checked and cleaned and fixed

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Polk	General	money is important! Floridians understand this. Especially since we have not gotten unemployment from the state or from the CARE act which you have received. We really need more focus on that than whether you can get business open! Most are out of money and you have been totally avoiding the subject and when responses are made they are nothing more than excuses at this point. America sent US that money to help US! It almost feels like making interest off of it is the priority. I'd hate to believe that! I'm a 1099 the lady, at unemployment, on the phone a couple of days ago said you aren't even working on releasing the CARE act money yet.With regards to opening up, I have high blood pressure and asthma. My son and grandchild have heart disease and asthma also. I am in need to work but am not stupid enough to go out for the unforeseen future. The company I did contracted work for has not set up remote access and therefore I've been out since March 17, 2020! I felt more at ease after watching the update with the drs from Cleveland hospital and seeing it wasn't a rush to open. There still isn't a flattening for 14 days went up a lot Thursday. Please give us our money the reasons are old and NOW is the time! Please have stipulations in place that protect the vulnerable, like me, that should stay home when business open up that will still help us financially.
Pinellas	Healthcare	The health of Floridians should be prioritized ahead of economic concerns. If businesses are reopened prior to the control of the Covid19, we are likely to face another spike in cases and deaths which may, in turn, lead to a repeat closing of the economy which would likely exacerbate suffering more than current negative effects. Florida has not had, nor does it now have, adequate testing for the virus with quick turnaround. Widespread availability of testing and contact tracing is necessary to protect the population from rampant recurrence. For many businesses, it is obviously not sensible to expect adherence to social distancing guidelines, e.g., barbershops/hair salons, tattoo parlors, massage studios, retail of most types, etc. Instead of a focus on reopening an economy that relies on tourism (leading to an influx of out-of-state visitors), fix the unemployment process, including outdated equipment, laws pertaining to the ridiculously low benefit, etc. Spend time planning how to assist the millions out of work now and help small businesses survive a few more months until it is safer to reopen. Florida is a well-deserved butt of scorn from much of the country due to its poor response to the pandemic. Put some people to work to identify the response issues and begin fixing them; plenty of work to be done there!
Bay	General	North West Florida should be opened up at this time very low risk of virus spreading at this time.
Broward	Government	THE VERY FIRST THING YOU NEED TO DO GOVERNOR IS GET OUR UNEMPLOYMENT CHECKS TO US AND OUR FEDERAL CHECKS TO US NEARLY 6 WEEKS WAITING PLEASE

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Lee	General	We need to open things up and get our lives back to normal. Our mental health is suffering. My kids social lives are suffering. Our economy is beyond suffering. I am fortunate to have worked through this whole process and my older daughter got laid off but found another job to get her by. However, it's playing a HUGE ROLE on my anxiety, mental health, and relationships with the community, our own friendships, and co-workers. We are all divided as a community. My daughter that's a freshman in HS is suffering from doing distance learning and falling behind in where they should be for graduation. Her sports activities are nonexistent. She's always been very active and that's not the case at this time. We need to go out and socialize. We need dinner dates, date nights, and family beach days to save marriages and family relationships. We need to be human. We need to live life. We need to have our own choices to go out and enjoy our hobbies and feel a sense of normalcy. We beed shopping days. Mom daughter lunch dates, ice cream treats after dinner while watching a BEAUTIFUL SUNSET after spending a quality day at the beach making memories with our kids. We need friends over for dinners and drinks. Game nights with friends. We NEED NORMAL!!!
Orange	General	I think businesses should reopen May 1, 2020. As long as people are wearing masks and continuing social distancing, that should help prevent spread of covid. Also no gatherings of more than 10-15 people, including churches, should occur yet. Give that another 2 weeks. Do phases as the president suggested
Duval	Food	As a small business owner I am very much looking forward to everything going back to normal. However, it seems to me that the best way to make it through this crisis is to take an aggressive and painful approach initially to shorten the overall length of the problem. At the very least, we should at least be able to check off the following critical items to be able to ease into life as usual: - An abundance of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for our healthcare workers - An efficient self-testing process for everyone - Data that shows a significant decrease in local new cases - Data that shows a significant decrease in local virus deaths - A scalable approach to identifying and containing known virus hot spots - An efficient screening process for incoming travelers from known hot spots We can hope that we get though this quickly but as a smart person once said, “Hope is not a strategy”.

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Hillsborough	Finance	I think that we should wait to reopen. To cause people to choose between there life and there livelihood is inhuman. People are scared and not enough scientists and doctors the ones that have been to school for years to become a expert, the ones we all run to when things go wrong or our children are hurt or there is a pain that we can't identify with. All of a sudden when finances are affected from the rich to the poor instead of when we become sick going to the doctor we are running to business men who are in the me stages of there life, they have not sacrificed any of there lives to save lives but we are seeking there advice and this is who we are consulting with. This is a tragedy and a mistake, because they are the ones that will have to deal with our mistakes if we get this wrong. The hours they will spend at the hospital to put there lives at risk to care for all the ones who want there freedom at the expense of other Americans. We are in out 5 th week of this and we are at 52000 deaths that's almost 7000 deaths a week from one disease. Our priorities are in the wrong place and if our governor can separate himself from the President and focus on the people who promised to lead he would stop making irrational decisions that are being pushed by businesses. Governor businesses don't vote for you people do, if you win now only to lose later have you even won at all. We are loosing and we are divided more as a nation than we have ever been, and our inconsistency is helping this virus to wreak havoc in America.
Polk	Utilities	Sir, I work at the power plant here in Lakeland. I am 66 years old and of out work only because of the order to stay at home for those like me 65 years old and above. One rule should not and can not fit all. Like me I work in the coal yard and drive a large tracker. It has a closed cab with air and heat when needed. I work be myself, and the closest other worker would be 100 feet or more away in his closed cab tracker. So there is no reason to say I can't work. Or workers like me over 65 at these kind of jobs. We are and would be SAFE. I enjoy working and other my age need to be working. So please change this rule. Thank you Richard Williamson
Escambia	Recreation	Please open back up but with safety guidelines in place. My kids aged 10 and 11 play travel softball and travel baseball.. we are ready to get back to the fields but that shouldn't happen until at least June 1st, after we've had a couple of weeks to see how things go with opening everything else back up. As ready as we all are to resume our normal lives, we news to do it safely. I support you Governor DeSantis and our president, but please don't move too quickly. Thank you all for all of your hard work during this crazy time in our lives.
Okaloosa	General	It is time to get Floridians back to work. There are far too many people who simply wish to support themselves and their families on their own, without government dependency. The current course is unsustainable and will inevitably cause more harm than good. Give Floridians a chance to survive this blow for the long term. Thank you, Michelle Hatley

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Clay	Information	Lifting mitigation measures, right now, is an entirely ill-conceived idea, probably more based on sycophantic penchant of Gov DeSantis, than in facts about epidemics, or sound interest for the welfare, safety and security of Floridians. Every day, over 2500 Americans are dying, testing is very limited AT BEST, and isolation is constantly flouted by science deniers. "re-opening" right now will only result in MORE DEATHS and push the curve UP and FURTHER AWAY, which means we will see MORE CASES, for LONGER. It's a no starter. Voters will remember. Upward-failing frat boys seeking approval of a single audience of a bumbling idiot who suggests people perfuse disinfectants are NOT to be trusted.
Sarasota	Healthcare	I am a Registered Dental Hygienists in Florida for over 27 years and working in a very productive Periodontal Practice for 25 years. ALL DRNTAL OFFICES should remain closed until they have COVID-19 test kits to test patients prior to tx. Dental offices can spread this virus faster throughout the community. We also need the highest PPE available and strict guidelines as many dental office owners may be more concerned with the business side and not spending the money or time needed to keep employees and patients from getting this virus. Negative pressure operatories and rinsing with a 1.5% hydrogen hydrogen peroxide pre-rinse are all shown to reduce the aerosols and show less contamination if implemented. https://www.perioimplantadvisory.com/periodontics/oral-medicine-anesthetics-and-oral-systemic-connection/article/14173521/covid19-and-the-problem-with-dental-aerosols
Lee	Healthcare	I have many friends and family who have been affected with this virus and I beg you to not open just yet!!! Working in the health field I believe it isn't the right time and many people are safe at home! Please do not open back up we would crash our own hospitals
Palm Beach	Retail	Hi, The main objective of implementing a shelter in place was to flatten the curve in order for hospitals to prepare should they be needed. That goal has been accomplished! The pendulum swung way too far as a precaution since there were a lot of unknowns with this Coronavirus. Now that we have learned more about the people who are at most risk, new precautions can be suggested for those. Let the citizens decide how to behave, where in public they feel comfortable going, while opening back up all businesses, parks, beaches, and golf courses, immediately!! Take a slower approach on big venues like concerts and stadiums but put these on the timeline to eventually open up. Thank you

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Broward	General	Florida should reopen when numbers have dropped and sufficient testing for people are available not just for people showing symptoms oh and when our Governor learns how to wear a mask correctly
Duval	Food	Slowly opening restaurants with limited capacity is ok with me. Retail is not so much needed as online is still availble. Additional recreational places need to open up soon so we have outlets to exorcise
Palm Beach	Recreation	Golf Courses, beaches, pools, parks should be reopened for public health. For some seniors if they don't get this exercise the will lose mobility
Polk	General	By this point it is beyond obvious that a lockdown has been complete over reach. The death rate is possibly just a bit higher than that of the flu...possibly. The economic destruction that has occurred thanks to this tyranny is vast. How many lives were harmed and/or destroyed thanks to the reaction of knee jerk politicians? Even if it is as deadly as the fear porn on mainstream media would have us believe explain to me why walking a nature trail is not safe yet going to the grocery store is? You can't! I'm disgusted by the actions of government at ALL levels from BOTH parties! You all can join together in taking credit for the complete economic destruction and the final nail in the coffin that is the United States! You disgust me!
Broward	Tourism	It is to soon to open the hotels for toutism
Miami-Dade	General	I know.the Govenor will NEVER read this, but I will say it anyways, Please DONT be another Rick Scott, thibking about yourself, your pockets ans not the well being of your people. We as a state need to stop moving backwards. Would you send your children, parents or loved ones out to get sick. I get it the econony has to be reopened trust me we know my family is one of you million suffering with no income, and nothing from unemployment. But I rather be poor for now than dead for ever. I WILL NOT SEND MY KIDS BACK TO SCHOOL if you decide to open without proper treatment of vaccinations, yes Im all for reopening when the time is right. We have Drs, Nurses, frontline workers fighting everyday of their lives to help others, saving peoples lives for what to reopen and cause a huge recurrence and then just cause a chaotic mess, going backwards and staring again. Listen to your heart and the facts. NOT THE JOKE OF THIS PRESIDENT that we are forced to deal with. Gov. DeSantis I see in your eyes your a good man do the right thing by your people, your state and the family you were chosen for to lead. Dont reopen till the time is right. GOD Bless you and your Family.
Walton	Healthcare	I'm a Paramedic and I see this first hand. Please keep the state closed. Keep the Beach and short time rentals closed. If you don't you will have a very high chance of destroying your EMS services. Just think when someone calls 911 and no one shows up because we are sick or dead. Florida can't even provide the proper PPE that is required for EMS or the Hospitals. If you open the beaches and rentals up you have a very good chance of over running your EMS. Already busy with the vivid-19. And add tourist to the mix we will die for sure. Please think twice before opening the state back up.
Lee	Recreation	Please reopen beaches and parks with restrictions

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Miami-Dade	Retail	Open retail now with mask and social distancing guidelines. We are doing it now at the grocery, Home Depot, Ace Hardware, etc.. it doesn't make sense that general retail remains closed.
St. Johns	Government	i AM AGAINST EASING RESTRICTIONS DUE TO COVID UNTIL DR. FAUCI OR ANOTHER RELIABLE SCIENTIST SAYS THAT WE HAVE FLATTENED THE CURVE SUFFICIENTLY. WE DON'T NEED A SECOND WAVE OF COVID-19 THAT IS WORSE THAN THE FIRST AS HAPPENED IN 1918 WITH THE SPANISH FLU..
Pinellas	Real Estate	Open up the state. Please.
Escambia	Food	I work in the service industry and have for 8 years, with the same company. I fear that opening restaurants on May 1st alongside every other business will doom us to another outbreak and promptly throw us into another burst of Covid-19. Should this be the case, I beg of you to request businesses provide employees with the proper respiratory masks to protect us from inhaling this potentially deadly particle that could so easily spread. I'm incredibly concerned that I will contract this, as I am an at-risk. Please consider phasing in service and recreational activities or limiting them to to-go orders once again until May 15th.
Manatee	Professional Services	I have been a hairstylist for 20 years during which time I've made a great living to support my children and family. My industry is at the front of sanitation and disinfection on a daily basis and I feel we will be able to follow the guidelines to keep ourselves and our clients safe. I'm at my Whit's end. Unemployment hasn't come through, the stimulus hasn't come through and I'm out of money. I need to be able to work! Please don't let me and my children become a homeless, jobless statistic. Thank you for your time.
Hernando	Healthcare	As a healthcare worker, I believe that the state should not consider a full-scale reopening at this time. During this crisis, Floridians have shown that they are prone to do what is in their individual best interest and not the best interest of anyone else. There are people out in our communities sneezing and coughing on groceries intentionally, protesting in enormous groups, and expressing interest in mass-travel such as air and sea. Opening the state at this time will likely create a resurgence of the virus. My personal recommendation is to reopen in either June or July.
Duval	Government	I would like to see a gradual opening of restaurant s with PPE and social distancing. We should implement liability protection for businesses that operate with proper protection for clients. We should be very thoughtful about how we approach “reopening “. We don’t want to backtrack on our progress!
Duval	Healthcare	It is MUCH TOO SOON to reopen Florida!! Listen to scientists and EXPERTS and do not inject anyone with bleach. 🤦‍♀️
Baker	General	My husband and I both work in Jacksonville and every day we see people who are not practicing social distance. The only place we have been to is the grocery store and it is the same there. People are not taking this seriously. As much as I would like to see things open again, I feel it's to soon. We are considered essential employees and have been trying to keep people out of our business. Meeting them outside to take care of them. We have been laughed at, spit on, and called crazy. It's been difficult for everyone. But opening things to soon is scary. I don't want to get sick or die.

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Osceola	Retail	I am currently out of work what I make it's not enough to support me and my family I will like to be able to go back to work. I live in a very expensive apartment I cannot afford to pay monthly.please let's re-open florida so that we dont end up in the streets homeless we want to work for our money. Not the president money thanks in advance.
Lee	Retail	Please open hair salons. Nail salons, and restaurants.....we can social distance
Lee	General	Please open the parks and beaches!!!'n
Palm Beach	General	Keep in closed. For health care worker health. They are the true heroes
Manatee	General	I think the state should let the stay at home order expire and allow non-essential businesses such as restaurants and salons to begin working again and ease the restrictions on elective surgeries.. I am an Office Manager for 3 neurosurgeons and our office cannot remain open forever without the return of elective surgeries return of our economy. We currently have 40+ patients awaiting surgery that have had to be postponed. We are following the guidelines and have modified how and when patients come to our office, we have been 1 whom we have asked to stay at home as she is at greater risk than the rest of our staff. We have had to reduce our hours in office to 2 1/2 days a week down from 5 due to reduced referrals and patients afraid to come in. My husband owns a blueprint shop and he too has been able to stay open while adhearing to the guidelines. If our businesses can adapt so can any of the,. We also need to ramp up testing everywhere. I do not believe any of the numbers that we are given as I believe many more people have been infected and the mortality-severe illness requiring hospitalization and/or ICU admission rate is much lower than we are being told. How can those numbers be accurate when you are only testing the extremely ill. In Manatee County it takes and act of God to be able to get tested even to this day. If you aren't testing more citizens how can you know the accuracy of your numbers. I DO NOT believe that you need to wait for testing to get ramped up before you begin to ease restrictions. I firmly believe that every American has the right to make choices of their own and the numbers being given to us are not accurate enough to justify the continued shut down of our country. My husband and I both have underlying medical issues that could complicate issues should we contract COVID-19 and we do not want to give anyone this virus but we also know that continued shutdown is not sustainable and could cause more harm in the end and we want the government to believe in us the way we've believed in you. We've followed your guidelines, some have lost
Collier	General	Lets open the resturants, beaches and the parks in Naples. What is the mayor waiting for? COVID-19 will never be gone. Government can't "save" us. People who are at risk will learn to acclimate to THIER new normal; those of us who are healthy should be able to relax, enjoy a stroll on the beach, a bike ride through Baker Park or a dinner out. To shut everything down for approximately 1% of the population is grossly unfair. Those clamoring to keep the county shut down are probably still being paid their salary; what about all those who aren't? What about the small business owners who may never open again? Enough. Open already.

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Duval	Healthcare	Please don't open the market. What can learn from history during the Spanish flu in 1918 is that when Philadelphia ended it early and had a parade to boost morale, and within days, thousands of cases erupted with shortages of hospital beds everywhere and 4,500 people ended up dead. We are far from ready to open the economy. I know business I hurting but lives are more important. Furthermore, by opening up the Matket early when the virus is not under control, more infections and deaths would occur and it would take longer for us to quarantine anyway, so it's just going to take longer for the city to recover.
Polk	Education	It's to early to open Florida. Stay at home order should be extended until the virus is under control. I realize many Floridians are out of work but by reopening Florida we will see a spike in cases.
Broward	Recreation	As a business owner to a health club in South Florida I would ask you that you do not have us re-open in the first phase. I just can't imagine how I can keep people 6 feet apart. I know most of our members would never wear a mask when working out. On social media we took a poll from our members of how many people would come back in the majority all said that they would. The scares me how do I protect my staff, my husband and my senior citizens.
Lee	General	As a teacher I'm ready to get back to work. As a parent we chose to live here in Florida so we could go to the beach and enjoy where we live. I want to get back to our life. I have family here that I have not seen I want to get back to Our life. I am now taking anxiety meds my husband's health is failing were worse off than we would have been
Pasco	Professional Services	I would like to suggest that we fully reopen for business, with the only restriction being that we try to remain approximately 6 feet apart and that people at high-risk be permitted to continue advanced "social distancing" at home. If we can be corralled through Publix and WalMart, certainly we can go to work, school, restaurants and church. Our economy is suffering and we need to get back to work....everybody, not just essential workers. Besides, I'm concerned that we are losing the possibility of "herd immunity" not just for the Covid-19 but for so many other communicable diseases. While I agree that we should not put our most vulnerable at risk, but we also cannot put the entire State and the economy at risk due to over-protection. There has to be a middle ground to preserves both.
Miami-Dade	General	allow condos to have oversight over their own facilities- condos that have facilities have already implemented appropriate changes. as you are already policing beaches-how is it not possible to continue this with strict hours and social distancing. fine violators and give the money to small business get a working website! multiple choice would have given immediate results!

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Pinellas	Government	I work for local government and we have been working on a skeleton crew, but working. I feel safe in my place of employment. I am a FREE citizen and wish to be responsible for myself, whether to wear a mask, where to shop, when to go to the beach. It is truly evil for the government to have required all of the small business owners to close their stores, while groceries, walmarts, targets, convenience stores, Home Depot and many more large, corporate owned stores are doing business. Open the state. Let the businesses and the business owners and the employees and the students get back to work. And give me liberty or give me death. I will gladly take my own chances, but the government doesn't need to hold my hand.
Columbia	General	I am writing to you today to beg for the reopening of the State. We should not be caged like animals. We live in a country built on the tenants of freedom. Doctors offices are closed and refuse to see patients unless it's "a dire need". There are many needs that may not be considered "essential" to the government but that doesn't dismiss the importance it may be in an individual's life. For example, chiropractors, acupuncturists, and massage therapists are not taking patients. My daughter, as well as myself, suffer from migraines and oftentimes these doctors are the only relief we can get , however due to the shutdown they won't see patients. She also just recently got married, after several bad past relationships, but has been unable to change her name because of thus shutdown. She was able to change it with social security but then the shutdown occurred. She was not able to go to the DMV to get a new license. She is a law enforcement officer and needs her credentials updated, however her employer will not allow it unless they see the new license. She upholds the law and protects the public and puts her life on the line to protect others every day. She operates at a constant stress level that most people can't even comprehend and wouldn't want too. She was so excited to get married to a very special man who is also a law enforcement officer. Her excitement has unfortunately come crashing down because she can't even change her name and update her legal and professional credentials. She has called the the DMV, however they act like she might what, falsify her records? She enforces the law, not breaks it. All over the website they say they are doing things online but what about changing names? This is so very sad. Please let government offices such as the DMV start operating again. This is necessary in our society! In addition my daughter and her husband are desperately trying to have a child and have sought the help of a fertility clinic. It's my daughter's dream to be a mother and she has been through so much tragedy in her life such as ugly divorces, miscarriage, death of fellow law enforcement officers to suicide, and the death of her own father at a young age. She was told by the fertility clinic that she can't even be seen at the clinic for simple blood tests until this ban has been lifted. She is already 41 years old and running out of time
Osceola	Food	There will never been a 100% perfect time to reopen. Use reasonable distancing in restaurants, encourage thorough sanitization of surfaces and people, and perhaps use temporal thermometers to check for fevers with employees and perhaps customers. Of course, not having a fever doesn't mean that a person is "clear," but that has always been the case. It is good due diligence, and would reassure most of the public.
Lee	Agriculture	Too soon to open.

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Brevard	General	It is simply unsafe and irresponsible to open right now. We have to get testing and contact tracing going if we are going to do this the right way. This means 4x or more the amount of tests we are currently running. And small armies of people calling and tracing who an infected person came into contact with. We have the choice right now to delay opening until we are able to do massive testing and contact tracing, or push forward and cause thousands of preventable deaths. There will be no strong economy if Floridians are dying by the thousands anyways.
Pinellas	Tourism	Open up Florida. 1. Beaches are big enough to keep away from each other and we are adult enough to make the decision to go or not to go and stay a safe distance. 2. Restaurants can sit people away from each other and limit access. They can also take the temperature of workers to make sure they are not sick. If a worker is not allowed to work because they are sick, then the worker needs to be paid for that day and every day they are off whether they have sick time or not. 3. If a person can work from home, then they should be allowed to do that even if a company wants them to come to the office. There needs to be a state mandate to make sure the employee has a final say where they work from. 4. Open up the theme parks. They can limit the number of people per day if necessary. People who don't want to go can stay home. Most parks are big enough to keep your distance. They can have virtual wait lines so you won't have to wait in long lines. Open up the parks to Florida residents first, then out of state and finally foreigner tourists. WE NEED THE TAX DOLLARS IF FLORIDA IS TO SURVIVE. People die every day from the flu, car accidents, etc. but we don't shut down the state. Also put a stop to false news and fear mongering. I have seen stories that Disney wont reopen until 2021. This is not official from Disney so it shouldn't even be on Facebook etc.
Polk	General	I do not think Florida is at a reopening stage yet. Our family has been supporting small businesses and we understand the hardships they face, but with half of our family being at-risk population, we don't think Florida should be reopening the economy. We understand and share that this cannot go on for a long time, but a relapse will be much worse. Most of Florida's business comes from tourism, so reopening too early in the game will mean opening the door for more infections. We need to be able to control it, not getting rid of the virus, we know that will be virtually impossible, but we need to be in control before reactivating any part of the economy.
Lake	General	I am in a family with very high-risk individuals who have been quarantine for over 6 weeks now we started it on our own we do not mind staying quarantined until this virus has resolved there is no reason to lose one more life because others want to go out for money the root of all evil. Governor DeSantis I voted for you it would be a shame for you to lose the next election because of a concern for money

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Hillsborough	General	It's time to open. We've been forced prisoners for long enough. People need to get back to work. Students need to be able to have prom and Graduation. Businesses need to open. Florida is in a good position to open up. If Walmart, Lowe's and Home Depot are fine for people to be at so are the rest of the businesses. Social distancing needs to be over. People need people.
Broward	General	Please reopen Florida. Buisnesses need to open and normal daily life needs to resume. "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself - nameless, unreasoning, unjustified terror which paralyzes needed efforts to convert retreat into advance." - FDR.
Hillsborough	General	Restaurants, Beaches and gyms should open and practice social distancing. Everything else should remained closed. We need to eat, we need to exercise and get out in the sun. This will not only help us mentally but will keep us healthy. Opening all of Florida up when everyday we have new cases would be irresponsible.
Pinellas	Healthcare	How can Florida reopen the economy if it has not put a comprehensive testing and tracking program in place? We are far behind most states in tests per million. What is being done to test asymptomatic residents? How much did the million doses of anti-malaria drug cost Florida tax payers? These drugs have not been approved for use or proven to help with covid 19. Can FL get a refund and use those funds to increase testing to at least 100,000 test per day. Opening the state without a robust testing and tracking program will keep residents and tourist from supporting the re-opened businesses. May your God guide you to not let politics trump our health! Thank you for all your efforts.
Hillsborough	Professional Services	As a Licensed Massage Therapist of over 17 years, as well as a current small business owner who has received NO HELP FROM OUR GOVERNMENT...I'm pleading with you to KEEP OUR MASSAGE BUSINESSES, SALONS, SPAS & THE LIKE CLOSED. We are not able to practice proper social distancing because the very nature of our jobs is hands on. We have no access to proper PPE or cleaning products. We as an industry are hurting and miss our clients and miss our jobs. But, this is a healthcare crisis and needs to be viewed as such. Our industry is going to require very specific protocols across the board and TIME TO PREPARE before any reopening occurs. I rent space from Salon Lofts for my business. We have 20 individual businesses in our building. On any given day, there are at minimum 40 people in a space the size of a small movie theater (which Governor DeSantis just said he was not prepared to reopen in his press conference). We can not afford to become the powder keg for resurgence of this virus. I need to pay my bills as much as the next person right now. But, I cannot do it at the risk of my health or the health of my clients at this time. Please continue to help us stop the spread of covid-19.
Lee	Healthcare	Stay closed until large portions of the population has been tested for anti bodies. Also make sure that everyone has PPE for protection. And if not for the general population for businesses...
Pinellas	Food	Don't open the dining rooms yet... it is just too soon! Delivery and take out is just fine!

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Pinellas	Food	While I myself, NEED to get back to work. I feel May 1 is a bit premature. I am a bartender in a large restaurant in Tierra Verde. I am 49 yrs old. Our clientele is made up of A LOT of retirees and snowbirds. This was our busy season we were just getting into. While drowning here with no resources or money coming in for over a month now. Given unemployment and the CARES act are apparently not real entities. I am willing to say maybe mid may or June 1. I think we should see what happens in Georgia first. If the incubation is 2 weeks, then that's when we will know if it'll be a catastrophe. I don't feel we've actually reached our peak because we started having a rise in cases later. If we reopen I think it'll open the floodgates to tourists which we need...but not right now. Infected people will flock here and it will be impossible to control a new outbreak. Either way, I will be returning to my job. I just hope not to watch my people drop off in droves. Thank you.
Pinellas	General	Best was to re-open is to have massive testing. That way we will know who has it and who has been exposed and we can quarantine them and get back to business.
Orange	Tourism	Reopen the theme parks by June or July
Lee	Real Estate	The state should open back up with the practice of social distancing in place. There should be special risk advisories for elderly and at-risk residents with additional precautions and possibly to continue to shelter in place until the danger to them is believed to have been mitigated. The larger chain stores and grocery stores have remained open with these practices in place and we have not seen those locations become hotspots for the virus. Small businesses that make up the backbone of this state should be allowed to open under those same guidelines. What makes big business any more important than the people that actually live and do business in Florida. Florida is one of the more populous states, but the fatality rate is low relative to other states. Evidence is showing that this virus may have arrived in the United States earlier than previously thought. Florida sees over 100 million tourists yearly and we were in the peak season for Northern residents to be visiting from New York, New Jersey, Michigan, Ohio, etc. going to MLB Spring Training Games, Theme Parks and Beaches. If the reports on the virus's arrival are correct, then we should have seen impacts comparable or worse than New York. Additionally, within those 100 million annual tourists there are estimates that hundreds of thousands are visitors from China. We would have inevitably seen residents from locations that are or were considered hot spots for the virus at almost the same time these other states did. I believe we have reached our plateau and are on the downward end of this pandemic. We should begin to open the state May 1st and begin rebuilding Florida.
Seminole	General	Open the state this week. Enough is enough.... prepare the necessary precautions and isolate the most vulnerable if needed, but overall open up the state
Lee	Tourism	Why would you open the state this early. As soon as you do this it allows everyone still on lockdown up north to come vacation here causing a much larger concern for the residents of Florida. I understand we NEED to open up asap, but its just too soon.
St. Lucie	General	Our state needs to open. The effects of being closed are far greater than the effects of this virus. Please do the right thing. Businesses need to open

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Broward	Education	Hello, Thank you for your service. I have a concern with opening the economy while schools are closed. Is there any plan to assist parents of school-age children? What is the plan? Some parents may have difficulty returning to work while schools are closed.
Broward	Healthcare	State should open by testing via Zip codes and open via zip codes findings. Please
Volusia	General	Unless you plan to make it a requirement that all residents wear face masks in public then you're not doing much to protect us. Limit eat in restaurants to 40% capacity and all restaurant staff must wear ppe, require temp testing as a condition to enter.
Okaloosa	Food	I work as a server at one of the busiest places in the pan handle and I'm concerned that we don't have any testing or PPE or any kind of plan about keeping the workers from getting infected by the customers as well as visa versa....so If there are steps in place I'm all for it...if not...I'd rather not get sick or WORSE spread the virus to someone who doesn't have a strong enough immune system to fight it off.
Pasco	Healthcare	I am concern about opening to soon as a dental professional with the aerosols we produce, the amount of patients we see and the proximity we have to work on patients. More guidelines need to be in place. I also feel the state in hole hasn't taken this serious. We may have shit down business but she make it mandatory to wear masks in public.
Hillsborough	General	Please wait still too many cases
Orange	General	We should not open the state. Not yet. This is still a crisis that we have yet to see the end of. Reopening next week would be a mistake. More gathering will cause this virus to spread because it is still here - there are still thousands of people dying. Leave the shut down how it is until it is safe for all. Risking lives to go out to a restaurant or go shopping is not worth it.
Manatee	General	Please re-open our state! We have got to get back to our normalcy of life. We need to get the economy back up and running before everyone loses everything! Enough of the lockdown.
Hillsborough	Management	Offices, schools, beaches, theme parks, resorts, should remain closed throughout summer. Restaurants and stores to reopen with limiting the amount of people allowed in and required to have hand sanitizer at every table or displayed in multiple places throughout stores. Reopening doctor offices but limiting the amount of patients for non essential procedures per day. Once reopening Theme parks, resorts, and beaches, only Florida residents should be allowed in for first few weeks/months to avoid tourists massively invading the state and reinfecting multiple areas all over again.

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Seminole	General	Why haven't people received unemployment benefits yet? I understand there was no way to prepare for this disaster, but people still need to pay their bills and put food on their tables. The government forcibly shut down many lines of business, but have not properly compensated these people. My father has been trying to apply and receive unemployment benefits since March, and has not received anything. He has diabetes, so he is a high risk person. He is unable to work, and has rapidly depleted his savings because of not having any income. People need unemployment benefits. I do not think the state can open up until a few things happen. First, we need mass testing to be available. Taking temperatures is not 100% accurate in determining wether or not a person is infected. Next, we need a reliable treatment. Malaria medication is not fully reliable, so we are putting many in danger with opening the state. Last, we need a vaccination. I understand these things take time, but this is the only way to ensure people are safe. If we are worried about the economy, the state should be focused on opening up businesses that promote economic stimulation. Opening up beaches does not help the economy. Whatever industry in Florida, except tourism, generates the most business, should be the priority for opening first.
Seminole	General	I'll keep it simple. OPEN THE FUCKING STATE BACK UP!!!!!!!!!! I NEED TO FEED MY FAMILY & PROVIDE FOR THEM!!!!!!
Charlotte	Manufacturing	To whom this may concern, I live and work on the west coast of Florida. My work position is an non-essential job in Sarasota county. I do not have a problem going back to work so we can get re-started with the economy, the thing I am very concerned with is my job is hard to do at a social 6 foot difference. I am worried about myself and many co-workers. I received a call the 24th of April to return to work May 1st. It is Sat. the 25th here and the restrictions have not been lifted yet.Also I am 57 years old and have underlining(heart) conditions. What are good recommendations for me to return to work? Thank you very much! Linden
Collier	Recreation	OPEN THE BEACHES !!!! Open schools, let's get back to living and making a living.

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Nassau	Education	Based upon the news reports that I have seen, it is too soon to lift the Safer at Home policies that are now in place. In order to flatten the curve and keep it flattened, I feel that we need to continue "Safer at Home" for a while longer. If businesses are to slowly re-open for the sake of the economy, there needs to be very strict guidelines,policies, and safety protocols that need to be in place. Pertaining to schools, if the Safer at Home policies are lifted, school buildings are going to re-open for faculty and staff as well as be open for meetings, end of year procedures for teachers, and for parents/students to retrieve personal belongings. While this may eventually be a possibility, May 1st is too soon for school buildings to re-open for the above mentioned activities. Thank you for keeping our students Safer at Home. My hope is that you protect the faculty and staff as well. Help to keep Florida Teachers, ParaProfessionals, - all faculty and staff safe.
Orange	Professional Services	As a Licensed Cosmetologist & Salon Owner I would like to see salons reopen within 2 wks time with strict regulations as to limited occupancy, one client at a time maybe only 20% capacity. Masks for both stylist & client. Right to refuse service to people who appear ill or refuses to wear a mask. Smocks/ PPE worn by stylists. We are licensed with a complete understanding & respect for sanitizing. We already know the state's guidelines surrounding this & will implement what we have been taught in addition to new ones. Salons with refreshments (coffee areas, etc) no longer should serve them. Clients coming in for appts alone, No friends or family with them. Minimum 6 ft between all workers & stylist stations & clients. No walk-ins , appts only. I would feel comfortable returning to my salon with similar guidelines in place
Polk	General	Open the economy in stages starting May 1. We need to get people back to work. Open restaurants, small businesses, restart elective surgeries, open State Parks for camping and hotels . With the proper social distancing enforcement, this will succeed. The longer the economy is shutdown, the greater the increase in businesses that will close permanently.
Palm Beach	Education	Unless there is widespread, accurate antibody testing, I believe it would be harmful to our vulnerable populations to reopen FL.
Hendry	Professional Services	I think if the business owner of a salon or barber shop open safely then they should be allowed to work. For example no one other than the stylist and there client, no clients need to bring guest. The stylist should wear a mask and gloves and sanitize after every client. By doing this I think they should be allowed to open there business.
Alachua	Management	Do not reopen yet
Volusia	General	Please reopen the state. Parks and beaches for sure need to be reopened for the publics benefit. And people need to be able to get back to work. EVERYONE'S JOB IS ESSENTIAL
Martin	Healthcare	Do not open Fl too early just to save business interests. You are endangering lives For example golf,hair saloons , barber shops etc. are not essential services.

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Charlotte	General	I don't think we are at the point of opening Florida yet. I know a lot of Floridians are anxious and tired of being home, but they need to understand that it is keeping our families safe and not spreading the virus. I think that if the unemployment website was working correctly and making sure that people who have been affected are not denied, Floridians would feel more secure staying at home a little longer.
Hillsborough	General	It is time to open up and give small businesses a chance to survive. Put in the 6 foot rule and you can add minimum capacity rules for businesses. There are ways to keep people safe. You can add extra protection for people who want it but don't infringe on civil liberties. It is time, people are not getting UNEMPLOYMENT CHECKS, people need to eat! LETS GO
Hillsborough	General	I think that this has gone on way too long. I am in healthcare and will say yes, people should still be cautious and keep distance/wear masks if going into stores with closer contact. One thing I think that is being blown out of proportion and should be lifted is the keeping closure of beaches. Going to the beach is the easiest place to keep 6-feet apart from others. I know it is being opened for exercise but I think it should be opened to the general Public. Summer is coming, and a lot of companies, restaurants, hotels bank on summer season for their revenue to last them throughout the year. Consider all of the small businesses that may have to close down that did not even get the PPE loan because it was given to big "small" businesses.

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Pinellas	Education	In the reopening plans, I of course would like testing to be widely available. As an immune compromised person, I am vulnerable no matter what but it would be nice to think that people who have access to testing will stay home and take precautions not to hurt people like me. They can't do that if tests are expensive or inaccessible. For education in particular, I think it's imperative to make a class size rule as our classrooms are so overcrowded that it is difficult to get to your seat without touching another person and the students are crammed in touching one another in most cases. We must consider rolling flex schedules as a choice for people who can attend late with their own transportation and/or implement rolling online learning 1-2 days per week so that the number on campus any day is reduced. Finally, we need to make healthcare accessible as a right and not something linked only to certain full-time jobs or complete insolvency (Medicaid). Many jobs, as you know, will work you full time without benefits. As an adjunct instructor at a Florida college, I have worked 10 years without benefits or healthcare through my employer while doing the same job as my colleagues. With the private healthcare I get through my spouse, the deductible is $5,000. What is key in my point is that people will continue to go to work or school when they can't afford to go to the doctor. They send their kids to school sick because they have no choice. Healthcare and Daycare need to be ESSENTIAL PANS to stop the spread of infection in schools and properly support all Floridians. Please rely on scientists to determine our pathway forward with regard to all infection questions. The economy needs surely to work again but let's do it without purposely killing anyone through hubris and haste.
Collier	General	Reopen Florida. We have flattened the curve and need to be able to leave our houses Guidelines are fine but it is time to ease restrictions. Too many businesses are going to fail and not reopen if we stay closed any longer
Seminole	General	Open up the state this week. Prepare and isolate as needed but overall open it up. How’s
Walton	General	I personally think it’s way too early for our state to open. I do not feel safe being around strangers at the grocery store, let alone being in personal contact with multiple people at my job. It also isn’t fair to make everyone wear masks out when hospitals all over could benefit from extra PPE.

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Columbia	General	As a veteran and citizen of the US, this shutdown for FL should end immediately. While the Gov makes comments about “not being in a rush to reopen”, millions of Floridians are unemployed, have burned though their savings, and many - like myself - have NOT received a stimulus check due to delays with the IRS. This shut down is NO LONGER supported by any current medical data or shortages in hospital beds. Open our state back up so families can begin to get back to work and normalcy! To continue to demand we stay at home in order to avoid a VIRUS is completely illogical. We ALL now know this virus is not as deadly as when all this started. LET’s REOPEN FLORIDA!! Also, any type of mandatory face masks will not work for citizens. Basic facemasks have medically been proven NOT to work.
Manatee	Food	Dear Committee Members, I have been listening to your meetings, thanks for sharing with the public. I own an independent restaurant and have been in business for 6 years. Although I have many concerns I will only address the re-opening as that is what you are tasked with. When we re-open I would assume the COVID-19 cases are declining for the prior 2 weeks as that was given in the guidelines form the President. That being said as a restaurant I would ask that common sense prevail with the potential requirements that could be written into this. A dining room is not a triage unit nor is it a place that is prepped for containing a virus. It's a place to relax, enjoy and be with friends. Does the consumer really want to be health screened by a host at the front door? Do they want to be served food and drink by a server that looks like they are on the front lines of a pandemic crisis? The server dressed in PPE but the customer doesn't wear a mask??? Our 4 cooks cannot stand 6 ft apart on a 12 foot cook line and it's 100 degrees on the line....wear a mask!!! We have allowed the public to basically shop at will in grocery stores and yet this has not apparently caused an outbreak of disease. If we are to reopen lets set a safe date and return to a normal life as much as we can. Many of us are going/gone broke from this. Please don't exacerbate the problems with so many restrictions that we open for business and then loose money anyway. Thanks for listening. Best regards, Michael Herley

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Seminole	Professional Services	I own a hair salon in Winter Springs. I've been in business for 23 years, I voted for you and normally agree with what you're doing for Florida, but don't agree with your decision to extend the stay at home order. we need to start opening small businesses but continue To practice sterilization sanitation. The fallout from this is going to be catastrophic for a lot of small businesses who were unable to get assistance.The Fl department of unemployment is a complete disaster and considered the worst in the country, knowing this, how could you continue to say that you were in no rush to reopen? We are the land of the free, people should have a choice,If people want to stay home, they stay home if businesses want to open, they open.
Escambia	General	First of all the task force MUST be DIVERSE, we come in all colors and as a Black Woman I want someone who looks like me making suggestions,I believe that we should listen to the Science and reopen Fl when science says it is safe and then with guidelines and restrictions,if we can save lives by not jumping to reopen beaches,retail stores, salons etc..... then we should do it and not listen to politicians , whose only focus is money- elections are coming up and if we open too fast,those who have lost loved ones will be relentless,A lot of people have become so use to having things their way as if they have more rights than others,, Not so We are All Equal in the eyes of God,whom I put my trust in, so I urge this hopefully DIVERSE task force to listen to the Science and do the right thing for all Floridians regardless of race, income etc..... Blessings
Palm Beach	Transportation	OPEN UP NOW! Enough! ALL of the computer models where WRONG. Don't hold the citizens of the state hostage any longer. We are intelligent enough to make our decisions and those that are high risk and/or concerned will tend to themselves. This has been an overreach of power and you must set it right. Thank You.
Manatee	Healthcare	We need much more testing before we ease restrictions on social distancing. We don't know enough yet about the virus and if we open up now, cases will rise again and undo everything we have already done. Once we have a system in place to detect and test quickly then people can be allowed in public spaces in a limited capacity and actually enforced. I would say we need at least half the population tested before we even consider easing restrictions. More data is essential and a full understanding of how this virus behaves. People are being infected again so antibody testing may prove you won't fall deathly ill from the virus but it does not show people who are infected again cannot transmit to someone else. If we don't go about this carefully we will have a deadly fall/winter with overloaded hospitals. Florida's population is mostly older residents and we need to ensure they remain safe. I'm not one of them but still understand this is necessary to avoid an uncontrollable increase in cases and deaths. It's too soon, re-evaluate the situation in another month at least.

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Hillsborough	Healthcare	I feel that it is time for elective dental and medical procedures to be allowed and ordinance to be dropped. Medical doctors and staff have taken huge steps and precautions and know what needs to be done pushing forward for safety. I also feel like education and mental health of our children is suffering. Summer schooling or school programs would be an excellent opportunity for kids to help with a redo of this last quarter! Thank you
Pasco	General	Please open the beaches and waterways for those of us who just want to fish in a socially distant way.
Bay	Healthcare	Subject: Elevators and Short Term Rentals. We live in a short term rental Condominium complex. Our concern is the social distancing practice that should be put into place for Elevators and the cleaning protocol . Our association has placed signs for social distancing, but we think the State of Florida should set up specific guidelines for the people visiting from outside of Florida and our citizens. Short term rentals should also address the cleaning of rooms between rentals and safeguards to ensure that the next renter is not impacted in anyway. Thanks for you work in trying to provide the citizens of Florida a safer environment to enjoy once again.
Pasco	General	Open this state back up! At the very least allow Pasco County to! My website design business may be thriving but it pains me to see how some of my clients with flourishing businesses are now losing everything. In Pasco we have 4 deaths. To shut us down over this is does not make any sense. The cost-benefit to losing everything this county has built up since the recession does not add up. This is the United States of America where we didn't shut down like this due to any previous circumstance. Give people the freedom to open their businesses, commence commerce, and live their lives. If someone is vulnerable then stay home and don't let the country die for their sake.

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Pinellas	Real Estate	With over 50% of Americans having more than 50% equity in their homes, many economists are predicting that housing will be what pulls us out of this recession. But the sale of homes is not the only aspect of real estate, especially not in Florida, where tourism is our bread and butter. And yet, vacation rentals were singled out during this COVID-19 crisis as being unsafe. That decision has left MANY property owners of vacation rentals with no income for properties that would have otherwise been earning money to offset expenses. It is imperative that vacation rentals be allowed to reopen for transient rentals. Some of these vacation rental owners, including myself, have lost a HUGE portion of their income from their jobs. Others are outright unemployed. As a real estate broker of three offices with a heavy proportion of vacation rental management, I have had to furlough my vacation rental management staff. At the same time, I have a very lovely and very empty vacation rental that would have otherwise earned several thousand dollars from return visitors. I am not alone. The ramifications of the decision to close down or to continue to keep vacation rentals closed down for terms of less than thirty days, would be grossly unfair and particularly injurious to those homeowners, as well as tourists who prefer to vacation in the comfort and safety of a private home or condo. Bear in mind, a full kitchen and several bedrooms make it easier and less expensive for families to enjoy our Florida weather and beaches. Let me ask you this: Which form of transient accommodation has the least potential for self-isolation/ social distancing? A. A hotel/motel/resort room with daily maid service and no kitchen facilities B. A vacation rental condo with a bedroom, living room and full kitchen C private single-family home rented to a vacation rental guest with private pool I STRONGLY suggest that the answer is “C”. Here is another question: Rank the type of accommodations below from 1 to 3 on the basis of their suitability for self-isolation/ social distancing?
Hillsborough	General	The cure is worse than the disease. People are losing their livelihood and their homes. Taxes are not being collected. Cities, Counties and State governments are facing huge deficits, Layoffs will happen both in the private and public sectors. This will trigger a fiscal nose dive resulting in a collapsed economy. We don't need or want a Nanny State, we need elected officials to listen. Open up the State. Those that need or feel the need to isolate can do so. Those that are willing to accept this risk (like the risk of driving, playing sports, working with power tools, swimming in the oceans, etc) can live their lives again without the heavy boot of government.

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Lee	General	I'm a. Proponent of Herd immunity. I'm not convinced the numbers ever justified shutting down the country. And I certainly don't agree with fudging the numbers to justify what's been done. All numbers should be accurately divulged and add up front to back, and sideways. Open the state! If someone isn't comfortable because the media has them scared, they can stay home. If someone is sick, they can stay home. If someone feels they are at risk, they can stay home. Sunshine and warmth kills viruses. It always has. The real death rate was falling in March when things were shut down. It makes no sense to open a beach for fishing and walking only. There no more risk of sunbathing as there is walking. Others will disagree. I'm a fact and numbers person. That's how I was successful in business. I sold everything in NY and moved and am doing business here because I felt it has less of a controlling expensive govt. Let us go back to life. Good luck Harry
DeSoto	General	I think it is time to open up safely now I am 71 on blood pressure pills has Hashimoto's Had breast cancer and chemo 13 years ago heart issues I will try to stay safe but can't keep shut down We need our economy back up and running If people want they can stay home
Lee	General	DON'T REOPEN!!!
Miami-Dade	General	Please reopen miami...obesity and depression kills too..confinement is not good...we are falling hopeless here...we trust our governor so pls pls reopen miami..take over our mayor's task as his reopening plan is not realistic and far out too long for such process. Need a realistic and promising plan..not "we are looking into it' or we have hired more enforcement personnel..
Hernando	General	Please listen to the medical experts. There is no point in reopening if things will just have to shut down again because workers are getting sick. On top of that, businesses that reopen and no customers show up will be losing more money. Until we have a real way to protect against this virus and a much better understanding of how and why it kills who it kills, we have to continue to be safer at home.
Pinellas	Retail	I think all workers who feel like they should still be in isolation should have a choice of going back to work or not. It shouldn't be mandatory. Everyone still practice social distancing at shops and still wear gloves and have hand sanitizer around. I would like everything opened and people to have the freedom to choose if they want to be put at risk or not. Senior hours should still exist and places close early for cleaning.
Lee	General	Is it possible to consider opening gyms just for personal training, if so we can track what is touched, that way we can clean immediately before and after use. I also believe by opening just for personal training will limit the individuals on the fitness floor. It would help many trainers who have been unemployed since the closer, additionally most trainers are subcontractors so they don't qualify for many of the covid-19 aid that is available. Thank you for your consideration.

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Broward	Recreation	As the current owner of two dance studios in Boca raton and Coconut Creek we should definitely be open as we are akin to child care which has been deemed a non essential business. People have to get back to work and be able to make a living or it is only a short time before you see riots in the streets and bricks going through windows. This virus is going to be with us a long time and the sooner we can get back to some form of normality whilst still taking reasonable precautions the better.
Polk	General	Florida restrictions should not be loosened for some time. We are not at all ready. Opening for elective surgeries should be allowed but non essential businesses should remain closed thru May. Even in grocery stores , in my experience, half the people have masks and maintain social distancing and half go about their business as if nothing is wrong. Hair salons, gyms, theaters, bowling alleys and clothing stores will just spread COVID. We are in financial difficulties as well as many Floridians but I feel human life has more meaning then the economy.
Alachua	Education	Please do not open the state until there is significant input from trusted medical authorities with substantial, documented testing that provided a high level of assurance that the virus is well-controlled. This is imperative for all industries, but especially education. Children are more susceptible to any disease because they don't always follow safe sanitization practices. Regardless of if they can catch the virus as easily as others, they can still be carriers, which puts immune compromised parents at risk. We should also think about the health and safety of our school employees. Education is important, but staying alive is more important.
St. Johns	General	Good Afternoon, Please re-open FL for business. As citizens we did what was asked of us and flattened the curve. People want and need to get back to work and reopen businesses. People who need routine life saving screening for heart disease and cancer should be able to see their doctors for routine checkups. Please don't delay past May 1. Thank-you, Jeff Sturtevant, St. John's, FL.
Miami-Dade	Education	I own a music school in which there are only 4 people at a time every hour. I dont see why I should keep my business close for another month. We did not got money from the first round of loans,. We just re applied yesterday the 24th of April. We have not been able to pay rent from April and if we dont open in May and we dont get the loan it will be imposible to survive.

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Palm Beach	General	Thank you for introducing this portal and making it available. Great move. Health is of the most importance for everyone, so this industry should be allowed to resume at a more rapid pace. Without health, you cannot work, play, etc. Social distancing is a must for the interim. Parks and recreation areas should also be considered to be opened to allow more options for everyone to relieve stresses. Follow the phased approach outlined by the federal government to have the most effective and safe opening of the state. The counties with the highest population of virus should be monitored and opened more cautiously. Corporate environments and office buildings can have thermal monitors as they are doing in other countries that will detect the temperature of each individual as they enter the building. A small investment with long term value. Retail stores can be opened but should implement mandatory facemasks when entering. The supermarkets are doing this and it seems to be working fine. Again following the phased outline.
Duval	General	Please open Florida immediately. We have to be able to provide food and shelter for our families. That is a bigger crisis than this virus. We can all be adults and take precautions to not get sick. There will be no herd immunity to protect those at risk if we stay at home for so long. Our hospitals are furloughing employees at staggering rates. The implications of staying home are far greater than more covid-19 cases. The media has blown this out of proportion and aren't sharing facts, only fear. Poverty, domestic abuse, and suicide also kill. Please open the state immediately.
Polk	General	Florida needs to do whatever Taiwan has done since the beginning of the pandemic. Despite having a population of 24 million people, they have only 400 confirmed COVID-19 cases and 6 deaths. Taiwan is the gold standard. Their students are in school, they have plenty of PPE, their public transportation and businesses are open, and they have the only professional sports league which is currently playing in the world (their professional baseball league, albeit without fans). Florida and other states must look to Taiwan for guidance. As part of this, masks must be made mandatory inside buildings or places where many people gather (except for people's residences obviously). There continues to be a cultural stance against masks in many parts of the state - thus the mandatory nature of the mask wearing must be implemented.
Orange	Healthcare	In spite of the financial, and often social hardship, we will benefit mostly by remaining careful to keep the stay home mandate in place. The long-term outcome is where we should be focusing, not our immediate gratification. There are SO many aspects of this Corona Virus we still do not know, which indicates caution is needed. So NO - please do not re-open the state until we see definitive drops in the number of new cases and the number of deaths for the recommended two-week time frame. Thank you for requesting public input for TY is decision. We are being forced to notice and met the needs of others in a way we would otherwise not have done - a blessing out of the chaos !

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Osceola	Tourism	Thank you for everything you are doing! I can't imagine how hard this is for you; but I really believe we all want the same thing. How we get there may differ.... I'm sure you have all the data I do so I won't bore you. But More Like Sweden; Less Like China has been my mantra this whole time. We can open safely and wisely so please put small businesses back to work! Thank you again.
Palm Beach	General	I think the state should be re-opened. Allow the people of Florida to take their safety into their own hands. If people want to stay home that is their prerogative & responsibility.
Pasco	Government	We can't open Florida until numbers in the Corona virus have already fallen. It will be completely irresponsible to open too soon. Other countries are still under a stay at home order and their number have declined. I have zero faith in our government and I don't think any of you will listen, so pretty much do what you want. You will anyway. All of this is just a way of you showing that you care but we all know that you don't. I've personally seen how local government handles decision-making situations and I'm quite terrified to see what is going to happen in the next months with this Corona pandemic.
Hendry	Education	I am a music Professor at Florida Gulf Coast University. I believe if we have to reopen the state, we should do this in increments so that the entire state doesn't have a relapse. One essential business I would love to see open is daycare services. I've had the hardest struggle teaching remotely having two very small toddlers home with me. I believe those types of establishments should open back up to help those of us having to still teach from our homes. I would also like to see small business like family owned restaurants and bars reopen but have strict policies in place to not only protect the workers, but the customers as well. I don't feel that beaches and malls should reopen just yet as those are the main attractions that would be very difficult to keep people six feet away from each other. Gyms would maybe work if they clean the entire building every day once everyone is gone. This is my two cents with the reopening.

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Pasco	General	I support the full reopening in the state of Florida. As a small business owner, a registered voter, and a tax paying citizen of Florida I do not support a continued shut down! The fear mongering of the media and the draconian measures of government control has to stop! My constitutional right to pursue liberty, freedom and the pursuit of happiness is being unjustly infringed upon! Those wanting to continue living in fear and being controlled can stay home but healthy individuals who want to work should be able to! Your fear should not control my liberty and freedom! I refuse to descend into poverty and allow my business I have spent over a decade building disappear. I refuse to participate in the unconstitutional oppression of my freedom by state and local government. I refuse to wait for or receive an unsafe, untested vaccine for a virus that has already mutated over 30 times and has a 0.0001% mortality rate. We are allowing fear and politics devoid of scientifically accurate data to destroy Florida and America! I believe in liberty NOT tyranny! I will not allow my constitutional rights to be infringed upon. I know there are many others that share my beliefs and we will STAND UP and FIGHT FOR OUR RIGHTS if you force us! Stop allowing the government to destroy: The Food Supply Small Businesses Medical Autonomy Access to Healthcare Religious Gatherings Privacy Rights Fellowship Tourism Reopen Florida Now!!
Lee	Healthcare	Please reopen Florida now! Some level of risk from pathogens will always be with us, but the damage we are doing through keeping the economy closed and banning most non emergency healthcare will not be completely reversible. Reopen now before we have lost everything!

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Broward	General	I understand the potential public health impacts, which is why I suggest opening the state with precautions and then once this virus seems to be going away, the precautions, at least some of them, can be lifted slowly. For restaurants: the tables be every other table and either using paper and disposable supplies at each table, having everything on each table be changed and/or sanitized between each group and possibly allowing customers to order and pay on their devices if that is preferable. If cash is used, people should sanitize their hands before and after use. For nail salons: every other station with proper hand sanitizing, mask wearing, 1 customer per technician at a time. Similarly, hair salons should have: 1 customer per technician, sanitizing tools before and after each customer, hand sanitizing before and after touching tools and customers and everyone wearing masks. For most businesses: being able to space out employees and customers, if applicable, have everyone in the business wear masks and promote hand sanitizing. For malls: there are a lot of stores, which should make it easy for people to spread out and maintain 6 ft distance and everyone wear masks and hand sanitizing. Anyone serving or making food wears gloves. Hotels, cruise ships and airlines: should have requirements to keep everything sanitized between guests, require everyone to wear masks, they need to have 6 ft between tables if serving food, everyone serving food wears gloves, they need to enough space to maintain 6ft between seats on a plane, with the exception of those travelling together, or anywhere on a cruise ship or in a hotel. The exception to wearing masks for this category is if someone is eating. Beaches in all counties should be able to be open for active activities like walking, running, surfing, swimming, fishing, exercise on mat so long as 6 feet is maintained between each group and that each group is less than 10 people. For the eventual opening of sports events and other large gatherings: seating would need to be arranged in such a manner that accommodates 6 ft in between people who are not part of the same group, which can be controlled with ticketing online. Additionally: masks and the people who are serving food should be wearing gloves and have their hands properly sanitized.
Seminole	General	We need to follow the guidelines and recommendations from the CDC and the scientists. Not the politicians who care only about their image and getting g re-election. The health and safety of citizens should be the top priority. We started the safer at home later than we should have so we need to wait till the numbers decline according to the CDC and until the trsting is able to accommodate everyone who wants a test.

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Flagler	Technology	Since Flagler cases are still rising, and many offices, including my own, cannot enforce social distancing (lack of space), you should encourage ALL people that can, to continue working from home. Where I work, there are a minimum of 10 people in a six foot radius because of our small cubicles. My company also does not have the money to pay for tests for all employees. It is also not practical to wear a mask in the office all day because once you remove it to take a drink, you risk contaminating yourself or others. With that said, masks SHOULD be required when people are in public and cannot adhere to social distancing. With as many asymptomatic carriers as there are, all steps should be taken to protect the vulnerable. You should also let cities and counties administer their own plans. You should not take the route of Kemp and put in an executive order forcing a reopening that doesn't allow cities to reopen on their own terms.This should be a measured approach as FL would be responsible for starting the second wave if we move too fast. FL needs to wait until we actually see a 14 day downslope in cases. Don't think a flattening curve means we are out of the woods. You need to be on the clear downslope, near the bottom. Having almost 1,000 cases every day, they are not all repeats, and are new cases. While some counties have truly leveled off or are sloping down, some like Flagler are actually sloping up. Think about how many asymptomatic people are around in the 3rd oldest per capita state in the nation. Not only that but people in my age group are now being shown that COVID is causing sudden strokes. You also need to keep social distancing in place. You cannot get lax on that issue. Social distancing works. It's why 1918 had such a terrible second wave—they relaxed social distancing too soon. You want to make sure you can keep a lid on this and continue the downward trend that will happen in every county. You don't want this around during flu season. In order to prevent that social distancing must remain throughout the summer and fall.
Brevard	Healthcare	Please refrain from Re-opening too soon. Follow the directives prepared by medical professionals and wait for our cases to consistently decrease. Kids are already out of school and need family at home to care for them. Take a close look at what has happened in other countries when they opened too soon.
Polk	General	As a RN, I think elective surgical procedures (especially out patient, in facilities not in hospitals) need to resume ASAP. People need these procedures. They aren't life saving procedures but they're incredibly important ....delaying these procedures any longer can lead to a greater strain on the hospital. The facility I work at puts little to no strain on the hospital system. We're RNs and we're ready to work and help our patients! I also think think there is an at risk population....but those that aren't at risk need to get back to normal life. Help those at risk but also allow others to live. This is surging right now but not living. Life is short.

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Palm Beach	Healthcare	This pandemic is no where near under control enough to consider reopening the economy at this time. All this will lead to is a larger outbreak and more deaths as the medical system gets overwhelmed. The economy is going to take a much harder hit if this thing spreads out of control then it would from continuing the lockdown. Frankly, people's lives and health vastly vastly outstrip the economy in importance. If the system we have now can't handle putting people's lives first then it's broken beyond repair and needs to be replaced.
Lee	General	I very much want to see things opening up for the sake of workers, small businesses, etc. but, I think it is mandatory that we wait until it is safer, less cases, more test kits, closer to finding a vaccine.
Lake	General	Reopening FL should be conducted in a specific and systematic process. Fl continues to need increased testing, contact tracing and antibody testing before any procedure for reopening the state is completed. Testing should be free to all unlike Lake County where they are charging for testing. Results of testing should be delivered in 24-48 hours max. Directions to police, fire, EMS, healthcare facilities, education, restaurants, hair salons etc should have specific and concise guidelines. Guidelines should include reducing occupancy capacity in businesses, distancing guidelines for people in lines waiting, sitting at tables etc. Under no circumstances should people be encouraged to wear gloves in public especially servers in restaurants. Everyone should be required to wear masks in any public place. All businesses should have hand sanitizer and hot water in the bathrooms for employees and patrons to easily access for frequent hand washing. We should take advice from other states (NY) who are completing their reopening using advice from medical professionals and leaders in infectious disease. We absolutely should not follow in the footsteps of states such as GA and reopen without direction. We also need to prepare for the possibility of a resurgence of COVID-19 and be ready.

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Lee	Retail	After seeing the Georgia Governor royally screw up with his reopening I hope it teaches you what not to do. Tattoo parlors and massage parlors, are NOT by any means safe places to go, it would make more sense to open retail stores like TJ maxx Ross Home Goods Marshalls, etc. Where people don't put their hands on you. We still have essential services not following guidelines, employees at dispensaries like Trulieve and the patients walking in unprotected spreading the virus rampantly. That is unacceptable and dangerous irresponsible. They don't even have professional cleaning people cleaning the stores and they have 52. They make billions of dollars in this state alone and don't pay employees hazard pay or even overtime, they should be reported to the department of labor, that is illegal in any other business. Masks should be mandatory in public until we have a vaccine and this is not a threat to our health. You are out of the loop of reality. Why don't you and the president try going grocery shopping and see what it is like for the rest of the people in the state. Trump lives in West Palm Beach and probably never saw the inside of Publix. You get your haircut we all need that! Not Tattoos or wrestling! You don't know what priorities are to the working public. Our farms have dumped millions of pounds of food from Immokalee. Go there, not Cleveland Clinic with a pretty background. Get real. Talk to real people. Our state will barely recover and most small business will not re open after this fiasco. I hope you can get something right when you let us out again. We don't need clorox baths or disinfectant sprays on our bodies, what an idiot thing to say. He shoud be off tv for good.
Pasco	Government	We can't open Florida until numbers in the Corona virus have already fallen. It will be completely irresponsible to open too soon. Other countries are still under a stay at home order and their number have declined. I have zero faith in our government and I don't think any of you will listen, so pretty much do what you want. You will anyway. All of this is just a way of you showing that you care but we all know that you don't. I've personally seen how local government handles decision-making situations and I'm quite terrified to see what is going to happen in the next months with this Corona pandemic.
Palm Beach	Recreation	golf, parks, library, marinas, ramps, manufacturing, outdoor dining, should all be open,asap.
Indian River	General	We should not be bullied into reopening without science to back it up. I'm a permanent resident, an RN, a veteran and a Republican. I have worked every pandemic since AIDS. I have a 9-yr old white was already in public K12. We should work on teacher-led classes on the internet. If we don't wait for the testing to be done and numbers to LEGITIMATELY go down, we will rebound before we even have a break before flu season. I will NOT go back to work. Other nurses I know are leaving for states who are testing. Our heath care system will fail. Be smart. Don't be trained seal.

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Manatee	Professional Services	Open Hair Salons in phase one with the following guidelines. Limit number of stylists and clients to no more than 10 people in salon at one time. Clients will need to remain in there cars until stylist calls them into the salon. No waiting in the waiting area. *All stylists and clients MUST have temperatures checked upon entering the salon. Anyone with a temperature of 99 or above will be asked to leave, is not allowed to return to the salon for 14 days and must not have a temperature upon return. *All stylist and clients MUST wear a mask at all times while in the salon. NO ONE will be allowed in the salon without a mask. *All clients will be asked to go wash hands in restroom upon entering the salon. *All clients will need to leave all personal belongs in vehicle except cell phone and method of payment. Both of which are to be placed on a plastic tray at each stations unless client chooses to hold items during appointment. *No food or drinks will be allowed to be brought into the salon during appointments. *All magazines have been removed from waiting areas. As well as all refreshments. *Each stylist MUST clean/sanitize chair and tray after each client.
Hillsborough	General	The cure is worse than the disease. People are losing their livelihood and their homes. Taxes are not being collected. Cities, Counties and State governments are facing huge deficits, Layoffs will happen both in the private and public sectors. This will trigger a fiscal nose dive resulting in a collapsed economy. We don't need or want a Nanny State, we need elected officials to listen. Open up the State. Those that need or feel the need to isolate can do so. Those that are willing to accept this risk (like the risk of driving, playing sports, working with power tools, swimming in the oceans, etc) can live their lives again without the heavy boot of government.
Pinellas	General	Definitely believe we need to start cautiously reopening things up. Start with safer places and have policies in place. I live in a condo and believe ridiculous that our pool is closed. We have security and all the snowbirds are gone. We had practiced social distancing even before the order to close. Do it at half occupancy. Open beaches slowly for exercise first and limited hours. I work at a small shop in St Pete beach and we could open and do things safely. Limited number of people in the store. Masks mandatory. Wipe counters card reader down each transaction. Grocery stores are the worst somehow they need to be better managed. Unfortunately get people that flock here and have sense of entitlement, that will happen everywhere. Baseball play without fans for awhile then bring in 1/4 of seating etc. Hockey same way. I do believe we should wait another 14 days though. Good luck to us all.

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Collier	General	Please follow all guidelines but I would like To see The boat ramps open as well as beaches people are getting housebound Keep social distancing we have to many east coast people coming to swfl making it unsafe I would also like to see resteraunts open with the social distancing people need to get back to work
Lee	Recreation	We need to resume to some normalcy. Parks need to be opened 100%, kids need the social interaction, they are our future. When you step back and look at the overall picture many parents are considered essential workers, leaving children glued to computer screens to not only complete their abundance of daily class work but also YouTube, FaceTiming their friends, family. My 8 year old who is very outgoing and a social butterfly is fighting depression. We are their parents, let US make the decision of what is and what isn't safe! It's really very simple, if you don't feel safe, DON'T go out!! I know many adults who are fighting depression and it's only going to get worse as time goes on. Which will lead to more deaths, more crimes, etc.
Miami-Dade	Professional Services	It is better not to rush and have a 2nd shut-down wave or a prolonged Phase 1 w/o being able to move to Phase 2 than rush to get going and have people move back out of isolation too quickly. Two hits to the economy will be worse than one that goes for a bit longer to ensure when we come out of isolation it's for good
Duval	Recreation	Social distancing cannot be done if recreation activities are opened. CDC, Dr. Fauci other medical and epidemiology experts know better than politicians as far as keeping the curve flattened.
Santa Rosa	General	Way too early to open everything back up - without widespread testing and tracing, there's no way to prevent another serious outbreak. Opening too early will cost additional lives. Don't do it!
Charlotte	General	Are u guys out of your ever loving mine the numbers are still going up and u guys are opening things up when u should have required masks to leave home watch you are only going to make things worse remember I told u so

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Santa Rosa	General	I am a 61 y/o retired military and government civilian who moved here 18 months ago. We are very happy here and think moving here was a great decision. We here in Florida have done a great job in reducing the spread of the COVID-19 virus. I would like to make a couple of suggestions for re-opening the economy of this state. Please implement mandatory wearing of face masks when in public. Even the wearing of a simple cloth face mask can reduce the spread of the virus between people. I have seen many people who say that the government can't make them wear a mask. Well, the government makes them wear clothes and they are not protesting in the streets about that. Please implement restrictions on the density of people allowed into a business. Bowling ally's may only be able to rent every other lane, stadiums may only be able to use every third seat, a hair or nail salon may only be able to have two chairs open at a time, and stores will have to regulate the number of people inside at any given time, but at least they will be open and people will be able to get back to work. I've heard the people who say "open the economy, if there are people who don't think we should be out and about let them stay home". But the simple reality is that having more people in close contact raises everyone's risk, even if they are just making a necessary trip to the grocery store. There is a crisis of credibility in this country right now. Knowing what the truth is requires research, because we all know way too many of our news sources are pushing an agenda more than reporting the news. This virus is serious and will come back at a moments notice to bite us all. Finally, people need to know why the restrictions are necessary. They also need to know that the fall is going to be an entirely different problem. From the beginning it has been known that if the shutdown was successful, it would look unnecessary. Explain that we are in this together and the welfare of individuals is in the hands of the group. People need to not be selfish.
Pinellas	Healthcare	Please OPEN the state Governor! Why? Because Income is more Important then thisvurus and because we know hospitals are counting Chronically ill patients as COVID! I also has a friend who works at the health dept and the numbers are lower then the flu! We are finished being on “House Arrest” for a crime we never commited! Our families have a Right to ho out and live our lives! My child has a chronic illness and he is working! Why? Work is great for anxiety! There are people who do not want to reopen because they are getying a FREE RIDE sitting at home collecting a check while hurting their Employers and our Economy! Quarantine the Sick Not the Well!

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Lee	Recreation	Please, please consider opening our beaches. It's not about socializing or getting a tan. It's that Florida is not known for its safe sidewalks. I rarely have time to get to the beach, but now with them closed the sidewalks are EXTREMELY over crowded with walkers, joggers and cyclists. Most often people are stepping into traffic lanes because of over crowded sidewalks. Also, SWFL drivers are HIGHLY disrespectful to pedestrians. In recent walks people have commented time and again that they are stunned at how cars disregard pedestrian right of way. If you would kindly open the beaches then those who live at the beach will resume their outdoor activity in their area and those of us who are inland won't be at such a high risk of overcrowding. Thank in advance for your consideration. All of you are in my prayers as you put forth a well thought out and safe restoration of living. God Bless You. Ruthie Struble
Lee	Government	Open Florida back up!!!
Lee	General	I believe that with the high number of retired individuals in the state, and as a mother to a 4th grader, I feel like opening the state back up to ANY non essential services or businesses would backfire tremendously. As hard as it is to maintain my sons attention span on his online schooling, and my work as a manicurist being nonessential, I STILL think everything going back to business as usual would cause a much much worse time for citizens in the fall when the second wave of Covid-19 sweeps through. Although we aren't as bombarded as some of the northern states, Florida has an even bigger issue to keep in mind for the immediate future: Hurricane season. If all of our resources are spread thin helping and supporting the pandemic, how will we ever manage to recover or build again when (not if) a major disaster hits us? I think this could be the beginning of the end and there will be a mass exodus of Florida after hurricane season decimates our state this time.
Duval	General	Please don't require everyone to wear gloves in public. Most people don't know how to use them properly without still contaminating everything they touch. All this will do is create more panic buying of gloves which will drive up prices and create shortages for healthcare workers who really need them. Proper hand washing is what people should continue to do.
Manatee	General	It's time to begin reopening....in a responsible way.... Restaurants should open outside and inside dining at 50%. Bar seats 6' apart. All water sports open All golf open Stores should open with social distancing Masks should be optional for patrons and workers.... In the very near future the economic damage will be much greater that the health threat.... Focus on the "at risk" community.....

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Volusia	Professional Services	Re open in the state would be a major disaster for people with low immune systems like my own. I am stage 3 breast cancer. My boss did not close our office until the governor closed the state with re opening the state he will be demanding me back in to the office which is small to deal with clients in a small confined space with no social distance and I will then have to send my 3 grandchildren I am raising to day care where there will be no social distance in putting my life at danger and my family's life in danger with not knowing who has the virus and who was carrying the virus and who has had it and gotten over it I believe we should wait at least until school goes back for this to run its course.
Lee	Information	It is important to communicate with all methods to keep our resident informed. Direct mail, text and email
Okaloosa	General	Well, if you can't issue unemployment checks effectively we must be permitted to return to work. There is also no enforcement of the governors stay home order, which is completely unfair. My retail clothing store is closed yet most local furniture stores are open? One other note I have supported and paid into an unemployment system for 40 years never drawn a check now I need it and it fails me. I will NOT support Governor a DeSantis ever again. Even if it means we have Entire democratic leadership through all state. And I a lifelong republican. The governor SUCKS, ashamed to admit I voted for that idio,
Pinellas	General	Please do not reopen the state yet. There needs to be more testing . You need to wait til the number of new cases has decreased. Opening part of the state will increase the likelihood that people will travel there just to get out of their house. PLEASE DON'T REOPEN FLORIDA!
Lee	Retail	As it is right now numbers aren't there or were there to close us down.If you are compromised stay home. My wife is losing her business as it is right now. No unemployment and no SBA help as of yet. Landlord is no help wants rents. So you are giving us no choice but to open. if you don't adhere to the April 30 order. And start opening Florida. We all will be hurting if you don't open the business. Crime will start climbing. I
Charlotte	General	I don't think they should reopen, even with social distancing and masks. Because I'm an older woman, I'd like to get out but I'm afraid. There's things that I like to do but I can't do anymore. Normal things. That's all I'm gonna say. I'm waiting for the DMV to open so I can get my drivers license. Thank you.

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Escambia	General	Business reopening continued 15. There does not need to be a bottle neck of state /county /city approvals. If the processes, procedures meet established guidelines and criteria. But businesses are subject to inspections. 16. Ultimately what will accelerate the economy is buying AMERICAN and avoiding items made in china. 17. Still recommend considering the isolation and social distance. If social distance is 6 ft, if a restaurant had a distance of 15 ft between tables, that would allow servers and guest to and from a table proper distance. Consider a 2 – 3 ft walkway with 6 ft from walkway to table. A lot of restaurants may not have that much room for this, but if an old business section with lots of restaurants could have the street closed and tables set up in the street, such as Palafox St from Garden south to Main or further. 18. Another option if space is limited is possibly curtains, such as you see on the news of crowded emergency rooms. Or Plexiglas partitions like at some of the grocery checkouts. More later when I get time. George Levy GL51802@yahoo.com
Miami-Dade	Government	Listen to the scientists and doctors. Business people have no ability to make these decisions. Nor do politicians.
Pinellas	Healthcare	Keep Florida Closed. If we open the Florida too soon will only be right back in this position. Salon's nail salons, Massage, and skin care businesses should stay closed one of the primary ways of transmission. Been a cosmetology educator for many years and can guarantee you that the majority of stylists will not abide by rules for social distancing were competent sanitation. Please save lives in Florida and keep the state closed through May
Pinellas	Retail	Please open Florida! We need to stop living in fear!
Lee	General	I think that we should re-open the parks and beaches with mandatory social distancing and the wearing of face masks. Open business and restaurants that are able to practice social distancing and wearing of face masks. Common sense should be stressed in discussing opening of any business. People need to respect others which is why I think the face masks are mandatory.. Boating, off-roading, motorcycle riding, bicycle riding, walking etc should be promoted with social distancing being in effect. We need to get people back to work as soon as practical. Florida needs tourism to survive economically. I just don't know if people will respect others and do what us recommended . Thanks

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Pinellas	Healthcare	Florida is still not in safe place to reopen. As A Registered nurse I witness how some people do not use common sense. Such as the grocery stores. Im shopping with a mask. I notice all over a parent will have a mask on but they are not protecting their children. Im not stating that everyone is unintelligent, I am simply saying there is not enough common sense in people today. We open up Florid with just the now beginnings of it hitting nursing homes were going to open up the flood gates for an increase in cases. We are a very populated state and so far thanks to our Govenor we are not the next New York. Please lets keep it that way!! Sincerely, Tina Janovich
Hillsborough	General	Dear reopen Florida task force, I have been a Floridian my entire life, and to not enjoy this beautiful weather is killing me. Please please please reopen Florida soon, we've done everything you ask. Stay home, wear mask if you need to go out... ect. We're asking for your cooperation this time and help reopen the beautiful state of Florida. The small businesses need the money, and the public needs to get out, we will do our part and give back and support our small businesses in this time of need. We just need your blessing to do so. Thank you!!!
Marion	Professional Services	As single Dad with custody of my kids, a Marine vet, Republican voter and a licensed Barber I say please open the state back up and let us return to work by May 1st or before... Nobody sick or dying in my area...90% of other business are still open and ppl are out in the 1000's every where i go. Thanks
Brevard	Healthcare	Get unemployment system fixed! So many suffering because they have no $$. Make masks mandatory for EVERYONE. Sanitizer required before entering ANY business. All employees at business also need to be required to wear masks. Please do not re-open our state until our numbers are reducing for 14 days as required by the WH. The worst thing that our Governor could do is to open too soon and we have a surge of cases that are uncontrollable. PLEASE DONT OPEN THE STATE TOO SOON. I'd happily wait until June or July.
Charlotte	General	I am one of 5 in my house My fiancee is low immune system and my 88 year old mum has 5 of the aliments that covid would kill her. We haven't been out in 7 weeks. We have everything delivered I feel if we open up too quickly without everyone being tested first we will just continue to spread this virus. I'm a nail tech and food service worker and I can't imagine being that near to people at this time. I feel we should wait a few more weeks to try to get complete control of testing. I understand businesses want to open but are they truly cleaning and disinfecting the way they should be. I have to say thank you for asking for our opinion and I would like to see a few more weeks of stay at home orders and much more testing. Even on people who do not have symptoms, In fact they are more important to test as they could be positive and not know it. Please don't begin to open yet.

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Pinellas	Government	I think we should wait until atleast mid may to open up florida. I am too furloughed and my wife and I havnt see unemployment pay since we filed March 19th but seeing the new cases in florida and our country not going down suggests that it is not time to reopen. Florida has only tested 1%. With that and the number of new cases everyday shows that the virus is still spreading.
Collier	General	I feel strongly that the guidelines in place should remain. The pandemic has not eased up And it continues to escalate. It makes no sense to open beaches and Public places!
Lee	Healthcare	I believe that since everyone has basically stayed home for the past month, our immune systems have now changed. The reopening should be very gradual or it will cause all of us with now lower immunity to be more susceptible. I suggest opening everything with the same restrictions that have already been placed such as limiting the number of people in a particular area. People with immunocompromised conditions should remain in shelter in place. Educate the public with universal precautions to take. Hold businesses responsible and accountable to keep appropriate distancing for their customers.
Palm Beach	General	Reopen the country, but wear masks we are going to destroy United States by closing it!!!!!
Sarasota	General	I think is ok to open slowly. As long as employers follow safety guidelines to keep employees and staff safe. Any one with underlying conditions. Should wait. I my self work for. Salon And it is a busy place. Some time. Packed. We do not. Take appointment and safety. Comes first. And there should be strick consequences for employer that does not adhere to this to keep people safe
Miami-Dade	Retail	Social distancing can be implemented in the same fashion for small retail establishments. Small business can implement the same rules for social distancing that we currently follow.The establishments can decide how many customers can enter at one time, for outdoor venues especially this should not be an issue. Appointments are part of many other operations they can continue to operate along with social distancing guidelines. How do we justify that big chains like Walmart, Target, CVS, Costco and others can continue to operate and small businesses can't; it's not just they are selling essential products, these stores also offer other commodities and shoppers that go to these stores are following social distancing. If its good for them why not smail business. Thank you governor for your hard work and commitment to keeping Florida safe and strong.
Lee	Recreation	Please re-open all RV parks & resorts that are closed. People can responsibly social-distance within their own RV's while having the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors. Please open all beaches, outdoor spaces and state parks. Sunlight, exercise and fresh air is needed after all of this time indoors! Please open sooner than later - a week or month delay is not going to make a difference in the spread - only a vaccine will do that & we can't stay shut in our homes until then.

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Broward	General	With regards to re-opening Florida it is now readily apparent that any outside venues that provide for adequate distancing should be open to include parks, boat ramps, beaches, etc. Enforcement of the distancing should be provided using our current LE folks already on the job at these locations. Businesses should be encouraged to restrict crowds and provide more spacing for their customers until such time as "herd immunity" has occurred or a viable preventative vaccine is in place. Continued public service announcements for distancing and face coverings as appropriate should continue. Random checks of businesses by public health should help with reinforcement of rules/recommendations. Continued whole population testing (with and without symptoms) should be conducted, focusing on known hot spots and vulnerable populations. Respectfully, M. Balcom
Pinellas	General	Reopening Florida is a delicate manner that is vital for the overall health and safety of our citizens. I realize a the decision can not be taken lightly. The numbers, however, need to be truly representative of the true story. It's a hard sell to have a "closed" county with a population of close to 1 million and have 600 total cases with less than 20 deaths, not all residents of that county. When you have other states like Nebraska, Iowa that simply asked people to be responsible much like Sweden. Their numbers are remarkably lower. There are better ways of handling this rather than a cancel culture that cripples our state and our economy. I have two older children that are now unemployed since March and still have recieved no benefits since filing. Frustrating will only grow. People need to get back to work. Employers that laid people off may not rehire their employees once they can reopen, and for many, that would be devastating.
Miami-Dade	General	DO NOT LIFT THE STAY AT HOME ORDER UNTIL THIS VIRUS IS UNDER CONTROL.
Miami-Dade	General	Please re-open. We need to eat and without work we won't be able to. Please re-open.
Broward	Education	Hi! I am a teacher, a mother of 3, and the wife of a restaurant manager. I have been school PTO president, Girl Scout leader and school general volunteer. I am very good at being devils advocate and thinking about all sides of an argument. I can also make hard decisions or admit when something is needed even if it goes against what I would prefer or my views. I would love to have a voice!
Pasco	Recreation	Please reopen the state parks. We need outdoor recreation please. Please open the state parks!
Polk	General	OPEN the State for business. Require ALL to wear masks in public and keep social distancing. LETS GO TO WORK ! Open the Theme Parks when they are ready. Tier the public attendance. First only Florida Residents. Second only US full time residents. 3rd North America...4th only when world travel is safe again we open to the foreign travelers.

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Jefferson	Healthcare	I brought my family of 4 (soon to be 5) home from Shanghai, China. I was and still am convinced we are safer in the good ole USA during a pandemic. My opinion is we should NOT risk opening up for business as usual. If we do that, we will be blamed for all the death and destruction that is coming to the 3rd world. That would be a propaganda win for the Communists. We must do everything possible to prevent deaths and stop Covid-19. I believe Bill Gates has the best grasp of this crisis. I think we need all our Grad students with online teaching experience assisting our classroom teachers. Also, we need to insist the internet providers install service to every family.
Lee	General	I think you are considering opening the state too soon. We do not have a treatment nor a vaccine for COVID19. This area has many older people who will be unnecessarily exposed to potential carriers of this virus. We need more testing available to everyone before the state should open. Once open, out of state visitors will arrive to vacation and that has a potential to overload our healthcare systems. Please consider this carefully. People will not self isolate for 14 days since that probably exceeds their vacation. If and when we reopen, masks need to be mandatory until a vaccine is widely available. I emphasis, testing and treatment needs to be available to all. We do not have a handle on how this could affect the health of all Floridians. Err on the side of caution please.
Seminole	Professional Services	Hair & nail salons, spas & massage clinics: Studio settings that contain one practioner & one client in a private room (istudios, Sola salon suites, Phoenix salon suites, etc) should be allowed to reopen. They are able to meet sanitation guidelines & restrict clientele as recommended. These are all self employed persons who need to get back to work. Chain salons, privately owned salons employing multiple people & booth rent salons utilizing stations on a common work floor space should remain closed. They are not able to meet guidelines without severe financial impact for both themselves & their employees.

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Hillsborough	Healthcare	As a Licensed Massage Therapist of over 17 years, as well as a current small business owner who has received NO HELP FROM OUR GOVERNMENT...I'm pleading with you to KEEP OUR MASSAGE BUSINESSES CLOSED. We are not able to practice proper social distancing because the very nature of our job is hands on. We have no access to proper PPE or cleaning products. We as an industry are hurting and miss our clients and miss our jobs. But, this is a healthcare crisis and needs to be viewed as such. Our industry is going to require very specific protocols across the board and TIME TO PREPARE before any reopening occurs. I rent space from Salon Lofts for my business. We have 20 individual businesses in our building. On any given day, there are at minimum 40 people in a space the size of a small movie theater (which Governor DeSantis just said he was not prepared to reopen in his press conference). I am personally locked in a 9x11 room for an hour or more in close physical contact with my clients. We can not afford to become the powder keg for resurgence of this virus. I need to pay my bills as much as the next person right now. But, I cannot do it at the risk of my health or the health of my clients at this time. Please continue to help us stop the spread of covid-19.
Lee	Government	Please reopen Florida. We just recently moved here from NC . We want to see all business resume. It not only helps us in terms of purchasing furniture etc it helps the economy.
Brevard	Transportation	Lift State government restrictions, executive orders. Allow local jurisdiction, businesses and service providers to set their own availability and access limitations. Allow individuals the freedom to chose if they feel safe and comfortable enough venturing out and visiting local facilities and businesses.
Lee	Education	Thank you for allowing residents to give their feedback. For graduations, we are hoping for the students to at least be able to walk up and pick up their diploma (from a large table)and get their graduation picture taken. This can be done outside at the football fields or at a large arena parking lot. They can have the parents and family members stay in the car and show everything on a big screen. If they do graduations in June, this will give extra time to let the pandemic numbers decrease even more, and also give the schools time to plan everything. The high school seniors have already had to miss their proms and high school trips. This would be wonderful if they could have this special time for their graduation. Thank you!!
Sarasota	General	Time start opening up!!! We have several family members with small children who are out of work and haven't heard anything about unemployment when they filed over a month ago!!! They're going to have to split up their families to move in with other family members who have a little extra space. If people don't want to go out, they don't have to!

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Pasco	General	I do not think we should open Florida up yet we still have not tested enough people to get a true number of cases that are infected. Without more testing you cant be sure on how safe it is to open and have everyone chances of being infected go higher. We should at last wait another month and do as many tests as we can. These are people's lifes you have in your hand so the blood will be one them if we open to soon. Ask yourself do you really think it is safe enough for your children or your high risk family member even if they are the ones staying home parents and relatives will still be going out when we open and then bringing it back home. We dont NOT have enough PPE or medical staff to support if the cases have a huge jump which they will without more testing. Think of Florida people as your children and when you believe its safe enough for them then make the decision its safe enough for us.
Pasco	General	I'm writing this to express my strong desire that this state needs to open asap. We currently have a death rate of 0.0047% in the state of Florida. I support pushing people to continue to wash hands, wear masks and practice some form of social distancing. I am afraid of what inflation will do to the working class due to stimulus money. Please get the state open and back to work
Lee	General	I've commented before; has anyone considered separating the residents to alternating days like the water restrictions in place for shopping, groceries, restaurants, entertainment, etc? Terry Kohler 3524 SE 3rd Ave. Cape Coral 33904
St. Johns	General	I'm 64 not scared open up our state The FAMILY LAW COURT must open to get arrearages in SUPPORT!!!!! Open up stop scaring people live free or die . I need my money and jobs business are going out of business .
Seminole	General	It is time to completely reopen Florida! Staying at home and social distancing is not sustainable for several of our states most prominent industries. New studies that are factoring in undiagnosed and asymptomatic people, that are only recently coming to light, are showing the fatality rate to be well below that of the seasonal flu and other diseases. We don't shut down the entire economy for the flu the same way we don't ban driving because there are car accidents. We have to get businesses and people working again, and the sooner that happens, the better.
Collier	General	I feel we had the correct procedure approximately 40 days ago by keeping only essential business open. Although, now that we have the knowledge on how to keep ourselves safe, I feel we should transition from essential/non-essential to safe and unsafe. Those businesses that can operate under the social distancing guidelines should definitely be able to do so without discrimination. As for the parks and beaches. If we are not being monitored in Walmart's and Publix(enclosed spaces) then I feel that the parks and beaches are even more safe than the "essential" businesses that continue to operate. With the education, we now know how to monitor ourselves and actions in open spaces so I feel our parks and beaches should open ASAP for good mental health. Not to mention, being in the water and using the outdoor rinse stations would be beneficial for rinsing germs and viruses. Thank you.

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Broward	Retail	We own a barbershop in broward county we currently have 11 employees. We have been closed for 6 weeks already, none of my employees could get unemployment benefits, or stimulus check, or get approved for ppp. Our business did not get approved for sba loans or any help whatsoever until today. Please reopen business! My suggestions for barbershops: gloves/masks/faceshields Clients wearing masks Disposable capes Appointment only Clients waiting in their car until is time for their appointment Strict sanitation rules
Citrus	Recreation	Since many people are in need of getting outdoors and exercising for their mental and physical health, , I am requesting that you open parks and beaches across the state with restrictions. Thank you for your consieration.
Manatee	General	You closed the schools til June, without daycare, how can we return t work? You failed us in providing food when you closed Florda! You failed us with no adequate unemployment software capabilities! And now you want hungry, desperate families to decide for you.
Miami-Dade	General	Do not open back up just yet. It's way to soon. OUR SAFETY COMES FIRST!!
Volusia	General	My concern is for Volusia County residents, the Coronvirus cases are going fast I live in Ormond Bch and am afraid to go Grocery shopping. I believe residents who go out to stores should have to wear mask. I don't believe we should open til cases drop not increase.
Lee	General	Reopen our state. Please, we need this. The President said the cure cannot be worse than the disease and yet here we are. The cure is becoming worse than the virus. People are suffering in immense numbers due to lack of income which is in part because of the shut down. People are loosing their homes and cars as banks won't work with us. No one is able to get unemployment due to a flawed system. I want to see my children enjoy our normal activities in a safe way, which I don't mind doing. We need our economy back up and running in order to provide for our families. Unemployment is failing us, so please open us back up so we can get back to work and bring home income once again. We need to be able to enjoy all outdoor activities again. I am only one voice of many, but a voice that echoes what the rest of Florida says. Open us up, and let's do it sooner rather than later. Let's get our Restuarants open so we can support our fellow Floridians. Let's open all outdoor activities for mental health. Let's open our lives again. Thank you!

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Brevard	Healthcare	As a high-risk senior with underlying health issues, but still employed, I'm finding it difficult to determine if/when I can safely return to work. Being high-risk, I had to remove myself from the workforce and obey the stay-at-home order although the aerospace company I work for continued to run as an essential business. Functions that I perform requires me to be onsite, not able to perform from home. The company provided two weeks of paid time for the high-risk seniors having to take themselves out of work. That benefit has long since run out, and I'm now on unpaid leave. Having voluntarily taken myself out of work makes me ineligible for unemployment. After watching the governor's update this morning, featuring Cleveland Health experts, moving forward is going to mean that high-risk seniors remain at home, indefinitely. I completely understand this as this virus is still evolving, and much remains to be learned about the spread. Having asymptomatic people walking around passing the virus to those who are susceptible, and could possibly become a statistic is a huge unknown, and must be avoided. At this time, there is not enough testing to test everyone. Also, there is not enough PPE to protect everyone. Until testing and PPE can catch up, I fear many of us seniors will stay on lock down. That too is understandable, but doesn't help my personal situation. For myself and my wife, if we catch this virus, most likely we're done. I'm just hoping to see the day that I can safely return to work, given that I can obtain adequate PPE to protect myself in a closed workplace. Either that, or I may be forced to retire...something I'm not ready to do.
Broward	General	Businesses will not be able to open back up if they stay shut any longer. Some are already closing for good.

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Hillsborough	General	Absolutely do not open yet! Also talking about 38% of our state is based on tourists from all over the world and if we open we will allow all these people to fly here. I waited tables for 18 years and worked at Disney and universal before graduating from college and if you think you can open any restaurants and keep social distancing and you know nothing about restaurants or how many people are crowded into these parks. 1st of all I can't even make it through a store with a mask yet better.yet work in a hot restaurant or patio of one in Florida. Example: Margaritaville at universal does 35 million in sales a year, they seat 1,000 ppl, have 500 employees and have two kitchens. When you run an entire shift working sometimes 16 he shifts there are two levels and a patio. Kitchens, back of the house and side stations are very tight quarters. Most restaurants are like this the line cooks are on top of each other and the servers also sandwiching each other running each shift. Nzot to mention it is hardly helping them to open at less staff and people live.off tips, they will have cut staff hugely. Go from 100 servers who maybe forced to work less hours but they make tips so it's that or cut staff but, definitely not wearing mask and protective gear all day in the summer of 110 degrees.... This goes for many jobs I encourage you to try to wair a mask all day then image people doing it their whole shift and many in a physical job. I would not even be able to work in the a/c in Amy office like that, No way! And on top of that until you lower restrictions on testing for symptoms and numbers go down this will back fire and you still cannot find, mask, disinfectant, toilet paper better yet open back up! This can not be rushed it will hurt worse and last longer.
Lee	Healthcare	Florida should not reopen any business completely much less those that require or allow for close personal contact to function, until at minimum 150 out of every 10,000 citizens have been tested and the number of new cases has not increased in 14 days, or a vaccine is developed and widely distributed.
Pinellas	General	I feel businesses should be allowed to re-open and be encouraged to continue to use social distancing, masks, and other common sense safety measures. The people who do not want to go back to normal, under any circumstances, would be welcome to remain in their homes as long as a they want. Thankyou.
Brevard	General	The numbers are proof that there is no reason to prolong the total economic shutdown of this state. Keeping businesses closed and preventing people from working is harming more lives than this virus ever will! The state needs to open for business on May 1st. Let the American people decide what's safe for them to do. Keeping us locked in our homes and telling us we can't work is infringing on our constitutional rights! And if you haven't noticed, there are daily protests across the state because of this very fact. People are already missing payments on bills and rent. Unless you plan on magically conjuring money to pay all those debts for us, you need to let us get back to work to save our homes and our local businesses! This is all a political game. In the history of this country, we have never shut down completely for a new virus before, and there was no reason to do so this time. It's time to end the stay at home order and reopen Florida!

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Pinellas	General	I am a concerned resident of Florida. My thought is we are opening too soon because there are still too many cases and too many careless people out there so if it means anything please hold off. Please be wise and don't be pressured by foolish people.
Miami-Dade	Education	I find that the government needs to take more precautions when it comes to those who are walking around freely. Mask will not solve half the problems if the citizens are not all deemed to be tested. Want to walk in a grocery store you need to be tested or show when you were last tested. It needs to be a record that people need to have when was the last time you were tested. Are you negative or positive atleast until we have numbers dropping instead of raising. How can we reopen a government and use distance of 6ft to protect any one when in a building there will me many. This will not resolve what is really going on. How are people really getting sick. What is this virus, how is it actually in existence I do not feel safe going out any where knowimg there are people walking around in stores and etc that have not been tested it needs not to be a choice or options it needs to be mandatory.... I was pregnant and recently gave birth and I was tested yet the nurses that treated me or the other staff walking in and out my room were not tested how is that protecting me and my children. School should not be allowed open for these same reason will everyone be tested??????? Everyone needs to be tested! Make is MANDATORY to shop, to return to jobs, to work in schools and etc. Please for the sake of my yoyng children please we need a better resolution not just opening up thr government and allowing numbers to rise more because everyone is still not being tested
Lee	Tourism	I know we all want to get out go back to work etc but I feel that the minute things are open the beaches and restaurants and bars will be jammed. It is too early April 30th. We are still getting too many cases. People like me that are older and have underlying conditions are at risk. I believe that like Pennsylvania there should be a formula on number of cases and amount of people in that county to be used. We are not low enough yet. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to air our concerns
Manatee	Education	This is a very dangerous and reckless idea. Please listen to the doctors and other medical specialists and don't rush to reopen this soon. This state hasn't even curved yet. I have an autoimmune disease so I'd be in great danger if we were to reopen, as would so many others in this state. Over 100 people have died in 2 nursing homes in my city to begin with. Please be very cautious about reopening businesses.
Manatee	General	Please reopen as soon as possible, as in May 1st.
Dixie	Tourism	We should not reopen the state until we have better access to testing and ppe supplies as well as more information on many people are currently infected (we are not being tested so we don't know.) We are in the middle of a pandemic, there is no reason to think that this is over or that we are ready for what is to come. We are still learning about the symptoms of this virus.
Charlotte	General	Please open it up and let us get back to as normal possible.People and the economy are suffering badly.
Hillsborough	General	We need the Florida economy to get back to where it was. REOPEN the state!!

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Orange	Tourism	We need to reopen the state as soon as possible. Most businesses can control their own social distancing. Barber shops and salons could only be open for appointments for instance. We are entering hurricane season anyway, and we need to be prepared for any evacuations in Orlando anyways. People are going to lose their businesses, jobs and homes if we keep this up. Open the state.
Orange	General	I understand everyone's concerns about the economy and being cooped up for so long, but it is my opinion that if we don't listen to the scientists it would be a deadly mistake. I am 70 yrs old and I would like to live to be the oldest resident in Florida. Please listen to the scientists and open only when they say it is safe to do so. Respectfully, Me
Sarasota	Recreation	I believe everything including the beaches need to be shut down until it is totally safe to reopen. We do not want this to start all over again. Opening the beaches to walk and swim is just asking for crowds. Just visit Walmart parking lot. Doesn't even look like anyone is concerned.
Miami-Dade	General	Yea don't reopen till August.
Pasco	Healthcare	Dental offices need to either continue to postpone dental cleanings. Another option is to mandate that air purifiers are installed in every room with a minimum of one hour long appointments. This will give clinicians the time they need to thoroughly clean the rooms between patients. Periodontal scaling and root planing should be allotted 90 min per appt. The use of the ultrasonic scaler used to perform a cleaning produces a mass amount of aerosols that will linger in the air for a few hours. So even if the hygienist has on PPE, the virus will continue to spread through aerosol transmission between patients. Dental offices could easily become a breeding ground for the virus. Lastly, PPE should mandate that dentist MUST supply hygienists with N95 masks. No exceptions. We are too close to the mouth and we work in a cloud of aerosols. Booties, hair covers, an over-jacket, and a face shield should be included. I say MANDATE because many office ignore "recommendations". They will not properly protect us because of costs. Perhaps dental offices should be given allowances to update offices to the new standard of care.
Lee	Retail	I'm ready for Florida to open back up. I have been without work for going on 5 weeks now.. there has been no help from unemployment its just continued to say pending. I don't get a stimulus check so having an income is crucial. There is no stop on bills wanting money every month so the ones who wanna go back to work should be able to. If you can work from home then you should be offer the to continue to do that going forward for a period of time .. people need to be able to recover from this and well this is just putting slot of us in debt . I was just getting mine on track and now everything is late. Late fees are still being put on accounts. Please open businesses back up at least come up with some restrictions
Lee	General	I think it is a mistake to reopen Florida. With all that has been done to move forward, I believe that it would all be done for nothing. We need to make sure 100 % that Covid19 is under control . It is important that everyone is tested and retested to understand how this virus has s moving. Until this happens, Florida should remain closed.

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Polk	Professional Services	Do NOT open us too soon please. I am a hairstylist and I cannot practice social distancing with my job. At times I am inches away from people and often have clients in my chair for hours on end. Throughout my 30 year career I have had countless clients come in sick...newly diagnosed strep, flu etc and they dont care of I get sick, they just want their hair done. I have a compromised immune system and have no health insurance. I cannot afford to get sick. Please dont rush things!
Palm Beach	General	Gym s, tattoo parlors, beach, hair salon should be last to open. Was first to close. Schools should have safe distance between pupils. Let's be smart, safe.
Polk	General	Please don't open Florida to soon and fix unemployment
Broward	General	Don't do it yet
Martin	Recreation	Please open the public boat ramps for recreational fisherman. The fishing industry which is supported by the recreational fisherman is dying. The bait shops, marinas and fuel docks are not going to remain in business if the ramps are not opened soon and boaters start purchasing fuel and fishing products from them they will never survive this. Also the beaches need to be opened as soon as possible for people to get out and get fresh air and swim in the ocean and give there kids something to do. The same can be said for the fisherman who fish from the beach. I don't know why other recreational industries Golf, Tennis and things like that are ok to keep doing but not being able to put your boat in the water and go fishing. You are killing a whole industry over this.
Hernando	Tourism	Would like to have our vacation rentals re-opened to Floridians. This has been a significant financial loss for us over the past month. Social distancing and CDC protocols can still be done while we have guests staying here on the river. It also allows for outdoor recreation. We are ready limiting the number of guests. Please consider re-opening the vacation rentals for May 1, 2020. Thank you.
Manatee	Professional Services	Your decision to call dog groomers non essential was devastating to disabled people with service anals everywhere. Not being able to get working dogs nails cut makes it difficult to impossible for a service animal to help their disabled handler. Further, it forces trips out for both human and dog to large public box store (PetSmart) where they get GOUGED and forced to purchase a full groom because nail trim isn't an option anymore. Of course full bathing is 3x the cost, and useless if you just have to walk a clean dog across a potentially contaminated store floor or parking lot! Mobile groomers already sanitize their vans between dogs and social distance because there is no room in the van for clients. Reopen mobile dog grooming - for the sake of the folks you claim to want to protect, and for the sake of their helper animals! I've been waiting weeks for a grooming appointment from the only game in town - who is price gouging me!!!
Orange	Management	Reopening the state, but with restrictions to go into businesses. For instance, you can't go into a local or private business without a mask until we reach the following phases and start to looses social distancing. Temperatures checks if possible in all areas, but definitely wear a mask but keep slowly reopen

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Lee	General	I don't think we should open Florida until the risk has subdued!
Sarasota	General	Please put in guidelines where people must wear masks in a public indoor area. Please open salons...how can they not be essential? Minimize the number of people who can go in at a time and keep social distancing. Have the patrons wear gloves and the stylists wear masks. Same for dog grooming. Small shops can easily accommodate. They could come out and get your dog so no one goes in. How is this any different than a small at home business!.? People need to get back to work and we need to save the economy. Require temperatures to be taken when workers walk in the door. Mandatory time off if you are sick. I am 65 with underlying conditions. No matter what you do, I am going to stay home as I have. People know how to do this! Please please!
Lee	Recreation	Me and my family our ready for the reopening of parks and beaches. But will the Lee county school board open schools as of August 10 for the new school year..
Sarasota	Professional Services	My family owned salon of 40 years is on the verge of extinction. I have worked for this business all my life and employ 18 people, most of who have worked for me for 20 years or more. This is not just a job to us, it's home. Please don't kill our home.Please reopen small business in Florida immediately!!!
Collier	Administrative	The shutdown due to the virus has created severe economic challenges not seen since the great recession or depression. I believe we need to be very careful in how we revive the Florida economy. It's not as easy as ready, set, go! My thought, would be to open up a small county, one that has less than 100 positive infections with the virus. We could then monitor and test to see if there is a rapid in crease or if we can continue to control the outbreak in a small area. The key is testing. Not only testing people with symptoms, but rather the whole population of the chosen county. Right now, that is our problem, we can't test a large group of 75,000 to 100,000 people. They would be allowed to work and travel within the county border but not outside of the county. This would enable the health care directors to prepare an accurate study and report to the Governor. Obviously the State and local municipalities are being challenged by budget constraints and shortfalls. Instead of having to beg the Federal Government for everything, we may try and be more self sustaining while we combat the virus. The State and local Municipalities could raise money by adding a temporary tax of 10 cents on gallon of gasoline. With gas price extremely low, I don't think the public would balk at this. The same could be true on adding 15-20 cents on a pack of cigarettes. Most smokers are at a higher risk to developing long term problems associated with smoking and the virus. Also raising the sales tax temporarily by 1% would also help. This would in turn give the Governor the opportunity to help Floridians that need help. We need long term solutions for the sake of Florida. The stimulus recently past is only a bandaid, when what we need is a tourniquet.

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Okaloosa	Government	Please follow federal guidelines. Re-opening should be done when we start to see a DECLINE in cases. The hospitals and healthcare system and WORKERS need your support in this. It isn't right to force them to work in unsafe conditions and overload them with cases, because that is a possibility. Thank you for your time, Signed, A Healthcare Worker.
Clay	General	It's time. I think everyone will practice good healthy guidelines
Duval	General	Now that the worst is behind Florida, it's important to safely reopen the economy and restore jobs. I believe we should reopen restaurants and stores on May 1, but limit crowds and encourage people to continue to practice proper health safety techniques. Everything should be reopen by June 1. Places with large crowds, like Disney, will need to provide hand sanitizer to all individuals and clean down commonly touched surfaces at the beginning/end of each day. Let's reopen Florida!
Duval	Technology	Please just open the doors turn on the lights and hang up the open for business signs. No one has to go out if they do not want to. Please know allow those that are willing to step back out into society and get us back on track economically do so Please just open the doors turn on the lights and hang up the open for business signs. No one Hass to go out if they do not want to. Please no allow those that are willing to step back out into society and get us back on track economically do so
St. Johns	Recreation	Hello I believe we should reopen state parks and beaches with social distancing rules in place. We have flattened the curve. These areas allow families and individuals to enjoy Florida's natural beauty, provide safe entertainment in a healthy manner, and would benefit people's mental and physical health. These are areas where people can have limited contact with each other and maintain safe distances. I would love to see much more of Florida reopened including non-essential retail and restaurants with social distancing policies as we had before we shut down. Our goal of preventing our healthcare systems from being over run was accomplished. As a St. Augustine resident I am sad for the many small business owners who will never recover from this.
Collier	Transportation	All airlines should require that all passengers wear face masks. This will impact all travelers flying into FL.

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Lake	General	Florida is not ready to re-open yet. We just had a major holiday Easter in which many people went against the stay at home order. We will see a spike in two weeks from the date of Easter. The curve is not correct as many people choose to stay at home and not get tested. I work in the restaurant industry. We are not ready yet. How can we safely serve people. I specifically am a bar tender...How can I serve my guest and make sure they are happy and safe. I can't sit people 6' apart. I cannot also enforce all my servers to sanitize everything in between guests...from the seats to the tables to the floor. Not everyone can listen. The virus last on shoes for 5 days so people would get the virus all over the floor. Kids don't stay in booths they would have their hands all over the floor getting the virus and than they will be touching the tables and people spreading the virus. My fiancé and I have not received one bit of unemployment. Florida cannot re open if they cannot get unemployment straightened out. We applied in Mid March. How can Florida ensure our safety? We would rather work we make more money working than the Florida unemployment amount plus the $600 and we only have to work four days a week. We would love to get back to work but it's not realistic. We work in Mount Dora, FL a area which is mostly geared to the older community. It's not work the health of the employees or patrons.
Nassau	General	Florida businesses should ALL be allowed to open. Government has failed us at all levels, Fed, State and local. The media, supposed, expert healthcare officials along with misguided politicians have irreparably destroyed a great economy - and our way of life will never be the same in my lifetime!!
Miami-Dade	General	Keep Florida closed until doctors and scientists say is safe to open gradually if not is going to be like taking antibiotics when you feel better you stop taking it and not finish the cycle and then you get worse stop all the bills since we are not working lire rent utility credit cards etc.for 2 month and payment back should be gradually
Bay	General	I know it has to open, but please please move slowly and continue to protect our older citizens. Education of especially our elementary aged kids is going to have to be creative. Many parents send littles to school sick or not as babysitting service. Once the child is at school, parents are unavailable. Companies need to be forced to do more to protect the essential workers. A covid symptomatic employee goes for testing after work one day and 4 days later he's still waiting for results but all the ppl working in the same office are required to continue working as normal., no temperature checks or follow ups. Those reporting not feeling well are "just trying to get out of work." Focus needs to be on health more so than economy.

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Palm Beach	General	We have a mayor in Palm Beach Gardens (dave kerner) who is acting out of spite to continue closing golf courses. We now have mayors in Miami-Dade, Broward and Martin who have opened courses. This is ridiculous, he acts like a dictator and talks down to the people. We need to be outside and have something fun to do. We know how to be responsible -- one person per cart, no flag touching, no raking bunkers, maintain social distance. When will the government trust us. Governor Desantis seems to get it, but these local mayors are more interested in their power trip and getting their face on TV than thinking about the people. Someone needs to step in and advise Mr. Kerner. thank you for listening. Gary Eversole
Duval	Professional Services	Open up the little businesses hair salons, elective physician services, dentist, small gyms, pools,. Keeping people that can work from home at home but put people back that do not have that luxury. If u can work at home stay there but people that can't need to make a living. People need to feel good about themselves and part of that is life ok'ing good. Let women get their hair done etc... they need to look good for self esteem. Depression is far worse and lasting effects are not pleasant!
Broward	General	Hello, Thank you for your service. I have a concern with opening the economy while schools are closed. Is there any plan to assist parents of school-age children? What is the plan? Some parents may have difficulty returning to work while schools are closed.
Hillsborough	General	I believe at the very least businesses and retailers should be aloud to resume business as long as they follow guidelines to stop the spread of covid19. Also I believe recreational activities such as parks beaches MOTOCROSS TRACKS and parks resume business as long as they follow guidelines to ensure they do not spread covid19.
Marion	General	I feel that we should open business with social distancing when possible. I have worked in a grocery store this whole time and we have not limited the number of people coming in and we have all been fine. Hairdressers need to be able to work and support themselves also. All businesses should be able to open back up and limit the number of people coming in if they feel it is needed. If people don't want to go out in public they can stay home let those of us who want to go back to the businesses have the opportunity.
Broward	General	Small businesses will be closing for good if they cannot bring in any money. The help that was promised isn't enough to carry a whole country.

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Osceola	General	I am for a cautious reopening of the State; however, with caveats: 1. Face covering and social distancing is a must! 2. No parks or recreational areas should be opened -- reason being that social distancing would be impossible to enforce (in others words "One bad apple can spoil the bunch."). I have seen all to often that many people have a complete disregard for humanity and it becomes an "all for me" syndrome and the heck with anyone else (just look at the hoarding of essentials -- still can't buy bleach, wipes, disinfectants, etc.) Strict rules need to be in place (that's the compromise) during these uncertain times. Perhaps making appointments to shop at stores. But definitely NO CONGREGATIONAL activities.
Sumter	General	Open the state! If people feel at risk they should stay home
Lake	General	Please open up our businesses. So many people are suffering financially and mentally.
Lee	Healthcare	What will dental offices do? We can't get N95 masks or shields. How will employees be protected. We have a very high risk with our jobs. There hasn't been much iformation in regards to our field.
Lake	General	Open all businesses, limit occupancy to square footage. Increase spacing of dining tables, and chairs at bars/restaurants. Require face coverings, social distancing. Open theme parks to Florida residents during first month with max 25% capacity, scale upwards thereafter. Start mass antibody testing.
Collier	General	Please don't open the beaches yet
Sarasota	Tourism	We need to reopen. Money is running out.
Palm Beach	Management	Follow Whitehouse guidelines and move into phase 1 may 1st
Sarasota	General	Florida is not ready to re open. Please do not open Florida yet and please extend the stay at home order. I am a part of a non essential business and they will force people like me to come in even though we have low immune systems! I'm able to work at home right now but as soon as the state re opens we are required to come back into work. PLEASE KEEP FLORIDA CLOSED UNTIL IT IS SAFE!
Hillsborough	General	It is very disturbing that the first meeting of your task force focused more on the thoughts and hopes of financial stakeholders than it did on the advice of medical experts. The second wave of the outbreak in 1918 was far more deadly than the initial outbreak. This is something to consider when we talk about a timetable for reopening Florida's economy. This task force has an obligation to the health and welfare of its citizens before the financial stability of lobbyists, corporations, and special interest groups. I recognize that it is an extreme burden on the individuals of our state to not have continuous employment at the time. But a booming economy will be no comfort to people who lose loved ones if this task force jumps the gun. Listen to the epidemiologists, and the CDC. Do not follow the money, follow the advice of the experts. The lives of our citizens depend on it.

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Volusia	General	If any and all states open it should be mandatory that everyone wears a mask at all times
Nassau	Administrative	Would like to see Florida start opening up..Governor and team has done an excellent job.
Palm Beach	Food	I eat a mostly fish diet and I have had no access to my boat or any place on the water to catch food. I spend hundreds of dollars a year to register my boat, purchase licenses, the required safety equipment etc and have now gone 6 weeks without use of my boat. We are struggling because of the state's inability to police a sandbar party. Shameful.
Hillsborough	General	Please follow the President's advice on reopening and do not reopen until we see the decline. Otherwise these last three weeks will have been for nothing. All.the children missing their graduation will have been for nothing. BUT PLEASE GET THE UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS TO THE PEOPLE.
Brevard	General	I hear about some states (and/or counties) releasing inmates for health reasons (reduce overcrowding, and thus, vulnerability to the virus). I wonder why they don't rent out some nearby hotels that probably don't have enough guests to stay open anyway. Maybe place low risk (crime-wise) inmates in those, reducing overcrowding in the jails. Would provide some income to the hotel operators that are probably hurting. And maybe a system could be developed to maintain some of the hotel employees (kitchen staff, custodial, etc.). Guards (existing guards, National Guardsmen, etc) could monitor by floor. Maybe the same idea (lease out unused hotel/motel space) for nursing homes to create more "distancing" in these facilities that house highly vulnerable people.
Sarasota	Finance	We own an insurance company here in North Port and we understand the magnitude of the decision to open our State. Our employees are currently working from home, or I should say that we are floating their paychecks because this is not generating new business. Childcare is the issue. Employees can not return back to work until school/summer camps are opened. Can we start the 2020-21 school year earlier? The 6 month break will be long. The summer brain dump is real and kids need normalcy. It will all owe our work force to return to work without the stress of having to find childcare.
Lee	General	I do not think it's a good idea to open Florida because there is still a lack of testing. There have been issues with the testing in Lee County, so we cannot be certain that the numbers are accurate. I would feel more comfortable if everyone could get tested, either for COVID or the antibody test. Plus, all essential businesses are in operation still so what else do we really NEED? Let's play it safe so we're not sorry later.
Lee	General	My wife and I are 75/72 in good health and independent. We believe that first the decision for lifting the stay at home order on May 1 should be based on regions of Florida and not one size fits all. Second we believe the retirement homes and nursing homes should receive special care to protect these people. We support a broad opening of Southwest Florida including restaurants, salons, and other small Mom and Pop stores providing they can maintain all safe protocols under the President's guidelines (50% occupancy, masks, gloves). Trust your citizens to do the right thing for them. The economy must be restarted now, not two or three months from now.
Hillsborough	Education	Can children go to summer camp on June 1? What is the plan for schools opening in August?

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Citrus	Recreation	I am very concerned about scallop season this year and think it should not start until later in the summer. We have thousands of people that come to our area each year and already do not follow rules. They are not going to maintain proper distance around our community or on the water. There is not enough law enforcement to monitor it properly. Please consider starting the season later or not at all this year. I understand that it will hurt our tourism industry even more but the health of the Nature Coast is more important so we can get businesses and schools back open.
Escambia	General	Perhaps allow beauty salons, nail spas and barber shops to reopen. Lots of people are starting to feel bad because they need hair cuts or their nails done. Some people simply don't have any way of doing it. For myself, a fresh hair cut would make me feel great and improve my spirits considerable.
Hillsborough	General	No. Please do not open Florida. The number of cases are increasing daily. The is no such thing as a curve. It's only an attempt to justify re-opening businesses. I do understand the importance of opening and getting people the income they need, but at what cost? My family and I will not be going out no time soon. Close it down for another month. Close everything down. Then you will see a curve.
Palm Beach	General	Please re-open with precautions everything asap. Thank you
Miami-Dade	Food	I believe the state should slowly start re opening businesses on May 1st. Due to everything being closed, millions lost their jobs and only source of income. I understand the severity of the matter, and we still must take precautions, but we must not let this virus take over. Unless there is a better solution, I'm all ears, but we all need to get back to working and making money. If there is an extreme death rate once we reopen, we will know that this is not going to work and we need to take different measures. But we all have been in quarantine for the most part for about 2 months. It's time. Re open America.
Volusia	General	Please open as much of the economy as possible as soon as it can be done relatively safely. I'm retired and haven't lost income and not suffering personally but obviously there are millions in FL that are hurting. I think people who choose to "go out" should be able and those who want to wait and the high risk can join in when they are comfortable. Accommodations might in the short term may be needed for those afraid to get back to work. If there are very small numbers of new cases by Sept. 1 stadium sports and concerts, etc. should be quite safe...that's four months from now so that should easily be realistic. I also hope churches will open soon...some will attend in person but some won't for a while so we should be able to distance. Thanks for opening Florida!
Pinellas	Information	Please do not reopen. We need to keep the state safe for everyone.

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Orange	General	Please consider opening into Phase 1, as outlined by President Trump and as you may deem that to be tailored, asap. It's time for business owners and their employees, many of which are teetering on the brink of what will be a permanent landslide and cycle of poverty to sustained illness to early death, will have an opportunity to economically recover before it is too late (which may be very soon). If business owners, in turn, including those of restaurants, do not adhere to the guidelines, then they can and should be shut down as determined on a one by one, subjective basis. At this point, after so much hardship and set backs, Floridians deserve the chance to return to our business operations under the restrictions which may be imposed. I respectfully request that this be done right away, as each passing day is yet another day in which an individual and/or a family endures the incomparable stress and uncertainty of not knowing when and where their next utility or rent check may come from, let alone their next meal. Thank you for your consideration, Michael
Collier	Technology	You can NOT re-open Florida before the medical experts advise! As we've already seen with beaches, people will not follow any of the guidelines with regards to social distancing. If you make the same mistake Georgia has done, we're going to find ourselves closing things up again, more people getting sick, and hospitals (which have luckily not been overwhelmed yet) become overwhelmed and unable to help those who are sick. If none of that matters to DeSantis, perhaps knowing a foolish decision could hurt his re-election efforts might help him make the smart choice. Either way, Florida needs to be smart about this. That also includes not allowing anyone in the state from states, like Georgia, who are not doing the smart thing. Unless they're essential workers, and no, I don't mean wrestlers.
Brevard	General	I do not believe that the state is ready to be reopened. Watching the path from state to state showed that Florida cases started show much later than in other states - so we are behind. Also - we have not conducted as many tests as in other areas to really know true statistics. I think if you open the state - we have a better chance of going downhill. The higher infected areas will start spreading to the lower infected areas of this state.
Duval	Retail	I feel it is too soon to discontinue work at home. also, too soon to open schools and resturants.
Pasco	Wholesale	OPEN FLORIDA, We owned a medical supply business for over 30 years and we are doing ok through this. But Dentist and every other business are hurting and may not re open if this goes longer! We are selling to Emergency Management and FEMA,also know the true story why PPE is in short supplies. Media is putting fear into the people and it needs to stop.
Martin	General	Please open services like beauty salons and barber shops, as well as small retail businesses. Employees and customers should be required to wear masks. Sanitizing requirements should be mandatory. Social distancing for one more month at all establishments.

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Hillsborough	General	Please just open places up stop waiting we are killing this country I'm old enough to have seen I don't know how many viriuses in my lifetime and we didn't go hide from them people need money to survive your taking away our rights to figure this out for our selves open up and let's get going before it's to late
Orange	General	I am really excited that we are heading to our way to come out of this strong. However, with the cases going up and down costantly from 1100 to 500 or 1300 to 600 a day i just dont think we are ready to open restaurants, beaches, even maybe stay st home order. All it takes is one week of ipening the state to fast and cases could skyrockey with too much interaction. Most people are even to worried about getting out still, which if people wont go out it doesn't matter if you open things up earlier the businesses will just loose more money getting product, paying staff and expecting a return to normal just to possibly backslide. I think the stay at home order should maintain until around may 15th, like California and a few other states. People will feel safer with low numbers getting out with the media constantly putting fear out there. Just my two sense. Thanks.
Hernando	General	Would genuinely appreciate some guidance from the state safe opening practices for Churches and houses of worship. You'll notice even in your "Area of Interest" religious, non profit is not even an option to select. So far information to houses of worship has been unclear or confusing. Recommendations directed to churches would be beneficial for us.
Monroe	Tourism	Please DO NOT open Florida until all necessary testing for Covid-19 is complete and our safety is no longer in jeapordy. Please get your shit together with applications for unemployment. Many of us are going hungry because of your failed system.
Polk	General	Florida is NOT ready to reopen. You cannot bend to pressure to open it up at this point. We do not need another New York. Are you going to allow your family on the beaches? Your children on playgrounds? Don't you remember how everything goes into their mouths. The governors slow to act has cost this state. How can we trust when there has not been enough testing and the government has failed so miserably. The unemployment site is just another slow to act lazy inept example of this government yet Ron DeSantis wants to hurry opening up which will cost lives. It will be on you if you make the mistakes that this governor has.
Collier	Recreation	Please open the beaches as it is open air space and UV sunlight ikills the virus. Possibly patrol the beaches to make sure social distance and give a citation to those that don't comply. Put up sign saying that as you enter access to beach so they will be warned.
Lake	Accommodation	Open up phase 1 ASAP. Everyone is suffering.

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Seminole	General	My daughter works part time at SeaWorld and Universal. SeaWorld had furloughed her starting 3/16. Universal is wonderful and kind enough to still pay part time employees until May 3. My daughter filed for unemployment on 3/16 because of SeaWorld and is still in the limbo black hole of pending monetary determination. If the DEO can't figure out what she should be paid through the state, they should at least approve and send the $600 federal money that she is entitled to. As far as getting the state back to work and it's obvious I am interested in the theme parks. I feel the parks should only open to the "local" passholders in order to keep the crowds at a minimum. We don't need those coming from other states in a rush as soon as they start to open. Do it like they do a "soft" opening for new rides. If the parks would decide to do my suggestion, please make sure to enforce locals or Florida residents only.
Palm Beach	Retail	Please open the state back up The financial implications are worse than the virus Our small business is lost
Osceola	Tourism	To whom it may concern, As a Florida resident who works at a theme park and has medical training, I urge you to not reopen the economy until medical officials say it is safe to do so. Reopening the economy too soon, will ruin the progress social distancing as started. I know that the economy is important, but people's lives matter more. These are not all "old people" - they are parents and grandparents , best friends , and active members of the community as well. It is imperative that people's lives matter more than money. 1,000 new cases a day are still 1,000 people! Who knows how many people have it and don't even know it and those are the ones you have to most worry about. I have been reading a lot of "supposed " ways for theme parks to reopen. Do you know that 2/3 of those admitted to the hospital with Covid-19 (so severe cases) had no fevers ! So what does employees or guests having their temperature taken do? Almost nothing! I am a proud resident of Florida and I love everything that the Central Florida area stands for- but please, don't put people lives at risk in the pursuit of money. Also, please get unemployment money out. People are struggling , they can't pay their bills and they can't buy food! This should be a priority over reopening the economy. The Florida government has a duty to take care of the Florida people. I know that once things are safe to resume, Floridians will be the first out to theme parks and restaurants and move theatres - but as of now, it's not safe- and you won't get the crowds you are looking for. Once it is safe to reopen, it needs to be mandated that ALL employers provide 14 days of paid medical leave (in an attempt to
Miami-Dade	Healthcare	Open Florida up! I live in Dade-County. Hospitals are not overwhelmed. Business are closing left and right. Of 6+Million people living in this county, there aren't even 300 deaths. Let's get back to work!!!

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Broward	Recreation	We need businesses reopened. I have not worked in weeks now because of this lockdown. I cannot pay my rent that's due in 11 days. I can't pay my insurance that's due in 2 days. I cannot pay my phone bill that's due in 9 days. I need to get back to work. Unemployment site has no worked for me and I can't even get a stimulus check because of a pin. I can't get a pin because government claims my info is not right. As if I am me. Who knows my info better than me. I've worked hard these past 3 years to get my life back in order and this lock down has messed it all up. I'm going to end up homeless again because of this. Survival rates at over 97% and climbing and you people have the nerve to disrupt everyone else's lives? What do you think is going to happen to people that can't put food on their plate? What you think will happen to people when they don't have a roof over their head. What do you think will happen to people who can't even have a phone on to put down on a resume for a job or can't put gas in their car to drive anywhere for a job. Can't pay insurance so now even if you can afford the gas now you can get caught driving without insurance. You people will be causing extreme chaos. The moment people's lives are pulled out from under them and they have no home and nothing left to lose and are pissed off at what the state did to them. Do you really think everyone is going to take this lying down? Just because a few people got sick and passed. It's florida, people get carried away in ambulances down here everyday and pass away. You can see ambulances on a normal bases coming out of senior communities. People die everyday that's life. Not to sound insensitive but that's the truth. The crime and violence that will roll down hill in the wake of this lockdown will be your fault for keeping florida locked down. What you think it's a coincidence everyone is buying guns. And ammo is always sold out. They see what's going to happen. People putting up facebook stories that miami hasn't seen a homicide for 6 weeks since 1957 is a damn lie. A girl was shot and killed because she wanted to buy designer shows from an ad on the 9th of this month in miami. It's a no brainer. Robbers set her up because they knew an ad for designer shoes would bring in a nice chunk of money. She shows up and gets shot and dies in a robbery. Just one tiny example of crime that will start popping up left and right. For all of you rich people that don't care. Who in the hell do you think the poor are going to target and take their frustrations
Broward	General	I just want to say that while economic interests are important, lives of Floridians are more important. If we open too soon, there will be a spike in Covid19 cases, deaths, and it puts our frontline workers in more peril. Please stay as closed as possible for as long as possible.
Clay	General	The virus went through this area in fall and winter and we survived. Time for us to open up.
Orange	Tourism	Slow Down, don't put people at risk. Reopen in July make sure this thing has time to completely go away before we jeopardize our local community in orlando.
Charlotte	General	We need to protect our citizens from an influx of tourists carrying COVID-19 from other states. I see no way to do this opening up the state this soon. A soft opening, perhaps. Within our borders only, we have enough of a battle to contain this virus. Take care of our citizens first. You owe us that.
Volusia	General	Re-open the State as soon as you can. If the Miami - Dade area has a lot of cases then phase them in. Otherwise let the Counties open up and do business. MANY people are REALLY hurting financially and we need to get back to normal. This flu outbreak was no worse than any other flu outbreak and the reaction to close down the country is looking like an overreaction. Re-open the State!!!

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Pinellas	Recreation	Please open beaches for exercise. Keep the parking for beaches closed so locals are the main beneficiaries.
Palm Beach	General	Too soon to reopen. More testing needed.
Pinellas	General	My response in re-opening of Florida is for it to be safe. ALL employees should be required to wear a mask. 6 to 10 feet of Social Distancing MUST be mandatory with gloves. Hand sanitizers should be mandatory with proper hand washing. No more than 10 in a group at ALL times anywhere in public. STAY SAFE is the main goal. Check for temperatures also on a daily and safe basis for employees.
Hillsborough	General	We are a low-medium income family, so I fully understand the desire to open things back up, but we are also a family that has members that fall into the higher risk category of complications from covid. When things open back up (which I don't think should be until June so we can be sure we've definitely passed our peak), I would like to see mandatory face coverings and businesses operating at smaller in person capacities so we can try to prevent a second wave of this. I would like to have some definitive clarity on what the plans are for k12 schools for next year, so that I can prepare for what the best option for my family is. Lower capacities? Split schedules? Virtual learning? Mandatory masks? Please do not open us back up too quickly. I sympathize with the immense pressure you're under trying to balance the state's health and our economy and livelihoods. I appreciate that you have stated that you tend to err on the side of freedom and not telling people what to do, but I also believe that we need some guidance in this instance.
Lee	Professional Services	It's time to reopen. Too many others suffering from other issues. Abuse, suicide, no money. Open or I fear an uprising beyond control.
Hernando	General	I think reopening the state is going to cause a lot more virus cases & deaths. You can't control something if you expose infected people in public. We would like to get back to normal but that's going to take time . Please don't reopen our state now. In 3 1/2 weeks we went from 3,000 cases to over 33,000.
Lee	Food	I am 55 years old I have been without a job since March 12. Thank God I had some savings because I haven't got my taxes back my stainless check yet my unemployment and it's all paperwork is all done. I am a single lady but doing all this I refuse to go back to work I might get the virus. Right now my decision as I'd rather be broke and wait then be dead or may get infected infect somebody else I think it's crazy what George is doing I have two sisters and a brother there. I think they need to think long and hard because we all know this is not gonna be the end of it until probably next year I hope they make the right decisions
Pinellas	General	Please open the beaches, open marinas for membership holders, give small business chance to make a living.
Lee	Healthcare	I don't think it is wise at this time to open Florida. There still isn't a cure and that will expose us older people to the virus. It should be left like it is for now.

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Alachua	General	Please consider reopening personal care businesses such as hair salons, nail salons, and PET grooming. Personal care is important in keeping people's mental state strong. If you don't feel good about yourself it makes it hard not to get depressed during this time. Pet grooming is essential to dogs health in most cases and people are not equipped or skilled enough to groom their animals. Also for all of these businesses listed above they work in commission and cannot survive without clients. Thank you.
Palm Beach	Education	Virtual education is not for everyone. Some teachers are really hard on the students. The high schools need to adopt a pass/fail system like most colleges across the US have done. I have a senior and the decision of my county to do a virtual graduation is beyond disappointing. These kids are losing there childhood memories that can't be replaced. Florida needs to open up ASAP and let the people who are at risk still stay home and let the majority who are not effected go on with their lives!
Hillsborough	General	Let's get opened up. Set guidelines for susceptible folks that meet the age and underlying conditions vulnerabilities. Trust business folks and residents to make the right moves. Set guidelines and monitoring short term for travelers into the state. In summary, we know who is vulnerable so limit any stay at home/quarantine requirements to the affected group of folks to protect them. If they violate, they do so at their own peril. Help those affected that need it. Allow the no risk/low risk majority to proceed responsibly. Guard the import/travel of non-resident, high risk candidates until the risk diminishes.
St. Johns	General	Good afternoon, Please re-open FL for business, no later than May 1. Enough of the lockdowns. Let business owners and citizens decide what works best. Thank-you, Jeff Sturtevant, St. Augustine.

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Miami-Dade	Healthcare	More antibody testing, (mobile units by grids, increase test sites), there are a lot of folks who probably were exposed and never had symptoms, they are the key. The virus does not behave the same way in everyone exposed no matter age group. Focus on essential areas or businesses to open taking into consideration who has antibodies, who tested positive and completed isolation protocols. For those who tested positive, a robust and thorough contact investigation process is a must. Continue social distancing initially started I am well versed in Infection Control and the Contact Investigation process, I worked for the Bureau of Prisons for 25 years, and was the Executive Vice President Health Services U.S. Corrections and Detention until 2019 for GEO Inc.
Pinellas	General	We need to make sure that residents are tested to see if they had the virus if they did they are the ones that can go back to work. Until there is a really good deterrent we cannot just start everything up as it was. Most people will not go by the guidelines that are set up. President of the United States doesn't go by the guidelines stand up there with everyone and no mask. Please let's be smart.
Osceola	General	I am disabled and live with several family members. One of which is a 71 year old with lots of health issues. My family and I find ourselves in many discussions. While having people go back to work is important it isn't as important as making sure we are not risking people's lives. We are not ready to reopen Florida. I feel we should wait longer so we do not cause a worse situation when we reopen. I have carefully followed the stay at home orders but many have not and have become ill. The numbers still rising. Please give us another 2-3 weeks at home before making decision to reopen. Many families in our neighborhood feels the same way. We don't want to reopen yet. It is scaring us and we will be very unhappy if you open Florida too early. We live near Disney and universal. All the tourists sites. Reopening too early will cause an influx of tourists to come and that may cause us much sadness in future. Please wait. Please everyone I know in Florida agrees. We rather be safe and ready then not.
Manatee	Healthcare	Keep our county closed. We have too many beaches to reopen. The whole country comes here to vacation, that was the problem with spring breakers. If you open it, make masks mandatory!
Duval	Healthcare	End lock down. Open businesses and restaurants with social distancing rules. Wait before opening state to those outside state.

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Palm Beach	Recreation	Would like to see beaches open with restrictions. Nice to walk on beach as long as people abide by restrictions. Would like to see more places opened but only if it is safe..Doesn't seem like this county is quite ready to open- medially and health wise..Must use precaution with every step on reopening..Feed bad for the businesses that are closed, all the workers on unemployment but still think the safety, the health of everyone needs to be a priority. We do't want a surge after opening of this virus...All the leaders are doing a great job. Hope GA does not see a big spike in cases as that is a risky move Gov. Kemp made...
Glades	General	Don't put a $$ on peoples lives! If anyone wants to help people give out SNAP cards like was done after our last hurricane for food. Money can be spent smarter and more effectively. I'm all for supporting small business, but not the multimillion businesses! Let those that are able to prepare, but chose not to, for the future fail, not those that are unable to save up like those that can barely make ends meet.
Hillsborough	General	My suggestion to reopen Florida smartly and safely: Every business has to ensure their employees as well as patrons wear Masks. IF Patrons don't have any, the stores need to provide it upon entrance. Sanitize their hands as well prior to entry. Germany is doing it! If stores can't get them, the administration should provide some or sell at cost. It's That Simple! It can create jobs for people at the entrance, stores can imprint their Logo on the mask and it's advertisement. It needs to become the New Norm just for a short time. Prevention is Key and Cost effective! Also home tests should be free if not. Let's be Smart about this and LISTEN TO SCIENCE!
Lake	Recreation	Open. Lake County did not have too many positive cases.
Palm Beach	Retail	I do not think Florida should be reopened. We have not hit our peak yet and it would be very dangerous to reopen.
Pasco	General	It is still very bad on corona virus, please keep the "stay in home " order to protect people who lives in Florida! Thank you
Palm Beach	Recreation	I hope you will permit businesses in north palm beach county, e.g. Jupiter, Tequesta, Norgh Palm Beach, Palm Beach Gardens, Juno Beach, etc. to open early inasmuch as the vast majority of Palm Beach County cases and deaths have been in SOUTHERN Palm Beach County. I am especially interested in golf courses and Pilates studios. Although not in this category, we hope hair salons and barber shops in northern Palm Beach County will be permitted to open early. Thank you!
Flagler	Retail	I am a store manager at Saint Augustine Premium Outlets. On a weekly basis I see people from all over the state, country and even the world. The stores and common areas turn n in to a sea of germs, I've had employees miss over 30 days before the coronavirus due to regular colds. That said opening the malls at this time in this state will cause a huge spike in cases, hospitalizations (due to the high age range of most customers) and even death. Please think this through!

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Pinellas	General	We need people working and living normally again. Slowly open outside venues like pools and beaches again. Give communities the right to set limited hours for those places. Allow businesses like hair salons to begin limited operations. Encourage those places to create outside waiting areas. Allow teachers to meet with their classes maybe outside. Yes there is risk but the loss of freedom outweighs the risk.
Pinellas	Healthcare	I am a dental hygienist practicing in the Tampa Bay area. I have seen data that says hygienists are the MOST at risk profession for contracting covid 19. I am concerned about my safety returning to work. As a hygienist, I work in very intimate proximity to my patients. I am within mere inches of a patients open mouth, and am often sprayed with saliva. There are also aerosols produced by our instruments that linger in the air for hours. For example, I could be cleaning a patients teeth who is positive for covid 19 that is not showing symptoms, aerosols are forming in the air and lingering there. The next patient comes in and opens their mouth in a room full of covid 19 positive aerosols. They obviously cannot wear a mask while I am working in their mouth. We can be diligent in cleaning surfaces as we always are, but there is no way to clean the air. I have been told by my employer that n95 masks will not be made available to us and that the "next best thing" is to wear a level 3 mask and a shield. Dental cleanings (while important) are an elective procedure. I do not understand why we would go back to work, knowingly not having the proper PPE to keep us or our patients safe for an elective procedure. Please postpone opening dental offices until we can SAFELY go back!
Palm Beach	Transportation	I think it would be greatly beneficial to reopen the beaches as well as the boat ramps on a limited basis. 95% of the voters out there are well-behaved and we shouldn't let a couple of losers ruin it for everyone - I'm pretty sure that most voters would be pretty good at policing the others based on what we have been through.
St. Johns	General	I believe it’s too early to open anything without strict restrictions i.e. limit the number of people in each establishment. People are going to flock to stores and restaurants and it’s not going to be good.
Sarasota	Healthcare	Re: Covid response:opening state. I feel there is a rushed response to open the state up for many reasons. Of course the economy which is so dependent on tourism and service industry is suffering badly. Action: unemployment website and ability to access funds in any way are severely lacking. PPP funds for small businesses have been mismanaged by banks and allocated to lawyers, chain restaurants, and other businesses that have been doing business all through this pandemic and do not need the funds as badly as others who are truly failing. Why isn’t this being prioritized appropriately? So many factors are pushing people to demand reopening in order to exist or eat! In a crisis like this our first commitment should be to protect lives. We do not have testing anywhere near where it should be. Counties are acting as individual states making different decisions without true unity. Especially in close proximity. Dangerous decisions. We have not peaked and we will see a spike!! Pay attention to all of FL not just Broward or Dade! Bad decisions, bad governance!

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Escambia	General	I think parts need to reopen slowly, make sure it doesn't spike the virus. But what concerns me is I have worked at Golden Corral for 20yrs. I am now 61 with underlying conditions. So what happens to me??? If Florida reopens early and the virus is still out there, will unemployment require me to seek work even though I am compromised??? It's a scary thought to me even though I am ready to get to work. Not to mention I have been off work since 3/6 with no stimulus check yet and no unemployment check either. It took over a month to even get on the website. I am so stressed, Florida has not done well by it's people and I hope when we do open up that unemployment takes into consideration those who are compromised and give us a choice without pulling funds if we are too scared for our lives to work at the moment.
Miami-Dade	Healthcare	How can they plan to open the state safely when people are not following the guidelines now. In Miami i ride the metro rail train to work at the hospital and the train is full of homeless people all day with out any mask asking for money and putting everyone else at risk and other people not wearing mask or keeping the social distancing practice not only there but in supermarkets including are we going to have guards everywhere to enforce the rules take your time before you act so we do not become another New York City thank you .
Volusia	General	I think it is over time to reopen the state. I am a small business owner and I dont think we ever should have shut down.
Hillsborough	General	I think we should wait 2 weeks to see how Georgia does now that they have opened up. If we see an increase of cases and deaths then we know at this point its too soon to open up. We want to make sure we do it right and not rush to open because other states are doing so.
Lee	General	I'm in favor of opening everything back up except requiring all citizens to wear face masks or coverings. Especially opening the schools back up so that parents can go back to work while their children are in school. And the reason that I want this to happen is because of the extremely slow or no assistance from unemployment. And if we are not getting that assistance and we need to go back to work.
Pinellas	General	I'm requesting that Florida be the last state to reopen. I work in healthcare but not with patients and I have been able to work from home where I am more comfortable and safer than being in a building with approximately 3000 people. I also have my mother who lives in a nursing home that I visit daily and I cannot risk her being infected by me getting sick from someone else.
Hillsborough	General	Please take the advice of the President's Medical experts. Follow the Presidents plan/phases and keep our state under stay at home orders until the steps that are set out in the plan are set up and ready and we have no more new cases of the virus. I know people are ready to return to normal but the risk is too great without the necessary protections in place.

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Pinellas	Education	I implore the task force to look at the situations that occurred during the 1920 Spanish flu pandemic. Look at the history and what happened during the second wave of infection spread when they open things up too early. Opening up everything to soon will mean that the spreads faster and the death toll rises higher. If you have any care and concern for Florida and the families that live here you will seriously consider holding off. If we open up schools to soon, they will serve as nothing but petri dishes. The same is going to go for any large corporations that open back up (Disney, universal, etc). Yes it's horrible that the Economy is tanking right now, however, what will the economy do with nothing but dead people? The economy will bounce back, it always does. Lives that are lost during this will never be restored.
Orange	General	Can't open as soon as the numbers begin to stabilize. Wait another month until June and see how that goes. As a person living with two high risk people people, I would rather be stuck at home than mourning one of them, be in the hospital or left with thousands on medical bills. Do not re-open yet. It's too soon
Orange	General	Please do NOT re_open businesses now. There are still too many new COVID-19 cases at large happening every day.
Seminole	General	Please open Florida, all business, no restrictions. We need our freedom back. If those that are in fear of CoVID-19 do not want to go out, they don't have to. They can continue to stay home, have things delivered and wear masks. The rest of us want to get on with our lives. We have bills to pay and mouths to feed. As for school, students should return on June 1 and continue through July, taking a 2-week break before the start of 2020-2021 school year. Our children need an education and do not need to be left behind struggling.
Hillsborough	Education	Will school resume as we know it and if not what will new procedures be? Are face masks going to become mandatory for students and educators. Finally will social distancing continue to be enforced?
Manatee	Retail	It makes sense to continue the measures that we are, not reopen until we have sufficient testing capabilities. The school closures make sense. But as an "essential employee," a single mother, it's impossible to manage both. I've got rent coming due, I am eligible for the stimulus check, they have my bank information, but I still don't have a date. I took some leave from work, but my paycheck would only cover half the rent. I recognize that this is a very difficult situation, however it sincerely feels like anyone that doesn't have massive funds and cannot work from home is being left out to dry. I can't help but feel as if we're expendable, a "necessary" cost for the "greater good" corporate profits. It's sickening. We can't afford social security, but we can continue slashing corporate taxes? The weakest and neediest people are being left to die.
Orange	Healthcare	Do not open Florida yet. Too many cases and this can get worst.

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Martin	General	I am very concerned about a second wave of COVID-19 if restrictions are lifted to soon, and the even more detrimental impact it will have on our economy. I am all for lifting restrictions, but only when, at a minimum, N95 respirators, not homemade masks, are readily available to the public.
Pasco	General	Please make masks mandatory in public. Thank you.
St. Johns	Education	I am a public school teacher and a mother of 2 young children in public schools. As a mother, I do not plan on sending my children to school or to any organized group events until there is a treatment or a vaccine for COVID-19. We have been taking the "stay-at-home" orders very seriously and understand the importance of following the guidelines. As a teacher, I teach children that are vulnerable with various underlying medical conditions. Even though children are not considered "high risk" generally, my particular group of students are. My students are in a school with a large general education population, which could put them further at risk. Schools should open until there is a treatment or vaccine to protect our society. Parents and educators need to be given an option to keep their children at home or to work at home without being penalized. If someone does not feel safe to return to the schools, they should not be made to go. Ask people (educators & parents) if they feel safe to return to school before "making them" return to school. If they do not feel safe returning to school, come up with a plan to allow parents and educators to remain home. When the schools do open back up, have classrooms with 1/2 the amount of students. Have students attend half in-person and half virtually. Ease back into school before we fully go back and have a huge outbreak of COVID. Thank you for your attention to this.
Hillsborough	General	I think FL should reopen but in phases with limited numbers. Restaurants I think could reopen but seat far apart from other tables, if they can't do this then takeout only. If theme parks do open should be very limited numbers and FL residents only until September.
Hillsborough	General	As someone who is considered essential, I believe that it is paramount that we do not rush to open the state. Why? It's because all it will lead to is more contact with the virus. No one will follow the social distancing. It's barely in place now! I work in a small office with about 30 other people. While my company is trying to follow the CDC recommendations, we're still faced with being in a small space . It will take one person and our office will get infected. Please PLEASE do not open. Enforce the rules! This is not about your business goals, this is about people's lives. Protect your family and friends.

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St. Lucie	General	I feel we should open the economy as soon as possible. We are destroying the economy and our rights over panic based on flawed projections . The studies in Santa Clara, NY, and LA show that the death rate is no worse than the flu. I am 81 years old with controlled diabetes so I am one at more risk than some but I was with the regular flu also and we didn't shut down our country over that. We had a vaccine for the regular flu and had more deaths than we will probably see without a vaccine. The "cure" is worse than the problem. Chances are we will have more deaths from the destruction of our economy than the virus and we will be losing productive people rather than old and already diseased people like me.
Lee	Professional Services	I am an independent hairdresser and want to get back to work. We are much more sanitary than other businesses. We were already taking extra precautions in the salon before the 30 day stay at home order and had no infections to any clients or co workers. We wear masks, gloves and everything is sanitized before each client and all surfaces in the salon. We can limit one client at a time and not over crowd since we are a small salon. It's important for us to open so we aren't forced to go out to peoples homes to do a service which isn't sanitary. Please consider letting us open soon. Thanks, Patty Collins
Miami-Dade	Administrative	Who's going to be accountable when people get sick at the work place? No medical advisors in reopening task team?
Brevard Sarasota	General Professional Services	OPEN FLORIDA Open Florida now! Small business is on life support, the longer we stay closed the more we won't recover. Open Florida!
Lee	Education	Hello everyone. My comment is about the education factor in this COVID-19 Pandemic. I myself work at a daycare but was laid off due to not having enough enrollment but also because we got the call from our bosses to close. I just want to know since K-12 schools are closed until the end of the year will daycares also be closed until it is safe for everyone to go back? The reason I ask is while reading the task force information it said in the phases that daycares won't reopen until phase two. Many parents at this time may not feel comfortable sending their children back due to the COVID-19 also there is a lot of interactions with the children as well as coworkers. Thank you.
Orange	Recreation	Start opening Disney in phases beginning of June. Open Disney to Florida's for the first few months then open to other states.

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Orange	Tourism	Thank you for making it easier to submit suggestions. Work with TSA and Disney who are similar in wanting quick and safe way to process thousands through gates. Just like walking through airport scanning with arms up next to conveyor belt for carryons, can make a second walk through station for ultra violet light sanitation? A company like Abbot Labs and ultraviolet light manufacturer can jointly research and develop it. Don't need perfection. Hope it kills 90%plus of Covi on clothes and carryon luggage can walk though with, as well as on hair hair and skin, and travelers can continue on to sink stations that are made outside of restrooms to wash hands only. 2 step screening: Have to wait and arrive early for departures, so travelers do quick Covid test before boarding, and a follow up test that travelers take a few days after arrival in case symptoms arise. The follow up test can be done at major hotels, like at Disney hotels that can set up station to administer saliva tests or collect the new mail back self-administered "at home" tests. Can cost share with travelers--say up to $50 per person which travelers won't mind paying for the convenience of testing results and peace of mind knowing that others traveling in airport are also tested. Maybe phase in airport travel initially only for those staying at large hotels where follow up tests can be done at those hotels. To encourage car rentals, those companies can rebate some of the testing cost that a travelers incurs if renting a car. Airports have lots of idle capacity and space to be a great site for widespread antibody testing--any "population at large"-type sampling data can be done at airports where there is a nice cross section of people there, and travelers have the greatest ability to spread Covi in communities because they move around more and therefore should prioritize testing onto, and with good results create community confidence.
Pinellas	Real Estate	Please reopen all businesses in Florida now. The risk for the vast majority people dying is extremely low. We don’t have to rely on models based one predictions anymore, there are actual statistics worldwide on this now. Keep in extra precautions for people over 70 and people with underlying conditions. Everyone else can withstand and become immune or resilient to the disease if they haven’t already. There are plenty of hospital beds for those who get very ill. We cannot ruin the future for our middle class and younger people over a virus that is no worse than the usually flu or pneumonia., which is how the elderly and very ill often pass on naturally anyway. Thanks for your leadership! We appreciate you and your wonderful statistics. The media can go to hell, they are liars and have poor motivations - so don’t let them stop you or us from flourishing and prospering! Thank you, Donna Andrus
Manatee	Healthcare	Until at least 25% of the population has been antibody tested and/or masks are mandatory, keep the safe at home in effect.
Lake	Retail	Please reopen on May 1.

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Lee	General	Please, please be very careful about reopening our state too much at once and too soon. A considerable amount of residents will not adhere to voluntary guidelines that concern their health and that of others. I see examples of this everyday. Please error on the side of the health of our state, not the economics. Thank you, Larry D Glimpse
Walton	Tourism	I am a full time resident of Santa Rosa Beach in Walton County. We're a sleepy little beach town on the beautiful panhandle with a permanent residency of only 11K in the colder months. We rely on tourism heavily. And we love our visitors. We roll out the red carpet for them. But our geographical proximity to the Covid-19 hotspots of New Orleans and South Georgia put us in a uniquely precarious position. We NEED our visitors and yet simultaneously our limited medical facilities make us VULNERABLE to visitors. Please consider the panhandle in your decisions. Our numbers are lower and we can help our overall state "success" if we stay healthy. I have socially distanced with my family for 41 days now. We have safely recreated by fishing at the bay and on our dune lakes and we have played in our backyard. But other than that we have been at home. Our beaches have been closed and I believe they need to stay closed to deter the visitors from wanting a vacation. Please consider EXTENDING THE SHORT TERM RENTAL BAN for another couple of weeks. Look at our trending numbers on Thurs May 14th and make a determination then. That would give renters an idea if "check-ins" are available for that Sat May 16th. We also need to have plans in place so we can "host" the thousands of people looking to go on a vacation from their metro cities. We need to have guidelines for disinfecting rental properties between "turns" and we need to have more testing available so we can see a true scope of the spread here. There are indications the federal govt may extend their "safer at home "orders past April 30th. Florida can be a leader like Ohio has been in keeping its citizens safe at all costs. We are a very diverse state -- please don't forget about the panhandle and our proximity to the SE hotspots who are still battling this highly contagious virus. Thank you.

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Osceola	General	A large percentage of Florida's population are retirees. I myself have Lupus. For treatment I utilize methotrexate that greatly reduces my immune system. I have been home since before the shutdown of the state in order to ensure my safety upon my doctor's recommendation. Florida is a tourist state and opening it to soon will definitely entice people from other states (possibly from states with higher COVID-19 rates) to vacation here and possibly increase Florida's COVID-19 rates. I work with individual's with disabilities that range from physical disabilities such as hypertension to mental health disabilities. These people do not need to be in the community as many are in the high risk category just like myself. Florida has not even reached the Federal Governments phase one plan. Florida is not ready to open in my opinion. Recently my daughters 22 year old friend with no prior health conditions contracted COVID-19 and passed away. Until testing has become widely available to even those with no symptoms, and the numbers have decreased substantially in the next 14 days, Florida needs to remain on a stay at home order.
Sarasota	Healthcare	We have not done enough testing to re-open. I read that some areas are considering requiring employees be tested before they can return to work. Good idea but not nearly enough tests available for that. The biggest problem is that after the first week many people did not abide the stay at home order. This must be enforced!
Sarasota	General	Please do not allow non-essential businesses to reopen until testing is being done at a higher capacity. Instead, focus on getting help to those in need until it is safe to begin a phased reopening. That includes fixing our flawed unemployment system. Nothing is more important that preserving human lives.
Miami-Dade	General	I support re-opening of businesses in stages and of course respecting our health care professionals guidelines. Some businesses are functioning well right now and I believe many others can function in similar manner.
Pinellas	Healthcare	PLEASE DO NOT OPEN THE STATE! It would be a foolish move based on politics, not in the best interest of the people. The virus will get so much more traction if you open the state. I'm so deeply disappointed in the governor and his inability to see for himself rather than be Trumps pawn. If this task force CARES about keeping people ALIVE, do not open this state yet.
Hillsborough	Government	I THINK you should reopen FLORIDA.WITH GUIDELINES Open small restaurant and bars and business first. (WITH GUIDELINES and restrictions) SLOWLY OPEN BEACHES. (WITH GUIDELINES with RESTRICTIONS) The word of the Day is : GUIDELINES WITH RESTRICTIONS
Bay	General	OPEN !!! It discourages us when we see 955 negative test in Bay city. With only 63 positive. We are going broke, people are living fearfully crazy. Just Open and Trust God !!!

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Washington	Accommodation	I own a condominium rental unit in Panama city Beach. Banning short term rentals while allowing hotels, motels & resorts to continue business as usual, I believe is not fair. I was booked solid in April & May but have had to refund those reservations 100%. This has put a strain on my personal living day to day finances as we depend on that income to supplement our retirement budget. Please consider the financial hardship this has caused the individual mom & pop owned rental businesses. Thank you.
Broward	General	Broward County has a relatively low number of cases. We are ready to begin the reopening process. Studies have shown especially that outdoor transmission occurs much less than indoor transmission. How long do you intend to make us suffer? Advise the at-risk population to stay home and allow us to return to some sort of normalcy. Most hospitals are so low volume that doctors and nurses are having to endure pay cuts and shift cuts. This is not sustainable for anyone.
Collier	General	More testing and some kind remedy
Lee	General	As places reopen Florida should conduct 6ft distance between customers and make wearing a face mask mandatory for everyone that includes people receiving and providing a service. Florida needs to increase their overall testing in general.
Hillsborough	Government	My DEO/unemployment claim has been pending since 03/22/20. In the DEO Inbox, the fact-finding PDF shows “failure to meet work search requirements”. I’m not sure if that’s what’s holding up my claim, but due to the Governor’s order, work searches and CareerSoure contacts aren’t required due to COVID-19. I’m on furlough from my job and not actively searching for employment. I have been calling DEO every single day non-stop since 3/23/20 and can not reach a single agent. I’ve sent emails and faxes with my ID information but haven’t received a response. I have contacted my Senators, Reps, Jon Satter, DEO escalated claims, news agencies, anyone and everyone I can find contact information for. Those who filed in April (including Disney and Universal employees) are being paid before March claimants. We are aware of a system issue that occurred in March and feel we are being ignored and overlooked. It has been nearly 5 weeks since I've received a paycheck. We are falling further in debt. We need groceries, pet food, prescriptions. Our rent and car payment are due again next week, as well as car insurance and our electricity bill. We have no idea how we're going to pay anything. Florida DEO has failed us and doesn't care at all. Since I'm still pending on the state DEO site, I'm also not eligible for the federal CARES Act benefit. If the government officials weren't getting paid, they would move Heaven and earth to find out where their benefits were!

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Duval	Retail	It is too soon to open. How can retail workers protect themselves if they can't enforce customers to wear masks, gloves and comply with social distancing? We should not reopen until everyone in Duval County is tested. I am 64 years old with hypertension and COPD. I am at high risk and must work to live. If we reopen, you are forcing me to choose job over health. I have been trying Unsuccessfully for over 4 weeks to file for unemployment. My business closed on 3/19. My online application is locked due to no fault of my own and no one will help. What can I do? I have sent 3 emails asking for help. I have spoken with 3 people calling the toll free number and all they can tell me is I have to call another number for assistance. I call that number and can never get anyone on the phone. I was born and raised in Florida and my state government has abandoned me.
Hillsborough	General	Please open Florida as soon as possible so people can reenter the labor force and get back to work. I am an independent contractor who needs work. Unemployment is an issue that doesn't need to be solved with funding; we can open up the labor force again. People who want to stay home can stay home. People who need to work to feed their families should have that basic human right. The face is, heart disease has a higher death rate than covid 19 yet it is legal to buy meat, dairy and eggs in the grocery store. Cancer affects millions yet people have the right to decline treatment. Americans deserve the right to stay in or be outside, working their jobs and exercising their rights. Please consider this and consider the death rate and infection rate. Both are low, and we can keep it low by social distancing but reopening! Thank you so much for this. I feel like I finally have a voice.
Santa Rosa	Government	The economy is already in the toilet, and getting worse. First casualty of the virus. Food insecurity is a harbinger of increased crime...so let's look at Maslow's hiarchy of needs. FOOD. At the base. Please follow the SCIENCE & DATA; and recognize that some folks care more about materialism than human life. Do the right thing...open methodically with a FLORIDA plan, not a presidential edicts de hour. Ty for the opportunity to have a say, and God bless you all!
Escambia	Recreation	I am 71 with health problems, artificial heart valve, blood thinners, COPD, (never smoked). I have chronic fatigue syndrome and fibromyalgia so my immune system is shot. My husband is 82 with heart disease. We are avid bowlers (4 times a week). Here is the problem; if we open bowling alleys, public places it would be committing suicide. There is no treatment for this virus and it spreads like wildfire! Governor, do you really want this on your conscience if you reopen too soon? Please give us until June to reconsider reopening our state? We need more time for approved treatment. Thank you and God Bless you and your family. Jeanne Harlan
Jefferson	General	As a health care worker all I ask is that the state re-open employment people need to work jobs need to be created, other wise the entire state will end up in poverty and on welfare. Give the people the opportunity to work and support themselves.
Lee	General	Please open Florida!

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Miami-Dade	General	Although the virus has serious consequences for some, it is collapsing the economy of the entire country. We are all FREE adults and it should be our choice to stay in or go out. Its time to re-open and let people go back to work. Of course, with the generous unemployment there will be plenty of people who don't go back until they run out of benefits. The opening of parks, boat ramps, etc is just the government trying to continue to keep people out of work. Keep guidelines in place and leave it up to businesses to abide by them and fine those that do not. Keeping the public in FEAR is how communist/socialist countries control the population. Gov. DeSantis was right everyone's job is essential to that person and their families. Once again the government is hurting the ones that they claim to want to help. Soon Central Florida will become a GHOST town. OPEN Florida.
Pinellas	Recreation	If you're not going to open non-essential businesses, I urge you to at least open beaches to Florida residents. It is essential to our mental health. Sunbathing/exercising can be done safely at a distance, and it is much safer than going into grocery stores, pharmacies, etc. If you are going to open businesses (which I think should be done), a slow opening would be best. First, open beaches, gyms, and restaurants with outdoor seating. Then introduce things such as salons, bars, etc. There are families that cannot put food on the table or pay their rent. Please allow people to go back to work. Everything that is recommended to prevent covid-19 is simple hygiene that people should be practicing on a daily basis anyway. Wash hands, sanitize, and stay home when sick! The only way people can build immunity to this virus is to be exposed to it. I refuse to live in fear and allow whatever political agenda is behind this to keep me from supporting myself financially, and I refuse to allow it to impact my mental and physical health. Without gyms and beaches, I, personally feel very unhealthy, and I'd like to get back to a normal life, as do many others. If people are afraid, or more susceptible, they can stay home. But at least give the rest of us a fair chance to live our lives, stay healthy, and support ourselves financially.
Collier	Recreation	I think we need to be very careful when we talk about re opening Florida. The beaches are of a particular interest. I can not see how we are going to enforce social distancing I am so worried that we will begin to spread this virus in leaps & bounds. Until we have a vaccine I will not be feeling safe
Pinellas	General	I think we should take our time with opening the economy until we have fewer new cases..we the people lives matter and we wouldnt want to jeopardize more people contracting the virus by opening up the economy...and individuals think that everything is back to normal and dont social distance themselves and then the numbers of new cases go up again..just my opinion

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Lee	General	I support the reopening of the Florida economy. Official recommendations should be that the elderly, immune compromised and otherwise at risk residents continue to SIP and only leave when necessary. Those who are concerned should wear protective masks when in public. Businesses should enforce new policies with focus on cleanliness. Maybe a consideration for the government to offer small businesses a way to pay employees who are feeling sick so they stay home. So many sick employees go to work because they can't afford to lose a day's work or because they fear losing their job. Anyone with symptoms or exposure should stay home.
Hillsborough	Government	Please do no re open florida. I am a health care worker, and I strongly believe that we should stay closed. If we were testing everyone, I would say go ahead, but we can't. There are so many people who are asymptomatic and can other sick or worse. I see a lot of people that do not take precautions as it is, so please, take care of our us, the citizens.
Miami-Dade	Healthcare	Don't reopen this state while the death count is raising by the day and we're still discovering new facets of this virus' symptoms and spread. Also unemployment benefits have been nearly nonexistent for the people who need it. People are desperate not because they're out of work but because Gov. DeSantis failed to rectify sen. Scott's corrupt procurement and implementation of the unemployment website
Manatee	Healthcare	I'm a registered dental hygienist and I believe that it is absolutely not safe going to work right know without proper PPE which includes respirators, disposable gowns, surgical head cups, face shields and proper suctioning systems that will eliminate aerosols. We all know how desperate hospitals right now are and we don't want to create shortages of supplies for those frontlines. Also I believe that all attraction parks should remain closed
Escambia	General	Please open our state immediately. Everyone is suffering greatly from this. We cannot sustain the economic crash, lack of freedom any longer.
St. Lucie	Retail	Personally I feel we need to partially start to open as soon as yesterday. The suffering I see with people is far more widespread then the virus will ever be. It makes no sense to have a couple stores open that everybody tries to go to. There is no such thing as a non essential store. If one can be open, they all should be open as long as they follow the safe guidelines.This would distribute the people more evenly to more places so they all do not flock to the couple of stores that are open. Small business that can also follow the safe guidelines should open. Restaurants can be at 50% capacity and be safe. Large scale gatherings still need to be restricted at time. Beaches should be open in the morning and at night. It is a fact that the virus droplets are larger in warm weather outdoors and drop to the ground faster. That is simple dynamics. We are going to have to adjust our lives to live with this virus as it is never going away. We cannot hide in a bubble the rest of our lives.This staying indoors is going to create mental health issues that make us more vulnerable to diseases other then the virus. The path forward needs to start now.
Lee	Healthcare	Reopening at this time seems unwise, given that, according to current data, that would run counter to what public health experts are advising.

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Lake	General	REOPEN!!!!
Sarasota	Construction	To our task force. I would like to remind you President's words. Don't let the cure be worse than the problem. Open Florida for business, there is no evidence that the so-called virus would be worse if people are allowed to work. People in Home Depot, Walmart etc are in closer proximity than most workers in the job site. Thanks
Pinellas	General	I 100% support the requirement (enforceable and with penalty for not abiding) the use of face mask inside public places and outside if in large groups or congested areas. From my perspective it seems that easing movement restrictions and opening the economy back up can't be safely done without the requirement of face coverings of some kind. Data from the experts point to this virus being in circulation for a while, and much longer than the this country and this state can handle being under various lockdown requirements. Opening the economy back up, in stages for sure, is inevitable. Social distancing will be a must to keep the spread at a minimum. The simplest and most responsible requirement that must be placed on Floridians is rules/requirements regarding usage of face masks, face coverings. Again, data from the experts points to the solid fact that non medical grade N95 masks can protect others by greatly reducing the amount of "droplets" released when a person coughs, sneezes and talks. If everyone were to wear one in a public place, while still doing our best to abide by solical distancing rules, and businesses stay proactive on sanitization and increased cleaning I feel we can get back to the "new" business as usual. Additionally, having been required to work throughout the stay at home order (defense manufacturing) I can say from my personal experience that my employer has done the bare minimum to remind employees about social distancing let alone keep intrusions for happening in the first place. Without an enforceable directive/requirement they will not make employees wear masks. I've been told that by management. Mask use in my opinion is the all around best solution to getting us back on track while keeping the population safe.

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Brevard	Professional Services	I have tried several outlets on getting this question answered, so thank you for giving us an opportunity to ask here on this panel. For the first 2 phases of re-opening. It has been said time and time again that vulnerable individuals should continue to shelter in place. I want to know how do those individuals get compensated or make a wage if they are supposed to be sheltering in place? I have an auto-immune disorder that attacks my platelets. If my platelets drop too low I can potentially bleed to death. My platelets drop with even the common cold. However, my husband (restaurant management) was let go mid March. We still haven't received our unemployment for this (pending ever since) and so I have to work. I work at a retail supply house for licensed cosmetologist, estheticians and nail techs. For now we have been doing curbside pick up so my risk has been low. But they intend for us to reopen to customers on May 4th. I am very nervous about this. I cannot lose my wage, as long as my husband is out of work and still not able to collect unemployment. How does the government plan on taking care of people in my situation?
Hillsborough	General	So much of the news coverage of COVID-19 is focused on the deaths--but as you take a look around the state, it's not too difficult to see how everyone else is dying, and not from the virus. Businesses are shuttering at a terrifying rate. Unemployment is skyrocketing to levels not seen since the Great Depression. And if we don't act soon to reverse these trends, there may well not be a normal to which we can return when this crisis has finally passed. By remaining under lockdown, we are killing the patient in order to "save" him. We need to start opening back up, and we cannot delay. Take a good, hard look at the numbers and you'll see that there is a ig chance that this virus has been here for longer than anyone thinks and has already burned through a significant portion of the population--all without overwhelming the medical system. Simply put, the rationale offered for the lockdown at the beginning has not materialized, and is not likely to. Continuing at this point not only defies all reason and logic, it will condemn us all to economic and social collapse. Take the initiative. End the lockdown and let us get back to work.
Volusia	General	Please stop this nonsense and open my state! I am an Emergency Room nurse and we are being laid off and having our hours cut back. I have a vacation coming up and am being told I can not go to my house rental in the Keys and take my boat out in the ocean. I work and pay my taxes and should be able to enjoy my free time. The beaches need to open so that I can take my kids and watch them swim in the ocean. This whole situation is ridiculous and is unconstitutional. I am no longer going to follow these rules that infringe upon my civil liberties. Stop this madness and open the state

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Broward	General	I do not think we should open the state until we've had full clearance by the medical professionals. I live in Broward County and our cases are still increasing. If we have put this much time into staying home we should stay home a little longer. The concern is if we open things up people go out we will then have a rise in cases again and we will start all over with the quarantine. I understand wanting to restart our economy but putting people in harms way at this point is reckless and pointless.
Palm Beach	Real Estate	We operate self-storage facilities in Boynton Beach, W. Melbourne and Cocoa, which are closed in compliance with Executive Order 20-91. Executive Order 20-91 does not list self-storage as an essential service or activity. Nevertheless, most self-storage facilities remain open. Self-storage is an inherently low risk activity because social distancing is easily practiced. The number of people present at any given time is small in comparison to the square footage of the storage buildings. Please consider the highly safe nature of the activity and make clear in the re-opening guidelines/provisions that self-storage is a permissible activity.
Brevard	Accommodation	I have a very big concern about gyms opening in Phase 1. While I love to workout at the gym and I miss it, I am not sure it can be reopened safely. Most gyms are very full of germs and people working out in close contact. My gym before being shut down w/Covid, regularly had about 100 people at it during M - F from 8-8. There is a pool there plus 2 classrooms w/group exercise in one room and spinning in another. Both the classrooms are always jam packed w/people in a small enclosed room. The pool classes are full and when they come out of class-they all come into the locker room. The upstairs has weights side by side, treadmills side by side, bikes+ellipticals side by side. I just think that it will be hard to have gyms open that soon, w/o some kind of rules in place to limit the amount of people allowed in there at one time.
Lee	General	I believe that Florida should be opened very slowly to protect those most at risk such as myself. thank you.
Miami-Dade	Education	To reopen businesses - you will need preschools and daycares to reopen Knowing that it is impossible to social distance 1-5 yr olds no matter how few you have in a classroom - please consider increasing the number of people allowed in a room from 10 to 20. If not, many preschools will not be able to open if they are only allowed to have 8 children plus a teacher and asst in the classroom. Also, please consider helping schools get needed supplies - gloves, masks that will be needed by all employees Thank you

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Miami-Dade	General	Opening up essential places such as gyms and even barbershops. A gym is where people can have a stable mental state, it is a stress reliever and allows people the opportunity to be healthy and improve their cardiovascular system. Opening up gyms can be tricky but with the correct precautions such as the 6 feet rule, having wipes and hand sanitizer everywhere, being tested before allowed to enter the facility, and even using a mask while working out.
Lee	Recreation	I would like the beaches to open for walking only. No towels or chairs. I would like to know if it's safe to into a public pool also.
Pasco	Recreation	Re-open the beaches!! Limit the capacity so everyone can still practice social distancing but RE-OPEN THEM!!! Everyone is quite tired of feeling like they are locked away! Especially those of us with small children!!! The beaches are large enough to accommodate many families whilst still maintaining plenty of distance from all other families!
Hillsborough	General	I am a small business owner in Hillsborough County. Florida NEEDS to reopen. The economic fall out and effect from having to close will be worse than the virus itself if we don't act soon on opening. I know many other small business owners in Tampa, and the reality is that if business are not able to open SOON, many won't be able to return. Period. We should be able to open while taking all necessary precautions to ensure the safety of employees and customers. (Wearing masks if needed, temperature checks upon entering, maintaining social distancing while inside, limiting the number of clients in at one time). Our business is in the cosmetology industry, and it is possible for us to ensure that proper precautions are taken as we are operating in a smaller, controllable environment. Services can be made by appointment only. There are ways that we can operate safely. But again, I cannot stress enough the importance on being able to open. It is vital to the livelihood and success of our business, but also the livelihood of our staff. Let's open Florida. The survival of small businesses across the state depend on doing so.
Okaloosa	General	Short term rentals should restart May 15. A mask should be required in all indoor places until proven we aren't having any issues. Restaurants to open at 50% capacity. No bars until end of May earliest. No groups larger than 10. Hair and nail salons should open following distancing guidelines. The mask is a big deal to me as a Registered Nurse. This would help to stop spread the virus . You should be fined if you don't wear it like they are doing in California and Texas. Thanks. Debbie Duke
Palm Beach	Healthcare	It is foolish not to observe what the medical community advises. Prematurely opening up the state will cause unnecessary deaths. This isn't a game, nor do i believe in "sacrificing the elderly". Responsible leaders listen to the science, not the cash register. Further, to put it in terms you may grasp better, the more people you kill the less customers you'll have AND the less tourists will come down here. Do you really think intelligent people will risk contracting the virus in a state that is so callous and cavalier with individual health? Whatever happened to protect and serve? After this pathetic example of non-leadership, whoever is left to vote will be sure to remember.

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Seminole	Education	With schools closed the pressure on parents is overwhelming. Children need structure. They can't be kept in a house all day. Parents working full time have discovered they have another full time job helping with homework. Why were after school programs closed? They provide structure and help with homework. Tney served children of first responders and medical personnel. Temps were checked before kids went inside. Facilities were disinfected. It was an enormous help to parents and to children. Please remove restrictions on after school programs that were open all day now to provide what many parents consider an essential service. Thank you
Sarasota	General	I feel that Florida should be reopened. If all these box stores: Lowe's, Home Depot, Publix, Walmart, etc are open and are doing just fine, I don't see why smaller businesses who only get a handful of customers in a whole day can't be open. People who don't feel comfortable opening or comfortable going out don't have to. And businesses that have alot more social contact like gyms, movie theaters and restaurants might need more restrictions put on them.There are plenty of small businesses that do not have a lot of customers at any given time. It is more spread out during the day. Like Mens Wearhouse for example and many small mom and pop businesses. I think in the long run most people now know what to do to restrict the spread and stay safe. I think it is wrong to quarantine 99% of a population for 1% that is at risk. I think the sick, elderly and at risk should be quarantined. I am a small business owner whose business supports other small businesses. We don't have a large customer contact. But our business has been decimated along with those other small business that rely on our business. Please reopen Florida. People know what to do and they are very aware. Those that don;t feel comfortable going out don't have to go out. Paula Maffei
Palm Beach	General	We have been in lockdown long enough. People are hurting to put food on the table. We need to open the State back up by May 1st
Miami-Dade	General	You can’t reopen what was never closed. Shut the state down so this virus will stop spreading, then you can talk about reopening it gradually.
Polk	Recreation	As a father of 2 children, 16 and 12, I can honestly say this quarantine has been very difficult for them. Both are very active, football and gymnastics, and being limited on their activities has (and not being able to separate) caused much anxiety and stress By opening the beaches the children of Florida,and their parents, will be able to get some space and exercise. I would think that social distancing should be easy at such an open space such as our beaches
Collier	Healthcare	It’s time to reopen our country/state. God is in control, not healthcare officials or experts. The small percentage of additional lives saved, due to shutting down our country, have already been saved. We need to get our country back on track and give people their livelihoods back. Delaying any further will garner far worse results than the guesstimated number of COVID-19 deaths

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Lee	Retail	To whom it may concern, I am a 13 year veteran of the beauty business, also former Chief Operating Officer for Dessange International, and Fantastic Sams Corporation, with experience in managing over 1000 salons around the country. I have written a comprehensive plan for our company to re-open as of May 1, 2020 and will upload it here for viewing. Formerly I was in the mortgage business, landscape business, and restaurant business. This is important because my involvement has always been "C-level" roles. So my experience is vast. I think that the state will be pleasant surprised as to how small business will manage their business when it comes to safe openings. In our business, the beauty business, the controls on the atmosphere are much more robust then that of many other businesses, but I get the feeling that generally speaking, because we serve guest in close proximity, it is then assumed that the risk goes up. It could not be further from the truth. First and foremost throughout the state, most local codes require a ventilation system above and beyond that of the normal HVAC system. It is a separate unit that circulates the air about 12 times per day, per guest. The CO2 sensors when the door opens creates a signal to the damper that says circulate the air. Moreover, the use of sanitation materials is used in every aspect of the salon business. From using products that sanitize like Marvicide or Barbicide, Clipperease, which disinfects tools, to the organic products like Renown #11 which disinfects all surfaces. The Cosmo license requires 1200 hours of schooling, of which about 50% is all about sanitation. Many other licenses do not even touch that level of study in terms of sanitation. Our technicians need to be able to call on that education, prove they can handle it, and lead that charge.
Pasco	General	The technology in most POS systems is made for two-way communication to keep guest safe. On average our technicians probably wash their hands about 15-20 times per day, and the when having people return to the workplace/ offices if it's a large company where your sitting in a office with cubicles lined up side by side in a big room and everyone is in top of each other that company should contain the area better or continue to allow people to work from home. People can be testing on Tuesday morning and test negatively and then that evening go to Wal-Mart or running to Lowes and then become positive by Saturday. So testing yes is important but not a safety net. My husband works in st. Pete for a large company and I have MS and a compromised immune system so I don't want him bringing anything how to me. so that's another issue spouse's and family member that can put those at high risk in danger returning to the office around alot of people. Yes you can wear and mask and do all those things but the risk is there rather then being safer at home when you can still get the work done at home.
Brevard	Retail	Don't do it. It will put an additional strain on limited resources. Use resources to continue to fix unemployment and testing and healthcare.
Miami-Dade	General	I think we should keep the stay at home order in place until mid June and continue the social distance for now

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Hillsborough	Recreation	Have the bars open by Memorial Day weekend and test it out by having them at 50% capacity by mid May could be “no dancing” just standing. The Florida night life plays a big role in revamping the economy and also citizens of Florida have been cramped up in their homes it will be nice for them to be able to step out at night to a bar to clear their minds.
Palm Beach	Professional Services	Please allow businesses to open. I’m a hairdresser that needs to earn a living. I’ve applied for unemployment 6 weeks ago and have received 0! I want and need to get back to work. If other people don’t want to leave their house that’s their choice, they can stay home. Please allow us to go back to living in a free country. People are getting more depressed with each passing day of this lockdown. At this point, the cure is becoming worse than the virus.
Sarasota	Healthcare	To: Gov Ron Desantis, Before even considering opening: 1.The infection rates need to be considered along with the death rates. 2. Before anything is reopened, the curve needs to keep going down daily until it goes to 0 rates of infection and death over a period of at least a 1 month period minimum. This so far has not happened. We are not even close to this happening, as Florida's numbers have been not been going down day to day, and death rates have been increasing. Example: April 2, 2020 had 1,300 new cases and as of April 23, 2030 also had 1,300 cases! Very bad lack of improvement!! 3.At this point things should be opened very slowly and with much caution. People's lives and their health needs to be the number one priority. Not the economy, because when people's health is number one, the economy's improvement will come along, on its own. 4. If the people do not think it is safe to go outside or to go to a business, it doesn't matter at this point whether all the businesses are open or closed, because they will not go there due to safety concerns. This is only common sense. 5. Also there has not been very much testing as only around 1% of the people have been tested so far. The tests overall so far have not been accurate and now, it has been proven that antibodies tests shows that people who have antibodies are not protected. (see article below.) (Reuters) - The World Health Organization (WHO) said on Saturday that there was currently “no evidence” that people who have recovered from COVID-19 and have antibodies are protected from a second corona virus infection. So this is NOT a game changer. The practice could actually increase the risks of continued spread as

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Lee	Professional Services	I am a licensed Hair Stylist here in southwest Florida. Although I am anxious to return to the salon, I'm more concerned with doing it safely. I don't feel it would be wise that salons and spas should be in the first phases of opening. There's no way we can properly maintain a safe distance from our clients. We spend any where from 1 to sometimes 4 plus hours working on our clients in close contact to where we can literally feel them breathe on us. I know in other states temperature checks are done at the door, but I'm not sure that's enough to indicate whether someone is sick or contagious. Other states have also recommended face masks and face shields, both items which are scarce to find these days. I feel if salons opened in a later phase it gives us more time to prepare and understand how this virus will move with more lenient restrictions.
Bay	General	OPEN OPEN OPEN We miss going to Church !!!!!! And wok
Highlands	General	I I am very eager to see the economy open back up but at the same time we still have a number of people who are still passing around the coronavirus and until this is under control I feel that the economy should stay on lockdown In our community half of the people are retirement age and if we start going back out and entering into the community all of these older people are at risk and it's not fair to them so no at this point it should not be opened up until we get concrete evidence that all this is under control and there is a cure so that no more of the elderly people have to die when it's not their fault
Escambia	Recreation	Please make gyms and fitness centers part of Phase 1 re-opening. Having the ability to stay active physically seems a top priority in staying healthy and keeping people immune. Gyms in my view can easily maintain social distancing and can enforce things like not training or working out in groups. And most gyms have maintenance people as well as spray bottles and such to keep equipment wiped off after use.

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Martin	General	Communication is absolutely critical at this point. Thanks to social media, people now consider themselves experts on all things related to public health, regardless of whether or not they ever gave it a thought prior to two months ago. Two dichotomous "camps" have developed, one which seems to think staying "closed" until the virus is "gone" is the only option, the other which has bought into the idea that this has all been an overblown, no-big-deal "hoax" that has crashed our economy, made everyone's life miserable, and taken away our constitutional rights. They are both wrong, but it is crucial that our leaders attempt to understand where each camp is coming from and what fuels their fear and anger. The original projections of what could happen in Florida were NOT wrong or "false"- they were simply projections based on the best available information at the time. The drastic measures that were taken were necessary to "flatten the curve" and prevent overwhelming our healthcare resources, NOT to keep anyone from ever getting sick with COVID-19. Now that it appears the curve is flattening, the drastic measures are probably not necessary for much longer. However, this virus will be with us forever, it will be endemic in our population and will continue to be a threat until either herd immunity develops or there is a vaccine. We cannot return to what we thought was "normal" until we can prevent infection from this virus. Continued social distancing, washing hands and surfaces, and wearing masks will be necessary in a "new normal" that allows businesses and other community services to re-open. People at high risk for complications and death will need to continue to stay home as much as possible and take care to protect themselves if they must go out. I thought the press briefing today (4/25) was effective in getting these ideas across. Clear consistent communication that addresses the fears of many and the anger of others will be a key factor in successfully re-opening Florida. Good luck!
Seminole	General	Would like to know why the beaches are being open but not the State Forest Division areas are not for fishing, walking , etc . Talking about more so the Econ River areas in Seminole County . There are hundreds of people on the beaches . Some with close contact . At the Econ areas it was way less people using it as the beaches before the virus . And also it very rare you saw more than two people in a group unless a special event which was rare. And hardly any contact . If there is any it is mostly how are you doing . Did you catch any fish, where do the fla trail lead to, path to the river ,what a nice day it is to be around nature, etc . Hardly any close contact it being a very big and open wooded area . Thank you.
Lake	General	PLEASE REOPEN BUSINESSES.
Palm Beach	General	Slowly open up Florida. People need to start working not only for money put for a purpose. Open beaches parks and boat ramps. The virus isn't as prevelant here in Florida. People are spread out here.

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Palm Beach	Recreation	My husband and I live in Leisureville in Boynton Beach, an over 55 community. We have a golf course that allows only walking and it is closed. My husband used to go every day for exercise and it is very possible to practice social distancing. We have three community pools that are closed too. I use to go every day to water aerobics and we were at least 6 feet apart. We are both over 65 and healthy and would like to remain that way! Another thing is why can't the public libraries be opened to order on line and pick up. Most of us do this anyway, that way there is no contact with anyone I am getting to the mental state that I might as well sleep all day as there is not much more housework I can do and the social interaction that seniors and for that matter everyone needs is gone. Can't even get a book to read unless we spend our whole stimulas check on Amazon and buy books!!! PLEASE open these things up for our physical and mental health Thanks and I did vote for you
Broward	Recreation	Hi, I would like to see summer camps and activities open up for kids. My suggestion would be a 50 kid capacity, temperature checks at the door prior to entering camp.
Broward	Professional Services	I am a hair stylist. We NEED to open to be able to survive. We are ready to open as soon as possible with precautions (phase 1) Less than 10 people, hand washing,station and chair sanitizing after ever client, both stylists and clients wearing masks, and working in shifts to give more space, etc. Please give us the choice to go to work and be as careful as possible.
Hillsborough	Healthcare	I think you are listening too much and putting too much emphasis on what the doctors around you are telling you. It's understandable that their concerns are myopic but as governor you need to care about the health and well-being of all your constituents not just the one to have a virus or are susceptible to getting the virus. There's got to be a balance. I have friends and family members Who have lost jobs and are distraught, anxious and possibly even suicidal for one of them. Job loss and hopelessness leads to even more health problems in the long run than the virus will. And poverty also is detrimental to one's health. If you wait much longer to open thanks up it will be too late for hundreds of thousands if not millions of people. Their jobs will not come back. Especially in the food business. It will take years maybe even a decade before restaurants and hotels are functioning the way they used to. Meanwhile those people who work in those industries are left behind to suffer through bankruptcy at homelessness and health problems. I listen to as many of the press conferences as I can and I heard governor DeSantis say just this morning that he doesn't think that Floridians will complain too much about not opening up in about being overly cautious. He doesn't think the protests will develop into much. I think he needs to get out more because I disagree wholeheartedly with that sentiment. Please listen With equal open mindedness to all your advisers. Not just your health advisers. Trust Floridians to do the right thing. Thank you

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Miami-Dade	General	I believe we will get a severe second wave of COVD-19 and therefore, I think we should limit what we open to our residents. Parks are necessary, but continue social distancing through the month of May and re-open when the curve is further down and we have less cases being reported daily. Until then, continue quarantine/Social distancing.
Palm Beach	Food	Please do not open restaurants to full service capacity yet. The industry is not ready to grapple with the changes that will be needed. The interior of restaurants are designed to pack as many people into a small space as possible, we don't need people mingling in this environment. Quarters are even tighter in kitchen areas. Adding servers, bussers, and dishwashers to these areas will only cause problems. We can wait this storm out, we must wait this storm out.
Palm Beach	Recreation	As a diving business owner and instructor my families income is dependent on beach and marina access and usage. Our busy season is between January and April with March and April being the peak of our season. Personally 75% of my annual income is made during these two months. If beaches were opened, they will not be crowded like some of the media photos of springbreakers in the Tampa bay area. In Palm Beach County specifically, and specifically in the summer time here, it is very easy to have enough social distancing space between people. The beaches should be opened immediately for revenue, for family recreation, for some sanity for citizens who are out of work.
Marion	General	Florida needs to completely reopen. The models we have been sold as to how bad it would be were off by a country mile. Open all businesses now so there are business to open. The at risk and vulnerable can be still addressed but this whole charade borders on complete lunacy. The Florida COVID statistics compared to our states total population is so prohibitively low that it belies any reasoning for the shutdown to continue and harm our businesses to a point that recovery will be all but impossible
Volusia	Healthcare	Allow elective surgeries. Re-open hair and nail salons, stores and malls with continued social distancing ad PPE.
Brevard	General	I hope that any decision of loosen restrictions will be done in a thoughtful, logical way, with the health of Floridians, especially the most vulnerable among us, as the top priority, and with the advice of qualified medical experts as the most important input. Opening up the state in a willy-nilly manner will end up causing a greater number of illnesses and deaths and an even longer period of economic distress.

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Palm Beach	Administrative	Opening the state at this stage is absolutely unconscionable and the height of irresponsibility. The government exists, according to the Constitution, to work in the interests of the people. The avarice and greed behind this decision reflects none of those interests. Instead of worrying what large corporations and deranged despots with agendas want, who give this country nothing but seem to take everything and try to run it by the most unethical and unconstitutional means, you should be looking to protect the working people who really make the economy and who's efforts are what keep this country afloat, from this plague. This move has to be the greatest bit of idiocy to come out of our state, and Florida has a history of cornering the market on extraordinary idiocy. Lives are not are not up for sacrifice on the altar of greed. Any life lost from this point on is blood on your hands. Do not think for a minute it is otherwise.
Brevard	Education	It is important to get schools back in session...but only if we can keep kids, teachers and families safe. I am worried that our government is only looking at the risk to kids, not realizing that we have many teachers and staff who are also impacted by the return to school and that many kids may stay healthy but carry the virus home to families that are more susceptible. If you have every hung out with kids, you know that social distancing isn't feasible in a school setting. We need to look at how to safely return, how to resume sports, band, other large group activities, and how to allow our kids to be kids. Are we considering a late start to the school year next year to allow more time to control the spread?
Hillsborough	General	Re-open FL please.
Pasco	Food	As a way to "dip a toe in the water", so to speak, a good first step with restaurants re-opening would be to allow those with outdoor seating to open initially. Space tables the recommended distance apart consistent with social distancing rules.
Sarasota	Finance	REOPEN
Seminole	General	If you relax the stay at home guidelines too soon due to economics, the virus could resurge. We would be back to square one. What good is your economic status if you're dead ? It's kind of like going on a weight watcher program and quitting when you're 5 lbs. from your goal. Give it another month (May) , keep testing, keep accurate recording of new cases, deaths, etc. and then revisit the possibility of easing restrictions. There is good in everything. I see more families riding bikes together, people walking more, people walking dogs more and in general, more exercise outside. Children outside playing in their yards. This is how I grew up. Not gaming , watching tv, or on social media 24/7. To me, moving too quickly will come back to haunt us all. Try another 30 days and look at your stats then for re-evaluation.
Lake	Government	Please don't lift the stay at home order unless you're prepared to lift for the entire state. If you lift in certain areas and not others, those that still have one in place will travel to the areas that don't. If that happens it will cause areas with low numbers to increase.
Miami-Dade	General	don't reopen it until we have adequate testing
Lake	Tourism	Please reopen. Tourism is suffering greatly.

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Seminole	General	Hello, I would prefer to not have the stay at home order extended. With so few cases in our county and residents seeming to do a very good job with social distancing and wearing protective equipment it seems unnecessary and will continue to further harm our economy and small businesses. I would love to see a phased rollout allowing some semblance of normalcy for our families. While safety is a certainly a key consideration, further and more significant damage to the economy will cause more longer lasting effects. Thank you, Audrey Posocco
Lee	General	Without adequate testing in place opening business as usual is premature and is going to result in a rapid rise in infections, permanent and long term physical health problems and death. The low rise in the number of infected that Lee Co is currently seeing will come to and end. It will also unnecessarily expose healthcare workers who have to treat and take care of infected patients. My wife is one of those healthcare professionals.
Sarasota	General	Unemployment system needs to be fixed. More testing needs to be available and the focus should be on that. The economy will hurt more if we have a second wave of this by opening non essential businesses to soon.
Palm Beach	Information	I do not think Florida should open now. We have not reached our peak. Opening too soon would bri g increased cases of Covid-19.
Palm Beach	General	Even though I'm just a Lyft driver and I take my chances out there to get people to doctors grocery stores and to work I feel that you trying to open this place up to quick people still having issues out and how do you know that the same places that you are trying to open for people to go to haven't contracted this already like we just heard a Wawa had to close because they had a worker in there with the virus. I feel when you had the chance to quarantine this whole state that's the time you should have done it and stop this thing from spreading . People are still scared but you are the governor so do your thing
Broward	General	Good Afternoon. I begging you not to open the state too fast. My daughter is 10 years old and has asthma! I'm scared! I also am autoimmune and worry. My family is the most important! I'm thankful schools are closed. Please think about your children and family and do what's best for everyone. Please don't open yet!!!
Broward	Retail	Stores should be open with everyone wearing masks. Restaurant servers should wear masks and gloves. Restaurant capacity cut in half. Continue with social distancing as much as possible. Open Orthodontist and dental offices. No mass concerts or groups larger than 50.
Orange	Healthcare	Please make smart decisions about when to re-open, driven by scientific recommendations and advice! We've come this far, let's not undermine all our sacrifices by re-opening too early and losing everything we gained!!!

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Miami-Dade	General	Dear Task Force to Re-Open Florida, Thank you for accepting comments. Residents in Miami-Dade are very active and like to exercise and be outdoors. In light of all state park closures and beach closures, people tend to congregate in very few limited outdoor areas depending on the the neighborhood they are in. This results in crowded outdoor spaces with numerous people not wearing masks and jogging, biking, etc. close to each other. I believe that reopening big outdoor spaces such as public parks and beaches would be a good resolution to this crowding effect. Those public spaces can be reopened subject to certain restrictions (i.e., limiting the number of people allowed in at any specific time, limiting the areas or activities open in such spaces, requiring social distancing and the wearing of masks or other protective gear, etc.). Thank you for your consideration.
Orange	Tourism	Re-open the state of Florida. Let all businesses and theme parks reopen. Let the public decide whether they want to go out or not not the government. Give people the choice to go out and give small businesses and theme parks the choice to open. Please give the people the power to make their own decisions if they are not comfortable going to work the employers should let them work from home or not work at all. Please let us make a decision on our own lives thank you
Broward	General	It's difficult to understand why we remain so tightly shut down when everything I read says how well Florida is doing compared to other places. We all can filter through the same checkout line and touch the same POS system to pay at Publix, I see people waiting in lines at food banks. But I can't go to a restaurant, or for a walk on the beach. It adds to confusion when we see our hospitals are nearly empty, and laying off healthcare workers. Explain to us and help us take precaution, make sure everyone who needs or wants to stay home can, but please open Florida for business.
Pinellas	Information	I say it's time to open Florida - give us the choice. I work for St. Petersburg College and I'm seeing first hand how this is negatively affecting our students. Many of our students have part-time jobs in the restaurant industry so no longer have these jobs. There will be much more long term damage to our economy, the mental health implications, suicides, crime, alcolholism - all negative! There is no reason that all the beaches continue to be closed - people are aware of the social distancing. There's so many businesses that will not come back after this! Give us the choice, we're adults. I feel that my rights are being trampled on with so many of the local authorities exercising way too much power. Open up - give us the choice!!

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Palm Beach	Government	I am writing to express my support to reopen Florida immediately. We locked down so that we would not overwhelm our hospitals. Our hospitals are not overwhelmed and have stared to furlough their staff (Jupiter Medical Center). In addition, the data shows that this virus is not deadly in those that are healthy. The healthy need to go back to work now. The shutdown will cause more deaths than the virus. According to a study done in the 1970s, with every 1% increase in unemployment, 56k people will die. I do not understand how you can look at the actual data and think that we are saving more lives by continuing to keep our businesses closed? The virus is out there and it is still being transmitted and will still be there no matter when we open up. Instead of allowing the virus to run its course, we are dragging it out and doing more damage. Allow people the freedom to choose to go back to work. Lastly, Where is this stimulus money coming from? Printing more and more makes matters worse. Stop the tyranny and get people back to work.
Duval Nassau	General Recreation	Time to get back to work. Smartly and safely, but now I believe Gov DeSantis has been doing a good job under the circumstances. I would favor a a gradual relaxing of the stay at home and business opengings. Start with those that are likely to not attract large crowds and see how things work. Steady progress would be much better than a rebound in cases that will force us to slam everything down again. Beachs should also be gradual and coordinated. I leave on Amelia Islan in Nassau County. We need state leadership in coordinating the state parks, the county beachs and the city beaches. Press forward with continued testing so we have a better idea of where we stand - you can't manage what you dont measure. Thank you. Doug Roselle
Broward	Construction	As commercial construction and remodeling continues, residential (condo) remodeling has been haulted. Many of us are waiting to get painting done, carpet installed, blinds installed, etc but can't. Condo HOAs are terrified of allowing contractors into buildings. This uneven shutdown of residential remodeling and the tradesmen who supply the work, each day, is an economic hardship. Please specifically allow condo residential remodeling to start ASAP.

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Orange	Professional Services	We as a state and county are not ready to reopen. We are only at the beginning of the plateau. Opening up now would put us at square one all over again over the next month. Some places that have few employees that can safely social distance or work from home is one thing. In my Industry as a Hairstylist, there is zero possible way to safely social distance while working. Our clients are within 1 foot of us for anywhere between 1 and 4 hours at a time with people before and after them. Also. Until the APPROPRIATE masks, cleaning supplies, and PPE are readily available, there is NO way we can keep our spaces safe and healthy for our clients or ourselves. There is no way possible we can be even considered for phase 1 or maybe even 2. Hair is a luxury service not an essential service. Hair grows on average 1/2" per month. It have only been 4 weeks. IT IS NOT WORTH THE RISK, right now ,FOR THE SERVICE PROVIDER NOR THE CONSUMER. Thank you for listening and considering my comments. I can tell you that if you open too soo, my salon will not be opening right now. It is our job and duty to put the health and safety of ourselves, our families, our clients and their families above the dollar and physical appearance. If we open up too soon, and the infection rate rises too quickly, the healthcare system will be in the same position and people wont be able to work anyways. Let's do this safely and methodically! PLEASE
Pinellas	Government	Open the state economy back up NOW. Stop this non-sense or come clean with the actual threat. This has gone on far to long. Was scolded at Walmart speaking to a friend that was less than 6ft from me. I am a grown person and able to decide when and how close I want to get to someone. This is just stupid heaped on stupid....maybe people should start injecting themselves with disinfectant.
Collier	General	I do not believe any non-essential businesses or recreational areas should be re-opened until thorough testing has been done in the area and contact tracing is available. In my opinion this is the only way that things can be re-opened safely. Many people (including myself) in this area are older and re-opening too early would be endangering our lives unnecessarily. Lives should be more important than the economy!!!
Palm Beach	Professional Services	I appreciate you all reaching out to the public; however I strongly believe these types of decisions should be based on scientific data that is sourced from the professional health scientists. The decisions should be primarily for the HEALTH and SAFETY of our community.
Manatee	General	Very slowly reopen May 1 ONLY if the stats support it. Meaning allowing stores to reopen but only allow X number of people per sqft, masks , hand sanitizing stations, etc. Theme parks not until June and Florida residents only limiting crowds potentially to people who already have something reserved.
Brevard	Food	I feel it is to early to open florida to many people from other states will come here and we will start the spread over again. And we don't have enough testing sites and we aren't testing enough people. And the numbers keep going up each day. Iam a restaurant server and I feel like ours to early to reopen

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Escambia	Tourism	Tourism makes up a large part of our economy. It is our “life blood” of our economy. We need to stop living in fear and get back to work. Small businesses are suffering and we have the 2nd most unemployment claims in the nation. If not now, when? We can’t stay inside forever. We didn’t stop traveling when 9/11 happened. We can’t stop living our lives out of fear.
Orange	General	My husband owns a construction company based in Orlando. In the past month, his business has declined by 50%, as he is directly tied to the new home market. He was fortunate enough to secure a PPP loan to keep his employees, but if the housing market suffers a deep decline, he will be forced to layoff once the PPP runs out. We survived the Great Recession & he has made some adjustments in how he runs his business because of it, but no amount of good decision making will keep the lights on if the lockdown persists. We also have several friends who are business owners that have not been as fortunate. Some are facing imminent disaster if they aren't allowed to open up & do it quickly. Their life savings, insurance benefits, lives of their employees, and even mental health are at immediate risk. On top of that, we are also parents of a high school senior. He has been stripped of so many opportunities that he has been looking forward to for years. Please end the lockdown so that they have a chance to gather, even if it's in small groups for a time. Their age group is at very low risk & they thrive on interaction with their peers. And as his mom, my heart breaks for the things he can't get back. I was on board with shutting things down for a brief period in order to get a handle on what we were dealing with. I was also not opposed to some restrictions so that we could mitigate the risk of overburdening our hospitals. We now have so much more information than we did & our hospitals are not overrun. It's time to allow businesses to open back up & for people to get back to work and back to some sort of normalcy, while making sure that the most vulnerable are protected as much as we can within the framework of the rights afforded to us as American citizens
Lake	Accommodation	Reopen some businesses- keeping social distancing
Brevard	Recreation	My husband and I are retired senior citizens. My husband is disabled and has some mobility issues that make walking for more than 100 feet or so extremely painful if not impossible. Our exercise was going to the beach to sit in the sunshine and fresh air or to a park for a picnic. We are currently unable to do that with public parking at beaches closed. We can’t park somewhere else and carry chairs, etc. Please reopen all beach and recreation access and public parking and parks so we old folks can get out safely, avoiding close contact with others for our physical and mental health.
Miami-Dade	Recreation	DO NOT OPEN !!! HEALTH OVER ECONOMY!!!
Orange	General	Please, please, please start reopening Florida. So many residents, including my husband, desperately need to go back to work. The longer we stay shut down, the worse it is going to be financially for our families and for Florida’s economy. We cannot possibly stay closed until this virus is eradicated or until there is a vaccine, so we need some middle ground. Now is the time to start re-opening FL.

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Broward	Management	Hello, It is it extremely important to get people back to work, but not at the risk of the general public's health. I am currently working as an essential worker and I am on the front lines everyday. Luckily myself and my team have been safe and are taking all of the precautionary steps to ensure safety, but expecting the general population to do the same is unrealistic. Those who are pushing to reopen are likely those who have the means to stay in a "quarantine-like" state even after the state reopens. They will not have to go to grocery stores themselves, they have someone deliver them etc... they will use the general population as a clutch resulting in deaths across the state. Please rethink reopening the state. Open when it's safe to.
Osceola	Tourism	Tourism is one of the biggest industries in Florida, without question. I think we can all agree on that. There are thousands of people in unemployment right now and most have not recurved a penny, including me. I still haven't even received my stimulus check yet, so I'm trying to balance my expenses as best as I can knowing it's possible I won't be receiving any income for the foreseeable future. I'm stressed out and I'm frankly a bit scared, but I'm trying to keep my head above water. Economically this is tough. That being said, the health of our community is far more important to me than my economic woes. This virus is serious, and I'm afraid as long as people continue to ignore safety guidelines we will be stuck far longer than anyone could've anticipated and definitely longer than anyone wants to. At least with the tourism business goes, I think we can't even think about starting phased openings until June, and that is IF people can do what they're supposed to do and adhere to safety regulations. No, I don't know when I'll be able to afford to get groceries again so I'm trying to stretch my food as far as I can. Yes, I still need to make sure I can pay my car loan and have a roof over my head. No, I don't know how long I'll be able to hold out. That being said, I can't wait for the day I get to return to work, but I'll WILLING to wait to ensure the safety of everyone around me. The unemployment system in Florida is terribly broken. We need help. It's hard for me to fathom sometimes that I live in one of the richest countries in the world and we can't even take care of our people in crisis who don't have any control or choice over their circumstances. I used to stay up questioning if it was my fault because of my career path, but it's not. I didn't cause a virus. I was able to be financially dependent before all of this struck. We need to do better. Whatever phased openings we're preparing to see into motion, I pray it is set with the SAFETY of all of our residents and guests in mind; not just our wallets. This is coming from someone who is genuinely afraid of her financial situation and is trying to stay calm and do that right thing. Please do the right thing and take care of us. Focus on the distribution of unemployment first, then plan for phased reopenings as time and safety regulations allow. The last thing we need is to open everything up too quickly and end up right back where we started. There has been far too much death as it is.
Osceola	Tourism	Re-OPEN NOW! This is not sustainable and if we do not go back to work VERY soon then the economic deaths long term will be very high. The hospitals are NOT over run. Your shut down has ruined the Orlando economy and the lagging indicators will start really showing you that in a few months. Real Estate , loans , banking rev, theme parks might not come back for 6-12 months or ever in the instance of SeaWorld.

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Hillsborough	General	I think that if we exercise caution most areas of business should reopen. For example, the most retail and service establishments can operate same way that Home Depot does where only a certain amount of folks can enter as folks leave. The others stand in shaded line outside waiting outside while maintaining the prescribed social distance. This can also be implemented in restaurants and bar where limits can be placed on number of patrons allowed and more 6 feet distances between tables. We can all be responsible humans by adhering to social distancing while enjoying the outdoors!! We should not need government to keep us on lock down if we act like responsible residents!
Lee	General	I believe it would be reckless to reopen too soon. I see a lot of people helping those struggling with food and needed items. However, we need solid evidence there will not be a major resurgence of the virus. My daughter and her fiancé nurses here and although we are not overwhelmed, we could quickly become that way. Please wait just a bit longer to reopen. Please know as a teacher we need testing of all students to secure return in August. Just keep it light on reopen, my hair can wait. My 80 year old dad can wait. Thank you
Hillsborough	Government	My husband was furloughed from his job in Tampa and filed a claim on March 22. It has been stuck in “pending” ever since. We have called every single day for nearly 5 weeks,, all day long, and in the timeframe, I have only spoken to one agent who said his system was down and he was unable to log in to see claims. It’s nauseating to keep hearing the same “phone lines are busy” message over and over again, or to just get disconnected. I have also emailed and faxed, with no response. On Thursday I mailed a USPS Priority envelope full of all of the unemployment documents relating to my husband’s claim, I’m hoping someone will just open the envelope, read the letter, and offer assistance that way. If DEO was seeing claimants in person, it would be quicker for us to drive to Tallahassee to try to get this resolved. I have contacted the Governor, Senators, Representatives, Jon Satter, anyone I can find contact information for. Because my husband’s claim is stuck in “pending”, he hasn’t received a dime for his state benefits, therefore, he hasn’t received the $600 from the CARES Act federal benefit. It’s sickening and stressful. An entire month without benefits. While I’m happy someone is getting paid, it’s very disheartening to hear that April claimants are receiving their state and federal money before the March claimants. And there’s absolutely no way to reach DEO to resolve it. Per the Governor’s order- claiming weeks, work searches and CareerSource contact is suspended due to COVID-19, but the Connect system still asks for all of these things. This has caused so much confusion for claimants. My husband still claims his weeks, even though it’s nearly impossible to log into the Connect system and stay logged in without error messages. My husband’s claim is showing “failure to meet work search requirements”! Because, he’s furloughed, and will have a job to go back to when this emergency is over, he’s not looking for another job, and he certainly doesn’t want to lie and commit fraud by saying he is, just to get his claim to move through an antiquated system. All of the work search and claiming weeks sections should have been removed from the Connect system as soon as the Governor’s order went into effect. There has to be a way for the DEO agents to go into the system and release the March claims from pending. They know they’re stuck in the system and need to be resolved before the April

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Miami-Dade	General	I see more and more people going out on the streets. They are not abiding by the current rules in place any more. They can't as they are loosing their minds and everything they have worked so hard for all of their lives. Yes we need to stay ahead of the curve for the virus but also the curve for people doing what they need to do to survive. I feel you need to do something like this. Provide PPE to the People as well as regular disinfectants and wipes. This way they can help themselves fight the virus. Come up with a weekly opening plan State wide that all need to obey, maybe one thing at a time to "wean" us back into life. One week parks, another week beaches, another week restaurants etc. all following the guidelines for safety. Make it appoint that schools will reopen in the fall. Masks should be required in class and the schools should disinfect (spray) everything daily. We the people of this great state will make it work if you give us a chance. If you wont, based on what I see on the roads the people will do it anyway. Then e will see a light at the end of the tunnel.
Palm Beach	General	Please consider opening beaches, parks, golf courses, boat docks, etc immediately. The sun is healing and very necessary to fight the virus. Asking public building which open to require face masks would be awesome. No one knows if they have the virus on them. To prevent the spread, masks are a necessary evil. Let's get back to semi normal. Restaurants having tables 6 to 10 feet apart is a start. Customers should be wearing masks when getting up and moving around though. The heat kills the virus so we need more outdoor activity available for the people.
Lake Seminole	General Professional Services	Reopen our economy As a furloughed hairdresser my co -workers and I have all discussed the idea of continuing to wear masks to work , after re-opening and also think clients must come to salons wearing a mask or no services can be performed due to lack of social distancing required as in other situations. Where I work we were already sanitizing AND disinfecting all areas in our stations before AND after client services, so doing so after reopening will not be an issue, having said that, I also think that reopening too soon would put all of us in the beauty, massage, tattoo, and barber industry at even more of a risk of getting infected, and we all know it only takes one person to infect us and we spread it to our co-workers and all because one person was irresponsible. Thank you
Okaloosa	Finance	I do believe we should be opening up slowly. I think gyms and bowling allies are not a good place to start since they were germ infested before this virus started. I think all department stores and restaurants should start opening back up. I think people are becoming more afraid of losing everything other than their health to this virus. Thank you.

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Palm Beach	Professional Services	We need to open up Florida for health reasons! I need to go to my doctor for a blood test and the offices are closed. I need to go to the dentist but he is closed. I need to swim laps in our condo swimming pool to help with my blood pressure problem but it's closed. Myself and everyone I know has gained five to ten pounds. The only place we can walk near our home is on a busy street. Day after day waking up to being sequestered at home is affecting my mental health. Concerns about our two small businesses are keeping us up at night. We face shortages at our grocery store so we cannot get hand sanitizer or wipes. This situation is not sustainable. We are adults, we know how to wear a mask, wash our hands and distance ourselves. We voted for you Gov DeSantis. Open up Florida now!
Marion	Education	I am a third-grade teacher in Marion County. I am working diligently to create a "distance learning" environment for my students and their families. As of April 1, 2020 when Marion County officially began "distance learning", I have established a schedule for my students, their families, as well as my own family (I have two children who are sophomores in high school). My concern is that if the state reopens too soon (May 4, 2020), then Marion County will return to the "hybrid" model of working, which allowed teachers to work from either home or at their school building. I would personally prefer continuing (continuity plan)working from home until the Marion County Schools proposed last day of the school year (June 1). I believe that once it has been proven through data-driven decisions that it is safe to return to a sense of "normalcy" so to speak, then teachers could be able to return to their classrooms to end the school year by removing posters and putting the manipulatives and any other teacher/student materials away to prepare for the next school year (2020-2021). Perhaps then the schools can be completely cleaned/disinfected and closed for the summer to prepare for "possible" school openings in August. I would also propose thinking about delaying the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year if data has not proven that reopening our economy has been successful. I say this because I am concerned that Marion County is still having the number of positive cases of Covid-19 continue to increase. Thank you for reading my comments, and I am truly grateful for all of those individuals involved in making these most difficult decisions in these most unprecedented times.
Orange	General	I will relish voting against every elected official who puts money over human life during this crisis. If you're worried about the economy leaving people behind, concentrate on fixing the unemployment system first. I implore governor DeSantis to put politics aside and listen to qualified experts rather than following the crackpot whims of our nimrod president. Also why has the governor been dodging meetings with Nikki Fried? This is a bi-partisan matter and frankly the GOP is not doing a great job so far.

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Leon	General	Reopening should be slow and deliberate and be at the local level. Businesses should be required to disenfect their establishments frequently. Masks should be required of all patrons and social distancing enforced. Businesses should have to submit their plan for reopening and it should be reviewed by independent and qualified review teams established at local level. Failure to comply would require the business to close again. These procedures will be maintained until infection rate is down to a safe level as determined by medical professionals.
Broward	General	Make Sure Businesses can Buy sanitize products and the products are available and the rules are followed
Brevard	General	Please do not open up Florida yet. It will put all of the residents here in harm due to the movement from county to county and also from the tourist driving and flying in. This virus is not in anyway under control yet. It is way to soon to even consider life as normal.
Brevard	General	Do not reopen Florida until our level of infections goes down for at least 2 weeks. Then, do not open up the beauty shop, barber shops and any other close personal business until infections slow down even more, and there is adequite testing. Require masks in public, and limit the number of people at one time in grocery stores. Please protect Floridians.
Collier	Healthcare	Open up Florida NOW. Only those at risk need to stay in lock down- the rest of us can take reasonable precautions.
Hillsborough	General	No need to open up the state until there is a hugeee decline in the number of patients with symptoms or Covid-19. Once we are all back to normal, everyone will begin to get sick. Or if they do open up, make sure there is safety cautions, more sanitary spots in each public place, and a maximum capacity of people.
Alachua	Healthcare	I am a Physical Therapist Assistant at a hospital. While I am officially PRN I work a regular schedule of 3-4 days a week. In the last 5 weeks I have worked 1 shift which had to be cut short because not enough patients in the hospital and no elective orthopedic surgeries. Our hospital sits very empty and many employees are out of work. I think resuming elective surgery is an important first step in reopening the economy. While deemed “elective” these surgeries can extended or improve quality of life.

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Miami-Dade	General	Allow small business to open with the help of an app provider by Miamidade county so they can upload their own products and established delivery options upon themselves. Business services such hair salon and similar, install at the door some sort of disinfection booth, with small sprinklers so their clothes and shoes are clean to enter the business. If they can make happen in places like Argentina, why not here ?? Open beachs and parks, and establish enforce control regarding social distancing. We have enormous state parks and beaches, and its important to people to go out and boosted their immunology system at they very best, so in case of the virus, people have the tools available and ready to fight it. Instead of staying all day at home watching the news increasing their stress level. Identify the worst infection areas and make a real time map with all the new cases and such, and make and extra effort on thats area, like disinfect the street, twice a day, bus stop, gathering places. And put extra man power to show the community that you are on top of the problem and doing everything you can to solve it.
Leon	Healthcare	Please do not reopen until July. The statistics that show a decrease in cases is not substantial enough to reopen the government safely. We need a consistent decrease in cases in ALL Florida counties for 4 weeks straight, and this is a suggestion by healthcare officials. If you reopen now, you will affect the economy temporarily but not in the long term because the cases will increase again. The florida economy will be affected all year and not just spring and summer. Be wise, not rash. Keep us safe, that is your duty, economy comes second.
Orange	General	Although I understand the economic impact and hardships we are facing due to this pandemic and the subsequent stay at home orders, I support the state reopening once the scientific community is able to come up with at least an effective treatment for those who are affected by COVID19. Until then I would not feel safe being in crowded environments or even going back to the office. Even if the state reopened businesses neither me nor my family would participate, unless, once again, there is an effective treatment available in case we are infected. I believe life is more valuable than anything else and that the massive loss of it would have a greater impact than any loss of business will ever have.

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Palm Beach	Education	IAre we a state that values a dollar more than a life?! We should not even be thinking about reopening when there's no treatment or vaccine. What are we opening up for to have another resurgance? I believe that we need to continue social distancing, staying home, and using protective gear, until there's a vaccine., cure, or treatment for this deadly virus! If you open up to soon, who are you opening up to , the morgue, to continue handling dead bodies! I personally am not starved for entertainment and interaction to risk my life! Until there's a vaccine, cure, or treatment for this deadly virus, we can never return to life as we knew it. I think this is our new normal and we should embrace it in order to preserve lives. No one wants to be exposed to such a deadly virus, all in the name of economics and entertainment Economics can improve and entertainment can be regained, but a life lost is final!
Hillsborough	Healthcare	Good morning Govenor, I first want to thank you for everything you have done during this difficult time for our world. You have been level headed and mostly fair. I am sure this is exhausting and stressful. I pray the Lord would be with you in these upcoming weeks. Our family of 5 recently moved to Florida (Hillsborough county) from the north. We are a homeschool family and I am immune compromised. I have battled my whole life with arthritis which leaves me with a severely weakened immune system. All of my life I had to be careful of being around sick people. If someone had a cold I would get pneumonia. With all that said I am writing today to urge you to IMMEDIATELY open Florida back up. Our economy and the future of our children depend on it. We should be quarantining the sick and not the healthy that are able to work. If we keep people cooped up and businesses shut down we are at a much bigger risk. Our own Tampa Mayor is trying to strip away our constitutional rights one meeting at a time. She would love nothing more than to set our state into economic despair. These county officials must be held accountable and stop threatening mandatory curfews and masks. Please Govenor from someone who is at high risk I urge you to make swift actions to get our economy back open and give us our freedoms back. Thank you for your time and God bless you and your family.
Miami-Dade Broward	Food Finance	DONT OPEN YET!!! Hello, Thank you for your service. According to the SBA small business account for 48% of jobs. It appears that the banks may not have been consistent in assisting small businesses in obtaining PPP grants. Will there be any accountability on how the applications were handled?

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Hillsborough	Recreation	Can we get the fishing charter boats to open business for recreational fishing
Broward	Professional Services	Florida needs another month to determine reopening. It should open in waves from smaller businesses first to bigger ones including restaurants and social venues. Anything with large crowds. Anything with children should be last over the course of the next six months. Everyone In the state should be tested to see if they have present signs of the virus and to see if they have had the virus in order to return back to work. Companies should offer these testings as well to their employees which should be covered by their health insurance and or state health department. People who have contracted the virus recently should be monitored with a follow to their physician within 30 days of recovery. We still have much work to do and if Florida want to keep safe we must be aggressive in containing and stopping the spread.
Lee	General	You're destroying people's lives. You're forcing people into poverty. You claim you're doing it for their own good. We can see with our eyes this is not a pandemic. The death rate is very low. People die every day in this state and it's not going to stop anytime soon. Unless you're eager for massive civil unrest you better get us back to work. You will be attacked by the media no matter what you do. Open up Now!
Lee	General	Re-Open?? Wrestling is NOT Essential Golf is NOT Essential Disney is NOT Essential Beaches are NOT Essential Parks are NOT Essential If you want to have a New York-sized problem, go ahead and re-open before CoVID19 is gone for good. Otherwise you are playing with the deaths of many, many more Floridians. It will be on YOUR Responsibility and Blame and Conscience. Hope you have good Malpractice Insurance for practicing medicine without a license. STAY AT HOME PERIOD until this is over. Get used to it. Get over it.

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Pasco	Healthcare	To who it may concern: Open the State of Florida forthwith! In my opinion all Floridians as well as all Americans have a patriotic duty to suck it up, get past the fear and get back to work for their own good as well as for the common good of our fair State and Country. I lived through the Hong Kong flu in 1968/69 and I can tell you with all certainty that the United States did not shut down, I was in school the whole while. The US, it was estimated had a death toll of over 100,000, over 1,000.000 worldwide. I also remember polio as a very small child and that didn't shut the world down either But then again, people in those days were of substantially more intestinal fortitude than now. If I sound angry, there is a good reason for that: I see a State and Country not to mention tens of millions of lives being decimated by bankruptcy, suicide, increases of drug addiction, increases in domestic violence and for what? The only way the "Wuflu" situation will ever be mitigated according to prominent epidemiologists whose opinions I have read is through "herd immunity": yeah, it's going to like going to the Dentist...cowboy up, get on with it and get it over with it. As I'm over 60 and live the words that I've written here, according to our "betters" like Fauci I'm taking my life in my hands, so be it as I'd rather die a free man with liberty that to live under house arrest for an indeterminate amount of time. Scott Shevey
Brevard	Retail	Please let us open back up! As a small business family we are suffering. We cannot get unemployment as we are a small business. The small business loan initially ran out and we are now attempting the second small business loan. The stimulus check only got us through barely the first month. We have 2 children and 2 adults in our household. We need to start generating money!
Manatee	General	We shut our lives as we know it down based on models and projections. Turns out they were massively wrong and the actual data the actual numbers are coming in no worse than a rough flu season. We had a non-surgical blanket massive overreaction to all this - no it's time for a surgical massive correction to all this. Change the narrative and let people know they have a 99.7% chance of living - just like every year. Or we will destroy the lives of millions for a generation. Be bold, be a leader, be fearless - this is what our country and our state needs right now. Put the most amazing resources as discipline restrictions towards the nursing homes, elderly, at-risk and open EVERYTHING ELSE BACK UP. Send a message and watch how right you will be!

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Pinellas	General	Florida needs to start opening back up businesses in a well thought out process. Give credit to Florida Citizens to take care of themselves. We survive on tourism. Govt can't keep giving money away to support peoples lives and businesses. Businesses such as barber shops and salons, as one example, are not going to take chances to harm their customers. Govt should give mandatory requirements on how to maintain proper health conditions and monitor compliance. Maybe something as simple as a "Health Inspection Notice" on the door showing the business is in Covid-19 Health Compliance.
Miami-Dade	General	I believe it is too early to open up . It feels like a complete disregard to the people like myself who have been risking themselves and their families during this pandemic. The cases should be greatly diminished almost completely or at least a vaccine before anything goes back to normal . Please consider waiting a bit more . A second outbreak will bring death in much larger numbers . No economy or paycheck is worth a human life .
Charlotte	Professional Services	As a small business owner of a Salon and Spa I recognize the concern of cross contamination because as professionals in the beauty industry we are trained in sanitation and disinfection just as the medical professionals are. If the state of Florida wanted to keep us closed we would have received unemployment benefits that I so religiously paid with every payroll I ran for my 19 employees that are now out of work and have no income. Do not sign an order for a “30 day” stay at home and make it effective April 3rd and end it on April 30th, you are confusing the masses and you are already behind the 8 ball with the unemployment fiasco. As a business owner that W-2’s my employees and pays their taxes we were already underfunded in Futa and Suta due to businesses 1099 employees and trying to not pay. I know the IRS is aware and trying to audit those businesses but how do you justify to the business that does W2 and still can’t get unemployment income for their employees? Get the salons back to work, we are prepared and are trained to deal with covid19.
Broward	Retail	I believe, and I say this as a registered Dem. Our state did much better than projections. I give DeSantis a lot of credit. To add to that, I believe he should continue keeping things closer and should focus on getting financial support on those affected by the closures rather than opening so soon. Even if businesses open in Miami and Broward, at LEAST half of the population will continue to quarantine or strictly limit their time outside of the home, so opening and not offering assistance, or offering limited assistance won't matter as the amounts of customers would be drastically reduced. Also, opening so soon leaves us wide open for a 2nd peak and a rising of the curve. If we're gung-ho on reopening, let's at least wait 3 weeks to see how other states that are opening fare, and take a realistic look at their numbers rather than saying "it was a success" because only x-hundred people died rather than x-thousand died. My whole family has respiratory issues and my parents are older on top of that so this is all very worrying. I want to believe that you all are actually trying to take care of us.

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Seminole	General	I urge you to RE-OPEN our state May 1. People need to get back to work and businesses need to be open. With less than .5% of Florida citizens testing positive with Covid-19, it makes sense to open our state (30,000 positive tests of 21.48 million Floridians). Allow non-essential procedures to begin in hospitals again. Allow church services to resume. Allow non-essential businesses to open so employees can earn a paycheck. Allow gyms to open for their members to exercise. Allow people to go to the beach and visit state parks. Allow restaurant dining rooms to open. GIVE US OUR FREEDOM _ TO WORK AND TO MOVE FREELY. Reopen our state NOW! Allow citizens to make the decision about how to protect their family. Make decisions that support democracy and economic health for our state. Sincerely, Kristi Davis 407-716-3203 kristidavis0427@yahoo.com
Lake	General	Open up now.
Charlotte	Healthcare	Hi. Asking for public opinion regarding reopening FL is a great idea. I'd suggest that everyone wear masks or face coverings when in public. No exceptions. Thank you.
St. Johns	General	Recommend caution when considering when to reopen Florida. By most accounts, this covid-19 virus is virulent. We've already experienced the pain of shutting down the economy, so I would like to see the current restrictions remain in place until 1 June, it would be terrible to open things up, only to have another outbreak, and have to begin over. Please follow the recommendations of qualified epidemiologists.

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Lake	Tourism	I'm ready to go back to work however, only when it is safe to do so. I work for a Theme Park and meet people from all over the world. Knowing this virus is highly contagious, concerns me greatly as I cannot bring it home to my husband who has many medical issues. When I am able to return to work and be given the proper PPE, such as the N95 mask and the visor, this would ease those concerns somewhat. But wearing these in 100 degree weather will be very uncomfortable. I work outside however, people are constantly walking by, sneezing & coughing. Our registers are also within a foot of the customer's card reader which will not be feasible for the social distancing guidelines. Our merchandise carts are also not spread far apart enough for the distancing guidelines for Guests to shop safely. And visiting Guests touch everything! There would have to be hand sanitizing stations (always filled) all around the parks and at all registers for each time the employee processes a transaction. When all this first started and we were still open, many of these stations were empty! I would recommend Guests wearing face masks too. This helps us feel that they are protecting themselves as well. Thank you
Charlotte	Food	Open-air farmers markets should reopen immediately, with the recommendation that customers socially distance. Reopen restaurants' and bars' outdoor seating, maintaining 6 feet between tables.
Broward	Transportation	My elderly (61 yr old) mother will have to take the public transit to work once I'm off furlough. That said, I feel that transit buses are a potential cesspool for carrying the virus. In general, people do not respect the social distancing guidelines (I've had to ask many people to please step away from me while standing in check-out lines). On a transit bus, it will be even harder to enforce social distancing. And even with that, buses are basically seal-tight boxes where everyone has to breathe the same circulated air. I'm not sure what can be done, but I ask that someone on the task force please take this into consideration. Many people rely on public transit, and if the buses are not cleaned, if masks are not worn, if social distancing isn't respected while riding, this could be a means for the virus to spread to many vulnerable people. Thank you.
Orange	General	I don't see convincing evidence that Florida should reopen at this time.
Miami-Dade	Education	Do NOT open Florida. For the sake of our families, loved ones and health heroes!!! Please do not open Florida until we have more information. This is about us coming together as a community to get through this. Please!!!!!!
Charlotte	General	Open up ! Lets get back to work. The shut down was only to flatten the curve and not wait for a cure.
Broward	General	Re-open Florida.

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Broward	General	While I agree caution is necessary, I would think it's in the public interest as "re-opening" is discussed to consider these facts..... currently testing results in somewhere between 10% and 20% positives. This is significant BECAUSE under nearly all circumstances to date those tested are considered likely to be ill (have symptoms, have been exposed, etc.). Those who are "most likely" healthy are NOT tested because they do NOT have symptoms or have been exposed. Couple this fact with the number the CDC published recently that 97% of those who test positive have "mild symptoms." So as we consider re-opening, let's remember that - on average - of 100 people we think ARE infected, in reality only 20 or less are. And of those, probably 18 or 19 will only have mild, cold-like symptoms.
Brevard	General	Reopen the economy....put the burden on the vulnerable, like me, to self isolate. People who can survive this virus will need to take their chances and get back to work.
Broward	General	Thank you so much for what you have done to keep the people of Florida safe. Please do not reopen the state until our health officials say it is safe to do so,
Manatee	General	Yes reopening is vital to the economy and the virus will have a difficult time as the weather becomes warmer. When we start to flush out the snow birds would be an opportunity for a measured opening starting with essential businesses not the tattoo parlors and similar types of enterprises
Pasco	General	As long as the business can maintain the guide lines like the 6 foot rule, cleaning, and testing the employees I think they should be allowed to reopen regardless of their business. I do think the use of masks should be required for inside of stores. I was just in the Walmart in Zephyrhills and people were not applying the 6 foot rule and only about 50% of the shoppers had on masks. Not good as this area has a lot of elderly people living here. Not sure if anybody has an answer for that.
Brevard	General	I believe our health and safety should come first. Questions like have we hit the worst of it, have we platued, can we test more, will people keep cleanliness and distancing a priority and most important will people stay home if they feel sick to protect others, need to be considered before jumping into a reopening of our state and others. In my opinion people don't often make the best decisions on their own. Personally I'd rather be safe than sorry. Focus on getting the Fl.unemployment site working at full capacity and start slow with businesses that don't draw crowds. Thank you for this forum to express our opinion.
Hillsborough	Retail	Although reopening the state is a risky decision, it is becoming next to impossible to maintain finances and rent obligations for the unemployed and furlough workers such as myself. The stimulus check helped, but it wont be enough. Reopening the economy in Fl would be the only solution for recieving a check, but it also risks a second wave of illness and death. If Fl is reopened then there should be rules and guidelines like mandated face masks in the work force, 6 feet distancing in stores and regular cleaning. If employees need to leave work after a shift for personal reasons, then employers should not force workers to stay.

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Palm Beach	General	Please, way too early to reopen. Especially in Southeast counties. Let's wait and see how Georgia and other states do. Definitely please do not open anything that will attract large crowds, i.e., beaches, movies, concerts, etc. I haven't been locked in for all this time to see a major resurgence of this virus. We do not have enough valid info or testing yet. Do the right thing. The economy will recover but dead people won't. Thank you.
Hillsborough	General	Dear Governor DeSantis, Congratulations of the recent birth of your sweet little girl! Thank you for this opportunity to voice my opinion as a resident of Hillsborough County, Florida on re-opening the great State of Florida! The short answer is YES!!! My husband is still employed and working from home. His employer is ok for the moment but did hold a town hall type meeting for all employees and explained that they are anticipating a "pinch" in about a year to a year & a half. That is all due to no gas tax, no tax money for roads or buildings. It's like a trickle down - no tourism equals no money for building projects. The longer we're shutdown the longer for recovery. I had several part-time jobs cleaning houses but the people I was working for didn't feel comfortable with me coming into their homes so we all decided to follow the quarantine rules that were suggested and that dried up my part-time work. As I have been out & have been talking to my neighbors (from a safe distance :) I've learned that several neighbors on my street have been laid off from their jobs. And some have been laid off for the past 5 weeks. They are in the retail industry which has been hit very hard. Also, my sister who lives in another state has been laid off and wants to get back to work. There is risk in everything I do. Since I live in the Tampa Bay area and it's the lightening capital of the world, when I walk out to my mailbox I risk it. If I drive my car, it's a risk. If I ride my bike I risk falling- what I'm getting at is everything is a risk. Reopening the State is a risk that I am ok with. What kind of people have we become? I've never seen so much fear over a virus in my life. You need the risk takers to reopen this state. We are the ones who want to get back to work and not take government handouts! We are the ones willing to help you get this state up and running!
Miami-Dade	General	I know you have many experts on your task force but please listen WE CANNOT OPEN UP!!!!! PEOPLE ARE DYING!!!! WE CANNOT OPEN!!!! PLEASE I BEG DO NOT OPEN
Brevard	General	We should NOT reopen until EVERYONE can be tested everyday.
Lake	General	Open up

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Hillsborough	General	Health experts provided a very liberal plan of 3 phases and at a minimum the state of Florida should follow that plan. If you look at the country and follow the success of states who immediately issued stay at home orders until the number of cases went down you can see that it works. Florida's problems have only just begun. We need to monitor the number of cases after increasing testing and IF we reach the other side of the curve for at least 2 weeks we could begin to open slowly. If your team chooses not to follow health experts guidance, this is on YOU, and the number of cases and deaths will easily double. And if that happens I will blame each of you. This is simple factual data. Look at the models produced by Ithe experts and the scientifically proven probabilities of transmitting Covid 19. Look at the data. Do not make irresponsible choices that guarantee that people you know and live will perish.
Alachua	General	Do not be pressured into opening the state until it is safe to do so. We are continuing to see increases in the number of people testing positive. Please follow the science and public health experts advice and not the wishes of the business community.
Hillsborough	General	I think every thing should be opened back up bars,restaurants,schools malls,etc. This is killing our economy and taking us towards a recession the state needs to open back up my construction business has slowed down my wife's going to school to be a physician assistant is now having to do online school putting a burden on her and her job as a bartender is doing nothing for our household. OPEN FLORIDA UP

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Lee	Tourism	Ending this pandemic has required, and continues to require, many protective measures. I'd like to focus on one of the biggest and most important measures, which was the closing of vacation accommodations of all types. We all know Florida is a major tourist destination, so blocking millions of people from swamping us from all over the country was an extremely critical move to slow the spread of the virus. I and many others are now living in fear as the date that ban expires is almost here and no leaders are giving any indication of extending it. I live in Lee County. We have the 7th highest number of cases in the whole state. We have over 900 cases and continue to add roughly 100 cases per week over the past few weeks, so we are nowhere near peaking or being safe to start reopening anything, ESPECIALLY vacation rentals. To allow people to start flocking back here would be dangerous and reckless. So I'm pleading for the governor to extend the ban on vacation accommodations of all types. If not, then at the very least, direct individual counties who are bad off like my county to extend the ban locally. In fact, on that note, I think on a whole, it might be best to give some guidelines and parameters for reopening any sort of businesses and let individual counties do what fits their status and situation. Many counties, especially in the north of the state, seem to have very few cases and might be able to start opening some things. But counties like mine need at least another month of all protective measures staying in place. But back to my main point. Keeping masses of people from coming to Florida for non-essential travel was huge in keeping the pandemic from being much worse than it already is. And it would be a huge mistake not to continue that protection, especially for areas like mine. PLEASE extend the vacation accommodation ban.
Hillsborough	General	I've listened to several task force meetings and definitely understand the importance of reopening Florida. However, I think it's vitally important that the right tone is set early. This isn't over. We have not won ANYTHING. We are NOT back to business as usual. And, Coronavirus is something we will be living with for at least the next year. This is the message that should go out to the general public and anyone visiting Florida. Everyone who chooses to go back out in public should act as if they have ALREADY contracted the disease and are trying their hardest to limit the spread. That means going out with a facemask and gloves on at all times, and doing your absolute best to maintain social distance so as not to spread YOUR germs. Everyone should also be made to understand that what we are doing is taking a calculated risk in order to keep people from starving or going homeless. The health professionals should continue to monitor the spread, as well as the hospital capacity, ICU beds, and deaths. Should we again start spiking in those categories and approaching capacity, we must SWIFTLY shut it all back down, no matter the effect. As long as everyone understands this, let's move forward.

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Duval	Retail	As a Retailer of a shop in 5 Points, Jacksonville Florida, I have a real time perspective on this situation. My store is about 1000 sq. feet, and I have been in my location 10 years now. I am very disheartened as to how this situation has been handled. I strongly support products, goods and services that are made in the USA. Many of the products I carry in my store are domestic. When looking purely at the facts, the only business which were allowed to remain open, (other than grocery stores and pharmacies) fit into one of these to categories. 1. Stores that carry mostly non USA made goods. (Wal-Mart, Lowes, Home Depot, Target). 2. Or stores that generate large tax revenue for the state. (ie. liquor stores). This is FACT. Another fact is that like many entrepreneurs, I am self employed because I like to work in an environment that I can maintain and control. I know that I can keep my shop clean and sanitized, as I have been doing that for many many years. I also know that I can control the flow of traffic in my store as it is again, what I have been doing for many many years. In the State of Florida, I have the right to work. I the United States of America, I have Constitutional Rights. Both of these rights have in my opinion have been illegally taken from me. Going forward, I would like to immediately be permitted to re open my store and regulate it as I see fit. I can establish my own parameters as to how to do that. I do not need the state, local or federal government to regulate my dress shop. On a broader note, I also feel that the residents of Florida have been harmed by the Safer at Home Order, and that it should be revoked.
Miami-Dade	General	Should not reopen until the medical experts say it is totally safe to do so. As broke as i am i work or Construction Co. located on Lincoln Rd, Miami Beach and i do not feel it is safe yet. I am not going back yet no matter what.
Sumter	Food	I personally think it’s too soon to reopen the state. My job would be in the first phase and I feel like I’ve stayed home to keep myself and other s safe and the thing I want is to go back too soon and get sick after all this time of making sure that I didn’t get it and have to start all over with the quarantine and then getting release papers to go back to work. I feel that as long as we are used to the conditionsnowwhy chance it with opening up too early to have to start all over again.

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Manatee	General	1. Testing- needs to be accurate, accessible, free and include asymptomatic cases as workers are younger and often in that category. 2. Contact tracing of those who test + needs to be followed up, train and hire healthy younger , people to get this done, especially those unemployed. 3. Workplaces- most need PPE masks, state needs to assist in securing a main number or email address to address this issue. You don't want Hosptal/ 1st responders being in competition with business for PPE. Best it is purchased through state at cost. They also need to have distancing, disinfectants, plastic guards for dividing registers/ areas which are close in dining. More outside dining areas for restaurants that need them. 4. Those restaurants that deliver should be given some assistance for website development if needed as this might encourage more farmer market type purchase from restaurants, also ready to cook kits to take home with Florida products. 5. Home schooling through summer for those who need it, also those who need tutoring and increase in on line assistance 6. Community follow up in poor or low income community for higher risk healthcare, schedule free healthcare checks, to assess and try to get the community in better shape. Churches, clubs usually have the best outreach. Most don't see doctors/ dentist unless they must and usually at ER. We are looking at fall with both flu and COVID-19. Many live in multi generation family units , many work as CNA's or in retail, restaurant, and hospitality workers, are likely to community spread. Assessment and prevention is key. Testing is also key here. 7. Making sure that the testing is regularly done and contact tracing is followed up with (especially those who are familiar with that community) will mean trust in the results and consumer confidence as well as increased low risk behaviors. Reports showing this is important. Transparency is important. Especially in poor and low income communities were trust of government remains low. They must be involved. They trust their church leadership so involvement there is essential. 8. Homeless community must be tested as much as possible as they do come into contact, Manatee has several outlets to assist. Turning Points (they are
Orange	General	First of all, the fact that the beauty industry, hair salons, barber shops, nail salons, spas, etc. isn't even listed as an "Area of Interest" in your drop down and has no representation on your task force alarms me!! Second, we NEED to re-open. I qualified for PPP and have kept my staff off unemployment because Florida UI is severely broken! As a service based business, we are going to be effectively cut in half on our revenue when we do finally open. I need the last 4 weeks of my PPP to help me cover labor while I use my half revenue for other expenses like rent and debt I've accrued since closing. We need some cashflow as we just continue to bleed. PPP only covered one month of rent, now the debt piles on. We have a real solid plan in place for re-opening. We have disinfectants and have always, always worked around germs so we know how to be safe. Our staff will all wear masks and will treat stations and chairs with isopropyl alcohol (AS WE ALWAYS HAVE) once we re-open. We will limit capacity and appointments and insure effective social distancing. Give us the chance, otherwise you are going to have tons and tons of empty shopping centers as small businesses have to close their doors forever.

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Lee	Education	I think that although we should look into reopening we should be cautious as to how soon we reopen. Many cases are still happening and we should be observant of that and openly slowly and not all at once to avoid another spike in number .
Lee	General	Reopen all businesses with precautions. Places such as hair salons, spas, and dentist for routine cleanings with appointments only using social distancing and sanitize between customers. Department of health needs to be dispensing masks
Hillsborough	Food	I have five neighborhood bars that don't serve food throughout hillsborough and Pinellas county and waiting to open one in Orlando. I've previously emailed the governor as well as my county commissioner Ken Hagan to express my concerns. Currently the governor has lumped bars into the same category as night clubs. They are fundamentally different businesses and should be considered along the same lines as dine in restaurants. The same restrictions for restaurants can be implemented for neighborhood bars. All of our locations are 2000 sqft or larger with outdoor patios of 500sqft or more. We can easily distance inside and outside just like dine in restaurants. We can also implement employee safety measures that will be required of restaurants. Just like all other small businesses, we want an opportunity to open and adhere to any guidelines, but to single out the neighborhood bar and then associate them with night clubs is damaging to say the lease. We are designed like a restaurant with spaced out tables and outdoor patio seating so we feel completely confident that you will make the exception and allow us to operate just like you would with dine in restaurants. There will be no more risk of spread than with the dine in restaurant. Thank you for your consideration.
Duval	General	Just allow businesses to open and run as they see fit and open up state buildings and parks. If people feel they need to take precautions they are free to do that. How much economic pain are the rest if us supposed to endure? We don't close highways because some people die in crashes.
Pasco	Recreation	I would like to see the state parks open for at least camping with self contained RV's.
Collier	General	Please allow our businesses to open back up. People can take personal responsibility. If this goes on much longer more and more people become dependent on the state. We can't afford that.
St. Johns	Healthcare	NO OPENING until the State of Florida does full testing and CONTACT TRACING! This is vital to our safety and shorten this virus cycle. MASKS are mandatory for entering ANY business. Restaurants employees MUST be tested and contact tracing performed. All restaurants with takeout must have employees with proper capes or gowns, masks and gloves, same for deliveries. NO dining rooms open until much later. HAIR, NAIL, MASSAGE parlors must use capes and gowns, masks. Protective face shields. LIMIT hair washing.
Lee	Government	Florida should not reopen everything that is closed now until we have enough testing to confirm how our population is responding to the Corona Virus.
Pinellas	Healthcare	As stated by the task force, I should be able to see my Dentist as long as I don't have a temperature, feel sick or had exposure to COVID 19. Let Florida Dental offices open now.

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Lake	General	Open up our businesses. Keep social distancing.
Miami-Dade	General	Please do not reopen, please I am scared for mine and my families loves. We are smart and strong we will build the economy back up again but we can't do that if we're all dead.
Palm Beach	Recreation	Open the beach and boat ramps
St. Lucie	Food	I think Florida should open up the restaurants and do social distancing every other table and the waitresses can wear masks. This will help the food industry and all those employees get back to work. Also the department stores they can do the same thing like the supermarket put one way Isles and have social distancing lines at the register. If they find their stores are getting too crowded they can limit the amount of people in at one time. We have to do it we can't all stay locked up. A lot of people aren't even getting the paycheck this is going to get really bad real quick if we don't open up.
Washington	Tourism	Not local but DVC and WDW AP member with current June 28 reservation
Duval	General	There are many of us who had COVID-19 in Dec and Jan, who got diagnosed as having the flu or a respiratory virus. At that time COVID-19 was something happening in China, for all we knew. Because we had it, we have antibodies and can go back to work. We need an antibody testing system so we can be given a certificate to allow us to go back to work, and get this economy moving again. If we don't get this economy moving again, President Trump will lose in Nov. That is the Democrat plan. Please don't let this happen! I am a hairdresser who had a very bad case of COVID-19. I did not go to the doctor because I thought I had the flu, but I was VERY sick. Looking back, I can say that , without question, I almost died. I am 73 years old with compromised lungs. But I survived and now I have immunity and can safely do hair. Please reopen Florida, and let the people do what they do best. This has gone on long enough. Thank you.
Lee	General	All workplaces should take employees' temperatures daily before they enter the workplace. For their safety they should also wear masks. I understand people need to get back to work but not at their risk or the risk of others. We will continue to stay at home mainly and wear masks when we do venture out. Shutting down was a wise choice.
Collier	General	I live in Ave Maria. There are 4 confirmed cases. I think we should open our 3 or 4 eating establishments for Social distanced dining and allow any of the shops and stores open. I think that the majority of people here will remain cautious as well. We should allow panther run golf course to open to the public as well. Ave Maria is a pretty isolated place and I think we should loosen the reigns and let the residents and store owners manage the day to day. I think that many of the more vulnerable will remain quarantined.

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Pinellas	General	Best - Florida should not reopen all businesses until a vaccine is created and provided to all. 2nd best when scientists believe our testing and contact tracing is high enough to re-open some of our businesses It is determined that Covid19 cannot be passed through A/C. And those businesses can implement both masks and social distancing. Since Florida is a tourist destination, if we open too soon, those from our state and other states who may be carrying Covid19, may flock here and re-infect our state. They may not have symptoms or fevers. Hospital and healthcare workers will be overrun. Those of us who need to go to the doctor/hospital will not in fear that we will be infected. Learn from history. During the Spanish flu the areas that opened too soon were devastated by a second wave. Please listen to those scientists and doctors with real knowledge in this area. People need confidence or they will not return to open businesses. We should not reopen during hurricane season. This will put too much of a strain on our emergency system. Shelters could be a disaster for people in need. Evacuation plans need to be redone due to the virus. We should not reopen when cases are on the rise, even if due to increased testing, as the testing should be maximized for us to know the true numbers. We should not reopen until we can do contact tracing. Other ideas: Since airlines are on the decline, use planes to transport needed supplies not people. Study whether Covid19 is passed through air conditioning in public building or work buildings. If so, hospital type a/c should be mandatory in all businesses that are open.
Brevard	Retail	I feel large gatherings should be restricted for at least another month, then reassess. I feel some retail businesses can re-open, i.e. Dog Grooming, Hair Salons with spacing changes made and masks required.
Osceola	General	As a teacher and a person married to someone who owns a small travel business this all sucks. There have only been 5 cases on out town and very minimal in our county. We are struggling horribly in our business. We had to refund hundreds of thousands of dollars and are now looking at unemployment. As a teacher I would much rather be in the classroom than teaching online. I teach struggling readers in middle school and not having them in the classroom is really bringing them down. Hardly any are doing the online work. PLEASE open the state back up so many lives depend on it.

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Miami-Dade	Healthcare	The CDC guidelines call for these protocols to deal with supply shortages when a hospital is at crisis capacity. (See below) ...So why should HCA be allowed to reopen for elective cases when they are not protecting healthcare workers to the best of their ability who are risking their lives and their families lives caring for their current covid patients. Health care workers across South Florida are putting their lives on the line during the coronavirus pandemic. But, one of the largest hospital systems is now restricting the use of N95 masks for those treating patients with the virus. According to the HCA, there are new protocols for the use of protective equipment. N95 masks will only be used for aerosolized procedures, including intubation and nebulization, for patients who have or are suspected to have the virus. Other employees treating COVID-19 patients will be provided with a Level 1 medical mask, which the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) does not consider respiratory protection https://apple.news/ADW5Ab3oMQHuTzXedNNLVXw https://www.google.com/amp/s/amp.miamiherald.com/news/coronavirus/article242084781.html Please do everything you can to make sure all these healthcare providers have enough enough N95 masks for all their nurses to not let any unnecessary infections of covid happen that can be protected by an N95 mask Why is it that healthcare workers are having to purchase PPE on their own to protect themselves shouldn't this be a basic necessity to have in stock for a very profitable organization like HCA before they are allowed to reopen for elective cases, please help us stay safe! Thank you
Lee	Healthcare	As a health care worker, my immediate concern is that this is too soon. I understand the economic reasons but the value of life should overcome that. People will only do the right thing if their leaders guide them in the right direction. Having seen the devastation of this disease first hand, if there is a rush to reopen public places, we will only undue all that we have accomplished up to this point.
Lake	Recreation	Yes I agree with reopening Florida to a certain extent I believed it the state parks and federal Parks should be reopened within certain guidelines and limitations even if that meant restricting capacity within the realm of reasonability each person in family is responsible for their own actions and they choose as to whether or not they go out and take the risk of being infected I also believe that there should be more latitude for restaurants and businesses to comply with within reason guidelines to continue to keep the public and their employees safe so that way people aren't forced to live on welfare as well as try and survive our Fallout from our overloaded unemployment system as well as our welfare system I also believe that if there is any influence at all their one way for the nation to recover financially would it would be to Institute and legal recreational marijuana even if that meant issuing licenses two individuals within a reasonable cost with that said thank you for all your work and efforts to improve stay safe

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Sarasota	General	I do not think FL is ready to reopen. Tests are still not readily available, hence #'s not accurate. I understand businesses need to reopen to avoid bankruptcy, but opening too soon will not be effective. Opening too soon will cause a 2nd wave of cases and completely cripple the economy and families. Please do not reopen on May 1st.
Miami-Dade	General	Don’t reopen Florida you dumb bitch
Clay	General	I hope FL will consider letting the stay-at-home guidelines expire on April 30. From what I've seen in my area, people are maintaining physical distancing, store employees are wearing masks, and inflow to open retail is being controlled. I think we all have an appreciation for the seriousness of the situation; however, we also have an appreciation for the economic impact on our small businesses, and there has been enough suffering. People need to go back to work - the govt can't print enough money to support all of the people who are eager to support themselves. Are there risks? Of course, but life is full of risk and being careful and cognizant are the best protective devices.
Okaloosa	Healthcare	Florida remains the 8th state in the US with the highest number of Coronavirus cases. There has been a steady daily increase. Our state needs to remain closed until there is a STEADY decline in cases for no less than a two week period, preferably a month. Reopening needs to be a very slow, calculated strategy. More testing sites are needed, more contact tracing is needed and the availability of PPE. Our state has the highest percentage of elderly citizens in the US. This population, elderly citizens, is at highest risk of death due to contracting the Coronavirus. We need to protect our elderly and the multitude of citizens with compromised immune systems. According to reports from the CDC, over 25% of individuals hospitilized with covid-19 in the US were under the age of 50 and too many have succumbed to this deadly virus. Please protect Floridians and keep our state closed until it is SAFE to reopen.
Seminole	General	May 1st is too soon. We are on the right track, and the curve is trending downward- if we open back up next week, we WILL see a spike in deaths again. Please, please, allow just a little bit more time for our state to be safe at home. Gyms, restaurants- none of that is essential to life. We can continue to order takeout and work out outside. Let's prevent another lockdown a few months from now.
Broward	Education	Distance learning is great for k to 12 but the children in VPK get left out because everyone focuses on kindergarten and above. My daughter is in VPK and has missed out on education since March 15 and will not return to school, until kindergarten. Distance learning should include vpk programs throughout the whole state whether VPK is in a private school or public!

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Pinellas	General	This comment is in regards to the reopening of Florida specifically Pinellas county. It is absolutely asinine to continue this safer at home order. Removing it doesn't demand people go out in public, those vulnerable communities or those constituents that are scared CAN choose to stay home. Those that want to work and live their lives can also choose to do that. Closing playgrounds and the beaches make no sense. They are outdoors spaces. If they're not opened by y'all people will continue to go without your permission. We the people do not ned the gov't to protect us. We need you to uphold the constitution. I am a registered voter, I attend legislative delegations & help organize protests & rallies. It'd be smart for y'all to open the state back up or everyone that is responsible for dragging this out will be voted out.
Orange	Recreation	Open everything as normal, instruct the old and vulnerable to continue to shelter in place. Require face covering for large public gatherings/entertainment events/venues. All schools and retail stores to have cleaning guidelines. Publish guidelines for other business to clean and provide employee safety.
Collier	General	I think once you truly feel it is safe to reopen the state you should. However i am still concerned about COVID-19 being transferred from person to person. Do not want it to be like Georgia opening so soon. Thank you, Diane Rabkin Naples
Lee	Recreation	First, let me say thanks for keeping schools closed, and therefore keeping teachers and staff safe. Secondly, does the state have any recommendations for how children can safely return to activities such as dance, sports, etc? Not only are children unable to continue their athletic endeavors, but many recreational businesses like dance studios are suffering from closure and risk having to permanently close. This would be a travesty for business owner and student participant alike.
Seminole	General	Please reopen
Manatee	General	My family and many others we know have had some negative financial impact from the current shutdown, but we and everyone we know would rather the state take a very cautious approach in trying to end it. Personally, I am very active community volunteer usually working with educating the public in general and school groups. I miss this very much, but I and those I work with would not feel comfortable doing this type of work at this point unless everyone involved was wearing protection and maintaining social distance. I also feel the same way about returning to any currently unopen business. I don't think a majority of people are going to want to get out and do business as usual if they don't feel safe. If you can't follow what the scientists are saying needs to be done, you will be setting us up for worse problems than we already have.
Lake	Food	Open up. Our restaurants are suffering
Orange	General	Open Orange County back up now, including beauty services and hair salons. Mortality rate for under 49 is less than half a %, this is insanity. Put restrictions on elderly and Miami-Dade, free the rest of the state!
Lee	General	We have to open as much as possible as soon as possible. If the length of the current shelter in place hasn't done the job longer won't help.

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Miami-Dade	General	I do not agree with Florida reopening before mid June and/or before the competent medical authority gives the ok to do so. Opening now will defeat the purpose of the stay at home order and will cost the unnecessary loss of lives. It is the job of our elected officials to preserve life and not sacrifice these in the name of the economy. Circumstances like the one we are going through now defines what the government really holds as value and priorities. We should not ease restrictions or open Florida at this time! Focus should be placed in getting unemployment benefit payments out to residents and put into motion financial aid programs for people like the one Francis Suarez is working on in the city of Miami.
Bay	Professional Services	Please open up tanning salons and nail salons and hair salons and small boutiques in Northwest Florida, we have the lowest amount of cases here and should be the first ones to be able to open up.
Hillsborough	Healthcare	Florida is far from meeting the gating criteria to even enter the first phase of the White House's "Opening Up American Again" plan. In particular, we need to meet this criteria: "Robust testing program in place for at-risk healthcare workers, including emerging antibody testing." And we have only tested 2% of Floridians, not nearly enough. What about identifying asymptomatic individuals so they can be isolated and not infect others? Contact tracing? Florida is far from being in a containment phase. We are not seeing the downward trajectory of cases and symptoms required in the federal gating criteria either. Until THAT happens, there is no way anything more should re-open in Florida - otherwise we risk more illness, deaths, and a longer costly stay-at-home period. PLEASE do not succumb to political pressure, even though this is a very painful time for our citizens and our economy. Save lives by meeting the White House plan criteria and processes. People over politics. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.
Hillsborough	Real Estate	This virus isn't going anywhere whether you open now, next month, or in 6 months. We cannot continue to live like this. If the hospitals can handle it like you say, Open the state back up.
Pinellas	General	First, thank you all for your commitment to the State of Florida and to us in this period. I believe that we should begin an aggressive plan on reopening. I understand the fear of spiking cases, afterwards, but I believe that social-distancing addresses this as successfully as do lockdowns. Florida is a great example of this. We had several weeks of social distancing, and local safer-at-home guidelines, prior to statewide lockdowns. The IHME model showed us peaking 2 weeks after this period, not after statewide lockdowns. Let's continue with social-distancing, give companies guidance, allow consumers to choose the retailers and businesses that are the best at this, and avoid those that aren't as attentive to it. There are many of us that are willing, and are eager, to begin building Florida again. Thank you.
Pinellas	General	Open up my apartment pool please
Lee	General	please keep florida closed at least for a couple more weeks. we do not need a second wave of C.V.

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Orange	Technology	Florida has 21 million people, the first COVID-19 case is from early January according to the most recent research. No one knew what was happening then. No one practiced social distancing, wore gloves and masks or did constant hand washing and our death toll is one of the lowest in the country proportionately. Orange county is under Stay-At-Home orders since mid March, it's been 45 days already. All the experts say it's a 14-day-incubation period tops, plus a couple of weeks to get rid of the virus and develop the antibodies, so why stay at home more than 45 days?? It doesn't make any sense. Our economy is being destroyed by it, the death toll from famine, violence, suicide and unemployment will be far greater than this virus. Also, now everybody knows they have to social distance, wash their hands regularly and wear masks, so the number of infections will be much lower once we reopened our economy. People are getting nervous already about staying at home and not being able to work, the consequences will be devastating If we don't open soon. Please OPEN our beautiful Sunny State !!!
Escambia	Recreation	It would be helpful for moral and mental health to open the state parks and the beaches to locals. I would not open up travel yet. The YMCA and other places can have a half compacity. Thank you!
Highlands	General	I understand people need to go back to work, but safety is more important. I have a daughter who has chronic asthma. I have an aunt who is elderly, has poor health and has to do kidney dialysis 3 times per week. For me personally, it makes sense to delay the opening of Florida until it can be done slowly and safely. The economy cannot be fixed If we are too sick to go out, or dead, because we opened everything back up too fast and carelessly. Thank you.
Lee	General	Open Florida up for business! We all take risks everyday when we get on the road, but we don't shut down because of auto accident fatalities. Not to mention the fact you have people who have been out of work for well over a month and just recently been able to apply much less get approved or receive benefits from unemployment.
Lee	Recreation	As Full time resident of Florida, I appreciate the opportunity to share my thoughts and concerns. OPEN the state to residents only, IMMEDIATELY Must be 21 yrs of age and/or in the servicel. ID required at airlines, hotels, restaurants, bars, etc. until July 1st. We need tourism dollars and out of state families can visit July 1st. OUT OF STATE RELATIVES can visit immediate family members if with parents/ guardians if under the age of 21 OPEN FL to residents only IMMEDIATELY

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Hillsborough	Government	Please please reopen the state of Florida to its residents. We want to support all the local businesses who are losing so much right now. Millions of hardworking Floridans are losing everything they have worked so hard for. The number of deaths from this virus don't justify making so many people suffer. It is time to think of the residents who support this State and it's ability to recover from this disaster. Thanks to the media people are terrified and not seeking medical care for other truly serious health issues. If people are afraid of catching the virus let them stay home. For the rest of us let us try to get our lives back. Shutting the state down has traded lives not saved lives. I hope you are taking into consideration the increase in suicides, domestic violence, child abuse and undiagnosed medical conditions into the covid numbers. I know all of you continue to get a paycheck so this is more of an inconvenience for you but for so many this is devastating. I wonder how quickly you would reopen the State if we took away your paychecks, health insurance, money for food and rent/mortgage?. Unemployment is a joke and millions are unable to get it. I am not willing to sacrifice anymore of my life so a small population don't get sick. Time to reopen Florida and give us back our Freedom and ability to provide for ourselves and our families. Thank you
Volusia	Education	The stay at home order hasn't been strictly enforced. This allows those of us who believe in the positive impact of social distancing because it empowers employers and employees to make remote work a reality. At the same time, people who are not on board for changing up their lifestyles for the greater good, have continued to life live as they normally would. Keeping a stay at home order in place for at least another month allows us to maintain a balance.
Escambia	Recreation	I think we should have at least one consecutive week with no new cases amd deaths. Most people don't realize how serious this virus is and won't abide by the rules and be safe.
Manatee	General	Please protect Floridians by extending the stay at home order. It is still very difficult in my county to be tested and our numbers the last week are rising a lot faster than in the beginning. The financial cost is detrimental to us right now but it is TEMPORARY. Our economy will bounce back if we keep mitigating the spread. The more people we lose and the more out of control the situation gets, the bigger the hit to our tourism which is what my family lives off of. There isn't enough PPE still in our hospitals, especially our kids hospitals like All Children's, where they couldn't even give my child a mask for her infusion this month. She is severe immune compromised and a lot of kids there are even worse off than she is. Please protect Floridians.

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Escambia	General	Reopening businesses 1. I think if we are logical we can get out of this. 2. I think watch the number of new cases (by state, county, city) and as long as the number of new cases continue to go down that is good. Any thing that causes an increase needs to be investigated and corrected. A good indicator might be number of cases and dropping in half every 7 days. 14 days is too long. Number of deaths is too delayed, can be up to 3 to 21 days after a new case is identified. 3. Need it drive the options and monitoring down to state, and local gov. There hot spots that need to be controlled. But there are large sections of the country with minimal number of cases. Examples NYC vs Adirondack Mts, Chicago vs southern point of ILL., and Atlanta vs SW corner of GA. 4. Need for PPE should be clarified, may be different for different situation. Example facemasks. That story kept changing. 5. Testing and test kits is another questionable topic. That needs to be clarified why, where and when. Testing everyone everyday does not make any sense. 6. This should be done incrementally like in steps, but can be done logically. 7. There needs to be a criteria in place that if there is an increase in cases that location and biz sector needs to stop and go back a few steps. 8. I think biz sectors can come up with recommendations that can be utilized, such as restaurants. And the state agency that regulates / represents that sector. It does not have to be over regulated. Suggestions, recommendations, best practices, processes and procedures. It will be a team effort, and team needs to understand
Broward	General	I would start with restaurants as they are in the biggest trouble. They can have half the number of tables they usually do, have disposable menus and take temperatures upon arrival. In two weeks you can assess how many extra deaths. If the number is low maybe adds more tables
Orange	Government	Please reopen our state! This video says it all. 2 doctors with 40 years combined immunology experience, with data they've pulled as of Tuesday: https://www.facebook.com/KGET17News/videos/537566680274166/
Hillsborough	General	I think they should wait longer

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Pinellas	General	Hi, I'm a business owner in Florida. We have an apartment rental, an art studio and bar. We suspended rent from our tenants when they were laid off. We have been unable to start collecting again due to the failure of the unemployment. The bar has been closed since March. And the art studio has been making PPE. for our local nurses for free. Our economic hit is pretty hard. All that been said, PLEASE DO NOT OPEN. Our customers at the bar will expect us to open when the all clear is sounded. We will spend thousands restocking. And will loose that if we open to soon without the proper precautions in place. We don't want to stock up, put our employees at risk and reopen only to be shut down two weeks later as the cases spike again. We can't find the hand sanitizer and cleaning products to keep the bar clean enough. We haven't had time to put in hepa filters in the ac which we plan to. We haven't gotten recommendations to change those establishments to make them safer. We aren't ready. We need recommendations. We need a careful approach that won't cause stock loss. We need ways to keep our employees safe.
Osceola	Retail	do it by county
Leon	Food	Please don't reopen. We need to close more down. There are people at my job who also are part time at the hospital as nurses or assistants. I don't want to catch this while making fast food. Not worth it.
Polk	General	Cases are still rising daily, I don't think it's the right time to reopen.
Duval	Accommodation	Good Afternoon. I am concerned about the Re- Opening of Florida. Especially about the tourism. I am a housekeeper at a Big hotel in Northeast Florida that accommodate's over 700 rooms. I am also a caregiver that cares for a high- risk disable person. So my concern is about reopening big hotels. What would be the safety protocols recommended by the Task Force for tourist and hotel workers? Thank you.
Hillsborough	Construction	As long as social distancing is followed. All businesses should reopen. Construction industry needs workers, let's promote construction opportunities.
Orange	Tourism	DO NOT REOPEN FL. TOO MANY SICK PEOPLE WILL JUST REINFECT ANYONE ELSE. THIS IS STUPID. LISTEN TO HEALTH PROFESSIONALS THIS IS THEIR JOB. ANGRY STUPID AMERICANS SHOULDNT BE A REASON FOR MORE PEOPLE TO GET SICK AND DIE FROM COVID.
Brevard	General	Yes, please open Florida back up.
Palm Beach	General	Don't even think about it until declared safe

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Osceola	Tourism	Make major parks make it a requirement for masks for all cast members, team members, and employees. Doesn't matter what they want their image wants to be. Masks must be a requirement until a cure is found. Rick Scott and DeSantis already screwed us all over royally with the butt of the USA joke of how horrible our unemployment is going with no fixes or speeding happening by any means. So don't screw us over by opening up without strict guidelines and no grey areas. The companies can either be on bird 100% or just remain closed. With the amount of tourist I see during the day I would feel safer with a mask and sanitation stations up everywhere. Don't open us up until a real iron clad game plan is in place. Do not let the big companies say want to protect an image. Again, either follow guidelines with no exceptions or let the business remain closed.
Broward	Recreation	Beaches: Beaches should remained closed, however, I think that the water(ocean) should remain open. Sports such as swimming, surfing, and fishing should all be allowed as they all acknowledge social distancing. If the sand area on beaches are reopened there is going to be a huge number of people rushing to the beaches from nearing counties/states. The beach would be a hotspot and just another pool of people leading to the possibility of spreading the virus further. Opening the access to the ocean via the beach would simply allow water sports to resume and allow those who enjoy the water to exercise. It is bizarre to me that are still packs of bikers and walkers on the streets, but people are not allowed to surf or swim in the ocean. I still believe that people should be banned from congregating or relaxing along the beach.
Lee	Professional Services	I do not believe it is safe for hairstylist to go back to work during the current state of covid19 in our county, state, or country. I can not properly socially distance myself from clients or other staff members while in the salon setting. It takes at least 30 minutes to properly sanitize and disinfect our tools to prevent the spread of covid19, and may of us do not have multiple sets of things like shears, blow-dryers, clippers, ect. We also can not properly perform our jobs with gloves on during an entire service that could take any where from one to four hours per client. I am also immunocompromised and it's very hard for me to breath for long periods of time in the limited amount of n95 masks I was provided by my rhumotologist. I don't feel I am safe in a large salon setting, and fear bringing home the virus to my son who i currently have to school virtually as a single mom. Would I like to work, yes as I'm still struggling to receive unemployment from 5 weeks ago. But at this time I do not think it's essential for people to get beauty services done. Thank you.
Miami-Dade	General	We abousloutely should not reopen Florida before it is deemed safe to do so by medical professionals. Yes, the economy is suffering, but it will suffer much more if we allow this virus to spread freely and hospitalize/kill a huge number of people. Please take these step slowly and only take advice from medical and viral professionals. Thank you. P.S. Please consider implementing new laws to prohubit the "wet-markets" here in Florida so we can avoid anything like this again.

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Miami-Dade	General	Please put the advice of healthcare professionals before businesses, politicians, and first amendment idiots.
Seminole	General	Let's reopen our county, state and country. We have suffered enough in so many ways. Let those at high risk and in the more vulnerable populations do what they need to do to be more cautious and perhaps out of the public for their own health and benefit. Let the rest of the population get back to life. Clearly we have flattened the curve, we have decreased the burden that 'may' have been placed on our healthcare system here in Florida. Reopen the state. For those opposed, let them do as they see fit for their own health and well being. The models have been off, we've learned this the hard way. Stop mandating me, personally to be responsible for all of the general public's health! Everyone needs to own their own health and well being.
Lake	Recreation	Open bars , boat ramps, beaches, bowling alleys, skating rinks but with precautions in place.
Miami-Dade	Recreation	DO NOT OPEN !!! HEALTH OVER ECONOMY !!!
Brevard	General	04/25/2020 First, we are not stable or ready enought to open, folks do not social distance in public as needed or take saftey precautions, that fact cant be ignored. *40% of working class America has pre existing conditions and are at higher risk to some degree. * Have medical experts on panel as well as folks that will not be financially motivated. * More restrictions on big box stores, the social distancing is terrifying. * Restrictions on assembly plants like Harris, DSR and Gruman to ensure masks are worn, these folks work very close to each other. * Have saftey teams that rove to stores, assembly plants, beaches, buses, trains homeless areas and offices to teach and monitor saftey percautions. * Have mental health teams ready to respond to mental health crisis, people required to go back to work when they dont feel safe or protected with cause mental health issues. * Target lower funtioning and foreigners with animated educational psa. * Have all food handlers, cooks and servers wear a face fask. Will not go to places that do not. To many times witnessed sneezing and coughing not handle properly in food service. Close all buffets. * Covid 19 is a serious threat but TB, MERSA, Hep C and many other things are a serious risk. We need to change our ways in gerneral. * Make sure all hospitals have proper ppe for any future flair ups and new threats etc, learn from this. No one should die alone with no family or friends because of not enough ppe to spare for loved ones to be with the sick. No medical folks or public saftey should die because not enought ppe or education. We should have learned from anthrax scare, bioterrorism possibility and many other things to be prepaired and responsible. * Teaching folks to be personally responsible is a huge task perhaps consult with a psychologist on how to get people to conform, learn and be responsible. Teaching and requiring

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Broward	Recreation	Tennis: 2 people per court. Glove on non dominant hand for handling balls. For match play each player has their own balls with different numbers. When picking up balls use gloved hand or pick up with racquet to foot and hit over without touching the ball. Wipe down all chairs and benches after play. Discard balls. Change racquet grips. Wash your hands. Sterile gloves can be worn however thin running gloves or golf gloves are way more comfortable. Wash after play is over. I manage a 23 court facility. Each court will have an empty court in between. All coaches will wear gloves while coaching. No players will be allowed to touch the balls. Each player has their own ball hopper or tube for pick up balls. After practice all equipment is wiped down and balls are lysoled. Only 2 people per court. 10 ft distancing at all times. Hope this helps
Columbia	Healthcare	Before we even consider opening the state, we need massive testing. If we open up too soon, we risk causing thousands of Corona Virus deaths. When we have a fully operational testing situation, where every person in the state has easy access to testing, it will be time to discuss how and when to open the state. We are in a war with this virus. You can't fight a war without knowing where and how strong the enemy is. To charge off into battle with blindfolds on would be suicide. Test, evaluate, and then discuss opening.
Osceola	General	I think it is very important to follow the suggestions of Health Officials. Some residents have not received the unemployment money from March and that could help stimulate the economy. It is risky having people go back to work because many of the symptoms are not noticeable immediately. For example, Publix stores are still announcing new Corona cases from their employees. I imagine the numbers are going down for cases in Florida but that is taking into account the fact that we, as a a state, are doing our best to quarantine. Releasing people into the community too soon may spike up the cases again. Not all businesses would not be able to open up immediately again so that means that while some people are making an income again, others will not and the economy will either stay the same or worse.
Lee	General	Wondering if beaches can open safely...and what that looks like.
Polk	General	Open back up. If we are elderly or at high risk we have the intelligence to self isolate. Let the young get back to their lives. How many dead or how many have had the virus will never be known because there are too many fingers in the pot doing the counting and testing.

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Broward	General	There should be a complete mandatory shut down for about 3 weeks. Right now yes, business have closed , essential businesses are open but the virus continues to spread through essential workers and also the people that are not working but are out and about everyday. Nothing is being enforced so really, many lost there jobs and children cut short on education for nothing . I've known and witnessed police pass crowds of people that are not social distancing or wearing mask and do nothing. The only essential businesses that should remain open while doing a 3 week enforced and mandatory shutdown , are hospitals and law enforcement. All other business will be fine. Imagine if things would have been shutdown and enforced a month or two ago to stop the spread.... not only would business be back up and running but also, the virus would be better under control and residents will feel more confident coming out once business are open . Right now, it's too early to reopen with the uncertainties of the virus. Money is the only thing driving people back to want to reopen and it's sad that they have to chose between their safety and well being and money. To me, it's not the virus holding us back from reopening to a new normal, it's the delay in a mandatory 3-4 week enforced shutdown to get the virus under control and get the confidence back in and the fear back out of the residents .
Orange	General	Please make EVERYONE required to wear a mask at all times when in public and at work.
Palm Beach	Recreation	Please listen to scientists, doctors, and epidemiologists. The health and safety of everyone is at risk if we open to soon. There is no evidence that cases are going down and we are clearly NOT out of the woods. Please keep the stay at home orders for at least another 2 weeks. It could mean life or death for thousands.
St. Johns	Retail	Open up Florida business. ASAP. Allow healthy people to make a choice and get pack to life. How are we supposed to take these staycations when everything is closed? A slow methodical opening is just a slow death for our state.
Orange	General	Keep Florida closed another 30 days! Let's see a drop in numbers. Give our hospitals another 30 days to organize and treat patients effectively. Schools are closed, if parents all have to repost to work, then what? Children will be in daycares which is far from social distancing. Let's be smart about this. Give it more time. Keep tourists out. Fix unemployment, get our people paid and let's all sit tight for another 30 days. Thank you.
Bay	Recreation	Hi! Thanks for your work on reopening Florida. I'm from Panama City Beach and think that restaurants need to be open, with capacity limits and distancing guidelines. it should be up to the owners if they want to be open. Small business and family owned places are suffering. Our favorite small restaurants need business, even if it's just from locals. Also, I think locals should be able to be on the beach whenever they'd like. I think beaches should be open, at least to locals, at all times. Thank you!!

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Pinellas	Retail	DO NOT rush to re-open Florida, either non-essential businesses or tourism factors. There are too many unknowns with the virus, and we aren't any closer to a vaccine or understanding of the virus itself. My fiance and I are business owners in St. Petersburg, we are in our mid 30's and expecting a child in October. We have saved money by living frugally so that we could endure a situation like this, and it is unfortunate that others have not done the same, but I would rather be poor and alive than rich and dead. The economy will recover, just as it did after 2008, and it is the federal government's job to help with that.
Broward	General	Educate People to defeat Corona by providing guidelines. Slowly open up business where people can maintain social distancing. For household where everyone in the household is below 45 they can be relaxed to work. Make cloth masks or social distancing as mandatory for another couple of months. Schools should be opened last. Children above age 10 can stay home with camera monitoring. Publish new cases by Zipcode every day, last 5 days, last 10 days. If there are no new cases in a zip code for last 5 days you can relax business with caution. Make public workers (Teachers, police , fireman , doctors) as team to figure out why cases are not improving on certain zip codes. Thank you and we all should do our best to to defeat corona in our state.
Hillsborough	General	We must adjust and prudently start opening our economy - When the news first broke about COVID-19, we were hearing estimates of a death toll of 2 million-plus for the United States...fear of waves of casualties, and of hospitals without space and equipment to deal with patients. Under these emergency circumstances, many were open to compromising their freedom and agreeing to lockdown policies. But the picture has changed dramatically. By the end of March, Dr. Anthony Fauci was estimating 100,000 to 200,000 deaths, and less than two weeks ago, he revised this to 60,000. At this writing, (April 23) the number of deaths from COVID-19 in the U.S. is 42,425....This is just a little higher than the number of deaths in the U.S. each year from auto accidents. Hillsborough: 977 Hillsborough cases (4/20/20) 19 deaths (I believe 2 more have passed since then) 12 total cases in my zip code 33594 We peaked on April 3rd. Curve is flattened in Hillsborough. Businesses are distressed, many NEVER will recover! People are begging to worship in church together again. We need to open Hillsborough for business & worship! I am against facemasks... social distancing is enough as we resume. Let’s go back to work NOW. Thank you for requesting my feedback. I appreciate you listening to my opinion.

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Palm Beach	Recreation	To Whom It May Concern I think beaches should reopen but under certain conditions like reinforcing social distancing with others, wearing a mask if you are walking too close to people, and and having police do round checks. As for the other facilities and businesses, I think it is too early to make a decision. The uncertainty around the validity of the anti-body tests put us at risk of getting a second wave. Personally I would still not use spas, salons, gyms, and restaurants except for takes out. I would still use social distancing, wearing mask, washing hands frequently, and I would like our state to reinforce the police force so that we feel better protected from thieves and scams during this unprecedented time. Thanks for your time. Nathalie Vilvandre Ramirez
St. Johns	Healthcare	We need the FDA to declare dental workers as essential so that they may be able to get the PPE need to work. We are currently unable to purchase level 3 masks let alone the KN95 masks.
Miami-Dade	Food	Reopen Florida, the sick have already been quarantined and the healthy have been quarantined long enough with no exposure
Pinellas	Food	We own a 300 Seat Restaurant with 100 employees in St. Petersburg. Although we have received funds for the PPP, we are ready to open! We are grateful for this funding and will use it for Payroll for the required 8 weeks, which we need because we have no cash flow right now and it will take a long time to catch up. It's time to open. Start at 50% Capacity for 2 weeks then open as normal after that. We feel that if people are not comfortable going out, they won't anyways. Everyone needs to be cautious, wash hands, don't touch your face, etc. Let's just get this State open PLEASE!!!!!!! On another note, there are employees who already don't think they have to work because of the 8 week payment of the PPP and those that are receiving unemployment. They will learn soon enough that we won't allow them to "Milk it" with our establishment. Such a shame that others will take advantage of the system for as long as they can.
Leon	General	Test
Pinellas	Tourism	Thank you governor for what you have been doing during this time. I would like to know when we open back up what will hotels have to go through to protect their employees and guests? It’s hard to social distance when you have to send housekeepers in rooms to service them, have max occupants in the building and at the pool area. I think we should reopen like you said the right way and safely. Will other states be allowed to immediately start booking rooms? Out of country guests? As treasure island is a very popular family spot and we get people from all over the world. Thank you for your time.

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Polk	Food	Restaurant Re-opening - To maximize restaurant capacity & provide adequate social distancing - allow restaurants to move tables & chairs into parking lots (where possible). Section off parking areas with barricades & create more outdoor dining spaces. Set up temporary tents or covers from the sun. Set up outdoor bars/beverage stations. Make it a party like atmosphere with tables spaced out. This will allow restaurants to accomodate more diners/customers and get back to more regular crowds. Gov. Desantis can authorize waivers of city/county ordinances prohibiting outdoor operations (where required) on a temporary basis so our restaurants can resume more normal operations & employment. It also gets Floridians out in the sun where the virus does dissipate quicker.
Okaloosa	Administrative	We are 78 and will continue to stay home so the younger folks can return to work before we enter another Depression. Open up everything including the schools and Churches. Gov. Stay safe and keep up the good work. God bless.
Lee	Professional Services	I work as a receptionist at a hair salon, and I personally do not think it's safe to "reopen" Florida just cause of the economy. We have to think about the people first, without the people there's no money, no economy. I think it's selfish that the state wants to be reopened already when they just closed it up. There's no care for people, for lives, everything is about money. I personally vote to keep the state closed at least until June, so we can ACTUALLY help with flattening the curve, since he took so long to close the state.
Lee	General	Please take time to open up anything non-essential. Let's err on the side of caution. It is my concern that upon opening the state non-essential businesses etc... We are, in fact, opening ourselves up to a second wave of Covid-19 before we have the first fully under control.
Hillsborough	Professional Services	I would love to see all businesses reopen. In my opinion, if people are sick or scared, then they have every right to stay home, wear a mask, or whatever they feel is best. Everyone else should be able to go back to work, go to the beach, etc. Thank you for listening and for all you do for us!

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Lee	General	I think we need to wait a bit more before we open. Its just not safe. I myself am laid off. Had to apply for unemployment for the first time in my life. Was a long frustrating process, but, I was persistent and got mine taken care of.. Life is full of trials & tribulations. I will survive. We were not ready for this. We are all learning what to do. People are pointing fingers at the politicians, but, Im sure they couldn't do a better job. People will complain no matter what you do.. I think opening up parks was a good move. People need to get out. Plus no one said they cant go for a walk in your neighborhood. You can go for a drive. We are not on total lockdown. Opening beaches is going to be tough cause so many people will not practice social distancing. Most just want to 🎉 party. More people care about bars then they do their fellow neighbors health. I understand people need to work.. Save your money for things you need also. ie: stimulus..See people buying crap everyday. Not essential goods. You all are doing your best. Your not going to be able to make everyone happy. My thoughts.. Be safe & bless you all, America & the world.....
Okaloosa	Tourism	Please reopen Northwest Florida to tourism! Destin is a vibrant tourism-driven community. 90% of our income comes in during our season (May-Sept). If we can't reopen in time to make money for the season, our businesses won't survive the winter! We have not seen the effects from COVID19 like South Florida has and have PLENTY of capacity to handle new cases as they come in to local hospitals. Remember, THIS WAS THE GOAL! We have flattened the curve. We need to open our businesses!
Lee	Construction	I don't think we should reopen our state due to the greatest possibilities we still have of contagious. We do not need to kill more people, we should wait a few more weeks to see how it goes with virus transmission before reopening Florida
Seminole	Finance	Dr. Gabriel Leung is an infectious disease epidemiologist and the dean of medicine at The University of Hong Kong. He said that for every death you see from Covid-19, you should be seeing from 80-100 cases. Sounds scary, right? However, keep in mind, that would bring the death rate down to 0.8% - 1.0% worldwide. He also said that UP TO 60% of the world's population would catch this virus. Also sounds quite scary, yes? But that actually brings the average death rate down to 0.6% at the most, worldwide average. That's a lot of people. It's horrible. Obviously, some areas of the world would be higher & some would be lower. There's no way to test the entire planet, or even an entire country. We can only work with averages here, which I believe Dr. Leung is quite clear on. There's no cure or vaccine for any of the other coronaviruses in circulation. Vaccines take years, sometimes decades. I don't want anything to happen to anyone I love. I don't want anyone to die. But my question is this: How can we justify destroying the world's economy for 0.6% of the world's population? NOT to save them, but only to delay their death? What about the 99.4% that are left behind? Left to what? Poverty? Social unrest? Record crime rates? How are we saving lives?

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Pinellas	Education	Hello Task Committee: Thank you for your hard work. Let me jump right in with a few suggestions. Education - This is tough. Not an expert to what the data supports but will/should we limit classes to 10? If so, staffing will be an issue. What type of capacity will schools have? 6 feet isn't practical even now for daycare/preschools. For those that are EPI EDU students now, maybe waive some of the requirements and grant a 1 year temporary/and or the 10 week free internship? Perhaps have hybrid approach to the 2020-2021 school year out of an abundance of caution. Meaning, have the children go to their school partial week/or every other week during the week and continue remote learning in case of second wave/ until vaccine. Creates more jobs for displaced, educated workers. Mental Health/Loneliness of those over 65 but Independently living in Own Home - How can we protect those we love the most but not see our own parents until a vaccine is reached? I think we need additional clarity and messages specifically to the 65+ that are not in nursing homes but also not seeing their grandchildren. We need more guidance here. What recommendations here to our community? I think this is important particularly we have a lot of active seniors in Tampa Bay. During Early Restaurant Reopening Stage - Require reservations, "no camping" allow staggering of reservations with time in between to clean tables. Expand patio/outdoor space where applicable. Plan on increase take out during next few months and continue to allow alcohol take out to keep more FL bars and grills going if beneficial. Enforcement of Social Distancing Farms/Small Markets - Personally, I tried to go blueberry picking in Pasco or Hernando County last week. Small to large family owned farms have no process for checkout. Instead of paying and getting a bucket in the parking lot to monitor capacity they still operate with no spacing and long lines at checkout. I know their are a lot of rural farmers that are awesome, but I do think they need help and should be required to
Lee	General	I am a FL. native as is my family of many generations. The re-opening of FL. is necessary for economic stability for both the state & our families. However, opening to soon will only cause this virus to spread even further within our communities. Most of us have done as the Governor has asked & stayed home to do our part. Please do NOT rush the re-opening of FL. From the graphs I have seen by late May/early June looks like a promising time to begin the re-opening in stages. Take small steps forward and proceed with the highest of caution!!! Our LIVES depend on a cautious plan. Please keep in mind many disabled, seniors & special needs children/adults can NOT wear mask in public. We need realistic shopping hours to get essentials and that is not from 7 or 8 a.m. & for 1 hour only. Our population moves later due to med schedules, lack of help, lack of transportation etc. Please consider this!!!

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Volusia	General	First, thank you to the governor for not sending the kids back to school for the remainder of school year. Smartest thing he ever did! Please do not seriously consider opening things up on a large scale until at least June. When you do, please do not push for tourism from outside the state. People can stay in their own states. I am a waitress on Daytona Beach, so I understand first hand how important tourism is. Summer time I make multiple hundreds of dollars in a shift, come off season, IAM lucky to make $50. MONEY IS NOT THE MOST IMPORTANT THING! The economy will get back to normal.when we get back to normal. The health of the people is the supreme rule! KEEP US SAFE! KEEP THINGS CLOSED!
Lake	General	Please open up here in Lake County at least.
Miami-Dade	Recreation	Deeply would like the government making sure that all essential have a plan, not just open and create a bigger issue with the COVID 19. Second of all not open beaches and marina for at lease 3 months. Being no one won't have control over them
Hillsborough	Recreation	Please open the playgrounds! With school closures, our kids still have the need to be physically active outside the confines of a home, and many kids don't have a yard or large home!
Brevard	General	I think the state should not considering any reopening until at least the Florida cases go down and stay down for 3 weeks. I think tourism activities should stay closed longer so people from other states don't come here and bring more cases.
Hillsborough	General	Open Florida back up before it's too late to recover from this madness
Palm Beach	General	OPEN THE STATE NNNOOOOWWWW!!!!! What's going on is absolutely ridiculous. The entire economy is being destroyed, when most people get well after having the coronavirus. This is absolutely insane. I have also heard scientists say it is better to be outside than inside, so to close the state parks, and the county parks, and the beaches was a huge mistake. This needs to end now and we need to get on with our lives! I know one person who died from the coronavirus and he was in his late 60s and he was a chain smoker. You cannot shut down the entire state hurting all of the residents based on a few people dying. People die all the time and we don't shut down the state or the entire country. Please end the shutdown immediately!
Palm Beach	General	I would love to see beaches, parks, (not playgrounds) and other things open with the conditions of social distancing of 10 feet, masks in any indoor area for all parties. Do it on a per county basis, based upon mandatory requirements of declining cases and deaths. Open it slowly, keep restrictions on the Assisted living and Homes for elderly to protect the vulnerable. Let people determine if they want to go to businesses or not based upon them following rules and being comfortable in those environments.
Miami-Dade	Healthcare	Please. Do not let out seniors 65 years or older until there is a known cure or a vaccine for Corona Virus.
Polk	General	Don't return to normal until the Virus is under better control.

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Palm Beach	General	Open all public parks and beaches (even before quarantine they were never full to where social distance can't easily be kelps). Open restaurants with glass separating tables and extra cleaning between customers. Beauty shops and hair cuts to take customers temperature before entering. Theme parks to open but limit entry to allow social distance and hand sanitizers available. Boating, fishing, golfing open immediately. Open malls and stores encouraging social distance, hand sanitizers and masks if social distance can't be kept. Open all urgent clinics and evaluation to be done outside to allow entry. All urgent clinics to do testing for the virus. Free testing to all.
Pasco	General	Govenor Desantis, Please open business back up! We desperately need to get our state back to work! Protect the elderly and vulnerable by asking them to stay home, but let everyone else get back to work and our lives! Let business open up and if some wish to not go out then that is their choice....but please LET THE PEOPLE DECIDE. Thank you for your service to our state and this country.
Walton	General	Thank you for keeping our state free of draconian lockdowns! Thank you for including citizen input and for keeping your decisions based on facts and not fear. Our county has only 35 confirmed cases of covid and no deaths. I think our county should open back up completely. Those that don't feel comfortable going out can stay in. Those that do should have the right to go out into an open local economy. Luckily we still have our income, but for how much longer if this keeps up? We cannot shut down our economy every time a virus comes about. Sweden did not shut down and their numbers are stabilizing. If everyone in our state was tested the number of positive cases would sky rocket, but the death rate would fall. We need to quell the fear with facts and protect the elderly and immune compromised. The rest of the population should go back to "normal". Thank you!
Walton	Tourism	Please open Florida. 100% of my income is based on short term rentals. Not because I own rentals but because I'm a housekeeper. Unemployment is not an option. Me and my 2 other partners with our husbands have taken whatever cleans we can to keep our business alive. We take care of over 100 homes on 30A. That means we have 54 other cleaners sitting at home un able to work. We have a office which comes with a monthly rent we also pay for laundering services which that business is waiting in anticipation for our call. We built this business to change lives not under pay or under appreciate our cleaning family. Over the last 4 years we have seen families buy cars and homes,stay home with kids ect. This is our life. The best thing about being an American is the freedom to take risk and create our own wealth. Please open Florida so we can get back to making America Great Sincerely Brandy Stone proud Republican
Seminole	General	I Believe We all want to open the state Sooner then Later , But I do think we need to do so when we have a better understanding of the virus . We need to make sure there are test available for everyone including antibody test. What we will do if there's Another flare up .There needs to be ppe available for all Businesses prior to opening up and proper training for what your individual business will look like to keep employees and customers safe.

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Sarasota	General	Retail establishments and restaurants should be allowed to reopen. They should be required to observe social distancing guidelines. Citizen should be allowed to make their own choices as to whether or not to patronize these establishments once opened. Each of us should have the right to assess the risk for ourselves. It is clear now that medical facilities will not be overrun. The damage to Florida's economy by continuing shut down will be more devastating than whatever increase in infections may result.
Collier	General	The numbers don't match the reaction and y'all can't pay people unemployment benefits, so REOPEN.
Sarasota	General	Take a look at other countries that opened back up to soon. Do u want to have to do this all over again? I can't believe we are even talking about this!! For get Trump and Listen to the doctors. I don't want to have to say I told u so.
Miami-Dade	Recreation	Please force Miami Dade to reopen parks and beaches asap. I live in a small apartment in little Havana. We have no access to green space. There is no legal way to access the water in Miami Dade to fish because it's all in parks. This is having an extreme negative impact on my physical and mental health. We can safely social distance at the beach we aren't children. Reopen parks and beaches in Miami Dade
Duval	Healthcare	Elective surgeries need to available immediately, There are many many outpatient surgery centers that we could be using that aren't even attached to a hospital or their beds and supplies, they are separate and have their own equipment. I personally was scheduled for a major shoulder surgery on 3/27 which was canx 4 days before after waiting a month already at that point. I have 2 herniated discs and a bulged disc in my neck and a pinched nerve. My neck surgeon told me to not let anyone touch my neck and I would start physical surgery for my neck with I started for my shoulder. I need 3 tendons/muscles reattached in my should, called anchoring, I have a cyst and the sac around my joint has spread out all the way across the back on my shoulder to my neck. As you can imagine I am in EXTREME ACUTE pan ALL the time. This will take 4-6 mos to heal enough to have neck surgery. I am reschduled now for may 20th. If elective surgeries were to reopen asap I am on a waiting list for my surgery and could possibly have it done already next week Also I would like to add my sergeon and much of his staff are basically laid off due to this. They get 97% income through elective surgeries.
Collier	Finance	FIX THE UNEMPLOYMENT !! It has been all over the news that Florida website was set up to fail so people give up. I think in such a big state with the tourism tax you take in that you would not want to take care of you citizens who work so hard to make that possible. We are the talk in the news as the worst unemployment system. These are you voters that voted for you. Take care of them they make this state run . It breaks my heart for these people they can not feed there family's and have to go in lines and beg for food. Thank You

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Brevard	General	Open salons and restaurants with social distancing requirement Resume non urgent surgical and diagnostic care at hospitals Education resume in September Concerts and sports hold till Julyand re-evaluate at that time Open retail stores with limiting how many can be inside at a time
Pinellas	Recreation	Please open the gyms. It is essential for health and well being. With distancing is fine but even for mental health it is necessary. I'm an essential worker and I feel that it is something that would make my days and weeks easier. If they aren't open to the public, maybe make them open to just essential workers
Brevard	Recreation	Please consider allowing swimming pools for lap swimming to open as part of the first round of low risk recreation activities. I am sure you are aware, the CDC has stated since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic that the virus cannot be transmitted through the water as long as pools are properly maintained. Swimming is one sport that cannot be duplicated or practiced outside of the pool as many other sports are able to practice in some capacity. The thousands of swimmers in Florida have been out of the pool for 6 weeks and for a swimmer it is incredibly difficult for them to return to competitive swimming shape (highly competitive or college swimmers typically take off 3 weeks per year). It would be very feasible for swimmers to change at home before/after they get to and from the pool, not shower or congregate inside locker rooms and only use restrooms for bathroom usage. In addition, social distancing is possible on the pool deck and in the pool since the swimmers are separated by lanes. Please allow these young athletes to get back to pursing their goals and dreams all the while following the safety guidelines. Thank you!!! Tara DeBoer mother of UF swimmer and a competitive high school swimmer
Brevard	General	OPEN THE DAMN STATE!! YOU WANT TO STAY HOME AND HIDE YOU HAVE EVERY RIGHT!! I HAVE EVERY RIGHT TO RETURN TO NORMAL LIFE!!
Broward	General	I would feel safer having the state re-open when there is a consistent downward trend in new infections for more than 2 weeks, as well as when health officials advise it is safe to re-open .

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Orange	Management	Please read. Very important. Reopening or compromising the stay at home ruling, anytime in the near future, would be a deadly mistake . This is not a time to put this question in the hands of 'business leaders' or citizens that are not qualified to make decisions on a national health crisis. It doesn't matter how many people have or have had COVID-19. The most important indicator is the death rate. Until the death rate starts to diminish dramatically from day to day, the virus will continue to spread at exponential rates. It defies logic: we went into the lockdown when we had very few cases and now we're thinking about easing up when there are more cases than we've ever had? That's simply insane. It's not a time to make decisions based on economics or hunches. Even implying easing up on the restrictions is causing people to let their guard down. Very dangerous.
Palm Beach	Recreation	Dear Governor, I am an EMS Tech here at the Dept. of Veteran's Affairs hospital in West Palm Beach. I work in the ER, the ICU unit, and everywhere else in this hospital that I get sent to on a daily basis. I have been actively working in all of our "Hot" zones since the beginning of this pandemic. But the thing that I'm requesting the most is for the beaches to be opened back up. (I'm also a local surfer.) In order for me to continue to stay healthy, both physically and mentally, I need to be able to paddle out into the water. Being out there, in the salt water and sunshine, s the best place to be able to get over any type of infection should I happen to acquire it. If the beaches themselves won't be allowed to open, please at least let us surf. Most of us that paddle out don't want to be bothered by anyone else to begin with, and those of us that surf usually stay at least 6 ft away from others so that we don't run into each other. Please, please, please allow us to get back into the water. Thank you. Sincerely, Peter T. Floyd, EMS Tech at VAMC WPB
Marion	Retail	The numbers are still rising in the area. Don't feel safe going back to work til numbers stop rising.

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Broward	General	To re open economy... suggest as follows: Please stop listening to or following any & all ideas out of DC. You can do it! Be your own man! To win battle needed are: 1. Healthy, well remunerated & equipped soldiers (dr's, nurses etc). 2. Segregate known patients in specific designated buildings. Severe, acute, manageable etc. (Hotels can be quickly adapted). 3. Start testing all, repeat ALL residents, legal or otherwise, and sorting by results. 4. Establish a street/avenue/parking area cleansing. 5. Borders have to be fully controlled, entry & exit with regards to testing. 6. Attack counties by segments, clean, test, examine, sort in small areas. Open that well controlled area 1st, then immediately onbto the next. 7. The press and protesters will haunt you. But place the plan before all to see & comment. If anyone can do better. Say it & place $ where mouth is. Dont play any more politics. Ignore trump completely. He just wants his followers to beg, kiss his feet then maybe he will authorize financial help., If you Sir, can get this started within the next 20 days, re election guaranteed, perhaps you are the man needed in DC. Trust nothing herein in interpreted to be offensive or distespectful. But I am not a politician nor am I politicalky correct.
Dixie	Healthcare	I live in the Suwannee community that many come on the weekend and holidays from all over. And even after you placed the stay at home order, our town on the weekends became inundated with people from CO, NC, GA, and people from all over Fl. Our one main road (sr349) became a drag strip for golf carts, 4 wheelers, side by sides. We were calling the police regularly. And what is difficult for us is that it can take the police up to 30 to 40 minutes to get here due to our location. We have a specific individual that flies in from New York City to one of the airports and drives to Suwannee regularly, and many from other states and all over Florida. Our town has a regular population of roughly 330 people that live here year round and on these weekends and holidays the population can swell to quadruple or more. My concern would be once you open Florida our town would be flooded with travelers and we would be open to becoming a possible hot spot. We have already had several cases where people have been here and visited and went home and got sick and tested positive for. Ovid-19 in their counties of Alachua and Columbia and one even went home to Canada after visiting her sister here in Suwannee and tested positive for covid-19. I understand the need to reopen Florida however i am extremely concered for our town due to its unusual cirumstances. Would the travel band from New York and other states remain in place? What restrictions would remain in place to protect us? We are not alone with this worry. There is also Steinahatchee, Horseshoe, Old Town, Jena, Shired Island and many more. We are not like other towns and cities in Florida. Maybe there may need to be some different restrictions applied to our are to keep us safe. So when you begin to look at reopening the Gulf side please take some time to really look at our towns. Come talk with those of us who live here year round, ask us what ideas we might have to protect us. We may surprise you.

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Orange	General	It is time to reopen FL. This gives everyone the opportunity to stay home or to begin to return to the new normal. Please!
Miami-Dade	General	I am in favor of reopening Florida as quickly as possible, while taking necessary precautions to minimize the impact to those most vulnerable. Since I read several days ago that an indigenous teenager from the (remote) Amazon region of Brazil had died of the virus, I've reasoned that this virus cannot be contained and only mitigated. The extended period of time required to have the virus gradually make its way through the population under lock-down conditions will have long lasting consequences. I do not believe it is realistic to wait until there are zero communicable carriers or a vaccine to be widely available to restore normalcy, especially considering the distinct possibility that we will not bounce right back from lock-down but instead gradually return to the new normal. Thank you.
Pinellas	Food	We own a 300 Seat Restaurant with 100 employees. Although we have received funds for the PPP, we are ready to open! We are grateful for this funding and will use it for Payroll for the required 8 weeks, which we need because we have no cash flow right now and it will take a long time to catch up. It's time to open. Start at 50% Capacity for 2 weeks then open as normal after that. We feel that if people are not comfortable going out, they won't anyways. Everyone needs to be cautious, wash hands, don't touch your face, etc. Let's just get this State open PLEASE!!!!!!! On another note, there are employees who already don't think they have to work because of the 8 week payment of the PPP and those that are receiving unemployment. They will learn soon enough that we won't allow them to "Milk it" with our establishment. Such a shame that others will take advantage of the system for as long as they can.

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Polk	Healthcare	Public needs positive education reinforced regarding the number of people who have successfully recovered from COVID19. Stop the hysteria regarding PPE in public (so many people don't use it correctly to begin with). Allow voluntary antibody testing for anyone who wants it. Open all outdoor public areas and all businesses. Implement smart cleaning practices. Encourage businesses who can work remotely to continue to do so. Allow all healthcare practices to resume services. Reopen theme parks with mandatory clean practices and crowd minimization. Federal and State response has been phenomenal with ongoing identification of areas of improvement and correrction. One suggestion in the future, do not reallocate all PPE from suppliers. Suppliers need to continue to supply current clients 100% instead of rationing or reducing percentage. Keep in mind that typical PPE order during non pandemic times is much lower then use during pandemic. Suppliers basing order coverage by using ordering history is not accurate nor reasonable. Home health and Hospice providers were given minimal PPE from EOC despite numerous requests. Had to become own supply management entity and search for resources.
Palm Beach	Technology	ever since I was a kid, there have been viruses. The worst I experienced was AIDS in the 80s, At that time it was worse, because there was no cure, no procedure, little information, however we did not shut down anything, not even gyms. According to data, this one has a very low mortality rate. . Governor, please reopen our State, there will always be a virus around. Just recommend guidelines, and I promise we will follow them.
St. Johns Osceola	General Professional Services	REOPEN THE STATE! I am a permanent make up artist. We have been using all masks gloves products our entire careers. I own a spa and I will get this up and running as soon as possible. I am working with the health department Carlos. Please let us go back to work we need to feed our families we are a week away from bankruptcy. I have two nail technicians in a hairdresser who are also starving we cannot get unemployment since we are independent contractors and the big companies are getting the money. This is up scene and pathetic and we need to open our offices.
Orange	General	I think that it’s Crucial to open small businesses but making sure that there is a plan in place to help prevent the spread or another outbreak. Practicing social distancing as well as having mandatory measures in place for those small businesses that hold more than 10 people at a time. As well as educating people with practicing good hygiene (washing hands, covering month when sneezing, etc). Becoming a new “normal”.
Broward	General	Do not open Florida until scientists agree it’s ok. Provide money to people and individuals.

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Broward	Recreation	It is important for gyms to reopen even if it's not the normal we used to have. The people have a right to determine if it is safe for them to participate and gym owners have the right to be open or implement new safety policies as they see fit for their employees and clients. This is not the governments job. If people do not want to follow the gym's new policies they can choose a new place to workout or workout on their own.
Flagler	General	What a wonderful way to get a voice heard. Thank you. I don't envy the decisions that must be made - economy versus well being. I would like to go on record that I prefer the "stay at home' mandate to continue. As soon as we open up, even on the smallest scale, people will take advantage - it's human nature. I'm going as stir crazy as the next person - perhaps even more as I am a widow and going through this alone. But, it must be done. So, I plead with you, do not 'open' Florida any too soon. Instead concentrate on getting the unemployment worked out. I wish all of you good health and patience. Dor Wachsmuth
Lake	General	Open up. If people don't want to venture out, they don't have to - but it's not fair to the people who want the economy open.
Pinellas	Real Estate	LowIncome people are being hurt disproportionally by the pandemic and disproportionate health disparities in those communities. They need mask and other equipment in the communities in the hands of regular Community Member to prevent more widespread viruses and other health complications due to poverty these people are lacking the necessary materials that's needed to properly prevent the pandemic.
Polk	General	I believe the decision should be based on what is safe and smart and will keep us from having a huge reoccurrence. While what we knew as normal can't return in the near future. I think the state as a whole would completely be more likely to be agreeable if all the people who filed for unemployment got their money. If they weren't feeling strapped they'd be more likely to follow guidelines and do the right thing other than demand the state reopen. Face masks need to be MANDATORY if you are in any public place. I think there are businesses that are considered non essential that are somewhat essential such as hair salons,. While going shopping is not a necessity but in a time that people are feeling down they need to be able to make themselves feel good with a fresh haircut or a manicure,. Of course there has to be restrictions and guidelines. Hair salons should only have one client at a time and both the stylist and the client must wear ppe. Nail salons can have plexiglas barriers between the tech and the client. Restaurants are tricky but surely some reasonable happy medium. Overall for now if companies are moving on with business as normal having employees work from home that should continue for awhile. While we should all be smart enough to have sense to do what is right the whole group that doesn't want to be told what to do can't seem to do what they should either. Lastly it's impossible to make everyone happy but if those not being paid can get some income so many would at least listen.

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Walton	Tourism	Please please open the economy back up! I am reliant on tourists, short term rentals and bars and restaurants OPEN FULLY! I will not survive financially without it. I haven't been able to get unemployment yet or a stimulus check. I haven't made a penny since March 19th and I have NO money left after paying my bills. I have to wait at food banks for food now. Please please open the economy back up! We are desperate to work and make money again
Palm Beach	Recreation	Hello I really am very much for staying healthy trying to be active for my health and swimming which how can we do if not allowed on the beach it's in ur things of what we're allowed to do the beach is my meditation exercise and my calmness since I have a disability like Parkinson's so keeping exercise everyday meditation and calmness are guidelines from my Neuro I would really like to have my hair done since the blow dry once a week which has Been stopped does not make me feel good either because it makes me feel better to look kept also it puts Money in peoples pockets that work for tips u can not allow to not have these which I think are essential as anything else my opinion I don't think the wwe is essential especially not from keeping me from helping me with my disability u need to open the beaches ASAP it's essential for people's well being the restaurants u should open but very strict guidelines if we can be in packed Costco Publix erc then we should be allowed on the beaches certain hours to start off I really get frustrated when all u do us talk about hospital beds and testing why do u do that ur going to continue it anyway just get to the point of opening jobs and beaches it's enough already the people who don't like it ok do let them stay in forever why should we
Pasco	General	Please re-open the state of Florida as quickly as you closed it. I am a small business owner and I've lost more than 50% of my business since this is happened my mother-in-law has a dentist and employees 19 people. None of them have worked in over a month and a half. This is absolutely devastating to the economy over something that amount no more than the flu. Please isolate those that are at risk or allow them to do so themselves but the general public needs to get back at work and get the economy going quickly. Otherwise you were looking at a total economic collapse in the devastation from that would be far more than this virus.

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Lee	General	To whom it may concern, I have lived in Fort Myers, FL since 2010. I absolutely love it here and want to continue to be a successful part of growth for our economy. I am sharing my thoughts, because I have respectfully paused my business during this time. Yet have received zero financial help where I should have. I have had my own suite salon in this area since 2012. I have always paid my taxes and done my due diligence. However, as no one could have expected a pandemic has disrupted our lives and businesses. If I am able to open May 1st, I will have closed my business in respect for 6 weeks. The reason I'm writing is because as I've done my due diligence, I have not received any unemployment, stimulus money, sba loans, or ppp loans. I am very disappointed and discouraged on how we the people are being handled during such a situation. I've respectfully stayed home and social distanced. As a stylist, my clients want me to reopen, they want a sense of normalcy, and being I am in a private suite and can take clients privately in a one on one basis I feel that I'm able to accommodate them in a safe manner. I know my clients and have known them for 5+ years, some 9+ years. My clients feel if they are immune compromised or ill, they would respectfully continue to stay home. However those of us that are well and able would like to get back to work and servicing the community and working towards rebuilding the economy. I will happily wear a mask, my clients have agreed to as well. I personally do not feel that all the excess ppe is necessary and it would inhibit me from properly doing my career. I have always followed proper sanitation guidelines and have increased my cleaning efforts even more so. I look forward to being able to grow in this community and prolonging the date for me to resume business only continues to slow that process. I don't think large gatherings should happen but I will say I've been in Home Depot, grocery stores, and gas stations where there are many people in and out of daily, if those places can be open I feel my one on one space should be open as well. I understand and respect taking precautions in this manner however, I fee that those of us that are able to open should be able to ASAP so our community can start to thrive in a positive manner. I respect everyone's health and am very empathetic towards those that are immune compromised and those who experience loss due to this or any other situation. However we cannot control a virus completely.
Charlotte	Healthcare	I believe that we need to keep the state closed until we see the number of covid-19 cases declining. What was the point of closing in the first place if we open at the peak of infection? I work as a dental hygienist and am concerned for the well being of my patients and myself along with my family. We need to extend the stay at home order until June 1st and re assess from there.

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Lee	General	Slow open by county. Counties with lowest rates and population density opening slowly first. In each county everything slowing opening includes social distancing. Outdoor restaurant seating only at first. Beaches and outdoor recreation opening. Small businesses that don't require close physical contact open, with half capacity or less. Outdoor businesses including charter boat operations. I would be wary of opening anything large inside that hold a lot of people, has a high turnover of lots of people in close proximity. Including hair dressing, nails, gyms, massage therapy and such. Things the Georgia governor took a lot of heat about. I have no idea about public schools. The governor should stress that social distancing is included in all openings My .02
Polk	General	I WANT THE DMV TO BE OPEN BECAUSE I BOUGHT A CAR IN THE LAST THREE MONTHS AND I CANT DRIVE IT BECAUSE THE DMV IS CLOSE RIGHT NOW I BEEN WAITING ON THEM TO RE-OPEN AGAIN. SOMETIME I FEEL LIKE I WASTE MY MONEY ON A CAR THAT I CANT DRIVE IT SUCKS FOR ME BECAUSE I JOYAND HAPPY THAT ACTUALLY BOUGHT ME A CAR .
Palm Beach	General	I understand the concern for social distancing however our mayor, Dave Kerner, for some reason will not open the golf courses. He should realize he sealed his re-election as NOT getting elected. He is or seems to be on a power trip and talks down to people. Why wouldn't Palm Beach County open when Dade and Broward are. Makes no sense whatsoever. Man can you talk to the guy! Or give us a idea what we should be doing. Thanks for your understanding. You're doing an awesome job for sure and congrats on the new addition to your family.
Pinellas	General	I believe "re-opening" Florida would be a bad idea. Yes, it would help citizens that have been without work for a while but the general public doesn't take necessary precautions and I believe it would spike the number of cases for this virus. It's not worth it.
Walton	Food	Our family owns and operates three full service restaurants along the 30A area of Walton County. We have remained open with delivery and carryout only. But we are desperate to reopen our dining rooms. We are prepared to seat only half of our dining capacity to maintain social distancing. But please don't require masks for our employees. Full service dining is about customers interacting with servers. We have already begun taking each employee's temperature as he or she begins each shift. And we will have sanitizing stations throughout the restaurants for both customers and employees.
Lake	General	Open up. It's been too long.

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Palm Beach	Education	Our Palm Beach County class of 2020 should have a traditional graduation ceremony. Many other counties and states are already planning theirs. Our kids have worked too hard all these years to not be recognized in a non virtual fashion. They have lost everyone of their senior activities. We need to make this happen. Thank you.
Broward	General	It's too soon to open in Broward.
Lee	General	My thoughts are that the economy should be put on a one month plan of reopening. Meaning, that over the course of one month different sectors of the economy should be allowed to open with guidelines for safety in place. The people who are or consider themselves to be at risk can continue to stay at home. Just because businesses are open does not mean they have to go out. The people who have to work and are at low risk should not be punished for a somewhat small section of Americans.
Orange	Retail	We need to be sure we have this under control protecting Everyone. Protective measurements needs to be put in place for fitting rooms and check out areas and returns. One misstep could put many at risk and create another epidemic. We should not open this area until we have those areas under control.
Palm Beach	Tourism	Please open theme parks, concert venues, sport arenas in the FINAL phase of the plan. I trust the ownership of the venues and theme parks to do so safely, BUT PEOPLE DO NOT LISTEN AND WILL PUT RISK THE PEOPLE WHO FOLLOW THE RULES. Sport arenas perhaps without spectators is fine. Thank you
Miami-Dade	General	I'm about to go bankrupt I Owen affordable beach weddings Fl Inc I average 9-10 weddings a day and pay Tens of thousands of dollars in permits for the beaches to be able to perform ceremonies on the study show that sound like kills this in one minute in the sun and you yourself have repeatedly said that keeping people together for prolonged periods of time in close quarters together his word spreads this virus please open the beaches allow us to go out in small groups for an example with my business I would only be doing small elopements less than 10 people at a time and observing social distance and guidelines please help
Walton	General	Please open up the restaurants and retail businesses before allowing the rental properties to be opened. If you open up the rental units now, there are going to be challenges. Lift the stay-at-home order, allow the supply chanins to get flowing back to the restaurants and other outlets, and open rentals middle of May for Memorial Day weekend. Grocery stores cannot handle local needs on top of tourism needs, if there are no restaurants open.
Volusia	Finance	I believe we need to open Florida. As very one knows, the financial is a big factor. You will always have people on different sides. Please take a stand and let the ones that want/ need to leave their homes do so. Please think about the healthy people that need to provide for their families. This virsus isn't going to go away, but we must learn different techniques living among each other. Isolation is not the answer. Thank you

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Leon	General	until all the requirements laid out by CDC standards can be met, reopening will only increase viral spread, overwhelm public safety and health workers and destroy any short-term benefits of economic nature. This state in particular is at high risk due to our high proportion of most at risk aged population. Any softening of restrictions (such as they are now) will inevitably aggravate the viral spread and the viral load that population has to contend with .
Brevard	General	I don't think Governor DeSantis should reopen Florida too quickly. I believe the cases of COVID-19 infections will increase or spike if he opens up too soon. The only reason we haven't seen more cases in Florida is because he did the smart thing and locked down the state. This virus is not a hoax. It's the most highly contagious virus we have ever seen. It is not going to magically disappear. If you truly believe that, then you are ignoring the science and the medical professionals. If you open up now, many more people are going to die. Continue to be smart, be cautious and save lives. I realize we need to reopen and get back to work, but it needs to be a cautious, slow, and planned process. Everyone, and I mean everyone, needs to be tested.
Palm Beach	General	I have pre-existing conditions, opening early will be dangerous.
Duval	Government	ADA VIOLATION or ACCEPTABLE INSENSITIVITY?☠ →The city of Jacksonville Beach has reopened beach access for able-bodied persons AS THEY EFFECTIVELY DENY / RESTRICT EQUAL ACCESS TO OUR DISABLED COMMUNITY.☠ ✔They have taken away 32 disabled parking spaces that are adjacent to the beach thus denying the disabled Community access to the beach parking. ADA requirements for municipalities require that they make "Reasonable Accommodations" when temporarily or permanently removing disabled parking. According to the mayor of Jacksonville Beach the "Reasonable Accommodations" that they are making is the installation of two parking (2) spaces near the beach life guard station (to replace the 37 taken away) and telling the disabled Community to use existing disabled spaces that are farther away from the beach (See Mayor Charlie's FB post in pic below). ✔This clearly is insensitive and a "denial of equal access" under color of authority. ✔Just because parking areas are closed to the general public does not mean a municipality can take away the disabled parking while allowing the general public to continue to participate in the activity that the parking was designed for. ✔ "Reasonable Accommodations" has not been met by the City of Jacksonville Beach and they should work to correct this problem and not thumb their nose and are disabled community hoping CV19 will end before this injustice comes to light. https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=2896178207098195&id=100001181327142

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Pasco	General	Make N-95 mask and gloves available to the general public before opening up. The masks and gloves are impossible to find and not available for purchase by the general public. The paper and fabric mask only keep you from infecting others, but do very little if anything at keeping others from infecting you. Masks are not mandatory so individuals are not using them, which puts everyone else at risk. I have heard individuals say that Corona virus is not real, it is just political propaganda. Attitudes such as these put the rest of the population at risk. Originally, we were told the kids and young adults could not die from this, but we have seen that is not true. We were told that 6' was enough for social distancing, but the JAMA had an article stating that 27-33' is more realistic distance due to the way that it spreads. There is more information that needs to be known before reopening the state potentially causing a second wave.
Duval	General	Please listen to and heed the advice of the scientists and medical professionals when formulating any plans to re-open Florida. Do not be swayed by the politicians and short-sighted business interests who can not see beyond their own ambitions and economic fortunes, respectively. Our collective health is much too important! Unfortunately, the partisan nature of (and all too obvious exclusions from) your task force does not bode well for my opening plea and the future of our state.
Hillsborough	Education	Open the state whenever medical experts believe it's safe
Hernando	General	We need to open Florida up now According to the three stages Developed in Washington Your sick, stay home , do 14 day isolation . Your healthy no symptoms, you go back to work Be checked at work for fever and symptoms, free of symptoms you get to work. You check their history, ever have the virus , any of the symptoms, did you self quarantine if you did have it . After history they get to work Any facility, craft stores , clothing store, restaurant, any place can open. The public needs to keep in mind their own personal responsibilities, distancing and hand washing , etc. no one ever , in history made such a big deal about a virus ever!!! No one stayed home , self quarantined, Shut down economy, etc. and more have died of other issues and viruses . Why now ???????? It really makes you think ,???? Is there an agenda ??????? Don't violate our constitution!!!
Lake	General	REOPEN
Hillsborough	Healthcare	We should not open the economy and allow people to leave their homes until we can control the Covid19 Pandemic. If everybody dies, there is no economy. Health and safety must come first, not greed.

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Sarasota	General	It is time to open businesses. Churches can't meet but thousands in Walmart. Begin antibody testing and realize the infection rate is higher than thought and death rate much lower. The economy sinking will kill exponentially more than this virus. These lockdowns are a failed experiment. It is time to change public perception with the facts that are now undeniable. We overreacted.
Brevard	General	Start opening businesses, but within reason and using a modicum of intelligence and common sense...which unfortunately seems to be missing these days. Businesses and consumers both must exercise safety precautions. However, I firmly believe we really don't know enough about this disease yet. They (our nations 'leaders') are making a SWAG (strategic wild-a&& guess) as to how this disease is spread; there's no cure for it yet, and we will NEVER know the truth about anything pertaining to this pandemic, thanks to our government. People need to work. People have families to support and bills to pay. Our 'leaders' don't give a da&& about them. They are not financially impacted by this. They are not hungry. We the people are the absolute LAST ones our politicians care about.
Polk	General	Governor DeSantis - We fully support you reopening the State of Florida - we as Americans cannot continue to hide in our homes and wait for a "perfect" scenario of when to re-emerge. Floridians livelihoods depend on private enterprise and freedom to move about. We are a thoughtful, responsible but most importantly a free people. Let us be brave and move forward - sooner rather than later. I'm afraid it is already too late for some businesses and families. Thank you.

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Orange	Tourism	Theme parks are the blood of Florida, we all know that, and we understand the demand to re-open them will be strong. However, my fear is that people are going to make their decisions based off dollar signs, instead of public health recommendations, and safety. Ultimately, the theme parks pose a large risk, and should be among the last to open, since the logistics in trying to maintain the recommended 6' distance is extremely difficult, if not almost impossible. If they are allowed to open, then strict measures (significantly reduced capacity, quick test swabs and wearing masks) should be made mandatory to try and minimize any risk. The problem with Covid is, temperature screenings are useless. There are far too many asymptomatic carriers that will be able to pass temperature checks and health screenings, go inside the parks, have contact with thousands of people, who then go home and infect others. Also, considering that Disney is an international destination which poses a huge risk, ideally, you would open the parks to Florida residents only initially. Then expand to other states, and then lastly, international guests - and only from "approved" countries where we know the risks have been minimized. At least then, not only are you limiting the risks to Florida's population, but you're minimizing the risks to the rest of the United States and the world at large. Opening green spaces and beaches is fine, as long as social distancing is both a requirement and enforced. Gatherings should be strictly limited to 10, such as other places are doing. I see no issue with hotels reopening, as long as they are able to enforce social distancing, especially in restaurants, lobbies etc...
Brevard	General	Unless we can determine through antibody testing who has been exposed to the virus it will do no good to reopen things. If we reopen and mingle unexposed people with carriers, then we will just infect more and more people. Too soon!
Polk	Recreation	I would love the gyms and workout facilities to re-open for those that have personal training and a minimum of 10 to 20 people on site not including the personal trainer and trainee! I'd like the gyms to only allow one hour each for those that are in the gym to allow others to come in! Basically the gym manager will have to schedule appointments for those wanting to workout at the gym!
Miami-Dade	Education	We need to open up because we need to make money . On top of that , I am someone who has anxiety and staying home is no help
Lee	Professional Services	I truly feel that it is time to start re-opening our county. Open the beaches, fitness centers, hair and nail salons and restaurants. Let it be up to the discretion of the person that lives here if they choose to go out or not.
Lee	Retail	Please reopen our state. We feel we can continue to practice safe distancing. Our retail owners and customers are suffering

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Polk	General	If the purpose of flattening the curve is to not overwhelm the hospitals, then it is time to reopen the economy. As the governor said this morning, the state hasn't come close to meeting the predicted numbers that were upwards of 400,000. The cure can not be worse than the disease, and it has truly become that. The economy needs to reopen as the health and well being of those uninfected matter too. This state wide closure is causing more suffering on so many levels than Covid-19
Hillsborough	Real Estate	Opening Florida means as a realtor, we are able to show homes and give people hope. This is normally our very busy season. Buyers want to start looking and move in before school starts in August.its time to get back to normal but also keep our social distance and washing of hands and masks etc.
Charlotte	Food	As a restaurant manager, I am out of work right along side most of my employees. We would love nothing more than to return to "normal". However, "normal" is not possible yet in our industry. If forced back to inside dining, I fear and my employees fear this virus will spread rapidly. Please consider NOT opening inside dining until we are sure it is safe! Thank you!
Pasco	Healthcare	As a retired State employee of the Department of Health, I am against reopening the state at this time. There has not been enough testing within our state to determine if and where there may be hotspots within the state. In addition, testing of all nursing home patients and staff is required. Unless there is testing of this population, the virus will spread quickly due to exposure from patient to staff , staff to families.
Pinellas	Healthcare	my only concern is that i feel people should be able to get tested more easy and efficiently. and to make sure we place restirctions when opening and that people are fallowing the placed measures.
Broward	Healthcare	We need to allow hospitals and surgery centers to do elective surgeries again. Hospitals profits are shrinking drastically even though admissions and revenues are up due to COVID-19. These procedures involve individuals already wearing PPE due to the strict sterile requirements of surgery and the capacity we thought we needed to keep open because of COVID-19 ended up not being needed. You can always backtrack again if a spike occurs and the beds are needed.

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Hillsborough	General	I feel it's NOT safe to open yet. Cases and deaths keep rising and I am concerned for my own health considering I've had Mono in the past along with being very susceptible to getting bronchitis and other respiratory issues. I'm 28 years old and I've only been a wife for 2 years and have a step daughter I want to continue to watch grow and love. I shouldn't have to live my life in fear that I'm going to get the virus and risk being infected as we open things around us all. I recently was tested for the COVID-19 antibodies WITHOUT having the OFFICIAL NASAL SWAB from my primary! Makes me wonder if my doctors office even had the testing to begin with?! Not to mention the phlebotomist that took my blood caused me extreme stress explaining to me this is NOT how the process is done and that my doctor should have done this, should have done that. Not to mention she got aggravated she couldn't get more than 2 tubes on my right hand so she went to the left and i had to be poked yet again with the needle. Now I wait in stress wondering if I even got the correct care I needed let alone if I have COVID-19? I was recently diagnosed with Anxiety and Depression with thoughts of self harm and this whole thing with this virus is amping it but with the poor care and an extra high stressor added that I experienced Thursday at Quest Diagnostics has literally put me closer to the edge. PLEASE DO NOT OPEN YET!!!!
Lake	General	I'm ready for things to open up again. Reopen please.
Broward	General	Please wait until there is a significant decrease in the number of new cases and number of deaths. Thursday April 23rd was one of the highest numbers of new cases we have had. Obviously the virus is still rapidly spreading and reopening our state will do more harm than good.
Hernando	Healthcare	Please consider postponing opening of elective dental treatments such as dental cleanings. I am a registered licensed dental hygienist and this would be waaaay too soon to go back to work may 8. The numbers of covid have NOT declined. We are number 1 at risk and theres no real way to obtain proper air sanitation, testing and PPE at this time. I am immunocompromised and care for an elderly parent and children at home. Theres no way I can social distance from my patients who are a foot away from me while i work in their mouths. This would expose and raise your infected numbers greatly as it's been shown majority of carriers are asymptomatic and testing has many false negatives. Please please please help us out by proper PPE and procedures laid out prior to reopening. Standard precautions are NOT sufficient. Thank you! Get Outlook for Android
Okaloosa	General	Beach Opening: With all these people out of work and no schools or universities open this beach opening will turn into Spring break X 1M. Are you prepared to handle these large crows? Not!

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Miami-Dade	Management	We keep managing to the exception and the rule is being hurt. By no means taking this lightly, but media has a major hand in what is going on and we are seeing right through them. Too much politics in their coverage, and no mention, or very little, of the positive that is happening. Time to open public and semi public areas. Reduce indoor capacity of businesses by 50%, but allow them to open. Keep mask requirements for now, and until curve takes significant down turn. And keep praying for all those affected!
Sarasota	General	It is not time to reopen FL yet. Wait and follow the guidelines provided by the CDC and WHO. Only use scientific data as the basis by which to make decisions that are this important.
Collier	Food	Open!!
Broward	General	Please do not rush to re-open too soon, before we have adequate testing in place. Please include public health pandemic professionals in the economic recovery planning efforts. Please help ensure public subsidies toward unemployed and small business owners are sufficient to get them by without losing their homes/business locations, and to be able to eat and meet other basic needs. The worst thing we can do is re-open too quickly without the proper sufficient and widespread testing measures and safety protocols in place. Thank you.
Volusia	General	REOPEN FLORIDA!!! Pay attention to Sweden!!! SOCIETY is unraveling.. people can't provide for their families, the economic damage is so overwhelming. NEVER IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD HAVE THEY QUARANTINED THE HEALTHY!!!! SICK AND VULNERABLE. should stay home. GET FLORIDA BACK TO WORK RESEARCH SWEDEN AD FOLLOW!!!!! And GEORGIA!!!!
Hillsborough	General	No more restrictions, OPEN THE WHOLE STATE!
Hillsborough	Government	I'm opposed to re-opening any non-essential services or businesses in Florida until there is a SIGNIFICANT drop in Covid-19 cases. And I think the exemption of churches is a foolish mistake. I'd rather the economy crashes than having more lives lost due to poor decisions by the governor.
Palm Beach	General	No. I think re opening too early is a bad idea. I think it's foolish, we haven't even reached peak yet, cases are still going up. I think its selfish and dangerous to put people's lives at risk this early. I am a dog bather, and personally, I am not willing to put my life in danger so people can bring their dogs in for haircuts. I am high risk just because im over weight, and i have no desire to expose myself to this disease. No thank you. So I wholeheartedly believe that reopening florida this early into the pandemic is much to dangerous. I hope that our govenor and other politicians can agree on this. Its. Not. Worth. It.
Miami-Dade	Professional Services	Gm,I think ,Fl should open;but little by litle. County by county then:park,recreation,furniture store with respect & following the guideline of CDC.
Lake	General	Reopen
Charlotte	Government	Please reopen the state of Florida. The small business owners are being adversely affected. Keep schools closed until August. In Englewood we dealt with red tide adversely affecting business, barely recovered the pandemic of Covid19. Please reopen Florida- those with auto immune diseases can stay safe at home. Those who are healthy need to get back to work.

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Volusia	Education	I believe that we should hold off opening until at least the end of May. I have a daughter who will be a junior in college and am worried that if we open too soon that colleges and universities will not open in the fall. I am paying $850 a month for an apartment that she is not living in and I know that there are many families doing the same. We would cancel the new lease as will many others which will have another big effect on the economy. Also, I believe that we should all be wearing masks in Public. Let's get it right! Patti Lewis
Miami-Dade	General	To who it may concern. I think parks and Marinas should open being the public ably by the rules. Now i think for those who do not ably to the rules should be cited or removed from the parks or marinas. I've been without work for five weeks I have nothing left to do. I'm one of the lucky ones I have a big backyard and pool to relieve stress. I have so many family and friends that do not have that stress relieve.Lots of my family and friends are getting cabin fever and depressed . I think kids need to get out and get some exercise . I have two beautiful granddaughters and the youngest one which is five years old all she could talk about now is the coronavirus . I asked her yesterday while we were in the pool does she miss school and her friends and she said she really does miss them a lot .The kids need to get out and play and get some exercise.at the same time the public has to follow the rules . Thank you very much
Citrus	General	One of my concerns is when we do re-open we need to be able to protect ourselves as much as possible. However with the lack of disinfectant, wipes, rubbing alcohol, hydrogen peroxide, hand sanitizer, we can't possibly do that. Washing hands is best but sometimes not an option and I want to be able to wipe down things I come in contact with. These items cannot even be order inline for back order. We have got to get these items back on the shelves before re-opening.
Orange	General	I do not think anything should be open until end of May/early June and that is ONLY if there are zero to no cases happening every day and no deaths. There is no vaccine so better safe than sorry. I do not feel like this quarantine is being taken seriously. Even when we have gone out to grocery stores for curbside pick up or gone to do takeout, we see people not adhering to the social distancing. A little sacrifice is worth the rise in deaths and cases that we will see if we reopen too quickly. All restaurants should be able to do curbside pickup/take out, but everything else as far as nail salons, places that are nonessential and big social areas such as farmers markets, food halls, theaters, performing arts centers, etc should be closed, especially gyms! I was appalled to learn that gyms may open which is the worst place for germs. Definitely no gyms! that actually should be one of the last things to be open as well as the large social places. If things need to open up first, it should be places such as cafes, mom pop shops, places they can control better. If schools should remain closed then why should everything else open up? Makes no sense to me. We can't go back to work but we can go get our hair done? That is a recipe for disaster. Please be smart and do the right thing. Wait until the cases are so low it's safe, like they have recommend over and over again.

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Pinellas	Professional Services	We humbly and respectfully request Governor DeSantis and The State of Florida to so order; A. Barber Shop's, Hair Salons, Nail Salons or similar "Beauty Salons" to be classified as an "Essential Business's." Addendum: We request this order to encompass all other similar Small Business's in Florida, including but not limited to; Tattoo and Piercing Salons and Animal Grooming Salons and Services. B. Allow the reopening of these "Essential Businesses" after the "flattening of the curve," as related to COVID19 or May 1st, 2020; whichever occurs first; under the following restrictions due to the ongoing threat of COVID19. Please note: This request comes after the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) for loans to Small Business's nationwide has been depleted/ AND in absence of a response from any SBA or PPP lender. While we realize the threat of COVID19 and the importance of "flattening the curve" in our communities, we are requesting permission to be considered "Essential Business's"; and have the ability to operate with the following restrictions and safety guards in place: 1. Employer shall provide work spaces in compliance with social distancing requirements from the CDC. This includes each employee and their work station. 2. Employer shall provide facial masks to all employees to wear while working with individual customers. 3. All Barber Shops, Hair Salons and Nails Salons and other included small businesses under this order shall operate by appointment only. Allowing only one customer, per employee, per appointment time; to minimize risk of exposure in any "Waiting Area". 4. No Barber Shops, Hair Salons or Nail Salons or any other included small businesses under this order shall operate with "open" "Waiting Areas". Customers may not wait or congregate for an appointment, in any amount. 5. Owners and Employees agree to enforce; and operate under these restrictions listed above; to reduce the employee's/community's risk to exposure to COVID19, while still providing an "Essential Service."
Miami-Dade	Finance	I believe Miami Dade should stay quarantined. The people of Miami Dade are not obeying curfews, at least in Kendall. Workers are not following social distancing guidelines including curbside pickup workers. Miami Dade should continue remote schooling. Please enforce a stricter quarantine to the following areas: Kendall, Richmond West, Richmond heights, Cutler ridge, and Homestead. Please announce free food for the public more often. Post flyers on social media (twitter, Instagram, or Facebook).
Orange	General	Open Gyms and health clubs
Hillsborough	General	Florida should not be reopened until there is a clear decrease in Covid cases. There should be a definite decline, for some time. Most businesses that are closed realistically cannot follow cdc guidelines, but will open either way, endangering more Floridians. I am currently on furlough, and have not received my unemployment benefits, yet I still understand that people's health and safety come before money. People are still dying in large numbers. Kids are home from school and Disney is closed. There is good reason. It is not time to eat grouper sandwiches and play on the beach. That time will come again, but not now. There should be atleast a consistent 2 week decline before ANYTHING opens up.

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Lee	Retail	Im a hairstylist in a busy salon. My mother who is 68 lives with me and has immune issues. I dont think there is any way in my profession that i could stay six feet away.i dont just cut hair. I wax eyebrows and lips. I also color hair. How can you guarantee this disease will not be passed on to myself or my clients.it is impossible to wear gloves while cutting hair and i can barely breathe in the mask.i feel my industry needs more time..we are just to close in contact for safety nor can an employer say for sure that i wont get sick or bring it home to my mother. This would open up the employer to a bounty of lawsuits because safety and security are a workplace right.
Pasco	General	We are ready to re-open Florida! Please move forward as quickly as possible. Restricting healthy people is detrimental to our economy and personal health. Please suggest that the older and health comprimised take extra precautions as they go out into the public but allow the majority of the population to return to their daily lives.
Miami-Dade	General	I suggest before any public areas be opened for the general population they should be visited by the Governor and his supporters, in a group, as a demonstration of their belief in the wiseness of the move.
Leon	Government	Enough is enough. The evidence points do the fact that they had him orders do not flatten the curve in any meaningful way. Let's reopen everything and let people make their own choices based on their own personal risk tolerance.
Martin	Healthcare	Open Gyms - people social distance at gyms under normal circumstances. If alcoholism is considered an essential business, which is obviously sad, then gyms are also essential since they support physical and mental health. But many other businesses can easily regulate capacity and social distance - currently Home Depot and Publix social distancing isn't very good considering the narrow isles.
St. Lucie	General	Dear Committee Members, I am a resident of St. Lucie County. It is time for Floridians to get back to work. Throughout the past weeks of COVID restrictions businesses deemed "essential" remained open. Floridians who patronized those businesses voluntarily engaged in social distancing, voluntarily followed CDC guidelines. With these businesses open, sometimes serving hundreds of people at a time, twelve hours a day, seven days a week, we have witnessed COVID numbers falling. The State of South Dakota never mandated a single business closed and are also seeing COVID numbers falling. Every business is essential when families are dependent upon that income for healthy and happy lives. I believe these facts prove that Floridians are responsible people, who love their neighbors, and will CHOOSE to do the right thing. But we need our elected representatives to do the right thing; we need our businesses open. We don't want government handouts. We want to get back to work. We want our businesses open now, not later. Sincerely, Michael Liberatore
Palm Beach	Recreation	Please re-open all golf courses, spas, exercise spaces. Thank you
Palm Beach	General	DO NOT OPEN THE STATE UNTIL AFTER THE MONTH OF MAY. REVISIT THIS IDEA IN 4 WEEKS.

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Okaloosa	Retail	I think we are moving way to fast to open back up. There are way to many peaking cases still. Opening up is going to lead to more people out, and less social distancing with proper sanitization. Once beaches open, beach stores open, then the bars etc... We will be back at square one. Once you open our beaches then the outsiders from other states come in and may bring more cases!
Duval	Professional Services	As a Hair Salon owner, I closed early on March 23, 2020. I have booth rentals who is older and most of their clientele is 80 to 90 ish. years old, so I didn't want to get them sick or myself, as well as the other ladies in the shop. So I don't feel they should have to pay for a booth they can't work, so I'm out of a lot of money to pay my bills at the shop. I'm waiting on the mayor to open Jacksonville back up with precautions. I have ordered 200+ face mask and I'm making a lot of face mask for us as cosmetologist and per customer. We sanitize after each customer, and have 6 foot away from each booth, and one customer in the shop at a time per stylist.(4) My shop is 900 sq ft. We hope to open May 4, 2020, Monday Thur Saturday. Our barbicide and barbicide plus kills aids, tuberculosis, and all bodily fluids, we wipe everything down good with it and Lysol, and Lysol wipes. Please let us open Monday. God Bless 🙏
Lee	General	I am deeply disappointed in Governor DeSantis' overall handling of the covid-19 pandemic. He was terribly late to close beaches and other places of public assembly, and he is reopening things too quickly! There has been a nearly complete lack of leadership and guidance from the governor, from the Florida Dept of Health, the Lee County Health Dept., and most others with an important role to play. I believe that there are far more cases than reported due to grossly insufficient testing. It looks like the governor is more concerned with saving the Florida economy (particularly the tourist economy), than in stemming the incredible spread of the virus and death. While I too am concerned about the Florida economy, his approach is short-sighted and will end up in a greater hit to the economy when the pandemic sees a new surge.
Collier	Tourism	Beaches in collier. Should be reopened.
Hillsborough	Professional Services	I know you are overwhelmed with comments.i wonder if you will even read them. I know you are making tough decisions. This is for company and large franchised salons. I am a manager for Great Clips and served in the military so I understand keeping things moving but as of right now we are not capable of social distancing or performing hair services safely. We stand less than 6 inches from our client and service over 400 clients a week. Even with masks and all of our disinfectant products we still cannot guarantee safe services. Why would we risk even one stylist getting sick and possibly dying. We as a community have to do better. I would be honored to walk you through salon service at my salon so you can visually see the health concerns. I understand getting a haircut makes people feel better but if we can't be as productive as we were before this we will not be allowed benefits but still not make ends meet because we will he making less than half of our usual income.. much to consider.

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Hillsborough	Retail	As a mall employee I don't feel safe with malls reopening. Malls attract large crowds of people and the don't get cleaned like they need to. It's like a big Petri dish and it's unsafe. I have a asthma which makes me more likely to have a harder time fighting Covid-19 I understand the money aspect but my health and safety is more important than the money right now plz give it another couple of weeks to really flatten the curve and then maybe open the malls back up.
Miami-Dade	General	Mandatory covid-19 state wide testing done in a monthly basis, mandatory antibodies testing state wide on a monthly basis. If people test positive they have to be segregated in a medical facility until they heal or die. Those that test negative can proceed with their activities given they have a non expired monthly covid-19 negative test result. In order to be allowed into a concert or sporting event or other entertainment person must have their negative unexpired test results with them or otherwise confirmable through a database accessible to all businesses.
Broward	General	Hi! My name is Elizabeth, I'm a Sunrise resident. I work in a place in Broward that sees large large crowds (5,000+). I'm very excited to go back to some form of "normalcy", however, I think we need to be very wise about how it happens. The idea of this thing spreading across our grocery stores, gyms, etc - it's terrifying. At the same time, I definitely understand why we need to get the economy back up and running. I would like to provide my input. I think we can open non-essentials, but I think we need to have (mandatory) laws in place, such as wearing a facemask while in public. I think we need to mandate social distancing laws. I think we should not allow large gatherings(especially in south FL). I think we require stores to have a certain amount of sanitation per hour. I think all these things will help us stay less vulnerable. But my biggest thing is - I think we should MANDATE sick hours. EVERY employee should be able to take off if they are sick. EVERY employee should be protected with those rights knowing that they will not be fired, and that they will be taken care of. I understand some people might abuse this - so maybe it could be that you mandate sick hours, however, if an employee is showing signs of COVID-19 - they will be required to get tested and forward that test to their employee (less people will fake it in order to get time off, and the people who do have it should be informing their employers anyway).

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Orange	Government	Hello respected and elected officials of the great state of Florida! To add my input into the matter of reopening the state, I would suggest that we wait until at least mid June to see how the cases are trending and consider input from the CDC. Reopening prematurely would only make it that much harder for Floridians to go back into "shelter in place" if cases being to surge. We've gotten accustomed to this new, temporary way of life and I'd rather stick it out until we're sure it's time to slowly reopen. Lives are at stake. As a public school educator, I'm hopeful that we can get this virus under control before next school year starts in August, to the benefit of our students. Please do not rush to open our state and put so many of our elderly and others at risk. Thank you for your consideration.
Santa Rosa	Recreation	We moved to Florida after looking for a job for 6 years so that we could walk the beaches. I have psoriatic arthritis & the sand is the only thing I can walk on that doesn't hurt my body. I walked the National Seashore every day & most days never saw a soul. When the beaches were closed down, I understood that we needed to get all the vacationers home. Now however I don't need time limits on my beach! PLEASE, PLEASE reopen our beach with no limits & please get our business back to work so our economy can thrive. If people are scared to get out, they can stay home but my family needs the environment & beaches we moved here for. Thank you! Linda Johnson
Palm Beach	Healthcare	With COVID-19 cases and deaths rising, as a Registered Nurse, I strongly believe that it is too soon to open South Florida for business, without widespread testing for antibodies to determine the extent of infection in our communities.
Hillsborough	General	This lockdown must end. This has gone to the point of ridiculousness. The economy is going to ruin and the reasoning is not correct. Every year we have a cold and flu season. Every year people die. This stripping America of our Constitutional Freedoms must end. The entire premise for this lock down is erroneous. Open the world back up before it is too late, and America is no longer free. The damage already done will take years to repair.
Orange	Finance	when will we get weekly unemployment and federal $600.00

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Manatee	General	When dealing with this pandemic, I am choosing at this moment to trust that the governor is doing what he thinks best. What I implore you is to fight against the news outlets sensationalizing this whole thing in an effort to get viewers, they are just creating panic. And since half of the country no longer trusts the news media, it results in further division. We all need honesty. It starts at the top. Don't just tell us what you think we should hear. If in January, we should have been wearing masks, do not say, masks don't help. Tell the truth, there aren't enough masks. Please don't use them. Otherwise when you come back two months later requiring masks, you look like dictators. We are Americans. We are and should be always fighting for our freedom. There should be no surprise when people fight back. That's not the only example. Remember, "Ask not what you can do for your country, begins with the world ASK. Ask and use honesty. That would be refreshing and received by most of us Americans.
Polk	General	I know this is hurting our econmy but we wii recover. The most precious thing we can not get back is all the people that have and wii die. Please in the name of God who gave us life please wait do not rush back and let it cost even 1 life.
Palm Beach	General	My name is Shanell and I live and work in Boca Raton. I work as a manager at a spa, and have been laid off like many all over the world. This time is really difficult for me. No money coming in. No stimulus check since my tax return is somehow still procession after a month. No unemployment, either. Still pending. No way to get through on the phone. No email response. The only godsend so far is access food stamps which is still allowing me to eat thank god. The process was smooth and pretty quick. This covid is also particularly scary because I am a Type 1 Diabetic in severe condition. As much as I fear starving, I also fear getting sick. With an autoimmune condition, healthcare professionals warn every year that a simple cold or flu can lead to serious complications or even death.. so this is particularly unnerving. I'd like to address 2 concerns. It's too soon to reopen non essential business. I work in a non essential small business and truly understand the losses.. but we have no choice. We are not at apex. Even if we just passed the apex, the numbers are still pretty damn high to risk. I fear going back to work in an unsafe environment. I fear seeing more of the public not following the distancing and small groups, masks. I hope and pray that these silly people protesting don't influence your common sense judgement on this.. please, we need more testing to control this. We know many are asymptomatic. We would just be rolling the dice. Focus on opening ESSENTIAL business first. Hair salons, gyms, spas, casinos are not essential. Work on opening the courts and other things that can be done safely with social distance. Also ENFORCE social distance. I still see crowds all along the beach and barrier islands and I fear how it can affect my health with all the carelessness. Follow the protocols the white house came out with...actually follow it. Thank yoi

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Broward	Healthcare	i forgot to mention the need for contact tracing. We need to know where the clusters are so that they can be quarantined. As the science says, we will be facing mutiple outbreaks of this virus before there is a vaccine or its run its course.
Duval	General	Sweden did it right with their herd immunity. Their per capita death rat is no worse than Finland who shut their economy down. Essential business employees are not getting sick at pandemic rates. OPEN the State. Sunshine kills the virus so why is sunbathing on the beach a bad thing. OPEN the beaches all day. We all know what we need to do and still be open. Our governor is a coward, the Georgia governor is the brave one. The Georgia governor is a leader. Let those who don't want to take the risk stay at home . Let the rest of us join the essential workers and let us work. Despite the head lines of a few sick spring breakers, the vast majority of them did not get sick. I fear the panic more than the virus.
Orange	General	Please do not rush to open Florida too soon! We should continue to stay at home for at least another month to protect the citizens of Florida. After that point, review the data to ensure the number of new COVID-19 cases and deaths have decreased for another two weeks. At that time selectively open the more essential businesses a few at a time. The beaches in Jacksonville were opened way too soon and put many people in danger. Do not listen to the vocal minority, who would put all of our health in danger. Don't let the tireless work of our nurses and doctors go to waste and jeopardize the citizens of Florida, by opening Florida too soon! Responsibly take an appropriate amount of time to ensure everyone is safe when evaluating opening Florida.
Duval	Retail	Open our state up!! This is out of hand! People need to start functioning again. Let the people that are afraid stay at home. We need our freedom back!
Osceola	Retail	I don't believe we should open retail spaces as of yet. To clarify, opening department stores will only increase the spread of the virus even further. Even if we implement a social distancing rule or check customer's temperatures, many asymptomatic people can unconsciously spread the virus even further. We cannot disinfect clothing on racks or shoes on the shelves. If we do, it'll damage half of our inventory and lose more money in the process. As a person who works in retail, the risk of health endangerment is greater than a paycheck that doesn't match the value of our labor. If we reopen Florida too soon, then a second wave will occur and we will be in this cycle yet again.
Orange	General	It would be very irresponsible to open up at this point.
Lee	Food	I would start opening up restaurants using the CDC regulations, restaurants main factor in Florida. I would start you opening up Gyms following the CDC regulations, I would not open up tattoo And hair salons right away but eventually gradually open them up slowly using CDC regulations. Beaches open using CDC regulations, state parks using CDC regulations. Hotels,Country clubs open up using CDC regulations.
Broward	Tourism	People are talking about keeping tourism closed until January 2021. Suggestion would be to allow people who are staying on resort property like Disney World and Universal Studios would be the only people allowed enter the parks. This way there will be social distancing and no so many people in one area.

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Hillsborough	Professional Services	I am a small business owner in Hillsborough County. I saw my business come to near complete halt with the Stay-at Home directives. I took all of the steps that were recommended by the “experts” to ensure that my office was clean for my 4 employees. I applied for the PPP loan through the SBA only to see the funds go to much larger companies. I continued to pay my employees despite a near 90% decrease in new business income. I watched the politicians weigh the bad information spread by the media, look at projections and not hard facts and waiver on positions based on special interest concerns. The single hinderance to our economic future as small business owners is to see bold and quick steps to open up the businesses in this state. We need to stop being treated like infants. We have taken and will continue to take active steps to ensure our safety and the safety of our customers. We cannot continue in limbo. Even businesses that are open have little to no business. Opening in phases will just delay and provide no benefit. I watch as literally hundreds of cars drive past my office off to some “essential” work or errand. There is zero enforcement of the mandates. People are not respecting the social distancing. Allowing the fast food industry to stay open was a slap in the face. With little to no visible precautions car and car drives up to accept food from a server through a window who is not wearing a mask and no other hand or body protection. That server is interacting with hundreds of people a day. At the same time, I am prohibited from having any in person client meetings. Prior to the forced restrictions I saw an average of 4 to 6 people per day in a clean professional setting. I guess it was assumed that I would stop cleaning and was not intelligent enough to take the necessary precautions. We have all been in a waiting pattern for weeks. Watching a curve that did not happen, field hospitals that did not get used. We have waited for the crush of patients at hospital being carried out the back in body bags to be staked like cord wood. This is what has dictated the policy thus far. The common person who has been decimated financially by all of this was given no options and then no assistance. We have fought it out ourselves so far. It is now your opportunity to give us a fighting chance to make it on our own, but

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Collier	Professional Services	Opening "non-essential", luxury, cosmetic, or other (fill in the blank) businesses at this time is dangerous and irresponsible. The businesses I'm referring to are hair salons, barber shops, massage parlors, tattoo shops etc. These businesses are not 100% necessary for a persons day to day life or immediate well being, so they should be considered a luxury. Opening these before having a 14-day decline in confirmed cases and deaths is putting these business owners in a tough spot, aside from the obvious health risk for them, their clients, and their families. Let's say that there is a situation where there are 5 salons in the area, and 3 of them decide to open next week, and two of the others do not, let say because they live at home with their mother who is going through chemo (which I'm happy to provide a real life example of here in FL)... if those 2 don't open, the majority of their clients will go to the other 3 salons, leaving the other 2 without an income when they reopen. This potentially puts the owners and workers in a situation where they have to decide between a paycheck and the health of their family, and that is completely unfair to them. We're all eager to get back to work (I am currently unemployed as I work in hospitality... even though I have been unable to sign up for unemployment due to the atrocious website/services) but we need to make sure we have all the facts, details, and responses in place prior to doing so. To think that we're gearing up to open businesses while we still learn new facts about this virus is mind blowing.
Seminole	Recreation	I would like to see state park and trail heads open up as soon as possible. Getting outside and exercising is important during our quarantine for mental and physical health. State closures are putting more people on county trails, which is counter intuitive for social distancing.
Sarasota	General	With less than 1% of the population having been tested, and with new cases still continuing to grow, now is NOT the time to reopen businesses. LISTEN TO THE EXPERTS IN INFECTIOUS DISEASES!
Manatee	General	With Florida now 21 days from it's peak (1,575 new positive COVID-19 cases on Apr 3rd), an increase in testing capacity (ave of 10,726 new tests per day since Apr 3rd) and a "new positive test" per "new test" percent of less than 7% this week, it is beyond time to start Phase I of the President's task force re-opening plan. Maintaining social distancing guidelines (6 ft between individuals, 50% capacity at restaurants, telecommuting for those who can and face masks for those who can not maintain 6 ft of distance), businesses should be permitted to open May 1st as they are capable of complying - this includes all businesses that can meet the guidelines. It's time for individual accountability now that the public is informed of the dangers and the protocols. Healthy people in low risk demographics should no longer be restricted from work or leisure activities.
Orange	Healthcare	At this moment I dont feel confident in the State officials. My local government officials I trust them more. Unless theres mass testing and we can do what South Korea with the tracing and mobile alert on who is infected I dont want to go back to the office.

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Lee	Food	Wouldn’t be a safe move to re open Florida early . May create another wave. It’s too soon.
Pasco	Information	I own a nail shop in Land o Lakes I am wondering when i can open my shop. Is May 1st okay or do I have to keep waiting.
Manatee	Real Estate	Please open Florida. Trump promised "30 days to slow the spread" which we suffered through. Somehow the strategy drifted from "not overwhelming the ICUs" to "avoiding deaths" to "people not getting sick." It's impossible to reduce the deaths and numbers who catch the virus. The ONLY ONLY criteria should be not running out of ICU beds. If you don't allow it to spread at a reasonable rate, it will take a decade to finish spreading through the population. You are doing more harm locking us down. There will be more deaths from resulting poverty. And OPEN THE KEYS. Those are public roads and they have no right to block access to public space and essential businesses.
Seminole	Healthcare	DO NOT RE OPEN. A good economy is nothing if people are dead. Too much at risk for the regular person let alone the vulnerable population. Stay closed until a vaccine is available.
Miami-Dade	General	I think it will be unprudent to reopen Miami Dade in the month of may. I think they are still too many unknowns and letting people go out will for sure cause a surge of new cases
Brevard	General	Dear Governor DeSantis - I wrote you a note to your email a few days ago. But since this portal was put into place today, I wanted to mention to you to please, when you decide to re-open the State, to do it cautiously. It is still risky. Until a vaccine is found there may not be an end to this coronavirus problem. I'm a very powerful psychic... a REAL one... and if we are not cautious this virus can terminate Florida as we knew it before. A vaccine must be found first, before the State Government finalizes all re-opening procedures for the state. I'm just in a hurry like everybody else is, if not more, to go back to work and go to Disney and the beaches and the malls and everything else, just like everybody else... (and I haven't been to Disney in a long time !), but caution is important in re-opening the state. I'm a real psychic (clairvoyant)... so plz be cautious in re-opening. Good luck in everything... . you are a COOL governor and wish you the very best.!... and I hope you are the Governor again after the next Florida election.!..... plz ignore any typos in this email... thanks and bye...
Broward	Retail	I am an employee at Dolphin Mall and being the epicenter of tourism given Miami International Airport and a heavy populated area, I think Dolphin Mall should remain closed until June or early July once the COVID cases drop . I fear for the safety of myself as well as my employees if we go back to work soon. If plans of re opening do occur, I suggest having a capacity limit and constantly sanitizing areas within the mall. Please give this much thought and consideration. The only places that should be opening are small businesses not located in shopping centers.
Pinellas	Accommodation	I forgot to add open up the pools at apartments, mobile home parks and condos. Everyone does not use the pools at the same time and we can keep a distance from each other. Also the chlorine in the water should kill the virus along with the sun.

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Lake	Information	Phase 1 reopening indicates that the state must have a downturn of the virus for 14 days. We have a population of 21.48 million people and have tested 318,827 and of those 9.4% or 30,100 have tested positive. We have tested 1.5% which to me is not acceptable. The graph clearly shows that the curve has not shown a downward trend. I know that every person and business want to go back to work but what is the plan to social distance? As soon as Jacksonville beach opened back up people were violating the 6 foot rule. Businesses that require close human contact should stay closed. Restaurants should have 6 feet or more between tables or seat less people. Paper menus and throw them away after each use. I would recommend that businesses check each customer for fever.
Pasco	General	I vote to lift the stay at home order.
Brevard	General	"open" everything immediately! We can continue to social distance appropriately with ALL our Florida businesses OPEN for business !
Orange	Information	Ignoring medical suggestions and not extending the stay at home order will not only hurt us long term, both in terms of our economy and our general health, but could also hurt our image, ruining our ability to bring in tourists. We should be able to protect our most vulnerable for another month or two without killing our healthcare system, hurting our economy, or potentially making a very bad situation worse by extending our first wave of this disease.
Collier	Transportation	Linstol is my business. We supply the airline industry with all passenger, cabin related products with the exception of food/beverage.
Sarasota	General	I feel that is too soon to reopen Florida. I hope that people would just be a little more patient and wait. A little longer.
Duval	General	I do not agree with opening the state earlier than it needs to be. That will put the rest of the state at risk of being exposed. I work in an office setting and do not like the idea of sitting within 3 feet from someone knowing that I could be exposed as the virus is still out there. I do not want to risk my family being exposed; right now I am working from home and do not want to risk my health or my families help.

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Pinellas	General	I do NOT want the state to re-open until EVERY citizen is protected from catching COVID-19. This includes mass testing for the virus, mass antibody testing, more ventilators and N95 masks for ALL citizens - medical personal, first responders, restaurant staff, retail staff, school staff, etc. EVERY LAST PERSON deserves the right to life and an N95 face mask! Personally my son has asthma and per CDC Guidelines is at high risk for getting very sick. This has put my family into a very scary situation. Every time one of us leaves the house to get food we are putting my son's life at risk. If you had/have a child with asthma you would be scared out of your wits every time you were forced to leave to get the bare necessities for your family. This is a very scary time that we are living in. I do not want to feel like I killed my son for food. I do not want to put his life in jeopardy to go back to work in retail and am looking for a work-from-home job. Every one of us is risking the life of every other person right now. We all are interdependent. Our every move affects everyone we come into contact with. I live and shop at one of the 2 Publix stores in Pinellas County that has had a COVID positive employee. This was in the paper around April 13th. I called the store that Monday because I had been there Saturday to buy some food. I asked them if I had come into contact with the person on Saturday - if that person was working that day. The man said no. Then I asked what they are doing to protect their employees and customers. After all - all the employees use the same time clock, break room, etc and therefore they have all been exposed. The man said they gave all the employees face masks -
Broward	General	Re open Florida immediately!!! We are dying financially, which causes physically, and beyond emotionally. We don't have ANY government assistance. We pay taxes and this shutdown has gone on BEYOND way too! Everyone who is too scared to re open the country can continue to stay home but this is ruining our lives and its getting harder to dig out the hole. My children are suffering we are SUFFERING! REOPEN NOW!!! Starting May 1st with ALL elective surgeries and dental centers, followed closely by parks INCLUDING playgrounds and play structures, followed closely by dine in restaurants, salons, barbershop, gyms, etc. Followed by concerts and live events. I expect to wear a mask but everything should be open and normal by June 1st the LATEST! I do not expect this 6ft rule anywhere, simply wear a mask or stay home. I expect my children to return to school AUGUST AS PLANNED and we will be normal! This is insane!!!! We are not poor or dependent. We live well off in Silver Lakes, we own a SUV, a Benz, and a Ferrari. I'm a stay at home mom, my mother is a teacher, my father is a 3 pension retired veteran, my mother in law is a head nurse MD, my husband is in surgical sales. We are good honest working Americans and we all agree enough is enough. OPEN America!!!

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Miami-Dade	Healthcare	As we continue to have empty hospitals in South Florida, personnel in outpatient centers, hospitals, drs office are now without a job! Small businesses will disappear from our community unless we return to work with restrictions. Our population is exposed daily to grocery stores, pharmacies, curve side food pick up, yet if you need a hysterectomy as a medical procedure necessary you have to way. Breast cancer patients undergoing reconstructive stages surgery have to wait, and yet we are now looking at opening parks, boat ramps. Elective surgery needs to open!! Give guidance, but allow the sector of our population with the most knowledge on bacteria, virus and practicing sterile techniques to return to work, before we all go under with the economy!!! No I do not want assistance I want to return to work !
Lake	Food	My husband and I are huge outdoors people especially fishing that's why we relocated to Florida from the Atlanta area 4 years ago. My husband is 68 with some health issues another reason to relocate to this beautiful state. We also enjoy outdoor venues, festivals and gatherings. However, this has changed as you well know. I still believe it is too soon to open up. Maybe restaurants with reservations only and limited seating. Maybe continue fast food drive thru only for a while. I'm still up in the air on nail salons and hair salons. I have several friends that own high end salons in Atlanta and they are proceeding with extreme caution. Very limited appointments and over the sterilization procedures. But, can you trust everyone to adhere to these strict policies, probably not. It's just too soon. Thanks for allowing my input! God bless and stay safe.
Miami-Dade	Professional Services	I think it is time to reopen Miami-Dade county. Salons, nails salons, laser centers, retail stores should open their doors. People need to be cautious but the numbers indicate that this virus is more common that what we thought. Schools need to reopen in August and life needs to continue.
Orange	General	I implore you to allow local mayors the ability to open cities in phases. This way places with higher populations and infection rates can open at a more gradual pace than rural areas with less population. Florida is much too large a state to adopt a one-size-fits-all approach.

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Hillsborough	Government	I just feel the economy needs to be open ASAP. The US has never ever closed the entire country and stop the entire economy over a contagious illness. The biggest take away I have learned from this is the Government is trying to get the people of the United States dependent on the government to move it towards socialism and take away our freedoms. The current decisions have destroyed our booming economy and millions of people out of work. Many people will never be hired back because the businesses will be weary of another outbreak that the government will shut down the entire economy. Florida's unemployment system is total failure to the Florida Workers. The governors of each state should be proactive in making sure their states are better prepared to handle pandemics and emergencies. Our hospitals should have been stocked with equipment needed to handle any emergency that may arise instead of them being reactive and not able to handle this situation. Our state is quickly approaching the hurricane season and may be faced with another catastrophic situation and we have no way to rebound that quickly from the current COVID-19 catastrophe let alone handle another one. At the most our state should have asked the people to follow the guidelines that CDC had suggested and kept our states economy strong.
Pinellas	Government	Open the damn state now!!
Holmes	Retail	The economy needs to re-open!!!! My small business is all but dead right now. Newly opened store front since Hurricane Michael. Please open back up Florida!!!
Pinellas	Recreation	Let people that want to work work. People that want to stay home should do so without penalty from work. Gyms should be open, as they lower risks of complications of Covid and aid mental health. The economic effect of this is way worse than the virus itself. Open us up!!
St. Johns	General	Please continue to restrict short-term rentals, in particular, larger "party houses" that can accommodate 10+ people. The local residents on my little street are older, at-risk citizens. In just our small beach-side neighborhood there are 36 rentals that accommodate 11 or more people, with a few for 18+ people. (That's just on VRBO - not sure how many more on AirBnB and local rental sites) Now is not the time to come party next door to our elderly residents.
Polk	Recreation	I would encourage you to open all state parks and open spaces boat ramps beaches now. I would say let's start opening business restrictions of dining capacity until may 15 . Hotels and everthing else on may 15 we did to be free to lice our lives of our choosing enough already

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Palm Beach	Government	Why even think about opening the state back up when the number of cases are still so high? Florida is such a big state with a huge population and it's a major tourist spot. Why risk DYING for some time at the beach or going out...? I get it, I love the beach as much as the next person and it sucks that we may not all have the summer that we were hoping for, but if Florida opens up, people will be coming and going as they please and just spreading more and more of the virus than before. People only want to go out so that they don't have to do everything themselves. Everyone is so used to getting their hair done by someone, nails done, makeup done, getting their house cleaned, getting their car washed, people getting their food and groceries for them, babysitting, etc. With the amount of time that we have all been inside of the house, it gives parents the opportunity to be closer with their children and spend some actual time with them. Also gives us the opportunity to eat actual home cooked meals with our families as well. We should all be thankful that we can take some time off from work to spend with our families and do the things we have wanted to do that we've never had any time for because we just all work so much. Yes, not having money is very hard, it's even harder when you're paying rent or mortgage and have children to take care of but our safety is more important and the minute you decide to open the state up, you don't just put a few people at risk, you put EVERYONE at risk. Not only that, but we all see how serious of an impact this is having on our healthcare system, people with other health issues are not being taken care of correctly because so many people have the virus and you're willing to open up states early and put an even bigger strain on the healthcare system because a few people cant handle staying inside for a while. When in all honesty, this is the safest our country has ever been since everyone has been forced to stay inside. Please, please, please, think before taking these measures to open up the state.. Don't just think about yourselves, think about the nation as a whole. Just so you don't forget, the Coronavirus can effect anyone, young or old, healthy or not. Please think responsibly and reasonably, and Stay safe everyone.
Miami-Dade	General	Good afternoon, I think the governor is right. We need to open up everything slowly. Sadly I was positive with the virus & it was not fun it was very scary & the sickness was horrible. I think the only places that should be opened first should be the places that's essential to everyone needs. Some hair stores should be opened up at least for us women that need hair products. Not everything we can find at places like Walmart. Places like entertainment (clubs) shouldn't be open to fast cause we need to continue practicing social distance & places like that would be impossible. I hope my opinion matters cause I truly hope we continue this social distance & wearing face mask.
Palm Beach	Professional Services	Open businesses in Florida. Retailers will collapse. People can wear a mask to enter store, limit number of people, movement directions. Target & Walmart are open. Dollar stores are open. I was in Joann fabric & people were buying craft & home decor. Restaurants & closer contact businesses will have to have a safer way to operate. Open up the retail stores while they Still exist. Another month & many many stores will be closed for good. I'm in the 65+ age group. Open up the economy!

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Collier	Finance	Hello, please keep the state shut down. Also, take care of your people.
Lake	General	Please reopen
Lee	Professional Services	Seems it would be best to have people that can work from home for so until this is over.
Miami-Dade	Recreation	Please allow the reopening of Miami Dade county beaches for exercise activities. It makes zero sense to open gyms before opening beaches. If you can enforce beach closures you can enforce social distancing on our beaches.
Hillsborough	General	As a healthcare worker, just because the curve is slowing down DOES NOT mean we can reopen everything. Unless you want a second wave, I recommend to continue social distancing and keeping non-essential businesses closed UNLESS they can stay open while practicing social distancing.
Palm Beach	Healthcare	It would be reckless and harmful to Florida's residents to reopen the state. South FL is a dangerous hot spot. While a rural area in another part of the state may seem safe to open, there is no way to prevent people from going from one county to another, potentially spreading the virus and creating an even more dangerous situation than we have now. If we don't get better control of the virus situation, we can't fully open the economy up. People are afraid. Surveys show that most people do not want to risk going out. Do I need a haircut? Absolutely. Would I go to get one? Absolutely not. I didn't even go in early March, before the shut down. I don't want to die because of my hair. You should want to either..
Leon	Food	My family owns a Chick-fil-A franchise in Tallahassee and are struggling to take care of not only our family but also our 40+ employees. There is no reason we cannot enter Phase 1 and have a happy medium of being open for business as well as taking extra precautions such as masks, extra sanitation, etc... The entire economy is bleeding out for something that may or may not happen
Hillsborough	General	Please don’t open the state too soon. If I have to go back to work too soon, I will expose myself to the virus and i have a daughter with cancer who can’t afford to be exposed. If I don’t go back voluntarily, I’ll lose my home so I don’t have. a choice once the state opens again. Just wait till it’s safer, please!
St. Johns	General	We need to reopen the state, businesses, everything. Who is to say my job, my family, my live is "non-essential " over others?? My job closed on March 19, 2020 and still has not reopened and I was told on April 20, 2020 that when they do open, I'm not being rehired! They have not received a dime from the PPP loan program AND i have not received any unemployment or the stimulus money from the Federal government. It is now April 20, 2020 and it has not gotten any better. For those that are afraid to go out, they can stay home. Why should I have to stay home because my neighbor does? Open the state!!
Palm Beach	General	YALL ARE DUMBASS AND YOU ARE TRYING TO KILL US ESPECIALLY PEOPLE LIVING IN LOWER INCOME PLASES
Broward	General	WAIT FOR MORE TESTING TO BE DONE!! TEST THE WHOLE STATE FIRST, THEN SEE WHAT YOUR DEALING WITH..

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Pinellas	General	As an individual who had Covid-19 without symptoms and now has antibodies by getting an antibodies test offered through my doctor, – I am asking you to make Covid-19 antibody testing more available to everyone. I truly believe that more people have been infected without knowing or having any symptoms, like myself and my family. Please also open up the state ASAP!-----So that we can all get back to normalcy. My children also do not like online learning. The kids need to be with their friends. We all need to go back to work and pay bills. ASAP!
Citrus	Government	Please do not open Florida. Lets wait and see how it goes for Georgia and other states that have opened. Even if there is another wave of the coronavirus we'll be right back to where we are. Prepared or not.
Collier	General	I think it's time to start reopening the economy. I will be staying home because I am older but young people can not survive without money, food, and employment. I am willing to stay at home to allow others to survive financially. Open all the beaches at the same time so they aren't overwhelmed with people rushing to a limited number of open beaches. And if the virus kicks up again, don't wait so long to shut everything down!
Alachua	General	Please continue the shelter in place ordinance. We can wait to "open up" the state. Health is the most important thing and the stay home orders are working.
Broward	General	I honestly think if everyone stayed home for 14 days this would of been over a long time ago. I mean everyone except healthcare and groceries. No garbage service, no public transportation, no McDonald, no biglots, No Lowes. Only healtcare and food and gas. I am 56 and I am scared.
Broward	Retail	I live in Broward & work in Palm Beach County. I am a GM of a retail shoe store & I am concerned for the safety of myself & my staff, if we reopen to customers before medical experts say it is safe to do so. Once we do reopen, I believe we should have strict mask mandates in place when shopping in my store for both my staff & my customers. I also think we must have strict limits on the number of customers who can be in my store at a time, so we can all maintain social distancing rules.
Palm Beach	Education	Regarding higher education and students return to campus. Students are commuting and living with family and also living in close quarters in residence halls. There neesd to be specific guidelines created to reopen college campuses, the virus could very easily spread on a college campus. Students and staff need to be able to get tested prior to return to campus and nobody should be allowed back who has the virus. Additionally, money should be available to provide staff with masks and sanitizing supplies. Guidelines for cleanliness need to be established.
Broward	General	This shutdown has negatively affected our entire state. Reopen Florida!

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Lee	General	I beg you not to open too much too soon. I'm an essential employee that has reported to the office since day 1. I am very careful following all CDC guidelines and have worn a mask since the beginning. I'm the family member that goes to the grocery, picks up prescriptions etc. I see people all day everyday that DO NOT use one precaution. Yes I need a haircut, nails done and brow wax but no way will I do any of that even when open. My community pool shouldn't open because it will be overcrowded with idiots. I say yes to opening beaches but only to residents that have drivers licenses for that city ex: Fort Myers Beach only people that live in Fort Myers can go there. Yes allow chairs umbrellas and let people sit. I realize that this will take manpower to check. But 2 Lee County Sherriffs cars are parked in my parking lot all day everyday. Make them work!! Open the hotels to Florida residents with ID to stay at a non gouging rate we will come. I'd stay on Sanibel for days if open. It's my favorite beach. Do not let people into the state that don't belong here at first see how that goes. People are worried about a surge when opening. Let's not help that happen. Two more very important things which I'm sure I sound like a broken record please fix the unemployment situation I know people that are losing everything and I have fed them. I'm happy to do so. Two, the stimulus checks are not coming fast enough. Thank you.
Lee	General	I feel businesses should be open and people can go where they want. The risk and safety instructions should be well advertised so people can decide for themselves, because the greater majority won't be affected and can help the ones who should stay in place. This is a great opportunity for businesses that have been closed to clean up, some of the restaurants especially are disgustingly dirty/ smelly. How clean the businesses run themselves will determine their success rate, shoppers should be willing to wear a mask no matter who is sick and who isn't to promote the ongoing way of life and livelihood of Americans. This practice will probably diminish many other communicable disease rates. Men should stop spitting on the sidewalks.
Duval	Food	I'm concerned about all of the food establishments that have been closed for indoor dining, during this time. Will they be required to have an inspection of some kind? I would hope they would sanitize all seating, tables, restrooms, the cash registers etc.... My family of 5, enjoys dining out a few times a week but I would like to know that it's safe to do so.
Sarasota	Food	DONT open until we have a vaccine!!
Brevard	Tourism	I don't want to die. Please don't open too soon.
Pinellas	Recreation	I still feel the virus is very serious. However, it would be nice to at least have the beaches open so we could walk them for exercise. Also, if everyone would at least wear a cloth mask it'd be nice.
Leon	General	it is too soon to reopen the state. We don't meet any of the criteria laid out by the White House for moving into the next phase. New cases per day has stabilized, but has not declined (and certainly doesn't show a steady 14 day decline). We do not have sufficient testing or contact tracing in place. We should stay closed for at least the first half of May, but use that time to dramatically ramp up testing and contract tracing capabilities. But staying closed longer, we have a better chance of successfully reopening without having to close again.

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Santa Rosa	General	start the phase to open up the businesses!
Palm Beach	General	Please do not open up the state for business it is too soon listen to scientists not to the president. So many of us have been sacrificing for weeks we do not want to see this all for naught... again listen to The Scientist not the politicians. Ron DeSantis you work for the people not for the president!
Walton	Tourism	If Short Term rentals are opened back up, please consider that "Season" in NWFL is happening now. While in most other parts of the State summer is "off season". Please limit the number of Short Term Rentals allowed, and have an ordinance as to what needs to be put in place to ensure they are sanitized properly. Typically the rentals here are Saturday to Saturday with many cleaners "flipping" 3 to 4 hours (anywhere 3-6 bedrooms) from 11 to 3PM (You can not sanitize a home that quickly). Also keep in mind that our hospitals are way below what is needed to meet our basic care without 750,000 tourist here. In our county there are less than 150 hospital beds and 14 Ventilators. IN OUR COUNTY. And many of the hospital in our area are also still not up to 100% from Hurricane Michael. PS: I understand the need to open for our economy, however, PLEASE take into consideration how many will come here if we don't put limitations.
Lake	General	Please reopen. Our economy is suffering
Orange	Government	This virus has been a hoax from the start. H1N1 was 100 times more deadly than this stupid virus. Open our state up immediately! You are violating our constitutional rights! You like all politicians are out of your league on this one! I thought Desantis would be good for this state, but I've seen now he sucks! The mayors are ignorant as well. If you are going to say 3/4 Of Floridians don't want the state open, why haven't most of us working class even been invited to the poll???? You lie as much as these states and the cdc about this hoax of a virus. GET OUR STATE OPEN OR FACE THE NEXT REVOLUTION!!!! Not to mention lawsuits.
Lee	Retail	Please REOPEN NOW!!! we have already been shut down for six weeks! I know of both small and large businesses in the Fort Myers and Naples area that are either shut down and out of business or will be soon if we don't reopen. It is economically ruining our cities in our counties there is no or very little revenue coming in to these entities including you the state of Florida we are all going to be in bankruptcy if you don't reopen the state. This is not New York City, I do feel for them but the daily TV broadcast of Governor Como has scared all of America and people think we're not going to make it physically. We will all be OK but economically going into bankruptcy or worse can have a bigger physical effect on us than the virus. Tim Traycik Business Owner and Florida resident 42 Years
Polk	General	Please reopen our state. I know too many people are without jobs. Our economy needs this. Our parks, trails and beaches should be open. I believe the isolation was good for a period of time but we need to get back to work and back to life
Marion	General	I believe we shouldn't reopen the state yet as our numbers are continuing to rise and I believe in the safety of our health and well-being

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Lee	Information	Hi, First A question. Are there any medical professionals or seniors on the task force, if not there should. I am not in favor of a fast opening of business and beaches in Lee county. As a senior citizen who can't even go to the grocery store for fear or the virus, I don't see how inviting more traffic and tourists to the area now can be a safe way to go. Florida's population is heavily senior, a very vulnerable group. I traink there is a chance that this will increase the health problem. Please don't gamble with our lives. Be safe. Thank you Amy
Miami-Dade	Professional Services	The State should open step by step with all healthy measurements.
Broward	General	Please keep Floridians safe. Do not open up the state until scientists and medical doctors say it is safe to do so.
Polk	General	As an immunosuppressive I am scared of the state opening too early. I think the decision should be made by a Healthcare professional and only after a significant decline in cases. Also as a server it would be impossible to serve tables and keep with social distancing guidelines, you can't toss drinks and food at a table.
Duval	General	Mandatory Work-From-Home (teleworking orders) should be extended through phase 2 to allow parents to continue working from home while schools are closed. Parents with school aged children need to have a way to continue to supervise and assist in the distance learning as well as care for their children. Our younger children cannot be left to navigate this system themselves, much less be left alone in general. Thank you for your hard work and for your consideration in this matter.
Pinellas	Healthcare	I do not feel it is a good idea to open up until the cases have seriously dropped off. I would wait until at least July 4th. Or August would be better.
Nassau	Recreation	I believe it would be wise to extend our stay at home order until May 15th so that we can see the effects of it being lifted in Georgia. If Georgia cases and deaths spike in 3 weeks after their stay at home order has been lifted, we can assume the same will happen here. We can then assess if spikes here will be more than our hospitals can handle. Open the beaches for exercise, limit hours. Enforce social distancing. Gyms should not be allowed to reopen. People can exercise at home and outdoors. Gyms are Petri dishes for viruses and bacteria. The general population does not clean equipment properly, if at all, after use. Gyms will not enforce social distancing because they will be too concerned with getting people in the doors in order to make up for lost revenue.
Jackson	General	Please allow those shops that want to open, using CDC guidelines. I live in the panhandle and there have not been many cases, only 12 in Jackson County, no deaths. I am thankful that . I believe a lot of the problems have been because of the mefia- people seem to only want to hear the bad. I have faith in our citizens and medical professionals. Let's start a slow open and see how it goes, can always slow back again.

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Walton	Tourism	Reopen Florida! I support the full reopening in the state of Florida. As a registered voter, tax paying citizen of Florida who has been furloughed for 6 weeks from the vacation ownership sales industry; the numbers do not support a continued shut down! The fear mongering of the media, the draconian measures of government control- it has to stop! Elderly, medically compromised or those wanting to continue living in fear and being controlled can stay home. But healthy individuals who want to work should be able to! I am not required to descend into poverty for anyone. I refuse to participate in "quarantine life" until there's an unsafe, untested vaccine released in eighteen months. I refuse to receive said vaccine to make others feel more safe. I won't set myself--or my children--on fire to keep you warm. We are Allowing fear and policies devoid of scientifically accurate data to destroy Florida and America! We have a constitutional right to take risks! Life is full of bacteria and viruses--many of which spread before symptoms manifest and after they subside. We have a right to receive OR refuse vaccines. Stop allowing the government to destroy: The Food Supply Small Businesses Medical Autonomy Access to Healthcare Religious Gatherings Privacy Rights Fellowship Tourism When the "new normal" is filled with starvation, depression, suicide, child abuse, domestic violence, imprisonment, and pure DESPERATION, the virus is going to look preferable to the world you helped facilitate. Reopen Florida Now!
Collier	General	Please reopen the state, especially Collier County. This virus has been no worse than the flu. Many businesses and employees are suffering. Thanks
Hillsborough	Tourism	I appreciate the work the governor has done for our safety but I feel that the we need to open up the state. Our economy cannot survive without the state reopening. I, like many other furloughed employees are struggling because the unemployment system is broken. Please, let us go back to work. Thanks!
Pinellas	Government	I would vote to open the beaches with social distancing in Mind. I guess the police on the four wheelers that patrol the beaches looking for drinkers could enforce the large gatherings..
St. Lucie	General	Reopen all Florida immediately its wrong to take away our right to work and travel
Hillsborough	General	Please do not hurry to reopen Florida. I think it is way too soon. Wait another month, then gradually open some businesses, a few at a time. Be prepared to close again if there is a resurgence of the virus. I am a registered nurse, so my comments come from a medical background.

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Pinellas	General	How about opening up orthodontists? Bad enough to have broken wires and brackets but this is delaying getting all this metal out of my mouth. The dentist is a health care professional who knows safe practices. Start thinking smart and not politically!!!!
Polk	Manufacturing	I live and work in polk county. Lots of industrial businesses are still open and have no precautions. Sending more people back will only bring more cases. We are already risking our lives with no additional pay or precautions.
Palm Beach	Government	Thank you for broadcasting all meetings. Very helpful for communicators.
Lee	Recreation	Recreation, as it applies to healthcare. Senior Citizens with health issues (heart, diabetes, back and joint issues, etc.) that have long established personal physical therapy through City Pool sponsored daily water aerobics and lap swim programs, need desperately to return to the water. With water aerobics being one of the top physician prescribed exercise regimes delivering low joint impact with simultaneous whole body circulation benefits, program cessation has personally been a detriment to me as a diabetic heart patient. Please consider the inherent safety of pool chemical atmosphere, persnal separation, sunshine and wind environment as positive factors. My health depends on this excellent low impact exercise! Thank you.
Brevard	Administrative	I will make the use of mask mandatory and encourage remote work
Collier	General	I feel that any business that chooses it is safe to reopen is free to do so. However, I feel a requirement for reopening is that the owners and managers of the business are right there with the front line people. If its a factory, management is working on the factory floor, not in a hidden office. If its a restaurant, management is working with the customers as well as the minimum wage employees. If its safe enough for the lower level employees, its safe for the higher level employees. If this is enforced, businesses will take it upon themselves to ensure safety and will open when they feel they have the right protocol in place.
Hillsborough	General	I do not believe it is smart to open up Florida to any extent yet. It is asking for that second wave right at the beginning of summer. It isn't easy for anyone but the lives of others are more important than the economy (if that's a hard concept imagine a family member of yours dying from COVID-19 because we just couldn't wait to reopen). I truly believe this shouldn't even be on the table right now with 300+ additional positive CI cases in FI between last night and today. Irresponsible and unsafe.

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Orange	General	PHASE ONE I would urge you to open as many businesses as possible with social distancing rules, and if close contact (such as salons, barbershops) masks are required by both customers and staff along with enhanced cleaning. Restaurants should be able to open with six feet distancing. All outside parks, etc, should be open with social distancing. Hospitals open for normal business with enhanced screening. Vulnerable.....nursing homes remain on lockdown.....those over 65 with underlying conditions suggested to remain home. Set June 1 as an opening date for theme parks, enhanced social distancing, temperature checks at entry, crowd capacity limits. Review for 14 days.....if no spikes....continue to loosen. There aren't going to be many businesses left if this drags on much longer.
Hillsborough	General	I think it's too some to reopen Fl. It would expose more people to contracting it giving it to out healthcare workers. Also, let's monitor Georgia's numbers to see how their numbers jump, flatten or continue to come down.
Lake	General	Reopen Lake County businesses
Broward	Information	Please open Florida! By May 1st! We need people to get back to work! Open retailers such as Macys! Open parks, beaches! This stay at home did what it needed too! It's time for everyone to get back to work! This is not good for the economy! It is not good for anyone mental health. I give you full support Open Florida. Thank you.
Pinellas	Healthcare	The state and the country have not hit their peak. It is very haphazard to reopen while record numbers are coming in daily. Wait for the numbers to stop raising. You can make more money, you can't bring back the dead.
Pasco	Recreation	It's time to open up Florida. The government has gone too far with these restrictions. People can and should go to the beach the pool the restaurants. We are all for safety but no more constraints. There is no "new normal" and don't subscribe to it. We want our country back and we want it now not in June or July
Polk	Recreation	Why in the works would we have classes ass the outdoor parks and beaches. Especially knowing that UV light, heat and humidity kill this virus. This was a severe over reaction caused by the media. The vulnerable should have been quarantined. NOT the whole state.
Miami-Dade	Recreation	gyms and parks should be open

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Polk	Food	I am 100% against the reopening of Florida dine-in restaurants on May 1st. I work as a server at a well-known Golf Resort. On the average day we can see between 100 to 300+ guests in our restaurant. These guests are not locals they have flown in just to golf on our courses. I am fearful of the outbreak that might occur due to reopening the dining room too soon. I feel we should hold off on reopening until HEALTH officials agree it is safe to do so. I would just like to feel safe in my own work environment. I think this is the best option for my coworkers, myself, and our guests.
Palm Beach	General	I understand playgrounds being closed for the time being, but I think open spaces like parks and beaches should be open, including swimming and picnicking. If I'm not mistaken, I don't think even NYC closed their open spaces. If necessary, cone off every other parking spot and perhaps require an ID with a local address to access local amenities. Or like they did in the 70's with gas rationing, limit those that can use the amenities by license plate number.
Lee	General	While I'm extremely concerned for our local economy, I'm in fear over health concerns, as well. I'm particularly concerned over putting children in school, where they have a high likelihood of becoming carriers of COVID-19. I'm also concerned that people with compromised immune systems will be forced back into an unsafe and unprepared work environment.
Pinellas	General	I do not feel that Florida should be opened yet. There are so many vulnerable people here and we have no effective way of determining who may have it and be asymptomatic. In addition there is no formal tracking plan in place. Add to this that there is no proven treatments and no vaccination. This equals a recipe for disaster.
Pinellas	General	I am a mother of 2 school age children, a professional, and a full-time resident of Florida since 2008. Do Not re-open businesses or the beaches or the state in general until doctors and infectious disease doctors agree that it is safe to do so. Please- the economy shutdown pales in comparison of The potential loss of human life if we don't continue to abide by social distancing and quarantine protocols until there is an effective vaccine.
Pasco	Government	Do not reopen the state. Listen to scientific evidence not politicians and big business. Please think of your fellow human beings and keep the state closed...their lives are in your hands.
Hernando	Food	Open restaurant like before with separate tables or seating

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Seminole	Healthcare	April 25, 2020 The Honorable Ron Desantis RE: Excluding the reopening Dental Practices in Phase One of FL Reopening Plan Dear Governor Desantis: I am a dentist who practices in Seminole county in Florida. I am writing on behalf of my practice and our 7 employees to urge you to exclude the reopening of dental practices in the initial phase of FL reopening plan and to keep the prohibition on elective dental surgeries and procedures in the state. Extending of this prohibition is necessary to both ensure that residents of FL have access to proper emergency oral care and the enormous impact of COVID-19 resurgence of infection rate can be mitigated. If the prohibition remains in place too much longer, I fear that many dental offices will contribute to the spread of COVID-19 levels. Presently we are only treating emergencies, allowing social distancing to remain and limit spread the aerosols created by dental procedures. Every day that the number of patients stay away from aerosols created by dental procedures decreases the likelihood of an outbreak of COVID cases to patients and dental staff. Continuing to provide dental emergencies allows us to continue to reduce hospitalizations due to dental emergencies and the expenditure of the limited resources and decreasing the likelihood that a patient will be exposed to COVID-19. We are health care providers and we want to contribute to the reduction of COVID cases. Infection control has always been a key part of the practice of dentistry but the exposure to aerosols is too risky for our people. With the use of PPE (N-95 masks or equivalent, face shields, gowns and gloves), we are using limited PPE supply and exposing all patients and employees to this deadly virus. I am asking that you work with other elected and appointed officials
Lee	Food	I do not think we should reopen fl cause we still have more cases popping up and if we do open there is just gonna be more people getting sick and its stupid to reopen the beaches right now to i think we need to do another 30 days to see how we are then go from there i know people are stuggling right now i am to even thou im still working but its not enough i live in the back of my work in an rv cause i cant afford anything at least yall have a home to live in. So as of right now i do not think we should reopen fl ots to soon we have over 30,000 cases what is wrong with people these days
Broward	General	I think we should keep the lock down definitely till April 30 and then there after make sure people are required to wear masks and stay 6 feet apart; we have to strictly enforce these social distancing guidelines (imposing fines and/or penalties if not adhered to) if we are going to slowly and cautiously go back to work. Restaurants and food serving establishments need to have their employees wearing masks and gloves going back this early as it is going to be risky and you know there is the possibility of a resurge of infections. The reality is we have not gotten this disease under control but again we do need to get our economy restarted let everybody not forget the risk we are taking and going back to work while the virus is still not contained safely.

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Hernando	Healthcare	It’s time. Too many people out of work. We don’t want a hand out, we want to work
Miami-Dade	General	We should not reopen until it is medically safe to do so. We could open in phases based on necessity of occupation and ability to maintain social distancing. Require social distancing rules when reopening and continued wearing of masks/gloves. Jobs that can be done remotely should continue to be done remotely. Prepare schools to potentially continue virtual learning in the fall. I'd suggest continuing to quarantine until at least June.
Washington	Healthcare	For the record, I am not proposing that people go running around in the streets exposing each other. I am suggesting that many of the impositions from state, local, and federal governments are excessive and do not contribute to containment. Complete restriction on deep sea fishing off the panhandle of FL, halting of logging and sawmilling in PA, and curfew in Colquitt county GA likely do not slow spread much if at all. I admit there may be places where sawmilling would be inadvisable, but by and large (at least here) small operations will not contribute to spread. 3 guys who hang out together in quarantine should be able to hang out fishing. I think many politicians are using this as an opportunity to see what they can trample, without due reasoning to whether the COVID spread is affected or not. Any job that can happen without increasing risk should be allowed to proceed. That will reduce the damage done to the economy. Many more people will be hurt by business closures than by coronavirus, I fear (naturally conjecture on my part). I am very concerned that the current measures will be for naught. I was reading an article that discussed the research of 2 university mathematicians. They have come to the conclusion that since no herd immunity is being developed right now, we will probably see the huge spike that is trying to be avoided. We are simply delaying it more than changing it. I don't know, obviously I'm not a statistician or an epidemiologist. But I have had this concern. Without herd immunity, I think we are banking on the sun/warm weather to kill off this wave of infection. Once travel sanctions/quarantine are lifted, any remaining undetected cases in the community will spread rapidly, possibly more rapidly than now since people will let their guard down.

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St. Johns	General	All non-essential businesses should be able to open by 5/1/20 as long as they follow the guidelines for practicing proper hygiene , constantly cleanliness of establishment and customers should be seated 6 feet apart temporarily. Hair salons/nail salons should be requested to take appointments only at this time- no walk-ins. The majority of small business owners have spent their life earnings as well as their time to open and run a successful business and with the stay at home orders you are asking them to sit back and do nothing while they loose everything!! People who do not feel comfortable going out can stay home as well as the elderly and people with underlying health issues until they feel safe to go out in public. This is the United States of America which is democratic country and the people of the United States of America should not be told that they have to stay home due to the fear of catching a virus. This should be our decision on whether we want to face this virus and fear that the Media is publicizing or sit back and do nothing. The United States of America is a country that fights for their rights and freedoms as stated in the Constitution not a country that hides in fear and waits for the fear to overtake us and do nothing!!
Sarasota	General	I believe it would be a mistake to open up Florida too quickly as a lot of our population here in Venice are senior citizens. This is far from over I believe & there is already talk of another wave. I have two grown sons that work in the medical field. The medical staff and first responders are already stressed and overwhelmed. They have to worry about their safety and bringing this virus home to their families. The last thing we need to do is overwhelm our hospitals with more positive cases of COVID-19. Or another wave of it . Public safety should come first . There are so many of those out there like my self that are struggling financially because of this virus no unemployment coming in as of yet but thankfully we are home and we are safe and we are healthy.
Palm Beach	Food	Hello. i work for a restaurant in palm beach county florida. as much as i am thankful for being open for take out and still having a income. but i think opening up certain things in palm beach county, which is one of the worst county with coronavirus cases is not the smartest move. i think other counties that have less cases should be the first to open and test it out to see if we can handle it. flu season is coming and it's going to get worse, and to reopen a lot of the economy for it to happen again is ridiculous. start off slowly and open the things that can handle social distancing without putting people in danger.
Okeechobee	General	We think they should wait another month before opening anything. It is to deadly and dangerous to take more people lives that do not need to die. We are seniors and my wife is 75 with about 3 different underlying conditions that it would kill her if she got it. Please keep everything locked down until the middle or 3rd week of may or later. Thanks Governor DeSantis. Tim and Judy Rain
Lee	Education	I work in higher education and feel that if the state opens to fast we will end up with a massive amount of illness. I think that thing should remain closed until at least August.
Hillsborough	General	I would like to have the state re open, I am just afraid that doing so too early would cause a huge spike in cases, causing another shutdown.

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Brevard	General	Please leave restrictions in place for another 30 days. Easing the restrictions too soon would be a major mistake. Virtually all health & disease experts are saying June at the earliest. If all goes extremely well, you can relax the rules early, but it will be very difficult to reinstate restrictions later Err on the side of caution.
Manatee	General	Do not open Florida until an actual health professional tells you it's safe to do so.
Duval	General	I am an RN, and I volunteer with a clinic. I spent most of my volunteer time working outdoors with homeless people. I really think we need to start re opening the economy. I understand the coronavirus is dangerous, but it is a small percentage of people who have a serious reaction or die from it. Common sense tells me that you don't ruin millions of peoples lives for such a small percentage. People are subject to virus and bacteria every day. I wonder what will happen when people who have made their environments so sterile, so back out. I see such divisiveness among people. The dirty looks you get from people even as you shop at the grocery store has really made me very sad. Everyone is so much more judgmental than before. People can stay home if they don't feel comfortable going out, but for the majority of people, please reopen things. And let me help my clients again. All of their services and resources have been shut down. Thank you.
Osceola	General	Think when we start to reopen we need to ensure social distancing is happening. I believe testing has gotten a lot better. We need to continue that. The needs to be guidelines like temperature checks everywhere, and a questioner to fill out. Masks are a must. Also the stay at home to be lifted to a point. There are people who hasn't seen there family members in over a month. If you are health you should be able to see the members or your family.
St. Johns	Healthcare	It is far too early to allow massage therapists to go back to work. There's absolutely no way to keep enough distance and there's no way to sanitize every surface to prevent transmission of COVID-19. Even if massage therapists could get N95 masks there would still be a lot of risk from surfaces. I have been a massage therapist in Florida since 1997 and still have an active license although I stopped practicing 3 years ago. Massage is a medical necessity, although it is not emergency care. Please exercise extreme caution before you allow massage therapists to go back to work. As much as I'd love to have a massage, I will not be getting one until it is safe.
Lee	Professional Services	Barber shops and beauty salons need to be aware of new sanitation laws as soon as it is available. Sanitation supplies are hard to find. We are going to need time to get ourselves prepared. Even if means we are shut down longer. Please let the DPR decide what is best to keep us all safe. I really don't want my client to become ill. And I certainly don't want to become ill myself. Keep in mind that Fliridas numbers are up and the barber and beauty industry puts us very close to one another We need to be updated on the progress and decisions made as soon as possible. Thank You, Vincene Lewis

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Hillsborough	General	We need to be extremely cautious and precise about reopening. We are in a good spot number wise because Floridians have stayed home.If we open too soon or too quickly we will be undoing the good we have done this far protecting ourselves. If you are going to open salons they should all have appointments so times can be spaced out for safety Same with nail salons. Stores should have limited hours and a set number of people who can be in the store at one time.Trying on clothes is a real concern. Restaurants should continue take out until June. Please be very cautious as this is important to the health of all Floridians.
Hernando	General	Governor DeSantis, please reopen the state. Too many people are living paycheck to paycheck and no longer have an income, particularly with the unemployment site difficult to get through. People are going hungry. Its time to reopen
Pinellas	General	I believe that it is to soon to open. There are new cases everyday and if we open to soon so many people will be affected. We need to do what is safe and that is staying closed until the numbers go down will be for the best of everyone
Pinellas	Government	I do not think it's a good idea to re-open the state at this time because cases are still clearly rising, as well as deaths. So, if people are still coming in contact with others at shopping malls, salons, movie theaters, bowling alleys, and other recreational activities all we are doing is continuing the spread of the virus. I think we should wait until the CDC and HEALTH PROFESSIONALS state that it is okay for us to start getting back to our normal lives. Until then, I think we need to keep social distancing, and being extra cautious. Peoples lives are more important than the economy at this point. Unless you're trying to weed out the weak, it's not a good idea.
Lee	General	I think Florida needs to open up get back to work and some normalcy still be safe but more people have died from the flu we didn't have to close down the state for that
Volusia	Professional Services	Hi! I hope this comment finds everyone well. I am a LMT here in Volusia County. My industry is not getting clear cut answers or hearing directly from our governing board. Please Advise. As Massage is definitely not at a 6ft distance, or with the asymptomatic carriers, how can we ever really return to the Profession in which we love, until this is behind us? We at the very least need to be in the last phase of reopening. Please address LMT'S directly, so we have a clear cut plan of action. Thank you I ABSOLUTELY! believe it is TO SOON to reopen. We are trying so hard to flatten the curve, I feel opening now will make it all for not. We will all be ok. Supportive of each each. Make it thru. We just need to stay in lockdown just awhile longer. For all the people that need us to. Please think this thru. Please. Thank you for taking the time to read my comment today. You are appreciated. Be Well.

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Escambia	General	Opening the economy is inevitable- it needs to happen but should be done w as much caution as economically possible. I think face masks should be mandated for all businesses for all employees and for all consumers. Essential healthcare workers, first responders, and those who ensure our public safety should get discounts, raises, and more recognition for their efforts; teachers should get more funding and incentives, and non essential corporate leaders should be furloughed. The focus should be on safety of Floridians and that includes safe practices such as mandatory face masks, more sanitation stations, more funding for essential health care workers, small businesses, restaurants, public safety employees and teachers.
Broward	Retail	Please consider a science based and cautious approach to reopening FL. There are still many unknowns and still many infected. You have to take this slow and large malls and big box retailers need to wait longer to open.
Lake	General	Reopen with masks and social distancing
Pinellas	Healthcare	Given the complete ineptitude of the government to manage unemployment benefits, and given the fact that there is no “overwhelming” of the hospitals, it makes sense to allow Floridians to return back to work. Special precautions should be taken for the elderly population (nursing homes, etc) and perhaps disinfection protocols for stores and places of public traffic... but the state needs to open up without burdening restrictions
Okaloosa	Healthcare	How can I be tested to see if I have the antibodies for covid19.so that I can donate blood in hopes helping someone else. I do no believe I have had covid19, but I do believe my husband did. I never got ill. From what I understand, that could mean that I have antibodies.
Palm Beach	Professional Services	I own a hair salon in lake worth and as much as i need to get the salon reopened for financial reasons I am also concerned that reopening to soon in our area, which is made up mostly of senior citizens, is not in anyone’s best interest. We are a very busy salon with many stylists so limiting capacity of people is not feasible if everyone is back to work. I don’t see how it can work if it’s not all (of course utilizing so social distancing and ramping up disinfection in between clients) or nothing. Everyone is anxious to get their hair done so if we open they will all be there. The cost of opening the doors will not be worth it if staff needs to be split and clients need to be spaced to far apart. It would literally take 3/4 of my daily totals away but still have overhead and salaries to pay. Please be realistic with guidelines when you do feel it’s safe for us to reopen
Duval	General	Open it all up except to those most vulnerable
Hillsborough	Government	Please don’t open Hillsborough County or Florida. We need few more weeks. I am very scared to go outside especially having a pre existing condition.

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Hillsborough	General	Dear Governor DeSantis, I am a resident of (Name your County). I want to thank you for recognizing in your Executive Order 2020-91 that “Attending religious services in churches, synagogues and house of worship” is an “Essential Activity” and lifting the restrictions on the Church’s Right to assemble statewide. I am requesting that you also recognize that the First Amendment includes the Right of all People to Peaceably Assemble. In consideration of the essential right it is important to note its connection to the Right to Petition the Government for a Redress of Grievances. Without the Right to Peaceably Assemble the Right to Petition is strangled into non-existence. Historically, the power of the people to petition their elected representatives has been recognized to be most powerful in the exercise of assembly. This is why our founders enumerated both of these Rights in the First Amendment. The Supreme Court has held many times over the history of America that the Right to Peaceably Assemble, especially in the aspect of protest and petition, is a “Bedrock Principle” of America. You have repeated publicly that the government has no authority to regulate the meeting of the church, neither does the government have an authority to prevent the people from peacefully assembling in petition or protest. As you did for the church, please lift all penalties imposed upon Right to Assemble and trust the people to follow the guidelines set forth by the CDC.
Polk	Tourism	I am a 37 year old female who is in close contact with many people on a day to day basis when I am at work. I am a server and have been for 20 years.I have been out of work since March 15. I am out of money and waiting on unemployment since March 20. I cannot afford to be out of work. At the same time... I have a 90, almost 91, year old grandmother who I have to be in constant contact with, here locally. She is in compromised health. If something were to happen to her because the restaurant opened and I had to go back to work, it would destroy me. I am not worried about me getting sick, I am worried about who I would give it to. I have an Uncle is Massachusetts that has been on a ventilator for almost 4 weeks, due to this virus. He is still testing positive. In isolation. In ICU. Today is his and my Aunt’s anniversary. Please DO NOT OPEN the state of Florida until testing is available to anyone and everyone for free. It is not worth the risk of the many lives we would be endangering. Please fix the unemployment system until it is SAFE for us to return to work as “normal.”
Nassau	Healthcare	Allow elective surgery in counties such a Nassau where there are few cases of Covid and hospitals are relatively under used. Delaying many such surgeries can result in poorer outcomes.

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St. Johns	Education	As a Special Education teacher at a separate day school in the neighboring county I am concerned with how we will address our most vulnerable students as well as those of us that teach and care for them. I know this is an issue for the fall but we need to have a plan in place and planning takes time and preparation. My class is comprised of children with significant health issues and all of the children require assistance with movement, changing, eating, communication,etc, - in other words - total assistance. There are other classes like this throughout the state. These children are transported on buses - again requiring physical contact with their equipment and being in close proximity to them. As a state we need to address how these children will have their needs met while protecting the teachers, aides, therapists, bus drivers, etc who will be in physical contact with them on a daily basis. Social distancing will not be an option. PPE will need to be provided for those that interact with them - for their protection and to protect those caring for them. Until a vaccine is developed these children are at greater risk of complication from infection. Unfortunately many of those that work with the, will be at higher risk as well - due to the higher rate of health issues in the ESE field. How will we address children have fevers or symptoms who are not kept home? Parents send them throwing up and with diarrhea in normal times. Will there be new policies to address keeping children with illness home to protect the rest? We are all aware that schools have become daycare for some parents and a necessary evil. However, sickness spreads. This virus has shown that in an awful way. Now is the time to address this issue in policy. My school has several classes primarily comprised of children with autism. How do you attain social distancing with these children? Or get them to wear a mask? Many put things in their mouths all day- thus transmitting whatever they may have to other surfaces. We have a number of emotionally behaviorally disordered classes. They will not social distancing or keep masks on. I can easily see spitting on peer/adults being the new form of attack. How do schools deal with the defiant children who have ESE labels that preclude suspending them for such behaviors? These are just a few of the issues I know need to be addressed
Miami-Dade	General	Every job is essential. We should not be picking winners and losers. I think general guidelines should be given and let all businesses open. They can wear masks, respirators and gloves. Have rules to keep people six feet apart when possible. I'm lucky enough to be able to telecommute with my job but there are many people who have lost there jobs. I go to the grocery store once a week and people are there social distancing. Other businesses can do the same.
Miami-Dade	General	It is very important that we start the antibody testing ASAP. Make this easily accesible, affordable and free to people that are in need. Also we need more transparency, we want to know how many beds and respirators are available in each hospital on a daily basis. This platform is attainable with technology and internet. This will help the public understand the level of traffic of hospitalizations. This knowledge will help influence how we move around. I am fine to go back to slowly opening as long as the numbers in hospitals stay low. That is the entire reason we are doing this. Let's not forget that. This will help as well if and when we get a second wave. Keep airport flights at a minimum for now. Essential travel only.

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Lee	Government	Get the healthy back to work and in nature!! Florida is not getting their unemployment checks anywhere near the rate other states are and we are looking fantastic in regards to new cases and death rates even now that their being allowed to add presumed cases and not just covid positive that was effective April 14th. Most of our healthcare systems are far from being overburdened and some are suffering greatly due to the LACK of patients, seeing tremendous profit losses and having to furlough medical workers which could encourage abuse of the covid reporting system to aid in profit. Getting elective surgeries back ASAP is very important in hospitals that are seeing few cases for those reasons and of course also to prevent what was once elective becoming emergent. We also know there's not enough funds so we need to get the healthy back to work ASAP so they can feed and shelter their families and so we can better protect the vulnerable to stay home by reserving funding for them to stay sheltered and fed. Kids need to be kids again, the amount of depression I'm seeing with my own with social isolation, the fear being pushed over facts is affecting an entire generation that are already has the highest mental health issues then we've seen in history. More people are sitting at home sedentary, feeling hopeless and drinking at rates that will far exceed what we were dealing with prior to this pandemic, there's no doubt addiction rates and deaths from overdoses, domestic abuse, suicides will rise significantly if it's continued. We are not NYC and the benefits of quarantine is not worth the risks anymore, Let Florida get back to work and let us have a right to our god given nature that should have never been taken away from locals. I vote republican to help preserve our rights and freedoms, most agreed to the original stay at home order for flattening the curve but letting it continue now with growing evidence that it can do more harm then good can be seen by many as a violation of our civil rights. No ones asking for the vulnerable to be put in harms away, they should be encouraged to stay home and we should be helping them doing that safely but the healthy are being denied the right to provide what the government can't and that's stability during this crisis and we are being left with no choice but too suffer. Crippling multiple generations to give a false sense of security to our elders when this virus isn't going anywhere doesn't seem like a fair trade off. In saying that, theres no win-win here and
Pinellas	Government	In regards to re-opening the state of affairs. It is my strong opinion that we need more time. There far too many new cases daily, and deaths. To take the risk of going backwards and undoing all the hard work the residents have done to control this beast, regression would be devastating. As much of an impact this has had on the economy, nothing is more priceless than saving peoples life's, and the suffering of the families who have to watch their love loved one die from a distant. How can this even be a question? We need more time!
Lee	Education	As an educator I am relieved that we will continue distance learning. I am hoping that by the start of the new school year things will return to somewhat normal. I truly believe that we should wait at least another month until reopening non-essential businesses. I have shown no symptoms, but I would like the opportunity to be tested.
Volusia	Healthcare	Even though the curve may be flattening out now, opening everything up too early will cause a drastic increase in the number of infected people. Even though some businesses might be suffering financially at the moment, if more people get sick, these businesses will continue to suffer.
Hillsborough	General	Get our economy back open please! Prepare our healthcare facilities to be able to handle a rise in virus #'s & have plans in place. However, we need to get back to work & life!

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Collier	Professional Services	Until Florida and Collier County has on-demand COVID 19 testing, re-opening the economy is a dangerous idea. I work in the salon and healthcare industry, and I do not want to have to come into contact with clients who have not been tested, nor do I want my clients to be concerned they may contract the virus from me. It seems like every level of government in the US has given up on testing, when the exact opposite is needed. We should be doing millions of test every week so people can know if they have the virus and can receive the necessary medical care.
Martin	Food	I am a manager of a restaurant. I am happy to have my job but as I have said before we should not have even been open for takeout. We have risked ourselves everyday for how beyond busy we have been. I do not believe we should open for dine in. It has been hard enough to try and keep people out of our establishment let alone distance ourselves from one another when having to run 20 employees a shift and managers. We are a huge corporation and busy when dine in is open. I feel we need to wait until the experts say it's safe. We would just be adding to our own anxieties and health risk that we already have on a daily basis. Please wait to do this. I would love however to sit on a beach for an hour.
Sarasota	Retail	Dear Governor DeSantis and Task Force Members, Thank you for taking public submissions. The decision to re-open should remain in the hands of the county health officials and the individuals who are affected by the pandemic. State wide regulations cause unneeded economic damages to small businesses and employees that will soon become irreparable. The county health officials understand (or should understand) the current state of the hospitals within their counties, and should be empowered to enact restrictions based on current hospital burdens. The people in the counties that are not restricted can make ADULT decisions as to what they want to do - they can shelter in place, or make their own decisions about their risks. Please allow us the ability to make decisions about our own future. Thank you for your time.
Hillsborough	General	While the economy is important and our businesses need help to survive, if the citizens die or are severely injured due to an early open....the economy and the careers of all responsible leadership will be negatively impacted. Stop playing politics and act in the best interest of all Floridians. If that isn't enough of a reason, know that we the people will remember and never forgive your ineptitude.

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Hillsborough	Government	I am writing to say It is time for Floridians to get back to work. Throughout the past weeks of COVID restrictions businesses deemed “essential” remained open. Floridians who patronized those businesses voluntarily engaged in social distancing, voluntarily followed CDC guidelines. With these businesses open, sometimes serving hundreds of people at a time, twelve hours a day, seven days a week, we have witnessed COVID numbers falling. The State of South Dakota never mandated a single business closed and are also seeing COVID numbers falling. These facts prove that Floridians are responsible people, who love their neighbors, and will CHOOSE to do the right thing. But we need our elected representatives to do the right thing; we need our businesses open. Sincerely, David Larson
Orange	General	I respectfully expect that elected officials and members of this panel consider how their decisions will impact the wellbeing, safety, and health of vulnerable Floridians before hastily opening our economy. Regardless of politics and their personal interest, you represent ALL of us. Your plans must consider the full undeniable impact of your actions on our collective future, which now we must trust you to protect. People can not support our economy if they are connected to respirators or left bankrupt by medical bills and nonexistent unemployment and basic needs assistance. Yes, we must carefully plan a tiered and safe return to a new normal. However, our state depends heavily on tourism and customer service. How are we going to prevent visitors from bringing he virus with them? How are you planning to track and prevent new hot spots? Why are we not screening for antibodies across a statistically representative sampling of statewide residents? Why are there still not enough diagnostic tests for anyone in the state? Why can't we find basic protective items like hand sanitizer, masks, and disinfectant? How are you supporting exhausted first responders and essential workers? Keeping children at home is essential until we can ensure they won't be exposed and make grandma or their disabled sibling terminally sick. Why are not all residents of group homes and jails being tested? Why are you allowing a narrow minority of religious leaders to expose their congregations? We can worship online and protect each other, like our wise pastor has chosen to do. How will you keep factory, big box businesses, and park workers like my daughter safe? You must track by testing. Please do not sell us out for political or personal benefit. This is the most historic moment of your lifetime, and we will ALL be judged for preserving the sanctity of each other's lives. In God's eyes, we matter just as much as you, your loved ones, your church or business family, your voters, your donors and investors, or your customers. We are scared for our lives and expect true non-partisan leadership based on solid science and gifted problem solving. We do not want political sham shows or dangerously irresponsible leaders. Help us trust you by raising to the occasion and showing everyone without fanfare that you can lead during the hardest moment of your

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Broward	General	I feel that many businesses should be able to open on condition that everyone continues to wear face masks. I believe that bars, and restuarants should be the last places to reopen due to the large number of people in those atmospheres; plus people would have to eat without a face mask which would put everyone in a non safe environment. Other than those two types of establishments, I believe that most businesses should be allowed to reopen on condition that everyone wear a face mask. Thank you, Mike Blanchard.
Broward	Professional Services	We have a lot of families struggling to feed there families. We follow all the guidelines with distancing and PPE. We all need to get back to work ASAP!!
Lee	Recreation	You don't need to social distance while outside. Only in confined spaces. Parks and beaches need to be reopened, allow people to use their own judgment on using masks and gloves. Wearing masks that are not properly fitted or of a material that does not allow proper filtering and especially gloves in public in general do no good without proper education...
Hillsborough	General	Governor DeSantis, It is so important to our constitution to reopen our economy. You have hundreds of thousands people out of work, an unemployment system that is not paying most of them and many will not have a job to go back to. I myself have been unemployed from a company that I have worked for 14 years since the end of March with no unemployment being paid. How do families survive and how to they continue to have a house to live in and food to feed them? I did not qualify for any stimulus money due to what I made LY.....not considering that my employment is no longer. I feel that so many politicians have taken a power grab not letting any bad circumstance go to waste. Including the mayor of Tampa who thought it was appropriate to mandate all Tampa residents were masks. Where are the peoples rights? We now know that 4-5x the populations have the antibodies and even with a vaccine people will still fall to this virus. Just like the flu. We are Americans and if we chose to go out and put ourselves at risk to Covid or the flu that is on us. We are a free nation and confining people to their homes is wrong and unconstitutional. The issue is the people that don't work or that are getting paid anyway are the 1st to voice that they don't want to reopen. I have worked my entire life to get to where I am not to have my life taken away from me and my freedoms. I voted for you and still continue to support you. Please do the right thing for our state and our constitution. Thank you
Pasco	Professional Services	Please just instruct majors and county commissioners to follow the president's phase 1 guidelines with common sense and mandating social distancing. Small businesses that can prevent close proximity can open. Beaches can open. Dog parks for heavens sake (St. Pete) and parks can open. Retail outside pickup only for now. Hair salons with proper mask and glove and disenfectant precautions. Maybe not germ-filled gyms? Maybe not tattoo parlors? But doctors offices and surgeries need to resume. Limit travel. Stay safer at home. Please! The numbers don't warrant a complete shutdown. In Pinellas for example, we have about 673 cases out of a MILLION residents! Our commissioners and mayors need to be urged to do the math, and not follow party lines. This whole thing has become partisan, at the expense of peoples economic lives. Thank you.

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Lee	General	As a father of a handicapped child I'm greatly concerned that we might be opening up too soon. I would be devastated if I was to lose a child..
Lee	Healthcare	Stay inside wear mask do what your doctor tells you. Nurses and Doctors are working full time to save people,. We can do our part by listening and doing what they are telling us to do.
Hillsborough	Healthcare	Absolutely DO NOT open Florida up yet! If Georgia wants to be the “Canary in the coal mine,” let them. Lives should not be a gamble. PLEASE use good judgement and let’s get the numbers going WAY down and then slowly open the businesses for limited use. It’s not necessary to open the Public areas, like the beaches and parks. Wait on all places and events that involve large numbers. Open slowly with necessary businesses first, not nail and hair salons, tattoo parlors, gyms, etc. Let’s be cautious and reasonable here and not repeat history. The second wave might well take many more of our loved ones. Listen to the medical world, wait and then move slowly! PLEASE!
Broward	General	Keep Florida closed until medical experts indicate that it is safe to reopen. Rushing to reopen will cost more lives. Safety must be our priority.
Orange	Healthcare	I am a pediatrician in Central Florida, and I see that, indeed, this is a very complex issue...protecting our health while simultaneously protection the economic well-being of families. I am seeing (from looking at the Florida Department of Health dashboard) that our community is NOT yet seeing a decline in cases (example....back up to 1.3K new cases on 4/21/2020). Thus, statewide, I do not think that we are ready to re-open. However, I think that there are great differences from one county to another. It is therefore my recommendation that a gradual re-opening of industy be allowed to take place in central and north Florida while south Florida (Dade and Broward counties....where the majority of cases are occurring remain in quarantine into the cases decrease). I also think that masks should be required in public establishments (stores, libraries). I also think that children and teachers should be required to wear masks in school next Fall, particularly since it will be very complicated to manage COVID-19 during Influenza season. I also think that businesses that re-open should implement various safety measures....employees kept at a 6 foot distance, masks for all (employees and clients/patrons), temperature checks, paid sick leave to ensure employees do not return to work while ill. Truly recreational activities, particularly those that attract large crowds, should remain closed a while longer....theme parks, theaters, concerts, sporting events. If/when these crowded attractions are allowed to re-open, a universal requirement for face-masks and efforts to limit over-crowding with a limit on the number of people allowed in each day is recommended. If we can safely re-open many small businesses, then we can proceed to with the re-opening of those more crowded recreational activities.

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Pasco	General	Regarding the reopening of Florida, I do strongly believe that if we keep social distancing in place but lift the stay-at-home-orders this will be best for the state of Florida. Getting back on track to a normal life is what most Floridians have been hoping for after this month ends. I do believe corporations and businesses should be allowed to go back to work after the end of April.
Miami-Dade	General	Keep stay at home orders until new case rate is at ZERO for AT LEAST 14 days in each county respectively. Cancel rent/mortgage payments from March through July. Release all inmates held on bail: poverty is not an excuse for imprisonment.
Polk	Recreation	Mental Health...I moved to Florida in 2018 to help my mental health challenges. I love being able to go to parks, beaches, and Disney World. A lot of us went to Disney the last weekend it was open. I miss my Annual Passholder friends. I live alone in an apartment building where everyone smokes around me. Staying at home is making me sick from the smoke. Please start opening things. None of my friends from Disney know anyone who has or have had the virus. People are angry and staying at home isn't working very well.
Pasco	Food	I am a bar and restaurant manager for San ann restaurant and Lounge in San Antonio FL. We are a small family owned business. We have been negatively affected across the board by the covid 19 closure. We would ultimately like to be able to, at the very least, open back up at half capacity. This would allow us to begin to recoup our losses. Most of our 8 employees have lost 50% or more in hours and monetarily due to loss of tips. Some of our vendors, we use small local vendors, may not be able to continue services for us. While we absolutely understand the need for the closure and respect all the governors decisions, and thank him for what he did do to help us continue to make money, we would love to be able to begin reopening and servicing our small town in a greater capacity. Thank you for you time and consideration in this matter.
Collier	General	It is very important that you put our state back on track slowly!
Hillsborough	Healthcare	The issue of health and safety goes beyond any economic consideration. It should be: On May First to carry out a test intensification campaign (press, radio, tv, internet) over ALL Florida State employees and employers, so that those able to return to work will be tested for Covid-19. Achieving a percentage of majority of healthy people could open the economy in phases in a period of 42 days by areas such as counties or regions. Statistical data maps will tell you what area needs to be open and when. It is better to have a healthy and productive society in the long term than a damaged, sick and unproductive economic system in the short term. My opion is to work tirelessly in field test during the month of May and reopen intelligently the economy by phases and areas or regions during June month. Thank you very much for your support. May Our Lord give you wisdom in these difficult times.

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Miami-Dade	Recreation	Hi,dear governor , I think we opened some area's some time working ,if the people continued safety used masks and distance from another one, 5his working but the problems must seriously is the school, the children don't know what happened, my criteria is we continue the school closed ,after we have a vassine,if we close everthing one month ago, this don't happened, but is to late,my wife in cuba years ago working in virology on the must important school in havana cuba ,carlos I finlay, and she know the virus, she said ,in cuba used the interferon, or ganmaglovulin, this in cuba working, in people have cancer ,and have the immune sistem down, I hope we have a wonderful doctor and people in this country,
Broward	General	OPEN EVERYTHING UP!!! BEEN OUT IF WORK WITH NO INCOME FOR OVER A MONTH. UNEMPLOYMENT BEEN PENDING FOR A MONTH!!!! CANT PAY BILLS!!!
Manatee	General	Need for more testing. Stay At Home at least two more weeks
Brevard	General	It is a great idea to obtain feedback from Floridians, but I think this would be a more useful tool, if it was more structured, in the form of a survey, so that answers of the community could be aggregated more easily. I think Florida needs to remain closed until at the very least, antibody testing is widely available to all and that data can be analyzed. Things, such as theme parks, should be closed for a bit longer, than the rest of the industries and should open at limited capacity at the beginning (perhaps start with Florida residents).
Brevard	Healthcare	Florida is NOT in a position to REOPEN non-essential businesses. Not until we have sufficient Cov.19 testing for having the disease, and for antibodies present from having the disease. Once we have that and people can have on-demand testing with near immediate results, along with universal screening of temperature at all facilities, we are still not ready.
Hillsborough	General	It is time to reopen in phases, while monitoring very closely. The Economy has suffered all its capable of. If we wait too long many businesses will never be able to recover. While I have a great concern for the safety of our people, I fell this is the less of two evils.
Miami-Dade	General	- Re-opening now would be a bad idea. I know. There are several nursing homes that the elderly are JUST starting to get infected. - REQUIRED AT-HOME testing for every household. There are more people that are most likely infected but doesn't know and they keep spreading it. - Create a Self-quarantining app, where people can monitor their condition and connect to doctors when needed. - There are not enough PPEs for healthcare workers in nursing homes (especially for LPNs). - MASKS should be required ANYWHERE, not just when going in an essential business. It should be required the moment a person leaves their home - The government should support small businesses in any way, there should be no favoritism. - DO NOT RE-OPEN BEACHES, PARKS, GYMS - Implement a program for environmental hazards as well, esp that people throws away gloves/masks just anywhere - GIVE support to lower-income cities

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Marion	General	OPEN UP !!!!!!!!! We are not children!!! Advise at risk, and elderly to limit social contacts. Advise any employee who feels. any flu like symptoms to stay home from work and monitor their condition. If not improved in short time seek testing for covid-19. Anyone who wants to use a mask feel free to do so. THEN LET US RETURN TO LIVING. All this one way store isles , marking floors etc. is silly. People now know to "keep their distance" from strangers. All this call of listen to the experts is bull. Just pick your expert to make your point. In other words there NOT experts. Only another opinion!!!!!
Orange	Professional Services	Open the state! We have flattened the curve. It is a virus that won't go away. We have to face it at some point... what's the difference between now and two weeks from now? Nothing. Meanwhile, people are starving. Open up ASAP. With great freedom comes great responsibility! Restore our freedoms!
Escambia	Government	Good afternoon! I am writing in today regarding the stimulus checks that were promised to millions of Americans. Sad thing is though, lots of Americans aren't eligible for the stimulus due to owed money. Whether it be for child support or other reasons. Those Americans, (mainly men who are behind on their child support payments) are "American Citizens" who are feeling the affect of this unprecedented time. It's bad enough most of them are out of jobs due to this, they were also given false hope by being promised a stimulus check that was supposed to help "America Citizens" stay afloat while being forced out of work. This is a situation no one can control, as the whole world can see. Be fair! Be kind. Do what's right, give these "American Citizen" some relief!
Manatee	General	We cannot re-open Florida until we have a handle on wide spread testing. The number of new cases in Manatee County increases daily yet the County records the lowest number of testing. The total number of positive cases of Covid-19 continues to increase state-wide.
Pinellas	Professional Services	In what phase do you see salons opening? I know the salon industry is in a panic about making tent and helping their clients. We are face to face with our clients and what will be the guidelines for opening salons again?
Okaloosa	General	Dear Governor, I ask that you leave things shut down for a few weeks. I fear when we open up rentals, restaurants and beaches we are encouraging tourists to come to our cities. I am a server/bartender and have definitely missed the income from a busy season and have had a stressful month thinking about my finances. However, if we have tourists coming to our beautiful state who obviously don't have any sense, because they are traveling during a pandemic. Are they brining the virus with them? Are out numbers going to triple because people are irresponsible and are taking vacation During a crisis because they are bored? Id rather stress about my income for a few more weeks, than have to shut down in the middle of the summer because 1/4 of our state is dying and our hospitals can't accommodate the masses of people. Thank you for your time, Jennifer Sweeney

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Broward	General	t is time to reopen Florida. You ask us to stay home while we got a handle on things and we complied. Most of the restrictions in place now are not logical. I cannot walk or sit on the beach in front of my condo but I can walk on the crowded sidewalk. I can't even stand on the sundeck of my condo building despite paying exorbitant HOA dues with the same people I ride the elevator with daily. I can't go to any small boutiques or restaurants but I can go hang out in Publix or Walmart with a 1,000 people for as long as I want. Of course the sick or immune compromised can and should be protected but it doesn't have to be all or nothing. We can keep people from starving to death and do it responsibly. The economic impact is getting more catastrophic every day. We all know now the initial projections were greatly misstated, time to move forward.
Hillsborough	Healthcare	Until testing is widely available (including antibody testing) and we flatten the curve, there is no need to open the state. With the kids not going back to school, most people will not go back to work as they will need to continue to homeschool. Opening the state while the numbers are still climbing is irresponsible and dangerous.
Pinellas	Professional Services	Please consider reopening Barber Shops and Hair Salons. My youngest son is a barber shop and were only allowing the client in their chairs as early as February. They were deep cleaning and sanitation after every client including after anyone use the bathroom. Each of the barbers are family men that are in need of income. Please allow them to reopen with both the barber and the client wearing a mask. The barbers wear gloves also. I am 66 and in the travel industry and been furloughed. I'm wish I had a windfall to assist these barbers in the his shop, but I not rich by any means. Please help us by considering reopening the barber shops and salons.
Miami-Dade	General	I personally believe that opening up is possible. However, there MUST be rules. First rule is that BEFORE entering and grabbing any shopping carts, there must be a hand sanitizing person at the door to make sure the customer has sanitized AND is wearing a mask. Gloves are not necessary since there will be no cross contamination. All we need is HAND SANITIZING STATIONS IN ALL ENTRANCES AND NO GLOVES BECAUSE THAT IS A MAJOR CROSS CONTAMINATOR. If we do this then there will be no spread since the hands are clean and the face has a mask. That should be mandatory for ALL building entrances
Orange	General	I do not think it is safe to reopen Florida yet.
Seminole	Professional Services	Open businesses with restrictions, show some leadership and save your state from economic disaster 400x worse than this virus. Folks know how to social distance, the daily case numbers are the same on lockdown as they were when we were just being safe. You were too slow to close, now you are going too slow to open!! And this system is broken just like your unemployment system.

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Miami-Dade	General	I say No to re-opening at this point; Bad Idea! Foolish. While some sectors of the economy may continue to function, it is beyond imprudent to consider re-opening at this time. At this critical juncture, this existential juncture, it is imperative that our leaders level with the population; speak plainly and truthfully about the state of our State. Let the Spanish Flu Pandemic of 1918 serve as a lesson to all of us. It ravaged the world for approximately 2 years. Better to wait until the key indicators support "re-opening" Otherwise, we may find ourselves closing for good!
Palm Beach	Professional Services	To whom it may concern: I am writing to put a respectful request in to reopen Palm Beach county. I am a mother of two and a hairdresser. As I'm sure you understand, if I am not working, I have zero income. I was also not one of the lucky ones to receive a stimulus check. My husband is a chef and has been able to work some so we can put food on the table but we are struggling to maintain paying out bills. We are understand that there will be proper precautions we will follow in order to get things moving, and I believe we can do that. With respect to the elderly and those with weak immune systems, they still would have the option to stay home. Being on a stay at home order goes against our civil liberties. Aside from this, those of us with mental health issues are hurting and need some sort of normalcy and routine back. Please REOPEN FLORIDA!
Miami-Dade	General	When reopening Florida, please reopen Barber shops first then Nail Salons and then Bowling alleys. This way we need haircuts to looking styling good. Later, need to reopen National Parks Visitor Centers in Florida, so that we can learn about the National Park and explore once again. Later if all goes well, everything else needs to be reopened such as a Shoe store, clothing/department store even some non essential retailers to get back on track.
Lee	General	Please reopen our state. Small business depends on it. More people will die of poverty related issues than of this virus. On behalf of our children , grandchildren and great grandchildren, I beg you to reopen this country and Make America Great Again!

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Miami-Dade	Food	Require touchless payment to any business , restaurant or retail store to minimize the potential of contamination with payment. Require restaurants to allow for online to table ordering via personal device Require disposable sanitizing wipes for cleaning tables after each diners who occupy a table (so that those bussing the tables do not reuse the same rag or wipe on more than one table) Require salt, pepper and condiments to be in disposable containers for dine in and dine out. Encourage drive up dine in car over dine in where possible (like the old drive in restaurants or Sonic drive ins) People could then enjoy dining out while keeping their germs to themselves so to speak. Require restaurant employees to wear face masks and sanitize hands in front of customers. Create a reporting system to establishments that are not following guidelines. Even adding a survey linked to a state site about restaurant practices. When conducting sanitation inspections require the report of the score on the establishment's entrance. When providing drink refills on a dine in customer, require a new glass. Many times restaurants that use pitchers will touch the pitcher to the edge of the glass. Require restaurants have online reservation system to reduce people waiting around in large groups to be seated.
Lake	General	Reopen our economy
Sarasota	General	It's time to rebuild the economy. The numbers of deaths is false. We all know that.
Hillsborough	Education	Please do not rush to “open” Florida too fast. I am over 65 and worry that opening too soon would compromise my health and the health of others my age and older. Please get the testing under control before you reopen!
Monroe	Tourism	Please reopen Florida , we need our non essential business be opened . We have to pay rent and taxes , thank you
Hillsborough	Recreation	I would like to see dog parks open as part of the first wave of restrictions being lifted.
Broward	Real Estate	Easing up on golf & tennis right away is very doable and they r social distancing , small group activities. Also kayak and boat rentals. Condos and apt bldgs can open their own amentities. Small cafes can open at 1/2 capacity , close off bar areas then when we see how they do, larger restaurants can open Stores in strip centers can open w mask policy and limited number at one time

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Lake	General	Since most (including myself) have not received any unemployment compensation, we all need to get back to work and soon! Businesses of all kinds will use their own good judgment to determine how their business can open and operate while still adhering to social distance standards. Also implementing sanitization, and monitoring the health and safety of consumers and their own workers.
Broward	General	Way too soon to re-open Florida .... we haven't reached the peak yet! This will do more bad then good!
Orange	Food	As an executive chef my thoughts are more driven towards hospitality however I believe in general this goes for any business. I think we all need assurance that businesses are doing everything possible to put or consumers safety and health first. Before covid restaurants had our random health inspections. These reports are part of public record and we get a certification. If there was some way we could come up with guidelines beyond the typical social distancing, personal hygiene and get inspected with those guidelines in mind I think the general public would be more apt to go out and dine in, go to a movie theater or whatever form of entertainment they choose. Also going forward to help fill restaurants maybe partitions in between tables and booths? Or business model mostly run off of very small margins and only running at 50% for the foreseeable future is a task that most stand alone restaurants probably won't make it through.
Duval	General	Open it all up based on CDC guidelines, and for those most vulnerable to remain at home
Manatee	General	Please do not open Florida yet. We still have many people who are sick & also many can't get tested. I was in the hospital end of February & they couldn't find what I had. This was before Covid-19 was even mentioned. I better everyone in my house had this during the month of February. Please make available to have everyone tested. I pray 🙏 for everyone God Bless
Broward	General	Everything outdoors needs to be opened up. Boat ramps, parks, beaches, at the minimum.
Hillsborough	General	It is absolutely too early to reopen. We don't even have enough tests for people who need them and we have not hit our peak. The numbers are still rising. People are dying and there is no known treatment. Until you have tests for every person who wants to be tested to be tested AND we show a major decline in the numbers, we should remain safe at home. I live in one of the hardest hit counties and my husband and son could not get tested in March. I have an immune compromised daughter and my husband is a pilot. People can't even follow the arrows in the grocery store. This should not be political. It should be about saving lives and stopping the spread and not having a second wave. Stop the politics. Give universal testing and for antibodies. Get every county on the same page with the same rules. Whether we live or die should not be decided based on the political color of our state.
Lake	General	Reopen

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Broward	General	Hello to All, Fine Regards. I am a widowed, 61, Caucasian Native American female. My input into reopening is to open all businesses with social distancing measures in force through next spring. The results of not doing so are too awful to think about. Even if the government expands payments there is no pride in living off the government. The pride in our country is developed and sustained by our working and earning our own monies,, paying taxes to better our communities goods and services and spending free time with family and friends That is an honorable and lifetime goal.It is also deeply satisfying. I vote to reopen businesses and beaches with social distancing and NO masks, the masks breed fear and are not nearly as effective as people seem to think for the general public. The plates in businesses to protect cashiers and other personnel are enough. FYI I had this vis virus in late Feb and lived through it. The severe part lasted 36 hrs. I thought I was going to die, my chest hurt so bad and I couldn't breathe. I took nitroglycerin and this eased the pain somewhat. I was feverish and then cold. I vomited 3 times and finally after the 3rd time vomiting I crawled into bed and as I was calling 911 I passed out for 17 hours. I felt much better when I woke up At the time I didn't know it was covid, I thought it was my lung cancer and my heart condition. I hope this helps in some way for our beautiful state, and our citizens, Melanie P
Hillsborough	Healthcare	In regards to: Re-opening dental offices for dental hygiene. I truly believe it is too soon to open dental offices for non-emergency patients due to high risk and aerosols. Along with inadequate amount of PPE available to providers. Thanks so much!
Hillsborough	General	I believe we should open state stores for 2-3 weeks. Everyone will have to wear masks And gloves in public places. Should the CovidD rise, then at the end of the extension the State will have to recluse again. This will put pressure on public to follow guidelines for health reasons. Keep schools closed until August as usual!
Lee	Government	I understand the need to re-open the economy. I myself, am still on unpaid furlough and not collecting any unemployment as of yet. I have a non-essential job. With that said, I think proper testing should be more readily available and the number of reported cases shown to have dropped considerably before we consider putting ourselves back into harm's way. Contact tracking I also believe would be helpful to narrow the scope of possible transmission. When that occurs, I could see slowly opening up some of the non-essential positions with a clear focus on keeping safe social distancing. I suppose it is possible and even probable that we see a second or so wave of infections but as long as we keep calm, safe and properly informed we will get through this as best we can.

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Hillsborough	Real Estate	We should remain closed another month if we attempt to reopen too quickly more individuals will be sick. Testing is imperative to reopen the State.
Clay	Recreation	Please re-open the State Parks! Please reopen the beaches! The "cure" is rapidly approaching the point where it will be worse than the disease. Being shut inside and prevented from enjoying nature and the beaches is TERRIBLE for mental health (Its also teeeible for physical health!). I need to be able to enjoy the main reason that I live in Florida--the REAL Florida--the beautiful outdoors! Let me be an adult and bring my beach chair and a picnic lunch. The stress of safer-at-home (a.ka. house-arrest) has to end! (If people don't feel safe outside of their home--NO ONE IS MAKING THEM LEAVE! If we feel that we can safely navigate the world beyond our front doors- PLEASE LET US! (Effective immediately!)
Hillsborough	General	I dont think opening up the state to it's original state is a good idea at the moment. The numbers of of people infected are still and deaths are still occuring. I understand people need to be able to pay their bills. But no one in the riverview/brandon area is respectful to social distancing either. I believe that by opening up the state to its full potential is going to put an even bigger strain on our health care providers. We definitely need them to be able to work and function. Please think of the people when considering reopening the state. Especially when there's still shortages of sanitizers and soap.
Hillsborough	General	Reopen restaurants, beauty salons, beaches, parks etc. ASAP!!! I'm over 65 and want to enjoy the time I have left. I'm healthy now but won't be if I'm quarantined much longer. I'm almost positive that I had the coronavirus since I had all the symptoms but can't get a test. Guess that's only for the rich.
Clay	Recreation	Please consider limiting the number of people on beaches which could be done at public access points. Keep social distancing in place. Open all parks first. However, playgrounds would gave to be sanitized daily or closed. Open restaurants with outdoor dining first with distance guidelines and table size restrictions. Bathrooms are of a concern. Maybe portable bathrooms would be better. Bathrooms would need some kind of cleaning requirement. Open all fruit/vegetable stands and encourage food trucks. All good workers and retail workers must wear gloves and masks. Where is Clay County Testing? Only testing in Jax. Many people can't go to Jax. Glad to hear about increase in lab testing. How about having masks avail able at retail stores or anywhere for free. Many volunteers are making them and would donate if requested. Open zoo with limit to number of people and social distancing. Encouage all construction and infrastructure projects. Fund these now. Continue Telework policies as practicable. Open charity and non profits. Everyone work on needs gloves and masks. Make these readily available. Heath care workers must have proper protection or they can't work. Assisted living and nursing homes are still not reporting Vivid 19 data.

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Pinellas	General	I think the “essential” businesses have done a good job in their efforts to protect themselves and the public. Those practices should be followed in progressively opening businesses. We’ve had services to the house who do well to keep their distance. Businesses where large groups meet (sports, theater, conventions, casinos, beaches) should be the last to resume business. Where people work in offices in pooled areas or close and active movement is necessary, they should start with reduced staff, staggered hours (shifts), mixed home/office hours to reduce people and maintain distances. Equipment needs to be disinfected on arrival and departure from work. Businesses should be monitored and owners/management fined for failure to maintain controls.
Manatee	General	There is zero reason for the state of Florida not to reopen. I am very worried that things will just be worse and worse economically for this state. If people want to stay home and be scared, that is THEIR choice.,
Sarasota	Retail	Please open up small retail stores. Let people have the choice No one has to go out if they don't want to We can not live in a bubble. Destoying lively hoods is more destructive than a virus Please open now.
Lake	General	Reopen
Sarasota	Healthcare	Florida should not open yet. The peak has not happened here on the west coast. This area has a large amount of elderly and I feel once it hits, it’s going to be just as bad as New York. We do not have enough hospitals or equipment. They are already re using N95 masks. Scary.
Sarasota	General	Please open up Florida!!!! I am self employed massage therapist. I pay taxes and have not received a stimulus check because the IRS doesn’t have my banking information, nor do I qualify for the CARE Act loans, or the Florida reemployment. I think I qualify for the Federal unemployment, but haven’t seen a dime. I haven’t had any income since the middle of March. I need help, or I need to work! OPEN UP FLORIDA!
Manatee	General	Do NOT look for a study or statistics that support your desire to re-open . Use CDC and WHO models and data to determine when to re-open the state. Researchers and medical professionals are the experts, not you. RELY ON THE EXPERTS!
Broward	Professional Services	Open private marinas. No human contact is needed in order to have a boat launched from a private marina. There is no reason why private marinas should be limited to boat access when anyone who lives in an intercoastal canal has access at any time. If there is an overcrowding of boats the logical solution would be to establish laws prohibiting an overcrowding of boats in a single area. Private marinas are extremely expensive and the ocean is large enough to avoid any human interaction whatsoever.

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Osceola	Tourism	I believe that if anything opens up in the tourism department, that it need to be limited to only Florida residents to start with. I DONT think that parks should open back up, but maybe springs, and some parts of the resorts. It needs to be limited, only so many people in the stores at a time, and limited hours. I know I would gladly go.out to play some Minnie golf or something! I also think that the sooner we can get our unemployment money (I have recieved nothing and had applied in March because my other jobs let me go before disney did) the sooner I can begin paying my bills again, and would actually be able to purchase other things that I have needed. That would help our economy!
Hillsborough	Professional Services	Yes. Reopen. In waves and with thoughtful attention. And a lot better education on masks and gloves. Not just in the news, but at locations where people will congregate. And control the number of people allowed in an establishment or park. Hire the unemployed to be door keepers. And please pay a living wage. Control hoarding. I am a massage therapist and cannot work without being able to clean my table and my equipment.
Pinellas	Information	Please don't completely reopen. There has not been enough testing.
Pinellas	General	Things need to open up slowly. One thing that is certain that there are a lot of people that still do not seem to take the virus seriously. I believe to start when you go out of your home everyone needs to wear a mask. At least until we know how this virus will react after the state slowly opens up.
Charlotte	General	I think it will be too foolhardy to open up Florida before we have 14 days of good numbers. We have reached the top and still lingering at the top of the curve. We need to wait at least another month before we open stores or restaurants. Our ambitions to get the economy going will only backfire if we open up too soon which may hurt the economy even more. We should be concentrating on fixing a broken system of the unemployment insurance. So, please wait ti be safe than sorry.
Polk	Professional Services	Reopen small businesses even salons.
Volusia	Recreation	I'd like to request that fitness centers and gyms be reopened as part of the Phase 1 stage. Keeping active and exercising regularly help to boost one's immune system and promotes one's personal, mental, physical and emotional health. Fitness centers and gyms should ensure that they are maintaining social distancing and that they enforce employees and members to clean and wipe down equipment with proper disinfectants. Thank you for the consideration.

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Hernando	Government	While it is imperative that our economy be reopened, I believe that there are still so many unknowns in regards to the spreading of this virus. We all would like to get back to normal, but there just might never be a old normal for any of us. I believe precautions should be taken to get the state reopened and that an extension of the stay at home order should be put in place perhaps in weekly or bimonthly increments until we have more information on the long term effects. Once testing is more readily available for all Floridians or antibody tests are available, we really need to be careful and healthy. Fortunately for me, I am an essential worker and the economy has not completely impacted my lifestyle. Sadly, for so many, it has been an extremely difficult time and people do need to get back to work soon, or at least be able to collect their unemployment benefits that the state has screwed up royally, for basic survival.
Orange	Healthcare	The most important thing here is safety. Until we have enough tests for another spike, or crisis, I don't see how the government could ask citizens to put their lives in risk by leaving the house unnecessarily. I have asthma, work in outside sales, and it's awkward to A- enter inside with a mask on and ask for $, and B-Do they even want to see a salesperson anytime soon, & C- Does a business owner want me 6ft away(usually much closer as a laptop presentation), and want me there mask or not. I think the government needs to take every safety precaution in terms of # test, # antibodies or other tests, that we have tested enough other clusters that may potentially cause an outbreak and that we strictly adhere to the 15 day drop before entering each phase as well as 15 day drop to even stay in the phase without having to go back. Closing too soonGA) reopening room soon(GA) people still don't want to leave house nor re-open for business as they don't feel safe. I think June 1st or MemorisI Day weekend to start phase 1 is most appropriate. With safety or when in doubt, always best to err on the side of caution. We don't want round 2 in another few weeks. Thank you.
Lee	Tourism	Please reopen Vacation Rentals-safe place to isolate and stay even if beaches etc are closed. I have refunded over $200,000 in bookings for March, April, May and beyond. That's a lot of tourist tax dollars lost for the State. I get a lot of requests for May to re-book weeks that others had previously canceled. Vacation Rentals are actually more safe than staying in a hotel where you are closer together and too many variables in cleaning. Please get our tourism back on track. Enforce social distancing but open vacation rentals. Thank you!
Hillsborough	Retail	Floridians have stepped up and done everything state officials have asked us to do. It is time to reopen our economy and show the other states that our citizens are willing to follow the guidelines to safely open our state. I have protected my 91 year-old mother, but I can not continue to financially provide for her without an income. I must get back to work to ensure that I am thoroughly providing for her care. Please open our economy on May 1st.

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Brevard	Healthcare	In response to when Florida should begin the process of opening up the economy, we need to take baby steps. Starting with removing the CDC criteria of who should be tested. All Florida citizens should be tested (corona virus and antibody test) and the outcomes utilized towards recommending when the state should move to open. If the state has a good representation of who has been tested positive, negative, and/or have antibodies associated with the virus, then and only then can the state begin the process of defining when to begin opening. Ad hoc steps will not helps us evaluate our state's situation. We need precise data and precise tracking in order to make a viable assumption on when to re-start the economy. Sincerely, Dr. Carl Wills
Pasco	General	I'm pleading with you to not follow a one size fits all approach. This disease was NEVER a problem in pasco county and many other counties in Florida. These businesses being closed is insanity, people only submit to it because they have been intentionally scared. Everyone is essential, NO ONE is nonessential. Let's not be China, let's be Americans who put rights and freedom first. Give people a chance to choose.
Baker	General	If DeSantis could remove his lips from Trumps ass, things would go much smoother.
Hillsborough	Healthcare	Dear Gov. DeSantis, As a dentist in the Tampa Bay area, I respectfully request the immediate lifting of the restrictions on elective medical/dental procedures. My offices are willing to take any precautions necessary, but we need to begin operations immediately. I also request to immediately open all other businesses in a way that will still respect social distancing guidelines from the federal government. COVID-19 has mutated at least 30 times according to recent studies. Coronaviruses are responsible for approximately 20% of common cold cases. A vaccine has never been produced. At best, a vaccine for COVID-19 is 12-18 months away. The likelihood of a complete vaccination cannot be guaranteed. This is scientific data that proves this shutdown will not eliminate the virus, but only slow the spread. We cannot shutdown the economy for 1-2 years for this virus. Unfortunately, the economic shutdown has become much worse than the consequences of the virus. Floridans do not want government support. We want the ability to work and make money on our own. Our economy and way of life is being destroyed by this shutdown. Please strongly consider my request to reopen Florida's economy immediately. Thank you, David L Castellano, DMD

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Seminole	Education	There should be consideration for schools to continue distant learning through January 2021. Teacher classrooms hold approximately 27 students in each core content area classroom in the middle school setting. With elective teachers holding anywhere between 30-70 students. Physical Education teachers have approximately 180 students each period in their classes. In a normal season of stomach bugs and flu seasons the schools are a petri dish for germs spreading. There is currently no cure and no vaccine for the COVID-19 virus and having students go back is putting students and teachers at risk. Another factor is if a student gets sick with the COVID-19 virus, they will have potentially exposed 100s of students as they change classes since students go to 7 class periods daily. Also if a teacher becomes infected with COVID-19, he or she will have exposed up to 180 students and there is an issues with finding a substitute that will cover their class for a minimum of 14 days. Schools are already short handed when it comes to substitutes. As easily as it has been for assistive living facilities to spread the COVID-19 virus it will just as easily to spread in the school setting. Therefore, we should continue distant learning through the fall as there is a chance the COVID-19 virus will start again once we get into the colder months.
Hillsborough	General	Governor is doing an excellent job! I'm 60 years old and know what limitations I need to take. Everyone knows what they can't and can't do. We need to get Florida OPEN and back to work!
Pasco	General	Please wait until at least the middle of May to reopen as deaths are still claiming and outbreaks are still happening.We could lose thousands more in this state alone if we open to soon .More testing is needed at least enogh for 20 percent of the state. Please be smart our lives depend you.If we die it will because of YOU.
Lee	Government	Hello, I have paid taxes my entire life. I still have yet to receive my unemployment checks. My status is pending. Apparently this is because of some issue. However whenever I click the link to fix said issue a page comes up telling me to try 2-3 times. However I try 10 times and the same thing happens. I can’t call anyone because apparently no one works in the office. I really could use some help. Florida now looks like the laughing stock of the nation. As a life long resident I am truly ashamed at both Mr. DeSantis and anyone else who treats Floridians this way. It is a crime and downright shameful. Do you job, Kevin McCarthy 2398517313
Pinellas	Accommodation	Florida is not ready for business as usual. When our cases go down, then slowly reopen.

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Pinellas	Professional Services	We need to proceed cautiously in reopening anything at present. There needs to be tools in place at all places opening to ensure that everything is disinfected and that plenty of space is allowed for social distancing. We don't need to create a second wave of infections by opening everything too soon. So far the social distancing and safer at home are working the number of new infections daily are typically lower than before these were enacted. I believe that the Governor has done a good job in maintaining a calm environment and hopefully we can maintain this during the gradual reopening of our state. Ron
Pinellas	General	Please dont open Florida yet
Pasco	General	I know you are doing the best for Fl. Do what you and the professionals agree on no politics involved! if you reopen slowly- I would prefer mandatory masks and 6 foot rule. Until known facts can prove to remove masks and continue life as normal.
Orange	General	Please do random testing areas to see if virus is more widespread than thought. Some afraid they'll get virus from test location. Mobile testing in neighbors so everyone can be tested. Allow restaurants more flexibility for outside seating and they may reopen and serve outside. Make permits easier for construction. Maybe construction companies have work now but all future projects are cancelled. Think about two shifts for schools, a morning and afternoon with cleaning in between and only essential subjects. Hire out of work restaurants and workers to make meals for under served populations.

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Pasco	Healthcare	Testing, testing, testing and sufficient availability of personal protection equipment. While a difficult task to achieve, I believe that a much higher percentage of Floridians should be tested and every outcome of that testing addressed appropriately. I am an optician and we are medical professionals who also work in retail. I work literally, INCHES from my patients and have direct physical contact with them. I do not feel safe going back to work at this time. I know that we must get the economy moving soon but Florida has only tested a tiny fraction of it's population and I believe that there are far more asymptomatic cases than we suspect. I have been furloughed since April 4th and have not received state unemployment, federal unemployment or the economic impact payment yet. I am painfully aware of the repercussions of the financial impact on individuals and small business such as the Drs office I work for. That said , I am very concerned about opening up the economy without a huge increase in testing so that people who are asymptomatic or have mild symptoms can be identified and stay out of the general public. We are all likely to get it eventually but as someone with an autoimmune disease and emphysema...I would prefer to do my best not to catch it or expose my family and patients to it because I don't know that I have it. I hope that an effective treatment is found or developed soon but until then, I believe that our best weapon is widespread testing (even if you aren't currently "sick") and sufficient availability of personal protection equipment... It is the only way I will feel safe to go back out and work, patronize local businesses, etc. Thank you for the opportunity to express my opinion.
Lake	Food	Open now
Hillsborough	Professional Services	As a pet groomer who owns a VERY small grooming shop I urge you to consider AT LEAST allowing grooming services to reopen. Groomers have the ability to carefully socially distance from our human clients while still performing our services and most grooming shops with multiple groomers can scale back enough to be able to social distance with co-workers. Grooming for animals is not something veterinarians are equipped to take over the way that they are being asked to. Many, MANY clients are not physically capable of doing the basic grooming on their pets at home due to infirmity, ignorance of how to perform these tasks, or tools to perform grooming at home. Many pets with long coats, even with home brushing are becoming matted and miserable which can lead to health issues very quickly.
Lake	General	I think the economy needs to be open May 1. The antibody studies around the country are showing this virus to be far more wide spread than originally thought. The point of the shut down was to not overrun the hospitals and to build up the hospital infrastructure so we have the capacity for a surge. We have done that. Businesses can safely run while maintains social distancing and being responsible. OPEN FLORIDA.
St. Johns	Food	Open up EVERYTHING. Open up Florida NOW

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Pasco	General	I think of the waitresses that have to go back to 1/2 the customers which means 1/2 the pay . Same with any one collecting unemployment during this time that will go back to 1/2 the income they cant survive on that. But as a landlord I think of the Government giving stimulus money to help people to pay there Bill's (rent being one of the most important a roof over their heads) That they should open backup for eviction let the judges decide if reasonably that they should pay rent or not. I have a tenant that didn't lose his job got stimulus money and still hasn't paid rent in 5 weeks cause he knows he can't be evicted at this time. I am sure this task force know the safest way to open that part I put in your capable hands. Do not want a relapse of Covid to happen again.
Manatee	Retail	RETAIL NEEDS TO OPEN IN ORDER TO GET FLORIDA'S ECONOMY ROLLING. IT SHOULD OPEN WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING GUIDELINES AND AND PERHAPS A SPECIFIC NUMBER SHOPPERS ALLOWED IN EACH STORE, DEPENDING ON SQUARE FOOTAGE OF THAT STORE. RESTAURANTS NEED TO BE OPEN BUT FOR THE NEXT 6-9 MONTHS, HAVE TABLES SPACED APART - PERHAPS RESERVATIONS SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED. BARBERSHOPS, BEAUTY SALONS, MANICURE SALONS AND ESPECIALLY GYMS NEED TO OPEN UP. THE PRESERVATION OF PHYSICAL HEALTH CAN ONLY BE DERIVED FROM THOSE ATTENDING THE GYMS, ESPECIALLY IN THE HOT CLIMATES OF FLORIDA. WE WILL ULTIMATELY LOSE MORE TO DEATH FROM LACK OF PHYSICAL EXERCISE. PEOPLE ARE DYING IN THEIR 40s-60s NOT BECAUSE OF COVID-19, BUT DUE TO SUICIDES, SUDDEN HEART ATTACKS, AND SO ON. OTHER BUSINESSES NEED TO OPEN AS THE REALITY OF WORKING IN AMERICA IS WITH TEAMWORK IN THE WORKPLACE. THERE IS NO WAY YOU GET FULL PRODUCTION FROM EMPLOYEES WORKING AT HOME. I'VE WORKED IN HEALTHCARE WITH PATIENT CONTACT FOR 33+ YEARS AND HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO ALL KINDS OF FLUS/VIRUSES AND THE LONGEST I WAS OUT SICK WAS 2.5 DAYS DUE TO A MINOR RESPIRATORY INFECTION. TRULY, I BELIEVE THAT WORKING WITH THE VERY SICK GRANTED ME IMMUNITY. THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY VOICE MY VIEWS.
Hillsborough	General	Florida is not ready to be opened. I'm speaking as a high risk individual with Asthma and I'm begging you to use common sense as the numbers are still rising and I understand that eventually everything will have to open up but it needs to do so SLOWLY. There should be MANDATORY wearing of the masks when out in public where you typically may or may not be able to social distance because there may be many asymptomatic individuals and not everyone has been tested. I would also like to get back to some kind of normalcy but I need to feel safe doing so publicly. There are a lot of high risk and older individuals like myself who really need you to take EVERYONE in consideration including the essential workers. We need to also protect them from being exposed I say masks for everyone in public as of now make it mandatory since we know for sure that stops the spread and that buys us time and also keeps EVERYONE safe. Only when in public please consider thanks!

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Collier	General	It is of my opinion that we still need a little more time before we re-open the state. We are still on the top 10 for the states with the most cases of COVID-19 and our numbers are still rising. If we re-open too soon it could possibly do more harm than good. Please listen to what the medical experts are advising.
Manatee	Healthcare	Probably right to reopen. Biggest fear is pressuring others to do what is unsafe like work in an unsafe environment. Employers don't always care for their employees. Also concerned about healthcare worker that need a break. But then some need to go back to work. It will not change what I do. As a retired healthcare worker I will choose to stay home or very safe outdoors. Thanks for this site.
Lake	General	I urge you to please reopen Florida. Our hospitals will soon be on the verge of bankruptcy if surgeries and procedures don't start happening. Children are going without necessary treatments because hospitals can't perform "non essential" services. Small businesses are going under by the hour. The people of Florida are at risk of losing it all. Please, please let us go back to work to save what's left of our economy. We've flattened the curve and there's more than enough research to show that this has been here since well before January without causing a collapse of our healthcare system.
Pinellas	Healthcare	I have concerns about the re-opening of restaurants I don't know how economically feasible it would be for owner of a restaurant to limit amount of customers I don't know how we're going to ensure workers and customers are going to be safe And if we open too soon I would bet there's a high probability of someone having the virus coming in and then of course it'll get out and then I don't think anybody's gonna go to that restaurant and then I wonder if we're moving too fast statistically we're still getting a lot of cases every day And if the way the unemployment benefits are being dealt with although maybe well-meaning so far most people haven't gotten anything you see pictures of people in food lines so you want me to think after this colossal failure that somehow we can re-open businesses I don't have a lot of faith in it and I Would bet a lot of people think like I do
Orange	Technology	You need to realize that if you open the state too early, more people will get sick and essential functions will then be unable to continue. This will shut down the economy anyway, but the death toll will be much higher. These deaths, the protesters, the healthcare workers, the grocery store workers, the NON essential workers who are forced to choose between money and their lives... they will all be on YOUR hands. Forcing people to go back to work to cover up the failures of the state unemployment system will not fool anyone. If you think Floridians will forget, you are mistaken. It's time to stop playing political games with your constituents lives. Do your job. Nobody should need to explain this to you
Marion	General	If someone is off their property, they should be required to wear a mask. State parks should open for recreation and camping but social distancing must be adhered to. Take it slow and steady. Let's see what happens.
Pinellas	General	I don't think we should open until after May 23rd . I think opening too soon will end up having a resurgence. We're keeping our numbers low because were shut down . Let's not move to fast. We're almost in the clear . Let's hold on just a little more .

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Broward	Government	I want Governor DeSantis to reopen the Broward County Courts immediately so we can several important cases that will save lives. 1) To end the case Florida vs Ron Ziegler so we can exonerate him and arrest Linda Mendola, Jordan hal Mosman, Steve Pollen, Allan Scheck and the killer Earnestine Marie Davison aka Spankie. 2) To complete the civil case involving Gayle C Hammer vs YMP Reality. so she can move out of this sewer trap. 3) to finally safe the life of Jennifer Ruth Brietkopf who has been physically and mentally raped by Spankie Davison and Linda Mendola
Miami-Dade	Healthcare	Hospitals should reopen elective surgery and outpatient testing. Healthcare as far as mammograms, colonoscopies for preventive care should be available. People still need to prevent cancer and other conditions that can progress undetected. Using ppe of course and a few patients at a time. Nail salons with plexiglass is a great idea. Heir salons with sanitizer masks gloves and a few people at a time is a good idea. Everything while using protection always. Thank you
Hernando	Healthcare	Just “open it up.” Being a Firefighter/Paramedic my coworkers and I have seen that hospitals are basically empty, nursing staff is being furloughed, and our call volumes have not increased. The statistics don’t lie; there are multiple anti-body studies now from Stanford, USC-LA, New York, and Chicago suggesting the infection rate was 50-85% higher than expected. Additionally, we know based on hospital admissions and deaths who this truly affects. So let’s protect the nursing homes and elderly, those with underlying conditions, because they are at greatest risk. Americans across the political spectrum have common sense, and exercise it, when it comes to being ill and caring for loved ones. We also would respect and appreciate a more common sense approach as opposed to what has happened over the past couple months. Respectfully, Robert Watson
Escambia	General	I live in condo on Perdido Key. The parking lot is pretty full today, as is the beach. Our beaches are private so people have been coming. That’s ok, I can avoid the beach and sit on my balcony, which I’ve been doing. My concern is if people start coming for vacations, the stores will become much more crowded. I go to Publix once a week and the locals are doing good job with masks and maintaining their distance. Tourist will not. I’m sure tourists will enjoy themselves and go to local restaurants when they open, I will not. I’ve tried supporting locally getting curbside pickup a few times. But it will be awhile before I enter a restaurant. We are lucky, we have our regular income and I feel for those who don’t.
Brevard	Healthcare	We are not in a position to test for Cov.19 or for it's antibodies. So NO...do not relax regulations.
Broward	General	I would not like to open Florida until a vaccine is developed.
Pinellas	General	I think it is too early to reopen Florida. I feel if we do right now that there will be a spike in number of cases.

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Escambia	General	Our hair and nail salon has always practiced santitation between each and every client. We need to work!
Orange	Finance	Trying to re-open the state to avoid having to fix the broken unemployment system is downright evil. Putting millions of lives at risk because the government isn't doing a good job and sees the population as numbers instead of people is asinine. We have to wait, we have to make companies pay essential workers fairly, and we have to get the unemployment system functioning otherwise we're doomed to fail. We're doomed to see mass graves. We're doomed to die while our governor makes money and has healthcare and protections that the average person will never have the privilege of.
Bay	Accommodation	As an out of town condo owner who was a Department of Defense employee in Bay County for 23 years, I support allowing vacation rentals again. And as the mother of a 25 year old and grandmother of a 3 month old Bay County resident, I still support re-opening rentals. I agree that we needed a pause in order to make sure hospitals would not be overloaded, but that time has passed (and could be implemented again if needed). This virus will be here for a long time, we can't shut down until it's gone. We need to learn to live with it - increased cleaning protocols, protecting our vulnerable, AND allowing the young to develop immunity. Please do not extend the no vacation rental order. Sheila
Hillsborough	General	I do not think we should be re opening Florida yet. I equate this to a sports injury that will be injured worse if not given time to properly heal. We have made it this far and we need to finish what we started or we may end up starting all over from the beginning from worse circumstances. I am a retired Hillsborough County Deputy and prior USAF. I truly believe first responders should be asked what they think since they are the ones working night and day to keep the state a float.
Collier	General	I am a teacher. We are obviously done with this school year. However, my husband is a police officer. He goes out every shift into the public and while they try to maintain distance, this is not always possible. If we reopen too soon, his rate of exposure will go up. Which means my rate of exposure goes. Which means my 2 year olds rate of exposure goes up. Short of daily walks outside with my dogs and child, we have not left our home. Leaving Florida closed until June 1st is the least the State could do to help first responders, nurses, and doctors who have worked tirelessly during this time to help others without a second thought to how it may effect their own families.
Indian River	Government	We need to reopen the state for business now. We have a small business with employees waiting to work and get paid. The more we learn about covid the more it seems like a bad flu. We cant hide from this. Reopen the state for all business that ca promise to practice good hygiene and reasonable social distancing.
Hillsborough	General	Without doubt, the key to safely "open up for business" will be REQUIRING facial masks and regular hand sanitizing. We all understand that we cannot allow businesses to falter. However, a word of caution regarding social distancing should be adhered to (six foot rule). To forget what we've learned will undoubtedly be proven catastrophic.

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Hillsborough	Healthcare	Dear Governor, I am writing this to ask you to consider all of the people who have lost their lives to this virus so far and their families. The health care workers and police officers that have sacrificed so much to date!! If you re-open the state now due to pressure from individuals who are frightened about their income vs their health and their community health will be casting little or no value on human life! STAY HOME! STAY SAFE! STAY WELL! Until all Floridaian's can have access to two negative tests we look to you for leadership. West Coast & Hawaii closed until end of May. Hope you take a lesson from Gov. Como NY you may not always be popular with your decisions but, you will keep us all safe & well! DO THE RIGHT THING PLEASE!!! Thank you!
Lee	Food	I have been in the service industry for over 25 years, and never thought I would face something like this. As devastating as it is to have my owner have to be closed and she's a single woman small business owner, it will be even more devastating to open up and people get infected by this terrible virus. Even with social distancing being performed by employees it is impossible to be a server and be 6 feet away from a guest, it is also basically impossible to wear gloves and a mask and serve a guest. It makes more sense to extend the stay at home order for restaurants. They will lose money running at lower capacity, they will lose money ordering food in hopes that Guests will come out and eat. I love going out to restaurants, I love supporting small business, but I am not comfortable going out in public in a restaurant right now and being served. And I think most people feel that way as well. I'm a relatively healthy 40-year-old woman and I am terrified of what could happen if we open up to you soon! I love going out to restaurants, I love supporting small business, but I am not comfortable going out in public in a restaurant right now and being served. And I think most people feel that way as well. I'm a relatively healthy 40-year-old woman and I am terrified of what could happen if we open up to you soon!Thank you for your time and I have faith you will make the right choices.
Orange	Tourism	It's time to open things back up but to keep a close eye on things. If something needs to be locked down and track down do it but let The state try to get back to work

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Escambia	General	I am an ER nurse in one of the busiest local hospitals here in Pensacola. I am also a fire lieutenant/paramedic for the county fire department. Back some time around March 1st we started hearing about this "novel" virus and then about March 17th things started shutting down and events being canceled. Right now you cannot go to the beach, you cannot go boating or tie up two or more boats together, gyms are closed, one cannot even get their hair cut due to this massive shut down and stay at home order. Well is this doing any good?? Is it doing any harm?? is it doing more harm than good??. Viruses are not even considered living. They are simple nucleic acid particles and proteins and the CoV2 virus does not just form because 10 or more people are together or because 2 boats are tied up that is just silly. You can not be anymore confined than being in a prison or in a long term care facility and these residents and prisoners are getting the virus and some are dying, so obviously being confined has little to do with contracting the virus. Healthcare workers are getting it also caring for those sick, but they are contracting due to being very close, with sometimes limited protection and for long periods of time. All being said we need to have a more practical common sense approach to this pandemic. Of coarse you should wash your hands frequently and not touch your face and cover your face when you cough and by all means stay at home if you are sick regardless of a pandemic. But most important a person needs to take care of them self emotionally, physically and spiritually, presently with everything shut down the possibilities of this are limited which leads to depression which further lowers one's immune system actually making them susceptible to viruses. So lets consider opening the state back up where people can earn a living, get some exercise and just get outside and enjoy the spring because eventually everyone including the government is going to run out of money.
Citrus	Healthcare	I work in Inverness Florida at a testing facility. I along with many others feel it's a terrible decision to open up the state period. We have limited test kits and we have had limited test kits the entire time along with anyone else who works at a testing site here in our county. Unfortunately due to having such a limited supply our testing guidelines are very strict. We have been forced to turn away tons of sick people in the community due to them not fitting the criteria listed on the sheet given from the CDC typically the people who are getting tested are only the ones who fall into priority number one. Our numbers are much larger than they appear because of this. Citrus county is a retirement community full of elderly and majority of them have chronic health conditions to put them more at risk. Stop thinking about the almighty dollar and think of your people. Protect us better than this.
Pasco	Agriculture	KEEP THE STATE CLOSED UNTIL DOCTORS AND SCIENTIST SAY ITS SAFE! MODELS ARE SHOWING JUNE! TRUST THE EXPERTS!

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Hillsborough	Recreation	Here in Tampa I could not comprehend why for example Bayshore Blvd and the Tampa Riverwalk was exempt from closure and moutain bike trails are closed. The reality of the situation is that there is less social distancing on walking sidewalks. On a mountain bike trail people are riding and moving because on a single track trail social distancing is automatic because tipacally people don't stop in the middle of a trail ride to socialize. I suspect that due to the level of economic and political influence of the demographic that lives in South Tampa they influenced the decision. I respectfully request that re-opening bike trails be considered for re-opening. Alafia and Boyette Scrubb Preserve in particular. Areas that can be abused such as clubs etc... should remain closed. Gyms should not re-open etc. V/r Dan Mathis Jr.
Broward	General	We need to open, people should be able to go to work as you will not pay my mortgage. Time has come, open a beach in broward county, it is open space. If you choose to keep us in, then please pay me bills. Do something right since you dropped the ball on u employment. You and your team should be fired only 30% of people have been paid. You want input but cannot even do your job properly, you failed everyone that was laid off
Hardee	General	Need to open back up And get people working as much as possible. Barbar shops and beauty shops and restaurants open back up to start and let people out
Pinellas	General	Maintain social distancing, wearing of masks by all people out in public, having employers have way to test employees before opening
Santa Rosa	General	Please do not open Florida.We are still having many cases and many deaths. Enough testing has not been done. Don’t open our beaches!
Pinellas	General	We have to get everyone back to work, why don’t we start opening non essential business and just make everyone stay 6ft apart if possible? Publix has made it work and the cashiers are just as close to you as hairdressers/nail salons. Maybe require masks for a couple weeks? We also should start opening tourism, maybe a lesser capacity but slowly start back up. If the older folks are uncomfortable with this then they are welcome to still shelter in place as they have been. We have to start moving forward like Georgia is doing.
Pinellas	General	We should reopen our state. Start slow open the beaches have it monitored. only people with Florida licensesor prof of residency and living in the state can go. Only allow so many people on the beach just like up North. when the beach is full its closed. no more people can go on. Open restaurants and businesses they could only have 75% capacity to allow for space between people monitor if cases are growing up if they are then you pull back. If they are not then you begin to open the hotel's up and the out of state people can start coming in period

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Hillsborough	General	ILL BE DAMN IF YALL DECIDE TO OPEN FLORDIA. THE GOVERNOR GOT TO BE THE DUMBEST HUMAN ON THE PLANET. I BET HE WONT VE OPENING IF HE OR SOMEONE CLOSE TO HIM GOT IT. ALL YOU WANT TO DO IS KILL PEOPLE AND QUITE FRANKLY HE CAN GO IN THE FRONT LINES OF THE REOPEN TO SEE IF HE DIES OR NOT. SHOULDNT THE GOVERNMENT LEAD BY EXAMPLE ANYWAYS? THE COMPETENCY IS LACKING AND THE VIRUS SHOULD WIPE ALL YALL OUT, LEAVE THE PEOPLE OUT OF IT
Sumter	General	believe it is important to keep Flordians safe! With that said, I think small "Baby" steps should take place. Maybe start with people like appointment only Eye Dr, Chiropractors, Dentist, and such first and they should limit to maybe 5 patient at a time allowed in the office. They should still follow social distancing rules and wear mask!! Then, I think a week later, if that goes well, they should work on restaurants with social distancing rules... table at least 8 feet apart so they are actually 6 feet when occupied. If that does ok, then maybe private clubs with mask and the social distancing..if after those 3 weeks, if nothing has resparked the pandemic, they open public places with social distancing and mask. After the end of June everthing should be open if no covid-19 OUTBREAK. People need to work or they will get relaxed with the Government giving them money. Then they may want to stay home permanently. Just my thoughts! Thank You for the opportunity to share them with y'all.
Broward	General	Dear Governor, reopening of the states economy should be done in phases and a few business segments at a time. First, testing or home resting needs to be readily available Second, all places of businesses require masks and hand sanitizers or washing stations. Week of May 18th- Phase 1:Government/Offices businesses: guidelines previously mentioned Phase 2: Restaurants/ Chains and other eateries - seating spaced and reduced number of people in groups no larger than 6 at a table.masks required, hand sanitizer stations. At 2 week marker, evaluate consequences of measures taken then if no spikes or increase spread in new cases, proceed with same or stricter measures to open everything else on weeks to follow. Schools to be opened in August. Any summer school should be done online. Places of direct human to human contact, like beauty salons, massage parlors or places like movie theaters should be last to open in early June and contingent of outcome of previous measures.
Broward	General	I believe it is too soon to re-open Florida. Cases continue to go up. We need to prioritize people’s health over the economy.
Pinellas	Professional Services	I do not understand why dog grooming salons are considered non essential.My dogs nails are so long she can barely walk on them.The place that I go only does one dog at a time.There is only one groomer at a time.You drop the dog off and leave.When I am called I come back and she brings my dog out to me.You are trusting people to do social distancing ,so why don’t you trust the groomers .

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Volusia	Education	As a school counselor at an elementary school I am concerned about returning to school without a vaccine. How do you tell Kindergartens to stay 6 feet apart? Our cafeterias and classrooms are not designed for that. The school I work at has 950 students. This is a time for us to be creative, but wise, if we reopen. Maybe an A and B schedule, that is the only thing I can think of to reduce our size and not increase the cost of transportation. If you split the day (1/2in morning and 1/2 in afternoon) transportation becomes a concern. I know that with an A and B schedule it will cause a child care concern for the days the students aren't in school. I hope that you are looking at other countries and states for ideas and ways to keep us healthy.
Seminole	Healthcare	Do not reopen Florida until it is actually safe. It should NEVER be economy over human lives.
Orange	Food	I don't think it's still a smart thing to open at this time I think we need to wait another month
Lee	Healthcare	Do not open the State. We have no idea of how many cases there are in the state. States computer system has proved it's totally unreliable. It's the worst in the country on unemployment claims. Somehow it's blocked reports on the virus - ie. Lee County system of reporting covid19 was blocked from government computers. Until you can improve state computers do Not open the State. Why did you block reports from nursing homes? Big cover up on every level DO NOT open the state It appears to be as disorganized and incompetent as Trump.
Martin	General	People are statistically more likely to die driving in Florida than from Coronavirus. OPEN FLORIDA.
Walton	General	Please open up the state. We need to move on and not live in fear.

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Polk	General	IN ORDER TO REOPEN RESTAURANTS THEY NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY CAN ALLOW 6 FT AWAY FOR EACH TABLE, BUT THEY CAN HAVE RESERVATIONS. THEY NEED TO LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF PEOPLE THAT CAN COME IN AND ASSIGN TIMES FOR EACH GROUP OR FAMILY. SOME RESTAURANTS HAVE SEPARATION PANELS AND THAT WAY YOU CAN'T GET ANYTHING FROM OTHER PEOPLE. I KNOW THAT IT WILL TAKE SOME ATTENTION TO DETAIL BUT IT WILL BE WORTH THE EFFORTS FOR RESTAURANTS TO OPEN. PARTITIONS ARE THE ANSWERS. CLEAR PARTITIONS. CLEAR PARTITIONS ON THE BACK OF BOOTHS THEN YOU CAN SEAT EVERY BOOTH. I HAVE BEEN TO A LOT OF RESTAURANTS THAT ALREADY HAVE THIS IN THE PAST. MAKE SURE ALL THE STAFF ARE WEARING MASKS AND GLOVES. CLEANING NEEDS TO BE A ONE PERSON JOB LIKE A BUS BOY THAT WAY NOT EVERY WAITRESS WILL BE EXPOSED. ONLY THE BUSBOY WILL BE CLEANING AND HE WILL HAVE A CART TO THROW TOWELS IN AFTER CLEANING A TABLE. THE COOKS NEED TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE WEARING PROTECTIVE GEAR LIKE THE HASMAT OUTFITS THE PAPER JUMPSUITS AND FACE MASKS SO THEY DO NOT SPREAD THEIR GERMS ON THE PUBLIC. I HATE GOING INTO A RESTAURANT WHERE THE KITCHEN STAFF DOES NOT HAVE FACE MASKS OR GLOVES ON. ESPECIALLY NOW! LIKE I SAID IT WILL BE A LITTLE WORK BUT IT WILL PAY FOR IT'S SELF IF DONE RIGHT, CAUSE IT WILL EASE THE MINDS OF THE PEOPLE COMING IN AND WE ALL WANT TO GO TO OUR FAVORITE RESTAURANTS AND FEEL SAFE LIKE BEFORE. ALL STORES COULD TAKE ORDERS BY PHONE OR BY APPOINTMENT ONLY THAT WAY YOU DON'T HAVE A MASS AMOUNT OF PEOPLE IN THE STORE AT ONE TIME. LARGE DEPARTMENT STORES COULD LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF PEOPLE THAT CAN COME IN AT ONE TIME. PUT THEM ON A WAIT LIST AND CALL THEM WHEN IT IS OK FOR THEM TO COME IN. BUFFETS ARE GOING TO BE THE HARDEST TO MANAGE. BUT IT CAN BE DONE IF CLEANING IS MADE A PRIORITY AND THE FACE GUARDS ARE CLEANED EVERY 30 MINUTES. DISPOSABLE SPOONS OR FORKS COULD BE THE WAY TO GO FOR BUFFETS. I BELIEVE BUFFETS WOULD BE
Polk	Tourism	In regards to opening the theme parks & attractions I believe that strict guidelines need to be fully in place before this can even be considered. With ppl coming from all over the country & the world the risk of a resurgence without proper guidelines would be negligent. As an employee in the field I would want to feel safe going to work knowing that I have been given the tools to perform my job and that Employees and Guests are protected and feel safe that they won't get sick. Whether it's temperature screenings and having anyone who comes into the state/or goes to attractions tested and strict guidelines on social distancing be enforced and everyone wear a face covering or something else I feel that it will be a disaster if it is not done slowly and thoughtfully to protect the visitors to all Of Florida's attractions and natural wonders. When ppl come to Florida they not only go to the theme parks, they go to the beach, Explore our history go to the shopping outlets, Disney Springs, City Walk etc and if they have Covid19 it will be spread everywhere. We need to protect our state by whatever means possible to protect residents of all ages. We have so many aging citizens and they need our protection above all else.

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Duval	General	My personal opinion is that re-opening businesses and lifting the stay at home order is a big mistake until a vaccine is available to cure Covid-19. Just the little bit of opening that has been done the numbers are still on the positive side. Re-opening is a big mistake
Seminole	General	It's too early to reopen. Please don't rush this. Please place people's lives over money. Don't let us be the state everyone is laughing at.
Orange	Food	Please reopen all Florida businesses ASAP. It's been long enough. I've had to enroll my wife and myself into Social Security earlier than expected to survive.
Duval	General	As long as the number of new cases continue to decrease, here are my comments: Require people to wear masks in public. Finance - open branch lobbies with social distancing set-up. Protect bank personnel with barriers. Everyone should wear a mask. Possibly limit the number of people entering at one time. Others can wait outside and enter as individuals exit. Wipe counters several times daily. Have hand sanitizer available. Grocery stores - limit number of people inside and again require people to wear masks. Keep lanes one way until risk factors are reduced. Wipe doors to coolers and freezers multiple times per day. Cashiers should be protected by the plastic barrier and hand sanitize after each customer. Restaurants - limit number of patrons. Set tables 7-8 feet apart. Employees should wear masks. If gloves are worn, they would have to be changed for each table so washing hands or sanitizing may be more practical. Salons - Masks for both employee and patron. Stations should be cleaned after each visit. Dentists should wear masks and be tested if it is available. Patients could answer a series of questions and have their temperature taken upon entry. Education - Either limit class sizes, continue to offer online LIVE taught classes, maybe offer both or a combination of both to help reduce class sizes. Some of the young people are thriving schooling at home and it may be an alternative. Possibly combine Monday, Tuesday at school, Wednesday school live at home while the classrooms are deep-cleaned, Thursday, Friday back to school or some combination of both. Lunchrooms will require creativity and bathrooms must be cleaned, stocked, and Monitored. I have never been to the school restroom and had access to soap, towels, and toilet paper all in the same visit. Another possibility could be to send
Charlotte	Healthcare	1. FACE MASKS IN STORES. 2. STORES MUST PROVIDE HAND SANITIZER STATIONS 3. COVID-19 TESTING FOR ALL HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES, SKILLED CARE FACILITY WORKERS. 4. PUBLIC TESTING STATIONS THANK YOU, ROBERT SOHL RN

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Miami-Dade	Healthcare	I have lived in Miami my entire life. I'm A registered nurse working in an area hospital. All I ask you is to please make a decision based truly on what medical experts suggest not a decision dependent on the economy. The consequences could be detrimental to our generation and will leave a lasting mark in many generations to follow. I pray to God to help you make the decision.
Santa Rosa	General	To reopen the state before we even have enough PPE, sufficient testing methods and sufficient supplies is, in a word, reckless. Florida holds the highest concentration of senior citizens in the country, and that's not even to include others within high-risk categories. I understand that the state economy is suffering, many have lost their jobs and their stability, but to reopen the state prior to virus cases becoming stable will only allow for a second wave to hit, and worse. It's better to bite the bullet, so to speak, and keep the lockdown until the rate of active virus cases is in a steady, predictable downward trend than to risk a second and much worse wave. The economy will recover - this is Florida, many individuals come to vacation and visit here. This state will be fine. Our high risk citizens may not. Money does not supersede lives.
Lee	Accommodation	The island is ready for reopening. We all are going by the guidelines and taking precautions.
Brevard	Government	Hi Governor DeSantis and/or the officials tasked with re-opening Florida, First, I would like to thank you all for what you do. This is an unprecedented situation and I think Florida has, for the most part, done a very good job. As someone who looks at data every single day, is a scientist, and believes in balance between public safety and the economy, I was hoping to offer my perspective. I think you've done a good job so far in helping contain the spread of the virus in Florida. Currently, Florida hasn't come down just enough to lift the restrictions. With still roughly between 700-1000 cases per day, while we aren't spiking in quite the same way, this is significant and with the restrictions in place. A premature opening of the state can, and likely would, cause a high spike in cases, and could do more detriment than good. However, I am also a believer that the people of Florida need to get back to work. My thoughts is that as governor, you should extend the stay at home order two weeks, to approximately May 14. In my view, with social distancing in place, an additional two weeks will put Florida in a very good place, and chances are we'd safely be able to open at that time. Additionally, if two weeks turns out to be too long, there's time to always reduce that time (and the alternative if it turns out not to be long enough). It is my opinion, that if we do this, Florida will set the example for the rest of the country.

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Sarasota	General	Have you seen this? PLease watch despite titles. https://youtu.be/BTLii-e_UtY https://youtu.be/o8_Uko2stS0
Pinellas	Recreation	Support beach openings for recreation statewide. It has really affected my mental health not to be able to walk the beach and I know many others who depend on nature and the ocean for peace and exercise. It has been so hard to not have this outlet during this stressful time. Support limited hours and not allowing chairs, umbrellas, etc to discourage misbehaving.
Manatee	General	Please open everything up it is time. I would like to get back to work to support my family same thing with my boyfriend please let's make Florida great again I would like to get back to normal thank you 🙏 for your time you are going a great job
Sumter	Food	My suggestion is in restaurant seating with 6' distance.
Manatee	General	TOO SOON TO OPEN STATE! According to federal guidelines, states need to see reduction in cases/deaths for 14 days. Florida does not reflect this. We would like to continue with stay-at-home guidelines. Also provide state-wide anti-body testing for all Floridiabs who desire it. Testing is critical for anyone who wants to be tested.
Miami-Dade	General	I have been unemployed for the last 2 months and still haven't gotten one cent from unemployment, with that said, I believe it's way too soon to reopen Dade, Broward, Monroe or Palm Beach counties! We need testing and tracing! I know we all want to and need to work but if we reopen too soon it will be a desastre! Also, I have great doubts on how to go about enforcing the new rules and regulations! People will be people and after a couple of days these guidelines will go out the window!!! Thank you!
Broward	General	I am concerned about spread of this virus by opening South Florida too soon and then we see increase in cases. I am concerned those at risk will be forced back into the community for fear of job loss, this exposing themselves to health risk and possible death. I remain concerned that we do not have a true account of infected people, and we have people with no symptoms spreading the virus. I am concerned that those who feel they are not at risk and display no symptoms will disregard heath of others. I also remain concerned that we do not know enough about this virus and reports are coming out about resurgence and reinfected people.
Collier	Food	Restaurant that are open air, private beaches for now, hair cutting salons and all boating.

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Volusia	General	I'm a local Barber Shop owner that was forced to close with no income for my family and no unemployment from the state. Its critical that small business are allowed to reopen. Salons and barber shops can limit the number of clients in the shop at a time by allowing customers to wait in cars, limit the amount in the shop at one time and by setting up appointments. We are already set up with disinfectants and can wear masks. People should be allowed to conduct business. We can practice common sense. You are doing far more harm destroying people's lively hoods than the virus is doing. If someone wants to continue to isolate that's fine, but the rest of us should be allowed to get back to work.
Polk	Government	Please open Florida back up. Those that feel they need to stay home or wear a mask do so. Most of us would like to get back to normal life. We need the small business to open back up. We need the restaurants to open back up.
St. Johns	General	I think it would be responsible to wait and see what happens in the other states recently opened. In my county only the the north side has high number so maybe back to work by zip code you live in.
Lee	General	I think Florida should enact a graduated process to reopen. Give each City or County the power to make decisions as conditions warrant. Open stores but taking the necessary safety procedures such as limiting the number of people allowed inside at any given time. For at least 2 weeks after opening, have restaurants limit seating with no large groups. Beaches should follow the lead of Duvall County and limit activities and hours. Just about every business should have the opportunity to operate. We need people to work! Some areas or businesses may need more than a 2 week period, depending on the type of business. We'll never really know without trying. Keeping a blanket "non essential" closing is not fair to those people trying to earn a living or run a business. It's obvious that the unemployment website is a total failure so let's get people working. One other suggestion is perhaps keep businesses from firing employees who elect to stay home for fear of getting sick. This too however should have a specific time period attached. Thank you!
Pinellas	Transportation	We need to open Florida’s economy ASAP before it is permanently damaged. The company I work for laid off 90% of its employees. We have to deal with this situation the same way we deal with flu - without closing schools and businesses. We cannot stay home forever. Cases will continue to occur whether we are home or not.

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Pasco	General	Everything I have seen from the beginning of this says that Florida is just getting ready to hit are peak. How can we open things back up to the public when people aren't adhering to the guidelines that are already set. I cannot go out due to the fact I have asthma, however I've had others go to get me items I needed. Only for them to come back and tell me super Walmart was like a normal family Sunday outing. Children running around the store. Parents wearing masks but children not. This is not how we stop an outbreak I don't feel like being home another two months because I did what I was told and then we haven't waited long enough and we have another occurrence of the spread of Covid19. Thank you.
Seminole	General	Don't take opinions about this critical issue from random citizens. Take them from public health experts, scientists, doctors - you know, people who would know the answer to this question. We should safely reopen when there's a concurrence among the experts as to when we should.
Lee	General	It seems extremely harmful to the economy and people in general to continue the extreme shut down. Nothing more can be gained and at this point, every day of the complete shut down creates more hardships for the majority of the healthy people. Surely people who are uncomfortable being in crowds or more vulnerable to this illness can remain isolated if they choose without disrupting/destroying lives and futures Life doesn't come with guarantees.
Pinellas	Recreation	Please Reopen Florida!! Please Reopen the Gyms!! We are going crazy!! Gym is my life..my routine..I train hard and not being able to has been extremely depressing and frustrating. Kids are bored and going crazy..need to reopen! People are losing everything! Thank you! We Support Desantis all the way!
Marion	Recreation	I realize that kids sports may not seem like the most essential thing to the task force, but as a mother of two competitive gymnasts I can tell you that it is most definitely essential to them and their mental health. My oldest has practiced in her gym 20 plus hours a week (5 days a week) for the last 5 years and dreams of competing in college. It is a huge part of her life and it is all she has talked about since the shut down. It is not possible to practice these things at home effectively and she is steadily losing skills. She asked me to write this asking you to please consider allowing private sports facilities to reopen so that she can return to the gym and practice while social distancing and sanitizing diligently. Her gym, even before the shut down was impressively clean and had taken extra precautions to keep the employees and athletes safe after things began to come to Florida. Again, I realize that there are much more pressing matters but I do hope you will consider this as it is effecting the mental health of many athletes. Thank you for doing a great job here in Florida.
Marion	Healthcare	I have not seen much testing availability in Marion County. We do not have any drive through testing sites or sites that do not require symptoms and appointments. The availability for testing is not being published very much for our county and our numbers are on the rise. I would hope that making testing more available here in Marion County is in the plans.

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Monroe	Tourism	We need to open the Keys. I work at a hotel here. We need to get back to business. I am furloughed. After May 2 I am supposed to be seeking employment. I have employment. I love my job. BUT. the major of The Keys has us closed to tourists for all of May if not longer. We desperately need to work. Please help
Lee	General	The numbers of positive cases are flattening or declining because people are staying home. Please be cautious about not opening too soon. Is there a plan to scale back if numbers start to go back up?
Orange	General	Yes please reopen !! We can do it safely and right we all need to go to work like we we have been, You can come up with a plan so we as a state can survive, we ALL need to get back to some kind of normal soon, PLEASE REOPEN ! The theme parks have great people to figure out how to do it safely in the beginning we all need the tourism industry back that is what we survive on!! Thank You
Hillsborough	Real Estate	I am a licensed Realtor and I need to get back to work. HOWEVER, my health and safety is also important. It is TOO early for us to open up!!!!! DO NOt open up, it's TOO EARLY!!!!
Pasco	General	Poverty kills... So stop acting as though it's we either save lives or not, that's a false dichotomy. What about the lives of those suicides the depression of from long term unemployment and homelessness? What about those lives? It is the poorest among us who will suffer the most, do they not matter? The threat of communicable diseases is not something new to society, so we heighten our hygiene habits and get on with our lives! Not to mention the FACT that you have no authority to override the Constitution, the very Constitution that you swore to "Preserve, Protect & Defend"!
Seminole	Healthcare	Looking at all the info it's quite confusing to come to a conclusion on reopening, but I do agree that the lockdown is detrimental to a strong immune system which is critical in this. I feel that opening slowiy in stages should be the plan. Churches must be allowed to reopen as God is in control and He is the Master Physician. Outdoor activities are important for our health so beaches, parks, etc. should open immediately. People wanting to go back to work should be allowed as long as they are not sick, test negative and are not in an at risk category. The elderly, at risk, etc. should stay in lockdown for their own protection and could utilize delivery and other services to help others earn an income. Hospitals and doctor's offices should return to fully staffed in readiness for a possible surge of cases as well as patients to be able to be seen for all other reasons.School can wait until fall as the semester is almost over, and large group events and settings should be monitored.

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Levy	Government	Please do not open our businesses too soon. If you open too soon more of our people will die from this virus. I believe fear is so much better that stupidity. We as a people want to be safe and see another day. I pray everyday for alli the position of making decisions for me to make the correct decision. Governor you have just had a new baby don't put her life in question with this virus. She may not go in the public but it had away of spreading. Praying you seek Jesus answer and not man's. Msn is known for destroying ourselves.
Duval	General	I think that we should slowly open non essential businesses starting May 1st. However, I believe that these nonessential businesses need to implement social distancing measures prior to reopening. Whether that's limiting the amount of people welcomed in a salon per day, (as an example) and establishing 6ft rules throughout the process. In addition, I believe that places like the mall can do the same thing. Just like we go in to grocery stores, the mall can implement those same strategies, each business can even have someone at the door to monitor how many people come in at a time. I even think restaurants can simultaneously do the same thing, that way we can slowly get back to normal. Meanwhile people should still be encouraged to utilize masks, businesses should be practicing sanitation and making it a priority for their employees to wear masks throughout their job duties.
Lee	Administrative	Please reopen our state. It's time to move forward. Our economy needs the state to reopen.
Pinellas	Information	I think that Florida is doing a very good job with the virus. We have been able to keep our numbers low and mostly confined, considering the population. I would love to see our state re-open but I'd also like to see us follow President Trump and his team's plan for stages. Slow to re-open is key as we can keep more control of how fast the virus spreads if it picks up momentum.
Seminole	General	Please don't rush to reopen. Don't make us as an example to other stated what not to do. Place value on lives. Please extend the stay at home order!
Polk	General	I believe Florida should re-open May 1st, if not sooner. Until the medical profession is able to develop a vaccine/cure the general public will never be safe. It should be an individual's choice whether to protect themselves or not. Businesses should be required to continue to deep clean every night and continue the cleaning, to the best of their ability, throughout the day as long as they are serving the public. It should be an individual business decision if they require patrons to wear protective gear. Continuing to require individuals to stay sheltered in place is placing an extreme emotional strain.
Pinellas	Management	Open businesses now!

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Santa Rosa	Professional Services	I'm a licensed esthetician that specializes in lash extensions and facial waxing. I work in a salon with 8 other hair stylists. Although we practice sanitation after every client. We don't know where our clients have been, we don't know if they'll be honest with us. Me personally I am 5 inches away from someone's face doing lashes. There is not enough PPE on the market for everyone in our field. That should be going to the front line personal in hospitals. Even if I did find PPE, they are back ordered until June or they are 3X the amount of what they should be. How can we protect ourselves and our clients? I haven't even received unemployment, but I would rather be poor than risk my life and other people's lives. Do not open the salons until there is enough PPE out there to go around.
Orange	General	Although these are hard and troubling times I think it's too soon to open up the state even in a phased state. As you can see with opening up the beaches people flocked to them immediately. I think by hoping people follow the guidelines by giving them "normalcy" they'll take advantage. I say we hold on a little longer until we are in the clear as much as we can; seeing numbers at zero or near zero, at least single digits. My husband and I both got furloughed but we still think the same
Lee	Finance	Banks are currently operating by appointment only and frankly people are wanting to come in to the banks to have assistance with things that could be done from home. PLEASE consider keeping a stay at home order in place. We are going to risk spreading the virus again if we are not conscious of what we open and how quickly we open. Lives are at stake.
Hernando	Healthcare	I am all for opening the economy and getting people back to work. As a matter of fact I want to help out by volunteering to do contact tracing, but I need to have antibody testing in place to determine if I have had the virus and have antibodies. I was in Italy in later December into mid January. I believe I was exposed as I had some minimal symptoms. So TESTING, TESTING, TESTING is the key, both to determine if people are actively shedding virus and to find out who has had it and can help get teh economy back on line.

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Miami-Dade	General	It's not the economy vs health, the two must be done in conjunction with each other. Increased testing should be the 1st milestone in order to reopen the state. Even if testing milestones are met by region versus the entire state. We should follow peak guidelines as to which areas can safely reopen. Until that region and immediate surrounding areas reach the peak the region should remain under a stay at home order. Once the region meets a criteria to reopen it should be down in a safe step down strategy. The state must first secure the proper PPE for the area slated to reopen. There should be stand alone hand sanitizing stations. The state should mandate commercial disinfectant/sanitizing criteria for all businesses to reopen. The state should also undergo sanitizing efforts of all public areas and roads similar to how other countries "washed their streets thoroughly ". Businesses must supply and require all employees to wear the proper PPE as needed by their industry and there must be mandatory cleaning/sanitizing every two hours/more as needed. Shopping Carts must be sanitized after each use. Restaurants, Dr.'s office, beauty salons must all practice safe social distancing. When applicable appointments must be staggered to prevent overcrowding and when able offices can call their clients up/in one at a time limiting the amount of clients/patients in the waiting room. PPE must be worn by everyone entering an establishment but the state must ensure that these items are available in great abundance. All school must be commercially decontaminated and cleaned prior to reopening. Daily nightly deep cleaning must be done. All athletes in contact sports must be tested the same way as required that they pass their physical before playing. Balls/bats/ equipment must be sanitized before/after each game/practice. Free standing sanitizing stations should be set up throughout the school and cafeteria. Schools should supply and offer each student a protective mask to wear throughout the day. Staggered lunches and assemblies to avoid crowds of over 50 at one time. Encourage digital platforms to
Lake	Healthcare	We started building a home in Clermont in Dec 2019.. we are moving from out of state. My husband is in the health care field and I run a farm and train working dogs. We previously lived in Tampa and Safety Harbor in the 90-2000's we moved back up north when the economy wasn't so great. Since the economy was doing so well we decided to build a house down in Clermont. Originally looking at Happy Trails (champions gate area) We found the land to be a little more reasonable in Clermont but still close to the city for my husband's work... the main reason we wanted to move was all the things to do in Orlando.. qith everything shut down it has stalled our home being built as well as offers little to no reason to move. Please open things up!
Polk	General	As a Cast member at Disney I plead with you to not open anything down here. If you open beaches and state parks, tourist will want to come and we will see a spike in cases and it will just prolong the virus spreading. As much as I would LOVE to go to beaches, theme parks, ect I would rather be safe then sorry. Please do the right thing and don’t open up.

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Pasco	General	I would urge you to very carefully and gradually reopen the state based primarily on medical considerations rather than economic. Please error on the side of caution. Opportunities for economic growth and money will always be there. Lost lives are gone forever. We haven't even determined the scope of this problem. We certainly should not consider it to be resolving until after we have determined its' magnitude.
Collier	General	We elected Ron DeSantis to lead our state. He has appointed this task force to help make decisions. This forum to allow any Floridian to comment is ridiculous. How long are you going to take every comment, question, etc before you lay out a plan? PLEASE do something, anything!! Make a decision and go with it.
Pinellas	Retail	There will be many bankruptcies if Florida doesn't open the state. The little guy can no longer hang on. Bills are due and no more net and no jobs. Open up FLORIDA
Pinellas	Retail	We should absolutely allow retail, food and other businesses to open. The public can choose whether or not to continue sheltering in place without a mandate if it is applicable to their current situation. But those of us who are healthy and able should be able to get back to work and our regular lives.
Marion	Professional Services	Good afternoon Gov. DeSantis: This coronavirus has put life on hold and we are tired of living in constant fear of catching this deadly disease... Without testing for EVERY person in the state of Florida, I would much prefer that our state stay on shutdown until May 30th... My husband is a barber stylist and I am concerned about him going back to work this soon... We must put politics aside and consider the best way to keep our citizens in our state safe by waiting longer to re-open our economy. Thank you.... Sincerely, Sandra Haney
Miami-Dade	Healthcare	I have been trying to get tested for antibodies, since I believe my daughter, son in law and myself had the virus in February. No one seems to know where we can go to get tested. Testing has to be easier before anything opens up.
Palm Beach	Education	Please consider the staff and teachers of the schools when making decisions about reopening in the fall. We have many staff who have health concerns and they need to be considered. It's not just kids who are at a school. Thanks
Levy	Healthcare	Ref: covid19 and Florida's response: 1. Cannot get current info on the fl doh site—data is not updated, and at present is not sent out regularly by my emergency services dept. 2. Testing in my county has been at about 1% of the existing population. Levy is very rural and many are not inclined to take masks and social distancing very seriously. Given that asymptomatic spread in communities has been documented in general, we need a much broader test base before a decision can be made that levy is safe to 're-open.' I don't feel safe in my community right now because we just don't know the extent of spread of the virus, and we need vastly more supplies, lab availability, and public health presence before our vulnerable population can feel safe. Please ensure that much more public testing occurs thruout the state, including among nonsymptomatic people. How about testing all who want a test? And more testing in communities where few tests have been done.

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Pinellas	General	When it is actually safe, which at this time is too early to tell ,to transistion back to work it should be done VERY slowly. Businesses should be REQUIRED to have all personal that.can work remotely do so. This would allow business to operate with no increased threat to the public. It would also ensure that offices have a much smaller amount of people in their buildings. Businesses should NOT rotate employees that can work remotely, however staff that can not work remotely should be rotated to.keep the number in bldg under acceptable levels. Businesses should.operate remotely until a vaccine is developed. This would allow many businesses to operate at full capacity as well as keep a large portion of the popultation employed, would also prevent the inevitable spike.in cases if we prematurely return to public life. By rushing these interactions its only.commen sense that the rate of exposure and infections will increase not.only putting our people at risk but have a much larger negative impact.on the economy. Things have changed there is no doubt, ignoring that is ignorant, rushing for the sake of money also ignorant. As a state we have to be nimble and adapt to overcome. We can change the way we do business
Volusia	General	I feel we should give it another month of stay at home and see where we are at then. I know business owners are suffering but if we open too fast this may start all over again and they will be worse off. We are still learning more each day about this virus. I say don't chance it. I am a high risk person. I have been doing my part to stay at home.
Collier	General	Florida needs to re-open!
Hernando	Recreation	Why can we not open the parks for camping, I am far safer in the woods away from everyone then I am going into a store.
Orange	Retail	You have to look overseas to see what issues happened there and know we are not clear of this now. In a state that depends on tourism we have to be 100% sure before we do anything or you will lose the trust of those we hope will come here and spend money in the future. Any premature opening now will have grave results for Florida going forward We need to make sure we take care of our people now, let the at risk stay home, take care of front line workers, including retail and make sure they are all test regularly. We need to make sure we act correctly on this, party does not matter, because in truth Florida as a tourist destination over the next 2-5 years depends on it.
St. Lucie	Food	We need to reopen for our economy and for the many people that need to get back to work. We do not necessarily want this government money. We need to reopen now! We ought to follow proper guidelines agreed and established upon from proper channels. We can't afford this national closure to continue any further!

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Manatee	General	I believe we should open it all. The longer we keep the fear and being boxed up the longer this will last. I believe the suicide rate will sky rocket soon especially with children not being able to socialize. For anyone that fears being around others or is immune compromised then they should make the choice to stay home. But there is thousands of us out here saying we are ready to open! I've been lucky to be an essential employee but speaking with my customers we are all on the same page thinking this is hurting us as people, the state, financially and physically not opening up. Please decide for the people not the misinformation we keep getting from CDC and WHO
Lee	Healthcare	How are you guys going to consider to open the state when more people are getting sick. You have stopped schools, but want to open us. How inconsiderate can you guys seriously be
Polk	General	I governor do not feel at this time we need to open the state , however, I do understand the economics of the state re-opening. My feelings on this are we should continue a safer -at - home measure for 1 month and then open the state gradual with limitations and guidelines , then maybe hopefully my June re-Open more with limits but more places opening along with thru all this pracicing distancing and wearing masks and hand washing .
Lee	General	Do NOT open the state
Collier	Healthcare	I am writing to ask that orthodontists be allowed to go back to work on May 8th when the Governor's Executive Order closing dental offices ends. I have over 1000 patients in mid-treatment who are eager to come to my office and be seen. My staff and I are confident we can make the necessary adjustments to provide a safe environment for our team and patients. Respectfully, Dr. TJ Albert The Brace Place Naples
Seminole	Retail	Restaurants Retail
Hillsborough	General	I feel that the city should not open up too soon do to the positive cases of covid 19 numbers rising and i feel that its not safe as of yet because some people don't have symptoms or show symptoms and have not been tested and can be walking around with covid 19 virus and may come in contact with someone else and spread the virus and then there will be more positive cases
Pasco	General	I have been out of work since the state closed. I am a single mom and need to provide for my family. Please open the state so I am able to go back to work
Hillsborough	Education	The decision to cancel school for the remainder of the school year and continue with online education was a good one. This will keep students, staff, faculty and administrators all safe. I think we should continue the Safer-at-home guidelines until at least the end of May. I believe we need more wide spread testing and contact tracing in place before we open up. I think it would be tragic to see the number of infections and deaths go up after all the sacrifice we have already made. Public health has to be the main concern. We will be in a better place to restart the economy once the infection rate slows down.

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Martin	General	I don't get it. This is simple. Open the economy. Require all in public places to wear masks. Require all business that want customers to have hand sanitizer inside the front door. Have a guard confirm that all who enter to have a mask on and hand sanitize. Simple. As a 50 year republican I have to say I have not changed, my party has How did we get such idiots as this gov in office. Before retiring I traveled all over this earth. I still stay in touch. Take Bulgaria. They shut down early and firm. Now look at their stats vs ours. Game over.
Hillsborough	Education	I am very happy the district decided to keep the schools closed with the number of teachers students bus drivers and other workers that keeps 1/3 of Tampa at social distance that helps a lot in this transition. As for how to move forward I think we need to do it in 3 different waves and watch the numbers closely the 1st wave is the most critical to people who are going hungry right now restaurants barbershops hair salons and selective surgeries. All of those fields of service Are critical to getting back small business and generating in common our community. Along with that 1st phase Comes respect for social distancing and how to handle being in public places. Our 2nd phase should be our churches retail stores workout centers and other places where small groups can congregate. The final phase could be Areas of large group gatherings.
Lee	Professional Services	I have a spa and have been taking certification courses on safety measure. I feel comfortable reopening with these guidelines. Clients waiting in the parking lot to be escorted in, touching as little as possible, retail area not available for self-serving, contactless check-out and increased PPE, infection control and sanitation. It is imperative to start income coming back in. PPE doesn't cover equipment lease payments. Cape Coral is also not impacted with the virus, numbers have been low. I feel our safety measures will not cause harm to our clients. We will also not serve high risk clients in the beginning.
Orange	General	Everyone's job is essential! So many families, including my own, are losing our jobs and small businesses we've worked so hard for. We have flattened the curve and minimized Hospital admissions. Let's open nature back up and send our people back to work!

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Hillsborough	Professional Services	I am a hairstylist and I have serious concerns about salons opening too soon, and I do not believe they should open on May 1st. Salons that are private and can operate by appointment-only do have a better capability of limiting the number of people inside the salon. However, salons that are franchises and work by both appointments and a walk-in basis cannot have good control over that and it would be very complicated, if not nearly impossible, to accomodate clients that choose to walk-in and not make appointments for their service. Waiting areas are small and do not allow for adequate distancing. Being required to wear gloves during services is also difficult for when we are doing haircuts. My fingers do not fit properly holding my shears if I'm wearing gloves. If clients are wearing masks it will make it very difficult to perform services as it will be in the way of what we need to do. Furthermore, we have to be in such close proximity to our clients that I do not feel comfortable having to be that close to people during this time when I feel the virus is still such a high risk, even if I'm wearing a mask, and especially if I do not have access to a medical grade mask where I know the filtration and protection are adequate. I have done my part by staying at home and only leaving the house to get groceries when necessary. When I go out, I still witness people being irresponsible and not taking precautions to be safe. I don't want to risk being in close proximity to those kinds of people that are not taking this seriously. I realize that people are complaining about how their hair looks, but I believe vanity is not as important as trying to stay alive and not adding to the already chaotic hospitals. I agree with reopening business that can provide curbside service or where a 6 ft. distance can be maintained. But since salons cannot provide this kind of service, I plead with you to please not follow in the ignorant footsteps of the Georgia governor and allow barbershops, salons, or any other type of businesses that are non-essential and requires close contact with clients/customers to reopen in just one week. We need more time away to feel safe and to remain safe. Please do the right thing and not include us in the first phase of reopening Florida businesses. Opening too much, too soon, will just cause a spike in the case numbers of people contracting the Covid-19 virus and we'll be back to square one. Be a good leader and sterling example to the rest of the nation in
Pasco	Education	Reopening the state will only bring an uprise once again. We will be back to square one, if not worse than we are now. I am 100% opposed to reopening the state so quickly. Yes there has been a slow decline, but that is only because we have certain restrictions in place. That will not last long if the state is reopened. If you think the economy is bad now, it will be much worse. People will flock to places, and this virus will run rampant. Many more lives will be lost. Many people will die that never had to. There is still very little knowledge about this virus. To open the state back up seems highly dangerous. There has only been roughly 1.5% of testing in the entire state of Florida. That statistic can not be judged accurately. Without the proper information and data, we are destined to fail with a reopening.

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Miami-Dade	Recreation	I live in Miami Beach and beach goes hand in hand with Family Recreation. My suggestion to phase in is to open the beach to resident of county required social distancing from 10-5 daily and 10-6 on weekends, this way parents can take their kids to beach daily. Also stress the social distancing at access points (which should be limited) Also it's time to open pools in condo's which have been shut down. The elderly use this as physical exercise, which many have been isolated due to shut down. Condo's can post resident only no guest and self police itself. Also a time limit of 1/2 hour for no more than 10 persons at time during busy times. Gyms should open and require all to self clean equipment and provide cleaning materials. Mandate mask for all. Parks can be same as beaches with rules at access points.10-5 daily .
Palm Beach	General	Open the waterways to boaters immediately. I pay a lot of money to a marina for my boat to sit and unable to use it. Not fair. We can boat. Enjoy the outdoors and sunshine and fresh air while social distancing with our families. Please open immediately. No reason they can't be. Open hospitals. They are not overwhelmed and having to lay off hospital workers.
Lee	Healthcare	I work in healthcare and there is no way the state should open yet. We need to give this time, even though it is frustrating. If the state opens too soon this will happen all over again. We need to be patient, as hard as it is. PLEASE! WE NEED TO BE PATIENT TO BE SAFE!
Okaloosa	General	I think it's a little too soon. Our numbers are not going down at all yet
Palm Beach	Construction	We must advise the vulnerable to maintain their isolation for their protection. Give them all the support we can until it is safe for them to get back into the general population. With that said we need to get Florida back to work not in a month not in a week now. We should all still maintain the Covid-19 protocols of masks where 6ft apart is not possible and keep the social distancing until it is safe to resume normality. Mr Governor you and your team have done a terrific job keeping us safe now we know what to do let us do it and get back to work to rebuild this fantastic states economy. I am originally British been in this wonderful state and country for nearly 20 years. Lets go to work

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Miami-Dade	Healthcare	My suggestions on how to reopen FL are based on a simple fact that we, as a community,, must at the end develop some form of herd immunity, which can only be achieved by recovering after getting the virus either via vaccination or the actual illness (staying home forever is not an optionP. Since the vaccine is not developed yet, that means that younger people without underlying health conditions should be allowed volunteer to return to work (plus get infected and develop immunity) while people in the risk group should be allowed to remain isolated if they so choose.until they can get vaccinated. That would require providing monetary stimuluses for the former and enhancing home-based services for the latter, such as personal grooming, food delivery, home testing, etc. That is at the higher level. Beaches and parks: these are FL main asset, and must be open. However, they are also a magnet for potentially infected people from other states. What do we do? Social distancing with enhanced penalties for violating it, mandatory enforceable 14-days quarantine for new arrivals.
Orange	Tourism	Yes, my vote is to reopen as safely as possible. SIP for those with underlying conditions and the elderly. But it's time to get back to some normalcy for those who are healthy and low risk. The virus is going to spread, regardless. As long as hospitals can operate within capacity, let's open our economy back up.
Lake	General	Reopen
Brevard	Government	I don't think the state should reopen as of yet.. Our numbers are going up every day. If we open now more and more people will die. We need the unemployment system to work so people out of work could survive this pandemic. I pray y'all make the right decision by keeping us closed and saving the lives of people.
Duval	Education	I have 2 children in elementary school. Although I'm glad we will continue distance learning for the remainder of the school year I'm nervous for the summertime months. My husband must work (manufacturing,) and I am lucky right now that I am working from home. I'm a city employee, and I worry that I will be asked to go back to my office mid-May. I don't have family or other help to watch my kids. I cannot keep them home alone. What does the city or state have in place for childcare or for parents who need to stay home during the summer months if summer camps do not open? My children have gone to their elementary school for summer camp. We need to know how to plan for these situations.
Hillsborough	General	We are past the 30,000 Bench mark of confirmed cases, let's be the smartest state and not end up like New York. I vote that we keep it closed until the cases drop and the doctors say it's ok. Please let's not mess this up..
Collier	Professional Services	You are asking people to stay 6 feet apart. I own a Nail Salon and I don't qualify for unemployment. I asked for the SBA loan and still waiting. You closed us down on April 3rd. How do you want the economy to get back if nothing you or president have offered have help us. Numbers keep going up in Florida. We are a retirement state with lots of elderly people. You need to re-think about opening Florida before if gets worst then NYC. Help the small business and your state. You have a family and a lot of us do as well!

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Miami-Dade	Healthcare	How can you open the state when the virus is not controlled. Please don't be a closed minded republican. Please take care of residents as if they were members of your family. Fix the problems please DO NOT OPEN. Take care of us. You made us work under the "essential" category not even protecting us from being fired. Fix the inequalities, then open the State
Sarasota	General	By May 1st, Reopen beaches and parking lots for residents to use. Open restaurants to half capacity. Let all stores open to 50% capacity with proper physical distance. Open day cares that are in conjunction with schools so those parents can work. Open bars with 50% capacity. There will be a small spike in people sick but every has been secluded and immune system is down. Let Disney and universal open to half capacity as well.let medical facilities open for surgeries and dentists and eye doctors open. Get medical personnel back working. You'll need them for the mini spike in illnesses. But we gotta push through and I think it will all work out and we will obtain herd immunity. By July 1st continue to open it all up and by august 1st it should all be open.
Escambia	Recreation	Based upon the new studies in LA county, Massachusetts, San Francisco county, stay at home has a marginal effect, as random testing is showing far more have contracted the virus and recovered than our testing reports driving down fatality and hospitalization ratios. With social distancing and some reduced numbers allowed in restaurants for example we can slowly build a herd immunity while protecting the vulnerable instead of blanket generic restrictive measures. Focus on the vulnerable and and realistic social distancing. In the end the longer you restrict the healthy population the more they will start to ignore severe restrictions.
Manatee	General	It would be better if we could actually really close the entire state for 2 weeks. We have not really close the state... Also, there is no vaccine yet, why re-open now?
Miami-Dade	General	I am very concerned to open beaches, restaurants, shops too soon. While staying at home is difficult I believe opening too soon will cause a relapse. I feel many in Miami Dade are irresponsible in social distancing and ANY LEWAY given will allow people to go all out and be totally irresponsible.
Manatee	Finance	I need to get back to work, unemployment website not working. I need money for bills. Open the state back up with wearing mask. Staying 6ft away. If people don't want to go out then they can stay home. I suffer from mental health. I need to get back to work. staying inside isn't helping at ALL. Thank you for your time.
Orange	General	It is too soon to reopen. Please be responsible in making decisions that may have grave consequences!
Lake	General	Florida needs to open. We need to get back to work, back to play, doing all the Florida things we love to do. Go to the beach, the springs, out to eat. Our economy is reliant on tourism. Don't devastate our economy any longer. Jennifer Overfield

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Manatee	General	Everything should open up. Those that are more vulnerable can be cautioned to stay home. But it should be up to the individual to decide for themselves if they go out or not - not the government's decision. The hospitals are far from overrun - they are laying off people and the deaths are less than normal flu season. Businesses are being ruined for nothing. No one is forced to go out - so let the people decide. Life is full of risks -telling everyone to stay home is not living and is not the way this country was meant to be run.
Miami-Dade	General	Look at the protocols of a cruise ship when they have a noro Virus on board. Implement same protocols for any building or small business and open up already!! Open all public places at once. If only parks, EVERYONE will go to a park. Open up all, so pralle spread out. Awareness is there, so we need to count on all people doing their best, but business must open ASAP!! Open the ocean at least for swimming!!
Broward	General	Please encourage counties to soft open beaches for exercise. https://www.change.org/p/ron-desantis-surfing-is-an-essential-activity?source_location=topic_page https://www.change.org/p/ron-desantis-ensure-safe-watersports-access-to-the-florida-s-waterways-during-covid-19-pandemic
Miami-Dade	Retail	It would be crazy to open anything in Dade county until there is a 28 day drop in cases. Everyone know there is not near enough testing to truly determine how many people have the disease/virus. I think it would be very irresponsible to re-open before end of May.
Lee	General	Too early to open. People, especially visitors have no regard for rules. Without the virus, people have no regard for our beautiful environment.
Orange	General	I saw this and really believe it says it all - Here's a very appropriate analogy: "The curve is flattening; we can start lifting restrictions now" = "The parachute has slowed our rate of descent; we can take it off now" Please do not remove the Stay at Home order to quickly.

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Pasco	Education	We have yet to see a 14 day continuous decline in COVID-19 cases. We arent testing at full capacity. In Hillsborough, less than 1% of the population has been tested and we are over 1000 cases. While I understand the economic impact of remaining closed, you need healthy and ALIVE people to stimulate the economy. This is a time that is unprecedented in the WORLD. It is not just us...but I do believe the government of Florida needs to take ownership of the failings of the unemployment system and the lack of care it seems to show. Sure, k-12 schools are closed and public universities...what is the expectation for private universities? There needs to be some sort of guidance and provision from the government...last time I checked that's your job as an elected official, instead of passing the buck. I think relaxing measures too soon will see a second wave, a worse wave, as with the historical evidence from past pandemics show. We are NOT smarter than people back in those times as people want more and have less care for the greater wellbeing of a population and are more "me" centered. I think it is WAY too soon to open Florida. We have the 3rd highest senior population in the country. We have a lot of children as well. While children may not be as affected as our elders...who is to say they aren't carriers? Be smart. Fix unemployment. Put government safe guards in place to maintain the well being of everyone. People are losing their jobs, their sanity, their loved ones and having an office that doesn't answer the questions of the people is difficult. There is no reason unemployment shouldn't be paid out to those who filed...especially those over a month ago. Take steps to ensure the safety of the public. Have doctors and Healthcare professionals on you boards ..as they seem to be the only ones who actually understand that we DO NOT have this under control. There is no known cure, no known treatment, no known aspect to who it picks over others...be smart. Be a leader. Keep Florida CLOSED.
Volusia	Healthcare	We need to remain closed at this point. I’m in healthcare and we are not ready. No electives surgery’s yetPLEASE!
Okaloosa	Healthcare	The Czech Republic has managed to bring their infection rates down by demanding the wearing of masks by all peoples. Preventing the infected from spraying droplets is what will help slow the spread and allow for all to move about and work. I would make some kind of recommendation or mandate for all people to wear masks while indoors. I would not criminalize refusal but let’s make it mandatory for establishments who require licensing or health inspection to not admit those who are not wearing a mask.I would also recommend that guests be served outdoors in open air and/or mandate all doors and windows of the establishment be opened for movement of fresh air. Same goes for the cosmetic industry. Long term care homes to remain closed unless visitor can prove they are negative. Hold off on opening back up to tourists for a bit or at least until we know we could tolerate the influx of the sick. Because they will be sick. I have many more suggestions but not enough time to type than out. I am open for respectful discussion and debate..

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Lee	General	We have been in the salon business 13 years now however if we are not able to get open on the first it may be the end of our successful business we have run all these years. We have had no income for too long now and need to get back to work to survive. We have very good sanitation systems in place including UV light treatment for the air. Those that are prepared should be allowed to work. Those that are too nervous should simply stay at home.
Hillsborough	Food	Hi, I would be wary of opening restaurants fully until at minimum we adhered to the 14 consecutive days of decline. It's not worth opening then reclosing on another outbreak
Broward	Healthcare	The latest COVID-19 data shows that actions taken by federal, state, and local governments have been working and total cases will be far fewer than projected without such measures. •Hospitals have built up stockpiles of PPE, ensured bed capacity (especially ICU beds), and implemented ventilator strategies to handle surge demand. •Testing is key, and testing capabilities have dramatically improved in Florida. Models based on real-world data show much more mild growth than initially expected. As mitigation measures remain in place, hospitals are at record-low capacity, roughly 50% on average across the state. •Deferral of urgent/non-elective surgery has occurred on a substantial level, even for urgent surgery categories. •Patients need to regain access to this level of care for their well-being, along with the well-being of hospital systems and the healthcare workforce. •Hospitals, physicians, and staff are struggling financially as a result of COVID-19. •Major health systems across the state and country have announced layoffs or furloughs of employees due to the record-low patient volumes, further exacerbating the economic downturn. Getting back to caring for all patients is essential as many conditions worsen due to delays in scheduled surgeries, while others avoid seeking care for life-threatening, yet treatable conditions, due to fears of face-to-face medical interactions. •Hospitals should be allowed to resume treating all patients provided they can demonstrate: oAdequate PPE to manage COVID-19 and non-COVID-19 cases oAdequate ICU and ventilator capacity and staffing oProtections and processes in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19 for patients and caregivers in the healthcare setting oContinued reporting of relevant data to state officials to ensure capacity is maintained as surgeries restart

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Highlands	General	We are a family of 7 living on medical covid leave . It more than supports us all as of right now along with the stimulus checks and the extra snap. My family has been hit hard with 5 children being sick and my husband. My daughter had all the symptoms of covid but was refused testing because of age. She could barely breathe. It then passed to my other 16 mth old daughter, 9yr old son, 5yr old son. My other 17yr old daughter (who is the twin of the first to get it) and then my husband who is the one on covid leave. Pleaae keep is closed they all need time to recover from this monster and to keep the rest of our community safe. We self quarantined over 4 weeks ago for help and everyone else's. Pleaae keep fl closed My 17 yr olds are also missing graduation for now tha is to covid. But I would rather them be safe and our community safe. Please keep fl closed
Gadsden	Construction	I submit this concern in regards to the state of Florida's interest to revitalize the tourism industry from the effects of COVID-19. My concern as a working class citizen who largely grew up in Florida, is that our construction standards and regulations have been neglected. This will pose a tightrope consideration upon whether tourism can stand. Affordable housing that is constructed with integrity needs to be accessible for Floridians. Without this, the state will be courting disaster on the scale of Louisiana. It is shown that more space in seating, better ventilation, better air quality and easier access may be the most vital modifications to restaraunts and other business spaces to reduce risk of infection. You can also apply a similar principle in terms of housing-- spacing, air quality, ventilation, more efficient access. Florida's infrastructure needs to be improved and it is no coincidence that we are seeing the need for this at every angle. Before everyone is told to go back to work, will those modifications be done to preserve our health? I urge officials to look into the conditions of most low income housing, apartments and leasing spaces to see if our buildings are really up to the challenge or if they can even adequately be modified with citizens wellness in mind. Tallahassee is a great example of where building and housing standards are out to lunch. The safety and protection of the working class must not be forgotten, even though FL economy may be way too dependent on tourism. We need an economic basis that is not just coming from tourism. We need to revitalize our infrastructure, since that is what is creating the most setbacks for the state. From the unemployment system blunder to lack of other jobs outside of the tourism industry that working class people can work, our housing and building needs improvement for our safety. The working class in Florida are kept remarkably poor with minimal chance of wage increase from a tourism dependent economy where the working class are many and tend to work those hospitality/tourism/food service jobs. Please consider creating or ensuring a) more jobs outside of tourism/hospitality that actually assists us in the functioning of our state & local agencies, in agriculture, or production of equipment, medical or otherwise for our well being b) safer living spaces and places of employment c) mandatory procedures in maintaining a low risk environment in any physical work space d) improved access to affordable housing that is built decently (no more slum Lord houses). Without this in place,
Sarasota	Food	Private clubs with controlled membership should be allowed to open. Restaurant's with restrictions of 50% capacity. Retail with capacity restrictions

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Orange	Food	Hello - in thinking on how to get restaurants open again... I think reservations are the way to for everything (fast food or otherwise). With a reservation you can control the amount of people that go in an establishment, you can separate tables accordingly. Reservations can be limit to 10 or less or 5 or less. At the same time, curbside and take out can still happen. Between guest staff can clean and disinfect chairs, menus, tables etc.
Orange	Professional Services	I believe we're doing a great job in flattening the curve. I think that mid May-early June would be our safest bet. There is no point in opening May 1 and ruining what we have worked so hard for by staying home and suffering financially. I want to return to work ASAP but I also know it could be worse if we're not patient. Thank you
Orange	General	Hi my name is Kacey, I am a 27 year old female who lives in Orange County. I am writing to you because I can understand how tough this choice must be for officials. I just wanted to address my concerns. As much I would LOVE to open my business back up, I don't fee comfortable having our state back up and running yet. I have an autoimmune disease along with my aunt & cousins. My dad had a quintuple bypass years ago, and we are in the category of who may not make it, if we were to get this virus. I care honestly more about my family than myself getting it, however, I feel as though if we start to open our state back up, or chances are going to be much much higher of contracting the disease then if we waited till it was a little more safe. I feel terrible for the people who are struggling to put food on their tables & are not working, however, I ask you to put a little extra thought for people like my family and I, who may not have a fighting chance to survive this awful virus. Thank you for your efforts and asking our opinions, it truly means the world. Kacey Kelly
Seminole	Technology	You have no idea what you are doing. You can't even get a website to work and you think you know how to tackle a pandemic? Your tenure as governor has been truly pathetic. Spend some more time at Mar-a-Lago on the taxpayer's dollar, why don't you?
Martin	General	Reopening businesses, even at a slow rate, will only increase fatalities from COVID-19. More time is needed to dissipate the spread of this disease. Human life is more important than the economy. If Mr DeSantis is truly pro life he will put human lives first not businesses.
Lake	Recreation	Reopen May 1st
Seminole	General	Please do not open the economy too quickly! We are a three generation household. My husband and I are retired and we live together with our daughter and grandchild. Our daughter is a hairstylist and we help care for our 9 year old granddaughter when she is not at school. Our daughter works two nights and alll day Saturday. There is no way that our daughter can style hair without getting into close proximity to her clients.. People can have Covid-19 without symptoms, so there is no way for her to know who is infected. She would be putting herself and the rest of our family at risk just for a haircut and color. Please be careful how you handle this virus. Lives are more important than vanity!

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Broward	General	Florida should not consider lifting stay at home orders until there is abundant testing available and some sort of medically sound consensus on treatment. As the father of a 1st grade student and a husband of a 4th grade teacher, I fear for my family's safety should schools reopen in the fall without greater understanding of COVID-19. New symptoms associated with the disease are being discovered daily and reopening too soon would set back any sort of progress that stay at home orders have helped make. Also, I work in commercial construction and am considered an essential worker. I worry about my employees and subcontractors daily because they are on construction sites where, the reality is, social distancing isn't always possible without impacting production and schedules that we are still being forced to meet in order to keep clients and thus, maintain incomes. The state's priority should be to increase the capacity to test individuals, spend available resources on developing treatments for COVID-19, and looking for ways to help individuals and small businesses ride out this pandemic. I fear that opening too soon is only going to lead to second or more waves of infection and thus, crippling the economy and livelihoods of Floridians in even greater ways than we have already experienced.
Broward	General	Please reopen everything. Especially Rattlesnake Jake's in Deerfield Beach, a man needs a watering hole to survive truly!
Santa Rosa	General	My husband's small business has no business and its the same with so many small businesses in our area. We cant see or doctors, make medical appointments etc. There are very few places we can go to "get out of the house" like the beach. Children are not able to see and play with their friends and many do not understand why. I beleive the Governor has done a wonderful job with what he has been presented but its time to get on with our lives. I do not beleive the statistics....I think they as skewed to keep us afraid and take away some of our liberties. Panic buying and hording is not the way we live. I feel the virus has been among us for quite awhile and is no worse than some of the strains of flu that this country has recently had. People are now more aware of personal space, handwashing etc. I think that you will be surprised with what happens when restrictions are listed. The numbers are not going to rise . Thanks and please let us get back to living.
Hillsborough	General	Hello. Unless numbers of positive, recovered and deaths cases have drastically started changing then we need to continue to stay home and not reopen the state. Simple as that.
Pinellas	General	PLEASE begin to reopen! Stress common sense things like staying home, washing your hands, still social/physical distancing. We must get back to business! Also, instead of giving cumulative data, tell us how many cases are ACTIVE; this will make people more comfortable. But, I beg you, open back up ASAP.
Duval	General	Reopen Florida!

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Seminole Healthcare April 25, 2020

The Honorable Ron Desantis

RE: Reopening Dental Practices in Phase One of FL Reopening Plan

Dear Governor Desantis:

I am a dentist who practices in Seminole county in Florida. I am writing on behalf of my practice and our 7 employees to urge you to exclude the reopening of dental practices in the initial phase of FL reopening plan and to keep the prohibition on elective dental surgeries and procedures in the state. Extending of this prohibition is necessary to both ensure that residents of FL have access to proper emergency oral care and the enormous impact of COVID-19 resurgence of infection rate can be mitigated. If the prohibition remains in place too much longer, I fear that many dental offices will contribute to the spread of COVID-19 levels.

As a dentist, it is my duty to care for patients who experience dental pain, trauma, infection or pathology. Presently we are only treating emergencies, allowing social distancing to remain and limit spread the aerosols created by dental procedures. Every day that the number of patients stay away from aerosols created by dental procedures decreases the likelihood of an outbreak of COVID cases to patients and dental staff. Continuing to provide dental emergencies allows us to continue to reduce hospitalizations due to dental emergencies and the expenditure of the limited resources and decreasing the likelihood that a patient will be exposed to COVID-19.

We are health care providers and we want to contribute to the reduction of COVID cases. Infection control has always been a key part of the practice of dentistry but the exposure to aerosols is too risky for our people. With the use of PPE (N-95 masks or equivalent, face shields, gowns and gloves), we are using limited PPE supply and exposing all patients and employees to this deadly virus.

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Duval	Food	My wife and I own TacoLu, a restaurant in Jacksonville Beach, in Duval county. As a small business owner, I was impressed at how the governor made decisions to help keep restaurants open and serving the community. Unfortunately, many businesses closed their doors—for reasons of their own, or because of the difficulty of remaining open during the current stay-at-home guidelines. As plans are made to slowly reopen, I would like to suggest that even when diners are allowed in the dining rooms, takeaway-only will still be a good option that many will prefer, so it would be really nice, and forward thinking, to leave the restrictions OFF regardIng alcohol sales. It would be a big step backward to limit us to On-Premise only consumption. It took us about three weeks to get our head around selling margaritas to people in the parking lot, after spending an entire career trying to keep people from leaving with a drink in their hand. But once we realized the demand was consistent—and where was anyone going but straight home—we began selling our delicious margaritas in safely sealed quart containers I realize that this was a gracious exception to begin with, but please remember that “reversing the flow”, So to speak, would put us back into the same place we were when this began Thank you for listening! Don Nicol
Polk	Tourism	We need to open. This is hurting more people than helping. This is not a sustainable solution long term. The answer to fixing a flat tire shouldn't be to burn down the whole car.
Lee	Retail	I’m a small business artist. Most of my sales are done at outdoor art type events. I’m currently not able to do these events due to the state being shut down. I have bills to pay and a family to feed. No unemployment has been approved for me. Please open up our state. Require people to wear mask and let us deceive if we want to work.
Pinellas	Healthcare	First, the process should be guided by healthcare professionals, not leaders of groups with huge financial stakes who lack knowledge of disease control. For example, they floated the idea of opening the entertainment parks, which although Florida is dependent on tourism, has be one of the highest risks for Floridians as it would open our State to people from all over the world without regard to risk factors. The priority should be healthcare for our residents. That means opening medical care first to keep Floridians healthy. If they do not have health, money means nothing. Second, if the healthcare professionals consider this safe, open counties with very few COVID-19 cases, but limit all services and activities to residents of that county, otherwise, someone from a 'closed' county could travel for a 'bootleg' service or to make a purchase in that 'open' county. Also, the Governor means well and has a lot of issues to deal with, but he should have his presentations fact checked before speaking. The confusion and misinformation is already rampant. Thank you.
Pinellas	General	With positive cases and deaths still rising I think it would be irresponsible to open up the state again. We've waited this long why not make sure the numbers still aren't rising and are going down and not up.

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Orange	General	Opening up the state too soon will only hurt the economy more. I rather wait a bit longer and let numbers go down to near zero at least single digits than opening now and having to do this again. Both my husband and I were furloughed and want nothing more to get back to work but if we do it now or too soon then we will have to close everything down and set us back even more and erase all the progress we as a state accomplished. Please be patient and wait to open.
Volusia	General	I know this is suppose to be for ideas for reopening Florida. But right now I think it's a terrible idea. We've reopened the beaches and numbers skyrocketed. Please stop and consider thr fact that it's not the best idea right now.
St. Lucie	General	It is time to open restaurants with 50% seating capacity and tables 6 feet apart. Our local restaurants have done a great job with to go food but missed the income from wine beer and alcohol. They need to survive.
Broward	General	In my opinion until the numbers are not escalating then opening up the state could be reconsidered but right now is it's very risky
Collier	General	I think it’s to early. I agree the economy needs to be up and running soon but it is to early. IMO. The focus right now needs to be on unemployment. That’s is ridiculous and unacceptable. Focus on that. All your time and effort should be focused on fixing unemployment.
Miami-Dade	General	I think a basic requirement for anything in life is to be alive and I think that this needs to be taken into account when making the decision to reopen. Yes, the economy is suffering. Yes, many people have lost their jobs. Yes, many individuals are afraid that they will end up losing their businesses. With that being said, people are dying and that's the reality. The healthcare system is overwhelmed and could potentially collapse if we reopen to soon. Not only is this pandemic unprecedented but it continues to challenge what we think we know about it. New information about covid-19 continues to come out. First it was only individuals who are 65 years old and up to individuals whose immune system are compromised whom had the most risk of contracting covid-19 and dying from it. Now, covid-19 has proven to be a risk for healthy individuals and people of all ages. There is still no vaccine, cure, or even any studies that have established immunity from covid-19. I understand people want to leave their homes and what not, however I think sacrificing for the greater good is what's needed. Until medical professionals advise it is absolutely safe to open, I do not think we should reopen. The risk of opening far outweighs any benefits in my opinion. Thank you for your time and consideration.
Manatee	General	It’s time to get things reopened. Successful businesses will operate responsibly. It is going to be impossible to come up with guidelines for every business. I manage and operate a golf course and people have been very respectful of the guild lines put in place. Good businesses will do the right thing to protect staff and customers. Open up things up slow but responsibly. We need to get this economy moving again.

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Seminole	Tourism	The state and county need to open the economy. The state and county need to let business and cousumers make their own decisions. The decision should be immediate. We do not live in a police state. The abuse of power by the state and county needs to be addressed . The unemployment system that has not processed payment to workers. It is a disgrace to impose work restrictions and not send payment to the workers for 6 weeks and counting . Self employed individuals like myself have got nothing.
Pasco	Healthcare	Allow all elective procedures to resume.
Hillsborough	General	I would like to see restaurants, bars, theaters, and other retail reopened soon, but at 50% occupancy for the next 45 days. Maybe even a 90 minute time slot to keep people from congregating for too long.
Polk	General	We need to reopen for our small business's. Some of these people will never make it if we stay closed. People are getting bored at home and need some activity to do. Walking parks,biking trails.etc.
Collier	Healthcare	I support the full reopening in the state of Florida. As a small business owner, a registered voter, and a tax paying citizen of Florida I do not support a continued shut down! The fear mongering of the media and the draconian measures of government control has to stop! My constitutional right to pursue liberty, freedom and the pursuit of happiness is being unjustly infringed upon! Those wanting to continue living in fear and being controlled can stay home but healthy individuals who want to work should be able to! Your fear should not control my liberty and freedom! I refuse to descend into poverty and allow my business I have spent over a decade building disappear. I refuse to participate in the unconstitutional oppression of my freedom by state and local government. I refuse to wait for or receive an unsafe, untested vaccine for a virus that has already mutated over 30 times and has a 0.0001% mortality rate. We are allowing fear and politics devoid of scientifically accurate data to destroy Florida and America! I believe in liberty NOT tyranny! I will not allow my constitutional rights to be infringed upon. I know there are many others that share my beliefs and we will STAND UP and FIGHT FOR OUR RIGHTS if you force us! Stop allowing the government to destroy: The Food Supply Small Businesses Medical Autonomy Access to Healthcare Religious Gatherings Privacy Rights Fellowship Tourism Reopen Florida Now!!

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Pasco	General	Covid 19 Re-opening Florida

I have a father who has COPD, A mother Who has Thyroid issues and I myself have Hasimotos. I think florida should remain closed. A pack of 10 n95 mask should be distributed to People and family via mail or the health department and enforced to wear. Beaches should stay open for recreational an UV exposer and law enforcement on the beach for squatters. With Disney not opening till 2021. I think the government should look at this as well..

Renters and home owners should get a Break till the 1st of the year. No rent.

When Florida see no cases, should be when it reopens for everyones health. Stop Travel into Florida unless the family has elderly residents or is for transportation of goods.

Online grocery shopping should be pushed. My ex-brother inlaw had been residing at home and contracted the virus thur the grocery stores.
Public Transportation should stop or take measures to space people out on busses. Uber and Lyft should shut down being there's a 4ft distance between heads.

We need to acknowledge that Animals can get this and this is a all species Virus an it can be transmitted any way.

When Florida opens back up and to get jobs out there we need to remove background checks and credit checks all people should have the right to work. We need to support our people to work an end This right to work state and have a law that companies should and will employe and train workers with no excuse. All business provide entry level job. All companies should hire. To pick up Florida pace and get past a recession. Companies should be able to employe at 30 hours and provide Healthcare or the people have a affordable state program that all Floridians can get Medicare or Medicaid at a affordable price, we can provide it for kids we should provide it for adult to be able to work in good health.

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Clay	General	The state should take the three phase approach seriously, waiting only until there is a true decline in cases for 14 days before beginning to open up Phase 1 below-risk non-essential businesses. Considering we had an increase in cases above 1000 just yesterday, we have yet to see a consistently daily decline. So that 14 day period has not even begun in this state. Businesses such as gyms, hair and nail salons, etc. that involve close physical contact and the potential of exchange of bodily fluids should be one of the last to open. The risks are just to high. I am fully aware of the economical collateral damage that this pandemic is causing, and it is heart wrenching. But, if you open businesses up too soon, you risk a full resurgence that could be worse than the first round. Then, the fallout from closing, then opening, then having to close again could be much worse than just waiting. Just as waiting too long to shelter in place in the beginning has some economical costs to our state. My six year old son has severe asthma. Adjusting to school at home with him and our three year old has been difficult and mentally taxing, but I look at my little boy, and I know that I am not willing to risk him getting sick. I spoke with his asthma specialist yesterday, who is a local expert and spokesperson on covid, and he acknowledged that my son is very vulnerable and high risk due to his asthma. It's terrifying as a mother. And while I know that sheltering in place forever is not realistic, I also know that I want as much done as possible to protect my child. And re-opening things when cases are still fluctuating so much every day means the state is not ready to protect my baby and others yet. I genuinely hope that the governor and those in positions of power will turn to the true data on the table to make these decisions, not politics. These are actual, true people's lives on the table. We just started really seeing cases come to Clay County in the last week and a half, especially in assisted living homes. It's just now showing itself in the smaller, more rural counties. It's a sad, sad state of our nation when lives are chess pieces in a political game. So, please, look at the data. Wait until there is a TRUE, consistent 14 day
Manatee	Education	The past few months set a perfect argument for a year round school structure k-12. There are so many kids that will fall behind and through the cracks since the closure not to mention the kids whose only structure and escape from their situation is school. A meal and someone who outs their eyes on them daily to know they are ok and in some cases they are alive. These lost weeks will result in kids who stay on track and those that fall significantly behind. Some will not recover. I think year round school could have saved some of that loss. I also think a better idea would have been return to schools July 1 thru August 15 to finish the year. A break then after labor day start new promoted grades and the new school year. You will see the fall out of closure affecting education for the next few years. Some of these kids will never make up the lost time.
Pinellas	General	As someone that works in a children's Hospital. We need to be smart about opening the state back up. Our numbers are not going down and we still have people that are not obeying the social distancing orders. The state needs to open up little by little. I would ask that we wait until Mid May before we start to open the state.

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Manatee	General	I would like to see Florida continue with Desantis executive order as is through April 30th. I might only consider reinstating elective surgeries and only based county to county. I would like the task force and Desantis to look more closely at what is happening in Manatee County. This county had one of the first community transmission cases reported. Thus county currently has one of the highest rates positive test result rates. (I believe 3rd in the state) we also sadly have one of the highest death rates, I believe fourth in the state Our testing capabilities (while improving) still remains around 0.05% of total population for our county. I would very much like to see Desantis visit our county, meet with our public health advisor and hospital staff and speak at a presser here on what he has learne . As Florida makes progress and moves toward each stage of the reopening, I would like reassurance that it will be done on a county by county basis, and not according to only what is happening in Miami-Dade or south Florida as the whole. Will someone PLEASE look into manatee county!?!
Lee	General	Healthy people don't get quarantined, that's tyranny. Give people the choice to stay home! Those immune compromised can stay home! But the rest of us work hard for our healthy immune systems and need to have life move on. We are not afraid of a virus. I'm afraid of this government dictatorship -like situation going on any longer. Please re-open the state immediately. We have freedom of choice, freedom of health, informed consent. It's not a matter of IF-it's WHEN will you re-open? Never should have gone this far. It's our right as Americans.
Martin	Government	Please do not open the state up to soon. I understand the economy took a terrible turn due to all of this but our lives matter more.. opening up prematurely is going to cause far worse damage then keeping us shut down for another month or longer.. I'm a server at a restaurant and as that I would never want to work under the conditions of serving half volume again.. I went from earning 300/500 a shift to earning 60/80 a shift because no one felt safe enough to eat out.. I do not feel it is the right time for me to venture out and I'm healthy.
Pinellas	General	I was laid off from a job in a law office On 4/1 because of the COVID mandates. I still have had no luck getting unemployment So if Pinellas reopens ; I still will not to be able to Find a similar job because of the long term consequences this has had in the legal field, so FIX unemployment. It's ironic that this website works but the state can't process Payouts to people who lost jobs due to this situation.
Lake	Recreation	Reopen. We all need some recreation now.
Duval	General	I believe we should not reopen people are getting sick. Who does the city care more about our lives or money? We should not reopen until we have a huge number of rest to accommodate others to see who's a carrier.

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Leon	General	Looking at the graph of new cases I don't see a leveling out. Its up and down 1300 cases just on the 23rd of April. (Reopen suggestion at bottom of email) I have mixed feelings. I need restaurants to open so that my husband can sell his farmed raised oysters. I would like elective testing to open for hospitals. I was in the process of elective testing to find the root cause to breathing issues since December. I would like to find out what is wrong with my health and start healing. But until then, I am high risk. I fear if I get COVID exposed, the ventilator would be a given since I am already on a nebulizer and inhaler which only half helps. Even with health insurance I fear my cost of a COVID hospital stay or God forbid a funeral. I understand the difficulties people are facing. It is a hard decision. Even with a stay at home order now in place, there are still a lot of people out and about. If you relax it how many more people will not obey. I worry about touching common door handles to enter the building and bathrooms. There is not enough supply of gloves and masks or lysol spray. I have yet to find them on the shelves when I pickup my medicines or grocery shop. I fear the person who doesn't know they have COVID but who is he/she? I fear the person who travels from one county to another for work ? Suggestions: Maybe open the counties (35) with less than 100 cases first and see what happens. (continue to remain truthful on reporting of cases.) Maybe some businesses could open by appointment only and no more than 10 people in the establishment. Work more on curbside shopping if possible. or E-commerce Stagger employees where some work only Mondays/Tuesdays,
Martin	Healthcare	Governor--Please re-open salons and barber shops. Not having these is a real problem for older people who cannot take care of their own hair. Not happy looking like a hippie. Mary Lee Cullen
Lee	Retail	My business is based on tourism and retail. I'm a Territory Manager in the gift, decor and souvenir business. I travel the southwest coast of the state. I believe we need to hold off opening and evaluate how Georgia and others are doing with reopening and resurgence. If we do this wrong it will set the state back though our next snowbird season. The keys have the right idea to take the pain now so we can be better off in the future. Once we actually can test all who may need it and do antibody testing we should start to open slowly. Please err on the side of caution for our long term success.

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Miami-Dade	Recreation	I am submitting this and please note I am a concerned, healthy, young adult. I received news from my gym that I attend (a small business, group session gym) who are planning to reopen May 8. I understand the economy and individuals are hurting due to the pandemic however I there is a strong likelihood for the pandemic to continue should gyms for be open. With every reopen of a business or place poses a risk. Opening parks people in groups could flock together. Opening marinas and boating groups of people could herd on boats and conflict with social interacting. I lived in Miami-Dade County, FL and makes up majority of the positive corona virus cases. I would not recommend South FL to reopen any time soon until there is a vaccine for covid-19 or if it is medically approved to reopen.
Pasco	General	Keep schools closed and Use a portion of the school tax to home school children and rededicate house holds and then it is taxable income and lower the unemployment benifits use road signs as tool of advertising Make more government positions more of a volunteer position not to become millionaires do a consumable tax instead on income taxes Reduce the restrictions on fishing and allow the more sport fishing to be commercial income fishing Thanks for your consideration
Orange	General	In other communities, I know they have limit the amount of traffic into stores, on the street or supermarkerts by only allowing cars on the road that end with even numbers or odd numbers.
Pinellas	General	Enough is enough, open us up and let us go back to work. If there are people who prefer to stay locked up let them stay locked up If you are vulnerable , stay home locked up. The rest of us have had enough. The longer you keep this up the more complacent people will be about even wanting to go back to work. Those that have money and steady income really dont need to worry, the rest of us do. And what in God's name will we do during hurricane season if we have a threat, where will we go. This is here to stay for the time being and we will need to adapt until and if a cure is ever found. No cure for SARS was ever found. Rest my case
St. Johns	Recreation	Please consider opening State Parks ASAP even if it's just for walking and biking for now.
Volusia	Tourism	Theme parks have the ability to re open if everyone abides by the 6ft distance rule. Disney has plans in Hong Kong for where everyone can stand. In most cases, everyone is so busy on their phones they are 6ft apart anyways. Additionally, Disney has been great about providing hand sanitizer. If we are going to recover and get back on track and salvage what is left it is up to us to save it by following the rules.
Pinellas	General	We need the ability to test and contact trace most Floridians before we can successfully re-open.

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Miami-Dade	General	After learning Miami Dade has a 6% asymptomatic patients after a study done I don't feel comfortable opening, at least, Miami Dade. We have stayed home to for a month to make sure we beat the curve. This is not the time to forget that. We will loose more if we open now. And that month we stayed home will be for nothing. I think lives is more important now!!!! We will survived and come back as we always do but let's think about consequences. Let's wait. It won't hurt to listen to the experts. MEDICAL EXPERTS!!!!!
Hillsborough	General	Dear Governor DeSantis, I am a resident of Hillsborough county. I really appreciate your stand for the first amendment regarding churches. I would also like to have Florida reopen! I believe that there are many other aspects to this issue aside from physical health. Many people are unable to go to work; therefore, the mental health of the citizens is declining. We need to be able to get back to work! Those who are concerned for their health and safety have the ability to stay home and self-quarantine. But as for the rest of us, we need to have our freedoms restored to us. Thank you, Governor!
Hillsborough	General	Everything needs to open up. Let us decide if we want to go out. If we don't get sick by going to Walmart then let us do what we do!! Thanks!!
Hillsborough	General	First of all, I appreciate the opportunity to participate in this survey. I want to express my interest that if the state government will make the decision to open businesses and companies so that the economy can start again, it will be slow and little by little. I think that we all continue to comply with the law of social distancing, the use of masks and the use of gloves. Thus we can avoid the contagion by the covid-19. where possible help to remove the language barrier. Thank you.

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Volusia	General	This requires a multi-faceted plan to open up business again. These would be my recommendations: 1 - NEW COVID cases need to be lower than 1% of the total Florida Population before re-opening general business. 2 - Those who are still infected at the time of the 1% rate must be traced and forced quarantine based on CDC guidelines. State of Florida pays for unemployment benefits during quarantine. 3 - Businesses need to be opened in a layered approach in 2 week increments. Required Government agencies first, critical business segments, moderately critical businesses second, less critical government services next, low critical business systems last. 4 - All business need to adhere to strict health/safety guidelines identified by the Florida Dept of Health. This could mean, that before treatments/vaccines are available, business must utilize masks/protective wear. Sanitize work environments periodically. Social distance measures if possible. Have hand sanitizers available at all business locales. Customers must also adhere to health/safety regulations to also protect themselves before entering businesses and adhere to safety measures. Those who do not may be fined by the state. 5 - Locations that are not business related or create a government incentive to Floridians remain closed until adequate health treatments are available (ex. The beach). 6 - Companies that cannot adhere to guidelines due to nature of business - because of close proximity to clients, (for example, hair salons), must see clients on a reservation basis only. Utilize disposable gloves (gloves must be changed out for each customer). 7 - All medical facilities (doctor offices, outpatient clinics) must adhere to strict saftely guidelines provided by the Florida Dept of Health - (ex. mandartory PPE to see patients, masks, etc.). Waiting areas must be sanitized periodically during the day. Patients seen on a reservation system only. No crowds of people in waiting rooms. 8 - Any business that cannot adhere to guidelines cannot open until suitable medical treatments become available. 9 - Even after new cases remain under 1% of total population. Florida must continually trace all infected persons and re-verify health status even after recovery based on CDC guidelines. 11 - Any individual who purposely defies health/safety order will be fined and/or subdued to be mandatory tested to verify health status.
Polk	Government	I am a caregiver to my spouse of thirty years. He completed chemotherapy and radiation recently. His immune system is not to where he could fight off Covid 19. My occupation is as a server at a local chain restaurant. I don't know how that we can open May 1st?? How can we be that close to patrons not knowing if they are asymptomatic? The last thing I need to do is bring that virus home to him. The tests that are positive are climbing and we're worried about serving people in that close proximity? We need to think again. We don't need a resurgence of this virus. Let's hit our peak here in Polk county before even considering opening full service restaurants. There is absolutely no way to social distance in such a small space. Think again about reopening certain counties in Florida. In Polk we have 400 cases and rising. May God bless us all. Sincerely, Michelle Shirah
Okaloosa	Tourism	Open tourism again so we can survive. Hell, open the whole state!

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Pinellas	Government	Dear Governor DeSantis, Thank you for listening to my viewpoint. We now have the statistics on this virus, and they were originally blown out of proportion times ten. It is a real virus, but the numbers are no different than the flu. In the past, it was the sick who got quarantined. Now it is those of us who are well who are locked down, with the economy crashing around us for absolutely no justifiable reason. This couldn't be more insane, and must be stopped immediately and prevented from ever happening again. It goes against a basic understanding of the immune system and herd immunity. Our immune systems are not developed by injecting vast amounts of vaccines against every possible virus or bacteria. Our bodies are miraculous, and if maintained correctly, will constantly develop a powerful immune system that will fight off most disease. Those who have challenged immune systems will not be able to fight them off. But they are the only ones who should quarantined--not the rest of us who have worked so hard to maintain our health. What we see now is the looming face of pharmaceutical tyranny that has taken our country prisoner, and most of the world, based on this utterly false information about how the immune system works, in order to impose their hidden agenda of pharmaceutical control with mandated drugs. My friends, church members, and I have never seen anything as horribly undemocratic and totalitarian as this in our lifetimes. We depend on you as our elected representative (and I enthusiastically voted for and support you) to reverse this oppressive situation and help us all land on our feet. Fortunately we have a president who will listen to ALL viewpoints, and is motivated by fairness and love. Thank you for your help with our beloved state of Florida. Maggy and Alan Graham, Dunedin, FL
Charlotte	General	It's time get all unemployed people back to work using safe guidelines....masks, distancing, etc. Restaurants open with spaced seating. Non essential business open as soon as possible. We sand to lose more if business remains closed. Our whole Florida economy is failing at a high rate of speed. We can't afford another depression.
Palm Beach	Healthcare	It would be reckless and harmful to Florida's residents to reopen the state. South FL is a dangerous hot spot. While a rural area in another part of the state may seem safe to open, there is no way to prevent people from going from one county to another, potentially spreading the virus and creating an even more dangerous situation than we have now. If we don't get better control of the virus situation, we can't fully open the economy up. People are afraid. Surveys show that most people do not want to risk going out. Do I need a haircut? Absolutely. Would I go to get one? Absolutely not. I didn't even go in early March, before the shut down. I don't want to die because of my hair. You should want to either..

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St. Johns	Healthcare	Please address spas and massage therapists who own their own business directly. We were lumped in together with all licensed healthcare practitioners under executive order 20 - 72 and it was very confusing for us to know if we were supposed to shut down or not. Please specifically address massage therapy and re-opening procedures so that we don't have to try to figure out if we are included or not. Also I feel it is way too soon for us to open back up on May 8. We are medium to high risk category and there's absolutely no way we can maintain a 6 foot distance from our client. We are also breathing the same air as our client and they're talking and coughing and sneezing and we can't get out of the tiny room that we are in with them. They also cannot be face down on a table with face in cradle with a mask on and breathe very well which is also a concern because they could be spreading the virus. A lot of my clients are in a high-risk category and that they are vulnerable and over 65. The massage therapists who work independently with their own business or who work in a spa do not have access to PPE and N95 masks. I do not feel safe opening back up on May 8 for massage therapy practice. I feel that it is unsafe for me and my clients. I cannot practice proper social distancing or any of the guidelines with my job. I am hands on.
Palm Beach	Professional Services	Pls reopen, it is crippling our closed business, closed since 3/21, over a month now
Collier	General	We've been told that ultraviolet light is a quick kill of the corona virus, so my suggestion is for businesses which transfer goods to or from a consumer to have a UV light source to pass over the item just prior to its transfer. This would protect both consumer and salesperson. The UV would also work well in hair salons & barber shops to keep hair equipment virus-free. The downside is that UV can be injurious to the eyes, so adequate eye protection such as a shield would also have to be used.
Palm Beach	Recreation	We need to have condo association pools open,. This is how a lot of us get our exercise and as most of snow birds have gone home, considerably less people are here to use it. We can still practice distancing, and of course our residents have the option not to use. I feel this is extremely important for physical and mental health. Please consider!
Hillsborough	General	Please, please do not reopen Tampa yet. It is too soon. We have too many people who will not listen. Please...
Duval	Food	Please consider letting restaurants reopen with 50-60 percent capacity

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Orange	General	Re-opening measures should take into consideration those over 60 and those at high risk for complications. Employers need to be encouraged if not legislated to allow those who can work from home to do so to limit numbers at workplace locations and to provide protections to those most vulnerable. Each employer should be advised to develop Virus Protection Policies to ensure workplace safety. Unfortunately government has to step in with advisement and rules as we saw the the difference with how employers treated employees. Some took all precautions and helped their employees and customers feel safer and others did not. Even some areas of the public sector still have not provided safe work spaces and threaten layoffs to those employees who say they don't feel safe. People who need too, will take measures to protect them self's from those who still do not take this seriously. There is stigma developing regarding taking precautions. Open up the state as much as you want as long as protections are in place to protect those who may potentially die based upon current medical outcomes. Smart employers will protect their workforce but not all employers care. Specific guidelines need to be in place. Allowing Masks, social distancing. No large meetings. 10 makes no sense in small areas. Temperature monitoring two times a shift. Sick employees need to stay home or be sent home. Hand sanitizer stations and standard cleaning requirements are just a few. OSHA still requires employers to provide a safe workplace free from harm or death. I think that will be one of the biggest challenges and of course people who will inevitably endanger others. Runners and bikers still don't wear mask and they have up to a 10 meters stream of droplets based upon a Belgian-Dutch study 4/8 using sports technology to measure spray of breath and Dr.Peter Tippet wrote a great article on LinkedIn.

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Pasco	General	Thank You for the portal for FL citizens. Now that we have all seen the doomsday predictions that prompted the shutdown of FL did not happen, THANKFULLY. It is time to ReOpen FL. This virus will remain with Florida, the US and the World as all viruses do. Throughout the history of this Nation, Americans have adapted to whatever we needed to. The shutdown of FL for Covid19 to the exclusion of EVERY OTHER issue Floridians deal with needs to end. This shutdown has ended the livelihoods of business owners and employees all across Florida. Floridians have sacrificed to the point that many have been driven to abject poverty. Sick Floridians have not been seen by doctors unless it was Covid related or what was considered an emergency, this in and of itself is highly dangerous for all pre-existing conditions. People who have been very ill are left in hospitals without their families to advocate for them, this is unacceptable and dangerous and cruel Floridians are smart and capable, they are able to adapt to the situation. Businesses are run by Adults who will adapt to what their customer base desires them too, that is how all businesses operate. This shutdown has permanently closed businesses which have no way to recoup their loss financial and emotional. The idea that Floridian families can survive on Unemployment is not realistic, UI was never meant to support a family, nor should it. Let Floridians decide what is best for themselves and their families. The physical, mental, emotional and spiritual toll on Floridians with a continued shutdown is incalculable. Fear can never be a guide. The confidence in Floridians needs to come from this task force, it will come with the immediate reopening of the State. Believe in the fact that Floridians do not need government mandates to make smart decisions for their lives and businesses. It was smart to not lock down the State, but now the partial shutdown needs to end. Let Floridians decide where they want to go and what they want to do. This virus has a 98.8% survival rate, it is NOT a DEATH sentence. Additionally, based on available evidence it appears that many people have had this virus without
Pasco	General	THE SATE OF FL CAN'T GET UNEMPLOYMENT STARTED! iF BENEFITS WERE PAID, THERE WOULD BE A UP SWING IN THE ECONOMY.INSTEAD ALL OF OUR STATE GOV HIDES BEHIND V/M. THE ONLY MONEY I WILL SPEND IN THE STATE WILL BE UTILITIES. I WILL ORDER EVERYTHING ON LINE OUT OF STATE. THE STATE CAN'T TAKE CARE OF ME DURING THIS STRESSFUL TIME.
Charlotte	General	I don't think we should reopen anything right now. Grocery and food store employees don't wear masks and gloves. I am undergoing cancer treatment right now and basically have been at home for 5 months. The beach is my happy place and no one more than I would love to be on it. However, because if the non existent idea of using furloughed employees of each county to check IDs to make sure only County residents are at their appropriate beach, I will not go. We could cordon off areas to develop checkpoints using 2 employees at each checkpoint. Before opening anything else, set up a plan of temperature taking to ensure no one is dealing with sick people. There aren't enough people with common sense anymore. We need a well developed in place plan. Good luck and be safe.

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Miami-Dade	Healthcare	We were told that the point of quarantine and a state wide shut down was to “flatten the curve.” That seems to have been accomplished as the hospitals are not overwhelmed and ventilators are not in short supply. At this point, the continuance of a state wide shut down only serves to perpetuate a hysteria among residents. People are now under the impression that they cannot go outside until it is “safe” — this is simply unattainable because “safety” is never 100% guaranteed in any respect. In the meantime, people are suffering financially and mentally. I work in health care as a medical device rep. We need to resume elective surgeries. However, just because the state “reopens” elective surgery for hospitals and health care workers, does not mean people will elect to have such surgery if they do not believe that it is “safe” to go outside and resume their lives. This is why regular people that rely on media outlets to tell them what to do need reassurance that they can resume regular activities (with common sense precautions in place — hand washing, not touching their faces, some level of social distancing, etc.). Restaurants and businesses need to reopen. This can be done with a set of guidelines at first if necessary (e.g. limiting the number of customers at any one time, sanitizing measures taken between customers, social distancing inside buildings, etc.). We cannot continue to let small businesses go bankrupt and close. We cannot afford the unemployment rate to continue to climb, while letting people worry about their future livelihoods (I.e. can they feed their families? Will their homes go into foreclosure?). Worries such as these take a toll on mental health, as does separation from family and friends. I think many people feel as if there is no hope - nothing to look forward to in the future except doom and gloom. We need to encourage people to continue living their lives —this can be done by reopening businesses, restaurants, bars, sporting events, parks, beaches, hair and nail salons, malls, etc. PLEASE REOPEN THIS STATE — it can be done with conditions and precautions to be phased out over time, BUT PLEASE START THE REOPENING NOW!
Lake	General	Reopen our businesses now.
Brevard	General	Please open Florida. This is devastating to the little people that barely survive paycheck to paycheck as it is. The numbers are nearly the same as the yearly flu. Please let us work agsin. If others wish to stay home, so be it.
Hillsborough	Government	We should not be re-ooening until we meet the parameters that have been provided. Until we see the curve flatten it is simply reckless to open back up. Even after we flatten out we should follow the 3 phase approach making sure we provide the accurate information for each gate.
Martin	General	Maintain social distancing and stay in place orders through the month of May. Provide better state support to the unemployed, essential workers and small businesses
Hillsborough	General	Not open yet. The state is not ready, especially the highly populated areas where a stronger come back will be devastating.

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Hillsborough	General	We should not open the state until our numbers decline for a couple weeks. The issue is with the testing being done by private companies of which 90% are take up to 2 weeks to add to the states totals. With that in mind opening early could cause catastrophic results. If we wait for the dr I ps to be for 2 weeks we would have all the data to make a more educated decision. We should also have schools devise e-learning plans for the fall since as researchers and doctors think we will have another outbreak then. I know businesses are struggling and my husband has been furloughed but let's take care of this now to protect our future.
Orange	General	Please open everything back up. EVERY model has been completely wrong and has incited fear for absolutely no reason. The lockdowns are going to cause more harm than the actual virus from financial ruin, mental health issues, drug overdose, domestic abuse and child abuse. The purpose of the lockdown was to no overwhelm the hospitals. They are clearly no overwhelmed especially since they are laying off or reducing hours of doctors and nurses. Do the right thing and open Florida back up.
Sarasota	Healthcare	Are you all completely insane? The very idea of opening up the state is both ridiculous and reckless. There isn't one medical professional on your advisory board, so speaking as one myself, let me tell you what I thnk; if you throw open the state now many more people will die! I'm basing this on science, on data we've collected from previous pandemics and from other countries during this one, and we know that second waves are very real and will occur in our country. This isn't about economics, which is all you people seem to understand, this is about human lives, and if you advise DeSantis to allow free movement about the state, you will also have blood on your hands. Tell him that you need medical professionals on your committee, not campaign donors and republican party cronies. You need experts, not the unqualified, so man up and tell him to stop further talk of opening up until he's consulted with the scientists, or you too will go down in history as those who caused thousands to die.
Hillsborough	Education	Please do not reopen until June 1 when summer camps Have had the chance to open and child care can be safely secured and testing can have happened
Palm Beach	Professional Services	We can open the state taking the safety measures of the White house guidelines.Thank you!

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Orange	General	Open Florida to Floridians. Hospitals are ghost towns and are beyond ready to take on elective surgeries and daily patients. Government had the correct initial response given all of the unknowns about the virus. It's now time to step aside, free the people before the damage to our local economies get pushed back to the point of no return. Too many people are suffering from the shutdown. The cure has clearly been worst than the virus. Our children need a future. Continue with messages re cleanliness and personal hygiene. Floridians are smart. They know the risks. Put the choice in the hands of the people. Allow businesses to innovate to face the challenge. May 1, open Florida to Floridians. All businesses, no restrictions. People can see the virus is nowhere near as bad as forecasted. Holding the economy back now is purely political and is a result of weak leaders being PC. Don't overthink this virus. The current data does not justify government holding the economy down.
Seminole	Education	If the state opens up too early I fear that there will be a spike in virus cases. Therefore, there could be a need to start the quarantine all over again, potentially for longer. Ending a school year with distance learning hasn't been ideal but we've made the best of the situation as a school district and as parents. To start a school year on quarantine or go back into quarantine during the 1st semester would be highly detrimental to our students' academic achievement and learning gains. Please focus on fixing the unemployment system to take care of those who need to get what they need.
Pinellas	General	Do not open florida yet. We have to many frail people
Brevard	General	I think the initial re-open needs to be staggered. If you re-open restaurant dining rooms, maintain the lowered capacity and required distance between tables. Employers should be encouraged to slowly reintroduce their workforce and maintain teleworking where possible. I think the key will be higher testing. If we can test closer to 10% of the population and see no sharp increase in cases, then each week we can get more lax with the standards until we have a steady 3 months without another spike. If there begins to be a large increase again then action should be swift to revert back. No outside visitors from states such as Georgia.
Brevard	Healthcare	Please resume elective surgeries. Many elective surgeries take place in an outpatient ASC. Surgeries in an ASC are in a sterile environment and do not require hospital bed use or N95 masks. In particular, please resume lens surgeries. These surgeries typically occur in an out patient ASC with a small and professional staff. They require no hospital stay and are relativity quick procedures which make the patient's exposure outside the home short and limited. Yet these surgeries drastically improve quality of life for those patients who are waiting to regain the ability to drive, read, watch TV and enjoy daily life without unnecessary blindness. These now empty ASC's employ thousands of healthcare professionals who are ready to work and continue patient care!

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Lee	General	Gov. DeSantis, As a GM of a small business in Lee County that is greatly affected by the mass closures in the Florida economy, I emphatically believe that Florida needs to open up its businesses beginning May 1st. The damage that is and will be done to our state and country by the economic shutdown is and will be far worse that the damage caused by the COVID-19 virus. I certainly support sensible precautions being taken when reopening to ensure public safety, but the economy needs to be reopened. Those that are at high health risks and the elderly should be advised to limit their trips in public. However, the rest of the population should be encouraged to get back to work. Please do this now! Thank you for your leadership. We are praying that God gives you wisdom and strengthens you in this historic time we are all facing together. God Bless, Matt Traycik
St. Johns	Healthcare	Please address spas and massage therapists who own their own business directly. We were lumped in together with all licensed healthcare practitioners under executive order 20 - 72 and it was very confusing for us to know if we were supposed to shut down or not. Please specifically address massage therapy and re-opening procedures so that we don't have to try to figure out if we are included or not. Also I feel it is way too soon for us to open back up on May 8. We are medium to high risk category and there's absolutely no way we can maintain a 6 foot distance from our client. We are also breathing the same air as our client and they're talking and coughing and sneezing and we can't get out of the tiny room that we are in with them. They also cannot be face down on a table with face in cradle with a mask on and breathe very well which is also a concern because they could be spreading the virus. A lot of my clients are in a high-risk category and that they are vulnerable and over 65. The massage therapists who work independently with their own business or who work in a spa do not have access to PPE and N95 masks. I do not feel safe opening back up on May 8 for massage therapy practice. I feel that it is unsafe for me and my clients. I cannot practice proper social distancing or any of the guidelines with my job. I am hands on.
Broward	Healthcare	Florida is not ready to reopen. I am a small business owner and I will not feal comfortable having people coming in and touching my merchandise. The scientists and doctors will determine when I reopen. I refuse to open back up prematurely and take the virus home to my family.

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Lee	General	Open Florida back up!!!! We don't understand how walking on the beach, or camping at a state park, or going to Disney World is any more dangerous. Let people decide for themselves and be smart about it! We also like the idea of Disney opening for Floridians only at first. We have to get people comfortable taking vacation in this great state before they start traveling.
Hillsborough	Recreation	I would REALLY appreciate you opening the parks and beaches so that my grandkids have something fun to do if even for a few hours. Not everyone has a home where they can go play in their yard . I can live without amusement parks and movie theaters but come on. You are asking for a whole bunch of psychological problems from parents being home with their children 24 hours a day. Give us a chance to prove that we can all GO OUTSIDE and still social distance while allowing the kids to play. PLEASE. As far as I have seen people have been doing a great job at doing everything you have asked. PLEASE READ and HELP
Collier	Healthcare	To whom it may concern, I firmly believe opening of public beaches and parks along the coast of Florida was a mistake. Furthermore, continued movement towards statewide reopening of businesses and public areas could very likely reverse the plateau that stay at home orders have started. It is too soon to risk a second peak and increase work load on public healthcare workers. To call them heros in this time simply to pile more burden on them with reckless action is insulting. I understand Floridians are in grave financial trouble do to economic closure, but I believe options are available in the form of supporting a universal basic income act and rent/mortgage suspension for the foreseeable future. The money has freely flowed for nontax paying corporations and wall street bailouts. The course should be shifted towards the American working class instead of handouts for company stockholders. Now is not the time to follow guidance from nonscientific, childish leadership. It is a shame to have this sort of behavior at the head of our government, but state and local leaders can rebuke this and step up in these times of need. I urge you to carefully consider the UBI and rent freeze acts. Sincerely, M Sullivan
Broward	General	Stick to the plan introduced by The President and the experts. Everything must open according to the plan. Everyone has to get back to their lives. I think outside areas should begin first, beaches condo pools, golf. Then gyms, restaurants and small businesses. All of them with restrictions such as social distancing, masks etc. Everyone must social distance , wear masks in public, wash hands, sanitize, until we have a vaccine. We must begin as soon as possible. Everyone must be smart and careful when they are out, and if everyone is, I think we will get through this. People can't stay locked up like this anymore. There has to be some easing now. Please. Most people I have talked to feel the same way. Let's get back to work and back to living. Please.

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Miami-Dade	General	The opening of more testing spots in South Dade. Also please work on unemployment web site (Connect). I have applied by paper 04/01/20 with no response from anyone. If person do not get the.unemployement why open business up. They will not be able to pay. Thank you,
Lake	Retail	Open up our stores now.
Manatee	General	Testing needs to improve and be offered to everyone. Including those with no symptoms to determine who is carrying covid as well as those who had it but didn't know. Next week is too soon and I am someone who opposed the closure entirely. People are still not responsible and people don't know if they were sick. Some new procedures cleaning social distance capacities can be implemented. Middle or late may seems like a better date.
Sarasota	General	Dont reopen now just cause you want to not fix unemployment. If you open too early and this spreads like crazy were just gonna have to shut down again and again. Were gonna drag this on for a year instead of just getting it over with. The damage is already done lets get through this so we can move on and not have to spend another year dealing with it on and off.
Hillsborough	Government	Florida isn't ready to open. You have people who are still going out not caring about social distancing and other people. Just heard of a hairstylist who is already saying she's taking clients at her house and that she's not taking any caution at all. People like her are the reason we need to stay closed. If you do reopen think about people like me who doesn't have a primary but would have to still work or the company will fire them but I have health issues. Florida needs to stay shut down for a little longer.
Hillsborough	Retail	The risks of not opening soon are greater than the benefits of remaining closed. The main objective of social distancing was to not overburden the healthcare system that goal was met. I am requesting hair salons be allowed to open, cosmotologist shave special training and certifications on sanitation. If guests and stylists wear a mask and use sanitation measures they already are trained to do in between clients the risk is minimal. Commercial landlords are still demanding rents and continued closures will cripple the businesses and the local economy more. PPP hasn't worked for the majority of small businesses. Unemployment isn't working, and if people do get it coupled with the $600 Federal pay it is more than many are making working so therefore they have no desire to return to work. Let people go back to work so we can begin to put our lives together. Even open the effects will go on for a long time. People are fearful and won't return to how it was before. Do not put unrealistic measures on these businesses when they open where they can't get the required supplies in order to open. Keep it simple, let us all open, wearing a mask, minimizing guests in a location. Stop trying to control what no longer needs to be controlled. The health care system is no longer in danger of being over burdened.

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Seminole	General	We need to get the economy back up and running now. If we wait much longer there will be little or no economy to reopen. The government can not support the economy, the economy has to support the government. The only way to totally prevent any more cases is to wait until everyone has had it or been vaccinated. That will take 18-24 months. We do not have that much time.
Orange	General	While I support the decision to keep schools closed through the end of the year. It is reaching a point where people need to be left to make their own choices regarding how and when they go back to work. The unemployment system is failing so many who have families to provide for. I truly believe it is possible to reopen the state in stages to those who live here before opening to tourists while maintaining a focus on public health and safety. It's just difficult to see how we can continue under a stay at home order if the financial support system for those in need is undeniably broken. People have to choose between feeding their families and potentially contracting the virus. This is where we are. We can't change that now. Those who can stay home should, those who need to work should if it's possible. In my opinion, a government that is failing to provide basic services to families who are struggling financially because of a lockdown implemented by aforementioned government should not get to decide the fate of its citizens if it can't support them through their decisions. We are all trying to do our part here, many are helping and offering understanding, and that's great. It's just sad to see how truly unprepared we were for this.
Pinellas	Government	Let's reopen and keep things monitored
Manatee	Education	If cases are still increasing, why would we open? People are still not taking precautions. There are still plenty of people on the road. And if we do open too soon, people from out of town will flock here just like they did when this all started. Big vicious cycle.
Volusia	Management	I don't believe there is really a choice. The virus dictates the terms. The goal should be to open at a time where we get as much economic activity before the virus spread makes us pull back again and social distance. Too soon and we squander what we've sacrificed so far. The virus is dangerous enough that the public will not have the will or fortitude to watch outbreaks happen in their warehouse, plant, theme park, etc, see coworkers die, and just carry on. Liability won't allow that either. Again it won't be a "choice". If significant spread happens soon after we open, the people and the concern for liability will decide, not a decision-maker. We've maybe flattened the curve but are still at the top. I think there's no choice but to wait for the cases to go back down to a level where scarcity of the virus will mean no outbreaks for a while and business can happen for a while during a gradual resurgence. Those are the hard truths of our situation. Thank you.

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Sarasota	General	I personally think it's too early to open. We have had major testing in the South Eastern portion of the state. I dont feel Southwest Florida has had the same extent of testing nor has a majority of Florida. We need more testing. We shouldn't open movie theaters or restaurants. I am a small business owner that is suffering right now due to lack of the PPP funds, the disaster grant and the unemployment system that isn't working for those of us that are self employed or for most anyone for that matter. However I still feel its too early to open most businesses. Malls should stay closed most retail that isnt essential should remain closed and these types of businesses should move to the online ordering and pick up. Anything not essential should remain closed. I d9nt think children's playgrounds should be open. I say that because in North Port they are opening them Monday with only cleaning them once a week and suggesting you bring your own wipes to clean equipment before and after use. That to me is absurd. They shouldn't be open if you can't staff someone there to maintain the equipment all day. Many people are put of work they would probably jump at the chance to work and be happy to clean the equipment. Besides the fact you can't even buy wipes anywhere to clean the equipment yourself.
Hillsborough	General	I am a 69 year old man, who is obese, and had open heart surgery Oct. 21, 1999 I honestly do not understand why consideration is even being given to reopening our State, which by the way I have lived here my entire life. It seems to me that you are going contrary to the Presidents wishes not to mention the fact that we need to error on the side of being safe. Look I know and understand that businesses are hurting right now and I can understand opening some business. Mr Governor please I can not accept that hair salons and barbershops being essential not to mention Tattoo parlors, and I have six of them. I think the health of all of us is much more essential than the before mentioned business's . I am the associate pastor of a small local church and we are not opening our doors until the entire country is opened!
Palm Beach	General	Please reopen or at least give residents the option to go out if they so choose
Polk	Agriculture	Please Consider opening the Fla economy as soon as possible. We in the Agriculture industry have been working hard all through the shutdown! Look at industries that have been working and see what they have done right. We need to accept some risk, just like We do every day when we leave our Home. If people do not want to accept that risk, let them stay Home. Let the rest of us live our lives responsibly!! Thanks for Your Service

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St. Lucie	General	We do not know the long-term effects of Covid-19. However, what we do know is that it can cross over into cells within the Central Nervous System (CNS), and most likely the PNS as well. As with all novel viruses, which are new to humans, the risk of exposure is not worth the potential, long-lasting medical problems which can arise later in life. The current morbity rates do not give us a full picture of the dangers of this novel Coronavirus. Even though many who contract the virus do not become ill enough to be hospitalized, we should not be foolish enough to think it's "just a bug" and pretend it's harmless. Those who contract the virus, and show no symptoms, could later experience neurological problems, or health issues. Please reconsider reopening the State of Florida, or at least make mandatory restrictions on travel and human-to-human contact. Caution now could litterally save people from CNS related, or other medical, problems known to be associated with exposure to viral pathogens.
St. Johns	Professional Services	HAIR SALON OWNER - NE FLORIDA As a hair salon owner and stylist, who has been in touch with many of my 300+ customers in my community in NE FLorida, I can tell you that some are ready to get back in the salon and many are wanting to wait awhile longer. Believe it or not, people seem to know if they feel comfortable in an environment! Please allow citizens to make the best choice for their own health and open the economy for those who feel comfortable in society again! We have had many weeks now to realize that no one has a handle on the virus and that there will be no perfect time to reopen our economy. We should not be forced to destroy our livelihoods to “protect” our neighbors, our neighbors can make their own best decisions on how to protect themselves. We have learned many ways to reduce the spread of viruses and it will effect the way we move forward; but move forward, we must! Our livelihoods and mental health are at stake. Also, many hairstylists are doing friends and neighbors at their homes and that is certainly NOT MORE SAFE than in a salon environment with higher sanitation restrictions! But, these PEOPLE WILL MAKE THEIR OWN DECISIONS, WITH OR WITHOUT GOVERNMENT CONSENT.
Pinellas	Information	Can we not open up pet grooming. That is just as important as pet healthcare.

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Okaloosa	Tourism	I see that Florida is wanting to lead the way and be one of the first to re-open. It's disappointing that our state is choosing to do so. I think we should listen to actual medical experts and scientists, none of which are on your panel. These people are not experts on anything but gross profits or listening to shareholders.This is a time to support the people of Florida through social programs and play it safe. Florida's responses to the outbreak have been insulting and a second wave surely won't look good towards your re-election, if you're thinking of seeking one. With the mess that is the unemployment system, it seems obvious that this corporate committee just want to ignore the problem and say " Hey, just get back to work". I've lived and worked in Florida my entire life, I've put up with our terrible low wages and at-will work state. I know it panders to your base to reject social welfare but it's a backwards ideology. Imagine how much different this all would have turned out if decent social programs were in place, not the ones we have that are designed against the public. This isn't the time for "starve the beast" politics. We need to catch up to the rest of the first world and reign back on this crony capitalism and corporate embezzlement of public funds. We have socialism for the corporations, but capitalism for the people.
Clay	General	I am a resident of Florida for over 65 years, I was born and raised in Jacksonville Florida. My parents were born and raised here and grandparents built their home and family in Jacksonville in 1900. I also have underlying conditions heart (pacemaker/defibulator, lungs, as well as kidneys so I feel my voice should count. Keep Florida closed.If not it will hurt worse in the long run. For awhile longer. Thank you.
Hernando	General	How about reopening our state. According to a ruling by the United States Supreme Court, after the civil war, see attachment, Government does not have the authority to shut the state down. Neither does the President, state Governor, county commissioners, mayors etc.Therefore Governors Desantis executive order to close our state is unlawful and unconstitutional . He has not the authority, under the U.S constitution, to commit this act.Our constitutional rights have been removed. I voted for the governor and Trump last election, but after this action I will not be voting for either him or Trump.What has taken place is unconstitutional and against a direct decision handed down by the Supreme Court of the United States and that decision still stands today.Your actions are unlawful. .People to work and have their lives back. Shop, eat out at restaurants, enjoy outdoor activities, worship in their churches etc.
Pinellas	General	Please open everything back up. I'm fine with restrictions, but at least open everything again. My husband's livelihood depends on it. Our economy and his business can't take more closures. If people don't want to go out yet, then they can stay home. Don't punish the rest of us for it. Also, please open schools back up in August. I'm a school-based speech therapist and I need to see my students again face-to-face. Students and parents don't need more distance learning, we need to go back to school.

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Palm Beach	Retail	Reopen Florida!! We need to go back to work with the right precautions many things can be done. I understand health comes above everything that's why we have to keep practicing social distancing with the right protocols that way no one is in danger of possibly contracting Covid-19. We cannot afford to let the economy go down more than it already is. We have one of the best in the country and i know with the great leadership of DeSantis we will get through this together, protecting both our health and the economy. I still do believe gyms are not a safe environment since it's constantly filled with germs and people using gym products one after the other. Retail stores, parks and beaches are among those that with the right precautions, social distancing can be done to keep us all safe and it could be one of the first to take the lead in reopening our amazing state FL.
Collier	General	Hello, I believe it is too early to reopen the state. There are still too many widespread cases of the virus. I personally believe based on the statistics being provided that if we reopen now we will just be faced with a second wave of the virus. We should keep the state on lockdown for another month just to be safe. Wouldn't you rather keep it closed for another month now then have another wave of the virus come through during the summer (high tourist time) or even the fall (when snowbirds start coming back)?
Lee	General	This can't go on forever. People are going to lose their homes and businesses. These people have no way to feed their families. People need to live and do it responsibly. If they are sick, stay home. Any type of sneeze, cough, GI, etc., stay home. It's common sense. Yes people will die, but there will be a higher suicide rate and crime if this continues much longer. I know my mental state along with my daughter that is a senior in high school has definitely declined. How can it not when their is no hope of ever being allowed out to just even walk on a beach. I have a paid parking pass and can't even use it to walk. Thanks!
Hillsborough	Education	Please do not open back up for summer programs until adequate testing is available. Until adequate supply of ppe for all workers is available. Also need available and consistent supply of cleaning disinfecting and sanitizing supplies. We still cannot get toilet paper, paper goods and hand sanitizer. Not sure how we can reopen anything without the basics. Thanks.
Pinellas	Management	We need to open up the economy this virus was in our area in January and February - as most of my family had an unidentifiable virus at that time. The quarantine has done nothing but destroy our economy as the science and data is backing up.

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Sarasota	General	Dear FL reopening task force, Please end the lockdown & let us return to our livelihoods. As a self employed personal trainer & life coach, I've seen my clientele drop to almost zero due to the media fueled panic & hysteria. We have met all the White House criteria for opening phase 1 & it would be negligent to keep our economy closed down. I know you're receiving lots of resistance to open but many of those people are no longer part of the workforce & don't have an accurate perception of how this situation is affecting the whole economy. The vulnerable populations have the strategies to keep themselves healthy & safe at home without sacrificing our long term physical, mental, & economic health. Even when we are open, those who feel safer at home will be free to do so for as long as they would like. Additionally, this is hitting us during season which is our most prosperous time...for every day we stay closed, it will take longer to return to normalcy & more lives will be lost due to economic ruin & long term psychologic & mental health issues.
Miami-Dade	Healthcare	Why is there no health care professional on the task force. This is very important to the reopening of any state
Volusia	Tourism	Dear Task Force Members, Thank you for taking comments from the public. I am a life-long Floridian, and I understand that people here are suffering economically and therefore eager to get going again and be back to "normal". Unfortunately, the virus is not on our timeline. We do not yet even have the means to know the full extent of the virus spread, through testing. I do not feel safe personally and I do not feel it is close to the time to start relaxing the stay-at-home requirements that have kept so many more of us from becoming sick or killed so far. My husband works an "essential" job, and he is already risking his health every day without complaint. By relaxing regulations before it is time, he will be exposed to many more potentially sick people, and it will be much more difficult for him to stay protected. I work at a family entertainment venue that is closed and would rather sacrifice my personal livelihood right now than risk spreading a disease to our families. Our businesses will recover but not if we are risking the health and lives of those who patronize them. If the task force suggests that we can open before health experts say it is safe, even with stringent safety measures in place (which businesses and guests may or may not be able to uphold at this time), it risks allowing further spread of the disease, risks the safety of guests and employees, and risks liability to the businesses that are forced to keep up. You have the opportunity to make choices that will help keep people safe in the long run, even if it is not what some are wishing for in the short term. I urge you to hear the medical experts who are telling us, for our own sakes, that it is not safe yet. Thank you again for your work and your time.
Lake	Food	Please reopen our suffering restaurants

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St. Lucie	General	In my opinion counties with less than 500 cases should be reopened 5/1, especially the small businesses with less than 10 employees with practicing social distance and face mask. Small Business stand alone Pet Grooming shops definitely need to be reopened as many pets require monthly grooming. Bars/Restaurants and indoor theatres need to be opened following guidance. Large entertainment centers, Like Disney and Universal studios should not be opened until June or July, with restricting international attendees. Airports should continue shutdown of international travel and all national travels need to be screened for the virus, and if possible including quick virus test.
Duval	Healthcare	As the spouse of a local doctor, and state employee, I am incredibly disappointed in the lack of available COVID testing for our medical professionals. All state hospitals should be conducting weekly testing of their employees. I know this is happening in Gainesville but the public hospital in Jacksonville (with a larger and more urban population) does not have adequate testing supplies. Why is that? How can we begin to re-open the economy if we don't have adequate testing, or accurate information about the number of COVID cases?
Brevard	General	Brevard is barely testing. Our island and surrounding areas probably have much higher numbers. I'd like the option of testing sites to see if you've been exposed or more help for Brevard residents. A lot of people are out and not social distancing, I feel we are being ignored, it isn't fair.
Broward	Education	I think the public school districts should email parents now and do a temperature check of which parents would be willing to stay home and do online learning like now through the school in the fall. So that would mean there would be designated teachers in the school that would have strictly online classrooms. Depending the number of parents that answer they can have an idea of how many children per grade level would be interested so they can form classrooms.This is gives you a percentage of kids who would be at home to reduce the number of the ones in school. The teachers that would be doing online can then plan accordingly and packets with the workbooks or textbooks can be prepared for this situation instead of a last minute situation. We do know the schools will have to work at reduce capacity and this would help. But plan so that it is at home homeschooling with the teachers and not crisis learning which is what we are doing.

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Orange	General	I can understand that people are afraid of the covid 19. It is a very stressful time in our history. And I can also understand why people would be reluctant to businesses opening up to soon. But we can not live in fear for the rest of our lives. We can't be dependent upon the government to support us forever. We need to be able to support ourselves, and the only way that can happen is to get back to work. I do believe that companies need to comply with safety as the number one priority. But I also believe that it is our responsibility to do our part along with the business to make reopening a successful process. I believe that with God's grace we will be able to open. We all need to pray for that grace and start to live again. So I think that we have to go with opening up our businesses. You can't force people to do what is right. You can only pray that others will help them to understand their need to be as safe as possible.
St. Lucie	Retail	As someone who works in retail, i think it would be best if the state or county that has 100 or more positive cases, that the customers must wear face coverings before walking into any retail establishment. Especially in food superstores! This way here it would help the slow the spread of the virus significantly. i know some counties down south of me are required, which is great but i would love to see it all around the state, particularly on my county and martin county.
Pinellas	General	Dear Task Force, I don't think we are ready to open just yet. I think we need to be very cautious about re-opening, lest we have another spike in infections. We need to have doctors, epidemiologists and scientists guiding all of our actions on this matter. We must put saving people's lives at the forefront of any efforts we make as a state. When we are ready to re-open, I think it likely needs to happen extremely gradually and slowly so that we can keep people safe and keep track of infection data, etc. We also need to keep testing going and we need randomized population testing that will help to track data related to antibodies, etc. I believe we need to help all those who have been affected by the shut-downs by getting them their re-employment benefits, Medicaid, food stamps or other benefits. We also need to make sure small businesses get the help they need to stay afloat. The more help these individuals have from the state, the more likely they are to be able to respect social distancing and keep themselves and their communities safe from infection. It is an outrage and an embarrassment that only a small fraction of the unemployed in our state have gotten the help they need! Please do NOT just re-open suddenly and please do NOT just do what big business wants you to do. Remember that the State should be working for the People. Kind regards, Bryan Casanas-Scarsella

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Lee	General	Open Florida back up. Get our economy moving
Broward	General	I believe a wholesale opening of business is not in our state's best interest. How can we accept gun shops as essential and now to consider gyms as well? It is just plain unacceptable and dangerous. Outdoor activities that can stress keeping space between yourself and others (golf courses, parks, boating facilities} would be not worrisome. We have come so far in keeping safe let's not damage those efforts by stopping short. I strongly feel that testing for the virus has been lacking. Our governor has been swayed by Washington and he has no backbone.
Hillsborough	General	I am a HCPS student nutrition worker, and have been employed throughout this shut down.Although I have multiple health issues I continue to work because I am needed. I hope you will keep the shut down throughout May and longer if necessary. We have to keep this from spreading, I haven't seen my father who is 80 for a month, I typically go visit every weekend. I haven't gone to keep him safe, we all have to sacrifice to get through this. Although I am still working my family have been financially impacted, my oldest son who is a full time college student at Polytechnic University lost his job due to closure and is still waiting to get unemployment. My 19 year old works full time at a restaurant and had his hours cut back significantly. As much as we want our lives to get back to normal, we cannot risk our citizens health, and lives. Please be keep us safe!
Sarasota	Healthcare	It is not safe for dental hygienists to go back to work at this time. We are # 1 profession at risk. The risk is too high and not enough PPE to protect ourselves. Taking temperatures is great idea, but what about those that are asymptomatic? It doesn't make sense that the general public is recommended to wear masks and social distance 6 feet apart, but the state of Florida would open dental offices with such close contact to someone's mouth electively. Please take this into consideration.
Hillsborough	Healthcare	Working in healthcare, people do not realize that while many are being praised for their hard work, etc. there have been significant casualties job wise for healthcare workers due to the missed revenue of non emergent procedures. We simply have to re-open that sector ASAP or we risk a catastrophic collapse in healthcare.
Hillsborough	General	People are scared. Go slow but steady. People who live on or near beaches should be allowed to be there. Maybe barbers and hairdressers by appt only. No walk in. We are floridans. Sun and water is necessary for our well being. I believe many of us will still practice some form of social distance and wear mask in crowds. Bars should be very last on list for opening. We were told 15 days. Lets back out every 15 days. Put off the requirement for real id for a year because people can't get necessary paperwork or make it all work online. We've learned a lot about online shopping, working online, expand that and work on fees. I personally like the cleaner air, quiet skies and learning about gardening. I hate I can't hug my friends. Lastly make the blood test to see if we have been exposed available everywhere. I,m thinking I had it in Feb. Lost of taste and smell. Freaked me out. Thanks for asking.

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Hillsborough	General	I am a server. I believe it is too soon to open restaurants. I honestly don't feel comfortable with going back to work especially since serving we come into contact with so many people within a couple of hours. I am afraid that we will reopen and I will have to chose between my safety and my job. Also if we do open restaurants then we won't be able to seat at full capacity which won't allow me to make enough money to support myself since tips will be impacted and the amount of shifts I will be able to work will be cut in half since all employees need a fair opportunity to make money too. I will lose a chance at unemployment basically for no reason.
Pinellas	General	I filed in March 27 for unemployment as a 1099 self employed worker. Then got a letter 3 weeks later saying they needed my birth certificate of all things!! No instructions how to get it to them... So I had to investigate on my own and found and sent the email. Sent that and a week later, I'm marked ineligible and all the wages I put in are now zeroed out and says I didn't have FL wages. I'm self employed, I'm not ineligible and I did have wages of 76k, so I will make LESS on UNEMPLOYMENT. I worked on adding the info again on Thursday literally from 11a-5p when their servers went down. Then they said they're closed for processing a few hours later. NO, THE SERVERS WENT DOWN and I wasted another day. Such nonsense...I honestly believe system is a mess, but they are trying ON PURPOSE to limit the number of applications coming in by closing at 8p every day. Please, I've received not 1 penny in 6 weeks...I'd like to grocery shop again. This will be a long term thing for me and my husband are he has lymphoma and I'm diabetic, as well as working in the newspaper and hotel sales sector. Doubtful it'll be coming back soon. I don't want to live on unemployment, but I do need it right now too survive!!!
Broward	Recreation	Parks should be considered with social distance (no social gathering of any kind at this time) Golf course opening along CDC gudlines
Miami-Dade	Recreation	Florida should remain closed until scientists, doctors, and health department says it is safe to do so. Counties where numbers of cases are higher, should stay closed longer than other counties.
Lee	General	I think for the safety of all residents the state should extend the stay at home order and closure of non essential businesses. No one needs to get their hair done or nails or get a tattoo. Those are all wants and not needs. Restaurants should remain take out only. Florida has a very large elderly population as well as those that are immune compromised we need to protect them by extending the stay at home order.

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Manatee	General	My husband sent in his thoughts earlier today and I wanted to second his comments for OPENING THE STATE but for different reasons. Both he and I are lifelong Floridians having grown up in Tampa and Sarasota respectively. Our 3 children all atteded K-12 schools and our daughters graduated from UF and UCF respectively. So the input received on this "opinion portal" will be comprised of 2 camps...LIFELONG FLORIDIANS and NEWCOMERS. The first have lived through many hurricane seasons while the latter have not and through many bad flu seasons many of us believe "comes down" in the late Fall. This is not the lifelong Floridians "first rodeo" in dealing with danger. From those storms to West Nile Virus threat during the FL summer rainy season (wear longsleeve shirts, etc.) to the annual onset of the Flu season in late November to March (get YOUR flu shot!) we have properly prepared as adults. We have carefully and wisely dealt with this virus and are well to this day. Take the POLITICS out of the solution and open the FL economy so that we lifelong Floridians can once again enjoy why we've lived here for so long. Those who are "newbies" often come from states that don't see or appreciate the dynamics of lifelong Floridians.and how we settled this state long before their arrivals and long before air conditioning or mosquito repellent! Thank you for reading this and for caring for us proud "Florida Crackers". Nancy DeVirgilis
Polk	General	We need to reopen Florida (and America). Our rights are being infringed upon. We need to treat this like flu season and take the same precautions. States and countries who didn't shut down are not worse than those of us who did. Open Florida!
Broward	General	Places which can control social distancing , should open first. Dentists, eye drs., nail/hair salons, a few beaches, small gyms, govt. buildings, small restaurants, hardware/auto stores, dealerships.
Collier	General	After being completely mislead by the WHO, CDC and others, I and many of my "in the know" friends who are not programmed like sheep by mainstream media have concluded that with the new information from Stanford and others, the entire country should have never implemented this lockdown to begin with, the cure is going to be worse than the virus with things like child abuse, suicides and domestic violence considered. I would like to see our state open up completely, without delay. I would also like to say, thank you for your governance being based on what you were told and not implementing draconian laws to punish people who did not agree with the status quo like other state representatives have done such as Michigan, we have a constitution that was sworn to and it can never be trampled upon as we are seeing in such said states, Thank You, god bless you and our nation.
Lake	Tourism	Please reopen. Our state needs its tourism.
Seminole	General	I think we need to reopen with crowd size limitations. If you want to stay home then stay home.

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Escambia	General	I completely understand the need for people to return to work. ,but there is no economic value that be placed on lives. Being a RN for 23 years has taught me that it is true that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure". This COVID-19 IS REAL! There is no reason to place lives in danger for the sake of the economy. Our economy will recover as it always has but as a daughter, mother, sister, and wife; I can't imagine being able to prevent illness and death, but choose not to for a dollar. Thanks for listening!
Lee	Professional Services	The Beaty industry has many hours and experience I'm santization on a regular basis and now even more than ever as we will be incorporating and continued long term as to always remain prepared. Thank you allowing you he heard as we all need to get back to work before we can't thank you
Escambia	Tourism	Please open up our beaches only for Florida residents for now.
Pinellas	Recreation	Please do not re-open the State of FL - Order to Stay at Home until we have flattened the curve. It is clear that we are experiencing a spike in deaths and new Covid cases two weeks after Holy Week when your exemption to attend religious services backfired. Pinellas,Pasco, Manatee and Sarasota counties are at the highest level of infection. Please extend your State Order of Emergency to Stay at Home well past April 30th. Give FL citizens another 2 weeks to flatten the curve before re opening the State back to normal. The New Normal requires you and our elected public officials to save Patients, not profits. Respectfully, Maryanne Sobocinski
Pinellas	General	Dear governor of Florida. I have been a Florida resident since 1998. I raised my kids in St Petersburg and I am 58 years old now. I think you need to open Florida back up. everybody knows what they need to do to stay safe and if people are that ignorant then it's on them. I don't feel that government of our state should act as our parent. Keep all the social distancing in all that in place but let everything open back up and it'll all get sorted out. where I live people have been going about business in stores and neighborhoods and recreation like there has not been a plague pandemic anyway. there's big parties in my neighborhood there's lots of people in the little local grocery store gas stations etc. We need our tourism to come back 90% of the people in my neighborhood that actually do have jobs and that aren't hooked on heroin all work in the service industries as hourly minimum wage people and they need to get back to work. they're scared for their kids they're scared because the slum landlord will evict them as soon as possible and all sorts of stuff. So please open the state up and let people get back to work.
Charlotte	Healthcare	Just wear a mask. This virus is not going anywhere soon and we can't stay away from each other forever. Mask mask mask please 😀

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Sarasota	General	Please consider not opening up restaurants to public seating due to the following reasons there is no way possible for people sitting at the same table to follow social distancing when sitting next to each other or across from each other. Yes restaurants can not fill their occupancy and have less tables in their establishments to have increased space between the tables ...BUT that doesn't increase the space between the people at one table. I agree to continue having curbside pick up and delivery services for all business that can do so. Also now they are saying that this virus can transmit through A/C vents if this is actually true then all businesses would be affected making it unsafe for all citizens to open the economy. I believe that all types of businesses that are able to conduct their business from home on online platforms to continue to do that. I understand that the economy needs to open...BUT I feel it shouldn't happen until we have a PROVEN vaccination, know exactly what we are dealing with (meaning know everything about this COVID-19 virus), and have set Protocols Globally to follow and N95 mask available to all residents even if it was only one N95 resident...as those types of masks are the only mask that truly prevent transmission through them. Handmade mask do not prevent. If you open the economy up prematurely A LOT MORE LIVES WILL BE LOST. Is Human Life Not Valued? WE ARE ALL HUMANS ....AND WE CITIZENS SHOULD ALL BE VALUED. I appreciate all efforts that truly protect us citizens. Get the facts ...Not theories. This virus is an unknown virus...so until they figure out this complex virus completely and confidently...Only then will we all feel safe and Be safe. Thank you for allowing us all to express our thoughts and suggestions. I hope you will take time out of your busy schedule to read and reply to my message. Stay Safe And Be Well, Mrs. Santoro
Orange	General	Please open the state slowly and with consideration. We do not need to open the state back up for the "economy" just for half of Florida to catch the virus and die. Theme parks should not open unless everyone MUST wear a mask. Bars and night clubs should never open until there's a vaccine. Time to put citizens of this state over money. My taxes fund the state. Also many work places are working around the "essential" status and making their employees work and not protecting them. These companies should be fined. My husbands job can easily be done from home but his company says no becahse they don't allow people to work from home. Bought masks for employees and then resold them because "the governor will reopen the whole stage on May 1.
St. Johns	Construction	we need to open all businesses in phases and safely. This can only be achieved by cooperation between the medical professionals and business community. Above all, unless and until every Floridians is tested, we are shooting in the dark! Thanks. Mitch

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Lake	Healthcare	I do not believe that we should widely open businesses until there is reliable testing available for Covid-19. The safety of Floridians cannot be trusted without it. Opening too early will result in more spikes and more deaths. This virus doesn't care about politics, your beliefs, or any other biased we may have. It will spread to anyone who comes in contact with it. Please take this seriously. Florida is already in the top 10 of states with Covid cases. We don't want to move up on that list.
Hillsborough	General	I am genuinely concerned about restrictions of my Rights guaranteed in the Bill of Rights and my Religious Freedoms. I totally understand the need for safety and precautions during the virus. However as more Scientific facts are found we are seeing that the survival rate is much higher and with some common sense and simple protection people can lower their risk. We NEED to adjust restrictions on meetings especially those in churches. We cannot take away guaranteed rights or restrict Religious Freedoms! Churches must be listed essential business and be given suggested guidelines, not mandates or orders. Let the people make their own personal freedom choices and let them decide if they are comfortable going out and exercise their Constitutional Freedoms. Churches and Pastors want their members to be safe and healthy and the majority will put protocols in place for safety like mask, hand sanitizer and social distancing guidelines. People at higher risk will choose to stay home and would be encouraged to do so. My fear is that may local, state, and National officials have been too quick to forget our Bill of Rights and the Constitution. Decisions and policies must be made for everyone safety However we cannot restrict people's rights. I think it is time to start getting people back to work and let them make their own personal choices to live their life and practice their Religion freely if they so choose. I thank you for representing our county, especially in this difficult time. I am sure it has not been easy. I hope we can see the Safer at home order amended or lifted soon. Thank you for your time reading this and your service. Pastor Roger Bunner
Manatee	Professional Services	I vote NO. It would be irresponsible to reopen the State until Covid testing and antibody testing has been done for a majority of the residents.
Volusia	Healthcare	It is time that Florida begins opening back up in a safe manner. We need to begin phase 1 in many counties immediately. The zip code I live in has less than 5 cases, but about 100 small businesses, many of them restaurants. If you don't allow them to open with social distancing requirements many of them won't survive. We will end up having more businesses close for good than those who have died from this. It's time to realize you might have overstepped. Get started now!
Lee	General	I agree we need to get back open but I also think it's needs to be done with high restrictions. Self distancing as well as for anyone to be able to be tested whenever they want to. There are still many people testing positive with no symptoms and for myself I am still very worried of a rebound and would like to wait a few more weeks to see how Georgia does. I will not go out except for food and employment.

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Orange	General	This state does not need to re open yet. Unless the state can provide masks for every individual and actually enforce these social distancing measures, we are in no way ready to reopen. There are still too many people who do not take this seriously enough, including this country's president. The curve has not happened yet and the second wave of this virus will be far worse. Please think about the people. Fix unemployment for those of us who need it and keep the state closed. Last thing we need here is to reopen and have tourists come and make everything even worse again.
Duval	Government	Dear Governor Desantis, The widespread fraud you have perpetuated on the Floridian people is now evident. Thankfully we did not listen to you, instead socially distancing ourselves out of safety. The economy cannot be opened back up until we have 35 million tests per day available in the USA. You are a scumbag for not releasing the data on Nursing home Covid-19 cases. We cannot think about reopening the economy until treatment is done. You should create a temproary medical task force to increase # of nurses.
Broward	General	The Broadwalk and beaches here have been closed now for a month. Police presence has allocated to the pedestrian bedside wall clearing off bikers, runners and walkers and moving them to Surf rd. The Broadwalk is as wide as 2 lanes, without traffic- while surf road is made for cars and is one single lane. Please consider opening the Broadwalk back up for exercise use only. I understand the importance of keeping social distance, this gives those who exercise much more distance between each other than the alternative. On one side note, please also allowing scuba diving as a form of exercise. Not only is it amazing for mental health, it keeps the reefs clear of invasive lion fish that ruin our ecosystem. This is a great social distancing activity, as divers have masks to cover their noses and regulators that cover mouth. We just need minimal access the beach to get into the water. There is no loitering in groups. Thank you for your consideration on these two items.
Lee	Retail	Reopening our state too soon could lead to devastating results in terms of people contracting and succumbing to COVID-19. We should wait a few more weeks. Memorial day seems like a good target date. It gives us more time to evaluate and reevaluate people who contract COVID-19, people who recover, and, sadly deaths per county as it relates to our state.
Osceola	Healthcare	Please follow DR. Facci's recommendations. We do not want unnecessary deaths in our state. Thank you.

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Lee	General	The decision to reopen the economy and/or rescind the Stay-at-Home order should be based on science and data and not the illogical whims of national/local political and business leaders. The Stay-at-Home order is not restrictive enough as some activities are certainly not essential for the well being and care of individuals. The plethora of cars diving down McGregor Blvd. on an early Saturday morning is indicative of some laissez faire policies on what constitutes essential activity. Fully advise the Governor and elected representatives to fix the unemployment process immediately. It is unconscionable that individuals have to suffer due to the broken down unemployment system. Fixing this and allowing for immediate aid to individuals who have been impacted will aid in the improvement of the economy.
Lake	General	Reopen May 1st.
Hillsborough	General	We need to reopen the state and the country immediately. There is no doubt in my mind the data is skewed and completely inaccurate. Millions of people have lost their jobs and/or income because of layoffs and furloughs. It's a terrible thing and the idea that this is about public safety is absurd. Allegedly, there are over 990,000 confirmed COVID-19 cases in the country and there are over 330 million people in the United States. Based on those numbers, I have a 0.0027% chance of contracting the virus. Even if I get the virus, 52,782 people have died out of the 919,066 who have got the virus. That's a 0.057 % chance that if I get the virus that I will not survive and the government flexed it's muscle and forced businesses to shut down over night! It's alarming and frankly sickening that our government could do such a thing so easily! Ronald Reagan once said, "Government is not the solution to our problem, Government is the Problem!" So, in conclusion, get our of the way and open up the state for business immediately! Stop fear "mongering" and let the people go back to their way of life. Let the free market get back to work and fix all the problems that you as the government have created! After all, we will remember this at election time!
Lake	General	We want to get back to work because we are struggling daily with out jobs losing our only income to provide food and pay our bills because the will keep coming every month. Im sure we will follow the guidelines hand washing, using mask, etc. We need to get back to work for our families. Thanks!!
Collier	Real Estate	It's time for people to get back to work! Boost our immune systems and our economy. It's been my dream to move here for as as long as I can remember and my husband and I are ready to get involved, contribute to the community, get our kids in school (next year)! Trashing the entire economy over this is counterproductive as we are creating new and more devastating problems in the process.
Pasco	Healthcare	please open the state up ASAP! It's not right that we can go to Walmart and Publix's but can't go to church. Small businesses are dying on the vine. This is taking our freedom away. We are under "house arrest". We should have the right to choose to stay home or not!

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Seminole	Tourism	Please find a way to open the Theme Parks to Florida residents! Here's my thought. When Disney previews a new land or attraction to Passholders, you have to sign up via a special link. You then have to pick a specific date and timeframe. This could help limit attendance. I'll happily wear a mask. Disney is not only a theme park but a way of life. It's an escape and happiness.
Orange	General	Please do not open the state! My husband travels for a living and we are as anxious as anyone to get business up and running. That being said, I am not confident the proper procedures are in place to prepare for a second wave of outbreak. Prepare prepare prepare. Do not leave it to businesses to weed themselves out. Do not allow anxious people to crowd and spread this virus and take the lives of so many more. Do the right thing, please.
Alachua	General	I am in favor of opening with extra precautions for protecting the high risk. I think given the antibody studies, it is evident the death rates are extremely low, and staying closed will see other death rates rise from suicide, physical abuse, drug abuse, and others. We need to move forward using smart methods such as temperature tests and other precautions. We either open or we wait for the vaccine, which is too long, we are already starting to see unrest in parts of the country, we need to start back towards normal. Thanks Rob
Miami-Dade	General	Testing to all Florida residents And open the state with continue social distancing
Monroe	Recreation	Don't open the Keys until we can test all people. Opening too early will have a long term effect on tourism in the Keys if this turns out to be a hotspot area. There is not a strong enough medical infrastructure to handle an outbreak.
Orange	General	Please reopen the state. I have lost my job and with everything being closed, there are no companies hiring. Unemployment is taking way too long to process and I have not received anything. I have 3 kids to support. We cannot sustain this any longer. Its having a mental affect on all of us. All of the public officials are fine with keeping everything closed because they have jobs, income and help with childcare and everything else. We dont have those privileges. We want to go back to work now! We had no say in closing everything and being in lockdown and it will show during the next elections. You have ruined the economy and the tourism industry in our state and the longer everything is closed the more angry everyone is getting.
Brevard	Retail	Hello. In my humble opinion, we should be allowed to go to stores and restaurants after the April 30th deadline. I truly believe most people will abide by the social distancing rules put in place, and those that are still wary can choose to stay home if they wish. If I can walk around Home Depot, Lowe's, walmart etc, what is the difference if I walk around Kohls or Bealls, for example. The longer this goes on, the worse it will be for people's mental health as well as the economic impact. Let us have our freedom. We have earned it. Also, we really need restaurants to open. Even with the social distancing rules in place, we can still enjoy a meal out. Please consider opening soon. All of Floridas citizens well being depends on it. Thank you for this opportunity to vent.

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Pasco	General	Don’t open up too early! Wait until it’s safe to do so. That means listening to the scientists and the Doctors and specialists... not President Trump. Dr. Fauci and other experts have spent their lives dedicated to understanding pandemics... they are the ones that need to be listened to. And please fix the unemployment benefits website ASAP... my daughter was laid off weeks ago and hasn’t received anything! How is she supposed to pay rent or bills and get food? She’s social distancing... so are we... we’re doing our part..wearing masks if we have to go out.... but mostly isolating.... now the State has to do it’s part! Help those in financial need by making sure those without work can apply and receive money to get through this crisis.
Lake	General	Open up Florida period. Put people back to work. Open up all businesses. FL economy is being severely harmed. Quinnipiac polls do not represent my thinking. Dr Fauci and Dr Birx have been a disservice to President Trump. Go by what Florida numbers show. I mean death numbers not cases. People are responsible, there is no need to further destroy Florida.
Marion	Management	I think it’s a bit early to open. As a retail store manager I feel consumer confidence won’t be ready to go out shopping until mid to end of May.
Pasco	General	It is too soon! I am a psychotherapist in Pasco county and working with my clients through Skype. I know that the numbers have been low but this is only because of the stay at home orders. I know as soon as they are lifted people will go back to usual, but social distancing because they didn't see high numbers. They we will repeat a tragic event like the Spanish flu. We were laughed at on briefing and news reports because we dis the least in the beginning. The economy will bounce back, people need to start applying at essential businesses and we need to keep our people alive. Don't jump the gun and kills many!
Brevard	General	I believe we should re-open. Every individual is ultimately responsible for themselves. If your health is compromised those individuals should take precautions. The collateral damage and the cost to our economy is far more riskier than this virus.
Orange	Healthcare	According to the Florida Health Department website, as of April 25 at 10:30 A.M.,98.4% of Florida's total population of 21.48 million people HAS NOT BEEN TESTED. That means that there are 21,145,901 potential cases in the state of Florida. Until tests are available to test any and all Florida residents, the state should remain closed. There is no evidence that our governor has a significant grasp of the necessities of protecting our population. Without testing, we should not open.

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Duval	Construction	Thank you for the opportunity ! I believe the Stay-at-Home order should be allowed to Expire on April 30, 2020 and not extended. Needless to say CDC Guidelines must continue for some time. Overall Construction, renovations, residential, condominium or commercial should be opened immediately along with their represented supply chains. In closed areas workforce should be limited to 10 or less and social distancing followed, If the nature of the work should not allow social distancing then workers should wear masks at all times while in the workplace. In condominiums where workers must transit through common areas and use elevators they should wear masks and gloves going to/from parking areas. Additionally, some General Contractor are taking digital no contact temperatures of all works before entering buildings and starting work. Of course normal sanitation guidelines must be followed in addition to if sick stay home policies. We can get back to work BUT precautions can be put in place until further knowledge of COVID-19 is known, a vaccine established and/or proven treatments....all with solid testing and the curve staying down. We can do this, let us get back to work May 1st, 2020 and we/individuals will comply to guidelines. Thank you!!! Don't let ultra-conservatives rule...just because the Emergency may still be in force for federal funding, loans etc. don't let that fact allow for unnecessary severe constraints to Re-starting Florida! Let CDC Guidelines and common sense prevail ...
Palm Beach	General	the opening of the economy would save the state from a possible economic crisis, many people are at home and unfortunately not all are able to receive government assistance, sooner or later the government will not be able to help the entire population
Charlotte	Food	Make people wear a mask so we can reopen
Pinellas	Food	Open Florida up now. This is all ridiculous and you all know that. Thank you!
Hillsborough	General	I read a lot of comments about this and the younger people wanting to open everything. I am considered elderly. I enjoy going places like everyone else but I also don't want to die. I'm a wife, mom and grandma. I think we should wait a few more weeks to try to open things. Just my opinion but thank you for letting me say that
Flagler	Administrative	To soon to reopen FL wait for the experts to give all clear.

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Palm Beach	Recreation	Good morning Governor DeSantis, I hope this email finds you well. I have admired your work since your term began, and I thank you for all that you have done for the people of Florida and the environmental concerns you have had for the state thus far. These are trying times with the spread of COVID-19 and I know you are doing all in your power to “flatten the curve.” One issue I want to address with you is something I witnessed a week ago, something that I believe hasn’t been made clear to the public and avid surfers like myself. As I pulled up to a particular surf spot along the beach in Jupiter yesterday, 4 police officers were in the middle of writing down two surfers names who were ordered to get out of the water and threatening to be put under arrest. In the water, they were out of anybody’s way, much more than 20 feet apart, and minding their own business while scoring some fun waves during this stressful time. While these surfers were getting harassed, hundreds of people were walking, jogging, and standing along the narrow sidewalk along the beach. Many of these people were in groups of 5-6 and no more than 3 feet apart. If you can’t see the ridiculous irony in this, then there is something wrong. Malls and stores where people are constantly in contact with each other remain open in places where surfing is ‘illegal.’ I understand and agree completely why beaches have closed due to high traffic. However, I see no valid argument why people can’t surf in the ocean while staying off the beach and keeping their distance during this time if other places of gathering remain open. The police seem to be enforcing the rules effectively thus far, so why wouldn’t they be able to handle such an exception? There is no lack of law enforcement officials already enforcing the current rules, so they wouldn’t have an issue of keeping people off the sand, or allowing running/walking on the sand. It is necessary to be considerate towards the physical and mental health of our citizens, which is why you should consider a partial opening of our beaches. Thank you for your time and consideration
Manatee	General	PLEASE REOPEN OUR STATE ASAP! TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS OKAY. THIS CLOSURE IS DESTROYING US AS A PEOPLE - FINANCIALLY, EMOTIONALLY AND PHYSICALLY. PEOPLE NEED TO WORK, SHOP AND PLAY NOW. THE SMALL MINORITY AFFECTED BY THIS DOES NOT JUSTIFY ALL OF US LOSING OUR FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS. ACCORDING TO CDC STATISTICS OVER 61,000 AMERICANS DIED OF THE FLU TWO WINTERS AGO AND NO EXTRAORDINARY MEASURES WERE TAKEN AT THAT TIME.
Osceola	Tourism	I think everyone needs to get back to work since unemployment benefits are very slow getting processed because of the severe back log and everyone is really hurting for money. In order to do that companies need to keep employees and customers/guests safe by providing and require customers/guests and employees to wear face masks when in the store and of course keep the store sanitized. Theme parks should only allow half their capacity to ensure everyone has enough room to stay 6 ft apart and require guests and employees to wear face masks in the theme park.
Miami-Dade	General	We cannot stay inside forever. But as you do begin periods of opening up, please take a pause of two weeks to determine if each step causes hospitalizations or cases to go up.

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Lake	General	If the state of Florida opens now, I feel like we are putting everyone at risk. If we are having 1000 positive tests per day being quarantined, imagine the amount that will be positive when we are mingling with other people. We are not ready to open back the state. Remember if we lose one person because we opened too early, that's one too many.
Palm Beach	Professional Services	We are Americans. Our civil liberties are being infringed upon. We are capable of following social distancing guidelines. As a business owner we need to get our economy open and give our 40 employees their jobs back. PLEASE!
Volusia	General	Everything should not open at once, it should be gradual. Approximately every 4 weeks. This will show whether opening the stores, parks, gyms, salons was a good idea. If there are no reports of individuals who visited these place as coming down with the virus, more place can gradually open. The establishment should be required to obtain the customer name & address from their government issued ID. Around 2-1/2 to 3 weeks after the visiting the establishment, a health official should visit to be sure no virus. Part of the population will be out in droves but where is the guarantee there will not be a spike in the number of those infected and deaths.
Palm Beach	Education	Time to open up Florida!
Sarasota	General	Please open up Florida NOW, let people get back to work, school, church, etc. We need to get back to normal and continue our lives and livelihood. If people are not comfortable or scare, they can stay home.
Lake	General	Please do not reopen FL until we are seeing a definite drop in CIVID cases, and do so slowly. We will not get ahead of this thing if we rush. I want things to be back to “normal” just like everyone else, but I want to see everyone else on the other side of it all. Too many people aren’t taking this virus seriously. Please, please move forward slowly and cautiously.
Palm Beach	General	Governor & Task Force, I would respectfully urge you to open up as much of the economy as quickly as possible. I own small contracting business that has been impacted by the EO’s. I have three employees and I’m about to run out of money and work. Floridians have done what Was requested of us and we continue to SD and safely try and conduct ourselves. We are all hurting from the virus; some physically, and most others financially. Most folks I have talked with have not received anything from the Fed Govt and many others simply trying to apply for and obtain Unemployment Compensation have not been successful. We cannot continue to simply “suck it up” as others are suggesting. For most of people including myself if swift action is not taken we are going to ruined financially and spiritually.

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Okaloosa	Food	FOOD SERVICE / RESTAURANTS When restaurants are allowed to re-open, there should be very specific guidance for all restaurants to follow in order to provide safe operating environments for our employees and our customers. It will be important for consistency in how all restaurants approach these protocols in order to maintain our workforce in health and in security and also to make it clear that Florida is a safe place for tourists to visit. Restaurants will also need to be supported in asking customers who aren't observing appropriate social-distancing or otherwise endangering restaurant staff or other customers to leave. Therefore, there must be very specific guidelines for how we expect customers to behave in restaurant environments, too. And lastly, our restaurant also has a large retail store and an alligator attraction attached to it. We need regulations that assist in keeping everyone safe throughout the entire property and not in only a restaurant or retail or entertainment operation. Adapting to state-wide requirements for new ways to operate will take time to prepare for. Please provide ample time between a decision to re-open these businesses and the date the re-opening will take affect so that businesses have a decent chance of adhering to restrictions and time for visitors to learn what will be expected of them, too. Respectfully, Tracy Hook
Pinellas	Healthcare	I am a denyal hygienist and am very concerned about going back to work. Our profession is the highest risk job to catching this disease. I know for a fact my boss will reopen with a business as usual mentality. She will not and can not provide the proper PPE (face shield, level 3 or n95 masks, gowns) because there is a national shortage. I am very concerned that without these critical items I will contract this disease and I am at higher than average risk. I would also like to add that health care providers like myself should be provided an anitgen antibody test prior to returning to work. Thanks for listening am a denyal hygienist and am very concerned about going back to work. Our profession is the highest risk job to catching this disease. I know for a fact my boss will reopen with a business as usual mentality. She will not and can not provide the proper PPE (face shield, level 3 or n95 masks, gowns) because there is a national shortage. I am very concerned that without these critical items I will contract this disease and I am at higher than average risk. I would also like to add that health care providers like myself should be provided an anitgen antibody test prior to returning to work. Thanks for listening

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Osceola	General	I don't know why I am seemingly wasting my time on writing this but I guess it is nice to vent. With that being said I truly believe that nobody actually cares about what the constituents actually think. It seems we are witnessing all around us the process in which US citizens are being systematically converted over to subjects. I am watching my fellow Americans willingly (through the vessel of fear) give up our freedoms for security (a false sense of security at that) in which a wise man once stated while in that mindset we deserve neither. We are bombarded on a regular basis from the media on new numbers of infections and deaths to keep us in fear. Then on the other side of the coin we are bombarded with information that contradicts those numbers on a regular basis, and at the end of the day shows me that nobody actually knows the truth, or that corruption (propaganda) is leading us to think and react a certain way. The saddest part to me is that all of this is being done under the illusion that in some way some how, its for health, safety, and saving lives of Americans, which I believe to be complete falsity because if that were true there wouldn't be an abortion clinic left open in this country. More Americans have died this year alone (and will die after this virus is long forgotten) at the hands of fellow Americans in clinics than covid could even dream of through the lie of pro choice. Meanwhile our actual God given choices of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are being taken away now on a regular basis. Instead of the government combating all the fake news lies with the truth it seems it is much easier and more convenient to go along with the lies. With all that being said, I just don't see how me now being unemployed (you don't want me to get started on the fact that Florida has done a completely horrible job with UI) , struggling to pay my bills and feed my family is helping to save the lives of people. Never in the history of mankind has all the pandemic death tolls combined has killed more people than poverty and totalitarianism has killed. In my opinion the answer to saving lives from a virus isn't to take lives of others by taking their livelihood and our ability to provide for our families away. The American economy (being the backbone of this great nation) is the actual key to preventing preventable deaths. Viruses will take lives. It's a unpreventable fact of life. After this virus is forgotten another virus will come along. That is a unpreventable fact of life. Everyone at some point is going to die. That is a unpreventable fact of life.
Orange	Healthcare	Florida is absolutely not ready to be re open! The state needs to stay shut down until we are more certain that covid 19 spread will not continue to increase. It would be so dangerous to open the state up prematurely before we are actually ready.
Collier	General	No it’s too soon to reopen. I think before re opening the state needs to focus on unemployment and by that I mean get people paid what they are owed because of no fault of there own have they been out of a job. The reason is COVID-19. It’s unacceptable how the government has handled this pandemic. There should be a simple form for people to fill out for unemployment because of the pandemic. The people that were let go, furloughed etc. because of the pandemic should get assistance immediately. They have been working and would still be working if not for the pandemic and THEY WOULDN'T WANT OR NEED ANY ASSISTANCE FROM THE GOVERNMENT IF THERE WASN'T A PANDEMIC. Enough of all of these hoops that hard working people of Florida are having to jump through to get what is owed to them.

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Orange	Professional Services	Please don't experiment with peoples lives under pressure to re-open from those that do not understand or follow the science of this virus. It would be irresponsible to relax measures in place that are at least holding down the spread until we know more about the behaviors of the virus both from transmission to why it affects different people differently. We don't even yet know if there is an acquired immunity. The failed unemployment system is no reason to push people back to work endangering everyone and dragging this out even longer when a 2nd wave hits. Florida is a laughing stock for the delayed response in the beginning, lets please do the right thing now and wait until there is sufficient testing, treatment, and understanding of how to move forward responsibly. Follow the science, not the lobbyists. Stay the course!
Broward	Tourism	Governor DeSantis should lift the suspension against short term vacation rentals. People who book our homes look for comfort and safety from thier gomes away from home. With case numbers dwindling, as along as there is a mandatory use and enforcement of masks and protective gear should be enough for most to be safe. High volume events should be cancelled til further notice, but the tourism industry should be opened up and financially helped if the State of Florida wants to keep small businesses and the industry healthy.
Manatee	General	I would like to see Florida and the task force make recommendations on reopening based on the guidelines provided by the President and White House. I think the 14 days decline (or plateau) is an important first step in entering the first reopening phase. I would like to see Governor Desantis mandate masks in public for all stages... and even before the first. I would like Desantis and that task force to please take a look at what is happening in my county concerning testing, our positive percentage rate of 15% and our having more deaths than Hillsborough County which has 4 times our population and more positive cases. Manatee County is testing less than .60 of the entire County population. This is insufficient. We are NOT on a downward decline and if reopening is to begin in some parts of Florida, I would like to see the task force give detailed analysis County by County as to which qualify to being phase 1. I would most likely to do this safely and smart, so that we do not regress in progress that we have made in the state as a whole. thank you.
Hillsborough	Accommodation	Please, at least open Vacation Rentals to those of us living in Florida. We have stayed at a VRBO for years and it's a perfect to self isolate while giving us a break from our daily existence at home. Thank you..
Brevard	General	Open the State!!!! The science isn't clear enough to warrant shutting everything down, domestic violence and child abuse is rising. We are trading one virus for another. The damage being done by fostering fear is far worse than the damage from this virus that we don't even know the severity of.
Sarasota	Information	Open up outpatient surgery. I need knee surgery and wife needs colonoscopy.

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Orange	Information	I own two businesses in Winter Park, one is a luxury guide called "PASSPORT WINTER PARK" that is distributed in hotel rooms like The Alfond Inn and Park Plaza and it is a luxury guide to the destination. On March 20th I opened an Art Gallery at the Park Plaza Hotel and had to shut down on March 26th. The hotels are empty, Park Avenue is a ghost town, all because of this lock-down and many of the businesses and artists I work with are VERY small, but unique businesses that add to the charm of visiting Park Ave. We need to get these businesses back open AND put together a marketing strategy to bring in the "Drive Market within the state" to come and visit Winter Park and Central Florida for shopping, dining, the arts and more! Orange County cannot be steered by Disney and Visit Orlando when they are all dedicated to big conventions and crowds. Winter Park is small and we like it that way! Please don't let Mayors Buddy Dyer and Demmings tell Winter Park what to do, it's a whole different community than Disney and Downtown Orlando! Thank you!
Broward	Recreation	Please open the public beaches in Southeast Florida, is, Broward county. The air is clean and breathing the sea air is very beneficial to ones health. Sunlight has been found to help kill the virus. Also gyms with proper hygiene also need to be open to properly exercise the body, get oxygen flowing through the body. A healthy body can better resist the virus.
Palm Beach	Education	I am a 13 year old schoolgirl, and I want all the vulnerable people to stay at home and be safe. However, I also want to go back to school as soon as possible to continue my learning, work on my grades, and see my friends again. I appreciate the great job that Governor DeSantis has done, now it's time for us Floridians school kids and adults alike to get Florida going again.
Collier	Tourism	I am quite unsure as to the question "Area of Interest." I selected Tourism because that has affected the most. However all industries should open as normal. Open all businesses. Those that fear illness should practice precautions just like with any flu or cold.

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St. Johns	Information	As a retired healthcare administer and disaster trained responder,I am very concerned about how this covid response has been managed. This is probably the most serious issue confronting our country in generations and we have not responded to this is a coordinated ,strategic way to reduce the long term toll on our citizens collective health as well as our economy. Unless we have a clear handle on the extent of the virus through large scale ,easily accessible testing we are playing “Russian Roulette” in making any plans to reopen the economy without this important data. Failure to do so before reopening, will give people a false sense of security about this health crisis being over, when in fact ,it’s only beginning. Any task force convened to make recommendations to reopen the state, must include and be lead by healthcare professionals.otherwise we are courting future disaster. This is NOT A PARTISAN ISSUE, this is a humanity issue. Healthcare professionals should take the lead in developing protocol to be implemented to ensure maximum safety and reduce a second wave of the virus that can do more damage than the first. Let’s look at countries that have begun to reopen . What are the best practices that have been effective. Look at areas (like Japan) that reopened too soon and the consequences they encountered from premature reopening. Let’s learn from the history of other pandemics about East was helpful and what was not. Everyone appreciates and understands the desire to reopen the economy. However, doing so, without careful planning, data and the primary regard for the health of its citizenry,is not only short sighted, ill advised , but also constitutes negligence on the part of our leadership in weighing these factors.
Pasco	Tourism	I feel Florida has to hit the criteria yet of health officials on 14 straight days of decline. Until there is a proven method of protecting us, and I mean everyone, the state should remain closed. We need testing for everyone made available. We need the state gvnt to fix the unemployment issue and allow these workers to get assistance. Even with social distancing the numbers are going up. It need to be unified guidelines and people have to follow the guidelines from the medical experts. If the state were to open next week, I would not be comfortable and would still stay sheltered and not partake in the small businesses or retail shops.
Polk	General	I hope Florida would open up again.Certain guidelines should be in effect.Guidelines all people must wear masks,and keep the six foot distance apart.I still see people without masks at stores.And most of all these morons who have the virus are not staying in their home. Should be a heavy fine for them voluntary stay at home is not working for some inconsiderate bastards.As far as amusement parks everyone should wear masks and sanitizing machines placed all over the parks.
Hillsborough	Finance	Please open back up the economy for all areas of business. There is enough research to show that while its spreads easily, the mortality rate is much lower than originally predicted. Open up full scale and allow those with compromised immune systems and elderly continue to be cautious on how they go out into public. Get our kids back to a "normal" life and enjoying activities and school. Get kids back to sports playing basketball and baseball, etc. Seems like everyone i talk to is depressed and people need some semblance of normalcy.

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Brevard	Healthcare	Please do not open the state back up until proper time has really allowed to show the true curve get better. Starting too early puts us all at risk. I work in the respiratory field and I strongly believe this will come back quicker (if it ever leaves) if we jump the gun.
Pasco	General	I would love to see the State of Florida re-open, but I think it's to soon. The cases of coronavirus in Florida has not seen a decrease. I don't see a lot of testing, especially in areas where the numbers are high regarding infections. There is still a problem with carriers of the virus. If we start opening everything to soon, the numbers will rise again. I am tired of being home as well as the next person and I would like to see my family and friends in person versus phone, text messages and Skype, but safety should come first. I feel as soon as you open things up people will forget about social distancing and we will be back where we started. If there is a way to do this safely and really enforce the rules then we may be successful.
Hillsborough	General	It is ridiculous that the whole economy shut down for a flu like illness with a 98% survival rate. Everything should reopen so people can make their paychecks to feed their families and provide for the roof over their heads! Let people go back to work and stop listening to people with an agenda with known falsified data and numbers, that work for their cronies and the pharmaceutical industry. We are a nation of hard workers and smart citizens. Let people go back to work and kids go back to school! The idea that we as a nation are denying surgeries, or loved ones to be in a room with a terminal patient is NOT America. It is communist at its finest. Please reopen the great state of Florida so we can get back to work! Ronald Reagan once said, “Government is not the solution to our problem. Government is the problem!”. Stop fear mongering people and let Floridians get back to their way of life!
Lee	Healthcare	Do not open the state until we are absolutely certain at the numbers are going down and we're past the curve. Let's use our heads and not be hasty and try to gain political points.
Hillsborough	Retail	People need to get back to work. The current conditions are unsustainable. It's ridiculous to imagine that people are going to stay shut in for very much longer. This is decimating lives and livelihoods. Please allow us to get back to work. We live in an unsafe world. To imagine that by staying home and going broke and starving that is somehow keeping us safe is insane at best, evil at worst. We need to get back to work. Please bypass local city councils and mayors, who seem intent on seizing and holding power for powers sake, and open Florida back up. Thank you.
Volusia	Real Estate	I feel that the state should not open just yet, I'd like to see several weeks of very minimum cases before we open . We have a large population of elderly and I would hate to see them suffer just to make a few bucks.
Manatee	Healthcare	Please inform the public if this virus has leveled off and cases are dropping before you decide to allow us to feel safe to do our own shopping, haircuts,ect. I really believe this isolation has saved lives here in Bradenton!
Charlotte	General	We can't keep six feet away forever. Put a mask on so we can get back to work.

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Broward	General	I think Florida should watch and listen to the experts. If there is to be another surge, we should let it pass. Provide test to doctors and allow for contact tracing by testing everyone. During this time essential services should be done first; like medical offices. Florida is different in that if beaches open they would come. Opening is residents to more cases. At this time mid May looks like a better time to start reopening if the numbers start going down. Also, encouraging hand washing and mask wearing should remain in effect for at least a year.
Hillsborough	General	I do no support a continued shutdown. As a nurse, I understand the health implications of the virus. However, I also understand the devastating consequences of a continued shut down. Florida is not experiencing a massive outbreak like NYC. Hospitals here in Tampa are at normal capacity, if not slower than normal. Nurses are being called off of work. The virus will now always be around and people will be exposed one way or another. Let's reopen and encourage individuals to always wash hands, not just when there is hysteria over a new virus. OPEN FLORIDA BACK UP (: (:
Charlotte	General	Keeping most businesses closed down is unsustainable and will lead to economic collapse. Recent information about the effect of heat, humidity and sunlight on the virus is more reason to promote outside work and recreational activities.
Seminole	General	I would like a very soft opening to prevent a spike in cases. Keep bars and nightclubs closed. Recreational sports and gyms to remain closed for the safety of the kids. Hair salons and barber shops can open if they limit the amount of people in at one time as well as small shops.
Broward	General	HAVE PEOPLE WEAR MASKS BE MANDATORY AFTER OPENING THINGS UP. open up slowly, keep the elderly in and those at high risk, but everyone else can go out. tell people that even though stuff is opening up it doesn't mean they should go out. have restaurants limit their hours. gyms too.

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Hillsborough	General	I am a mother of three who also cares for her 82 year old mother. It is so important to me that we take our time and reopen FL safely because the health and safety of these 4 people mean the world to me. I know that others feel the same about their loved ones but as a caretaker who is battling to defend her home from this invisible germ enemy having all Florida state and local government along with businesses and community centers to AGREE on consistent policy will be the first step in being successful to the reopening of Florida and help to me in maintaining the health of my household. Letting cities and counties be at odds with one another is truly ineffective. I believe that there needs to be a statewide public health standards of cleanliness to be enforced by the health department from this point forward. I know it can work because several years ago FL took a bold move to be a clean indoor air state. Ensuring that their is uniformity in cleanliness and hygiene standards is not insurmountable. Particularly in schools. I think a part of the budget for school operating supplies from this point forward for operation should include hand soap and hand sanitizer. Traditionally parents have been asked to contribute these items. Not all parents participate and this is problematic. These items are necessities and essential as we have learned in this crisis and all school districts and schools should have an ample supply ALL year round. I also want to just say thank you for our state leaders working together daily to keep all Florida residents informed and safe during this time. Thank you.
Lake	Recreation	Reopen May 1st. People can keep social distancing but need some form of socialization now.
Orange	Tourism	Speaking of theme parks... during this closure, why not allow construction to commerce ... not only are you getting another group of people to work but you are also going ahead on schedule. Another thing to do is possible to go back to vouchers for certain areas on the park. Maybe sell 1000 vouchers for fantasy land or 2000 for tomorrow land people would be limited to those areas, you can control the crowds by the number of vouchers you sell. Until further notice... all I have seen Machines that people walk through that spray disinfectant on people... have to along security checks
Polk	General	Please open up our state! This numbers just don’t work for keeping people from being able to make a living. People need to be outside and parks need to be open. Small businesses and restaurants need to be able to succeed. Don’t listen to the fear mongers! Please please please
Hernando	Professional Services	If a service can be rendered safely with both parties wearing masks,then why shouldn't they've opened??? The system has failed not only unemployment applicants,but the small business owners who don't have anyone to help them out until their application is first able to be submitted and then processed and hope the system doesn't crash and start over again!! You can't wait for everyone to be tested and then open up the Country again. We are all responsible for ourselves and Baltimore people lose control,wanted to lift some restrictions. Thank You.

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Pinellas	General	With both my husband and myself being RN's we think it's detrimental to keep Florida on the safer at home order until mid May. Many doctors do not feel we are ready to reopen. Too many individuals are still getting sick and dying. Open the state up just for political gain is absurd. Our lives are at stake. Be smart and go an additional 2 weeks. It's working now why chance it?? There's nowhere people need to be. If you reopen people might not come out anyways if they follow the news.
Broward	General	Wait until we have the 14-day downward trajectory, then re-open Florida the following Monday with Phase 1. Beauty Salons and Barbershops can open with restrictions like appointment only to prevent the number of people waiting, and limiting the number of people in the salon or shop to 10 people or less. This number includes the number of workers in the salon or shop. Restaurants should open at only 25% capacity, and redesign dining room layouts to ensure guest are 6 feet apart from each other. Major Department stores should only be open for curbside pick-up during phase 1, or open to the public with restrictions, such as, allowing a limited number of customers in the store at a time, but suspending the use of fitting rooms for at least the first 2 weeks after reopening. Parks can open, but should be heavily monitored by Police to prevent overcrowding. Same with public beaches. I think Public Beaches and parks should have an open and close time, perhaps 7am- 6pm EST as well. Call centers can reopen, but only if management can ensure all employees are 6 feet apart, and offer remote positions to help prevent overcrowding in the workplace. Nightclubs should remain closed until Phase 2 or Phase 3 of reopening. Bars can open if they can ensure patrons will be 6 feet apart from each other. Hotels can reopen, but with limited capacity. Public Pools should remain closed until Phase 2. Casinos should remain closed during Phase 1. Last, during both Phase 1 and Phase 2, Florida needs to continue to adhere to wearing a mask in public places no exceptions. We can reopen Florida safely and smart- we need to do all we can to protect our older population who is more susceptible to dying from this virus.
Sarasota	Government	Open libraries last. We get so many people, especially elderly. If the schools aren't open yet, the libraries shouldn't be either.

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Brevard	General	Thank you so much for asking for public comments. Please consider reopening our businesses in Florida. I believe that our COVID-19 situation has already peaked. People are smart enough to take care of themselves and will go where they feel safe. Our restaurants and small businesses are struggling. Actually, I think many of us will be surprised by those that have already gone out of business; a sad situation. Perhaps, increasing gatherings to no more than 50 persons is an idea. Many restaurants could accommodate that number. We could start attending some church services again. I think that having people stay home too long will actually hurt their immune systems. Anyone who writes and states that we need to wait another month or whatever should just stay home. The rest of us want to get back to normal, or as normal as we can at this time. Again, thank you.
Marion	Education	Re-open now! Beaches and all parks should be open!
St. Johns	Retail	Please open the retail, hair salons, gyms, restaurants, bars, etc...as soon as possible. People in Florida, especially NE Florida know how to follow rules, the beaches being open speaks to that. What's the difference in shopping at Publix and shopping at a retail store if we follow the distance guidelines. Thank you for considering opening up am the state.
Palm Beach	General	We need to open up now, without limitations. Studies have been conducted and published revealing the true nature of this virus, proving that we have overreacted by shutting down our country. Heat and sunlight kill the virus... That's all we have here in Palm Beach County. Numbers have been grossly cooked... Every death being coded as CV19 to manipulate statistics. Revised statistics show that this virus is not any more deadly than the yearly flu. I personally have a household of 4, 2 adults + 1 adult child + 1 high schooler. Between all of our activities from November to when we shut down in mid March, we were most likely exposed and built an immunity already. None of us have been sick, but now none of us are working. We are being punished with reduced income and limited relief. The only solution is to open up, apologize for your mistakes and move on.
Martin	General	Open up the state w minimal restrictions. People are losing houses, income and everything they have built over the years because of these closures!
Polk	General	Mobile dog grooming . Mobile car detailing service . Consignment stores example antiques . Outside gun ranges .

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Miami-Dade	Recreation	Im very thankful for the opportunity you have giving us, to provide feedback or suggestions. I think recreation is a big thing our community, especially for the younger kids, that have being through the pandemic and really being socially distant, at home. I feel the opening of our parks, for recreation and sports for kids, should be eased back in, to allow the kids to keep their minds occupied with their recreations and in return providing some self healing and looking towards something positive, moving forward.
Hillsborough	General	Please adhere to the CDC guidelines as you plan reopening Fl. Observe what is occurring when citizens without understanding the spread of the virus are allowed to come out of their homes. Face masks will be part of our future similar to other counties. The SARS-Covid-2 has not gone away. We need massive testing of our communities to better understand the status of those with antibodies. High risk persons must remain at home unless screened for antibodies. Those employees with antibodies should be allowed to move about as long as they are tracked for any return of symptoms.this will take a massive organization on the part of our state and local public health experts. Consider including the numerous healthcare centers of education, medical, nursing, veterinary, etc.. large gatherings must remain closed until we have more information. What data is available related to those essential businesses, rate of illness, deaths, return to work. Thank you for this opportunity to for providing feedback. Respectfully, Alix Alton, MSN, RN, NPD-BC, CEN

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Osceola	Construction	I think Florida should take a regional approach to reopening the state since different parts of the state have drastically different numbers of people infected with COVID 19. For the entire state, you should take a three phased approach to reopening businesses like opening businesses that are second, third, etc. in ranking of essential businesses to Florida's economy. In phases one and two, place social distancing restrictions that get relaxed as the state progresses through the phases. In phase three, have all businesses reopened to pre pandemic levels with no social distancing restrictions. In all phases, there should be sanitation protocols that are unique to each business to minimize the risk of any illness. The regional approach I mentioned is about how soon different regions of the state can start entering these phases of reopening. I believe northern Florida and rural south central Florida can start reopening as soon as today or as soon as May 1st depending on how Governor DeSantis wants to enforce the Stay at Home order. The rest of Florida can start when there's a continuous decrease of cases in a two week period much like in the president's plan to reopen America. Finally, regarding a popular trend of wearing medical masks outside of medical settings, I believe it should be the choice of people who live, work, and do business in Florida if they want to wear medical masks. My county of residence (Osceola) is one of very few counties in Florida that has made it a requirement to wear medical masks at public businesses within the county. I believe enacting laws requiring wearing medical masks in the three reopening phases I mentioned will turn away people from conducting business within said areas especially if they have medical issues that are exasperated by wearing said masks. At this time in our lives, we want people to conduct business in all parts of Florida and we should have rules in place that are inclusive for all individuals in the state of Florida.
Broward	General	Interested in the Opening of Condo Pools and Private Beach

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Brevard	Government	Our Constitutions both National and State are there to regulate Government. What a complete and udder failure across our nation. IMHO California and New York were a complete embarrassment to our nation. Each state cried "wolf" and "foul" yet where completely unprepared to satisfy any requirement of Public Safety. Each State was provided a Hospital Ship from the POTUS via USN. California the most populous state, New York the fourth, yet not much screaming and crying came from #2 or #3 most populous states, Texas and Florida. Was it just politics? Party of the Governors? Our nations economy was booming, unemployment at record lows, and POTUS Trump was on a track to an easy re-election. We are supposed to be a nation, lead by the people, yet Government proved they had no idea what they should do, in a crisis. Our Un-employment center has spent as much fixing their failures, as the small amount actually going to the displaced workers!!! Have I made a point clear yet? Fix what is broken, before you open our state back up. I personally witnessed an embarrassing county commission looking like a deer in the headlights not knowing what to do. Make a rule, and realize they can't do that. Not only embarrassing, and frustrating, but also unlawful, and unconstitutional. -EVERY COUNTY OFFICIAL, AND COUNTY CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICER needs a refresher course on the US & Florida Constitutions. What is a "state of emergency" vs "Martial Law" That the County Sheriff is the top law enforcement, period. -EVERY EXECUTIVE ORDER will be consistent for every (1) beach county (2) every port county (3) every intrastate corridor county (4) and every tourism county Not every county is the same, and needs a classification in the future. -EVERY FEDERAL DOLLAR must be accounted for, and spread accordingly.
Lake	General	As a side note, yet consistent and germane. Millions of school children were home schooled for a long time, while in the homes of REOPEN

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Hillsborough	Technology	Dear Governor DeSantis, I am a resident of (Name your County). It is time for Floridians to get back to work. Throughout the past weeks of COVID restrictions businesses deemed “essential” remained open. Floridians who patronized those businesses voluntarily engaged in social distancing, voluntarily followed CDC guidelines. With these businesses open, sometimes serving hundreds of people at a time, twelve hours a day, seven days a week, we have witnessed COVID numbers falling. The State of South Dakota never mandated a single business closed and are also seeing COVID numbers falling. Every business is essential when families are dependent upon that income for healthy and happy lives. I believe these facts prove that Floridians are responsible people, who love their neighbors, and will CHOOSE to do the right thing. But we need our elected representatives to do the right thing; we need our businesses open. We don’t want government handouts. We want to get back to work. We want our businesses open now, not later. Sincerely, Sign you name : Emmanuel Chebesi Your email : echebesi@gmail.com Your phone number : 8138109614
Charlotte	General	I feel it is too soon to discontinue the safer at home order for government & private entities. I believe they should continue to operate at 50% staffing for all with the ability & resources to work from home. This would continue to ensure maximum social distancing measures as well as the ability to keep remaining staff at appropriate distances to prevent transmission of covid 19. Passive screening at work is only effective for people with symptoms. Research indicates viral transmission is possible from asymptomatic people. It’s also very difficult to obtain masks for all staff members. Testing hasn’t been implemented en mass to ensure new cases are leveling off. Antibody testing is non existent. If each county administered 1000 tests a day and the positive results daily were decreasing, it would be one thing, but test results fluctuate daily & a scientific determination of what counties have peaked & now have a declining infection rate cannot be determined. A slow, conservative & carefully monitored state reopening process is requiered due to the still high level of uncertainties. Thank you.
Orange	General	Following the guidelines laid out by the White House Task Force is the best way to go. I think we should stick with that plan.

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St. Johns	General	I think it's too soon to open the state as we have seen some sharp daily peaks in the number of new infected individuals. It is important to return to life as normal, but what is the risk. How terrifying does it sound to have to redo this stay at home order in a couple of months if we do not do things right the first time. I think the trauma and impact to the economy would be worse. The restaurants that can operate through take out only is good enough for the time being. The risk of the servers touching things that people put their mouth on is very high and realistically sanitizing menus and tables and every possible item someone could have transmitted the virus on is difficult. It would be nice to open some stores with close attention to number of shoppers and fully considering the size of the property. Nature/ state parks should be allowed to open since there is little chance of transmission outside when keeping the 6 foot rule. Opening Florida should occur at a slow and steady process to insure that there aren't mistakes.
Brevard	General	I am a mother of an rising college freshman and she planned to go in residence in the Florida university system. We do not see how any college student could be in a classroom or dorm in the fall. We also do not see us participating in any recreation in Florida where groups of people are: movies, concerts, festivals, etc. The beaches are wonderful if people would social distance and ensure their teenagers are doing the same when the teens are not with them. Teens in a lot of cases are not social distancing when not with their families. Many parents have no clue and the virus will continue to flourish when teens bring it back into their homes. We need much more testing, education, discipline and common sense to get through this tough time. Opening like the state of Georgia did is completely political and makes their governor look like a clown-to many of it's own citizens. We have family in Georgia and they are disgusted. We need to help small business adapt to the situation at hand-outside eating areas spaced accordingly, contactless payments & deliveries. Structured rules at grocery stores, if entered. Amazon and Walmart have amazing logistics in place-ask for their assistance to help other business in their practices to do this right. Both companies are making a lot of money right now. Somehow link small business into Amazon where they can. Same with Walmart. These are huge umbrella companies that served the entire US and beyond. Please listen to Dr. Fauci's facts not the politicians. Governor Coumo is doing it right. I hope Governor DeSantis does also. Thank you and good luck in your task.
Orange	Tourism	I work at a theme park so I'm hoping for starters everyone including theme park employees must wear face masks and continue to wash their hands. I have no idea on distancing but face masks need to be a must. Theme park employees should not assist in taking photos for the guests at this time. Maybe assigning the guest their own photographer could work.

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Orange	General	Good afternoon, I think it's to early to reopen. We haven't had enough days of decline, we even had a significant spike recently which could be indicative of more testing but that isn't much reassuring, we have to many Ill persons in the state of Florida to reopen. Something I think we have to give serious weight to as well are the side effects of becoming ill. It isn't just death that scares people, strokes can be life altering and disabling. Liver and heart damage can severely impact quality of life for decades, and of course there's literal possible death. Furthermore with all those aside if we reopened in the coming week or even two we could reverse the progress of the last month and throw the curve flattening to the wind. When we do reopen I think there needs to be serious consideration on types of businesses. Anything that puts you in physical contact like nail salons, hair salons, tattoo shops ect should remain closed. There's very close contact, the shops are very small on average. Smaller bars should also remain closed as many times there's barely walking room without physical contact being possible. I also feel until a work place can provide basic safety measures for employees including masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, plexi covers for cashiers, ect they shouldn't be allowed to reopen. Social distancing is working but when we reopen and leave our employees on the front lines of mass contact without proper safeguards this will spread exponentially. We also need mass testing on weekly basis standards so we can identify and home isolate new cases before they have the chance to spread the virus further. This is impossible with current testing turn arounds and limited tests in general which is why I feel like it's to early to open. We do not know who is carrying this virus around asymptomatically, who all is sick, where they are or anything. We're flying very blind still. Until there's a quick rapid test available we must remain closed.
Orange	General	When you give the green for any and all of these businesses it should be mandatory that each establishment have a complete Clorox clean down top to bottom. I also believe the 6-foot distance should be also enforced and if you can't then you need to wear a mask period. Theme parks like Disney and all the other places that you're going to be around a lot of people you need to go ahead and check their temperatures with the machine . Folks with high temperatures should really never be allowed out in public. Thanks!
Polk	Recreation	Please reopen parks and beaches where Floridians can safely distance themselves while still enjoying God's creation.

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Martin	General	Opening the State of Florida and getting people working again is important. However, this needs to be done in a way that does not jeopardize public health. Please consult and listen to the health care professions. Also, please consider that it may be dangerous to rely on the number of positive tests and the number of unemployed at this time. Not everyone who is symptomatic has the ability to be tested. I have heard that this is because of the lack of testing kits and because the insurance companies will not cover testing certain people. Please look into this because if it's true then we will never have accurate data for our leaders to make sound decisions. Additionally, please keep in mind the unemployment rate is high in Florida and around the nation for many reasons. While most are probably legitimate, others are not. There are people who voluntarily chose to file for unemployment so they could receive $600 a week because this is more than they made before the COVID-19 crisis. It's unfortunate but it's happening.
Pinellas	General	Absolutely under no circumstances should we open the state until advised by medical experts and infectious disease experts. In fact, current restrictions are not enough. Your lack of action is costing Floridians lives

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Broward	Healthcare	The latest COVID-19 data shows that actions taken by federal, state, and local governments have been working and total cases will be far fewer than projected without such measures. Hospitals have built up stockpiles of PPE, ensured bed capacity (especially ICU beds), and implemented ventilator strategies to handle surge demand. Testing is key, and testing capabilities have dramatically improved in Florida. Models based on real-world data show much more mild growth than initially expected. As mitigation measures remain in place, hospitals are at record-low capacity, roughly 50% on average across the state. Deferral of urgent/non-elective surgery has occurred on a substantial level, even for urgent surgery categories. Patients need to regain access to this level of care for their well-being, along with the well-being of hospital systems and the healthcare workforce. Hospitals, physicians, and staff are struggling financially as a result of COVID-19. Major health systems across the state and country have announced layoffs or furloughs of employees due to the record-low patient volumes, further exacerbating the economic downturn. Getting back to caring for all patients is essential as many conditions worsen due to delays in scheduled surgeries, while others avoid seeking care for life-threatening, yet treatable conditions, due to fears of face-to-face medical interactions. Hospitals should be allowed to resume treating all patients provided they can demonstrate: Adequate PPE to manage COVID-19 and non-COVID-19 cases Adequate ICU and ventilator capacity and staffing Protections and processes in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19 for patients and caregivers in the healthcare setting Continued reporting of relevant data to state officials to ensure capacity is maintained as surgeries restart
Miami-Dade	Technology	Economic recovery has value and is important but human life is precious and is irreplaceable. Open the state ONLY when it is safe because otherwise everybody will pay for it. Simple people will pay with their lives, economy will not recover all the way because probably you will have to lock-down again and whoever made this hasty decision will never be elected again.

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Nassau	Tourism	I am concerned about the vacation rental ban and want to urge the Governor to lift it. I have a vacation rental and never even see my guests… they check in remotely with a code. My cleaning staff never sees them either. They are on their own completely away from contact with anyone other than themselves. It is frankly a perfect place to stay away from other people while still being able to enjoy Florida and SPEND MONEY on restaurant take out and other services and businesses that are open now. A hotel, on the other hand, has lots of people… guests and staff and usually a lobby and all sorts of public places. It's insane to think a hotel is safe and a private home isn't. I have a hard time understanding why the safest form of lodging in a private residence is banned while a large public place like a hotel is allowed to stay open. As a senior citizen, my vacation rental is the primary source of my income (IT'S MY SMALL BUSINESS) and I have been economically devastated … Why shouldn't I be able to make a living providing guests a safe, secure, secluded environment? Allowing a much more public, crowded setting like a hotel to remain open while I am banned, just doesn't make any sense. Please lift the vacation rental ban ASAP!
Duval	Healthcare	Please be mindful to not be rushed in opening all facilities where screening and non-essential exams are performed. I understand that our health is important, and the best screening practices prevent further necessary medical attention. However, screening exams could be delayed a bit longer than diagnostic exams since a few short weeks would not matter in the larger scheme of things. Specifically, optometrist, dental, mammography, and colonoscopies. (Emergencies excluded, of course) Thank you!
Polk	General	As a Florida resident for 22 years, I am in favor of reopening the state in a phased progression. Although that most likely means I still will not start working again, it does mean my child can leave the house to play baseball and see his friends. This will impact him for the rest of his life and I think by slowly allowing things like parks, etc to open will offer a small sense of normalcy. I'm discouraged by this states lack of empathy when it comes to the livelihood of our residents because the people we trust cannot figure out how to pay unemployment benefits. I have also been waiting for a month.
Collier	Food	Please for the love of all that is good open restaurants, stores and society again. If people don't feel comfortable they can stay home. All of our businesses are going bankrupt if you don't open it asap. This is total socialism there are less deaths then the regular flu. Please open up restaurants as stores so we don't all go bankrupt...
Hillsborough	Retail	This Pandemic Is Over. Let's Stop the Economic Suicide, and Get Back to Work. Hundreds shoulder to shoulder in Walmart, open the restaurants and churches with safe spacing!

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Orange	General	RE: The proposed reopening of the state of Florida as it relates to the Covid-19 global pandemic. It is far too soon to even announce that there is a plan in place to reopen our state. Until the numbers decline significantly more, it is not time. Until a significant increase in testing occurs, it is not time. Until reopening a single facet of our state will result in NOT ONE contraction of the virus, it is not time. As a state that relies heavily on the hospitality industry, we can not afford to subject our residents to travelers domestic or abroad until there is nearly no risk at all. Florida is and should always remain a safe and welcoming place for all to visit and relax without such an obvious risk. Thank you for your time. Jerry Coleman Orlando, FL
Hillsborough	Recreation	& Education. Both are essential! Please open the State & County parks. I'm watching my 1st. Grade grandchild who loves to be active gain weight because there is no place to go & be active. Being active also keeps us mentally & emotionally healthy. Education, e-learning in the 1st. Grade is also taking a toll on what are very formative years in a child's life. To go from "in the class" learning to e-learning basically in a very short time period also has had a major negative impact. In several ways, good Teachers in the school have an important role in the lives of young students. As well as the kids not being able to see & interact with there classmates.
Broward	Recreation	Please open beach, Quiet Waters Park, woofing Waters dog park. Just have the park rangers, lifeguards, police monitor the public to practice social distancing.
Clay	General	Opening the same way things where closed is ideal. Keep in mind that with their bing no school for the next 2 months, summer programs should use the month May to get their affairs in order to open up once parents have to go back to work.

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Jackson	General	I believe that reopening the state is a premature and harmful action. Without adequate preemptive testing of individuals on a large scale, the loss of human life could become an insurmountable obstacle in the fight to win against Covid-19. The economic loss will be far greater if Florida reopens now as opposed to leaving the stay at home orders in place. Without a proven vaccine or any other medically appropriate medication or testing, the spread would become unchecked and uncontrollable. Also, on the economy issue, the state's unemployment system is a complete and utter travesty. Attempted to complete an application online, more than a few times, only to have the system crash and burn. Completed the paper application and sent it. It's been 2 months. Haven't heard a damn thing yet... Governor DeSantis, do you honestly believe that reopening the state is a good idea at the present time before adequate testing is in place? I am a long time advid and staunch supporter of the Republican Party. I have become ever more disheartened by the aggressive actions of my political party to reopen the state. I fervently request you to reconsider this monumentally bad action.
Duval	Information	I think right now is not the time to re open Florida until the numbers drop from the covid19 I'm high risk because of health issues and I believe for the safety of Florida it shouldn't re open yet it's to soon I've seen the numbers of the cases in the state and we are nowhere ready until the numbers come down safer at home order should stay in effect until we see improvement thank you again
Hillsborough	General	We should get this virus under control before we even consider opening anything up. The city/county should keep the stay at home and social distancing rule in effect until we truly have this virus under control. Otherwise, I feel the number of cases will increase again and we will be right back where we started with this. The risk is too great. Air on the side of caution. Be safe now and not sorry later.

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Brevard	Healthcare	Good Afternoon Governor and Task Force Members, THANK You for what you have done (Gov) to keep the people of Florida Strong. My comments will be short but to the point. NO, I DO NOT think opening the state is the prudent thing to do. I think the decision is being based a LOT on pressure the Governor receives from business. In my area the peak has not even occurred yet it is being ignored with beaches opening along with some businesses. WHO CARES if it's tough!!! Our parents and grandparents got through the depression, so would we get through this ! Society has become wimps. Additionally - Why is the area of the barrier islands ie: Merritt Island and Cocoa Beach, Cocoa neglected so often? In this case Covid19. There is no testing location closer than a 45 minute car ride. A bus would take some 1 hour 30 min one way. There are MAN Y MANY people in these areas who a) don't drive, b) don't drive that far. Young and old. Why are there so many testing stations in other counties? If people in this area were being tested the statistics would be MUCH different. And for what it's worth, more thanks should be given to the OTHER HERO'S who continue to go to work every day and brave those who stand in their retail lines and operate essential businesses. They ARE hero's too! Hospital and First Responders know what they're walking into. The employee at Wal-mart stands their position not knowing what's walking through their line. She/He can't back up from a register when a customer unprotected walks up. Without them.... where do you get your toilet paper and other essentials? My humble opinion, Jim
Pinellas	General	I think we should wait until we have testing before we open up. I think we should listen to the doctor and not idiots who is telling us to Drink Lysol and Clorox and that other crap. And you listening to him is very bad for you politically. If you do open you should have strict orders to follow. 6 feet apart wear masks things to not be the way they were before. Not until it is safe again. Use some common sense. That includes beaches and parks. I have a friend four people from her family came from California Florida in March around the 10th they all got the virus and had to go to the hospital and we were very seriously ill. I'm not sure what happened cuz I haven't heard from her lately but this could have been prevented.. If you had took this seriously before maybe that wouldn't have happened. Don't listen to the president and he's killing people and when you listen to him you are killing people too. Also I want to know how we are going to vote in November. I know we have mail-in voting and that's the way I've been voting for years. I just want to know it's safe and we're doing that still. I want everyone to vote that way this year. I want it safe.
Lee	General	I do not think we should reopen right now. people haven't really been abiding by the social distance rules the way they should've been. In my opinion, if we reopen now, there will be more people infected with the Covid-19 virus.

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Collier	Professional Services	Let hairstylists that rent suites open! It's 1 stylist to one client in 100 sq foot room. We can make it work! 5 weeks, no unemployment and im broke! Let me work!
Hillsborough	Healthcare	Please do not re open the state. Simply put we are facing a crisis on a scale in which we have not previously encountered. It would be a crime against humanity to further expose the public to the virus in an attempt to stabilize the economy. Human beings are dying at an alarming rate and every day more of the global population becomes infected. The path to safety is long and vigorous. Many of us have to re frame our lives every morning. The possibility of infection. The potential of current unknown infection. These weigh heavy on the minds of those who do not have a choice. Those who are essential are already making a sacrifice for the public. Are we really going to let their names fade in vain? Reopening will only lead to a second mass infection. What a nightmare to have given your life to fight a virus and yet people still will not listen and continue to put the public at danger. Placing concerns over immediate finance over concerns for the public's health. Truly a sick nightmare we are living in. But it does not have to continue this way. we can adapt. We have the internet, the greatest networking tool of our time. All we have to do is put faith in the people of our state and grant them access to an economy that can be participated in from home. Stay at home work on a massive scale. We must rebuild the economy from home if we want to survive. Yes this is a matter of survival for many. We cannot ignore a body count that has already matched the American casualties of war. What would our ancestors say? We are at war with a virus. Adaptation is required of us all. Think back to those great wars of the past. Did the American people adapt? Or did they give up a battle of attrition, allowing the enemy to spread among the public? Please chose to be on the right side of history and save lives instead of destroying them.
Walton	Tourism	I have known many people in my life time. I can safely tell you a Gov DeSantis & Commission: We need to open Florida immediately, with very little to any restrictions. Why do I say this? Because it has become evident from the recent anti-body studies in NY, LA and Miami that the COVID virus is already much more widespread than the models assumed. Taking that into consideration, the hospitalization and death rates drop by AT LEAST a factor of 10. The economy is teetering on the point of depression, and this is entirely self inflicted. We need to admit that the data was flawed & we overreacted to it, and get back to business. What good will it do us if we stay quarantined, but the economy dies? Those with the virus or any other medical condition won't be able to receive care as our supply chain crumbles. We have wasted enough time and ruined enough lives. Let's get back to work. Those that are at greatest risk can and should take precautions to protect themselves, but let the rest of the state get back to our lives.
Lake	Retail	Open up our retail industry
Brevard	Healthcare	Are you people out of your minds ?? DO NOT RE-OPEN !!!

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Miami-Dade	Real Estate	It should open asap. People will be infected anyways and for the sake of sanity and well-being, please stop this madness and reopen the economy.
Lee	General	I think re-opening the state should begin with the places that draw the smaller crowds. In terms of places to open first through places to open last, I think re-opening the state should be as follows; 1, Small bars, especially that serve mostly liquor and chips. 2, Strip clubs. 3, Larger bars that serve food. 4, Gyms and fitness centers. 5, Restaurants. 6, Churches. 7, Nightclubs. 8, Beaches. 9, Schools. 10, Amusement/theme parks. 11, Large city events that attract a lot of crowds. 12, Stadiums and sporting events.
Seminole	General	4/25/2020. I would like the State to remain under " stay at home" orders until May 31. Then we can exit phase one correctly and move forward from there. It's one month, yet many lives more to lose. Thank you for all you have done. Except for the unemployment system. I hope it catches up and pays retroactively. Many have had to charge to get by. Retroactive means they can pay that debt back down. Please fix that system.
St. Lucie	Healthcare	I am a dental hygienist in St. Lucie County. In my profession of dental hygiene, we are consistently recognized as one of the highest risk occupations, as we deal with a high viral load. We are in close contact with our patients for extended periods of time. The use of ultrasonic instrumentation paired with an air-driven hand piece creates high levels of aerosols that linger in the air beyond when we introduce our next patient in the room. Not only does this put staff at risk, but our patients as well. I do believe in caring for our patients, but not at the expense of our own safety, health, and well-being. The mandate should be extended for all elective procedures in dentistry until there is adequate PPE, a massive upgrade to the standard of care, and a significant enough downward trend of the virus. I am in my second trimester of pregnancy and already had my financial plan mapped out for the year. As much as I would like to get back to work and earn the money that I intended to, I would rather be safe than create more devastating circumstances for the future.
Orange	General	I believe middle to end of May would be a good goal to open up Florida.. better now than later.. I feel Like would suffice the problem.
Palm Beach	Education	As a teacher I am nervous about opening schools until it is absolutely safe. My son has a heart condition and high blood pressure. He has Williams Syndrome. I can not contact the virus and bring home to him. I have older parents We need vaccine / test. Thank you

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Manatee	Healthcare	I have listened in on the commissioners meeting and found out that we have no test kits provided by the government and that we are forced to purchase them ourself for ManaTee county. I have also found out that we are trending up as opposed to rest of the Florida that is staying fairly stable and that trend may be attributed to our lack of testing in Manatee county. At this point I found out we are not even at 1% of population tested we are currently at 0.5%. if we were to safely reopen our Manatee county we need to do more testing we need the antibody rapid tests to ensure that workers taking care of our most vulnerable elderly residens in retirement homes are not endangering their charges. Considering we were way behind other states in USA as to closing down and slowing down the spread of covid19 I think we should not reopen too hastily. Or possibly just reopen certain counties that fit the CDC criteria for reopening and to not just pick and choose certain counties that fit the criteria and open the whole state by default.
Broward	Tourism	Be prudent and re-open (but only if you believe the health care system can handle a spike/increase).
Sarasota	Food	I am the office manager for a small locally owned restaurant. As you are well aware, the virus has hit hospitality & restaurants particularly hard. While I want to jump on the "reopen" bandwagon - I fear that if we do so too soon, before the public is ready, it will destroy our business. We are hanging on right now by a thread. The carryout/to go push is tenuous, but we are making enough to pay the basics. In order to commit to dine-in service, our costs will increase. If we cannot regularly achieve 25-30% occupancy, we will lose too much money. Yet, if we don't open when others do, we will lose our well-trained staff to restaurants that are open. We are not alone with this concern, several friends at other restaurants have suggested the same to me. I know that's the "wrong" answer - that we are supposed to be eager to get back to work, to have our staff back, to get back to normal. It's not that I don't want those things - I do! - I just fear that we will lose the business if we open too soon. We need to make sure that consumer confidence is high when we reopen. If not, we will lose countless business to a lack of business.

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Polk	Healthcare	I live in the City of Lake Wales, which gets no local news. I have been following the social distancing since New York started. (i am a native floridian btw and moved here from Ft. Lauderdale 3 years ago). Gov Cuomo seemed to be the only one taking Covid transmission seriously. Anyway, here in Lake Wales, i am convinced that the cases will rise. Only about half are practicing whats needed to protect others. We have a tiny 'medical center' and i am sure it will be overwhelmed at some point. I am convinced that central florida will see an increase if the 're-open florida' is implemented and those from the coasts start passing thru here again. I think, because there is no REAL access to news in Lake Wales, people will just think 'oh we dodged a bullet', and there will be even less compliance in the guidelines. I have no insurance, no family, no help and and over 60 years old. This has been hard enough, please dont open until the scientists say its okay. PLEASE (please remember that there are some that 'just dont get it', and we need officials that do whats right for ALL of us.) Thank you.
Duval	Food	I can't afforded paying 13-20 employees without any helps! Even though all kind of grant and loan out there. We got nothing they support all big company we too small to speak. I want to be on my own but not rely on anyone. We promise to follow all the safety including the social distances .
Brevard	General	Don't open until half of Florida has been tested.
Brevard	Information	There is too much conflicting information floating around to justify a continued shut down of the economy. For example, I see the antibody testing in Brevard County reveals only 1% of residents have the antibody. What does that mean? It means we are nowhere near herd immunity, which, I believe is the only available remedy at the moment. It certainly appears we are ruining our economy for no reason. I would like to see the State re-opened. Older and/or high risk individuals have been repeatedly warned. Everyone knows. It's very painful to watch the economy collapse. Let the people decide whether or not they want to return to work. It should be their choice.
St. Johns	General	I support opening up FL for residents as quickly as possible with restrictions on tourism at first. Let's get back to work, back to life. If we don't open soon I see a rise in crime, suicide, domestic violence and physical and mental abuse and depression. People are already losing their jobs. People will lose their homes and not be able to provide food for their families. Education of our childrem will suffer. We have flattened the curve. We can't eradicate the virus by continuing to stay home until there s a vaccine. We don't stay home during flu season. We need a reason to live. We need to see our friends and families. We need to be able to.visit our families in care facilities. We need to go to the dentist, have that surgery to ease our pain, attend weddings and funerals and graduations and proms and sporting events and concerts. We need to travel again. We need to sit on the beach and calm ourselves with the beaury of the ocean and the sounds of the surf. If people are scared to go out or compromisd we need to let them make that choice as others choose to go on with their lives. The numbers just don't support the continued lockdown and it's dire consequences. Our rights to free will ae being taken from us. People will start fighting back. The virus is much less scary than losing our freedoms.

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Palm Beach	General	Open the state of Florida with NO RESTRICTIONS ON MAY 1st!
Hillsborough	General	I am 43 years old, born, and raised in Tampa. I think a common sense approach to reopening needs to take place. Let businesses all business, parks, beaches amusement parks, movie theaters etc open. We will have more long term suffering of unemployment and recession staying closed. If business and people are scared to go out that's fine and we can still practice safety in public. Open schools in fall and offer e learning. Some kids will go some may not. We are supposed to be a free society. Have businesses offer work from home if their job allows and the employee doesn't feel safe at their place of employment. Sports without fans to start. Retail diners etc open to limited seating capacity at first then increase. Same with beaches gyms amusement parks etc. Let the business decide how and when to reopen and the public to decide to go or not. Sports starting without fans would be huge for a lot of people to stay at home and social distance. We need something else other than Netflix.
Collier	Professional Services	Reopen all business and public facilities now and let people live and earn incomes again
Hillsborough	General	Honestly in my opinion the state should stay the same as we are now but let us go back to work as long as it's within the order limits because we do have a family to take care of the government is not gonna pay our bills landlords are not gonna let us live here for free so it's important that we get back to work keep the social distance as it is limited access to things keep the food curbside ksut as we are now but allowed to get back to work
Polk	Accommodation	Is the short term rental ban going to expire on April 30 or will it be extended?
Brevard	General	It's too soon to return to business as usual. There has only been a fraction of our population that has been tested, and many of the anti-body tests are, as has been reported, likely to not be accurate. It's the old "if you give an Inch, they'll take a mile" routine ... some people are likely to treat everything as if nothing has happened if we open too soon. And we are likely to have to close all over again --- see the 1918 pandemic -- then we're really in trouble. I don't know the timeline, but my God, man ... act on the side of what has been working; do not bow to political pressure. Our lives are in your hands.

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Orange	General	Until there is a much higher percentage of the FL population which has been testing for live virus and antibodies from contracting the virus, so we have a chance of understanding the community spread of SARS-Cov-2, Florida is not ready to open. According to the John Hopkins COVID-19 dashboard as of 4/25/20 1:31pm, Florida has conducted 319,038 tests out of an estimated 22,000,000 population -- 1.5% of the population. Find me a handful of respected epidemiologists who will put their reputation on the line to say that is enough testing of the population before starting to try transitioning back to normal. Until the medical professionals say we are ready, all that will be accomplished by re-opening Florida will be the same thing which occurred in the 1918 influenza pandemic. A second wave of infections with a higher casualty count than the first wave. Additionally a harder economic impact to small businesses who tried to open but due to the rules for the loans they received from the Federal government, are expected to start paying the bills that were on hold during the stay-at-home order as well as making payments to repay the Federal loan. Any elected official who ignores the medical professionals and pushes to re-open the state, I expect to see every one of them without any PPE shaking the hands of every person who is part of the re-opening charge of the light brigade.
Osceola	Healthcare	I currently work in one of our local Emergency rooms and I have for the last 15 years and this is the first time ever that I have been in fear of loosing my job. Ok have seen 40% of our staff furloughed or as they are calling in it in our hospital system “redeployment” , we are seeing record low census but if for some reason tomorrow we were to get a surge of PT die to this virus or any other reason we would not have the staff to care for them ! Since administration decided to start from the bottom up instead from the top down so at least the actual care takers would be here to take care of the sick. Instead we have all these healthcare workers at home hoping that they get a call back to come to work but we still have all of our CNO’s , CEO’s , CFO’s ! They have all managed to keep their jobs while the people that actually do the taking care of are being sent home.
Hillsborough	Administrative	I do not think any business should be opened until end of May. This is the only way to stop the spread and get this under control. The sooner businesses ate open the more this virus. Will spread

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Sarasota	General	I want to urge Governor DeSantis to reopen Florida immediately. Since the virus data shows that senior people with pre-existing conditions are most susceptible, and that the mortality rate is very close to influenza, the state should be opened now! Our freedoms granted by God and our Constitution, have been extremely affected and it's time to reverse this gross imposition. Those citizens that are particularly susceptible to illness should continue to protect themselves with appropriate measures, but our Constitutional Rights should be restored ASAP! Sincerely, Larry Adams
Hillsborough	General	People need to go back to work. Businesses need to reopen too. Social distance as necessary, wearing masks, gloves, and/or take temperature as needed.
Bay	Tourism	I am a Missouri resident who recently purchased a condo in PCB last August. These are scary times for everyone. Badly behaved spring breakers led to the shutdown of our beaches, which is a shame for the rest of us. They brought this awful virus home to their families and spread it to the good people in Florida. The saddest part is, the beach can be one of the healthiest environments for people to enjoy due to the natural UV rays, fresh air and plentiful room for social distancing. I believe that reopening the beaches with enforcement of reasonable social distancing will be a good thing for people's health as well as a very necessary financial boost for the tourism industry that keeps places like PCB thriving. It saddens me that so many condo owners are having to sell or let employees go, due to the inability to rent their properties. I think that even with the beaches open to everyone, enforcement of rules regarding responsible behavior will be the key issue. As a new owner, I not only worry about being able to retain our property, but fear that the management company we contract with will no longer be able to maintain it. I have a daughter who works in an ICU with Covid-19 patients, and I have a background in healthcare so I am well aware of the dangers. I see the Florida beaches as a potential place of healing and wellness, if everyone cooperates and adheres to the CDC guidelines.
St. Johns	Food	I work in the food service industry in the downtown area of where I live. I have concern going back to work worrying that it may be too early. Although there are safety procedures that could be put in place, there is no denying the spread of the virus will increase with business and tourism returning to normal. I only want to go through this shutdown once, so we should do it the right way and not rush back. I feel a second shutdown of everything would be much more devastating to the state/ country.

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Miami-Dade	General	Florida should not reopen until medical experts have determined that it is safe (even if that means we have to stay quarantined for several more months). After it is determined safe to reopen, a phased reopening with medical and science based guidance would be best. Even after reopening we should continue with required social distancing and mask requirements, and encourage employers to continue with remote work where possible. Also, we need to prepare schools for potential distance learning in fall.
Broward	Professional Services	The state needs to be re-opened. This closure is economically unsustainable and people need to get to work again. They need to go on with life. As the statistics show, the curve has flattened and there is no reason to keep the state closed.
Bay	General	I definitely think and feel we should still stay on lockdown for another 30 days- schools are shut down- daycares are shut down and need to stay shut down. Our city feels like it is open for the most part. Restaurants are doing curb side pick up and delivery. You can go to the beach limited hours. Grocery stores are open - wear a mask- I do think because cases are still on the rise we need to keep the measures that are in place in full force- until we see a decline in our state and all states. I am a single mother, now laid off and am waiting just for unemployment to hit and the additional federal funds to make ends meet. But, I do feel the safety of my children is far more important than the dollar of going into an office with multiple people and contact with others, let alone bringing my children into a daycare facility. It is just not happening. Safety and health first. Not worth risking.

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Pinellas	General	Dear All, One huge component left out in the crisis is NOT teaming up w/ the Natural/Organics industry for solutions in all realms! There is a lot we can do and bring to "the virus," table to solve and remedy this epidemic! From food/drink, antioxidant supplements, to PPE solutions! And so many more! Integrative medicine! My GF "compounded," with Bayer aspirin using feverfew! Remember COD LIVER OIL? Vit C and Scurvy? I think we have an antioxidant deficiency when we become ill w/ the virus et. al. We call it- "bio- identifiable!" What the body recognizes it will utilize in a beneficial way. If not--- then all types of problems may occur! **We need to get ahead of the curve not behind it! We need to look at other cities/countries as to what is working and not- have a team(s), that divides up the states and the countries- COVID-19 researchers! Prevention is the key to our success and survival! Communicate- by e-mail, phone, text, TV, print, and smoke signal! Thank you for offering this as we are- One Tribe! One World! Rachelle Roach,MA,MNT,CADAAA,CCS **Why don't we have a State wide warning system/alert for weather? Like we have in Colorado for Tornado's etc?
Hernando	General	Open us up!! It has been long enough, the food lines are getting longer and the chance for this country to recover from this financially is getting shorter!! People should be free to go out and resume a somewhat normal life and those that have health issues and the elderly should stay home until they are comfortable going out. Our attention and care should be focused on that group. I am beginning to think that many of the elected officials in this coutry want to keep us shut down until the government is no longer accountable to us but, we are accountable to them!! That terrifies me so much more than the virus!!

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Pasco	General	I support reopening because the original intent of the shut down was to help our health system handle the surge. We have more bed space now than prior to the virus outbreak according to the stats the governor shared. Our temp hospitals are empty. We are now overreacting because the initial models and forecasts were inaccurate. The reaction was based on fear of the theoretical models, and some even assumed social distancing. They weren't based on actual data then because actual data wasn't available yet, but we have it available now and it shows this is similar statistically to the flu. We don't react this way to the flu, because it's not a practical response to the risk. The actual death rate will be even lower when you consider the studies of extrapolated data that show how many cases there actually were/are that are not included in the total cases data. Stanford medical and others did a study on this. Additionally, the death count is likely inflated some due to presumptive causes, but even with the inflation the actual death rate is similar to flu if you factor in the total cases not counted. The distancing is not safe for our immunity. It is weakening our immunity and will cause higher disease and sickness if we continue. Our bodies need to interact with people to build our immunity. We build immunity as we are exposed to germs and bacteria, not by putting ourselves in a bubble. This is scientifically sound. Even a newborn builds immune system as it is exposed to more germs and bacteria, not by being placed in a bubble. Please re-open before we do more damage. Suicides, poverty, mental issues/stress, sexual and domestic assault risk continues to increase as we are shutdown.
Highlands	General	It is understandable that the Governer is trying too reopen. Our state is in a financial crisis as is the world right now. Not a great move to do so with even beaches. We all understand the impact covid-19 has had on the economy, as well as people's jobs and the monetary impact everyone is suffering right now. This is a medical issue and the experts should be in control if safe to start getting back to a normal life. More and more cases of the illness and deaths go up every day. People are still not social distancing, not wearing masks and not seeming to consider that their family could be next in line to get sick. This is a virus that affects everyone and not just one race, which statistics are publishing recently! This virus does not discriminate as apparent around the world! There is no cure yet! Instead of the political power playes, why can't all the governors get together and face this with one plan across every state. If coming together had been approached from the onset, this virus may have had less of an impact!
Miami-Dade	Administrative	Reopening the state of Florida so soon will be a big mistake. It's important to put the lives of our people ahead of the state's economic interests. Although I do understand the frustration many businesses are having due to the closure, people's lives are more important at the end of the day. This virus is still out there and will not be gone until extreme, longer social distancing laws and/or a full statewide closure is put into place.
Broward	Real Estate	That is a TIME TO OPEN BROWARD COUNTY...THERE IS ALMOST 0 CHANCES TO GET ALL OF THE PEOPLES AROUND TO GET SICK ,BUT MOST PEOPLES HERE LOST A JOB AND THAT IS WORSTED THEN ANYTHING ELSE.

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Orange	General	Please re-open florida. No reason why you can't, the numbers just done add up to keep us closed. My opinion is that we shouldn't have closed down. Should have just had guidelines or restricted the number of people in one place.
Martin	General	Please allow permanent Florida residents to re-enter the Keys ASAP, and before opening to out of state tourists. I'm retired and I spend most of my time living on my boat in Marathon. However, I have a condo in Stuart and my drivers license has my Stuart address. Even though I spend most of my time living in Marathon, I'm not allowed into the Keys because I'm technically not a Monroe county resident. I'm not a tourist, Marathon is my 2nd home. Please allow us to get back to our boat (2nd home) in Marathon!! Thank you, Duncan Giddens
St. Lucie	Healthcare	You need 2 things before you can even think of re-opening the state. Massive testing and provide a supply of REAL masks for everyday people. "Face coverings" are useless and just give people a false sense of security.
Seminole	General	Opening of Florida I don't think they should consider opening Florida until the number of cases of positive Corona go down and the number of deaths start going down. Once that happens, then they should wait at least two to three weeks to make sure it's still is on a decline. If you go back to soon it's going to Skyrocket back up again. If you open Florida up to early, people are going to Slack on social distancing and start forgetting about the Virus. They will start getting into crowds where they're going to start spreading it again. If it takes 2 weeks from the time they are near someone that has it and to test positive, then we need to stay closed.It's better to be safe than sorry. Thankyou Sincerely, Tina Saile
Miami-Dade	Retail	i think we should re open Florida . Florida is one of the big population states with very low covid-19 cases i think because of the spreed of population that is why we can afford to re open with precautions like mandatory face masks 6 feet social distance and more. the alternative is economic disaster for years which will lead to many other deaths that will surpass the covid-19 casualties
Pinellas	General	It is too soon to reopen the state of Florida. We have not started flattening the curve significantly on a consistent basis, we have not provided testing for most of our residence. Let's wait to see how our neighboring States do for about 3-4 weeks then re evaluate. Our State is a tourist State, we do not want to open up then having others from surrounding States come in and increase our infection rate. Wait and assess. Be Smart!

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Clay	General	I feel that we are not taking this illness serious enough. We still have counties that have a large number of people contracting this and dying. Yes it is hard for the economy however you are subjecting people who have done their best to keep themselves in their homes to avoid catching this disease but when you reopen everything you are helping this virus reach those who havent gotten it yet and also subjecting those who have gotten it to get it again. Duval county is already having people that are being retested to test positive over again. Meaning they haven't gotten the antibodies to help fight this illness off. I think we need to look at the other countries and see how they are handling this because they have been closed longer than 30 days or even 45 days. I am someone with a compromised immune system and I really feel like the State of Florida is only worrying about 1 thing and that is not the wellbeing of the people. We need more testing facilities and we should have had stricter orders in place like Italy did then we might have seen this plateau earlier. I feel we need to listen to medical experts when it comes to reopening states not the people making a fit because they want their beaches open their gyms their fast food restaurants their entertainment because I feel they dont want to be home with their families or dont want to have to cook. Please lets take our time. We need to fix the unemployment to were those people are able to get online do what they need to and then pay them appropriately and on time. There are some people that didnt get a stimilus check because their corrupt parents claimed them as a dependent even though they didn't pay for them not even half but that stopped them from receiving it for themself and their child or children. There are people out there like that that got over looked when it came to this package maybe reach out to those people. See how you can help them but we need to wait to see if they can get a vaccine before setting everyone free to run about and pass this on again and the next time around could be worse than this time. I know this is kind of all over the place but that is pretty much my ideas about this and maybe we could come up with solutions.
Polk	General	It is time to open up. I know the coronavirus is real, but we are being scammed by the media and democrats. They don't want anything to open so the economy will tank, because they hate Trump so much. Several doctors are saying that staying home isn't helping anything. The malaria pill is helping huge amount of people and the sun kills the virus.
Hillsborough	General	I am the child of a microbiologist who worked for the federal government in bacteriological warfair. I was brought up to know not to touch your face when out in public and to wash your hands thoroughly. I think the state should open up and people should make decisions for themselves because that's what the USA stands for. As usual the 5% that can't follow the rules should not be influencing the 95% that can.
Bay	Tourism	I don’t believe it’s time to open vacation rentals yet as our locals don’t even follow rules and at 12:00 pm today people were still out on the beach! Our numbers are still going up and I believe it’s in the best interest of everyone involved we hold off till maybe May 15th and check numbers again!

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Manatee	General	The economy and a general return to work is far less important to retired senior citizens, who make up 25% of Florida's population. Without extreme care and diligence, employers and employees haphazardly returning to work can only increase the virus transmission risk to, and extend the isolation of, the 25% elderly. We do not trust that a general return to work at one time will result in the level of care and diligence that is necessary to protect our lives. We are full time tax paying residents and are the economic base/basis for the existence of the tourism industry. I fear we older residents owning homes and senior citizens in elderly care centers are being thrown under the bus as collateral damage in order to save a service and tourism industry.
St. Johns	Food	Hello Governor Desantis; I believe that in your heart you know that opening the state of a florida after 30 days is very dangerous and very reckless to every residents health. I am an Executive Chef at a restaurant in St Augustine FL. I believe as a manager over staff and responsible over my patrons that I would very scared to have people back in the restaurant fully engaged in activities. We should extend for another 30 days and do a soft reopen of business in June. With step by step guidelines coming not from politicians but by your state surgeon general and with guidance from Dr. Fauci. This is NOT ok and acceptable that you closed beaches late and now opening it up earlier then you closed it. My grandpa is 95 and elderly and in danger of getting hurt by this disease. Also my uncle is diagnosed with COVID 19 and is very sick now. You should not open up the state and I think people gathering in restaurants, theme parks and malls would be cause a resurgence in outbreaks in the state. The poll shows now that 75 percent of Florida residents say that extended orders need to be extended until further notice. I would not even give a date. I would extend until TBA which allows you to make a decision and not be held to a certain date. You must choose science over ego because if you open and everyone get sick again it will be on you. As a manager I know that St Augustine will suffer more because if you allow the state to open next week. People will not come to the restaurant causing us to be open for no reason wasting money on food cost, labor and utilities. Then you going to have businesses that will refuse to open anyway Florida is a tourist state and St Augustine a tourist city people will be afraid to travel and basically you will have businesses open for nothing. Keep it closed get it right and make sure a proper plan is in place for June or July. Plus hurricane season is coming as well. People will remember how you handle this Emergecy when they go to vote for you in the next election. We are watching you the people have spoken 75 percent said to extend that’s 75 percent of your voters that have to re-elect you when that time comes. We will remember if you listened to us or you went on ego. You are responsible to US not Donald Trump. We will be the one at the polls he will not be. Please make you choose science and people first I trust you will choose the people over politics. I’ve been out of work 6 weeks and
Miami-Dade	Education	Schools are of most comcern with classrooms being over populated how can we control 6 and 7 yr olds .

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Volusia	General	I am afraid that if one area or county opens for business, because incident rate is lower, others nearby will flock to that area. Systematically open businesses that are not likely to draw crowds, or can work by appointment. Have all stores keep or implement one way aisles, this is a great idea for those that have done it. Control the flow of foot traffic. Keep social distancing in effect until data shows it is less likely to contract. Separate new test data from retest data. New test / positive by day. Retest / negative.
Hillsborough	Healthcare	Follow federal government stage 1 guidelines
Polk	General	Open everything up!! Do you realize how this going to effect our economy in the months to come?! All are extremely aware of keeping distance, washing hands,etc. Open the parks, boating ramps, docks, salons, restaurants, all small business, department stores! What was considered “essential “ is just picking and choosing who should and should not close. Personally I think it was overkill to begin with! So again I say, let us open for business!
Hillsborough	Healthcare	My comment: "I understand that businesses are struggling, but Florida has yet to see a 14-day decline of COVID-19 cases and prematurely opening only opens up the state to future spikes of Coronavirus and more death, not to mention having to close again the future. Some people say 1,000 deaths is not much compared to other states, but in any other scenario 1,000 deaths would be considered a massive case of failure and incompetence by our government leaders and it is. The delay to release unemployment benefits have plagued Floridians financially and push them up against a wall to either work and die or starve. It shouldn't be this way, Florida could provide rent relief and more aid to consumers and small businesses. I listened to a number of the task force meetings and many leaders expressed concerns with consumer sentiment and safety, yet we are already proceeding to open beaches and to seriously consider re-opening when we have over 30,000 confirmed cases in 2 months with barely any testing. So many suggestions about how to protect workers and make people feel nice, but nothing concrete and no oversight seem like a recipe made for failure. Are those customers going to magically come back? Will Florida's travelers just show back up? It's a pipe dream from people who refuse to accept the reality that a killer virus is ravaging the world including many in our own home state. I am sure business leaders are the most aware of this ignorance. No, we will not be taking a vacation in Florida. We will be trying to not starve and not die from a deadly virus. That is the reality. The sooner the government and these businesses realize it, the sooner we can make a real plan that is grounded in science and not on the pockets of corporations profits over people. Florida has inadequate testing and does not to seem to be seriously trying to trace cases and stop them. What will stop us from becoming a hot spot? Why aren't businesses more concerned about that? You will not operate if your town becomes a town filled
Collier	General	REOPEN FLORIDA COMPLETELY ALL AT THE SAME TIME NOW. We are citizens who are free to make our own decisions of whether to stay at home or not. This freedom is OUR RIGHT to make.....NOT THE GOVERNMENT. Stop this tyranny!

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Bay	Tourism	You did a disservice to many when you closed rentals of condos in PCB. Many invested their life savings into these condos. We pay yearly taxes and monthly dues along with mortgage payments. Not only did I have to pay what I owed to the great state of Florida but I had living expenses to keep me and my family alive. Rental income would have helped tremendously. People could social distance on the beach and in our condos. I understand you did what you felt was best but it hurt tremendously to the hard working middle class of America. Please reopen . Thank you for hearing me out.
Hillsborough	General	Please reopen restaurants. The businesses and servers are going belly up. We can be adults and take our precautions as we feel necessary. If someone has age or health issues that make them a risk, then they can continue working from home without penalty. Masks are a good first step and restricting numbers also. Thanks Gov D !
Lake	General	I believe it is time to get areas with low Covid19 impact back to work. I an accountant and see many small businesses hit hard to the point they may never recover. Those who are highly susceptible should self isolate for a bit to wait and see the result of a soft opening.
Duval	Healthcare	One day we will have the economic strength back but until then it should be mandatory that every citizen get tested/to have a better control of the potential flair up areas. Forget about inconvenience,boredom. Continuing education is accessible on line but if you have love ones with the virus that is total separation,not to mention if death occurs. It is heartbreaking to have loved ones passed away without their family and friends around them, and also to give a decent burial. Governor, politicians, layperson, would you like that to happen in your family? Are you really aware of the stress placed upon first res ponders, doctors, nurses and the medical field in general? This is like committing mass murder on citizens. Test, test, test and then open. How do I know that the people out there serving me is not infected/and is unaware of it. This is serious, do not play with people's lives. Think seriously before you act.
Seminole	General	I worry about it being too early to open back up. Our second highest day of infection was 2 days ago. I work in personal care and do not have the luxury of social distancing.
Collier	General	I think history will show shutting down the economy over the virus was a huge mistake based on faulty and biased data. All restrictions, which hopefully the courts will rule were unconstitutional in the first place, should be lifted immediately.

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Pinellas	Healthcare	I beg of the state as a young man who wants to go back to work as much as the next person to please hold on reopening the state and extending the shut down further. I work in a healthcare office specifically an eye doctors. We are very close to patients faces and I know that my job will be providing minimal PPE, no N95 masks and if reports show even if you have full PPE people in healthcare are still testing positive, getting sick and fighting for their lives. We as healthcare workers that are outside of a hospital unless it's on an emergency basis do not need to be seeing standard patients at this time. We are also more at risk to bring this deadly virus that has killed so many in our state home to our families, wives, husbands and children. The shut down needs to hold. This needs to be done to govern the virus as much as possible and to make sure there will be no spikes in the virus, so we can flatten the curve and return to a somewhat normal way of life in the sun. Please make your decision to reopen this state not thinking about the economy but think about what would happen if you or your loved ones got sick and were dying in a hospital alone and scared without you or you without them. Think of the other states that have extended their stay at home orders and are doing the right thing by thinking of the people and not just flipping the switch. I beg you please keep us home and safe!
Palm Beach	General	Please allow access to parks, beach, and golf courses, with smart distancing and cleaning protocols. It's not any different than walking on a sidewalk or boardwalk and people need to just exercise some good judgement as adults here. Thx.
Palm Beach	Recreation	I need to get my boat out in the ocean to do some fishing. This is a critical time for good fishing. My boat is in the Boynton Beach Inlet Park Marina. I see no reason why my Wife and I cannot get out and fish, we would be several miles off shore. I know there are a lot of idiots that do not follow the glide lines for the virus but why do we all need to suffer!!! The responsible ones should be able to get out and relax from all this stress!!. Also the County will not even let me clean the bottom of my boat, that will cost me two to three times as much once I can get it cleaned. Plus there is always the chance if left unclean there maybe other damage from the barnacles and oysters clinging to the bottom.
Pasco	General	My home town on Long Island has been hit hard. I just talked to some relatives and they said "It's making it's way down there". And I said, "I know, but the idiots sown here are now saying they are opening everything back up". Of course it's the people from the pa[R]ty that caused all this to be 90% worse than it should have been. Along with screwing up the unemployment compensation. I'll never ever vote Republican on anything and tell everyone I see the same. And I'm Independent.

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Bay	Education	I work in our school district, most of my job works with preschool aged children and their families. I am a parent of three teenagers. All who are very active in sports and other activities. With that said, I don't believe reopening the state right now is the best idea. Our testing is still limited, and without knowing how many people have it by are asymptomatic, we are not only risking our own citizens, we are risking the health of those who come to visit our state. I know we rely heavily on tourism, but if contact tracing of someone who got infected leads back to a resort, theme park, or beach area, it will cause a huge domino affect in tourism. Follow the federal guidelines, rely on the models that show we are still farther out from being ready, and allow more testing for those who may only have a few symptoms. Our state is not ready to be fully open.
Citrus	Recreation	I manage a small park for SWFMD. It is beyond me why parks were ever closed while the Lowe's and Walmart parking lots look like "Black Friday" each and every day. Yet the covid rate ticks up ever so slowly. It is my belief that the virus has already passed through this area last Dec/Jan. But we can never be sure of that until the antibody test becomes widely available. But it seems The CDC will never allow that. Why is unclear. The peak has past and the hospitals are near empty. I say open everything up until everybody has been exposed and complete the "herd immunity". My thoughts
Osceola	General	You have violated our rights and civil liberties under the Constitution of America. Reopen all religious places immediately. Masks and gloves should be optional. End social distancing immediately. You need to have are least 1 person from the general public from each county on the task force so that the governor and the tadk force receives honest feedback from the public. All elected officials should immediately stopped taking a salary and feed it back into unemployment; make this retroactive from the date of the official shutdown. Suspend property taxes indefinitely; once the state is back up and running smoothly the state can reinstate property taxes; no penalties for non payment and no seeking back taxes. Make sure all small businesses are afforded the necessary financial relief. Theme parks and sports should be the last thing to reopen. Reopen all medical facilities including hospitals, and doctors office immediately. And, above all else admit to the public the virus is NOT as bad as originally announced and that there is 97% recovery rate; the flu is worse, cancer is worse.
Washington	Government	I think all businesses should be allowed to re-open as long as they are able to maintain the 6ft distance requirement. We have to open the economy at this point. There are too many people struggling and Americans are able to use common sense and self awareness to make decisions based on what is best for their family, not the government.

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Hillsborough	Management	Opening FL with social distancing protocols, restaurants and brewerys at 50% capacity and opening non essential business with same measures should be sufficient. People have had time to become educated on what it takes to go out in public. There should be no reason to continue a lock down. If people want to stay home, they can but we have to get people back to work and the economy going again.
Lake	General	My husband has diabetes and I am considered “healthy”. If I go to work, I will bring the virus home to him and he has the potential to get very sick. Taking temperatures does not matter since in recent news, patients with COVID did not even have a temperature. If unemployment was being paid, people would be able to go out and go shopping to stimulate the economy.
Palm Beach	Recreation	I work as a scuba instructor, and even though I've been out of work for the last month I believe it is too soon to reopen Florida to outside visitors and close contact activities.
Pinellas	General	Please wait to start reopening Florida until the end of May. Reopening should be done slowly. Require all people to wear masks. Public education should not reopen until the end of the summer, only if data shows that data numbers of COVID have gone way down.
Pinellas	Recreation	Please do not open the pools and beaches. While people in the community may want to access them, it’s going to cause a surge in the number of visitors to Florida. This is going to increase the number of cases we have, and infect the residents of the beach communities. Please keep us safe - keep the pools and beaches closed.
Polk	General	In regards to covid 19. It is now evident that the virus will be here a long time and the shut down of our state is doing harm to the economy as well as the mental health and well being of the citizens. It is time to open the state to normal activities not a new normal not a slow transition. The medical community is equipped to handle it and we can still continue to protect those most vulnerable by continuing their quarantine. Please listen to this video by doctors on the front line and their findings. Thank you. https://youtu.be/xfLVxx_IBLU
Bay	Tourism	I think everyone understands the medical risks involved with this virus. It has been beat into our heads day and night on every media platform there is. Meanwhile, our economy is on the verge of collapse. I own a small business and I am maybe 2 weeks from being done. I retired from public service as a law enforcement officer and spent the last 10 years of my life building a restaurant to fulfill my dream and to leave something for my son. Open the economy back and let the people use their own common sense in assessing their own risk and deciding whether they should go our in public or not.
Palm Beach	Recreation	All of the following with continued distancing guidelines 1) golf courses, public and private should reopen. All golfers should be required to walk (no golf carts). 2) all state and county parks should reopen. Smaller parks/playgrounds should remained closed for now.
Pasco	Tourism	Open Florida’s State Parks - people will maintain social distancing- keep restrooms and pavilions closed- but allow self-contained RV camping. Our parks need our dollars and we need the nature our tax dollars pay for. Parents need a place and space for kids to run and we all need to stay healthy.

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Lee	General	I am writing concerning the reopening of Ft. Myers Beach , Lee County Florida. Do to the escalating number of hospital admissions and escalating number of daily deaths In Lee County..... versus the Presidents Guidelines of a 14 day steady decline in these numbers .....it is not advisable to open Lee County , Sanibel or Ft. Myers Beach/ Estero Island at this time. To do so will mean that this virus will continue to spread. At this time our country's health professionals all advise that the state of Florida will not be healthy enough to reopen until mid June..... I urge you to please consider what science and and Dr.Fouci strongly recommend and that is to follow the 14 day rule that the numbers must steadily decline which is not happening at this time. If you move to fast we will just have to repeat on this all again.
Marion	Professional Services	If business can follow social distancing guidelines they should be able to open in order to support their livelihood. The task force should figure out a way that there is oversight to ensure everyone's health and safety.
Seminole	General	We cannot even consider opening the economy until we know how many cases we have and that the numbers are falling. , we also need an accurate antibody test to see who has had it. Once we know our cases are falling we can reopen businesses that can perform their functions without ,close personal contacts e.g. auto repair, retail store pickups, yard services, construction. Gyms, hair salons massage parlors, dine in restaurants must remain shuttered until new cases reach the bottom of the curve. Face covering in public should be mandatory
Broward	General	Every day the number of cases increase in South Florida , so how is that safe to open everything up? I understand that there is more testing being done which could account for the rise in cases, but the death count continues to rise and that is not because of ramped up testing. Of course we'd all like to get back to normal but let's do it safely without going backwards and having many more people infected or die!
Polk	General	Please do not endanger people just to re-open the economy. The large majority of people are AGAINST opening the economy. While it is a tough time for everyone involved, opening the economy earlier than necessary for health reasons would damage the economy more than it would help it. If we re-open, inevitably (backed by scientific data models) we will have another outbreak and will have to go into quarantine or risk the impacts that were seen in NYC or Italy. This costs businesses so much money because they would have to re-start their businesses only to shut them down again. The BEST thing you can do for us is get the unemployment money to the hundreds of thousands of Floridians who are struggling without paychecks right now.

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Brevard	General	The state should reopen when it is safe to do so. People that have been out of work shouldn't be forced back into an unsafe environment because they have to pay bills and unemployment is non functional. Single parents of children are also having a terrible time. I agree schools should remain closed the remainder of the year, but what help is there for parents of these children we can't leave home alone and have few options for sitters in the time of social distancing. Stay closed until we know what's best and move cautiously.. but on the unemployment from enough is enough. its time to bust out the rubber stamp. to many people have been left high and dry in the worst time possible because this is how floridas unemployment was designed to work...to frustrate people into not seeking benefits. the DEO's inability to solve the problem calls for a rash solution. Auto approve all the claims as a solution to the 6 weeks of unsatisfactory action and asking people to wait. No more. we are starving and following the damn rules and there is no help for us.
Volusia	Education	As the mother of an asthmatic child, please, consider how vulnerable children are right now. It scares me to think of people just going right back to "normal" and the possibilities of reinfection or a worse 2nd wave. People don'e understand this virus. Let's take the 1000+ deaths here in Florida as a reason to be cautious and learn more about it before finding our "NEW NORMAL". Please, don't take the loss of lives as a reason to move on. We need to slow down and learn from this before losing MORE! ESPECIALLY CHILDREN!
Marion	General	I am a nurse in a local hospital. I have been watching the daily reports from FL Dept of Health and am concerned about the number of positive cases that seem to have risen in the last few days and hope that the lower numbers prior to the last few days aren't a false sense of people thinking the peak has already happened. In my county alone, our cases have risen by 20 new cases in about 3 days. While I realize that people want and need to get back to work, I beg of you to NOT re-open the everything in the state all at once. Please follow the President's task force guidelines and reopen things slowly. Lets not have a new, worse surge of positive cases.
Walton	Tourism	I am all for opening up Florida again. I would love for you to keep a ban on the short term rentals until the middle of May at least if not longer. I live in Destin and when the tourists get the green light we are going to have so many people here from all over US. We will have no food or supplies for locals and they will over run the beaches. Yes this is the norm but right now we do not have enough food or supplies in the stores for the locals so if you could just give us a break from the influx that would be awesome!! I am all for opening back up but please do it slowly!!!
Pasco	Healthcare	This disease has been overhyped. The numbers are not supporting the reaction. We have reached the point where it has become a political attack on our economy. People are suffering economically, going through their savings and losing everything they have worked for.
Escambia	Wholesale	Please reopen our economy. I have been on unemployment for over five weeks and haven’t got a dime. I want to go back to work. If you don’t reopen Florida May 1st I definitely won’t vote for you again.
Orange	General	Open NOW!

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Broward	General	I don't think anything should be opened up yet I think it was a mistake to open the beaches in Northern Florida everybody and their brother from everywhere are going to flock to the beach and I can't see enforcement is going to be able to keep them safe distance. I would not open up any places like restaurants are anything just yet. Maybe to start out with guess small parks where no larger than 10 people can gather and stay at a safe distance. The reopening of Southern Florida would be a big mistake. Do not open or relax the restrictions on to the death toll in that area is down to zero. One life is not worth the economy. The government has plenty of money to take care of us. And what about all the government officials especially those that make a lot of money a year to take care of this country. Why don't they chip in something I know they got millions.
Sarasota	General	I do not feel non essential businesses should open up yet. I also feel anywhere people can gather should not be opened. Schools are already closed to students for the remainder of this year... grocery stores are doing well keeping us fed... but I am worried about the people not distancing themselves and causing others to get sick.
Orange	Government	Dear Governor Desantis, Please open the following industries: retail shopping, restaurants for seating, state parks, beaches for public parking. People need to get outside and the unemployment is too high. If we can social distance in Walmart and grocery stores. We can social distance in shopping centers. Our children should be able to play at playgrounds and public parks since schools are meeting online. People need to get out of their homes and back to work. Medical professionals around the country are showing low mortality rates. We need to open like the rest of the southern states. Keep groups under 100. Thank you for your work and we look forward to the state reopening on May 1.
Miami-Dade	General	If you must reopen, do so if and only the health experts agree it is safe to do so. We gain nothing by reopening and having to go back into lock down a few weeks later. Testing should be mandatory across each and every sector of the economy before they open to the general population.

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Duval	General	New studies have suggested the infection rate is at least 50X higher than current models show. This data brings the death rate to the area of .1% for Covid 19. As of today, April 25, CDC is reporting 895,766 total cases in the US and 50,439 deaths (which we know are inflated numbers). Compared to the number for last season's Flu "CDC estimates that the burden of illness during the 2018–2019 season included an estimated 35.5 million people getting sick with influenza, 16.5 million people going to a health care provider for their illness, 490,600 hospitalizations, and 34,200 deaths from influenza" it clearly shows our healthcare systems can handle an increase in the number of patients. Healthcare workers are being furloughed or laid off because we don't need them. We have shut down our entire country and economy for something that is slightly worse than the yearly Flu? While I understand that each and every death to this virus is not a good thing, the virus will eventually make it around to almost everyone. Staying home and having no contact with the outside world other than supply delivery has not even proven to be 100% effective since studies have shown the virus can live on surfaces for several hours. How long do we expect people to live like this? The virus isn't going away and people will die from other consequences due to being essentially on home arrest. It is time to do more testing, with both PCR and antibody methods, and see what the real data shows. It is time for scientists, medical professionals, and population health experts to do large scale research on the general population. While it may be true that there are no tests available that can detect or diagnose SARS-Cov-2 accurately 100% of the time, that should not preclude testing individuals repeatedly until an accurate answer is obtained via either method. The testing floodgates are about to open as new tests gain EUA from the FDA. Buy them, use them, and get real data from them. If the data is questioned, test again. These tests are inexpensive and are supposed to be used in conjunction with each other. The PCR detects the virus while the patient has active infection/symptoms, and the antibody test detects the antibodies around 12 days after the patient started to develop symptoms. Providers can build data based upon repeated testing with the two methods. Nobody knows how long a high level of antibodies remain in the body, nor do they know if they make you "immune" or partially immune to reinfection. Those answers will only come after follow-
Hillsborough	General	While we all recognize that “staying at home” is not a long term solution to the pandemic, we do not want to undo the good we have done over the last 5 weeks to “flatten the curve.” That being said, I think that tests being available to all whose doctors order them is a required first step in opening the state. Once we have the tests available, we can reopen in the reverse of the way we closed, starting with retail business that are not essential but that can maintain 6 foot social distancing and ending with bars but still requiring social distancing and reduced capacities. The state should establish a protocol for hand washing, disinfecting surfaces, use of face masks and gloves so businesses can be sure they are following the best requirements for protecting employees and customers. People over 60 or with underlying conditions should be cautioned to continue to avoid being close to others as much as possible. Thank you for everything the governments have done to help people stay safe during this health crisis.

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Pinellas	General	Ideas for opening Florida safely should include - wearing face coverings (requirement); allow restaurants and hotels to open but with strict guidelines; keep beaches closed through May and when open only for exercise (walk, swim, surf - no sunbathing or sitting) and 6ft apart from others unless a family; no schools; colleges until Fall and then with strict guidelines; parks ok but with social distancing; elective surgeries by June; please wait for cases to drop for 14 consecutive days as recommended by president/CDC; limit/monitor who is entering our state and perhaps keep closed through July; Floridians have worked so hard to stay home to save lives, we don't want to rush this and undo all that we have worked so hard for. Finally, please allow anyone to be tested that wants it, whether symptomatic or not. If not possible allow those over 60 to be tested. WE ARE PRAYING FOR YOU!!!!
Volusia	General	Please DO NOT mandate any sort of face mask law. The local police have enough serious issues to deal with in their communities without having this added on. This also lends itself to "selective" enforcement throughout the state where some authorities will be heavy handed and others will not which, in the end, is unfair to the average citizen. Another issue with face masks is the fact that some people cannot wear them due to medical or psychological reasons. I, for example, have asthma and would rather not wear a mask. I have read about other face mask laws enacted in other areas of the country that include a medical exemption, but, this puts the constant burden on the individual that can claim this to prove his/her situation every time they want to go out somewhere. This , again , is not fair and can be avoided altogether by not making face masks mandatory. I believe that enough of the public is already wearing face masks voluntarily and, along with social distancing, will be enough to curb the effects of this virus.
Gadsden	Government	As I miss going to my gym and my salon, I cannot possibly imagine how social distancing can be obtained. It simply cannot be done! It just increases the chance for growth of corona cases and while, as I said, I do miss these luxuries, I absolutely will not be participating in these and other close contact businesses. This is Economy v. Population! These suggestions are irresponsible, not intelligently given and extremely dangerous. Please rethink the consequences of such decisions. I appreciate the opportunity to voice my opinion.
Clay	Recreation	Open the parks allow us to maintain social distancing practices. I think if we take it slowly opening up we will see how other states will do opening up and how society is impacted by coronavirus. I think we should be mindful of our elderly and sick in the communities and should protect them. I think opening up without any point of reference is not a wise decision and we should closely follow the heavily populated areas before we jump the gun. Stimulus payments until the poor can get back to work and funding for small businesses is a must right now. We are in this together

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Pasco	General	Open Florida up the more testing we do the numbers will continue to rise. The virus isnt going to go away and we need to get a life back. We need to work and build antibodies in the process. Open us back up and just use common sense when going out.
Seminole	Healthcare	Please re-open the economy. We need elective surgery open to save lives and save jobs. Doctors in medical offices can undertake measures for safe social distancing to treat patients for essential and nonessential conditions. It has been shown that we have plenty of capacity in the hospitals and we are under all of the lowest part of the curves on predictive models. There are ample supplies of PPE. Central Florida has been well positioned and has four straight weeks of declining new cases. Consider opening up central Florida and northern Florida and panhandle first. Dade, Broward and Palm Beach counties can be a slower approach. let's get the economy going again and let doctors treat patients. Dr. Edward Gross Lake Mary, FL
Marion	Professional Services	Florida needs to re open now. I have seen way more people who have hit rock bottom and are barely making it through the day without job income and unable to feed their families. Corona cases in Marion county are few. More people are on suicide watch and severe depression state of minds. We need to get back to some normalcy. End it on April 30th please!!!!

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Miami-Dade	General	There is no doubt in my mind that something needs to be done so our economy can begin to heal. But cases rise each day and if people aren't practicing social distancing right now during quarantine, they sure aren't going to do it when business reopens and we can expect another surge of cases to come our way that may warrant another lockdown. People are so stir crazy right now they're not respecting the laws in place now. As a service industry worker, I feel like I can speak for most of my co workers and basically anyone else who is unemployed when I say that Florida's unemployment assistance program is probably the worst in the country. I've heard from multiple people that they've been denied because they've quit jobs last year. Is no one ever supposed to break the ceiling and reach for better opportunities? And what if those opportunities aren't what we thought they would be? A lot of residents are needing to verify their identity and told to call a 888-993-9713 only have busy lines all day and to be hung up on while waiting. I PERSONALLY have called 73 times in one hour and was never able to reach someone. I have been put on hold to speak to a representative for 1 hour and 22 mins and then was hung up on with no call back service. Office hours are from 7:30 am to 5pm. I woke up at 7:00 am to be ready to call when they open, at 7:30 on the for it said all lines are busy. For the influx of applicants trying to receive assistance, there is absolutely NO REASON why the office hours shouldn't include weekends and nights. There will be more cases. And most likely we will need to be quarantined again. But I need to have trust that the state I was born and raised in and that I love is ready and willing to have my back rather than just look for a simple way out. Reopening the state seems like such a quick solution to go ahead and get people off unemployment. The system is broken and desperately needs to be fixed. God forbid, something like this happens again (which it will) and we are right back to where we started.
Pinellas	General	The Task Force should include healthcare experts, not just business and city leaders. Deciding when our state should reopen needs their valuable expertise! I pray our state does not reopen until the curve is flattened! Even when reopened, I am not sure when I will feel I can go back to a baseball game, Disney, a restaurant and even a grocery store!
Hillsborough	Technology	Please Don't reopen till june
Collier	General	Do NOT reopen yet. We will just prolong this outbreak and cause more deaths. Follow science!!!!
Volusia	Tourism	I don't think that the non-essential business', that are closed in Florida, should be opened until at least June 20th, 2020.
Broward	Real Estate	We living on the boardwalk area. All beaches here is closed and potruled by the HPD. We have no other chance then go to the back streets just to walk. People walking here keep the distance and do everething they should to keep it safe and there is no reason to keep all beaches closed. The freash sea air newer make anyone sick.
Miami-Dade	Education	I would really like to continue my fire academy along my paramedic classes.
Volusia	Healthcare	Stay at home order should stay in effect until new c19 is on the down ward swing for 2 weeks

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Collier	Retail	Please reopen Florida! Business owner are bleeding profusely with no help from the government. How do you expect us all to pay our bills and employees? This so called virus was a statistical nightmare and the people are paying for your mistakes. Our son works in the ER with direct patient care and has had his hours reduced because hospitals are so slow in Naples. Please Open Now!
Miami-Dade	Healthcare	Please open gyms and restaurants with social distancing regulations.
Palm Beach	Professional Services	The non essential businesses need to open up now! It's not different than going to Publix or Walmart or a bank. You take precautions and wear a mask. They should be allowed to open with certain guidelines. If not the economy is going to be really bad. These people need to pay their bills just like essential workers
Pinellas	General	I Think a SWOT analysis approach should be taken on the re-opening. 1. Strengths a.) Adequate hospital beds b.) Adequate staffing c.) Adequate PPE d.)Testing ongoing and has been increasing e.)Task force has variety of experts to contribute information-reserves, tracking, etc 2. Weaknesses a.) Unemployement and delays in benefits b.)Amount of elderly nsg homes, alf's etc c.) People traveling from other states d.) Antibody testing o help identify workers able to return e.) Media broadcasting false information contributing to resistance of public to adhere CDC f.) Public health at risk chronic diseases to go to PCP, routine labs, etc. 3. Opportunities a.) Public practice changes- washing hands more freq- masks social distancing, etc b.) Business opportunities for employees working from home - cuts down travel- good for eco system- indirect costs on businesses utilizing technology reducing costs travel- meetings- etc c.) Antibody testing on a priority basis when available d.)Need to re-open on priority basis- 1. PCP providers and educating people this is safe healthcare practices to prevent non COVID hospitalizations. 2. Procedures and surgeries based upon MD assessments of medical needs using CDC precautions 3.Dental offices based upon dentist assessment of patient needs 4. After assessment of these if maintenance of stability then go to the next stage 1. Hair and barber shops with restrictions of scheduling # people-

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Hillsborough	General	I believe we should reopen FL. The original models were exponentially and woefully wrong. More current statistics indicate the virus is more prevalent and the death rate much lower than previously thought. People want to get back to work. They need to be able to support and feed their families. The federal government (tax payers) cannot afford to bail out our economy. We need to restart commerce and the service industry. People take risks everyday... driving, working, participating in recreation and even when walking their dogs. It is terrible that people have died. But how many have died of “the flu” and other things since January? People who are high risk can continue to act accordingly. Our national response to this has been an over reach and it needs to stop. The Bill of Rights and Constitution don’t get to be suspended - even for a pandemic. It is time to let Florida and America get back to work and life. Please follow Governor Kemp’s example. Thank you.
Polk	General	Do not allow the re-open yet. It's going against the CDC. Keep the state close before we kill our people here. We have been warned and we need to remain closed until July and maybe beyond that. Better safe than sorry
Hillsborough	General	Need an order to mandate waiver of all penalties, fees, interest assessed during COVID-19 and specify date range...TECO and many others acting as if there is no policy on payment deferrals and considering charging interest, fees, and/or penalties for late payments without a grace period...RIDICULOUS!!! On May 1st people who have had ZERO opportunity to generate income can not miraculously pay invoices on May 2nd....a grave period for all invoices due since 3/10/20 should be implemented through 6/15/20!!!! Set a policy to STOP the bleeding...people and businesses can’t operate without utilities and shouldn’t been penalized by IGNORANT and HEARTLESS vendors!!!!
Miami-Dade	Government	To remain safe we need to check everyone's temperature All entrance of business and churches . Full face mask mandatory everywhere including parks. Hand sanitizer everywhere n mask available everywhere. This is the only way I think it will work. Social distancing is a must
Seminole	General	Second attempt as my first attempt did not appear to be submitted. Rather than retyping everything I said previously, my summary comment is this: I support an immediate phased reopening of Florida with low risk business opening first and providing a model and lessons learned to higher risk business. 'Stay at Home' was meant to 'spread the curve' not to eliminate the virus. The curve has been spread and it is time to re-open Florida.
Orange	General	I think gyms, restaurants, stores, and movie theaters should be allowed to open with the stipulation that they encourage social distancing and limit the number of people allowed inside at the same time. People should also be encouraged to wear masks in public. Workplaces should encourage teleworking as much as possible. Bars don't need to be open at this time, though. It's tough to remember to stay socially distant when under the influence of alcohol.

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Hillsborough	General	In order to re-open Florida we should focus on the people first. Health-wise I do not believe Florida and the rest of the United States is ready to be “opened”. I get that opening the economy will create jobs once again, but doing so early will put people’s health’s at risk. So right now you should focus on how you can help ease the economic and emotional suffering of Floridians, without risking millions of lives. A rent freeze should be put in place, due to the incredible systemic failure the DEO has been experiencing. An eviction moratorium does nothing for those who have not earned any income during this difficult time. You CANNOT expect someone to have multiple months rent money readily available at the end of this. We simply cannot afford it, and you are just prolonging the inevitable loss of homes. We may have a roof over our heads now, but you can be assured we are suffering emotionally under them.
Brevard	General	Please consider the impact on those who are most at risk for covid 19 before reopening People are still flocking to our beaches, parking at stores and walking over, I forseethis increasing and in a few months back in quarantine due to more cases Please consider us
Walton	General	Reopen Florida Common sense can be used. Masks, social distancing so forth. If someone feels unsafe, stay at home! Give me back my Constitutional rights to live free or die!!!! Our country can not take much more of this! The political side of this is feeding right into the tyranny democrats!
Collier	Healthcare	As a nurse, I understand the need to flatten the curve to help the health care system. However, I do see the need to reopen the state and still monitor the virus. The public needs to have a sense of responsibility by following hand hygiene, staying home when ill and seeking medical attention when appropriate. The amount of testing being done is great but people are focused on the numbers and models when they don’t tell the whole story. This is especially true when the media use the numbers as a scare tactic. This virus is important to look at and the first round of mitigation efforts were very impactful. We know a lot more about the virus now and know what can be done if others in the future become ill. It is time to get back to normal with a phased approach that is deliberate. I do not agree with required face masks/coverings when going out in the public. People need to wash hands and use hand sanitizer. Thank you for taking the time to read my comment.
Palm Beach	General	I hope that public spaces (parks, walking trails, beaches, etc) are opened soon. When those areas were taken away, people had less areas to walk/run in. The sidewalks are more crowded than they need to be. And exercise is important in managing most health conditions, so it's an important part of reducing stress on hospitals and reducing mortality numbers. Until PPE is widely available (and we're not reusing or overusing disposable PPE), I hope that we hold off on opening businesses that will require PPE to operate. I do like the model of opening Low Risk, More Essential businesses first and High Risk, Less Essential businesses last.

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Manatee	General	Covid-19 suggestions: Open back up restaurants with more spacing between tables, servers to be wearing masks. Open back up personal services like hair, nails, and spas, as long as both client and professional are wearing masks. Masks should be mandatory while shopping in stores, but all stores should be opened back up again. Get everyone with symptoms tested, no matter the severity of symptoms, and administer antibody tests to the general public to see how much of the public has previously been infected. We need to develop 'herd immunity' like Sweden is doing. Of course extra precautions need to be taken to protect high risk people. People who can work from home should continue to do so, but businesses should be allowed to re-open. Also, tourism needs to get back on track, as the FL economy depends on it. We need to develop some way of verifying that tourists have recently tested negative or have had a positive anti-body test prior to visiting.
Escambia	Tourism	I don't envy you your job at this time. As a manager of a high rise condominium that does not do in-house rentals, but rather has independent rental entities operating in our property, I am very concerned for the health of my staff by opening up to tourists. I think the primary goal should be to get the unemployment claims paid so people can eat, which I feel would give a bit more breathing room to truly evaluate the situation. Opening up businesses to the locals could be done, still with the social distancing. My concerns are, if we do open to tourists, and the situations spirals down, would we be able to initiate stay-at-home orders again? I feel, once the unemployed are taken care of, small steps should be taken that can be more easily reversed. It will be incredibly hard to put the genie back in the bottle if we open too soon. Getting the unemployed paid is paramount to these small steps being able to happen. Good luck. You are between the proverbial rock and a hard place.
Manatee	Education	I do not feel it is safe to open state yet. I live in a neighborhood of 600 homes and many people have not taken social distancing serious, so I can only imagine how bad it may get!!! They congreate in driveways visiting, allow their children to play with their friends, etc. People in general are very selfish!!! Grocery Sores and other essential places are packed with people not taking this seriously. Also, one of my biggest concerns is that my daughter is a hair stylist and her boss wants to reopen May 1. He has no shields for them, disposable gloves or aprons!!!! Salons should definately not be open in phase 1 or 2!!! They have to touch people when they cut yheir hair. This is putting my daughter's life at stake!!! They have as much exposure as our health care workers!!!

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Hillsborough	Professional Services	I am a small business owner here in Tampa Florida. My shop is a 2 year old alteration and tailoring business. I closed my business down on February 20th (before any of the restrictions began) because I had people coming in who had been internationally traveling and in my line of work I cannot stand 6 feet away to pin clothing for alterations. My husband was laid off from his job as a line cook February 17th. Our income is extremely limited at this moment, so we have been making and selling cloth masks with 0 contact in order to keep our lights on. With EVERYTHING said, I do not think we should reopen, I do not plan to reopen my doors to the public until I feel safe. Every time I go to the store I see people who have no regards for social distancing guide lines and to think that everyone in this community will adhere to it is not a reality. Please keep our families safe and do NOT REOPEN!
Orange	General	-Fix unemployment -More comprehensive COVID tracking and testing -No reopening until the six WHO guidelines are met
Broward	Tourism	Please consider the long term effects of opening specific areas. While the state was slow to close down beaches and react we should be among the states in positive and clear reopening statement. This should be a task guided by science and medical professionals not just political and businessmen. We do not want a longer home isolation or a second round of this to occur. In my opinion stay home policies should stay in place until the numbers begin to drop more. As the number is on a steady decline is when considerations for some places should open up. Please be smart in how and when we reopen businesses and an effort of social distancing should remain in place for all.
Miami-Dade	General	Do NOT re-open until everyone in the county can be tested for free and the cases are down considerably.
Martin	Recreation	Closing beaches was an overreach in implementation of restrictions due to current pandemic. It seems to be quite unlikely to get infected while walking on the beach where intense sun exposure and UV effectively kills viruses, Covid 19 included. Also, as science proves, sun exposure promotes production of vitamin D that is essential (how we love this word lately!) to strengthen human immune system that is essential in fight against the virus. There are many benefits of beach activities that are great contribution to our physical and mental health. For this reason, I hope that our beaches in Martin County will be open very soon for the enjoyment and health of our Martin residents.

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Bay	General	I believe it is time to reopen Florida. I have been lucky due to my husband being deemed essential and has been able to work but I see the struggle many are having. People need and want to work to provide for their families and need the freedom to do so. If we can social distance in ig chain stores we can also do so in small businesses. If people are at higher risk or are scared let them stay home but it should be our right as American citizens to be able to choose. The government cannot continue to spend money the country doesn't have it us not responsible. If no one is working and paying taxes then there is no money. We need to do something to prevent the country from going broke and getting to a point of no return. We cannot let the fix to this pandemic hurt us more than getting sick and right now that's the path we are on. What are we going to do if we stay like this, people go broke then we get hit with another Hurricane Michael we would never recover. Thank you for allowing us to share our opinions.
Collier	Healthcare	Please put as much resources as possible into testing for CV!! For everyone not just people showing symptoms of the virus. No business should be open without this in place!! Make masks mandatory!! More PPE Please keep us all safe!! Listen to healthcare officials very carefully!! You are a great governor don't let that change by opening FL too soon!! Sincerely, Angelina Sullivan
Marion	Government	Given the inadequate levels of community testing and the delayed reporting of actual testing data, I would feel personally safest if the state took it's time to reopen fully. There should be county-wide testing for all residents. In a fury to reopen so as to save face or political capital, I do not trust the current direction of state leadership to do this in a thought-out and organized manner. There was too long a delay in shuttering our state and as such there are thousands of Floridians who have now been adversely affected by this pandemic. It's time to grow up, stop being worried about a reelection cycle and take command of the agencies that we elected leaders to run on our behalf. The state works for me.
Orange	General	The state should NOT open!!! This is ridiculous. Yes, there are businesses big and small who are struggling. Mostly, small business. However, by opening up the state people will never get the chance to actually live a normal life as possible. Even more people will get sick as they continue to do so, and there's a very high chance that those who were already infected could get infected again. I honestly don't understand why Florida can't be a normal state with common sense. It's as if you people never actually got an education or have even study anything within governing a state and so on. This is a time to really think about what is most convenient for all of us!! I think all businesses should continue operating but have very few in office and the rest working at home. Just how certain people are doing. Common sense doesn't seem to be in anyone of you officials other than Omari Hardy. PUT HIM IN CHARGE!! He seems to be the only one who cares, and wants to help, AND ACTUALLY HAS COMMON SENSE!!!

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Brevard	General	Florida should stay at home until there is a clear flattening of the curve. We are now seeing a gradual decline in the number of new cases. This is a direct result of the quarantine measures which are currently in place. There exists no effective treatment or vaccine for this virus. Opening the state before there is a clear herd immunity present or a vaccine has been developed only puts more residents at risk and puts us all in danger of a resurgence in the number of new cases. Listening to our Commander in Chief suggest, on National TV, that a way to inject bleach into folks should be investigated only makes it more clear that we have to take care of ourselves and that we can't rely on help from the outside.
Pinellas	Professional Services	Dear Governor DeSantis, Thank you for everything your doing for our great state of Florida. As a licensed massage therapist, we our regulated by the Florida Department of Health. Those of us that are sole owner therapists, usually only have 1 client at a time in our room or office. We must clean and disinfect our massage tables as well as wash our hands and clean our room surfaces and equipment before and after each client. I feel that we can maintain the safety of our clients and ourselves also by having us wear masks during the massage. I personally do not work on anyone if I am sick or not feeling well and reschedule a client if they come to the office not feeling well or sick. Please Governor DeSantis I ask that you consider allowing us to open up and perform massage. Thank you for your consideration, Jim Proctor III LMT
Hillsborough	General	We have done the bare minimum and the elected officials in each county have done more to contain the spread than the governors off office has done. This is insured to start opening beaches and public gathering places. Just because our federal and state governments don't see this as an issue, doesn't mean the local government does. Please do not be overly excited to "get things back to normal" before the time is right. Testing is not nearly as available as you claim and people are still dying!
Hillsborough	Professional Services	It is high time that we look at the actual stats, not the media-driven stats which support partisan political narratives. The data does not dictate the continuance of stay-at-home orders and the further decline of our economy. It is perplexing that fear now defines the American culture when facing a virus that is turning out to be flu-like in every legitimate sense of the word. Trust me when I say that truly educated, non-conspiracy oriented voters are paying attention and we will use the actions and reactions of our leaders to determine how we vote. Re-open Florida. Those who remain in fear are more than welcome to stay at home; however, you will quickly realize how few will do so once things begin to move towards some semblance of normalcy.

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Miami-Dade	General	I am a furloughed nurse at an ambulatory care facility that is likely to open soon once elective surgeries resume. I've been at home helping my 2nd & 5th grade daughters navigate home school. My husband has been at work with transit as a bus operator. We've been stressed as we realize that in order for me to return to work, he'd need to request time off on his end. Our employers do not seem to be very flexible when it comes to assisting us through this situation. When he asks about the 2/3 pay granted to parents that can't work due to school closures, he gets the run around. I don't qualify for it because my employer has over 500 employees. When I asked my HR if I would lose my job if I couldn't return to work due to school closures, they offered me no reassurance. They told me that they could not answer that. We need help with job protection as well as with child care options. This is a big stressor for a set of working parents who's jobs cannot be done remotely. Also, once businesses start to open up & more people are commuting, it is important to maintain strict rules in terms of masks and limited passengers on the buses in order to protect our drivers and limit the spread of COVID 19 in the community. Thank you for all that you are doing. Stay safe.
Hillsborough	General	Its still too early to re-open the state.
Pinellas	General	1) We MUST MUST MUST do antibody testing (using FDA approved tests that measure quantity of antibodies) for all workers returning to work (or AT LEAST for those most at risk, 65+ and underlying conditions to protect them). On fact many people would gladly pay to be tested, I know I would! Those who are positive can return to work AND donate plasma to treat sick patients. All POSITIVES!!! 2) Need to open VERY slowly once the Florida curve is confirmed to be headed down a good bit - but we are not there yet!!! However folks that get tested and show antibodies can return now. 3) Open the more essential businesses first and leave politics and lobbying out of the decision process. Or you will lose all credibility.
Broward	Professional Services	It concerns me that we are talking about re-opening the state. There is too much unknown about the disease, including reoccurrence and we put our lives at risk every time we go out. If you re-open the state we will be forcing our people to return to offices that have proven work can be done from home and therefore disregarding human life in the name of economics. Please keep to essential services and consider our health. I do not want to open our state until medical authorities say it is safe to do so.
Lake	General	I think we should be closed until at least June 1st and no one should be allowed into a public place without a face mask until then. This disease is no joke.
Brevard	General	Please reopen the state! I need to work to be able to provide for my family. My husband lost his job to this nonsense and enough is enough! At this point if people are concerned they will get sick then they should stay home. I believe not everyone should have to stay home. Thank you for your time!

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Duval	General	I urge the state officials to not be to hasty to reopen businesses in Florida potentially causing a dramatic rise in cases of Covid 19 ultimately resulting in more deaths and delays in stabilizing our economy.
Pinellas	General	Please re open and get our economy going again. I believe data shows we can do this with a safe, measured approach. I would love our beaches and restaurants to be open again while social distancing. While medical officials and scientists input is of utmost importance, what they believe varies widely so I think its best to make a decision using a data driven process, not fear or modeling or what ifs. Also, people need to understand that we can hide in our houses forever but the virus isn't going away. Thank you for allowing my input. I believe Governor DeSantis and his administration has done a great job managing this crisis.
Miami-Dade	General	Please apply for all federal money to help florida citizens who have no income. Demand forbearance and repayment plans for citizens with all florida lenders who have received bailout money from the federal government. Do not open our state until medical experts, doctors and scientists advise that it is okay. Use phased reopening of businesses with limited capacity...telecommute when possible. Continue social distance/mask requirements, do not allow large gatherings, prepare schools for potential distance learning in fall. Thanks.
Hillsborough	Government	Dear Governor DeSantis, I am a resident of Hillsborough County. It is time for Floridians to get back to work. Throughout the past weeks of COVID restrictions businesses deemed “essential” remained open. Floridians who patronized those businesses voluntarily engaged in social distancing, voluntarily followed CDC guidelines. With these businesses open, sometimes serving hundreds of people at a time, twelve hours a day, seven days a week, we have witnessed COVID numbers falling. The State of South Dakota never mandated a single business closed and are also seeing COVID numbers falling. Every business is essential when families are dependent upon that income for healthy and happy lives. I believe these facts prove that Floridians are responsible people, who love their neighbors, and will CHOOSE to do the right thing. But we need our elected representatives to do the right thing; we need our businesses open. We don’t want government handouts. We want to get back to work. We want our businesses open now, not later.
Lee	General	I can officially say that the governor has lost my vote next election. Open the economy for goodness sake. Not my governor. I don’t believe in the government anyway.

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Pasco	General	I believe the biggest obstacle we face to reopening the state is the general lack of understanding of the effort to flatten the curve. Even though COVID-19 case data is available to the public in a dashboard, people still feel like we're facing an extinction-level crisis. I believe one way to improve the accuracy of the common perception of our situation is to include data about the current availability of ICU and regular hospital beds in the dashboard and in your reports to the media. You should also connect your policy to that data and make it clear to the public that openings are contingent upon the curve remaining flat enough not to overwhelm the healthcare system. If the healthcare system in a county is in danger of being overwhelmed, you should selectively close that county. If a certain threshold of counties require closure, close the whole state. The big thing is tying the policy to the data and making the data available to the public and media outlets in an unambiguous form so people don't feel like you're making an arbitrary or politically motivated decision.
Volusia	General	As the owner of a swim team who has been shut down for six weeks now, I feel it is time to open everything while utilizing the distancing measures and enhanced cleanliness guidelines. The initial purpose of shut down was to slow the spread so that hospitals would not be overwhelmed. Mission accomplished, the goal was not to prevent death, that is impossible. Now we have to honestly look at the facts and science. It is impossible to prevent the spread, whether we open up now or prolong this for 12 months, everyone will eventually be exposed and unfortunately those pre disposed to a fatal outcome will only be prolonged. The numbers are the numbers. Three separate studies USC/UCLA, NY and MA have all done controlled studies that each showed similar results, roughly 18% of those exposed will catch Covid 19 of those only a small percentage are symptomatic with a .005 mortality rate. Sweden never closed and used simple social distancing measures and they are now under 20 deaths per day on a population 10.5 million. They did not wreck their economy because of faulty data and advice early on, and they are almost completely thru the event. The unintended consequences, economic ruin, increased suicides, domestic violence, drug abuse, despair and soon possibly increased crime and civil unrest are not worth prolonging this any further. We unfortunately are going to get to whatever number of deaths that are going to occur either now or in 12 or so months, but at least if we open now, we can prevent some or most of the secondary effects. Logically, how is going to the supermarket, drug store, c-store, liquor or hardware store significantly more safe than going to my favorite restaurant, laying at the beach or going to work. This overreaction has gone on long enough. Let those who wish to live, live and those who need or want further protection, the elderly, or at risk individuals choose their path of self isolation. Enough is enough, the time is now. I drove down to Flagler Ave in NSB this afternoon, there we hundreds walking on the beach and up and down Flagler, other than people not being able to enter a business, you wouldn't even know there was a Virus. The people are ready and itching to get back to normalcy. PLEASE!

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Escambia	General	Dear Governor DeSantis, Thank you for the opportunity to have a voice in the steps our Florida will be taking to rebound after the Wuhan Covid19 pandemic. First I would would tell you of our overwhelming gratitude and love for all Floridians who sheltered in, cared for the sick, protected our communities, and made incredibly difficult decisions regarding the welfare for us all. We have a son whose health would be devastated by this plague due to preexisting conditions. We have sheltered in since mid January and are perfectly happy with remaining so....our appreciation for the accommodations given for us to do so is boundless. While saying this, we do believe that our economy can not reach the point of no return. We have lived long enough to know this complete shuttering of our state and country cannot continue. After the economic fallout resulting in the now famously idiotic reactions to banking and finance, such as “cash for clunkers “ we have to realize the devastation left in this wake of joblessness and dependency on government cannot be cured whimsically..or based on fear or politics. You see, Governor, we have a son with medical challenges, but we lost a beautifully healthy son resulting from the financial crises of the mid 2000s. Loosing a job, a career, while trying to provide for your wife and children proves to be a “silent” killer as well. Addressing needs for those still needing to shutter...and it is very simple using common sense...and allowing men and women provide for their families at this juncture is the most important concern and must be expedited. Our hearts are breaking for those with businesses and those without jobs...from experience we can tell you the loss of life suffered from economic darkness cannot be comforted. Most importantly, we need our churches. We need to be buoyed up by our faith and in prayer. May God bless you in these difficult decisions ahead for you. Please remember this family puts you in the Father’s hands. Thank you, Jean McGaw
Pinellas	Recreation	Dear Governor DeSantis, I have watched you grow and turn this Covid19 into a positive crisis by having people get tested. I believe it was here back in November 2019 but we did not know. I traveled on Jet Blue from TPA to BOS on Dec 16, 2019 and back to TPA on Jan 3, 2020 as sick as a dog. I received medical attention numerous times, the z pal saved my life. I self quarantined for 60 days. I am disabled and would like to resume pool therapy at my condo please. Our president locked it up when Trump on March 17, 2020 stated there was an emergency. It's time to reopen and teach social distancing, that I can do as a new board member. Thank you sir. Janice Kenney Audubon Condos at Feather Sound Florida
Seminole	Government	According to government sources Florida is approx 3 weeks past the peak death per day. Currently Florida is at 40 deaths per day and projected to go to 0 by the beginning of June. We cannot take the chance of respiking the death per day curve and moving the curve to the right. Do not force people out, do not hinder our state's recovery.

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Pinellas	General	Governor Ron DeSantis and task force for Reopen Florida!! Thank you for your time and leadership in this matter. In my personal opinion, I believe it is time to reopen the state of Florida. The peak of the virus has passed and we are seeing a steady downturn of cases in FL and around the country. I think we should start with in state first. All businesses in the state of Florida should be able to reopen with no restrictions. This should include all sports leagues and teams (allow them to travel across state lines too). Second let's open up travel and tourism on May 15th to all in and out bound flights in the US, so people can again see family and friends around the country. On June 1st it's business as usual. Thank you for your time Jared Petersmith Pinellas County Resident
Pinellas	General	The state can NOT successfully open until we have the capacity for quick and efficient MASSIVE testing and tracking. This has nothing to do with politics or civil liberties, and has everything to do with public welfare. Read the history of how reactions to previous pandemics accelerated the spread of disease. We hear the same reasoning today, yet we now have more information about how disease spreads than we did 100 years ago. History may be already repeating itself. Listen to the expert scientists regarding disease transmission. Many of these people have dedicated their lives work to this very event that has been predicted and yet dismissed for years. Well, now is that time, Governor. Are you going to be a true leader or a follower of political ideology? Time will tell.
Lee	Retail	If you are afraid of the civil 19 stay home. Otherwise open the state up for everything
Polk	Education	Please listen o science as much as possible. Sustained decreases of instances and hospitalization for more than two weeks AFTER effective and rapid testing increases. Only then should a phased plan of reopening happen. Until then make sure that there are social safety nets to catch people who are financially hurting while making sacrifices to keep our health system from being overwhelmed. Stop the giant tax breaks for corporations and make sure your municipalities and education system is funded so that when we do come back our systems and supports are strong and ready to help those in need.
Miami-Dade	General	The state is not ready to be reopened. People before business. We still don't know how this virus spreads, we don't know if it is even possible to become immune after infection. And new evidence is suggestion transmission via the air. This State, and this country is not ready to reopen.
Pinellas	Education	I am affiliated with a private school and while I understand that Florida public schools are closing for the year, we should be allowed to reopen our private school and extend our studies into the summer in order to compensate for the shutdown. Thank you for your consideration.
Miami-Dade	General	We (the people) are tired of the clear violation of our rights and freedoms for something that has a lower death rate than the flu
Orange	General	Florida needs to start testing for antibodies. People need to know what their immunity is before they go interact with others to help protect their safety and their neighbors.

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Leon	General	We know a lot more now than we did when covid19 first surfaced. There are therapies that work! We need to get people back to work as soon as possible and we should take a more aggressive, rather than measured, approach to reopening. Shut down was to prevent health care facilities from being overwhelmed, not to prevent people getting sick. We need to get our economy moving, and scared and vulnerable people can stay home if they choose. We don't even know the accurate death count since Dr. Birx stated every death with covid19 is to be counted as from covid, which is a big difference.
Pinellas	Healthcare	Test all residents & employees at all nursing home facilities asap..even if there are no known cases
Highlands	General	I think one of the best practice measures we can implement is making it mandatory for everyone that leaves there homes must wear some type of face covering I am a health care worker and creating a barrier is the best practice for not spreading infectious pathogens to each other as well as maintaining at least a 6 foot distance between people. This virus won't go away until we have a vaccine but as long as we maintain these things in place as well as common sense hygiene we can begin opening things back up.
Broward	General	Registered Voter, (R) De Santis was endorsed by Trump and I voted for him. I can not continue to support this view of our elected offical if Florida is locked down past the 30th of April. Overwhelming actual facts from hospitalizations, Mortality Rate, and positive cases to Tested cases show out of our 22.5 million people in the state of Florida we have the LOWEST numbers in the Furthermore we are leading in testing and information. (Not to mention the overwhelming majority of Florida is senior citizens and we have the lowest numbers!) These Facts show there is no bearing to a phased opening. RE OPEN FLORIDA NOW. The SOLUTION IS WORSE THAN THE PROBLEM. BUSINESS SACRIFICED TO SLOW THE SPRAD, NOW THEY ARE BEING SACRIFICED. The People are going to continue to stand up for their constitutional rights. The fact is you folks already know all this information, and more. You swore to uphold and defend the constitution a d Oath of office as elected officials. OPEN FLORIDA NOW.
Lake	General	People aren't staying at home as it is. I think re opening to any extent is a terrible idea
Seminole	Education	Yes, we would like to see all business open back up, all schools open back up, and all colleges open back up. We can not survive much longer!
Lake	General	I do not think it is wise to open the state at this time. It's extremely premature and I believe it will cause an uncontrollable increase in Covid-19 cases and deaths. We should maintain social essential distancing and activities only, until there is a better understanding of and treatment options for this virus.
Orange	General	Why would you make this when you still haven't fixed problems with the unemployment website? Hundreds of thousands of Floridians are still waiting for their unemployment benefits. Absolutely appalled at the incompetence of this administration. Get your act together, Governor. There are people struggling.

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Hillsborough	Accommodation	Open the gyms, keep opening beaches, something you can't monitor, at least gyms they're kept clean and people clean after themselves
Palm Beach	General	Keep the schools closed at least until Sept. keep everything closed like it is now. Open the swimming pools at condos.
Broward	Recreation	There will never be a perfect time to reopen anything. Reopening the beaches and pools would seem to be reasonable for recreation.The fear of political backlash I'm sure is high but at this time I am sure the majority of normal thinking people understand the problem and would hold a leader harmless for making such a decision if it turns out to be premature. All the scientific modeling of the past has been abysmally wrong. Sometime leadership requires one to make a decision right or wrong.
Hillsborough	Healthcare	We need more cyclical testing to be in place until a vaccine is available before opening anything up. Phasing as suggested by the white house is good. But it is imperative to increase testing significantly!
Brevard	General	Please don't open the state prematurely and risk a relapse in virus cases. If you do that all that we've sacrificed to help flatten the curve will have been pointless. It's better to stay closed a little longer than to have to deal with an entire shutdown all over again. Schools opening during phase 2 may not be a good idea if too many of the teachers and staff members are in the "high risk" category due to age or other health conditions. In general there aren't enough substitutes to cover classrooms let alone if many teachers are out of work for an extended period of time. Also children who live with high risk adults could bring home sickness to their family. Thanks for your consideration and helping us to maintain a healthy life.
Alachua	Information	Hello, thank you for taking comments from the public. There is so much inaccurate information that is spread so easily via social media that I first ask that you make a concerted effort to always promote scientific truth and scientific fact. Please consult with medical professionals and peer-reviewed scientific studies when making all your decisions regarding the probability of re-infection due to opening up public spaces and public business too soon. We beg you to put aside the political gains of politicians and the economical gains of big business CEOs. Fill your task force with scientists, mathematicians, medical professionals, not politicians, business owners, and lobbyists. The last thing we need is to re-open too soon and irresponsibly spike the numbers of covid-19 infections, totally undoing all the good we have done so far. Give this the time that is needed to fully get past this crisis without having to start this all over again. Keep your focus on the greater good, what is good for the health of all of the citizens, not what is good for the pockets of big business or the re-election campaigns of the politicians. This is your chance to do something good, to do something right, to do something for the people, and the people will remember 2020 forever. I beg of you to keep Florida closed until the health crisis is over and to listen to all of the brilliant medical and scientific minds in our society who are willing to help. Thank you.

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Pinellas	Professional Services	Governor DeSantis I'm commenting about the opening of hair salons. I am self-employed at my hair salon I've yet to receive anything from unemployment it still shows pending although I know I've been verified. As far as the opening of the salon goes I don't feel that Pinellas County is ready to put the stylus and the customers with in 1 to 2 ft distance of one another. I feel that the salons should be the last thing to open not the first thing to open due to the safety of myself the stylus and my salon and the clients that will be walking in the door. Sincerely Michelle Armstrong
Broward	General	I would prefer Florida abide by the CDC Guidelines and consider the safeguarding of the health of the Florida residents first and foremost. Open up when the health and protection of the people of Florida is guaranteed and they can go out and not fear getting COVID19. Thanks Patricia
Miami-Dade	Government	I belive it would be a huge mistake to open up NON-ESSENTIAL businesses considering that we are in a pandemic and it would just be irresponsible to keep letting people conjugate and continue infecting others and exposing others to the virus and eventually death. I believe it is very selfish and irresponsible of us AMERICANS who just SELFISHLY want to go out to places and just completely disregard the health of many and disregard the hard and restless work of our nurses, doctors, and healthcare workers. WE MUST STAY INSIDE AND CONTINUE FIGHTING THROUGH THE VIRUS. Not risk going out and risk our HIGH NUMBERS in Miami-Dade to get even higher.
Seminole	Finance	Re-Open Florida Re-opening Florida is as simple as just saying "Florida is 100% open with no restrictions". No committees needed, No task force needed No rules or regulations needed. Citizens of Florida are free to socialize or not to socialize, free to wear masks or not wear masks, free to social distance themselves or not too. Our State and Federal Government is collapsing our states and our lives over chasing ghosts. It is up to the individual to heed a warning or not to. The fear the government is instilling in some individuals is doing more harm, more damage and killing more people than this current virus ever could. We should be more afraid of the tyranny our government is imposing on us. This by far will be the most damage that can be inflicted upon us. We The People,
Orange	Professional Services	I believe any re-opening should be done carefully and with input from health experts and local officials. Any re-opening should include the general population and require social distancing until the virus has died down.
Pinellas	General	Please open up the state. We are grown adults and can social distance and be safe.

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Volusia	Tourism	They say it's going to be a year before they have a vaccine. So the question becomes how long do you wait to reopen the State. Are you going to wait a year and kill Florida's economy. I really do not think it matters if it's another week or four weeks sooner or later someone will have to reopen the State. What I have read, we all need to keep our distance and wash our hands on a more basis regular basis. If people are a afraid then let those people stay home. But please let others of us out of the house. Please let us reopen our businesses and enjoy a meal inside of a restaurant. I do not drink but a lot of people do and would like to return to a bar. Which bars employ a lot of people to who are also out of work.
Miami-Dade	General	DO NOT REOPEN FLORIDA UNTIL WE HAVE A CURE FOR COVID. STAY HOME. STOP THE SPREAD. REOPENING FLORIDA FOR RECREATIONAL USES IS GOING TO BE A WASTE OF ALL OUR GOOD EFFORTS IN STOPPING IT.PLUS NOW ISNT THE TIME TO DO SO AS WE HAVENT EVEN REACHED OUR PEAK OF THE VIRUS YET
Palm Beach	Transportation	Please let business re-open with strong guidelines for elderly and compromised individuals to follow if they choose to go out. Health has to be ones own responsibility. The rest of the state needs to get back too work before this shut down causes deaths from economic factors.
Miami-Dade	General	Good afternoon Sir, There is no clean "win" it seems when it comes to this current SARS-CoV-2 situation. I believe reopening would be the least damaging situation for a politician. Sure some people will die from COVID-19 but the rest of the general public will accept it as a cost of doing business. While some people may not verbalize it like Lt. Gov Dan Patrick most are willing to tolerate anything as long as their needs are met and they get paid. I'm not sure how the current situation is from a full spectrum analysis of the state, or national, level sectors. Since testing capabilities are having to catch up to South Korean levels waiting will keep harming the population. At least from here in Miami, FL I can say that if things start getting drastic that it will be difficult to avoid another fiasco such as the UPS shootout in December 2019. While the effects of that incident were not as drastic as it was expected to be among the population it did change their perception of US Security Forces. I'm not sure what the effects of a similar fiasco caused by a mass of actual desperate people this time around would do to the population. There have been some slow implications of criminality growing at the moment. The only reason it has not become a major problem is thanks to the stimulus checks or unemployment that was handed out. The extension should consider this economic, political, social impact if it has not already by government planners. If a reopen were to be decided upon the population has to be reminded in a way that this is what was asked for not pejoratively of course. Without some sort of reminder like that the natural inclination would be to blame the current leader. As always the final decision rests on the leader as to what does or does not happen. Hopefully some considerations I have submitted to you can be of merit. Very respectfully, Eduardo

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Polk	General	We should absolutely wait before reopening for business as usual. I have found that the majority of the public do not follow social guidelines or wear masks. This is a huge red flag. It is unwise to begin opening these businesses or public spaces until it can be safely done. And that is not now.
Duval	General	Please open businesses back up! I own a barbershop and this business is my livelihood. I've been denied food stamps and all other assistance. My family needs money for survival.
Hillsborough	Finance	Need an order to mandate waiver of all penalties, fees, interest assessed during COVID-19 and specify date range...TECO and many others acting as if there is no policy on payment deferrals and considering charging interest, fees, and/or penalties for late payments without a grace period...RIDICULOUS!!! On May 1st people who have had ZERO opportunity to generate income can not miraculously pay invoices on May 2nd....a grave period for all invoices due since 3/10/20 should be implemented through 6/15/20!!!! Set a policy to STOP the bleeding...people and businesses can't operate without utilities and shouldn't been penalized by IGNORANT and HEARTLESS vendors!!!!
Miami-Dade	General	As long as they follow social distance and wear mask / gloves and wash hands I'm for opening up florida with baby steps as President Trump outline We need to get back to work
Hillsborough	General	Please put the health and safety of your constituents first. We need more information, we need more testing, we need to be closer to a treatment or vaccine. Don't reopen until it's safer. I know people's incomes are hurting. Those who have jobs and incomes affected should receive govt support for the duration of the pandemic. Don't make people risk their lives so the economy can reopen.
Citrus	Healthcare	Plz read Miami Herald about immunity and tests used to identify it- https://www.miamiherald.com/news/coronavirus/article242290816.html Next Plz ✓ info concerning Swab test FalseNegatives because Swab test FalseNegatives may be cause of immunity confusion? Plz read-"Negative results do not preclude SARS-CoV-2 infection and should not be used as the sole basis for patient management decisions." in https://www.washingtonpost.com/science/2020/03/26/negative-coronavirus-test-result-doesnt-always-mean-you-arent-infected/ More on FNs@ https://t.co/UISd06btet Then Gov Desantis - Answers1st, Open 2nd! How many test kits are available? How many needed? Where deployed? What's status for tracing + test contacts? What's False Negative (FN)% of tests? How doesFN% effect where & when "opening" occurs? PLZ Just the numbers&facts TIA We are not lab rats. Your getting the facts is vital in making sure one of the following is our future-- "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free OR Ignorance is BLISSfully lethal

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Lee	Professional Services	As a hair stylist and manager, I feel that we are in a odd position. We are in close contact with our guests. Most stylists including myself are able to provide service to multiple guests at one time. The challenge now will be safe distancing and higher levels of sanitation than normal. All of this adds up to time and money loss for myself & my stylists. There is no playbook for managing business going forward. Safety is my highest concern! That we do not open to fast and find that infections spread quickly. We have been fortunate so far not to have any cases that are associated with my own business. But that risk will return as soon as people start moving around.
Pinellas	Healthcare	Please do not be so quick to reopen the state. I am a healthcare provider and the only reason we are not overwhelmed is the stay at home and social distancing orders. The last thing we all want is to reopen early and see a surge of cases and then have to shut down again. Thank you for taking this into consideration.
Broward	Recreation	Please re-open the boat launches. I don't understand the significance of why the boat launches were even closed. If anything, there was always social distancing in the open waters. Like most Floridians, I work extremely hard and enjoy the quietness and peacefulness of the open waters. My family, friends, and neighbors also love the fish we from the ocean. I understand the seriousness of this COVID-19 pandemic and understand my personal responsibility of continuing the social distancing protocols. Please consider opening the boat launches.
Seminole	General	We need to reopen before we fall back into a new Great Depression. If this continues I feel like it will lead to civil war. With unconditional made up laws. We don’t need war we need work.

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Santa Rosa	General	I do not agree with the state opening anytime within the near future. I understand that the economy is falling and suffering, and I do understand both sides of the argument. I am a student at Pensacola State College, but will be transferring to the University of South Alabama in the fall. I not only attend school full time, but I have a part time job at a retail store also. With my job, I am saving for college and making car payments. Due to the pandemic, I have lost my job due to this pandemic and it has halted some of my plans as far as taking courses in the summer to get ahead and paying my car note. I am wondering how I will make everything work because although I have applied for unemployment, my application is still pending, so I have no income at all. I would rather not be able to attend classes in the summer, then to rush back to work and see a negative impact on many people's lives. As I do understand that the curve has flattened, it is important to remember that the numbers are going down because less of the population is out. Right now, we are in a shutdown so there has been little to no tourists, mostly essential workers out and minimal contact between people. If none of us are going outside or into the community, of course the rates would go down because there is no interaction. However, I believe that if we rush to open everything back up so quickly without precautionary measures, then there will be devastating numbers that will arise. I feel as though even if we did open back up our economy because nobody is spending money, as far as buying clothes or shoes-non essential items, then it would cause businesses to lose more money than they would even gain. It could hurt businesses more than help them because people are scared and nervous. Even though, I understand both sides because I do need the money also, I just do not see why opening before June would be beneficial for our state, especially because it will be time for tourists.
Bay	Healthcare	Please begin allowing hospitals to do elective surgery. Many hospitals are experiencing very low census and are struggling to keep hours for employees. Elective surgeries will help health care workers get back to work. Allow stores to reopen with a mask restrictions so people can get back to work.
Miami-Dade	General	Please apply for all federal money to help florida citizens who have no income. Demand forbearance and repayment plans for citizens with all florida lenders who have received bailout money from the federal government. Do not open our state until medical experts, doctors and scientists advise that it is okay. Use phased reopening of businesses with limited capacity...telecommute when possible. Continue social distance/mask requirements, do not allow large gatherings, prepare schools for potential distance learning in fall. Thanks.

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St. Johns	General	I believe we should start slowly reopening businesses as of May 1st. I live in Northeast FL and I'm sure at this point we have more people die from the flu each year. We are not a hard hit area thus far. Counties like St. Johns where I live have barely been affected by Covid. In fact, Flagler Hospital where my daughter is an RN said they had originally opened up an entire unit for Covid patients. They are now beginning to close it down because they do not have a need for it any longer. Counties like mine should be able to open up restaurants, parks and beaches with the 6' distancing. After all we still go to the grocery stores, Walmart, CVS, Walgreens, gas stations etc.... Why not be able to do the same at other public places. Obviously, since we are still going to these places and most people are not contracting it then we should be okay in other establishments. If people are at high risk then they can stay home. Let us healthy people and young people get back to work using proper precautions. I also believe that salons of all sorts should be able to reopen with again the same precautions and possibly masks if the customers request. Please start reopening counties that are not hit hard and for counties that are hit hard, delay the opening slower. Hope this helps Gov. DeSantis. We think you are doing a fantastic job!!!
Seminole	General	As a new owner of a small business/self employed, I believe that with opening up that everyone should be required to wear a mask. Still have in place the 6' rule & other restrictions that the grocery stores have currently. It only makes sense to protect people as best as we can. Unfortunately, my business is non-essential and I have been without work since March 15th and my business will be the last phase of opening due to there is a group of over 100. There has to be some kind of monetary relief for the small businesses. Unfortunately I do not qualify for state unemployment but I do qualify for the federal unemployment. It has been a struggle getting any information on my current claim. I take care of my elderly mother so to not have a paycheck for over 7 weeks now has been challenging. So the small businesses should get some firm of compensation according to when they are allowed to open.
Broward	Information	Here in Hialeah there has never been socially distant, we should not open until the numbers have dropped for at least 15 days and then with some restrictions. Restaurants only by reservations and 50% capacity, same for beauty salons and barber shops only a certain amount of customers at a time
Brevard	General	Please open Parks, campgrounds, Zoo, repayment Astaire, all retail Store, restaurants, hotels,
Hillsborough	General	this won't matter and will ultimately fall on deaf ears because of allegiances but I think it would be a mistake to reopen the state and follow suite of other questionable decisions. I respect that the economy is hurting but you simply can not risk the publics' health for the sake of a "fast buck". I do believe that the second coming is and would be real and worse if the state or any other part of the country is reopened too soon.
Palm Beach	Recreation	Palm Beach county beaches should be open for limited activity. If you open some state beaches, you need to open them all. Indian River County is opening their beaches and yet Palm Beach county beaches are closed

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Bay	Food	Reopen tourism destinations, limited usage to begin with. Reopen support businesses, limited usage to include food and beverage venues and rental properties. Small businesses will close permanently if action is not immediate.
Hillsborough	Healthcare	Open everything up just emphasize social hygiene and masks. Economy needs this.
Highlands	General	Open Florida as Sweden is open and no outbreak. People need to get back to work and on with their lives. Drastic lock downs are unconstitutional and violate our basic civil rights.
Highlands	General	Florida is not yet ready to open. The virus is still traveling and here in the Heartland we are behind on testing. My county has had 76 infected and 7 died. That is 10% of the infected that have died! That being said, you must do something immediate regarding the unemployment situation. The website is a joke and there should be multiple phone numbers with work-at-home employees who can help those with questions.
Collier	Education	The state and its schools should not reopen until the flatten curve of COVID-19 infections is substantially declined to the point where return of the disease is not possible. This may require extended closures through the remainder of the year of 2020, and maybe beyond. The health of Florida's population is more important than the economy. If large numbers of people suffer or parish, the economy will be damaged much longer than just two years.
Sarasota	General	Re-Open businesses. The anxiety and stress this is causing is extremely detrimental to those affected by the closure. Please explain how all the "essential workers" working in Publix, Target, Walmart, Hone Depot etc etc that have been exposed to tens of thousands of people over these last 3 months, prior to the escalation of masks and shields at the registers, yet the virus did not spread wildly to all the employees of these businesses. How is that possible? Then these "essential workers" go home to their non essential spouse that is not allowed to go to work but is exposed to a person that is constantly exposed all day long. This does not make any sense . If you are immune compromised or have other medical issues you need to use good judgement and you obviously need to stay home but the rest of us need to get back to work and feed our families because most of us have not recieved stimulus nor unemployment help. Please re-open Florida.
Hillsborough	Healthcare	My wife is in the hospital and I cannot go see her. Also, the gyms need to be reopened as they are part of maintaining our health. REOPEN!!!
Hillsborough	Healthcare	Working in the dental field, there is not enough adequate access to PPE at this time. Lack of PPE coupled with the lack of informed and clear recommendations on safe practices leads me to question a safe reopening at this time, or even in the coming weeks. The WHO just announced today that antibodies do not equate to protection from reinfection so at this time is just seems premature to reopen everything and undue the progress we have made. If history has taught us anything, the second wave will come and it will be worse than the first. Becoming overzealous now with the small gains we have made and reopening will lead to insurmountable loss in the future. As the old adage goes, it's better to be safe than sorry.

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Hillsborough	General	This is what the University of Washington model says. It says Florida should not re-open until mid June!!!! Not safe until middle of June! https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2020/04/25/844088634/when-is-it-safe-to-ease-social-distancing-heres-what-one-model-says-for-each-sta?fbclid=IwAR0NfIaKSO9QnE-LV0WCilCnMzn2sV5Msqhw7tekAiQ7OgzyzJqmV2ZYdz0#table
Walton	General	With counties such as mine opening the beaches with no restrictions; and the possibility of the Gov lifting the short term rental ban, if people don't think my county will be overrun with visitors they are sadly mistaken. Very few people will abide by the "suggestions" of the governments. The number of cases will rise, no doubt. But what does that number really tell us. Nothing! If they aren't sick enough to go to the hospital. We also have NO idea how many have already had it, with or without symptoms, since you can't get an antibody test yet. So honestly let's open up the businesses. People and businesses are losing everything. Those that are elderly or have underlying conditions or mist at risk can choose for themselves to stay at home or get out of the house. We can't stay shutdown forever.
Hendry	Government	As a life long Florida resident and retired County Emergency Management Director I would ask that you take a careful approach to reopening based on medical and scientific guidance and recommendations.
Hillsborough	Government	Need an order to mandate waiver of all penalties, fees, interest assessed during COVID-19 and specify date range...TECO and many others acting as if there is no policy on payment deferrals and considering charging interest, fees, and/or penalties for late payments without a grace period...RIDICULOUS!!! On May 1st people who have had ZERO opportunity to generate income can not miraculously pay invoices on May 2nd....a grave period for all invoices due since 3/10/20 should be implemented through 6/15/20!!!! Set a policy to STOP the bleeding...people and businesses can't operate without utilities and shouldn't been penalized by IGNORANT and HEARTLESS vendors!!!!
Sarasota	General	I do not believe it is safe for Florida to reopen. Thank you and be safe.
Hillsborough	General	I am definitely for reopening the state but in a safe and if need be slow manner. I believe most Floridians appreciate the need to continue with safe distancing and keeping ourselfs and spaces clean. I also believe a slow steady pace of a return to normality is possible. I ask with any decision made please weigh your options carefully we all want our businesses open but not to rush as to have to start all over again. It would be nice to be an example of how States can return to business without endangering the welfare of the people. I understand these are hard decisions and I'm sure not expected to be the ones to decide them. But I trust you will make your decision on the safety of the people and state. Thank you.

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Brevard	Education	Keep with the current "safer at home" policies. Social distancing and only leave home for essential purposes (doctor/pharmacy, groceries, gas and essential workers). It is too soon to start business as usual or too start encouraging people to move out and about unnecessarily. We need more testing available to see who is infected with Covid 19. We need to make sure we have ample resources for hospital workers if infections start to spike again.
Broward	Tourism	This cannot be rushed. It must be done gradually, only when numbers start to decline, and even then still keeping social distancing guidelines in place. Limiting people, the wearing of masks, 6ft rule. The worst thing we can do is re-open irresponsibly and then have to close then again if we get another big resurgence. We need to follow the advice of the EXPERTS (doctors, scientists) NOT politicians nor businesspeople. We also need to implement widespread testing to fully re-open. Slow and steady and safely.
Sarasota	Retail	I think to reopen retail stores in a safe manner could be done. All employees should be required to wear masks and all customers should be required to wear masks. The number of customers entering a store at one time could be based on square footage.. Hand sanitizer or wipes should be available for entering and leaving. Both employees and customers should feel protected. Most people are responsible. Continued education for the public could help emphasize the importance of following the rules.
Lee	General	Open the state
Lake	General	Reopen now
Seminole	Information	Thank you for leading our state through this crazy time. I am a independent contract travel agent and have yet gotten unemployment. It would be nice to get money.
Duval	General	Reopening before the CDC and WHO recommend it is a death sentence for many Floridians (and residents of other states who may come in contact with Floridians). While people will continue to struggle financially and the economy will take damage from things remaining closed, I don't believe that burden will be worse than the consequences of reopening before it's safe. Hospitals being overrun, healthcare workers doing in droves, people racking up thousands in medical debt, business having no one to work because all their employees are sick and perhaps several have died... There will be drastic harms to every Florida resident if we reopen too soon. Listen to the CDC and WHO.

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Broward	General	Governor Desantis and task force. Multiple ideas to reopen our State. Beaches and parks. Open only certain sections of beaches or parks with a limited amount of people. Maybe a schedule rotation or perhaps even make an appointment with city (fast pass) to go, online. There needs to be policing. Both parking lots and on the sand or park. Not to give citations, but to keep people moving and apart as required. Multiple disinfecting stations throughout. Rope off certain areas in a grid like pattern to keep proper separations. Perhaps 12x12 boxes with pathways in between to ensure separation. No congregations of more than 10 allowed. Restaurants: Outdoor dining only probably best for now. For those restaurants that don't have outdoor areas, Wave regulation to allow those restaurants to set up small dining areas in hallways or parking lots with proper table distancing. Clients must go through a rigorous disinfecting ,(misting body spray, shoe trays, and hand washing) before being seated. If entering building, a host who needs to be behind a plexiglass or separation of some type will greet them and ensure that everyone uses a mandatory disinfecting station (body spray, shoe trays, & hand washing) and enter and exit thru one opening all outside clients must wear masks and shields to enter. Employees must enter thru a different entrance (rear) and go thru a specified set of disinfecting rituals determined by the restaurant industry and certified by city or state. Every employee must be wearing masks and face shield at all times. Gloves are a must when handling food. Also, there must be a fully trained (perhaps online course for proper decontamination) person who's sole job is to police, clean, and disinfect every surface touched by anyone. After every client or anything else that's exposed to possible cross contamination and preventing it. No waiting in line allowed. Use a virtual line and a text will be sent when table is ready.
Martin	General	I think we should wait to reopen Florida till we know it is truly safe! I desperately want to return to work in West Palm but I also know it is currently unsafe at the moment. We can not expect the autistic students at my school to be okay with returning to school while wearing masks. I want to be with the students but I also want them to be safe. Additionally if we reopen Florida before it is safe the virus will spread more readily to people that were safely remaining inside.
Miami-Dade	Retail	Reopen slowly. Parks, beaches, golf courses seem fine since people are usually away from each other. Restaurants can reopen but with removed seating, and no tables for more than 4 people. No gyms or theaters should open.

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St. Lucie	General	The process of opening Florida needs to be a general progression. We can not say "open up" and just let people have at it. We are a state that is filled with constant travelers. People love to flock to our state for our beaches, fresh water, views, and many tourist attractions. You can not open the state quickly because it will cause another great migration. There are more people than others care to consider that have compromised immune systems; some many not even know they have it. I am an educator who is adjusting to the new learning and teaching system of our state. If you can't even determine when you are going to open the school system, why are you going to consider opening other locations that are not going to help the people of Florida? I understand that many people are financially disadvantaged; we are too. My husband works in the medical field and has not been able to work. You need to begin opening the state slowly with small disbursements. What is best for the people of Florida? Think of them first.
Manatee	Information	Up until Covid-19, I thought you did a pretty good job as governor. But, the non-existent testing for the virus in Manatee County (less than 1%) and many northern and central Florida Counties speaks volumes. We had 3 testing sites that only allowed 200 people to be tested and then it ended. So, unless you were dying, you could not get tested. Not testing and letting people die in nursing homes without counting them shows that you are kidding yourself and trying to pull a fast one on the residents of Florida. If you don't have an accurate idea of the spread of this virus how will you know when to take steps to open.? Many many more will die. Your primary constituents are people over age 55. They are currently all staying indoors and doing their part to Social Distance with masks and gloves etc. The people screaming to open the state are people under age 40 and most probably don't vote. The large businesses will survive but yes some won't. We have to accept that fact as well. Please be a Leader when you do finally take steps to open our state and set Ground Rules for All. First of All ; Please...Wait and let a few other states open first to see what happens. A couple more weeks won't kill anyone or any business. Banks will need to help everyone...and they will. Government can put incentives in place to help induce lending (you don't need to give away money the government doesn't have) Make it Mandatory to wear Masks and Gloves when waiting tables or I may never go out to eat again. (Do walk up windows or something) I don't want people I don't know breathing on me. Please make All Employers require employees take an Anti Body test before returning to work to know who has had the virus and take temps for those who don't. Make Employers take extra steps to clean with disinfectant etc. Lastly, please make it a gradual reopening. Nobody needs massage parlors. Places of Worship and other places were people gather Must adhere to social distancing which would include wearing masks. Again, I will not go same with other educated individuals. If business and/or people don't follow your guidelines- fines should

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Brevard	General	It is way to early to open our state. The state is still testing, none of the numbers you are giving out are correct. I hope if you buckle to a few who want it open, that you are still able to sleep at night with the death you have on your hands. Wonder if a sharp lawyer will take on the task of suing the state for wrongful death.
Charlotte	General	As a voter and essential worker it is myvrecommendation that FL continue tobwait to open. I have lost a family member in NY yo Covid-19 and also had another family member in NJ be tested positive after being sick as hell. If we do reopen i say that we be very cautious. Keep bank lobbies closed as pretty much all business can be conducted through drive thrus, through email, or over the phone. Restaurants if the open should be limited to 25 percent capacity. Movie theaters, bars, and gyms should remain closed. Gyms are a cesspool of sweat, body fluids, heavy breathing, and sharing equipment. There is no way in hell that i believe that these should be opened immediately. People can exercise outside or in their homes. I would recommend limiting gatherings to no more than 30-50 people as well because it only takes on asymptomatic person to infect a group. I would continue to limit nonessential travel. I have experience in pretty much all these industries mentioned and believe that if they reopen to quickly without very strict rules than cases will just go up especially with mother's day and memorial day around the corner.
Brevard	Healthcare	I would ask that our local and State leaders follow the phased approach set by the Whitehouse as determined by healthcare experts/epidemiologist . This means adhering to the phases strictly with transparency. Testing will be crucial in following the phased approach and to instill consumer confidence. In this county it is very clear that testing is not adequate or legitimate at this time,. This needs to be addressed before entering phase one. Please consider the phased approach set at the federal level and make guidelines clear and easy to follow. Opening up randomly will create sense of chaos and lack of unity in addition to placing so many at risk for illness and death.
Miami-Dade	General	I believe that testing capacity needs to be ramped up substantially before any true reopening can take place. We will be back in the current situation if there is no clear and reliable data on infection numbers across South Florida. It is way too early to reopen.
Lee	General	Focus seems to be on the East Coast of FL understandably. We here in Lee County want to know when serological tests will be available here. We listen to Gov. DeSantis' talks and he never mentions Lee, Charlotte or Collier counties. Our numbers seem too high compared to other counties. Please don't leave us out. Lee Health has screwed up reporting numbers and it is making us anxious as to what is truly happening here. Thank you.
Pasco	General	I would like to see every worker tested before returning to work and the people working still to also be tested. I would also like citizens like myself with underlying conditions also be tested. I'm would like the governor to consider that if the state is reopen, especially tourism that he really considers the fact that tourists can and probably will continue to spread this virus. Please tread lightly.

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Collier	General	I thought I voted for a republican governor. Let's open this state up. I should control the amount of risk I can take not government. You guys base decisions on numbers that nobody knows if correct. Three recent studies proved more people had the virus then what was reported. Your basing a decision on The medical professionals, haha that's a farce. They are all bought by big pharm!!!!!!! Open up the state!!!
Flagler	Healthcare	Please see attached letter to the Governor from The AIDS Institute with whom I an employed. I am a RN and licensed in this great state of Florida. I have been in the HIV fight for over 25 years. If anyone knows how to fight a pandemic, its those of us who have been in the frontlines of HIV/AIDS. Just look at who President Trump has on his COVID task force, every provider is from the HIV fight! We must be diligent and selective on how we reopen and take great caution with our planning as we test and contact trace. HIV/AIDS/STD/TB have been contact tracing for years, so please turn to us for the experience and expertise that we bring as you begin to develop the guidelines. I am at your disposal to help in any way I can, please read the attached letter and feel free to reach out to me anytime for the guidance needed moving forward. Thank you. Donna Sabatino, RN, ACRN
Broward	General	Reopening Florida before it's safe is an objectively bad idea which only serve to cause subsequent rises in infections coming in waves as social distancing is relaxed and tightened. To prevent these infections and unnecessary deaths, we need to extend the stay at home order until we're seeing continuous decline and very low amounts of cases. I'm the meantime the legislature needs to pass more stimulus packages.
Lee	General	First of all, let me say that I am very anxious for Florida to get back to normal. Today is Day 37 of quarantine. I can't see my doctors or dentist for routine visits because they are only seeing emergencies. I can't shop at places I like to go, at the times I want to go. I can't get a haircut, which I seriously need. I can't go to church, or to the movies. I can't go out for breakfast, because I like sunnyside-up eggs, and they & home fries & toast don't "travel" well. I can't meet friends for a drink. Our community has closed down all buildings & activities, so I can't swim at the pool. I can't go to the beach...it's a ghost town, with crime scene tape all over. I have many friends who are restaurant workers and band musicians, and they have been out of work for over 5 weeks. Many government agencies are even closed. The libraries are closed. And with all this, none of my friends nor I know of anyone who has or had the virus. Social distancing is okay, but we need for things to open back up. Thank you for listening!
Manatee	General	Please do not reopen Florida businesses or recreational activities/areas until health professionals state that it is safe to do so. We have some of the highest Covid-19 rates in the country currently, even with limited testing. Reopening before it is safe will allow more people to get sick or die. Thank you.

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Polk	General	My wife and I celebrated our 37th anniversary today while living in Florida for the past 20 years. Because of our age, we are classified as high-risk during the pandemic. We have been staying at home since late February 2020, only going outside to walk around the neighborhood. Given the lack of general testing capability for ALL Floridians, we would not support the Re-Opening of Florida and would not participate in any reopening since it would put our health at risk in the current environment. For us to support and participate in a re-open Florida effort we would have to have the following: 1) unlimited, free testing for COVID-19 for all Floridians; 2) the ability to purchase N-95 masks; 3) a law requiring all residents and visitors to Florida to wear masks and carry proof of a COVID-19 test status. WE ARE NOT WILLING TO RISK THE REMAINDER OF OUR TIME ON EARTH TO SUPPORT THE RE-OPENING OF FLORIDA WITHOUT A COMMITTMENT OF SAFETY TO SENIOR CITIZENS.
Palm Beach	General	Do NOT reopen the economy until we actually have this thing under control. Doing so will do FAR MORE DAMAGE than waiting. There will be a new spike, and small businesses will lose far more than they are now. You will send us into a new depression. Listen to the experts, for once! Stop rushing and only thinking short term!
Miami-Dade	General	Good afternoon. Please, reopen the state. We are suffering. Financially, emotionally and spiritually. Quarantine is when sick people are kept in. Tyranny is when healthy people are kept in. There may be a minuscule chance that I will catch COVID-19. But there's 100% chance that I will suffer from depression, poverty and sicknessI if the stay at home order is not lifted by April 30. Please help.
Polk	General	We strongly believe in re-opening Florida. We know of several people who's lives have been critically affected due to loss of work or small business. We personally know of no one affected by the virus itself. That's not to say it isn't important to stay safe, however I believe at this point it's up to the individual to protect themself. If they want to stay home they're more than welcome, as well as if they want to take extra precautions, however it doesn't seem feasible to continue forcing closures of businesses.
Lee	Food	It would be nice if it was mandatory to wear masks in public. Especially anyone working. Specifically in the food / restaurant industry. Contain their own droplets. Obviously if you are eating out you can't be wearing one, but the servers and cooks can.
Orange	Finance	Please stop this lunacy and open our state!! We need to get our lives and livelihoods back! Open us up and let individuals decide where they go and what they do. Please don't let Demmings keep us locked down like he wants to. We need hope that we can recover what is left of our lives.

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Sarasota	General	Florida should extend the stay-at-home order well beyond April 30, into late May or early June to avoid a drastic increase in cases. In no way should restrictions be lifted with the number of cases and deaths climbing each day. The beaches should stay closed and those that have re-opened should be shut down once again as this is a place that mass gatherings do and will occur as individuals continue to break the rules and disregard the health and safety of others across the state and the entire country. Restrictions on beaches or not, the re-opening of these places will have an impact on growing case numbers in the next few weeks as people refuse to take this situation seriously. A strict lockdown and shelter-in-place order should be established for at least several more weeks to ensure safety of residents and a chance at life for the vulnerable instead of prioritizing the economy over human lives. A lesson needs to be taken from the states with hospitalizations and death rates declining. Florida should follow suit, maintain the lockdown order and implement stricter guidelines to keep people safe and discourage others from putting lives in jeopardy. I understand wanting to get the economy back up and running, but if it's too soon, then it won't end up really making things better, as the state will need to shut down once again and/or the case and death rates will be disastrous. We should be tackling the problem head-on now while the peak is in sight and an already-established stay-at-home order is in place. Re-opening Florida could potentially push high risk, vulnerable individuals, such as myself, that are able to stay safe at home back out into the workforce too soon and people could lose their lives unnecessarily. I am 28 weeks pregnant with a lung condition and am trying to keep myself and my baby safe. I don't know if I could fight off the virus if I were to contract it, but I know I have a much lesser chance of coming in contact with an infected person if the state remains closed.
Broward	General	Time to open all the parks and beaches in Broward County. People can go to the beach and enjoy their time out while social distancing. They should also have access to the ocean. The mental health and limited exercise are taking a toll on the people of Broward. The beach is hot enough to kill the virus.

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Manatee	General	The people of FL have been locked down long enough, without access to many services and activities. The FL Constitution Article X Section 11 allows all the RIGHT to access the beaches, which has been denied. We are now being told where we can go when we can go there. Our businesses are forced to close, but their rents are still due, they still have employees who must work. We have gone so far to order, yes ORDER people to stay in their homes for over a month now for something that while deadly is no more deadly than other pandemics for which we have never shut down the economy. Within reason it is time to allow the people to decide where they want to go or if they want to stay locked in their homes. It is time to reopen businesses gradually, phasing in the more non-essential businesses a week at a time, reduce capacities of restaurants but let them open. Open salons and other small businesses and ultimately getting everyone open. We must reopen soon, weeks not months, or else the entire economy will collapse. People who want to remain home can stay home, if that makes them happy, but the rest of the people who want to be out and about observing distancing should be allowed to have the right to choose. America is based on a Constitution and Bill of Rights and the right to choose is a basic freedom and people need to make their own decisions within reasonable guidelines and not be deprived of those rights. It is a slippery slope infringing on Constitutional rights under cover of a pandemic, first time ever it has happened and should not be happening now.
Miami-Dade	General	I think it is too early to open up places yet. We have not even peaked yet!!! This will be never ending if you start opening things up. I would not do anything yet until things are re-evaluated on May 31. Get real people. Look at the statistics. Things are still bad!!!
Pinellas	Retail	I work 2 jobs in the mall & I am very worried about returning back to work with case numbers still on the rise. This virus is far from over & has shown how unpredictable it is & how little we know about it. I live with my mom who is high risk. She will be turning 70 next month & has asthma & 2 tracheotomies within the last 15 years. I need to work like every one else but I do not believe this is the right time. I feel as if we should wait until at least June. The state needs to focus on getting the unemployment website working & start submitting requests. I was furloughed mid March from my employers & applied at the end of March for unemployment. Since then I have not been able to access anything about my claim. It is extremely frustrating. I worry I cannot pay my bills but I would never risk my health or the health of my family for a paycheck, Instead of focusing on re opening the economy, you should first look at the broken unemployment system. Floridians have been mislead & lied to by the government. He put us in great danger when he left those beaches open & didn't put in a stay at home order until he was pressured to. Please don't put Floridians in danger again by re opening the economy & instead fix what we should already be doing by fixing unemployment. If we come together, we can get thru this. We should not be putting anyone else at risk for what has already been a devastating situation as it is. Please do the right thing & listen to the ppl who affect from it most. Thank you for the time.

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Hillsborough	General	Please open up the entire Florida economy to the maximum capacity allowed for all industries by or before May 1, 2020. We need to survive and start working again. Pay for housing / food / transportation and all other essential or nonessential products and services. The world will never be free and clear of all viruses and diseases. Please remove all restrictions and allow the florida people to return to normal lives and we will learn and adapt. thanks
Manatee	Healthcare	Wondering when elective procedures will begin again. I was furloughed due to this. I am for opening and scheduling elective procedures.
Hillsborough	General	If we open the state what happens to the parents of elementary children who have to return to work AND school their children? Its too soon. There's too many unknowns
Duval	Education	Reopening schools is my main concern. Our classrooms do not allow space to follow safe distancing guidelines, especially since very few schools adhere to class size for each grade level or subject. Restrooms and classrooms do not have warm water for safe hand washing. Many classrooms do not even have a sink. Shared water fountains are a hazard in normal times and a definite source of cross-contamination during a viral pandemic. Shared spaces—hallways, bathrooms, cafeterias, office areas, clinics, locker rooms, auditoriums, playgrounds, picnic tables—are all gathering areas that pose significant challenges to social distancing and effective and frequent cleansing efforts. If we do need to continue distance learning, all teachers and all students will need updated computers or tablets because our current situation has revealed the poor condition of many devices and the lack of equitable access to safe, reliable internet connections for students and staff. Our teachers have done an amazing job with short notice and tenuous resources, but we need more training in using digital tools and resources to reach every student to support effective, engaging learning.
Pinellas	General	I feel we need to slowly open things up. Some things that are closed can be of very low risk. Hair salons can book customers so they are staggered and spread out. Wear masks. Churches are important. They can have multiple services times and spread people out. Pools and beaches are healthy for us mentally and physically. We need exercise and the temps are getting warmer. If people don't want to go out then they can stay home. Open up counties that are doing well and those that still are having high rates keep locked down. Nursing homes should remain on lockdown till they test clear for a couple of weeks and have continued testing but they should not effect the entire county.

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Polk	Tourism	Why is Florida not building what it and the world needs and putting its tourism industry to work in central Florida? People know Florida Orange Juice. Why can Florida and its Tourism Industry be know for helping the US/world - Turn PPE and testing into an advertising mechanism for Florida Tourism. Florida Safe Central Florida has been hit hard with unemployment. We also have unused warehouse and convention space, first class methods of transportation and distribution. Our President has authorized federal emergency management to help with PPE and testing demand. Use the abilities of the federal government purchase and single source the materials and machinery to produce all the medical needs(masks, medical and N95, test kit supplies, test kits and supplies and face shields), as it is not financially feasible for private industry to logically make the purchases due to a relatively short demand cycle. Use public relationships to locate the equipment and supplies and use private relationships to leverage our empty buildings, Soundstages, Ballrooms, or convention centers and workforce in central Florida. Use private relationships to provide management and labor(Disney , Loews, Rosen, Freeman) to build maintain and operate the federally purchased and sourced equipment and finally the packing up and storage of equipment and supplies at the end of the pandemic that will be eventually stored in the strategic stockpiles. This would reinvigorate our transportation and distribution employers in the convention arena and bring back employees to Orlando International Airport. One February 1st I purchased 40 N95 masks for less than $40 at Home Depot in Mid April the US government purchased 39 million N95 masks for $139 million or almost 3.5 times more than I as a private citizen did. There is money to be made in consumables.
Charlotte	Information	Keep it shut down!! There are still so many people not complying with the stay at home order as it is! And over 1000 new cases in Florida everyday. I dont believe we've even seen the worse of it yet. Why put more people's lives in danger? How many people have to get sick and/or die in order for the government AND the public to take this seriously? I think the president should have issued a nationwide quarantine. ONLY grocery stores, a few gas stations and medical/pharmacy services and hospitals should have been open. No exceptions. If that would have happened from the beginning, we'd be over it by now and we wouldn't have had to sacrifice so many people! But the more we start decreasing the restrictions and open up, the longer we are all going to be dealing with this and things will never get back to "Normal"
Volusia	General	Personally a real lock down should have occurred in the beginning. But that didn’t happen. Citizens are currently unable to buy hand sanitizer. Sanitizer is a basic need for staying healthy. Washing hands is not always possible. First responders and health care workers can’t possibly need all of it. The healthier the population stays. The less the front line workers would need. Keep it closed until basic needs are met to remain clean out in public.
St. Johns	General	OPEN UP EVERYTHING - IT IS ALL ESSENTIAL

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Hillsborough	General	Opening the state now is not only dangerous but also stupid. Trump's task force provided guidelines for reopening the country. The very first point is that there should be a decline in cases and positive results for a period of 14 days prior to anything reopening. We are not at that point. We share a large portion of our border with GA and I guarantee you that they will have a huge spike in cases starting a few days after Monday. Please do the right thing and show the people of Florida that you actually care about our wellbeing and lives, keep it shut down. If all else fails, think about your positions. What I mean by that is that we have a huge elderly and older population that mostly vote republican. You'll be killing off your voters if you rush things. Guess what that means in November? Two years from now? Catch my drift? Or you could make it much easier to boot you from office when the time comes. Your choice.
Orange	General	Her immunity is the only thing thats gonna save us. Im ready to go back to work, reopen disney!
Walton	General	Have been saying to family at least a week before Easter, seniors and those with comorbidities need to self quarantine and others can get back to work. With 82% of the deaths in the over 65 groups, hard to justify keeping an economy on a death spiral. Please open up the state. As a senior couple my husband and I will do our part. People need to get back to work or the unintended consequences will be worse than the virus.
Pinellas	Recreation	Please open private pools owned by townhouses and suggest continue distancing of 6 feet. Seniors need this for exercising.
Lake	Recreation	Please reopen. We need some form of socialization and recreation
Broward	Retail	Don't open Florida or any part of Florida. It will be the biggest mistake you can ever do. We amongst the states with the most foreign visitors and old people. We are heading towards hurricane season and something like covid and a hurricane will destroy us. We need to get numbers down as far as we can because without a vaccine this will keep going. Lower numbers mean less destruction to our society. We can't function without a vaccine. It's just a factor we need to accept. Don't open anything. We cannot take the consequences.
Collier	General	I have a son with asthma, so I will not feel comfortable with sending him back to school until there is a safe and effective treatment and/or a vaccine. I know that one of the major concerns of not opening is mental health deterioration of people experiencing economic hardship. Please inform Floridians that many mental health professionals (myself included) are providing telehealth services and can do so for patients anywhere in the state. I accept BCBS and Medicare. Www.mymindspa.net 239-307-0886

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Lee	Tourism	Don't do it yet. Allow for slow re-opening of things for locals, not tourists; however, the businesses allowed to open MUST provide a plan on how they willl open yet maintain social distancing. I highly doubt hotels, restaurants, theatres, bowling alleys, etc have a plan to support this. Businesses CANNOT be allowed to open & act the same as they did before COVID-19.
Seminole	General	Open up parts of FL that have low new. Cases. South Fl can remain closed but open up the rest of the state. I am 69 and have worked right thru this pandemic in a hospital. Open us up now!!!
Clay	General	Please keep public safety first and foremost as we slowly and methodically open the economy back up. Please don't be afraid to shut things back down as needed. We've been patient so far, let's not screw it up by being to hasty now. The state needs to get unemployment funds out ASAP, too many have waited too long. This puts undue pressure on people to open things too quickly.
Pinellas	Healthcare	I do not think we are ready to reopen facilities. We do not have sufficient testing capabilities to allow us to asses how many people have been infected. Until that time we need to be conservative. People are already ignoring stay at home directives and the government is ignoring them. I've been to crowded beaches where police are watching. I've reported large groups meeting and have been told it's legal because they're posting the event in groups of 10 rather than the 30 that are really there. Bike clubs are riding in large fast groups on the trail. This will only get worse if you open too fast.
Collier	General	SW IS NOT READY TO OPEN! Im an essential worker as is my husband, Medical & trucking! The numbers are not accurate leaving out tests numbers performed. @ labs. Compound by Area's of in PTS at NCH are maxed out! We are not getting real info therfor opening up Are area's could be devestating in lives lost! Maybe the best thing to do is BE HONEST! Shoot for maybe 6/1 but keep isolation in place! The meds are not wotking, plasma therapy needs to be explored & a vaccine obviously in the works! Dont let more people die, this is about a disease not business!
Martin	General	We need widespread testing and contact tracing, to see a decrease in new cases, hospitalizations and deaths before re-opening and coordination with our healthcare professionals (not pushes from corporate lobbyists). Truley help small business, get the unemployment website functioning. Save your constituents!!
Bay	Tourism	We really need to get our beaches wide open and our condos back in business in order to continue making a living. Tourism is suffering horribly here in the North West panhandle of Florida
Broward	General	Lines at food banks are miles long. People need to work and EAT. Open the STATE!!!

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Lee	Education	It is too soon to reopen Lee County. In particular, office workers who are only separated by cubicle walls mostly sharing common open space. As an employee in the education system, I know many employees who get sick at a minimum twice per year from the common viruses spread in the office and at schools. Imagine how easily the coronavirus could spread in my work environment I humbly request the all year round school district personell continue to work remotely through the summer. Current closure orders only address schools and not the remaining employees in the system. Thank you for your consideration.
Alachua	Healthcare	Regarding Covid-19: Never has there been a time when the HEALTHY have been quarantined. It is not acceptable. NOW that we have *data* and see the low risk of death from this--on par with flu--we need to OPEN back up. The more we "stay at home" the more our immune systems are COMPROMISED. This is BASIC regarding the understanding of immunity. Don't cloister yourself with Cleveland Clinic. You need more information from more sources. Start here: https://www.facebook.com/KGET17News/videos/537566680274166/UzpfSTE2NjAzMDc2MDk6MTAyMjAxOTk5OTMyMjQyNzU/
Duval	General	I own a small business and who is it to say who is essential and who is not? We need to open the economy back up. We want and need to work. We do not want a loan. Open Florida!
Duval	General	I feel that it is still too early to reopen the state. My reason why is that, I think it is still too early. I understand that some of the numbers are going down. and we want them to stay on that track... I feel that if the state is opened the cases will increase very quickly. I feel that the longer the state stays closed, the sooner we will get this under control.
Hillsborough	General	Please start to reopen Florida on May 1st!
Broward	Recreation	OPEN THE BOAT RAMPS SO WE CAN FISH!!!!
Volusia	General	Do not open Florida, there are already so many people violating the order which will cause us to have a second wave of the virus . I dont know about everyone else but I enjoy living healthy.. if we need to stay at home continue social distancing that's perfect until this pandemic ends
Brevard	Healthcare	It is time to open elective surgery. Care has been delayed to many Floridians and this has negatively impacted upon their health and well being. Necessary procedures that could be safely performed during this time period should now be resumed. The curve has been flattened and we have seen greater than two weeks of declining cases in Central Florida: In addition to the impact on the care of Floridians, this moratorium has led to numerous lost jobs, lost revenue and lost time. The health of our healthcare system will be irretrievably damaged unless this moratorium is lifted.
Brevard	Healthcare	Do not re open the government until the medical professionals deem it appropriate.
Bay	Real Estate	It is time to open Florida up other than any hotspots, if any. This action should be taken immediately. You do not need to offer a survey to the public until you have a system that is capable of handling the traffic. NO EXCUSE!
Duval	Healthcare	Please declare dentist essential so we can get PPE under healthcare

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Charlotte	General	https://www.turnto23.com/news/coronavirus/accelerated-urgent-care-doctors-recommend-lifting-shelter-in-place-order Let's listen to our local doctors who are dealing with the Wuhan Flu. We have flattened the curve. Open up Florida. Let's not listen to New York. They are not the USA. They are one state that happens to be poorly run.
Duval	General	In my opinion. If people follow protocols from the CDC. We should start opening Florida back up. My family and many others are suffering from not having jobs and the right amount of income coming in! We need our business back up and running and to start moving on with our lives! Please do right by us Floridians and give us our lives back!
Escambia	Government	Please open our state back up!! The economy is suffering and people are suffering. I'm blessed to be an essential worker which allows me to go to work everyday and still earn a paycheck. I'm also a single mom, and if my son wasn't 16 and able to manage his own school work, my home life would be much more difficult than it already is. Google "herd immunity" and really read what the experts have to say. Just because establishments are opened back up doesn't mean people have to frequent them.
Hillsborough	General	I am a hairdresser who is expected to go back to work May 1st and I live with my parents who both have compromised immune systems. We do not need hair salons to open yet
Okeechobee	General	I am 51 years old. I do have m.s. I miss the lives we had prior to coronavirus and the goals I set for myself in the future. I still have those goals and work towards them but in my opinion as long as we still see new infections and deaths I dont believe we should open. People are careless somewhere there will be mistakes and then we will see it get worse. We already went this far go a little farther to see in a couple of weeks. I know this from financial situation and health issues. Just to soon.
Lee	General	First you must place a moratorium on evictions, repossessions, utilities disconnects, foreclosures etc for a time immediately. You must give Floridians time to earn money to pay their bills. Some have yet to receive stimulus pmt and no unemployment either. Then you need to only open in a phased rolling opening watching closely active cases. In Lee county our cases are still rising so I'm not sure Florida is ready to reopen if the cases are still rising. All medical offices should be required to open. Many are not.
Hillsborough	Government	I am writing to say It is time for Floridians to get back to work. Throughout the past weeks of COVID restrictions businesses deemed "essential" remained open. Floridians who patronized those businesses voluntarily engaged in social distancing, voluntarily followed CDC guidelines. With these businesses open, sometimes serving hundreds of people at a time, twelve hours a day, seven days a week, we have witnessed COVID numbers falling. The State of South Dakota never mandated a single business closed and are also seeing COVID numbers falling. These facts prove that Floridians are responsible people, who love their neighbors, and will CHOOSE to do the right thing. But we need our elected representatives to do the right thing; we need our businesses open now, not later. Thank you.

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Miami-Dade	General	I wanted to suggest that in the interest of everyone's physical and mental well being, the beaches, gyms and public lap swimming pools be reopened. As you are already reconsidering reopening parks, that same principle applies to beaches. There is enough open space for people to coexist while preserving social distances safely. Gyms could allow a limited number of patrons at a time, and have them wipe clean the equipment after each use . Public lap swimming pools could allow one swimmer per lane, and we already know that chlorine kills the virus. Lifeguards cuould be at the other end of the pool on their "high chairs," at a safe distance . On a different note, for present and future benefit, that state should have thougher and stricter regulations regarding air filtration quality standards requirements for businesses and offices, as to prevent the spread of airborne pathogens . Lastly, there is an absolute lack of stock of disinfectant Lysol or Clorox sprays or wipes at local supermarkets. How are we supposed to sanitize our homes or cars? Best regards, Myriam Garzon
Miami-Dade	General	Delaying of opening of the economy with some distant restrictions does harm the general population special economical and will not help the um avoidable second wave of this pandemic, which could be deadlier but closing the economy is not going to prevent it
Hillsborough	Information	I don't really agree with a reopen anytime soon. Def not before mid May at earliest with the volume if postivescwecstill have coming in. Now with info that the covid can spread thru the air conditioning, what measures and safeguards are going to be implemented towards offices, restaurants or any business indoors with air conditioners? I'm a high risk person as us with a lung condition and my job is talking if reopening the office, while this whole time we've had several of our recruiters in the office. So if they're asymptomatic and in there it's going the the ac in the building. So I'm really interested in the safeguards you have in place for this. Thanks! Tracy
Hillsborough	Healthcare	I really think we should do another 30 days to be honest… I work in an assisted living community and the thought of our employees going out in public and bringing back some thing that they may not know if there are asymptomatic it's just scary it doesn't a make any sense to re-open right now even with restrictions... I would love to see Florida lead something in a positive direction...
Orange	General	I would like for the state begging opening up. At least open the gyms and the state parks I want to go kayaking again. I work at the federal Bureau of prisons I deal with this virus and other stress every day and I'm at work every day and I'm stuck at home after a long 16 hour shift. On the weekends I'm just stuck at home. Let's start opening this back up. Also there never any groceries by the time I get off work and most people don't see correctional officers as first responders so I can never get any food from the grocery stores

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Palm Beach	General	RON DESANTIS IS A MORON THAT DOES NOT EVEN KNOW HOW TO PUT ON A FUCKING MASK HOW IS HE THE FLORIDA GOVERNOR https://twitter.com/RexChapman/status/1251300355582935046?s=20
Lake	General	Please reopen Lake County on May 1st. We don't have very many positive cases here.
Indian River	General	I believe we need to reopen the state and let people get back to work. The small businesses in my area are hurting really bad and some may never recover from this. I believe that we can open up businesses safely and limit restaurants to 50% capacity and people will be careful. We are suppose to be living in America where we have freedoms and we aren't having that right now due to a pandemic that isn't as bad as they have said it was going to be. They have scared us into Communism. We must get back open to save our country from becoming something that it was not intended to be, we can't let our freedom get taken away. Please open the beaches and the businesses before it's too late. Set the pattern to get America back on track.
Hernando	General	Reopen yesterday please
Duval	Recreation	We are for reopening Florida. We have kids who play baseball and softball and are ready to get back on the fields. Our 12 year old boys are potentially missing our on Cooperstown. We're ready to get on with our lives and get back to the field. Please re open Florida!

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Lake	Accommodation	I own and operate a hotel in Lake County, Florida. While hotels are considered an essential business in the current guidelines, they are dependent upon the ability of people to travel as well as the ability to serve food and beverage for the travelers. The crippling restrictions that have been put on the food and beverage industry make this task almost impossible. Furthermore, Lake county is an area that has been minimally affected by the virus, unlike some of the cities and counties in Southern Florida. I believe that the current situation in Lake County warrants a very efficient and phased-in reopening that reflects much less restrictive guidelines although also encouraging a responsible approach to sanitation standards. Restaurants could have tables more spaced out, limit tables to six people, have sanitation standards for cleaning menus and dry surfaces, and require servers to wear masks, in this initial phase, for example. Many of the restaurant owners I know are currently on the verge of bankruptcy. It is urgent that they be allowed to reopen immediately before they are finished financially. The damage done to our state's economy as a result of closing it up for business cannot be underestimated. We must start a phased-in reopening immediately if we expect the majority of our businesses to survive this. They are not on government salary, do not have retirement plans, and have put most of what they have made back into their businesses, of which they have really been robbed, possibly never to get an equitable return on their investment again. Please start a phased-in reopening of our businesses in the State of Florida immediately. Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in on this most important topic, and warmest regards.
Pasco	Recreation	We need to open up so people can work.
Polk	Government	Give county commissioners authority to open based on local conditions
Lake	General	Don’t open too soon!! I for one am one of the at risk with asthma and lung issues. There are too many people that don’t take this seriously and we need to stop the spread. My fear is if we open too many of the public entities we will see another spike. Follow California’s lead...everyone must wear a mask when they are around others, even outside. Make changes in the public places where 10 or more gather...It’s for EVERYONES safety. I miss my children and grandchildren.

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Palm Beach	Recreation	As a physician the chances of contracting this or any other virus outdoors in the sun, heat and humidity is very low. All beaches , parks, golf courses should be open state wide. Germany and Sweden both proved that there is no statistical difference in the virus r0 between social distancing hand hygiene and limiting large gatherings and home and business lockdown it was still equal to 1. This virus will not go away and there wont be a vaccine for several years. There has never been a vaccine made in 18 months in the history of mankind nor has there ever been an RNA or DNA vaccine ever to my knowledge. Only herd immunity along with current repurposed medication will get us through this. It will take at least 60% of the population infected to have heard immunity. Open the economy up let businesses make their own decisions the at risk population can stay home if they choose and limit large gatherings till September
Broward	Government	Please reopen the economy immediately! I can no longer afford to live without any source of income. I'm a business owner in Broward county Florida. Thank you. Also I have not received any government assistance.
Hillsborough	Professional Services	Reopen services to the public with social distancing and cleaning protocols in place.
Pinellas	Healthcare	Please open beaches & state parks for walking, running, swimming.....limited hours, during mornings & late afternoons/early evenings....I exercise 2x a day, morning & after dinner.....Dunedin Causeway is packed ....impossible to keep 6' distance.....walking, cycling, dog walking, roller blades, runners, etc....like the Pinellas Trail....allows residents to have a variety of exercise. Parking should be allowed, with every other parking space..... free parking. Gyms should be the last to open, with limited members....being a daily gym goer...I would never be able to go back with the equipment so close together & the classes, eg. Yoga, Pilates always packed.
Pinellas	Healthcare	I'm writing to ask you to please have the state of Florida continue with social distancing and stay at home guidelines. Even though I've lost my job as a health care worker, I feel strongly that if we re-open too soon we will see a resurgence in cases and have more cases amongst everyone in the community. Listen to the health experts and keep Floridians safe. Until more testing is available I won't feel safe going out in the community. Thank you- Keri Woloszynski
Duval	Finance	I Aaron Christopher Easley. Need help. I need financial help de to my stimulus check if filed gets snatched by child suport. I cant be mad but in dier times why? I need help as i make $2k a month and great portion goes to my son. 13 years old. I need help please! Iwork at 2023 jammes rd Jacksonville fl 32210. I need help...
Alachua	General	yes, we should open all businesses as soon as possible, with the correct precautions in place, of course...

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Hillsborough	General	I feel that we should open back up on May 1, 2020 with guidelines and in phases. Phase 1 starting 5/1/20 restaurants can open back up to dining in with 1/2 capacity and no one sitting at the bar and using every other table. If offices have people next to each other make their shifts where for 4 weeks only 1/2 the office is in and the other 1/2 comes in on the odd day. Barbers/Hair dressers can make sure that they are wearing proper PPE and only 1 person per time in the chair, once again if the chairs are closer alternate days when they will be in. Rodeos/4H and FFA need to get back to competing and showing. Agriculture needs to be back open 100%
Duval	General	As an adult who lives in America (a supposedly free country) I would really like to have my feeedoms back! The freedom to go out and shop, go to church, go to a dine-in restaurant, go to a movie, etc. I know how to practice social distancing and wash my hands effectively and not touch my face, etc. Those at high risk can still choose to stay home if need be, but it's high time that the rest of us have our freedom back!
St. Johns	Food	I am a mother of 7 and I am also 6 months pregnant. I have worked at the same sit down restaurant for 11 years. Losing my job has been rough.... especially with unemployment not coming thru. However I feel reopening inside dining is not a good idea at this time. There really isn't a way to have social distancing. The server and cashier will still have to be in close contact. Along with lines at the door or even seating. I feel safety is important to all. Also along with school now being from home. I don't see how parents can start working and leaving their children home alone to do schooling. I hope and pray we wait to reopen the inside dining option.
Duval	General	I don't think it's a very good idea to reopen FL. What I've been noticing since the beginning of COVID-19 is that a lot of individuals out in public aren't practicing social distancing. To include the wearing of gloves and face masks as well. Also, I noticed a lot of seniors out in public not wearing gloves or masks. Just a week ago I witnessed a senior shopping at a particular Winn Dixie for two items and that individual wasn't wearing gloves or a mask. Also, since the parks and beaches have reopened I noticed that there have been many individuals coming from different cities and states just to visit these parks and beaches, which puts FL more at risks and increasing the number of CIVID-19 positive cases. Please, reconsider keeping FL closed until a curable vaccine has been established. Thank you.
Lake	General	Reopen May 1st.
Pinellas	Professional Services	It's much too soon to consider reopening any business that puts people in close proximity to each other. Covid-19 is a very dangerous and easily transmitted disease. We don't even have adequate testing yet! 20% of our population is over 60. So many of our employees are personal service workers who come into close contact on a regular basis with an older and less healthy customer base. We can't afford to open non-essential business until testing is in place to assure that the disease is under control and can continue under control. We don't want to look as foolish as Georgia's government and business community!

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Broward	Professional Services	Dude, are you freaking out of your mind? Close everything damn the economic torpedoes. “Nice to see you still have a job dead person” the numbers are rising even with us social distancing and staying inside. This is not difficult to understand.
Pinellas	General	Please do not open the beaches, yet. Wait 2 more weeks to make sure the death rate is down to 0 and their are no more cases... I would like to see the impact of Jacksonville first, one more week for them and I will feel more comfortable. As of today I haven’t got my unemployment check, if more people get infected my fear is that I will have to go even longer without any income. I liked what DeSantis said today, that he is not in a rush.
Brevard	Government	I think we need to keep doing what we are doing through May. I live in a county where a lot of people still are out. If we open things up it will just raise the chances of many more cases. Our cases have not been going down for consecutive days. All the health folks say it is too soon. If we open now I fear the last 30-45 days would have been a sacrifice for nothing. I feel like by asking our opinion your asking what will look best for the governor. Don’t make this political. Keep people safe.
Pinellas	General	Good Afternoon..... I have grave concern for those that want to rush to re-open Florida. I believe that the reason that Florida has been able to keep lower positive numbers than the governor said was anticipated early on was due to us having knowledge of COVID19 prior to their being an influx of cases as what happened with NY. Because of this knowledge, some actions/social distancing were taken. Because there is now the belief that many people are asymptomatic, that the virus may flair up in the fall, many unknowns about the virus, not enough testing although I realize it has been ramped up, and there are many people still not taking the appropriate precautions, I believe opening up without strict proper protocols may be a disaster. For instance, while I wear a mask into work (I mostly telework but do have to go in 1x a week) barely anyone else is wearing one. So it appears that I may be protecting them, but no one is protecting me by them not wearing masks. I have 2 elderly parents, a sibling with cancer and a sibling that just had open heart surgery and thus am very concerned. I still see people congregating in the street while walking their dogs. While I use instacart and deliveries and whatever wipes I have to clean the items for both myself and my parents, other folks are not taking these same precautions. I think it is a grave mistake to open up gyms (and I do go to the gym and miss it since closures), a mistake to open movie theaters and a mistake to open any business that both social distancing and requirement of mask wearing is not in place and the biggest mistake of all would be to open up for tourism. I would love to have a haircut, have my dog groomed , go on vacation, and actually pick out my own things at the food store, but I don't and would not do any of those things at this time. The fact that there are more positives due to more testing and the argument that percentage wise the curve is flattening, does not make any sense to me given the theory of numerous asymptomatic positives that are an unknown. The only suggestion that I have at this time is to open things that would not risk the lives of Floridians. FOr instance, they are saying the outdoors/open space is fairly safe so for the beaches --- to perhaps open then from 6 a.m.-9 .a.m for those that want to social distance walk, run etc.....and hopefully to prevent the crowds of hangouts and swimming etc. with our beautiful weather due to early limited hours. I'm really not sure what else could be

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Hillsborough	Government	The stay at home order should be lifted and life resumed to normal. Our infection rate is .0001% of total population and our death rate is < 1% It is RIDICULOUS that this state should be ordered to stay at home and further and be subjected to these restraints. Our economy is WAY more important and Desantis is starting to kill Floridians every day he keeps us closed. It's time to get going. My decision to vote for him ever again rides on how he let's this state fail, or pull ahead and get going. ACT NOW!
St. Johns	General	Governor Desantis, First, thank you for your leadership during this crisis. Second, I am a small business owner and a mother, therefore my priorities are opening my insurance agency to the public--following strict sanitation and distancing protocols--and being able to take my son to his recreational soccer league. I don't expect to go to the movies or a spa, but giving my 9 year old son a sense of normalcy is long overdue. Thanks,
Bay	General	I understand that people are tired of being cooped up. I also how difficult it is being out of work (especially in light of the horrible delays and issues with unemployment!! Pending claims, unable to claim weeks and non-payment) However, all that aside there is no definitive proof that the virus can only be caught once. Much like the common cold it is still a VIRUS. Therefore in my opinion I think it would be best not to flood the public too much at once. In other words choose carefully what is opened and to what end...no more than the allowable amount of people in a business to safely maintain the 6 foot rule. This means that owners and Managers would need to be very diligent in protecting all patrons the ability to have 6 feet between themselves and the next person. Thank you for your time!
Orange	Tourism	Florida's tourism industry is NOT ready to re-open. We understand that the "curve is flattening", but we are still averaging 30,000+ new cases country wide. Re-opening our theme parks will make our numbers spike drastically. No matter how many precautions we try to put in place, it's impossible to control the hundreds of thousands of people we'll bring in everyday. We're all anxious to get back to work and our daily routines but not at the expense of putting our families and selves at risk in these times. Please do not rush into re-opening our state while the numbers are still rising at this drastic rate.
Hillsborough	Government	Governor, please reopen our state and beaches. As long as we do it with caution, all should be ok: we all need to get back to work and the virus ISNT going away. We need to build immunity and fight this. Thank you for all that you do. I'm a big fan us

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Lee	Retail	All retail should be opened. How can you justify having all the big corporate stores open: Home Depot, ace hardware, target, Publix and Walmart, but not allowing small business, mom & pop stores to open? It makes no sense! And beaches, open them for walking, swimming and even sunbathing! At least to residents! This is government over-reach! Please get us out of our homes! Get us back to where WE CHOOSE to go
Pasco	General	My father is a survived Vietnam veteran. He is 72. Has heart disease and has already had tripple bypass heart surgery as well as several heart stints . My brother in law is at Tampa general as we speak. He is stable but in heart failure and waiting for a heart transplant for the last two years. My wife is a insulin dependant diabetic and an asthmatic. I myself struggle with asthmatic issues. My brother also struggles with asthmatic issues. I would gladly stay home to protect all of them even knowing I have been waiting a month for unemployment with nothing paid out to this day. Please reconsider opening anything at this point. We need at least another month of staying inside to stop this spread. We have come so far to ease up anything now. We are nearing the finish line and I truly believe we can finish strong if we stay the course as we are. All life is precious and cannot be replaced once lost. Please consider this and imagine that your family is high risk. We also need to speed up payments for unemployment. Approve all that have applied and have been waiting for unemployment . If they are fraudulent after payment has been sent and after the pandemic then after the crisis you can go after them for repayment. Now is not the time for political red tape. People need money and they need it now. Thank you all for your time and understanding. May God bless you and give you guidance .
Martin	General	Do not open FL yet. Way too soon.
Miami-Dade	Food	We need to open up the economy. Do exactly what Phase One of Trump's reopening guidelines suggest. Significantly more people are being harmed by unemployment, mental health issues, and financial issues than by the virus. We need to BALANCE our economy with fighting the virus. You can't just turn one thing completely off to fight another thing because it just brings more problems and is very irresponsible. Keeping the economy closed will ruin significantly more lives than by reopening. PLEASE OPEN!

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Bay	Tourism	Governor: I have been involved in promoting the tourism industry at Panama City Beach since 1976, and I have served on the current Tourist Development Council Board of Directors for the past 14 years. The tourism industry from Pensacola to Daytona Beach depends primarily on the "summer" season. (Memorial Day to Labor Day) The attractions and tourism partners in Central Florida also rely on that critical period of the year. I manage Shipwreck Island Waterpark at Panama City Beach, and the month of July represents 72% of our annual income. That is why I believe it is imperative that we don't get greedy, and open our state prior to having adequate testing and truly having the virus on a downward trend. If we open too early, and have a surge during the summer, we might be forced to shut down in July, and that would be devastating to the entire tourism industry. Every day we lose hurts, but if we lost July, many of the small businesses who depend on tourism would close their doors forever. Please don't let us open, and then have to shut down at the most crucial time of the year. Thank You, Shelton Wilkes General Manager Shipwreck Island Waterpark www.shipwreckisland.com

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Manatee	General	Dear Governor DeSantis and Task Force Members- Thank you for presenting the public with the opportunity to provide comments regarding re-opening our state. As a nearly native Floridian (resident since about age 2), and someone with deep roots in my small community, I can tell you I want nothing more than for us to resume a somewhat normal existence. My husband and I are also expecting our first child, a son due in July. However, I do not think we are positioned to resume normal operations at this point. I have been working from home for roughly six weeks now and will continue to do so indefinitely until the virus is in a manageable state. I have done my part to stay home and socially distance from friends and family. We still support local businesses through ordering take-out food and purchasing grocery items. We also utilize online shopping whenever available. I encourage you to extend the safer-at-home order through May 31 or further if necessary as recommended by our public health officials. I would much rather stick it out in an uncomfortable situation than to open up too early and have an even bigger crisis on our hands and end up back in a safer-at-home order later in the year. I would also love to see some sort of public marketing campaign encouraging people to wear masks in public. When I have had to venture out, it is disturbing how many people do not wear masks or keep a 6 feet distance. It makes shoppers feel uncomfortable, as well as store employees. Please also encourage/mandate essential business owners to have employees wear masks while on the job. I strongly encourage you to keep theme parks and attractions closed and discourage tourism until deemed safe. We really do not need unnecessary travel into our state and large gatherings of people. There is a VRBO house in my neighborhood that is a constant source of concern. We finally saw a halt in our-of-state visitors about a week ago. I understand that this is our primary source of state revenue and sales tax dollars, but we will be fine another month or two. Our season is over anyway.
Collier	General	Please re-open the State. Thank You
Pinellas	General	Florida needs to stay shut down for at least another 2 to 3 months to be sure all is ok

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Broward	Management	I'm a Facilities Manager for one of the larger Catholic parishes in the area. This is also following 19 years as a private school K12 school administrator. Given trends that we were seeing prior to the shutdown, a phased approach is the only option. That being said, would suggest the following (again giving consideration to trends we were seeing in the 14 days prior to the shutdown at the church): - Maintain all restrictions for at-risk populations. Period. - Remind the general public that flattening the curve is not the same as "zero risk of infection" and never was. - To allow restrictions and safety for at-risk, mandate openings have a set period for only at-risk customers/clients/visitors. This will allow institutions to double their efforts during these periods to maintain the highest level of sanitation while also limiting persons present. - Mandate suppliers add social service institutions and others to those currently receiving priority ordering for certain supplies (ie: commercial packages of hand sanitizer). With any reopening, many are not logistically prepared and are unable to obtain bulk orders necessary. For example, a restaurant cannot obtain the case of sanitizer wipes they will want to use to increase sanitation because right now online ordering for many vendors (Amazon) is restricted only to government/medical and those who have them (ie: Publix) cannot provide the quantities required for business operations. - It needs to be reminded that mandating masks simply isn't practical. People cannot get them, most who have done facility management know the "bandanas" people are using are a placebo and many have breathing conditions making them impracticable. - Re-opening policies should account for that some locations will have to maintain social distancing by "party" size vs per person. Example, a church will not need to keep a family of 5 who arrived together apart from one another. Their party will need to be separate from others no different than a restaurant. This should be a MAJOR POINT for policy decisions to allow a balance of maximizing capacity while allowing safety in the early stages. (Please Note: This document is exempt under Florida State Statute 119.07 dealing with confidentiality of public record requests given individual submitting them. Additional information available upon request).

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Pinellas	Government	I appreciate what has been done by the President and the Governor to knock back the virus that has caused both physical suffering and economic pain for so many Americans. Having said that ... Now is the time to open Florida! I have watched the extraordinary efforts made by the medical and scientific professions to alleviate the physical suffering but I haven't seen an equal response by elected officials to the economic pain caused by the shuttering of businesses, loss of household income, damage to retirement savings and the loss of employment that will almost certainly continue long after the virus is contained. Now is the time for Governor DeSantis to follow the lead of those states reopening. It is time to open Florida. Let the medical community continue the battle to find treatments and a cure, but getting people back to work must be the prime focus of our elected officials. Unemployment checks (if the system can even be made to work) and federal assistance checks are both short term and not anything close to having a real paycheck. People need to have real hope. And, I see far too little effort to hear those asking for consideration while suffering financially because of the forced closures and stay home orders. It is time to focus on the economy. I look forward to seeing the Governor's plan and to seeing the daily number of people going back to work and the number of local businesses reopening. Let us press forward the virus fight, act responsibly (social distancing, masks, and isolating ourselves, if necessary) but also giving us real hope that the "new normal" doesn't mean economic devastation. Final thought … People will be responsible. They will be compliant and supportive. Keep Florida closed and people will not only lose hope but will also become less compliant over time. People have rights and they won't just give them up. But, they'll always do the right thing, too. Now is the time to open Florida! Be bold. Just look at Georgia.
Pinellas	Healthcare	Working in the dental field, there is not enough adequate access to PPE at this time. Lack of PPE coupled with the lack of informed and clear recommendations on safe practices leads me to question a safe reopening at this time, or even in the coming weeks. The WHO just announced today that antibodies do not equate to protection from reinfection so at this time is just seems premature to reopen everything and undue the progress we have made. If history has taught us anything, the second wave will come and it will be worse than the first. Becoming overzealous now with the small gains we have now and reopening will lead to insurmountable loss in the future. As the old adage goes, it's better to be safe than sorry.
Duval	General	Please open non essential businesses!!!! It has been long enough. Mental health is a major issues.
Sumter	General	Please open all business. We are adult and can judge for ourself what level of risk we are willing to take. Destroying our economy will have a much larger effect than coronavirus. I'm older and in the official " at risk" group. I say ... open now. I'm willing to protect myself and don't need government to act as my mother..

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Seminole	Healthcare	Stifling voluntary commerce is by nature authoritarian. We know based on anti-body testing that death rates for those with COVID-19 under 44 y/o are well under 0.1% or less. At minimum, people under 44 should be able to make these decisions for themselves. We all hope older people will express great caution, but they can make up their own minds in the face of data.
Sarasota	Healthcare	ABSOLUTELY NOT! We are NOT on the downward slope yet. I've been unemployed since 3/14 with no income. Can't get unemployment because I'm self employed, didn't get the PPP. However, I'd rather not work and be broke than endanger myself, my family and other because we jumped back in too soon. Listen to the health care workers. They are the ones that should be making this decision. Not politicians.
Miami-Dade	General	Good afternoon, I am a 68 yo woman who WIIL NOT go to anything that you might open UNTIL I feel it is safe for me to go. Except for what's absolutely necessary, food and emergency or urgent care medical services. Business owners care for what they can make if I use their services. My health is not a priority and wouldn't be because if I get sick many other sources can be blamed aside from their business. No one to blame for my illness. Safe for them. Too risky for me. Do not count me among those that will make them richer. First and foremost priority, I want healthcare workers, first responders, and everyone who has made personal sacrifices while following all safety requeriments, regardless of how "inconvenient" they might feel, SAFE. I rather be safe than sorry. I beg you to consider that the health and safety of the many should be prioritzed over either personal/businesses gains or political pressure. FOLLOW SCIENCE, NOT POLITICS when opening the state, PLEASE!!
Miami-Dade	Professional Services	Concern about reopening too soon. People not practicing safe distancing. That being said , we have to open at some point and get back to bss as usual. How do you propose immigration attorneys carry on in light of the President's proclamation.
Lee	General	Yes! Open back up. Enough is enough. Enough fear mongering. Enough drama. Enough scary news and main stream media bullshit. We should never have closed down. This needs to be a surgical strike, not carpet bombing. In more seriously hit areas, things need to be more strict, but those less affected should not also have to suffer. We can still practice social distancing and intelligent precautions. OPEN BACK UP!!!
Collier	Healthcare	I believe we should only reopen absolutely essential services and slowly. Barbers, salons, beaches, restaurants all included, but with limited populations. Elective surgeries should be allowed to resume.

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Seminole	Healthcare	While we do need to get our economy up and running, I think it's too soon. I fear a spike, or at least a steady increase, if we open the state too soon. Doctors and dentists can not get any PPE. We need to wait until the end of May.
Pasco	General	Would like the ability to gather in group of 10 or greater using our judgement to connect with friends and family. Would continue with masks in public shopping places. Would like for our restaurants to be able to open outdoor seating. Small steps but necessary Thank you for asking for input
Brevard	Healthcare	Open elective surgeries
Hillsborough	Healthcare	Working in the dental field, there is not enough adequate access to PPE at this time. Lack of PPE coupled with the lack of informed and clear recommendations on safe practices leads me to question a safe reopening at this time, or even in the coming weeks. The WHO just announced today that antibodies do not equate to protection from reinfection so at this time is just seems premature to reopen everything and undue the progress we have made. If history has taught us anything, the second wave will come and it will be worse than the first. Becoming overzealous now with the small gains we have now and reopening will lead to insurmountable loss in the future. As the old adage goes, it's better to be safe than sorry.
Lake	General	Please reopen Florida by the federal guidelines of the "phases." Small businesses did not get government funding as they needed and are my main concern. I think we need to lower unemployment numbers and businesses and employees can also implement their own phases and cleaning procedures as they see fit. I am super concerned with the after effect of so many people staying on unemployment and the government continuing to develop financial assistance programs to people- how will we pay it all back? Overall it should be each individual's decision to be able to shop, eat out, open their business, go back to work and those who don't feel comfortable can stay home. For the most the fear has died down. Businesses like Home Depot, Walmart and Target are packed with people each day who are there just to be out and I will admit we have made a few non essential trips to the store ourselves. If anything, opening back up non essential places will spread these shoppers out more. People can continue to wear masks and sanitize as they see fit. Testing is more available now. Just continue to remind and ask people to stay home and/or get tested if they don't feel well. There will be some selfish people that still go out when they are sick but places can do their own screening for them.
Lee	General	It is absolutely positively insane for there to be any talk whatsoever of opening anything back up at this time. People are dying! And no amount of money is worth that.The virus has not even peaked yet. I am sick of leadership in this state putting big dollar donors and business interests before the welfare of the people. Do your jobs and protect the population!

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Orange	General	Please see attached:
Jackson	General	Allow us to fully open. We should be allowed to hang out with friends from work since we are with them every day. We should allow are children to play with there friends. Mentally this isn't helping. Coming from a person with depression, I feel that if this continues sone people may act on there depression. Being with family and friends is what we all want. We don't live in a dictatorship or a fascist country. If people are worried they can stay gone. But we live in the counties in the panhandle that are barley effected by the virus. Several months have passed and only 11 cases here. If not open all of Florida, open county by county
Polk	Education	I'd like to begin by saying the Gov. DeSantis is doing a fantastic job of regulating everything with this pandemic. None of us have ever lived through anything like this and he's doing quite well. As far as opening the state back up, I feel that the Safer at Home order should remain in effect until the end of May; however, restaurants and stores should begin opening little by little. Retailers aren't going to survive otherwise. People should go to those places as we do grocery stores now. I like the idea of the phases and entering into reopening safely. Please, don't rush the opening. COVID-19 is not joke and I prefer not to get it and want my family and friends safe. Please take it slow and put the safety and welfare of the citizens of Florida as number one in all of your decision making. I will be praying for this team that you'll have the guidance and wisdom of God as you go forth and make decisions. Just PLEASE take it slow, be wise!
Brevard	General	My husband and I feel the economy should be reopened the last week of April as first recommended. The projections for deaths are far below once thought. The real threat is now the jobless numbers. Crime will increase, suicides will increase and irreparable damage will be done to the Florida tourism industry. Seniors or those with compromised immunity may feel the need to continue their quarantine, however healthy people should be allowed to live. Children are being affected greatly. Do not discount the voices of the kids who want normalcy. Heat, sun & humidity Kill the virus.... This is FLORIDA. We are known for those 3 things! Open it up, let the herd immunity happen and get PEOPLE BACK TO WORK! THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK! KEEP FLORIDA GREAT GOVERNOR DESANTIS!! We support you and all our Great leaders of Florida! Thank you kindly for listening to your constituents. God Bless America and God Bless Florida.

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Orange	General	I am for re-opening of businesses in Central Florida as soon as possible and general healthcare with the use of masks. Also keeping all venerable to remain at home and likewise those who are sick. My aunt's Martial Arts and Fitness center had to close down permanently due to the financial strain. And many others likewise need to work to live. My mother and brother also have had a financial set back with no unemployment benefits yet. We all need healthcare as well that shouldn't be postponed. Conditions not well treated for causes harm likewise not getting preventative care can be harmful for not detecting health concerns that may be starting. Please consider catefully reopening as soon as possible. These times can also lead to depression, anxiety and suicide or violence in homes.
Hillsborough	Education	Dear Gov. DeSantis, Good afternoon, sir. Thank you for allowing me to express myself and to provide you with feedback relative to re-opening our great state. I believe we need to be careful and listen to our expert health professionals and look at the scientific data to make informed decisions. I believe we need to continue on our current course and wait until we seen a downward trend in COVID cases and deaths, then reconvene for further discussion to review processes and procedures for a strategic and safe reopening. I thoroughly believe that when it comes to the Economy versus Life decision, Life wins everytime. We can not take risks with humankind. I am a high school principal overseeing eLearning and although not the most equitable program right now for our students, it is a safe one which provides flexibility and a continuous education. I'm thankful you have closed schools for the remainder of the year. In closing, we must do what is safe for all. Let's continue to be patient and stay the course under your current orders. Again, thank you for soliciting feedback before making decisions. Stay healthy and safe, Thomas D. Morrill
Columbia	General	Re-open the state already
Palm Beach	General	Please open up the hair and nails services. Home Isolation is tough. My wife and most other woman in my country club community would feel much better emotionally if they looked better. Also golf is a big part of our lives. We live on a golf course. We are in our 70's and are retired. I feel sorry for all those who are suffering. It's time they can back to work. Thank you.

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St. Lucie	General	The following should be opened 1st Phase following social distancing in counties with less than 500 active cases: Small businesses with less than 10 employees, especially Stand alone Pet Groomers as many pets require monthly grooming for their health. Bars, Restaurants and Indoor Movie theaters should be opened with limited attendees and social distancing. Phase 2:Large entertainment centers like Disney should be allowed to opened July 1 to Americans with social distancing. International attendees should not be allowed until far in the future. Airlines should be opened to American's with rapid testing and Temp. checks. International travelers need to be restricted until far in the future.
Pinellas	Food	Dear Governor, Step 1 - Extend the stay at home by 15 days until there actually is a decline in our numbers (as of right now we are still climbing). Asses after the extension based on our numbers not pressure from people. Step 2 - If the numbers start to decline open with strict guidelines on the amount of people that are allowed at venues i.e. restaurants, beaches, hair salons, and other facilities. Come up with an amount of people allowed in these facilities at one time...across the board. Step 3 - When these places open require rules that masks are mandatory period. Places will open without that being a guideline and we'll be right back where we started. Step 4 - Be clear that there will be strict consequences if business owners choose to not follow the guidelines. Employees count on their owners in regards to protection and they should be held accountable if they put their employees lives at risk. Create a hotline for employees to make anonymous tips if they feel they are in danger. I am temporarily on unemployment (which I still haven't received). I was a manager at a restaurant and I do plan on going back but they haven't received their PPP so they couldn't keep me on the payroll. With all that being said, I am a hard worker and actually enjoy working but I don't want to return until I feel it is safe. It infuriates me to see people saying if people are on unemployment they will take advantage of it. That statement can be true but there are people like me who are truly afraid of being infected. I can't wait to return to work once I'm sure I am protected. Please consider creating a compliance task force. Creating a task force could be a great way to employ people. A platform for people who aren't working to generate an income at a wage that is livable. Sincerely, Jessica Lea O'Neill

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Hillsborough	Healthcare	Please be deliberate and cautious about re-opening the state. Before anything re-opens healthcare workers must have enough PPE at all healthcare facilities and EMS! Testing for COVID and COVID antibodies must be readily available and the population should be surveillance tested to quickly identify increases in transmission so action can be taken. Social distancing should continue to be enforced as well as focus on facial coverings and hand hygiene- hand sanitizer should be widely available everywhere that opens for customers and employees. Businesses must make accommodations for vulnerable populations such as those with chronic health issues or advanced age to work from home or in a safe, distanced environment. Groups should stay limited in size- no concerts, sports, dance clubs, churches etc. Technology should be leveraged to conduct business virtually whenever possible.
Seminole	General	Since the science expert has declared that the virus dies quickly when exposed to the sun, why not open all the beaches (at a proper distance) without any hour restrictions?
Pinellas	Healthcare	Working in the dental field, there is not enough adequate access to PPE at this time. Lack of PPE coupled with the lack of informed and clear recommendations on safe practices leads me to question a safe reopening at this time, or even in the coming weeks. The WHO just announced today that antibodies do not equate to protection from reinfection so at this time is just seems premature to reopen everything and undue the progress we have made. If history has taught us anything, the second wave will come and it will be worse than the first. Becoming overzealous now with the small gains we have now and reopening will lead to insurmountable loss in the future. As the old adage goes, it's better to be safe than sorry.
Broward	General	Florida should NOT be reopened until at a minimum we have over three weeks of flattened curve or no earlier than Mid May. Opening now puts many in danger and will hurt the economy further if we are forced into another quarantine.
Miami-Dade	Government	I live in one of the biggest hotspots in the county of coronavirus numbers and I believe non-essential businesses should not open at this time when number seem to only be spiking up. Opening up nonessential shops will only hurt us more and bring our number even higher to a point that we have to be lockdown all summer long. I believe we should take May to be in quarantine and isolated from others. We might be hurting the government and we might have many of our citizens not getting any income but that's why you guys are here to help us at times of need. TIMES OF EMERGENCY. Many of the fellow citizens in the county that work didn't get stimulus checks because of BS reasons. Something has to change. It's better to be lockdown for a small amount of time instead of risking more infections and risking more time isolated. For the selfish people who are rioting and standing up for THE DUMBEST CAUSE EVER are blatantly wrong and don't have a selfless bone in their body. How could you ignore our healthcare workers who work non stop hours for US. We need help from the government to stay afloat. We need to stay home. We need to lower our numbers. China opened up and it didn't do them any good. Let's not make the same mistake. We already looked dumb as a country when our President didn't take early precautions.

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Volusia	Healthcare	Please do not open the state too quickly. Please do it responsibly following the advice of healthcare professionals. More people will be put in danger if the state opens too quickly. Thank you Governor your leadership through this has been good. Please continue the good work for the residents of Florida.
Seminole	General	Please keep us safe! Do not open the sate of Florida! This is not over no where near, if we open up too early it could become a very very bad situation for all Floridians! Please do right by us and keep us closed until we are in the safest zone possible! Heath and life of all Floridians is more important than the economy! Let's not kill us off keep us safe! Thank you
Collier	Healthcare	Dear Governor Desantis, I am a physician and small business owner employing 16 employees in Naples, Florida. Executive order 20-72 prohibiting elective procedures shut us down on March 20. Now that we are over the surge in cases in Florida, I feel it is imperative that we be able to resume operations and bring back all of our employees. I beseech you to please allow us to resume elective procedures as soon as possible, either on May 9th or sooner if possible. We will use all available testing, and all available and recommended protocols and precautions in resuming care of our patients. Thank you for your consideration, Anurag Agarwal, MD
Lake	General	Reopen Lake County. We only have 221 positive cases as of today. Hardly any deaths - thankfully.
Alachua	Healthcare	Let the hospitals and elective surgeries get back to work people need these
Pasco	General	Please proceed with caution and care! I understand the need for people to get back to work, but this can largely be addressed by fixing the unemployment system, and allowing low interest loans to small business owners that couldn't get federal funding. It will be so much worse if we do this too quickly and end up back stuck at home again. The current safer at home ordinance is working, but we're not out of the woods yet. Please continue to encourage people to stay at home. And please, be smarter than Georgia - bowling alleys and barber shops? Places for germs to spread rapidly are not the places to open first! We need to ensure safety, not just make people feel like it's safe through PSAs.

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Hillsborough	General	It is far too soon to reopen Florida. Mid may at the earliest is when we should even be considering such a measure. Exemptions should also be made in unemployment laws so that those people who do not feel safe working during a pandemic\have health concerns are allowed to stay home without having to worry about loosing their job\unemployment benefits. Forcing people back to work in an effort to make Florida's employment rate look better to stroke the governors ego is simply unacceptable. There are 330 million Americans and 2 trillion dollars plus another triliion for the stock market was pulled from thin air, and somehow the average American is only getting 1200? We know our elected leaders are in bed with big business, now they arent even trying to hide the massive handout they give the wealthy. Meanwhile those of us who actually make up the vast majority get so little or nothing, and are going to be sent back out to die from a preventable disease just to keep supporting the governors lobbyists bank accounts. This is unacceptable. No to reopening Florida, we will remember your names when we have to bury our friends and family, and if you don't do your part to protect us, we will make sure your names live on in infamy eternally. Think carefully on what you want your legacy to be.
Broward	General	I don’t think it’s a good idea to reopen Florida not for another two three weeks , we have 30thousand people infected and doing it to fast might cause more damage that rewards , this is not a game and you have been playing the game since this pandemic happen not reacting fast enough to close it all down we would Probably be open by now , so not you want to rush everything to open to play with our life’s like you did before closing ! I will not vote for you and people won’t vote for you your don’t care about us people only money on your mind!!
Clay	General	Reopen Florida! It’s essential that we do! Our economy needs it. People that want to stay home can, but give us our rights and life back now!
Okaloosa	General	Please wait a while to open the short term rentals in the panhandle area. Waiting till May 25th for Memorial weekend makes more sense. Our population doubles with the vacation influx. Giving us time to get ourselves organized and start opening our area in an organized manner. We are ready to go just it controlled.
Duval	General	Florida ahould not be reopened until everyone can be tested and provided mssks to be eorn in public. This is the only way to keep people like me a cancer survivor and immune compromised people safe .
Hillsborough	General	Open the states in a waves and when the curve is going down. Close Florida board for another 2 months - NO TURISTS OR VISITORS Pay the unemployment that we applied since March 20.

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Duval	General	Thank you for this opportunity. I have prioritized my comments 1. Get more medical and epidemiologist on the task force. Look at the state of Massachusetts and their 5-part response for what appears to be the most scientifically sound approach to stopping the spread of the virus. 2, Start with support and restoration of Agriculture in this state. Far more important that amusement parks and cruise lines. 3. Clearly and specifically define what the New Normal with will look like for office, restaurants, schools, retails, etc. 4. Do not reopen schools in the fall unless there is a highly structured plan that does not put an entire generation at risk because 30 children are in a room side by side, head to head coughing and breathing on each other. 5. The states need to speak loudly to the Federal government about working on a more coordinated plan for this pandemic and those in the future.
Volusia	General	I'm from the forgotten group. I live in volusia county. I've been unemployed for years, I'm disabled, rheumatoid arthritis and cancer - my cancer has returned with 2 new growths in under 6 months since previous surgery. I'm still navigating the nightmare which is social security disability and I don't receive anything yet. I don't file taxes, no income. So as of now I still have not received a stimulus check. I'm fortunate my elderly mother allows me a place to stay. On top of my issues, my mentally disabled adult son was refused access to his home last month in Broward county and he had to walk 80miles until he found a way to contact me and I sent a friend to pick him up and bring him to me. So now I am responsible for feeding him also. He also will not receive a stimulus check because his father wrongfully claimed him as a defendant for 2019 even though my son made too much money. So see, we are the forgotten group yet we are the group who needs the help more than anyone else. I beg of you, please do not reopen the state yet. If you do people will surely NOT follow the distancing guidelines and we will have a worse outbreak. I am the person who does everything in my house, I do all the cooking, shopping, etc. I'm the one with cancer and a compromised immune system. I have to go out, no one and let me repeat, no one, has offered to help me. We are on our own. I fear for my own well being out in public. I'd choose to stay home but I can't, we need essential supplies and food just like everyone else. So why are working folks more important than me? Please please do not reopen the state, countless deaths will surely happen if you do and I fear I will end up one of them. Respectfully, Pamela Davis

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Duval	General	In whatever plan is implemented, please make working from home a requirement for companies that do not require on-site workers (such as retail and hospitality). Too many offices are planning to open with minimal or ineffective safeguards in place. Most office jobs can be done remotely and there is no reason to allow employers to unnecessarily jeopardize the well-being of workers who can be just as productive working remotely.
Palm Beach	General	Stay at home orders need to end!!!! These orders are ridiculous and a violation of our constitutional rights! Plus, they make zero sense! I've been in Cybersecurity for over 20 years. We don't just disconnect all systems from the internet for fear of them getting a virus! If we did that, the business could not survive. We segment older machines that cannot be patched, limit their communication to the rest of the internet, monitor them closely and limit who has access to those devices. Humans and human viruses should be treated in that same manner.
Pasco	Professional Services	We feel that professional services like barbers, hair and nail salons should be allowed to open under restrictions official distancing, masks and temperature monitoring. The citizens need some kind of normalcy. Restaurants with outdoor seating available should be allowed to serve. Churches and areas where there are large number of folks should wait until we see what happens with first step. Large beaches should be closely monitored as all the college kids who are not working or in classes will flock back to FL. They don't seem to follow guidelines. Thank you
Escambia	Finance	Please DO NOT open the state up yet. My wife and I both work in mortgage lending. That's all income in home. So, as you can imagine, our household income has taken a hit. But, opening things back up, will lead to another outbreak and will affect things more! I want things open as much as anyone, but want it when it makes sense.
Madison	Tourism	Im live in Daytona Beach Florida and the beach and the events goes on on the beach side like early morning u have joggers walking runners or people who just to enjoy the ocean breeze to get a peace of mind business like pizza Kings the arcade that sell breakfast Hannah tattoos shop that how they make money I miss the scenery my self so please reopen Florida
St. Johns	Government	Government should not reopen businesses until we can all get tested for Covid-19, otherwise we won't really know what we are dealing with and there will undoubtedly be a surge of new cases. SICK PEOPLE CANNOT SHOP!! Thank you. Noreen Davis P.S. By the way, people who claim to be pro-life yet say old people are going to die anyway so it's ok for them to die so our economy can survive, are hypocrites of the highest order and should be ashamed of themselves.

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Orange	General	In regards to re-opening Florida. I would strongly suggest a continuation of our current stay at home orders until many more weeks of lower positive cases. April 23 saw just as many new cases as April 3rd across our state - https://fdoh.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/8d0de33f260d444c852a615dc7837c86 Until a sustained downward trend of new cases is proven we should not begin considering re-opening. The mere suggestion of relaxing social distancing will cause this number to increase. Perhaps looking at how South Korea has been slowing re-opening (after months) is a better way to propose moving forward.
Flagler	Education	The purpose of sheltering in place was to “flatten the curve”, not to completely prevent the spread. I think the number show that we have more than accomplished that objective. Therefore, it is time to reopen our state and get it’s people back to work and back to life. More lives will be ruined by staying closed than will contract covid19 if we reopen. The people of Florida need our state reopened before we end up in a depression to rival the mortgage crash of 2007/2008. In addition, our children deserve to receive a quality education, not the “education by goggle” that they are receiving now, and will, unfortunately, be receiving the rest if this school year. We must get back to living or it will be the death of us all. Please reopen our state! Thank you, Tammy Sanner
Collier	General	Hello, Thank you for allowing FL citizens to have a voice. Short and sweet, - please allow the voices of the healthcare professionals be heard and heeded - please open beaches and parks - I believe the 3 step process directed by Pres. Trump is a model to follow thank you Cris Buzzanca
Martin	General	Thank you for this platform. I am 70 years old, healthy thank God, and have been sheltering in place. I am concerned not for myself but for the young families where the kids need to go to school, where the parents need to work to pay the bills, etc. I am also concerned for the small family owned restaurants and mom and pop family owned stores. Honestly I could care less about the corporations. Let the healthy go back to doing what they do, using social distancing, etc. and have the ill and/or elderly stay at home. Please give this some consideration. MOST, not all, of the people who have died either had underlying health issues or were overweight. I do agree with the Governor that the counties north and south of Martin need to work together to coordinate a smooth opening. .
Miami-Dade	Recreation	I feel the parks should be opened, so people can still walk and get some outdoor exercise.

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Duval	General	Please don’t open anymore of Florida! The Vitus cases WERE decreasing UNTIL the beaches were opened. Now we have to wait until the Beach goers go through the Virus process — recovery or death — which will continue as long as the beaches are open—delaying economic recovery.
Hillsborough	General	To whom it may concern, We need to open the economy now. We still can't manage to pay people unemployment who have over a month ago. If we can't get the people the money that they and their employers paid into the system for these events then let them work. We have at least 50 percent of residents going out in public on a daily basis without any appreciable increase in cases or deaths. All we are doing is destroying businesses and careers people have spent their whole life creating. PLEASE STOP THE MADNESS OF DESTROYING OUR RIGHTS. At some point we will have crossed a line for which we can't come back from and Congress will not be able to print our way out of it.
Duval	Retail	Working retail I can tell you that we are all scared. People are using this shutdown as a free vacation, taking their whole families out to stores to window shop. I know we need to get the economy up and running again, but there is still so much we don't know about this virus. People are walking around who were exposed and don't know it. People are walking around showing little to know symptoms and are exposing others. Every person they expose resets that 14 day clock. I want things back to normal, but we need to do it safely. I say extend it though May and re-evaluate midway though. As people are still not wanting to obey the rules... lighting those rules will only make it worse. And we are still being infected.
Brevard	Government	On April 6th, you were sent a Proposal Titled: Prophylactic Measures and Prevention of COVID-19 by Local Government Action
Hillsborough	General	I work in a hospital and have many ER friends. I feel the hospitals are prepared. People are congregating already.They’re not staying home any longer. People are going to die if its from covid or something else regardless. We need to open back up and allow people to work. I would say all people should wear masks going out and this would be a better policy and clothes and everything for good. It’s time to open back up and let people live their lives
Miami-Dade	Recreation	Please allow local governments to open there beaches for residence only
Broward	Finance	How can you open the stat up when people haven't gotten any of their unemployment benefits? They dont have any money to spend. Please fix the system.
Alachua	General	Gov. Desantis, please open up the economy!! We can do so safely. Gloves masks and distancing can continue. Please. The economy needs to begin again before it's too late. Enough fear! Its more terrifying to think of what an economic crash can cause. People will die then, not from a virus but out of despair. That's worse. Please don't listen to democrats about remaining closed. Listen only to those of us that need our jobs back and for normalcy to have a chance. The virus is not as scary as a total economy collapse. Please. Begin to open!! Thank you sir.

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Bay	Food	We need to get back to work!! I work in a sit down restaurant!!!
Duval	General	I think all grocery stores which are deemed essential services, should only allow a specific number of people in the store at once. They should clean all carts after use and have 6ft markers through the store. Use trader Joe's model. The only store I now feel safe shopping in.
Hillsborough	General	Things are hard now, but I fear if things open too quickly thing's May get harder down the road. Loosing a loved one is the hardest thing in the world, but to loose one when it can be prevented would be far worse. Please think about this as you look at the plans for opening FL back up. The Governor is doing a good job.
Miami-Dade	Accommodation	The further we keep the economy closed, the more permanent the economic damage becomes. We exceeded expectations regarding amount of deaths and cases. It is time to open the economy. The longer you keep the economy closed, the more votes the governor and his staff will lose from his base, many of which are business owners and employees. By keeping the economy closed, you are pandering to the wrong base, and are just ruining more lives. We need to save our industries, we cannot just turn off the economy, when the survival rate of this virus is 96%. This is not the Black Plague. Over 200,000+ people lost their jobs in Florida, we cannot keep lying to ourselves that further ruining the economy is a good idea.
Miami-Dade	General	DO NOT REOPEN UNTIL THE STATE IS IN COMPLIANCE WITH GUIDELINES, WHICH IT IS NOT STATEWIDE!!!!0
Duval	General	In whatever plan is implemented, please make working from home a requirement for companies that do not require on-site workers (such as retail and hospitality). Too many offices are planning to open with minimal or ineffective safeguards in place. Most office jobs can be done remotely and there is no reason to allow employers to unnecessarily jeopardize the well-being of workers who can be just as productive working remotely.
Orange	General	Do not open theme parks to full capacity until the end of the year or when Florida sees a significant drop in cases and deaths (we need more testing), open schools in the fall by keeping half the classes online and half the classes in person for college students, open small businesses and recreational activities that can commit to social distancing long term within the next few weeks.
Brevard	Government	At the moment we do not have a cure for this. And the mortality rate is being calculated wrong. The total death's divided by the total infections does give the mortality rate when looking from a historical perspective, but using the same formula while the pandemic is still going on is only accurate if everyone that is currently infected survives with zero additional deaths. When you look at resolved cases two out of three recovered, one out of three died. I say this as a libertarian but Tighten the shutdown restrictions, do not open up until this virus is under control. The citizens of Florida have not taken this seriously because the reports have been of one to three percent mortality rate when in actuality it is closer to 35%.

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Clay	General	Please stay the course! Rely on data and science rather than pressure. We all want to stay safe and not get sick. I would rather wait and be safe. Opening up the economy too soon could be disastrous. Maybe consider an additional stimulus or other fiscal or financial measures for those who need it. Please continue to listen to Dr. Birx and Dr. Fauci and other state and federal health professionals and heed their advice. Thank you for not reopening the schools for the rest of the school year. Thank you for assembling a task force of experts in their fields and for listening to them. You are doing a great job in a difficult situation. Keep it up and stay the course.
Pasco	Healthcare	I don't want you reopen till the specialists say we are safe, don't allow in people from other states, still all United have a vaccine or cure
Volusia	Government	Reopen Florida! I support the full reopening in the state of Florida. As a registered voter, tax paying citizen of Florida the numbers do not support a continued shut down! The fear mongering of the media, the draconian measures of government control- it has to stop! Elderly, medically compromised or those wanting to continue living in fear and being controlled can stay home. But healthy individuals who want to work should be able to! I am not required to descend into poverty for anyone. I refuse to participate in "quarantine life" until there's an unsafe, untested vaccine released in eighteen months. I refuse to receive said vaccine to make others feel more safe. I won't set myself--or my children--on fire to keep you warm. We are Allowing fear and policies devoid of scientifically accurate data to destroy Florida and America! We have a constitutional right to take risks! Life is full of bacteria and viruses--many of which spread before symptoms manifest and after they subside. We have a right to receive OR refuse vaccines. Stop allowing the government to destroy: The Food Supply Small Businesses Medical Autonomy Access to Healthcare Religious Gatherings Privacy Rights Fellowship Tourism When the "new normal" is filled with starvation, depression, suicide, child abuse, domestic violence, imprisonment, and pure DESPERATION, the virus is going to look preferable to the world you helped facilitate. Reopen Florida Now!
Leon	General	I live in a rural area at the north end of Tallahassee. Here I believe local restaurants could open with limited customers and with social distancing. Also this should go for hair salons and gyms. Reserving social distancing for these type businesses I believe would keep us afloat here.

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Bay	General	I live here in Bay County for over 45 years. Our cases are going up here in the Panhandle yet the beaches open for certain hours and this weekend we have traffic from Alabama Georgia Lousiana Mississippi etc. I am high risk so is my daughter and grandson neither of us is working right now she was laid off and no unemployment coming in I am on workers comp but supposed to go back in May and I am scaried to be out there. There are so many walking around no mask in public places, sneezing, coughing not washing hands acting like its ok. I understand people have to work by anybody in public needs to wear mask. People need to travel within their own state not to other states. Social distancing should be 10 and under unless on beach should be 5 and under. Yesterday their were people out on beach all day we dont3 have manpower to keep them off. Please hear the Panhandles voice. Thank You
Clay	General	We need to open the city /state back up so we can get back to life.
Broward	General	Too early to re-open Florid, especially South Florida. There will be a resurgence if we rush this.
Orange	Healthcare	As of today, Florida's cases are still increasing with 30,839 for the state and 1,304 in Orange County. 76% of Florida voters want PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS, not business leaders, to determine when it is safe to reopen Florida economy. Before officials start reopening the economy in GRADUAL STAGES, we need several more weeks of significantly increasing amounts of testing, testing sites, and to start contact tracing like in other countries. THE CURVE MUST FLATTEN BEFORE ANY MAJOR REOPENINGS. REOPENING TOO SOON WOULD LEAD TO A MAJOR INCREASE IN CASES, LOSSES OF LIFE, AND WOULD HURT THE ECONOMY EVEN MORE.
Hardee	General	The state should not re open until there is testing available for everyone and there has been a substantial decrease in cases. The social distancing should be enforced.
Pinellas	General	This lockdown is causing significant societal and financial damage. It is clear the curve has been very flattened in most areas of Florida. Suggest that by county (except for Miami area) have Phase 1 reopen on May 1st. Get restaurants and gyms open May 8th. It is bad public policy to continue a lockdown where the mortality rate is now know to be approximately 0.4%. Have high risk individuals continue to shelter. However, more long term problems will come from the poverty that is being created including suicide, significant depression and long term financial damage to small business owners and those in hospitality if this shutdown continues without valid medical reasons. Use Georgia as an example and let's get Florida open ASAP!

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Lee	Government	I support the full reopening in the state of Florida. As a small business owner, a registered voter, and a tax paying citizen of Florida I do not support a continued shut down! The fear mongering of the media and the draconian measures of government control has to stop! My constitutional right to pursue liberty, freedom and the pursuit of happiness is being unjustly infringed upon! Those wanting to continue living in fear and being controlled can stay home but healthy individuals who want to work should be able to! Your fear should not control my liberty and freedom! I refuse to descend into poverty and allow my business I have spent over a decade building disappear. I refuse to participate in the unconstitutional oppression of my freedom by state and local government. I refuse to wait for or receive an unsafe, untested vaccine for a virus that has already mutated over 30 times and has a 0.0001% mortality rate. We are allowing fear and politics devoid of scientifically accurate data to destroy Florida and America! I believe in liberty NOT tyranny! I will not allow my constitutional rights to be infringed upon. I know there are many others that share my beliefs and we will STAND UP and FIGHT FOR OUR RIGHTS if you force us! Stop allowing the government to destroy: The Food Supply Small Businesses Medical Autonomy Access to Healthcare Religious Gatherings Privacy Rights Fellowship Tourism Reopen Florida Now!!
Hillsborough	Healthcare	Governor DeSantis, please follow the advice of scientists and doctors when considering when to open back up the Florida economy. If you open too soon and cases spike, you will ruin the very economy we are all concerned about. We need accurate testing so you can make an educated decision based on real DATA. Only 1% of the population has been tested. Uncertainty will surely kill the economy if people don't feel safe whether things are reopened or not. We also need contact tracing to catch any outbreaks before they go wild in any specific community. The virus doesn't care if you are a Democrat or a Republican. It doesn't have a political preference. Please follow the science.
Hillsborough	General	Every one of us in anxious to reopen our state, restore our economy and get back to our lives. It is imperative that this decision be made with medical experts leading the way. Obviously, the business community will have a huge role to play in getting Florida back on its feet, but if we get the medical science wrong, we could be doomed to fight this virus for a long time to come, costing lives and prolonging economic devastation. Please let the medical science community lead the way as we cautiously consider reopening the state.
Pinellas	Government	CLOSED till scientific backings support residents will be reasonably safe to resume life with face masks n keep 6 ft distance from eavh other

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Martin	General	Use this opportunity to educate and validate Florida as a Constitutional State. Rollout a re Commitment to Individual Rights and Liberty and individual responsibility of each of its citizens Freedoms to go about their lives and business without approval and subsidies from Government. Open all business's with suggestions of responsibilities of customers and their business's as Enter and do business at your own risk. Post signage (voluntarily) and suggest those over 50 and or immune Compromised self isolate or take on the risk themselves, NO MORE Spreading individual risk and responsibility onto the Whole of our Society! Open schools with the same suggested guidelines, lift compulsory attendance and leave in place online as an option. Id rather you open up society with the promise to NEVER overstep again rather than extend this compounding Unemployment and unavailable payments then have to continue NOT delivering as UI has promised. We Must Get the size and scope of all levels of Government back into our Founding documents Dec of Independence and the US Constitution and stop pretending its a Concierge service to All! Since I have been furloughed with No Promise of rehire, I have plenty of time and experience if you need any help further! Please reach out for any input or help. Thank you RJ P
Hillsborough	Professional Services	Thank you!! I feel you should allow hairdressers and salons to open. I also feel that condominium pools should open. I think stores could open, we need to bring back making people feel good. We live in paradise but we aren't allowed to go to beaches allow FL residents access to beaches, we could show a drivers license. Thank you for all your doing!!
Lee	General	As an essential worker who has to go to work everyday, it infuriates me to see all of the people out and about throughout the day instead of staying home. Please remove the politics and shut us down so this will clear up. Committing halfway is only mildly effective. Will we get through this and recover a lot faster if we just commit to staying home for now. I am asking that we continue with the safer at home order at least through the Summer. And please enforce the guidelines. Thank you.
Sarasota	Healthcare	Our hospitals are not overcrowded due to Cvirus, but as a result of the shutdown and elimination of elective surgeries, ARE severely damaged economically. Likewise, patients such as myself are adversely affected by having to postpone needed surgeries. It is time to reopen hospitals for elective surgeries, especially in cities with minimum C19 cases such as Sarasota. It can and will be done safely.

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Orange	General	In answer to your inquiry, WAIT FOR A VACCINE. OUR PRESIDENT DOESN'T ACT LIKE ONE AND IS DANGEROUS. Gov DeSantis is reasonable can talk without a script and I have to defend him on Facebook where I without profanity, use humor and sometimes scripture to resist the present admin; specifically, our president and McConnell who are very NOT For the People, By the People at all. Simply in it for themselves and a very "smug" attitude which is unspiritual and condescending. You asked, and I have humbly answered. I hope this helps Frank Patterson Democrat, reluctantly. I am a citizen of the Earth. Unity Consciousness
Marion	Education	Please consider keeping Florida learning virtual/remote until there is Scientific data that supports the safety of return. Going back to a large high school campus with 1,200 students (25 to a class) there is no social distancing going on. As a teacher, I very much miss my students and I know being on campus is ideal. But not if it's not safe. Please, please do not open schools before there is a turning point in this pandemic and we can go back safely. It's not worth lives. Thank you for your consideration of my input.
Broward	General	Do not re open the state unless it is an essential business until we have a better handle on the corona virus. Every day more and more people are dying and if we reopen people will become complacent and soon distancing we'll be relaxed and the number of positive cases and death will rise again. Let's get the antibodies testing done across the board so that people who are more susceptible can be identified, stay home and get government assistance to those people. Keep the state closed until the number of cases and deaths really decline!!!
Manatee	Real Estate	I think the State should be opened very slowly starting May 1. 1. retail / all retail, malls and small business Continue with social distance rules, masks and gloves optional 2. Hospitals, Doctor's offices, vet clinics, etc. with guidelines 3. Car washes 4. Restaurants with Seating, use guidelines, half capacitor a while 5. Hair Salons with guidelines 6. Real Estate still optional, people do not want strangers in their homes for showings. 7. Nail salons and Massage, wait 60 days to see how virus reacts , I feel those business Entities are too close for safe distance. Please pay everyone their unemployment, we are desperate. Thank You.

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Sumter	General	To whom it may concern, I am a senior citizen aged 74 and have lived in Florida since 1989. I understand you are considering re-opening Florida with regards to the Coronavirus. I respectfully ask that you please follow the recommendations of qualified health care and infectious disease professionals. To re-open the state prematurely would cause a resurgence of this deadly virus. I can only be responsible for my husband and myself. I cannot be responsible for those that do not follow the rules and regulations. I believe reopening too soon will spread this deadly disease. I understand the need to start the economy back up, but I also understand that it would be better to put lives before state revenues. Economies will recover, dead citizens will not. I hope Florida, its politicians, and the Reopen Florida Task-Force will take the actions that are best for its citizens and not what is best for the self interest of those involved. I implore you to err on the side of caution and not reopen Florida until the health professionals advise to. Thank you, Andrea Lawson
Sarasota	General	I am 35 and by nature a very social person who needs to keep moving and be out and about in life. On the flip side, as a DC resident living in quarantine with my 70-year-old parents in Sarasota, I am very cognizant of the fact that it isn't just my health I have to worry about. Therein lies the problem -- and ultimately the solution: COMPROMISE. This is unprecedented time in our lives. Clearly, this is a very serious situation and a highly contagious disease that we don't know much about. But the flip side of that is ensuring that the cure is not worse than the disease. We need to figure out things that can be managed safety -- and fast, because I can't imagine I'm the only one going through the usual emotions of anxiety, frustration, fear, and depression (to name a few). It's exhausting hearing all of these people ripping on Floridians for hitting the beaches. The truth is, beaches are exponentially safer than, say, grocery stores. With heat and sunshine (hopefully) providing some sort of protection, if we can monitor large groups on the beach, this is absolutely worth having open. (Side note: my hunch is a lot of the Florida beach-goer hatred comes from jealousy.) The same goes for tennis courts. Two players standing 20 feet apart hitting a ball does not seem the least bit dangerous, provided you're careful not to touch your face too much during the match. Obviously, Florida felt that way about golf, so why not tennis? And of course, gyms. I understand there is a risk with gyms, certainly. But what is the one thing people always tell you to do when feeling frustrated or anxious or upset? "Go to the gym." Instead of just taking a walk or watching an online workout, we need somewhere familiar and comfortable to release our frustrations, and again, if gyms can be as health-conscious as possible, they need to open ASAP. Its obvious life will not truly go back to the way it was until 2021, but I believe we can salvage some of 2020 by taking small steps. Some states need to step up and be willing to be the first to reopen and take the risks that others are afraid to. Ultimately, those that go back to patronizing businesses will do so at their own risk, and that
Pasco	General	Barber shops, beauty salons, pet grooming, condo/mobile home park pools Restaurants with limited seating,

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Manatee	General	Ladies and Gentlemen, I submit the following suggestions for the reopening of Florida. 1. Participation by citizens in reopening is voluntary. If you are uncomfortable returning to a 'normal' way of life, by all means continue to quarantine YOURSELF, not the rest of the citizenry. 2. Reopen retail, gyms, salons, dentists with sanitary requirements in place. Again, if a citizen chooses not to go to a salon or a dentist, they are free to remain in place. 3. Restaurants should open at 50% capacity initially. These are businesses that people have invested their life savings to achieve, PLEASE allow them to function. It will undoubtably take some time for 100% of the population to resume restaurant dining, which is probably a benefit. 4. Hotels should reopen asap with sanitation requirements in place. This will encourage Floridians to travel within Florida. 5. It is not necessary to carpet bomb the state when a strategic strike is more effective and results in less collateral damage. Therefore I suggest an initial period of observation on the effectiveness of the above followed by STRATEGIC REACTION, i.e. further loosening where safely indicated. Respectfully, Janice Falk
Brevard	General	Allow businesses to re-open! Businesses should operate in a manner that allows for "social distancing." For example, limit the number of customers inside the establishment. Encourage everyone to take reasonable/appropriate precautions when in public. Encourage, but do not require, high-risk individuals to minimize/limit interactions with the general population. Again, let businesses open!
Orange	General	Re-open our state fully. Open the stores, the restaurants, the attractions, the theme parks, the parks and beaches. Open them all and open them NOW. Closing them was unconstitutional from the get-go. If people want to wear masks, let them. If they don't, that's fine too. Make provisions for families who have vulnerable family members in their homes but get the rest of the state up and running again.
Brevard	General	Do not open the state of Florida. Please pay the people that have submitted for unemployment, we need it. And cancel school. We are going through a lot right now.

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Lake	Recreation	Beaches should be 100% open! People should be able to lay out as they choose with their own family. I understand it's not spring break conditions but sitting in a beach chair watching your child build Sandcastle's should not be a problem for anyone! Your killing Airbnb and a host of other rental avenues for people that depend on rental income. I think Disney should open in June and restaurants should be open now. Maybe 50% capacity in May before capacity by June 1. This cannot continue to cripple the residents of Florida. The people screaming to stay closed are those getting welfare, government money and extra unemployment. Those people should not be allowed to continue to stay home, collect checks and complain. We are a capitalist society and need businesses in order to have a tax base. Government needs to stop and look at how bad your hurting the taxpayer. The entire state should be fully functioning by 6/1
Clay	General	I think the state should only be reopened once there are ZERO new cases, ZERO deaths for a straight 14 days from COVID 19. Otherwise, being tucked away in my house for over a month quill have been for nothing. Not to mention, you want to open all businesses, but my kids can't go to school? That's crap.
St. Johns	General	I believe we should not re open non essential businesses or schools until there are more than enough available masks and COVID test kits that are easily accessible for everyone. There should also be guidelines for each sect of business that can be enforced strictly.
Sarasota	Healthcare	Of course people want to re-open the state, but it isn't time yet. The decision needs to be based on public health data and information a not on public opinion. We don't even have good data yet because so many have not been tested so we don't know how prevalent it is. Our cases may be less than anticipated because people are staying home - so it means that's working, The danger of re-opening too soon is that cases could spike and be much worse.
Charlotte	Government	Please reopen business as soon as possible. Everyone is beginning to understand what's been pretty obvious all along, most people have already been exposed the the virus. As testing increasingly confirms that, it's also becoming increasingly obvious most infected will either be asymptomatic or will experience only mild symptoms. Unless the virus suddenly becomes more dangerous we need to get life back to normal.
Lee	General	In order to safely reopen Florida, people need to be required to wear masks when out in public. Many people already too but too many do not. Publix and other chains are requiring employees to wear masks. Why shouldn't everyone else? There are so many elderly people in this state- we have to do everything we can to keep the number of infections and deaths down. Asking people to do something will only ensure a portion of people all comply. Making it mandatory is the only was to ensure everyone will follow. People will not return to normal habits that will bolster the economy if they feel unsafe. Wearing masks is a small thing everyone can do to make everyone feel safer. The last thing we want is for this virus to flare up again putting us all back under stay at home orders. Masks are a must.
Hillsborough	Real Estate	We have 2 rental properties that are vacant and need tenants to have cash flow. Please open back open.

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Lake	General	I have been staying home for a month and a half. I have just about had it. Plus I already lost my job. Now I have to deal with an Unemployment that like all gov"t places doesn't work either!!!! You people need not to listen to all these so call scientists. Next when congress gets money that doesn't pertain to the virus, that's enough!!! All this is going to kill Florida's economy. So open up all fo Florida.
Pinellas	General	I think it's too soon to reopen businesses or anything in Florida. I think things should stay just like they are especially since the virus cases are not declining and today CDC released new symptoms meaning people may have the virus but didn't know it cause they were going by the previous symptoms and that means we are still learning about this virus so definitely I do not agree with reopening or changing anything and no matter what I still plan to stay home as much as possible and not jeopardize my families health which is what you are doing by reopening things. Several of my coworkers agree with it's to soon. Do not call me but you can email me.
Orange	Tourism	I do walking tours all around central Florida. I am happy to adjust what I offer to meet whatever guidelines are going to come out of this - I just want to be sure that there are going to be guidelines to follow. I take groups of people (usually between 2-20) to various locations, both indoors and outdoors. I want to know specifics for nonessential businesses, such as when we can resume operations, the max group size allowable, etc - so that when it is allowed I am able to resume operations.
Collier	Food	I'm a hard worker young adult with 2 jobs I serve. I didn't save my money up to sit at home and not wrk and be ambitious and hustle and grow. You all are trapping the younger generations that want to work and grow and become better for the future
Volusia	General	The state needs to be re opened. We can't wait for the threat of COVID 19 to be gone before we re open. If we wait much longer there won't be anything to return to! Our economy won't survive. The nation needs to re open! Florida needs to re open.
Orange	Healthcare	As of today, Florida's cases are still increasing with 30,839 for the state and 1,304 in Orange County. 76% of Florida voters want PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS, not business leaders, to determine when it is safe to reopen Florida economy. Before officials start reopening the economy in GRADUAL STAGES, we need several more weeks of significantly increasing amounts of testing, testing sites, and to start contact tracing like in other countries. THE CURVE MUST FLATTEN BEFORE ANY MAJOR REOPENINGS. REOPENING TOO SOON WOULD LEAD TO A MAJOR INCREASE IN CASES, LOSSES OF LIFE, AND WOULD HURT THE ECONOMY EVEN MORE.
Collier	Food	I don't believe we are ready to open Florida just yet.

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Lee	General	We are not ready to safely reopen the state for business as usual, and reopening prematurely will cause a second spike in infections. I give private music lessons to students in small enclosed rooms in which it is impossible to keep a six foot distance from the student, using the same piano keyboard that many other people have touched with bare hands that day. We have successfully transitioned to all online video lessons, yet despite the dangers of in person lessons and the success and ease with which we can conduct online lessons, I still got an email today from our studio manager talking about resuming in person lessons on May 1st. We need a continued stay at home order so that small nonessential businesses can't force their employees to come back to work before it is safe to do so.
Hillsborough	General	I think this city, Tampa, this county Hillsborough, and the state Florida has done an excellent job in starting to flattened this curve of the COVID-19 virus. However I feel very strongly that if we hurry the reopening of any part of the state of Florida. It will only intensify the virus more and all this hard work and distancing will have been for nothing. I feel we need to get our economy back up and running yes absolutely. However right this minute isn't the time. 30 more days is not going to be that detrimental. Get folks back to work where we can, help businesses that need employees advertise temporary positions to help those that can work. Most of all spend some state money and get a computer program that's not so antiquated to run the unemployment system and help those that need it. Let farmers sell their products directly to the public in open areas like fair grounds so folks can get fresh produce or even eggs, milk and maybe meats. There are ways to help everyone if we work together Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts.
Seminole	General	Please consider the harm reopening Florida will do. Things are hard for everyone at the moment but reopening nonessential businesses and allowing social distancing will just cause another spike and another lock down later in the year. As a State we need to think about us as a group rather than individual needs. Sacrificing a few weeks of non essential actions like hair cuts, going to restaurants, and theme parks is what we should be doing to preserve the lives of fellow americans. We cannot be selfish. The economy will recover but we cannot bring back those who will die. Please ask yourself, how many men, women, and children are you willing sacrifice for the sake or the economy. If you can produce a number, then by all means, tell the people and reopen Florida.

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Brevard	Real Estate	I'm a real estate agent, but I'm also a wife and mom. Our family's income has been disrupted by this, as many have. I've also worked in the medical field in the past and have read many scientific papers from a broad array of sources and have seen that the death rate is much lower than previously indicated and continuing to go down as we test more and more. Pandora is out of the box. There's no way to stop this thing now and we need herd immunity. I expect there will be a resurgence when we leave our homes and that's to be expected. But we can't go on living like this, we will surely all go bankrupt. It's unsustainable for not only my family but so many others. I suspect the people asking you to stay closed are either making more on unemployment than they did working, or their checks have not been affected so far. It's easy to stay home when you get to do less and make more... PLEASE... reopen Florida before we lose more lives to suicide than COVID ever thought of taking.
Miami-Dade	Healthcare	Buenas tardes, no creo que sea una buena idea abrir cuando todavia cuando en realidad no ha parado el contagio y son miles los que estan infectados dia a dia, creo que si hemos hecho bien la Cuarentena pero todavia no hemos podido reducir el porcentaje lo unico que vamos hacer es tener que volver para atras y ahi si que vamos a segue demorando el arranque del pais
Seminole	General	Please do not re-open the economy yet. Florida has a significant elderly population that must be protected. Maintain restrictions until testing is widespread and easily obtainable by all so that areas of concern can be identified and isolated.
Okaloosa	Tourism	Please open up and let the smart people show how we can practice social distancing. I manage/own single family homes and have family's asking to come and practice social distancing here. They are repeat guests who will help the local economy and help save me from bankruptcy bringing in some rent money. They won't be around others like a condo building! No lobby. No elevator. Very safe! I have excellent housekeepers to clean these homes between guests. Please allow short term rentals please!

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Volusia	Finance	OPEN OUR STATE AND COUNTRY.. We have better understanding virus and can contain and control local outbreaks Worth risk to reopen Safeguard, monitor and contain nursing home outbreaks..move corona virus patients to a separated section or central area facility. Isolate and monitor and test new admissions. Theatres, sporting arenas concerts..For now have elderly and immunosuppressed refrain for going..online/tv option..temporary.. .masks hand washing for everyone Movie theatres and restaurants open select hours elderly and immune suppressed..not everyone can eat out everyday or see movie...stagger..temporary Salons...appointments..disposable/washable capes, gloves, masks both workers and patrons, plexiglass partition manicures...business creativity Allow elective surgeries now..hospitals across state and country holding beds empty just in case. We have back up facilitates in place. Hospitals losing millions revenue and furloughing nurses and . Medical personnel around the country...NYC did not thankfully need all jackets cry and comfort ship Relate our reps and Sen NOT TO DO BILL bail out states already having existing retirement plans with prior shortfalls..current corona related cost only. One fire dept shown on tv today agreed as a unit to take 10% cut pay avoid some being furloughs. States need review budgets. Fed govt CANNOT keep passing anymore bills til see how money so being utilized and businesses open up. Save our state and our country. Bless president trump for his leadership..no one else could have pulled it all together as fast as he did. OPEN UP..MONITOR..CONTAIN AS NEEDED.
Orange	General	Just open up florida already!!' We are grown adults we are not owned by ANYONE. People that are afraid because of all this fear mongering you all have done to the people well they can just stay home and keep collecting all the free money..... oh wait ..... they haven't gotten that either..... oh well that's their problem and yours. Others need to get to work we don't get free handouts

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Brevard	Government	I can't believe that Rick Scott called the people of Floridawho are suffering greatly from this pandemic a bunch of slackers that would refuse to go back to work so they could mooch off the government. What a total loser he is. You as our governor should call him out on this issue. We Floridians need the assistance given to us by the federal government to get through this pandemic. For Rick Scott to call the hard working citizens of Florida slackers and moochers is unforgivable. He will not receive many of our votes when he is up for re-elction. It is one thing to be mindful of the taxpayers dollar but it is something entirely different to withhold aid that is so desperately needed by your constituents so they can survive. Stand up to these misguided morons and get us the help we need. DO NOT reopen Florida until we are ready. Our state is unique and can not just start letting people roam freely until the testing and contact tracking are in place and we meet the required 14 days of declining new confirmed caes. Please keep us safe.
Palm Beach	Recreation	Please don't open yet. Work on helping us with freezing rent and mortgages so people can stay home and be safe. No life is expendable. No age group is safe. We all have families and loved ones and we don't want to loose them, or have them loose us. If we know we have a roof over our heads secured and that we can get food we will be still. See what is happening to places that didn't shut down. FL (much less US) has not even reached the peak of infections. No it's not same as dying of other causes, bcs science and laws have (and keep doing) everything possible to save lives in every way. Don't throw your hands up in the air on this.
Brevard	General	I believe we should have a plan to open the entire state by no later than June 1 It is important to not lose our small businesses we rely on and also for the mental well being of the population Divide the state into Four sections Apply social distancing and mask requirements to continue good infection control practices . Open one section every week and travel of Floridians can only be to those opened Restrict any travel to state from out if state until July 1 so the openings each week can be assessed with data Let Florida show the rest of the country how it is done
Hillsborough	Healthcare	"Re-opening of the state should not even be considered until we have sufficient testing completed and tracing procedures in place. As an RN, I find the testing levels to date in the state reprehensible and evidence of a total dereliction of duty on the part of the Governor. You, sir have utterly failed the citizens of Florida (if you had any ethics you would resign immediately).
Escambia	General	Would like to see the economy reopened as soon as possible . . . restaurants, beaches, hair salons, barbers, nail salons, small shops, etc.

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Lake	General	I've lived in this county for most of my life and it's scary how much change has taken over. Considering that this is a county that practices traditions and are scared of change, several people have been forced to chance their daily lives. For me personally, I'm a student and a teenager who has been stripped of teenage opportunities. Not being able to see anyone or even go to the stores. I suggest we open more businesses up so we can at least decrease the unemployment rate in Florida. We can practice social distancing still and I strongly encourage it. But I think May 1st everything should try to get back to its normal state. For the sake of everyone's sanity.
Lake	Recreation	Reopen Lake County.
Pinellas	General	I have seen very little health impact in Dunedin, and Pinellas County. I have witnessed more business and employee hardship. I had to let go of half of my staff (14 people out of work, some who have been with the company for 7 years). And when we see only a handful of COVID cases and zero deaths in Dunedin... we all wonder why we're on lock down. Businesses pay the taxes that fund local, state and federal government. We got hit first (financially) but State level will get hit next, if we can't get back to work. OPEN UP FLORIDA!
Polk	General	I do not think we should open up yet. I feel it would be a disaster and people would be over confident. I think they should open gradually or our numbers will skyrocket as people will be over confident and not take precautions.
Orange	Healthcare	As of today, Florida's cases are still increasing with 30,839 for the state and 1,304 in Orange County. 76% of Florida voters want PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS, not business leaders, to determine when it is safe to reopen Florida economy. Before officials start reopening the economy in GRADUAL STAGES, we need several more weeks of significantly increasing amounts of testing, testing sites, and to start contact tracing like in other countries. THE CURVE MUST FLATTEN BEFORE ANY MAJOR REOPENINGS. REOPENING TOO SOON WOULD LEAD TO A MAJOR INCREASE IN CASES, LOSSES OF LIFE, AND WOULD HURT THE ECONOMY EVEN MORE.
Osceola	General	Don't reopen so soon! More people are going to die than need be.

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Manatee	Healthcare	I am concerned about the reopening of our state. As a high risk healthcare professional working in Anesthesia, I feel that our state and health care facilities need more testing and tracing to figure out how to contain the spread before entering Phase 1. There should be input from medical professionals on this task force. Front line providers as well as epidemiologists who can speak to the what is actually happening each day should be consulted. All of our patients & one family member should be tested at our facility prior to having surgery. This would help keep the staff safe as well as the community. Especially in my facility, children can be asymptomatic carriers and spreading the virus to others. I am also a concerned parent and am thankful that my children can continue distance learning. Lastly, I am also a business owner. I understand that I am losing money each day. However, I understand the need for safety above all. It is imperative that we are smart, cautious and methodical in the approach of how to reopen.
Manatee	Education	As a higher education professional, with elderly family members and children going to college, I request that the Safer at Home order be extended, to be reevaluated at a later date. Not only we are not passed the peak, but allowing non-essential activities to take place will counter all the good we were able to do by staying at home until now. Most of us are supporting our local economy as much as possible from home, and we will make sure to provide more support once we reopen, along with whatever assistance the government can provide, but lives are more important than business. Thank you.
Manatee	Healthcare	Probably better open at end of April with controls (everyone cover mouth & nose, physical separation, etc.) , or else a large percentage of people will start doing it themselves - will-nilly, etc.). (retired MD)

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Lee	Recreation	Greetings, thank you for the portal! I own and operate a martial arts school and just had a meeting with my instructors regarding the reopening of the school pending on future State guidelines and restrictions. At this time we are basing our entire concept of sanitation, planning and operation on the German Guidelines for open businesses currently in effect. We concluded that the low number of CV occurrences in Germany are directly related to the guidelines in place. We are confident, that we can adjust the guidelines to fit the operation of our school in a safe and reliable way. Awaiting any Florida guidelines and regulations, we recommend considering the German recommendations and requirements for the business opening phase, as well as legal ramifications in connection with the Covid-19. The websites are in German language: Topics: https://www.dihk.de/de/aktuelles-und-presse/coronavirus/faq-19594 Hygiene guidelines for operating businesses: https://www.ihk-muenchen.de/corona-unternehmen-hygiene/ Kindest regards, Dorothy Schmitz, Eagle Martial Arts of Bonita Springs
Manatee	General	I dont think Florida should re open till the CDC and helth dept says. Schools are closed for the rest of the year. And the state should stay closed. We cant protect families and friends if you allow people to go to parks and all that.. my mom is on oxygen and my grandma is 76 years old. If you re open i fear it will just spike and we will lose more people then we need to. I know people and businesses are hurting from not working and being open, but isnt life more important? It is to me and my family. Thank you
Lake	General	Reopen May 1st.
Duval	Professional Services	Florida needs to be open for business. I can’t pay my bills or feed my family. This is killing my livelihood. We need to get back to work. This whole thing is a ploy by the Democrats to ensure Trump doesn’t get voted back in.
Pinellas	General	I know businesses are hurting. My son and I are hurting, but we're alive. I'm extremely compromised. I believe I'm still here, untouched by this virus, is because of stay at home. Please, open slowly, still maintain social distancing. I will wear my mask in public and do everything I need to do to stay safe. Open outdoor activities, people need some of their freedoms back.

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Seminole	Education	I am a private tutor because our education system is awful and needs a complete overhaul. This state is NOT ready to be reopen, we cannot and should not reopen until there are more tests available, those that have lost their health insurance have access to healthcare, and there is a vaccine. I have several friends that had symptoms of COVID 19, were not allowed to get tested, and were forced to work, even with symptoms. We are now finding ESSENTIAL EMPLOYEES who are JUST NOW being diagnosed with the virus and they have been working and around the public for WEEKS. This is UNSAFE and reopening any state at this point in time is a death sentence to thousands of YOUR citizens. IT IS NOT SAFE. DO NOT OPEN THE STATE. GIVE THOSE WHO ARE UNEMPLOYED THEIR MONEY. GIVE US HEALTHCARE. GIVE US OUR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS. SAVE US. ALLOW US THE CHANCE TO HAVE A HEALTHY LIFE, A PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS. DO!!! NOT!!! REOPEN!!! FLORIDA!!!!!!!!!!!!
Lake	Healthcare	Gyms and fitness places should be reopened. America is obese. Motivation to workout from home jsnt there for everyone. Reopen gyms!!
Brevard	General	Florida should be reopened immediately and without any restrictions on businesses or individuals. Our hospital system is not overwhelmed and we have the capacity to care for our citizens. Individual citizens and individual business owners should be given the responsibility to make decisions for themselves and their own care and well being. With the state fully open for business, every individual will still have the right to stay home and isolate themselves indefinitely. The current situation of having the state shutdown and tourists shunned is unsustainable. A limited reopening will be just as bad with thousands of businesses failing. Tremendous damage has already been done to the citizens of Florida... both economically and psychologically. The only approach that will stop the bleeding and minimize further damage is a full reopening of the state and restoration of people's rights and allow each individual to choose for themselves what precautions they do or do not need to take.
Manatee	General	I have been aware of COVID-19 and its affects going back to when the crisis first came to light in China. I am very concerned for my health as well as that of my family including elderly relatives. That being said, though, I think that given what we know about COVID-19 and that our community awareness regarding hygiene and precautionary measures has increased along with hospital preparedness it is time to permit people to get back to work while practicing common sense measures. Thank you.
Orange	General	The virus has shown that it is not as bad as the media hype. The people of Florida are able to take care of. Themselves without the Government babysitting them! It is long past time to relax all unconstitutional restrictions and let us be responsible for Ourselves!!

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Volusia	General	I think we should be slow to open and keep an eye on everything. I especially don't want the theme parks to rush to open and have an influx of people. I think elective surgeries should be slowly reopened with a select number per day per place. I think restaurants should remain take out for a time as the same server serves many different tables. I think when salons and massage therapists reopen there should be select number of people allowed with staggered times and waits for proper cleaning. Same with occupational, physical, speech, talk therapies. I think as much as possible should remain online and that bosses should not be able to release or fire workers who wish to remain on telework for a time. I think stores should remain at limited opening and spaced checkouts.
Collier	Real Estate	Numbers of cases and deaths are low! People are at Walmart Sams Target Publix in droves. Open industry, business, beaches travel with a strong hygiene and strong distancing directives. If people want to stay in quarantine more power to them - if they do so it's their own at risk. We are not high density! County government will not act without the state taking action! The economic damage is unfathomable! Free sunny air will be more protective to our community than indoor a/c in a depressed state!
Clay	General	My family and I have done our share and have stayed at home. I am now concerned of my son's mental health if this goes on any longer. It's time to open everything. It should be a personal CHOICE if someone wants to go out or stay inside. OPEN FLORIDA.
Lee	Healthcare	I would encourage the re-start of elective surgery. Many waiting patients are in great pain and need surgery for relief. Hospitals should know better than anyplace how to protect patients and the certainly need the revenue to continue in business. I, for one, would not be concerned about the safety of elective surgery at this time (4-25-20).
Polk	General	Keep us closed and keep us safe we can't get rid of the virus if people are allowed to go out and spread it people have no regard for others and don't give a shit about no one else but themselves until they get it or someone they love then thay want to cray that nothing has been done so please for all the old people kids and people with weak immune systems keep Florida closed until we see this virus decreasing and less report's of sickness and deaths it's hard and scary enough to even go to the store to get food now and if u reopen the state it will be even worse idk about you but I don't wanna die of this virus Because some people are just assholes and have no regard for others
Marion	General	Opening up is fine,as long as people wear mask and maintain 6ft social distancing, wash hands dont touch your face,but the public doesn't need gloves,just wash hands often
Walton	General	Please do everything you can to open us up, and the beaches. Look at the hospital /death rate and and long as that is under control we should be good to go. The ones screaming not to open are the ones that don't have to work. We need to and will have to get back to work soon. Please don't abandon those that need their right to make a living.

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Lee	Management	"I am HORRIFIED about reopening FL at this time without adequate testing in place! We have NO idea how extensive this virus is in Florida. There are MANY Floridians who've isolated themselves who have NO idea whether their symptoms were from Covid, whether they've been exposed or not, or are potential hosts. Testing criteria were SO LIMITED, tests were being rationed & availability to those without health care was tragically unnavigable for many! We have NO idea who's contagious, who's a potential carrier & who's safe. I absolutely understand & support the need to rescue the economy, BUT IF not done under the strict guidelines of educated, informed medical professionals, our death rate will climb. Even at this time, our numbers are hitting new highs. We need to learn from areas where testing was key. IF this is ignored, officials who open Florida prematurely will be viewed as responsible. DO MORE TO TEST & TRACK! THEN open up prudently & under guidelines of those who have the expertise. Lastly, MANY are NOT educated enough to take proper precautions. I see that constantly on my own area beaches, restaurants, country club golf courses, in parks that are now open & more. People are NOT properly distancing or protecting others! This is DANGEROUS without TESTING! Annie Wenz RN
Seminole	Recreation	Hi, I would like to see youth rec sports reopened. It would be good for the kids to have some enjoyment and interact with other kids. I would also like restaurants open and the economy worked upon. There is a lot of negative stuff in the media and wanted to voice my appreciation for the work you all are doing and show my support to reopening the state.
Orange	General	As you all are planning our re-opening, Please, Please make sure all angles are spelled out for each area of the re-opening. Social distancing, any PPE to be worn along with appropiate penalties for not following guidelines. Frankly no Warnings should need to be issued, if a Restuarant or Bar cannot keep the Social Distancing in place for whatever reason then they are shut down for a week or so to get the message across that you are serious about what they have been asked to do.
Lake	General	Open up our economy.

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Lake	General	On behalf of my family of 6, and as a local deposition videographer, we kindly request the reopening of Florida for business. We have frequently attended the world's favorite theme parks even up until the last days before they closed. We have been to public stores daily. We have worked moonlighting as DoorDashers delivering food all over from restaurants. I even had an ER visit and hospital stay in which I was in so much chest pain I was writhing around the filthy hospital floor (it was just GERD ☺ too much coffee and salsa). Never a mask nor gloves has been used. We have kept our immune systems strong with lots of outdoor time in the sunlight, and extra strategic nutrition. We are all well. We are ready for action. I support your swift reopening. Remember pausing the movie doesn't change the ending. We can't hide forever from a virus that will never go away fully. Like other viruses it will just mutate and spread, mutate and spread. Perhaps protecting the fragile population would make more sense than sinking the whole ship. Praying and hoping we can move forward and overcome the damage caused by closing everything down. Best wishes to you.
Miami-Dade	Healthcare	Governor Ron, I'm a healthcare worker in South Florida we absolutely cannot reopen the state yet. Miami Dade County has 11 THOUSAND cases of COVID. It would be EXTREMELY foolish of you to allow that number to sky rocket. We need to stay closed for one more month and reassess. Healthcare workers are over worked & underpaid. We physically cannot handle the catastrophic number of cases that would materialize if the number were to climb any higher in Miami Dade County.
Lee	Education	I agree with the decision to close schools through the remainder of the school year. Considerations need to be made though for parents who have now had to assume day-time responsibility for their children for the remainder of the school year and into the summer, when camps, programs, etc... for their children are cancelled or severely reduced & limited. Parents should not have to choose between being forced back into work (which they desperately want to return to) and caring for their children. If you allow business to open w/out restrictions, some parents WILL be forced to choose. Mandate that any business that opens cannot involuntarily terminate a worker solely on the basis of their need for childcare.

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Broward	General	As a Licensed Massage Therapist of 12 years, I can not afford to risk my life going back to work with cases of infections and deaths being reported everyday. I have applied for jobs at Call Centers since the pandemic hit Florida. However, it's very difficult to get into other areas of work with my Massage Therapy background. My employer, The Ritz Carlton estimates we will reopen the spa by July 25th, but we know business will be slow- as many guests will be hesitant to be in an intimate environment as a spa. As I mentioned, I am open to any other work at this time. The government needs to work with companies to encourage more stay at home jobs- such as call center work. This way, the greedy companies, corrupt politicians and the 1% will continue to make money of our cheap labor; and workers can make a descent living while we get this virus under control. It's a win/win! I also believe that EVERYTHING should be shut down for a week at least, so scientists can truly study the virus and get it under control. Give every Floridian a week to buy groceries, travel and meet with elderly family members etc. That being said, I realize there are many people who do not have money for food. Trying to navigate the Food Stamp website yesterday, I grew frustrated. So stores should have a government subsidy for $200 worth of groceries for the week of the ENTIRE state shutdown. Residents should bring an ID to the store for the $200 voucher. I believe the longer we keep ANY stores open, the longer it will take to combat the virus. I hope the Governor doesn't bow to the few crazy right wing conspiracy TERRORIST walking around with guns protesting the shut down. The majority of America are rational people that would back a TOTAL shut down of 1 week to truly flatten the curb.
Broward	Recreation	I am the owner of 2 martial arts schools in Davie and Cooper City. We have been in business since 1988. We have been closed since March 19th. This is the only income for my family.We value all lives.We love our community. I value the lives of my family members ,our students and their families as well as those within our community. We are all essential and important to the community.We had safety precautions in place prior to our closing. We will have safety precautions in place upon opening. We must reopen South Florida before it is too late to recover. We The People must have the choice in our future. This is what makes our country so great. Protect the vulnerable. Disease and illness is something generations have battled. We are informed and must continue life. WE must have the choice.
Bradford	Professional Services	Even if you open the state up again, where do the kids go?? There is no school, people are going to have to find child care, it is too soon to re open, lets all the hair and nail , tattoo shops be cannon fodder. Lawsuits are gonna be running wild!!

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Bay	General	The number of Americans who have died from this illness will soon exceed than the number of Americans who died in the Vietnam war. It is greater than fifteen 9.11s. You will hear from many people who will encourage you to open the state as soon as possible. It falls now upon you to do what is right for them, even if they do not know what is right for them. Even if it was they who demanded you open the cities, if it was they who asked for crowds on the beaches and in the malls--it is your hands that will bear the stains of their blood.
Volusia	Government	As an older resident, I know I am at additional risk of contracting COVID-19 and I take this situation very seriously. Initially, I had great concerns that the State of Florida would follow in lockstep with the president who minimized this situation for his own political gain stating early on that he was going to 'open up the country' at what would be far too early, according to his own experts. In my opinion, the president has been making some serious errors in judgment that may cause long-term repercussions for this great country, all the while not accepting any responsibility for things he deems negative. However, I am pleased to see that Governor DeSantis appears to be taking a somewhat more prudent approach and hopefully will sufficiently slow Florida's re-opening process after consulting with medical experts, economists, and businesses alike to help mitigate any repercussions. Rushing through any complicated process is never a good idea, and this situation is far more complicated than most involving everyone's health, the economy, and potentially putting our futures and very lives in jeopardy. Good planning is always key. I believe this process should be data driven, measured, and consistently monitored to effectively maintain the safety and security of all citizens so we can eventually return our state to a thriving economy. Measures taken need to be thoughtful and in the best interest of all Floridians, and not politically motivated. While most Floridians are social distancing and wearing masks during essential outings, I have concerns that some may overreach during the re-opening process putting us back in harms way. Rules of engagement set forth for the process of returning to our 'normal' should be clear at the onset with reminders throughout the process helping us stay on track to a safe and solid recovery. While no one including medical experts can predict the future with certainty, the past is very often an extremely good predictor of things to come. Based on the experts' testimony, it is likely that there will be another COVID-19 wave, so we need to stay vigilant, not become complacent, listen to the experts, and act swiftly to keep this virus in check, if needed. According to statistics, the swift action taken by San Francisco Bay Area public health professionals is a great example of how to control COVID-19 as well as other such viruses.
Hillsborough	General	With NO sustained evidence that the virus is under control, reopening should be a firm NO!! Business survival is not the same as human life. Sucks but true. Floridians are not smart nor obedient, our population fragile. We will have vacationers to further spread disease. Have GUTS, stay closed 30 more days. Provide financial aide but put a big dent in the virus. Make it clear- follow the Science!! Virus don't disappear in 30 days for convenience. Follow NY!! There must be sustained evidence of improvement, we don't have that! Maybe if you were stronger at the beginning.

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Polk	Retail	Given the recent studies in reference to the Corona Virus by University of Miami, Stanford, USC and Oxford it is clear the fatality rate is low and recovery rate is approximately 98%, similar stats to the flu. The original models were very very wrong. We are losing money daily. Please OPEN Florida ASAP! Thank You. .
Lee	General	I think it is time to get things going again with precautions. Grocery stores have been doing it all along. We can still practice social distancing without staying home.
Hernando	General	I would say stay closed until the numbers actually come down below 100 new cases a day. Also Florida is a big tourism state, and opening back up could be catastrophic and make Florida a bigger hotspot for covid-19 then NY. I would love to go back to work but wisdom says opening is a bad idea at this time.
Duval	Recreation	Would really like to have camp grounds open. This is something that families already in the same house can enjoy while also keeping distance from others. Would also like to see bars and retail stores open. We are already out and around others in grocery stores and hardware. We need to be out.
Miami-Dade	Finance	As far as reopening, no full opening until we have a vaccine.
Palm Beach	General	I believe we need to open up Florida. Each day that goes by more and more people are in need of a walk on the beach. We have a democratic governor who will keep us locked down to service his party. They will do anything to appose opening till the economy goes broke to blame it on trump.
Broward	General	I think that the stay home orders should stay in place until at least May 15th. It is working and it is still not safe to go back to a normal way of living.
Clay	General	I think itsnto soon to reopen. Clay county is still steadily growing and testing has not been done here as much as in duval county. Reopenning in june with strict rules to follow might be ok if we start slowing in numbers.
Duval	Finance	Open the state and no masks
Escambia	General	Please keep the state closed for now, the health and well being of so many depend on this important decision. I understand that people miss interacting with family and friends and being social; however, it's too soon. Our number of cases are steadily increasing with no vaccine. For the sake of the healthcare professionals that have risked their lives and the lives of their family, please keep us closed for now.
St. Johns	Education	Re-opening should happen slowly. There is not enough known about the virus for people to be out and about, back to normal. Just this week they discovered that the virus can cause strokes in young adults who otherwise show no symptoms. Beaches should remain open but only for limited hours. Not until we know more about the virus should things start to resume normalcy. SCIENCE should be what leads decisions. And right now, it is still too early to put people at risk. Guaranteed you will see infection numbers rise if you reopen too soon.

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Miami-Dade	Accommodation	We need to go to Phase One within two weeks. We cannot continue to destroy our industries, allow hundreds of thousands of Floridians to lose their jobs, and to destroy small businesses. After we enter Phase One, you should wait a couple weeks, before entering Phase 2, and the same going to Phase 3. I think people who are not vulnerable have a right to work, right to associate, and right to practice religion. Only vulnerable people should be asked to stay home. USE THESE GUIDELINES for Phase One. (i) ALL VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS should continue to shelter in place. Members of households with vulnerable residents should be aware that by returning to work or other environments where distancing is not practical, they could carry the virus back home. Precautions should be taken to isolate from vulnerable residents. (ii) All individuals, WHEN IN PUBLIC (e.g., parks, outdoor recreation areas, shopping areas), should maximize physical distance from others. Social settings of more than 10 people, where appropriate distancing may not be practical, should be avoided unless precautionary measures are observed. (iii) Avoid SOCIALIZING in groups of more than 10 people in circumstances that do not readily allow for appropriate physical distancing (e.g., receptions, trade shows) (iv) MINIMIZE NON-ESSENTIAL TRAVEL and adhere to CDC guidelines regarding isolation following travel. (v) SCHOOLS AND ORGANIZED YOUTH ACTIVITIES (e.g., daycare, camp) that are currently closed should remain closed. (vi) VISITS TO SENIOR LIVING FACILITIES AND HOSPITALS should be prohibited. Those who do interact with residents and patients must adhere to strict protocols regarding hygiene. (vii) LARGE VENUES (e.g., sit-down dining, movie theaters, sporting venues, places of worship) CAN OPERATE under strict
Duval	General	Please do not open until you can assure the public that they will be safe. Yes everyone wants to go back to work me included but I want to know I will be safe as well as my family when it's time to do so. You have a family yourself make sure the decision you make has their health and well being in mind.
Pinellas	General	With preventative measures such as masks and social distancing we could open restaurants and small business. Nail salons could have plexiglass partition with a cut out at the bottom So the customer could put there hand through and the nail tech could work. I think we need to reopen beaches not just for exercise, also to sit and enjoy the waves maximum 4 people and no longer than 2 hours reset parking meters, and monitored by the sheriff office and Pinellas county employee. Hair salons could have there employees wear face mask and face shields to keep them safe and there customers safe as well. Thank you for opening this up and letting us voice our thoughts and suggestions.

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Pinellas	General	More antibody testing is needed to be available (assuming that's tells us immunity) in order to safely reopen businesses and send people back to work. If that is not readily available to ANYONE in the state, then employers should continue to allow people to work from home with no penalties. Opening businesses in phases is ideal, with limitations in place to capacity and temp checks, etc.
Osceola	Healthcare	O m dental hygienist the top risk of get contaminat . We are not stable with the covid number yet. And I fell if ee come back to work, we will spread the virus ao bad. I m not be the one that spread that. It is too early to open dental offices
Polk	General	The thought of opening Florida is of great concern for me. There aren't enough testing kits available now, how do you expect to test people going forward? Do we have enough hospital beds available now. Do we have enough kits to test everyone in nursing homes! Do we have enough safety gear for our hospital and nursing home staff ? Would you be willing to go into a nursing home or hospital without knowing who has been tested within the facility? Would you take a family member into a hospital or nursing facility? I'm not impressed with the thought of re-opening Florida.
Pinellas	General	Follow Georgia's lead! These insane statists NEVER want to return to normal. Half of them are collecting more on unemployment than theyve ever made in their life, and the other half are drunk with perceived power over the livelihoods of other people. You have a choice: side with the leftist scum media hellbent on destroying every aspect of our society, or side with the great Americans who elected you. As evidenced by Sweden, and by Northern Europe now following Sweden's lead, our social experiment is a failure. The sooner and more rapidly we return to normalcy and freedom, the less damaging this entire insanity will be. Lead the way Governor DeSantis. You have the chance to lead the entire nation on this. Re-open Florida.
Hillsborough	General	I hope re-openings are not done too quickly. I'd rather be cautious then open things too early. I hope restaurants are one of the last to open and do not open in the near future because I think that is an easy way for a resurgence to happen.
Osceola	Healthcare	Please do not reopen the state until health and safety officials confirm it is safe to do so. This is not a political issue and we need to leave this decision up to the true experts for the safety of our population. I understand this is a very scary time considering the possible incoming effects to the economy, but we must keep in mind that nothing is more important than protecting the lives of our citizens.

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Miami-Dade	Tourism	My belief is that businesses that by their nature allow for social distancing should be allowed to open immediately (I.E. charter boats such as myself, golf courses, parks with the exception of basketball courts, boat ramps at least for commercially charter licensed fishermen such as my self not just for salt water products fishermen). Also, areas, counties and cities that have very few confirmed cases and low population densities should be opened as part of the first phase. My business (charter boat operator) has been decimated by Covid 19 and ramp closures although the nature of my work allows for social distancing as a matter of practice. My industry has been hit hard as we have lost our tourist season, can't access boat ramps, are not eligible for unemployment and the PPP has dried up in the initial bill. Areas of high population densities and high infection rates should open when testing results have an obvious and sustained decrease while allowing business such as the ones mentioned above to reopen but not businesses that allow for large concentrations of people such as movie theaters and other high density indoor activities.
Hillsborough	General	Employers that have employees that are able to work from home should be prohibited from requiring them to come into the office for the time being. If an employee can work from home, they should continue to. This will help to reduce the amount of people in our restaurants and stores during the weekday hours.
Putnam	General	I have recently become aware of a poll that shows the majority of the people in Florida do not think we should end the lockdown. I am not part of that group. I am a 60 year old male that has had heart issues and has unidentified allergies, however; I believe that I am responsible enough to protect myself from this Virus. The people of Florida have been under lockdown for so long that they are starting to run out of money, food,paper towels and toilet paper as well as patients. I believe we can open the businesses if we use common sense to keep ourselves safe. Please give us the opportunity to save ourselves.
Hillsborough	General	I'm the owner of a small mom & pop and I'm begging you NOT to reopen the state! There is still so much we do not know about this virus and as a parent of a young child with two aging parents in the home, I am worried for their lives.
Clay	General	Very ready for Florida to start to reopen. Many people in my family, including myself, have lost their job due to this and we are ready to get to work.
Hernando	General	Make more masks available and reopen Florida
Lee	Recreation	I’ve got plenty of areas of interest but I think it’s long past time to open the state back up. All the shut down did was strip us of our freedom as Americans. Those that are afraid of the virus are more than welcome to stay home, but those of us not afraid of it should be able to exercise our right to freedom.

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Broward	Professional Services	I AM ENRIQUE , I HAVE PET CARE CENTERS IN SUNRISE FL AND CORAL SPRINGS FL . I WAS ORDERED TO CLOSE MY FACILITIES , AND HAD A HARD TIME CONVINCING THE CITIES THAT PET GROOMING BELONG ON THE HEALTH AND HYGIENE , DEPT. WE PROVIDE ALLERGY TREATMENTS DENTAL HYGIENE, FLEA TREATMENTS ETC,, PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ON STAY HOME ORDER WITH DIRTY DOGS IN THE HOUSE, CONTRIBUTING TO KIDS ALLERGIES , AND ALL KIND OF PET HYGIENE ISSUES SPECIALLY AFTER RAIN, WHEN DAMP PET PAWS AND COATS CONTRIBUTE TO ALLERGIES AND SMELL TO THE RESIDENT AND RESIDENTS. WE WERE PROVIDING PICK UP AND DELIVERY TO MINIMIZE CONTACT , AND ONLY ONE CUSTOMER AT A TIME ON LOBBY , ALL EMPLOYEES ARE SCREENED FOR ANY SYMPTOMS AND PRACTICE 6 FEET DISTANCE , WE BELIEVE THIS ORDER TO PET GROOMING COMES FROM BIG COMPANIES LIKE PET SMART AND PET-CO LOBBYING WITH CITY OFFICIALS , IN BOTH CORAL SPRINGS AND FLORIDA . THERE IS NO IDEA TO IMPROVE MEASURES TO OPEN AS WE ARE A LIMITED CONTACT TYPE OF BUSINESS. THAT YOU HOPE YOU FIND IT IN YOUR HEART TO ENCOURAGE THE OPENING OF PET GROOMING SERVICES ON SMALL BUSINESS ASAP.
Bradford	General	I am a disabled, divorced mother and grandmother. I have one son, age 11, still in school and 6 grandchildren between the ages of 2 and 12, 5 of whom are in school (all in Florida). I work only part time as I am able. I am happy that distance learning is continuing through the rest of the 2019-2020 school year. I know that this is difficult for some parents, mainly those who still have to work full time on the front lines and those with multiple children in multiple grades all distance learning at the same time. I am very much looking forward to going back to work... and I know my son and grandchildren will be happy to go back to school. Despite this, however, I do not feel that the state should reopen too quickly. I feel that a premature opening will only make things worse (as did the flu epidemic of 1918). I think that reopening slowly beginning in June or July is the way to go. I also believe it would be in everyone's best interest if it has been at least 30 to 60 days AFTER reopening the state BEFORE schools resume in person. If the children go straight back to school too quickly, we will end up exposing children to one another when some may be asymptomatic, which would only exacerbate the problem. I also believe that unemployment needs to be corrected immediately... and that extra food stamps to those who qualify should continue through the end of the year, even if only given every other month rather than every month. Finally, I am in favor of stimulus funds being given regularly until at least 30 days AFTER things have returned to "business as usual" to help families stay in their homes and keep their utilities paid.

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Broward	Transportation	I would suggest that Driver License and ID renewals for all that expire in 2020 be allowed to renew ONLINE even if they had used the once in a lifetime online renewal. Keep as many people out of the over crowded DL offices. I think this is especially important for those who are in the vulnerable population that need renewals. If they renewed in person last renewal they already have the "new ID"
Orange	Government	Do NOT open Florida back up until face coverings are mandatory, testing, testing, testing, and contact tracing. As well as airport checkpoints for temperature checks, and mandatory quarantine.
Sarasota	Recreation	Regarding beaches...please allow citizens to bring beach chairs to sit and relax after working out along with coolers AS LONG AS they are social distancing themselves. Any one that's not using social distancing whether it's when they are walking, jogging, fishing, swimming, or lounging ...SHOULD be fined. It should be enforced at all times.
Orange	General	Way to soon to re-open maybe by June but now it is still to dangerous
Miami-Dade	General	Every one should be Mandatory tested for covid-19 before going back to work
Brevard	Recreation	Please open the playgrounds and beach parking. Kids have had nothing to do for the past 6 weeks but nature walks. Also think about camps and outdoor swim activities. Parent's cant even look for work because they have to watch their children.If others feels its not safe then stay home. Thanks for giving us an opportunity to voice our opinions.
Orange	General	This morning I went to a Publix, Winn Dixie and a Walmart super center. I could not find even one roll of toilet paper. Maybe we should solve this problem first.
Miami-Dade	General	Right now the US has the most COVID-19 cases per capita on the world. This is shameful. And we are still not doing enough tracking and/or testing. Too many people have died unnecessarily because of Trump's insanity. Don't add to the count. Bad idea to relax the rules – too soon/. Listen to the expert leaders in the field -- none of whom are named Donald Trump – who caution against this. If you open now you will create an even greater crisis in the long run, as asymptomatic people carrying the virus move freely into busy areas. Economically and medically the repercussions will be huge down the line. You may think it is the right move to play to the militia chorus, but they won't be there to vote for you on elections day because they will either be dead, be sick, or be mourning loved ones. Instead of reading Fox News, why not pay attention to some of the more respected conservative media such as the Wall Street Journal and the Economist.
Duval	General	Florida should be opened in steps as recommended. I feel like masks should be a requirement of all retail and food service workers. Making restaurants only seat every other table would be an absolute requirement. Movie theaters and amusement parks should open last because social distancing would be almost impossible. As much as I hate to say it, nothing should open till late May.

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Lee	Construction	Construction jobs should be allowed to resume if contractors can guarantee social distancing at the job site and adequate sanitation for equipment and workers being available. With reduced traffic, now is the time to perform road maintenance, and outdoor jobs would appear to be less likely to spread infection vs closed-in-offices.
Volusia	Government	Dear Governor Desantis, please reopen the state as soon as possible. People that are older with health issues and chronic illnesses should stay home. Should be no reason for healthy individuals to not be out and about and working! People should not be put in a bubble or else they will not build an immunity Please don't cave under pressure if your gut tells you to open. I have family and many friends who feel as I do. . Be anxiously awaiting your decision. Respectfully submitted, Kathleen Cardell
Hillsborough	Recreation	I would like for HOA pools and gyms to be able to open for exercise purposes with limited number of people allowed at a time to accommodate the six feet apart rule. I would also like for beaches to reopen but the number of people allowed on it be limited as well. I think this could be accomplished by limiting the entrances that are open and by the open entrances someone can be the gate keeper and only allowing more people in when others have left once the number of people allowed is reached
Indian River	General	I wish the public were given more data on the number of deaths from annual flu and the fatal rates of annual flu. I sincerely hope that Florida reopens AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, while staying within the Federal government guidelines. Quarantine the vulnerable, let the healthy figure out how to work safely. They will. Let's not kid ourselves that 'testing is the answer' either: 1). You may test negative in the morning but pick up the virus in the evening. 2). People testing positive today, may test negative in two weeks, then positive again in another two weeks. Everyone should stop pretending Science knows. If we use widely accepted scientific norms, you cannot hide from a virus, herd immunity is the answer. We understand that herd immunity takes time, and we do NOT want to overwhelm our healthcare system or workers, BUT two months seems plenty of time for a country like the USA to get their act together. Fill our stockpiles, plan for rapid deployment of pop-up hospitals for future epidemics, have a better more flexible system in place to scale up therapeutic drugs & vaccine creation. While I understand this virus is highly contagious & it's not over yet - I'd like see more numbers on the fatality rate Covid-19. Is it .5% of those who contact may die? Is it less? What is the fatality rate of annual flu or common cold? Give us these stats, so we can understand why we are taking these drastic measures.

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Okaloosa	Professional Services	I'm an independent contractor/ cosmetologist (30 years) in Fort Walton Beach. Since the closure, I've been out of work and unable to get a grant or other assistance. I have become Barbicide certified and we're planning on taking extra measures to insure the clients and our safety and well being. Please allow us to at least soft open. I am unable to survive on next to nothing for much longer. Please allow us to offer controlled services asap. Thank you
Clay	General	I think we should reopen the state with reasonable regulations
Seminole	General	Please open everything. Give us back America! Provide real, total information to the public and let each individual make his/her own decision.
Escambia	Recreation	Too early. People not social distancing enough. Medical people and hospitals need a break . Numbers not going down enough fast enough.
Lee	Retail	To whom it may concern, I believe retail should open back up. Malls, specially stores. We allowed big box retailers to stay open during this stay at home order, only because they sell items deamed essential. There is no reason why other retail stores can't operate like big box stores. Most specialty retail doesn't even see the amount of customers as Walmart, Publix, Home Depot, and Lowes see on a daily basis. I do believe we have to follow rules, as we all know retail, malls are already on their last leg.
Manatee	General	Do not open more businesses until we meet the 14-day threshold of declining COVID cases as suggested by CDC. Even if you allow more businesses to open, who is going to risk his/her health to get a haircut, manicure or attend a wrestling match?!
Martin	Recreation	Please open all of Florida's beaches from 6-9am and 5-8pm so we can enjoy the outdoors! Please also open all Florida state parks. Encourage people to practice social distancing while engaging in these activities. I want to walk, swim and kayak /paddle board. The mental stress far outweighs the small danger associated with these activities.
Palm Beach	General	Do not open florida up yet. There are people still testing positive and dying.
Broward	General	On the subject of when to reopen our state. Why can't we open by city? Keep the face mask requirement while in public and start opening up the cities with low numbers of cases starting May 1st. Plus if you wait another month to reopen there won't be any businesses left to open. Remember the regular flu killed 20,000 people the first three months of 2020.
Brevard	Management	Dear Governor, It's time. Open Florida completely. We can't devastate local businesses slowing only the Walmart's and Home Depot's to survive. This is just a "flu" turned into a MASSIVE coup by the Democrats and the unwitting and gullible. People will die as they will with any other flu. I'm 60, prediabetic and on blood pressure meds. BRING IT ON. Thank you.

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Duval	Recreation	I'm ready to vacation. Open Disney world and let me go. My daughter is a nurse and she will be going with us with her kids for whom it will be their first visit. My daughter needs the break. Her husband is a farmer who also needs the break. And give restrictions to the mayors of what they can do with the federal funds they are receiving. Our mayor is making huge errors in judgement for the long run.
Broward	General	For the sake of the health of American nation stay at home should end rather sooner. Parks and beaches must open immediately. Those vulnerable or otherwise concerned should avoid any public place to their own discretion. This time of lockdown will go to the history as time of alcohol and drug abuse, since those who were on the border line will become alcoholics and drug addicts (statistic shows that alcohol and marijuana consumption grew exponentially), lack of physical activity will give birth to obesity while boredom and depression will result in suicidal activity as well as home violence. The North Florida beaches initiative was smart, intelligent decision. Swedish model proved that by educating population in hygiene and social distancing adequate results could be reached without jeopardizing people mental and physical health and crashing economy.
Duval	General	Reopen retail, beauty/health services and restaurants ASAP. (Right now) Slowly reopen large venues like concert halls, theme parks, stadiums. (6-12 weeks)
Columbia	General	Open require masks when out, advise the elderly and others who shouldn't be out the risks and let them decide what's best for them. Open the government offices limited to so many workers so many people inside at one time.
Hillsborough	General	During this time and the safety of others. We should not rush to open the state unless it's essentials as we have not peaked. We just had additional sites added. Economy is important but so is the safety and health of individuals. Florida should still have a "safer at home" order until June 1.
Pasco	General	The Governor should move forward with easing restrictions in a phased approach immediately. Personally, I believe the lockdowns across the entire country other than for a very few hotspots prolongs the amount of time that this virus will cause problems.
Hillsborough	General	I think re-opening Florida is a dangerous idea. We're still trying to understand this virus, and how to accurately test for it. Opening everything up will lead to more infection and death. As elected representatives you have a duty to look out for the public and its safety. There has to be another way.
Pinellas	General	If we reopened all the parks, theme parks, restaurants, retailers and so, what would happen? Since everyone has been stuck at home with nothing to do EVERYONE will be out. Everything will be packed. You cannot keep 6 feet away at a theme park, or a retailer. Shopping is hard enough. Even with the flu you stay home. You don't go out shopping or theme parks! I say keep it closed for another month!
Hillsborough	General	It's time to reopen, we are responsible adults. Be a leader, not a follower. The virus isn't as bad as those starving, needing surgery, suicide, let's get on with it.

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Pasco	Healthcare	Governor DeSantis, the state and country still have a long way to go before this virus is under control. Get the supplies to properly test everyone whether or not they are showing signs of the virus and then track the virus in our state. This appears to be the only way to contain the virus. CAUTION is needed!
Pasco	Food	I do not think we should be opening our restaurants yet. A lot of our bosses are not giving us the option to stay home. Many of us live with people who have weak immune systems and we risk their lives. We should not be allowed to re open yet. It is not time, and if we re open now there will be another huge spike in sickness and death. Not a good idea.
Seminole	Finance	I believe that state should start reopening. I work in financial services..I am out in the field daily speaking with people. It so sad to see them with out money and things they need. Some have not received stimulus checks or unemployment..but are still just trying to survive. I mainly deal with people 50 and over. I had a 60 year old woman cry because she only has 30 bucks left to her name. She wants to go back to work so bad. Shes worked at the same restaurant for 29 years. I have small business friends that if this goes on any longer it will make them unable to reopen. I understand the virus is bad..but i think if we can get mass antibody testing we will find that many of us already have the antibody.
Leon	General	5/1 Reopen all businesses that are not movie theatres, bowling alleys, bars, or restaurants - any business that can control social distancing. No large gatherings still. Social distancing requirements still in place. The rest to be open 5/30 as pleminary date.
Charlotte	Healthcare	Supplies needed for healthcare offices to continue to provide quality services When I cannot get supplies for my staff this is a concern
Marion	Management	Florida is not ready to re-open! As long as we continue to endure more cases of Covid19 and as long as people are still dying from it with no sure way to test every man, woman and child for it, we are not ready. Florida is unique in that people come here from all over, then leave and scatter all over. Until there is a cure/vaccine, we must be able to test everyone coming here as well as all residents. Otherwise there will be a deadly second wave as there was with the so-called Spanish Flu in the early 20th Century.
Brevard	General	Please mandate face masks in public until the end of the year. They are proven to stop the spread.
Orange	General	Reopen all beaches, dining, and drinking establishments no later than May 1. Everything else should be reopened by May 8th. The virus is not particularly virulent and those in danger of succumbing to the virus are over 65. People older than 65 know enough to proceed with extreme caution. Exposure will lead to herd immunity, the only real solution. The policies that have been in place are a response to flawed models and either missing or flawed data (e.g., see papers by John Ioannides). I'm counting on Governor DeSantis to be among those leading the way out of this debacle.

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Broward	General	Florida should reopen with a plan that is in phases. Restaurants with every other table used, hair salons where all wear a mask. Bowling Alleys and Gyms; not yet until the curve flattens all the way. Bars; 3 chair separation till we have a flatten of the virus. Banks should have all wear mask until we have a flattening of the virus. Basically we need all to wear a mask in all public areas. If eating or drinking, then you can take it off.
Orange	General	I think FL should follow the guidelines set by the federal government, opening phase 1 only once we've seen a 14 day decline in cases and the proceed from there. Doing so earlier bit only puts the state at risk of the numbers going up again but may delay the whole process further
Highlands	Information	Listen to the health care professionals for their advice.
St. Johns	General	Dear Governor DeSantis, I believe we have acted responsibly and we found that any non-compliance was from visitors in our state. Please support our constitutional right in our free USA to allow open of our smaller businesses . We can continue to apply what we have learned around social distancing. Maybe a first solution would be outdoor places that provide services like restaurants. I manage a large group at BOA and can tell you the mental stress is starting to get to Floridians. Options would help us manage better.
Hillsborough	Professional Services	Barbershops , Salons should be phased in. One customer at a time. Barbers and salon workers wear gloves and Masks. Customers shielded as much as possible.
Marion	General	I'm a 59 y/o white male with C.O.P.D. and i believe now is not the time to reopen the state lockdown. Until the numbers of infected people are going down the spread will only get worse. I work with a mobile pet groomer and if we were to become infected there is a chance we could spread it to a lot of older people before we knew we had it. I think the lockdown has helped the area of Dunnellon while numbers continue to grow in Ocala. My girlfriend and i will continue to obey the law to help keep others safe and depend on your guidance, but i do not think this is the time to reopen the state of Florida. Thank you, John Claytor.
St. Johns	General	Too soon
Lee	General	I think that a 14 day period Of time where new cases are lower each day is a good guideline as to when places around the state should open… Every community is different, and has been affected by this virus in a different way… If you're in an area that has been heavily hit for it, it's probably going to take longer For you to open then someone in an area that has been hardly impacted at all like many of our counties… I believe in keeping all of our citizens to see if we possibly can, while understanding that we cannot let our economy collapse, it is every single one of our livelihoods, and the only way we survive
Lake	Food	REOPEN

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Lee	Food	People are avoiding restaurants due to trust issues related to food safety. Restoring safe food services should be the top priority to address significant supply chain issues which is impacting every sector of our economy including grocery supply. Restaurants need to be up and running with more stringent safety guidelines. Guidelines include takeout and home delivery only, all staff “must” wear masks, wash hands between customers, no cash, only cooked food, no customers inside restaurant, clean all surfaces daily. Provide contact for customers to police the rules. Any restaurant with 3 safety violations must close for a minimum of 30 days. Groceries should have similar rules (except cooked food), no customers should be allowed in the store.
Pinellas	Accommodation	Thank you for reading this. I believe it is absolutely ridiculous that Floridians cannot go to the beaches! Majority of the vacationers have left! Theres so much beach out there! We can SURELY all spread out! Please! For our sanity. Open the beaches. That includes parking! Thank you. As far as salons go.. because that is my profession, I DO believe those need a bit more time. People will surely come in sick and or infected.
Polk	Government	I personally don't believe it's time to lift the stay at home law yet as it will start a second round of covid 19 death's and cases. In my belief may will end ip being devastating if its opened at this time. I do understand the strains on the economy but still think it's too soon. Thank you
St. Lucie	General	The numbers in Florida continue to rise with more hospitalizations and more deaths I think now would be a really inappropriate time to open the state

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Brevard	General	Greetings, Team, I would advise we follow the federally outlined phase in plan as per white house instruction. However, we must ensure adequate testing is offered to all those with symptoms and those that have been in contact with symptomatic individuals. Based on my verified contact with front line medical workers, we HAVE NOT offered proper testing to many symptomatic Brevard County residents to this point. Unfortunately, I believe our data is compromised and puts our state at risk for a steep increase in confirmed Covid - 19 cases, and potential death to our local and distant public. However, if we push the phased return forward with the information we have, we should ensure any further reopening actions are support by a clear decrease in Flu and Covid - 19 like symptoms as per the federal plan, after proper testing of BOTH symptomatic and asymptomatic individuals in both centralized locations, and also satellite locations within lower income areas within our state and county. Once our properly tested results show a decrease for greater than 14 days, this would then put us into Phase 1 - then 14 more days, assuming we reach the required conditions, then Phase 2, etc. - Once again, we would follow the guidelines of the current administration's reopening plan. We thank you and your team for your efforts to ensure the most adequate and avaliable testing for all citizens of our state. -Our plans, and ultimately, the safety of our citizens, and the well being of our economy, depend on the most accurate, unbiased data we can gather.
Miami-Dade	General	I do not think that places such as bars, night clubs, certain restaurants, and other places consisting of many people collected in one place should open for at least another two months. I do not think the beaches should open for at least another month. The reason being is because is May cause another, and more serious, outbreak and we would have to implement another shut down.
Seminole	Retail	1) FIX THE DAMN UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION PROBLEM!!!!! 2) The state should remain closed until significant numbers can be tested before they go back to work. 3) Per federal govt. establish tracking program. 4) - for the govenor - STOP ACTING LIKE A POLITICAL SUPPLICANT TO THE PRESIDENT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! - Just be a good govenor who does the right thing for your citizens - the right thing is what you believe, not what someone else tells you it is.

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Polk	General	Need to reopen all beaches as normally hours where effective 5-1. Excepting Broward and Dade beaches. Open parking areas. Reopen bars and restaurants. Need free testing sites all over where people want to get tested can. Social distancing still a good idea but optional at discretion of people depending on who and wherever not to be enforced by police or government. Hardest to manage will be public transportation, sporting events, concerts. I won't be attending these myself for awhile. But owners should be able to reopen as they deem. We will need a universal healthcare system moving ahead as we now know our private for profit system does not help all.
Palm Beach	General	Governor DeSantis, Please pay careful attention to the population in Palm Beach, Broward and Orange Counties and a densely populated Miami-Dade County. Florida is not homogeneous as you know and we should be under guidelines that are the are more protective then the less populated parts of the state. Yes I am a Democrat and we should be represented as well! We are half the population at the least. Thank you.
Orange	General	I am NOT for reopening my county or state at the present time. Part of the reason is that a lot of people DO NOT abide by the CDC recommendations. I think we should get very strict and require adherence to the CDC guidelines and only consider opening in August to coincide with the new school year. We need to take this time to prepare for that and the new reality of social distancing. DO NOT open the state until August. Thank you
Walton	Retail	It would be wise if those on the "front lines" (medical personal, first responders such as police and fire, postal employees, those working for FedEx, UPS, along with those at high risk be top priority for testing with retail opening based on first priority being to getting goods moving accordingly. Also, opening of counties should be focused on those that are lesser hit getting priority opening and making sure attention remains on hand washing and vulnerable individuals continuing to use protective measures accordingly.
Nassau	Information	I am against opening Florida back up at this time.
Alachua	Healthcare	I think it is too soon especially after listening to the CDC, WHO, DR Fauci. Our state shows mid June as a safe date. I am immune compromised with a rare illness, my family is already careful. I want life to get back to normal too but I see opening too soon as one step forward 6 months back.
Pinellas	General	DO NOT re-open Florida! Are you trying to kill hundreds of people? Opening things back up right now will do exactly that! Keep Florida closed until there are no new cases for weeks at a time - maybe a month or two even. You have the power to stop the spread. Will you?

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Lee	General	Please let the beauty salon reopen. We are not just an industry or vanity but one of hygiene. I have several clients who have not been able to wash their hair since the shutdown. My nail tech has clients who have not been able to take care of their feet, some of them diabetic. And their insurance does not cover a podiatrist. In our industry, we must update our education on the current infection control procedures every 2 years and are required to use hospital grade disinfectant. We can not completely social distance but have the ability to control it more than the grocery stores. Our industry has received little to know government help. We have not had access to grants, loans, unemployment, etc. Let us at least fend for ourselves so we don't loose everything we've worked so hard for.
Duval	Government	please do not loosen covid-19 stay at home orders until massive testing and vaccination is available at little or no cost.
Hillsborough	General	The estimates were wrong from the beginning. Social distancing further improved the numbers. People are more aware of washing hands, avoiding handshakes, cleaning surfaces and avoiding touching their faces. COVID-19 is likely here to stay like the flu. Americans are smart and they adapt. People will continue to get COVID-19 and the flu and die from both as well. The mortality rate for the population is about 1%, but much higher when it hits assisted living facilities, etc. And there are several treatments that are working. Let's open more businesses and beaches. Maybe hair salons are appointment only (and maybe open 24x7 for a week or two to handle the backlog). Allow MLB to begin workouts with isolation procedures to see if they can start with the FL/AZ season plan before all areas are open again. They need a few weeks to get ready. Local govts may have stricter rules, as is their right. Allow doctors and hospitals to begin normal business again, some of which are preventative and save lives.
Miami-Dade	General	re-open beaches and State Parks for walk and swimming.
Duval	General	Florida needs to be reopened NOW! People are losing their businesses, finances, and faith that Gov DeSantis is for the people. If people want to stay quarantined, let them. If people want to continue to wear PPE and social distance, let them. If people want to go back to work and reopen the "non essential" businesses, LET THEM!!
Broward	Recreation	Open Campgrounds. Camping is the definition of social distancing. Open state parks to Florida residents only for the first 60 days.

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Lake	Professional Services	Hi there! My name is Kasey and I am a dance instructor in the Orlando area. I travel to various dance studios and offer dance classes to all ages. Needless to say, I have been out of work for weeks and some dance studio owners are struggling to pay their expenses and stay in business even for next season. My apartment complex does not offer grace for the situation and yes, I applied for unemployment weeks ago, but I cannot get through to the unemployment office much like everyone else. Many people are applying for work at grocery stores, but we cannot all work at Publix. Even though a few of my bills may be deferred, they still must be paid at some point and in order to do that people need to return to work. It's unreasonable to expect that everyone has enough money saved to be told we're not allowed to go to work for a month or more. This is a free country and I believe people should be given the choice whether or not to return to work. If people don't want to take their chances they don't have to and they can stay home, but those who are healthy and willing to work should be free to do so. I have never missed a rent payment and if this goes on I could be facing eviction. Spring is the busiest season for dance instructors and spring was taken from us. I am not trying to be disrespectful, but I feel that if we are being forced to stay home by the government then the government should pay the tab.
Clay	General	As much as I would love to go to my gym, I think that is possibly the worst thing to open in the first phase. As a runner, I am well aware of how important it is to get excerise. Gyms are a germ factory on a good day. I have witnessed too many ladies walk out of the restroom without washing their hands, people not wiping down equipment and had men feel the need to crowd me at the gym to either comment on how I look or try to make conversation. I see how crowded sidewalks have become just trying to go for a run and cannot imagine the gyms will not be over run. I have had to deal with people not moving over when they are walking two and three across on a sidewalk forcing me to hop off the sidewalk and into the street. I will not be returning to a gym until there is at least a real, tested and successful treatment plan for Covid-19. Fortunately, most gyms have frozen memberships, however they will start charging people again the second they can open, regardless of whether clients feel safe returning to the gym. Please reconsider allowing them to open. This is a business that can wait.
Orange	General	I would like to see Florida reopen in a responsible manner. I feel that Florida has to reopen given that people are unable to receive unemployment. Let's keep the distancing and request everyone wear masks. Let's ask our elderly and those with underlying conditions to voluntarily self quarantine.
Manatee	General	It is way to soon please do not put everyone at risk. Thank you sincerely

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Orange	General	I think trying to re-open is a good idea however as you all know restrictions will still need to be in place for sure. I think the curfew should stay in place. I know in my neighborhood people that hang out in our downtown area would stay up all night drinking if they were allowed. I would like to see our restaurants open with limited capacity and I would close them at 10:00 PM. I would only allow for indoor seating and ban outdoor for "gathering reasons". As far as the bars limit their capacity and hours of operating for sure. Nighclubs should remain closed for a few months more. Hair Salons should open with limits on their capacity for sure and in all cases above a standardization method of cleaning should be in place. Also they should wear masks and gloves when handling food. Movie theaters should remain closed until everyone sees how things are working out. No one like limits on anything but in a time like this we need to have restrictions in place. If you live in a community like I do with an ROA they should be taking more interest in their community then they are doing. It's unbelievable what is going on. I talk a walk in the neighborhood three times a day and its a shame what is happening and the ROA does not care....they say.....report it to the local police which I have done and they are doing nothing. It's a shame what we are all trying to handle. Hats off to all of you on this committee.
Hillsborough	Recreation	We are gym owners and have literally 0$ income since Mar 20th. Both my husband and I run the gym and have no other source of income. We need to reopen ASAP before we loose everything We have received nothing from the federal government (stimulus check / PPP/ SBA) we have over $25,000 of bills (rent mortgage utilities) how are we ever going to financially recover?? Even if we reopened with 10 per. Capacity with social distancing measures in place would greatly help us Keeping Americans healthy again is a huge way to combat this virus
Osceola	General	Please do not open early. I work in Hospitality but opening early could kill people. Please fix the unemployment system so people are able to stay home and not be forced to return to work.
Lee	Food	Restaurants should be allowed to reopen at 1/4 or 1/3 capacity for dine-in, but it needs to be mandated (otherwise entitled customers will make a scene if forced to wait or denied entry). DEO needs to allow restaurant workers who are working reduced shifts or receiving reduced tips to claim partial RA benefits. A program needs to be put in place for restaurants who are unable to make full rent payments until we reach "phase 3" of reopening, or we risk many small-business failures and increased unemployment.
Hillsborough	Healthcare	Re-open Florida with precautions. People are committing suicide because they can't provide for their families
Collier	General	I think we need to start reopening Florida. People need to get back to work, especially the blue collar, and hair and nail salons. No one will be making at risk people come out if they chose not to. But my house hold is in real financial trouble. We still haven't seen penny one from unemployment. I need to work, I want to work. PLEASE!!!

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Miami-Dade	Professional Services	Hello, There is a short paragraph under attachments. Thank You!
Hillsborough	Recreation	Please, please, please open up the parks and beaches. It is safe to play tennis, go to the beach, and walk on park trails. In addition, PLEASE allow our children to resume little league. Baseball has little contact and these kids need/want to play. Finally, and most important, allow MLB to start. My husband works in the industry and until it starts, we have no income and are one of the thousands yet to receive unemployment. Thank you!!
Pinellas	General	We need to open everything and have people decide for themselves what protects them. This is too much economic damage for the risk. Let the elderly and ill make arrangements for themselves and everyone else can work and live and kids can go to school and camp. This is very emotionally damaging for children. Especially only children. And WAY too much screen time.
Manatee	Tourism	As soon as we open back up rentals our beaches are going to be flooded with tourists again. I have a small cleaning and maintenance business. This is concerning to me. As much as I am concerned about getting back to work I am very very scared for my immunocompromised child to get this virus. If you at least restrict the travel for a little while longer we won't be forced to make the decision to keep our family safe or keep our business from failing.
Charlotte	General	We think the Governor is doing a great job with handling the pandemic.
Collier	Education	Please open up Collier county businesses. This is a beautiful and vibrant county and I fear many of our potential customers will go elsewhere!
Orange	General	Please follow all CDC guidelines. Re-opening prematurely could do harm to our community, and harm many communities whose people come to visit us.
Monroe	General	I believe it is too early to open. Epecially considering things like the Reemployment system are not even working. I like what the keys are doing, they are not letting anyone in till June 1st I think that is smart. Thank you for letting me give you my opinion.
Volusia	Recreation	I have been a weight lifter for 57 years and over 60 national champion bodybuilder in 2010. I miss the gym and many of my friends do as well but with the ease of the virus spreading the last business I would let open is a gym. Gyms are crowded and dirty. Everybody uses all the equipment and it rarely gets cleaned well. I have never seen a dumbbell handle get washed anywhere. People wipe down seats on machines but never the handles. None of the plates that go on bars get cleaned either. I love fitness but I love my friends and the best way to protect them is to keep gyms closed longer. One person can infect an entire gym full of people which is scary to think about. Thank You, Dwight Webb
Orange	General	Open up all of Florida. Herd immunity is working in Sweden. Let's do it here too!!!!!

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Pinellas	Education	Thank you for allowing schools to remain closed for the remainder of the year. As a teacher, 60 years old and extremely ill for a month even before we knew there was a problem, I am relieved to be able to continue to work safely. Sanitation regulations which include soap and hot water available at school to wash our hands, sanitary wipes available for daily use, class room supplies like pencils that are no longer shared are just a few germ controlling ideas. We also need a place where sick children sent to school can stay out of the classroom. That means more nurses. The safety of the staff is just as important as the safety of the students. Testing for antibodies is critical for all staff to give us some idea of our risk factor. More sick days without loss of pay for those of us who had no choice but to work when we were not feeling well is also important. I want to add my voice to all of the teachers in Florida. I am a Republican, believe in freedom and free markets. Skipping the "useless" FSA assessments this year could give teachers more authority to input whether or not a child is forced to take intensive reading would be really nice. I am a teacher of students with special needs and the torture of the mandatory test is too much.
Miami-Dade	General	Please listen to the medical experts on when to open up the state of Florida thank you
Sarasota	General	Please reopen all business in the state. Or at least gyms and restaurants. I go to the gym as a means of escape and stress relief from these bad times. And that would be better for everyone if they had some kind of healthy escape from this terrible time.
Hillsborough	General	My concern is that the state will be opened prematurely. The president gave a specific guideline 14 days of no rise in cases etc. We here in Florida are not where we need to be in the numbers. I fear if we open up too soon there will be more cases and loss of life. I would appreciate if you would take this into consideration as you make your decision. Thank you for letting the residents of Florida be considered in your decision.
Pinellas	General	Focus should be on people with compromised immune systems or over a certain age, such as 65-70. The vast majority of people who are not in any way in danger from serious illness due to coronavirus/ COVID-19 should be able to live and work and learn as normal. The economy has to open back up, there is way too much at stake. Thanks
Okaloosa	General	The Families First Coronavirus Response Act and the CARES Act were put into law to protect and provide at least until July 31st. Please adhere to that timeline: with so many of us that have lost jobs, “opening up the state” doesn’t bring all of those jobs back!!! PLEASE listen to actual medical experts, like Surgeon General Scott Rivkees, and our Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Nikki Fried. LIFE OVER LIFESTYLE!!!!
Hillsborough	Technology	We should allow businesses to get back to work.
Palm Beach	Recreation	Why cant golf be reopened. Limit golf to a 2 golfers and if not together make them take there own cart, rake for sand trap. Its more then NY Has done and they opened golf. Tennis, open up for single play atleast and make them use their own tennis balls. Need to let people get back to exercising and sports in a safe and responsible way.

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Escambia	General	Stop listening to MSM. I would say we still have from 70% to 90% still working. We are going through all this turmoil to return 10% to 15% of our work force doesn't make sense. MSM and "experts" say if they go back most older people will die. My view on this (I'm 73 is we know how to avoid crowds and we don't eat Tide pods. We want our children to continue to live free. Read story about small businesses being held responsible if someone catches the virus. If this should come about I believe all your big chains would close to protect themselves from lawsuits. Walmart Publix Win Dixie. Think about it. In our current position for all the indispensable Truckers. You closed all their restaurants and most rest areas and still expect them to bring us what me need. Back to your point of stay at home safety ALL workers should be able to stay at home.. We know the answer. Take care of these workers they need the bonuses way more than the unemployed.
Duval	Education	I just recently got affected by the coronavirus pandemic, by being laid off. Starting 04/27/20 I'll be applying for unemployment,from the school system as an custodian. I believe you are doing a terrific job, as keeping social distance down. The virus has not flatten enough to open up Jacksonville FL
Hillsborough	General	Florida should start phase one of reopening the state as soon as possible. Parks and Beaches should open immediately. Anyone who can open and employ 6' safe distancing practices should be alllowed to open. Safety is of course paramount, but people need to go back to work. Schools of course rightfully should be online for the rest of the year. I have lost my job due to the state and national shutdown. It makes me sad that other people will struggle and their jobs will not be coming back. We must save what we can. It is easy to give shut down orders when you pay is secure. The florida unemployement agency and policies are worst in the nation and no help. Luckily I do not have to rely on the awful state support to survive and will be fine.
Pinellas	General	Area of Interest ... how about Public Health and Welfare. Senior citizens don't want to die from this virus. We don't know enough yet to open up the state to a normal mode of socializing. We haven't had access to testing broadly enough to really know how many people could be contagious and should self quarantine Why is this committee all business people and business interests are driving this decision? Shouldn't the committee be made up of scientists and health professionals? Be smart. Be conservative. Profits over people will be a sad legacy for Florida.

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Duval	General	I am a nurse, I feel like it's time to open everything back up, restaurants, stores, beaches, baseball parks etc. I feel like people have been vigilant with social distancing and could continue to take safety measures and those who choose to still stay home could. Our economy needs to begin to thrive again, Floridians need to be able to go back to work. I thankfully have not been affected by furlough's but my 24 year old daughter has been. She filed for unemployment in mid-March and we have had to help support her while she completed nursing school because she has yet to get anything from unemployment benefits. She will not get to have her nursing school graduation on May 6th as previously planned, that breaks my heart. I feel like we are trending in the right direction and it's time for Florida to open up!
Hillsborough	Government	Dear Gov DeSantis, As an active constituent of Hillsborough County and the state of Florida, I implore you to put forth and enact a plan to reopen Florida AS SOON AS POSSIBLE beginning no later than May 1 upon 30 day lockdown order expiration. We will have at that time been on lockdown in Tampa for FIVE WEEKS. That is more than ample time to satisfy the "14 day incubation period". Out of a population of 21,670,000 in the state of Florida, we have had only 1,055 deaths, many of which are being incorrectly reported as COVID deaths, when they are not. Even so, that is a mere 0.005% of our population. Florida's cases are at 30,000, which is 0.14%. LESS THAN A QUARTER OF A PERCENT. Most of those are mild cases with a 98% recovery rate! This number is not a pandemic by definition. A pandemic is an outbreak "which has affected a significant portion of the population". 0.14% is NOT A SIGNIFICANT PORTION. Knowing new facts that have come out which include the terribly flawed "models" by which all decisions were made, the death rate of this virus being 55% less than previously thought, the survival rate being close to 98%, most cases mild to asymptomatic, Dr Fauci now stating in the New England Journal of Medicine that this virus is actually much more like a "seasonal flu", and considering the main reason we were told we were forced to stay at home in the first place: to keep our hospitals from being overrun which has not happened at all. In fact, NONE of our hospitals are even close to capacity and many are furloughing nurses, physician assists, and physicians. Being that that was the reason for the lockdown, it is neither reasonable NOR CONSTITUTIONAL to do anything other than allow all businesses to open, parks to open, beaches to open as they see fit. The citizens in my community have behaved appropriately and we have been in forced proximity to only our immediate families for over 40+ days. Parents need to work, people need to live, children need to play. Please stop forcing an agenda of fear upon our city. We are no longer afraid of the virus, the concern now is for the

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Hillsborough	Healthcare	Working in the dental field, there is not enough adequate access to PPE at this time. Lack of PPE coupled with the lack of informed and clear recommendations on safe practices leads me to question a safe reopening at this time, or even in the coming weeks. The WHO just announced today that antibodies do not equate to protection from reinfection so at this time is just seems premature to reopen everything and undue the progress we have made. If history has taught us anything, the second wave will come and it will be worse than the first. Becoming overzealous now with the small gains we have now and reopening will lead to insurmountable loss in the future. As the old adage goes, it's better to be safe than sorry.
Duval	General	I understand that we have to could the economy going and I'm all for it. I think it should be a requirement to wear a mask in any indoor facility. School should remain virtual until a vaccine is available. It should be mandated that any company that workers can work from home, have to. Kids are going to be home, in most cases parents work. We have to remember kids are the silent carrier so we need to keep them home. Social distancing should now be the norm and not a temporary situation when it comes to retail, entertainment and work. If ones patrons can abide by social distancing and companies enforce it, then they can open.
Clay	Government	Amazing how Florida can get this site up and running g, but cant get the unemployment web site up and running. Cant wait to see the outcome of the lawsuit against Florida pans out. All government agencies are Corrupt. Its all good until something bad happens. Government officials shouldnt get paid to hold office. Until all government is shut down, everybody will be held back by the government. Hope Florida releases the rest of the Florida inmates like they did with Corrine Brown. That shows how corrupt the government is, money will buy your freedom. I bet Florida doesnt release anymore inmates. Many instances where Florida law is unfair to the Normal People. But if you got money, a little slap on the wrist and off you go. Normal person would get locked up for life for same crime that a rich person does.
Orange	General	Please open Florida immediately with restrictions of course
Duval	General	We need FLORIDA back OPEN! There's people that can't do their jobs, seeing family, locked inside their homes, vanlifers are having problems parking because the campsites are all closed, can't go and sit down and have dinner or movie together. This is crazy. People are taking precautions every day. But that doesn't mean FLORIDA has to be shut down. If anything, OPEN FLORIDA AND PUT A SIMULATION THAT EVERYONE WEARS PROTECTION AT ALL TIMES OUT IN PUBLIC.

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Bay	Accommodation	Dear Governor, Your executive order 20-87 affected many Vacation Home Rentals all over Florida. Unlike our counterpart, hotels, motels and so on, Vacation Home Rentals do not qualify for any financial help as many are using contract workers versus payroll employees . Vacation Rentals do not have the backup that large hotels do, so sadly were left without any financial means and/or recourse . The impact is detrimental to the many small Floridian businesses that we hire such as cleaners, handymen and so on . Even more, in Panama City Beach, a community that was still trying to reemerge from Hurricane Michael, this is catastrophic as many were just starting to get back into business prior to your orders. If the shutdown of Vacation Rentals was due to concerns about health issues, I disagree with such facts. Vacation Rentals home are self-contained units unlike hotel and other public lodgings. They DON'T share air system; guests are not forced to leave their room for food as they can cook as they would at home and don't have the public and common areas that hotel do which can bear germs. Before your shut down, my properties were hosting families that were looking for a safe harbor to take their families during such a devastating and scary time. They came to me because they felt safe and could self-contained like they would at home doing school and working while helping their kids ease their stress and fear by playing on the beach. I am a nurse and do work with positive Covid19 patients, so I look at the situation under and health care eyes. We learned a lot about Covid19 since your orders were given. I believe that the population is more knowledgeable and understanding of the steps required to stay safe as it was then. Many of us Vacation Home Rentals have made changes to our homes making them safer. The small businesses we employed also are ready to accommodate this issue. I even when further and contacted researcher and doctors that I know and ask their opinion about the safety in lodging and the response was that if they had to choose…Vacation Home Rentals would be their pick due to self-containment.
Hillsborough	General	Please, please, please open up the parks and beaches. It is safe to play tennis, go to the beach, and walk on park trails. In addition, PLEASE allow our children to resume little league. Baseball has little contact and these kids need/want to play. Finally, and most important, allow MLB to start. My husband works in the industry and until it starts, we have no income and are one of the thousands yet to receive unemployment. Thank you!!
Collier	Government	Please do not open Florida before coronavirus testing is available. A vaccine may be a year or more away. Social distancing is working. Opening too soon will only create more deaths. Do what is right for our State. Thank you
Polk	Education	I think it is still too early for Florida to start opening. The stay at order should be extended. I realize many Floridians are out of jobs but one if you lift the stay at orders too soon Florida will see a spike in cases. We need to get the virus under control first.
Pinellas	Professional Services	Dog grooming. Our dog groomer was practicing safety before having to stop. Lobby closed, pick up dog from car, used their own harness, groomer was wearing a mask and returned dog to car when finished. Our bichon frise needs a hair cut once a month to keep skin healthy. It now has been five weeks. Thanks for listening.

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Palm Beach	Recreation	Parks, Camping, Golf, Boat Ramps, all can be done safely with social distancing.
Lake	Education	To help keep safe-distancing a possibility once schools go back, I think schools should go on two sessions a day. That would allow class size to be cut in half and it would allow desks to actually be moved apart. I teach in a building which when built planned on 22 students per room. Unfortunately, once ways around that maximum were found, our numbers were increased, in many cases, up to 30 something in a room. We are like sardines packed in with very little room to walk around. Another idea might be to add one hour per day (paid) to each teacher. Every teacher takes on one more period a day. That would reduce the numbers of students in each period allowing for more distancing. I do expect more students to be moving to virtual school. Maybe teachers could teach one of the sessions at school and also take care of a few classes online in a platform like Edgenuity from home. A wider selection of classes could be offered if each student took a couple of online classes each semester. My main concern is that it will be physically impossible to keep enough distance between students with our current classroom sizes. I love my students dearly and I do not want to watch them die because of Covid-19. If there is any way we can reduce the possibility of students and teachers dying, we really need to explore it.
Pinellas	General	I do not think we should rush to open up Florida anytime soon. We don't need to be inundated with people traveling and potentially increasing our risk of contracting a virus we fought so hard to avoid over the last couple months.
Broward	General	I would like to express my anger with the entire system. I can't log on to unemployment. I can't go food shopping because I am laid off. My landlord wants his rent and is not letting up and my FPL bill is going to be around 3 grand by the time this is done. WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO FIX ANY OF THIS!!!!!????????
Hillsborough	General	DO NOT FORCE THE OPENING OF OUR ECONOMY. Please follow the guidance of health care professionals when determining when to reopen our state and economy. The WHO just stated that previous infections show no indication of immunity, meaning we need to sit tight until community spread is near zero or we have a readily available vaccine to ensure this virus doesn't rebound in our population. I understand the economic toll this pandemic is taking on so many sectors, but history and the voting public will hold those accountable that enabled the catastrophic loss of life.
Broward	General	I think it's to soon to reopen!!!!!!!! Not yet!!!!!!
Hillsborough	General	No one should fool themselves into thinking we are out of the woods! Extreme caution should be followed and I implore a VERY SLOW and phased reopening of the economy!! No one wants to go through this again! Be smart DeSantis, your response to this was an epic FAIL, don't screw up more by making rash and bad decisions about opening the economy too fast and too soon!

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Manatee	General	Please don't open the State of Florida until it's safe. Right now is too soon and will simply cause a resurgence. I don't want to start from the beginning again, I don't think the state would recuperate financially or mentally. We are just now seeing the curve start to flatten, I think it's a huge mistake to open at this point. I have risk factors, my son and elderly parents do too. COVID-19 is a death sentence for any of us. Please make an informed and educated decision.
Brevard	General	I think it's still too early to open. Cases are still going up and so is deaths. I am still afraid to go out in public unless I must. We have several at risk here in the home and others here that must go out and work yet, during this pandemic. Every day there is uncertainty is my son or his fiance going to bring home the virus to us, give it to me or my grandson. This is scarier than the flu. Please dont open till things get better.
Polk	General	We should not be opening the stars again. The only people that are rallying to open are the same people who DO NOT work at locations where they could be infected due to this disease. They are rallying to reopen for their own inconvenience and not for the sake of the economy. We NEED to stay closed in order to not cause a second wave that will be much worse due to our negligence. As an individual that works at a theme park, my safety is not being considered with my company not willing to let us set borders and wear masks due to how the guest may react. I have a pre-existing condition that makes me nervous for me to get contaminated and die. I don't want to die.
Hillsborough	General	Dear government, While I understand the need for our economy to open again, we should not. Not only did our numbers have a strong increase again on Thursday, it continued to rise. We don't have enough test kits, testing are getting several false negatives and we have people who haven't even been tested yet. We are not healthy enough as a city, state or even country to open at this time. We need to continue to rest until we have enough to test EVERYONE.
Lee	Tourism	Allow some places i.e Bars without food. To be optional on social disatnceing. There is no way my billiard room of 24 years can operate in a manner like home depot does. I have full liquor and pay huge taxes to allow smoking. Set it up as you do a smoking licences. Where its noted and people have the option to enter or not.

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Palm Beach	Recreation	I strongly believe that the reopening of public boat ramps in palm beach county would have multiple benefits to both the economy and the residents of palm beach county. As a sixth generation Floridian my family grew up living off the waters of south Florida. We rely on fishing as a main source of food for my family which includes my parents and 3 siblings. Without access to fishing on the reefs we are having to spend more time in crowded grocery stores, which is increasing our exposure to people. The parks would not need to open the public use facilities in order for us to launch our boats. Therefore less people using the same bathrooms and sinks, and no unnecessary exposure to park rangers. With more people recreationally fishing , local bait stores that rely on fishermen would get more business as well as gas stations, which would help our economy to recover. I also believe that the sandbars should remain closed as they attract large groups of people that are just there to party and not going to profit off of the natural resource. Therefore , it would be important to maintain social distancing throughout the waterways, and this can easily be enforced with 1 patrol boat for each popular sandbar destination. There is only approximately 3-4 in all of palm beach county. Thank you for the time and consideration.
Volusia	General	Please keep the state closed as long as necessary to beat this virus. Listen to the people of Florida. Reopening the state early will certainly lead to the death more Floridians.
Pinellas	General	I am in favor of reopening the economy with social distance practices in place. We understand there is a risk,. But many office places have already put many social distance measures in place, and honestly those with concerns should be allowed and encouraged to continue to stay home, while others return to every day life.
Brevard	General	OPEN ALL BUSINESS'S!!!
Palm Beach	Retail	Until there is sufficient testing, I don't want the State of Florida to reopen. We're retail business owners who are deemed non essential so times are hard but let's not make them harder. Open when we have a real handle on the number of people infected and have a good plan to quarantine those people. A vaccine would help, too. Or even a therapeutic remedy. If we open and there are more deaths and then we have to close again- well, just not worth it.
Lee	General	I see no reason not to start opening back up. People will only put up with so much till things boil over and there is more of and issue than just covid-19. We cannot wait till a vaccine is created if there ever is one. The world has to go on and I'm sorry but social distancing is not going to continue once everything is open, so the truth is nothing we do is going stop the virus, people will die, but most will live. Unless the government plans on paying people weekly not to work, then you best open up so the economy can get going before it's to late and chaos falls on this country.

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Pinellas	General	In opening up the state we need to make sure there are testing for everyone and the ability to informed people who have come in contact with someone who is infected. Since testing is not available at this time we need to limit what is opened and still provide for social distancing. I understand people want to get out but if the number of cases start to increase it will be harder to recover from this. I think we need to listen to our medical people on how best we can open up again. Thanks John Dedell
Manatee	Tourism	Keep the tourists out as long as possible. This way there will be some control and some way to make decisions based on testing. We can't test tourists... eliminate the unknown. Km
Escambia	Retail	Let us open before we aren't able to. We can go to Publix. We can go to Sam's Club. Where there are hundreds of people. However people are social distancing. Why can't we do that at our business where we may have 2 to 3 customers in an 8000 square foot store? We have been doing our part but many bushiness will not be able to reopen if they are driven out of business.
Lee	General	The main focus now should be how to safely reopen Florida, or there won't be many businesses left to reopen. Start with lifting the stay at home, while still encouraging social distancing. Allow small businesses and non-essential health/dental care to reopen at their discretion. Allow people to patronize them safely if they so choose. I know so many people who need dental work, orthodontics work (including my son), pain management appointments and elective surgeries. Allowing these places to open will bring so many people back to work and allow people access to basic services. By lifting the stay at home, we can allow people to start interacting again with others (again at their own discretion). Allow office buildings the choice to bring some employees back in while others can work from home. We can not maintain social distancing to this extreme forever. Please start allowing businesses to start opening, it can be done smartly and people can opt to patronize safely if they so choose. For all the people who oppose, make sure they are aware it is their option still to stay home. Thank you all for your hard work!!
Pinellas	General	Please do not reopen Florida until more testing has been performed. Also, people do not always have the criteria for tests which doesn't mean they do not have the virus. Please allow testing for people who have most of the symptoms. Thank you,
Bay	General	I think you could open restaurants inside, and have the table 6 feet apart, many have booths so have a open on and close the next, open the next one, same with tables. see how people do with that. Many places have outside seating. . Since the beach is open, slowly let condos and rentals start renting. Get business up and running. . so many people out of work.

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Orange	Healthcare	Social distancing has been proven to flatten the curve. Any business that requires touching makes it IMPOSSIBLE to enforce social distancing: Massage Spa Tattoo (blood products present as well) Hair salon generating airborne human hair and dandruff products Nail Spa Also these touching trades do not have PPE, proper sterile facilities, or proper training. Clients as well as services providers are exposed to risk through physical contact and breath exposure between clients and service providers. The corona virus can live on surfaces for hours to days Restaurants silverware, dishes, condiments, tables, chairs Retail stores products picked up and put down by customers Bars six foot spacing may only allow 2-3 people to be at the bar. Mass transit people like sardines in a can all breathing the same air. Look at Wuhan, China now, 1/10 of the shops are open after 30 of the end of lock down and you must remain at the front door to get service. The hysteresis for exposure to symptoms is about two weeks. I would wait to examine the petri dish experiment started in Georgia and see what the graphs look like in three weeks if you want a crystal ball for actions taken in Florida.. Disney may stay closed for the rest of the year awaiting a treatment for the virus....obviously they do not want the liability. Trade shows are another impossible venue. Meetings, samples, eating, restrooms, transportation. Hotels/motels, how are the rooms and everything in them disinfected after each use
Charlotte	Real Estate	I truly believe we are better off keeping Florida shut down at least 4 more weeks. Our kids are out of school for a reason, the public should still be taking precautions. This will give us just a little more time to heal. We are strong in Florida we will make a great come back.
Pinellas	General	Although I understand the economic impact Covid - 19 has had on our State, I believe it would be premature to open the State. Businesses , Restaurants, Beaches and Parks should remain closed until we see the numbers not increasing in cases, which as I track them happens every day and not by 1 or 2 but by at least double digits. We have already done weeks of STAY AT HOME and what would a few more weeks hurt to ensure that we are safer and more prepared with decreased to no cases. Premature actions could come back to bite us and put us back to square one . I choose Life over the Economy , the Economy will recover. Please choose LIFE. TEST TEST TEST.. Thank you.
St. Lucie	Healthcare	In order to open up the state for business I believe mandatory masks in public should be instituted and enforced.

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Orange	Government	I do not think it is wise to open up Florida wholesale or to go against guidelines set by the CDC. Saving business at the expense of citizens health is not an acceptable exchange. Also i believe pin pointed openings of places that have low risk of spreading the virus like the beaches, hiking trails, and open air venues with distancing restrictions makes more sense then opening gyms which are breeding grounds for germs on a good day prior to COVID19. My 13-year-old son, can't believe they are considering opening places that are known to be harbingers of germs, knowing what's at risk and how high the stakes are, and I agree with him. Do we really want history to views Florida as the state that helped keep the corona virus going by opening too much too quickly?
Hillsborough	General	Please reopen. Those who are not living in fear would like to enjoy all our state has to offer. The numbers do not warrant all of us being confined to our home. Thank you!
Polk	General	Tired of all the panic. Open back up no one is doing what they were told anyways.
Hillsborough	General	I dont think we should open Florida until we have 14 consecutive days with zero positive covid19 tests.
Brevard	Healthcare	I am a healthcare worker in Palm Bay Florida & am very concerned with Covid 19 & feel that it is yet to soon to open Florida for people as the people in this county have not done anything to stay home from day 1, if anything they have come out more than before, what this county needs is a 14 day curfew set in place & then look into the reopening of the state but right now I don't not agree with it, also the people that are essential should be the only ones out in the streets & our police should enforce that but that is also not happening, the ball has been dropped since day one & the spread on this virus will get worse before it improves if none of these things get implemented. My opinion only.
Orange	Retail	Non-grocery stores need to require masks; limit occupancy to 50% with one out/one in entry after initial group; no shopping posses; maximum 2 in a group not counting young children who must be under strict parental control. Grocery stores need to continue senior hours as they generally are right now to limit their exposure to possible asymptomatic persons. We old people will get up early and do well waiting in line. Younger people not so much. This also lessens store occupancy, thus allowing non-elderly shoppers to get in and out more quickly. Restaurants AND bars should open in the same time period with masks required until waiter has their order. NO counter or bar service unless masked and for take-out. On premises service at table only with tables respecting distancing. Credit or debit card transactions STRONGLY encouraged. Masks back on when patrons leave the table to use the bathroom. Barber and beauty shops should be appointment only with limited capacity. Very brief waiting with distancing in waiting areas. Most have stations are fairly far apart so distancing by alternating stations should be easy. Masks required. If a customer comes too early, they wait outside or reschedule. As much available PPE for all workers, regardless of their employment but really mandatory for anyone who has works with the public. A lot of these suggestions re applicable to other venues. Concerts and sports events require special considerations due to volume of attendance and refreshment stands versus sit-down restaurants.

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Hillsborough	General	Re-open Florida!! Let people choose if they want to leave their homes. Closing the state parks and other recreational areas, particularly outdoor areas, is absurd. Crippling the economy and all residents is unacceptable -AF veteran
Pinellas	General	There should be no further opening up until scientific data indicates it is safe and the virus is contained....
Polk	General	Due to the magnitude and severity of this virus the state should be closed till further notice. Children should not return to school in the fall, businesses should not reopen and the theme parks are out of the question. One school opens and the virus gets passed to each child. There is no such thing as social distancing for children. How would the deaths look on the state.
Brevard	Tourism	I am a republican. I am an assistant front office manager at a hotel on the space coast. I was furloughed 32 days ago. In the hotel industry, we deal with guests from all over the world. I also live with an elderly person. I do not want to get sick. I do not want to get my room mates sick. Working the front line, aka front desk, at a hotel, will expose me and my coworkers to the virus. It's not a matter of IF, but when. I don't wanna die from this. You need to keep Florida closed. The 50,000 deaths America has had so far, have died DURING lock down. Once the lock down is lifted, the death rate will rapidly spike and a lot more people will be exposed and most likely die. I am scared. Opening too early will be devastating.
Broward	General	Please consider opening Florida up again. All us heathy people have been locked up for two months now and we need to go out and get back to regular life. I respect the immune compromised, elderly or people who are scared and I think they should do whatever suits them; i.e. they could take a leave of absence and be excused from working. But it is not fair for the healthy people to be locked inside their homes with no income and no job. Let everyone decide what their comfort level is but do not force things upon us.
Hillsborough	Healthcare	I work in the dental field, and I personally do not feel comfortable or ethical returning to work on patients at this time with the large gaps in testing as well as inadequate access to PPE. Jumping into reopening the state blindly (without knowledge of who has the virus or whether or not antibodies even matter as far as re-infection/transmission) would be absolutely asinine and would erase all of the work we have already done to flatten the curve. We need to be patient so that we don't create a spike in cases that would overwhelm the healthcare system and ultimately destroy the economy.
Duval	Real Estate	Let's go for the healthy and able. Ready to return to the office. Would like antibody testing available to anyone that wants it. We think our son and my brother-in-law had covid 19 in January and were exposed at that time.

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Brevard	General	I believe it's best to allow all aspects of society to return to normal while continuing a short daily update concerning the progression of COVID-19. Make sure to say it's still very much here and all those compromised should remain careful. Give us information and allow us to choose our behavior, unless and until the situation truly starts to overwhelm the healthcare system. I believe when it's all said and done the numbers will show this to have been far less deadly, percentage-wise, than previously thought.
Duval	Healthcare	Slow open mid May
Broward	Finance	Please fix unemployment it's so so slow and people are running out of money with no help. The city is not ready to open up.
Brevard	General	I think everything needs to re open immediately except for the theme parks. Every business that opens should have to practice social distancing including restaurants. In public everyone should have to wear a mask and always practice distance. Theme parks will need to implement a lot of new policies before opening. People need to work and support their families. I know too many that have not seen a cent from anywhere! If we don't want a great depression we need to open now or there will be so many homeless and hungry families that it will be very hard to recover from.
Polk	General	Re-open the State!! Most of this is a political JOKE! Tell the Gov of NY to shove it, and worry about his own State! Get our people back to work!!
Miami-Dade	General	I think the governor should wait to open Florida. We have been isolating for weeks to save life's and should continue till this epidemic is controlled . We are all in the comforts of our homes with family do people need to value life and not fun activities or entertainment or shopping for now. We need to have our society safe and not dwell if we open up too soon. That's my opinion. My son suffers from. This mi th he will graduate from fiu in nursing and yes , we are saddened there's no ceremony but we understand the reason why it's cancelled. People need to accept the situation and value we are all here . Chron's so we really need to be cautious . Thank you , Sylvia Galvis
Broward	General	I do not support the immediate re-opening of Florida until there is the 14 days decline in infection rates, which has not been reached to my understanding. Even then, I support a phase reopening as outlined in the federal guidelines. Moreover, I have two elementary age children. I would like the task force to specifically consider and address summer camps. I work as does my husband but we are willing to "figure it out" if our children (and all children) cannot attend summer camp in a way that supports their health as well as their elderly grandparents. I would add extracurriculars like Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts should be considered as well and given clear direction on whether their activities are safe for the children and the families they go home to. At the end of the day, if there is not a significant amount of covid testing open to asymptomatic people and a plan to isolate those who are asymptomatic, my husband and I will continue our limited participation in the economy --e.g., purchase of essential items like food. We will not make travel plans, go to the movies, work out at the gym, dine out or other similar activities.

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Collier	Education	While it's extremely optimistic to think that we can continue the school year virtually, I ask you to please take the mental health of our children to heart. Children across the state, across the country are struggling. Really struggling. Parents are having the stress of not working, planning for their family's future while also having to try and decipher virtual work for their children. Teachers are over loaded and juggling being teachers while also having to find time to help their own children. Our children have been out of school now for six weeks. They packed up their backpacks and excitedly exited their school doors for Spring Break to never return. Through not returning, they've ridden the roller coaster of unanswered questions about their future...."will we go back to school" etc. That is a lot of instability on a child. Now that they have the answer to that question, they face another six weeks of this state mandated purgatory. Children need routine, yes. Virtual school is not giving them routine. Part of routine is also ebb and flow. Closure. Moving forward. Right now what they need is that closure. They need to be able to put something to rest in all of this. They need to feel as though something has been "settled" or "achieved" in all of this. By calling an end to the school year now, gives them that closure. It allows them to focus on their next chapter which is summer break, even if it's come a little early. It's allowing in limbo students to now have a focus for the future, when they realize their year is over and they are now one grade level older. Please consider putting an end to the virtual learning for the 2020 school year, and giving our students, parents and teachers the ability to put something to rest amidst all of this chaos. Having something to close the book on, and Fall semester to look forward to will create a world of good in the mental health of everyone involved. Thank You for your time.
Miami-Dade	Healthcare	How are you guys going to reopen Florida?! Do you guys not see the amount of cases we have and we aren't even at the peak yet? Have some respect and sympathy for all our healthcare workers and first responders who are in the front line of this 24/7. Think about all the work they've done. Opening now will just make us start all over. Just do a damn LOCKDOWN WHERE EVERYONE HAS TO STAY HOME! It's that plain and simple but no all you people care about it the economy. How are you going to have an economy with no citizens?? Think a little.
Lee	Recreation	restaurants and bars with outdoor seating at least
Duval	Transportation	Please reopen the DMV, at least by appointment!
Hillsborough	General	As someone who is immunocompromised and also involved in the science community, I feel it is much too early to start reopening the state. With our large population and tourism, the virus can spread VERY easily here. I am tired of being stuck inside as much as the next person, however I'd rather stay healthy than have to risk my health and safety by being forced to go in to work or having to go grocery shopping in a store that's no longer practicing social distancing. We do not have a proven cure or prevention yet. Wait for that.
Hillsborough	General	DO NOT OPEN UP YET. It is too soon to open up the state. It is very scary out there. Wait a little longer

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Charlotte	Education	Please take into consideration that a very conservative reopening plan, encouraged by doctors, scientists, and experts, will save lives—there is no doubt about this. The economy will suffer more long-term if we do more damage in the short term. We have high counts of vulnerable populations to consider, my parents among them. We are counting on your decisions to save our lives and give us the best hope for our future. Until it is extremely safe, order us to be at home and keep unnecessary gathering places off limits. Please listen to the experts now so we can thrive when the time is right. Please save us.
Volusia	Recreation	Theme parks should allow pass holders to have 1st shot at social distancing in ride ques, As well as on the rides themselves. Space seating 1 per row or 2 in a row of 4 and so on. Sanitizer at entrances of rides and shows. As well at exits. Various wash stations throughout the parks. Attendants continue sanitizing randomly. Take Temps as person enters parks. By allowing pasdholders (those that are dedicated persons that support the park), these parks can test these precautions in turn more people can enter the parks after trying it out.
Martin	General	Let's be smart ... at least follow President's phased guidance ... much too early to open now. Save lives ... stay closed until the science supports opening.
Hillsborough	Healthcare	I work in the dental field, and I personally do not feel comfortable or ethical returning to work on patients at this time with the large gaps in testing as well as inadequate access to PPE. Jumping into reopening the state blindly (without knowledge of who has the virus or whether or not antibodies even matter as far as re-infection/transmission) would be absolutely asinine and would erase all of the work we have already done to flatten the curve. We need to be patient so that we don't create a spike in cases that would overwhelm the healthcare system and ultimately destroy the economy.
Broward	Retail	Easy Open all businesses Mandatory face mask for everyone on public Barbers, hair salons , nails etc open with appointment only Same for restaurants Restaurant one empty table between each other Maximum 4 people per table No bar seat Business have to well clean between costumers City can enforce this with mystery shoppers Very severe fines for not compliance!
Polk	Manufacturing	I say keep it as it is til may30 th til the numbers are in single digits and mask be worn. At any buisness or stores

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Orange	General	It is way too soon to re-open FL. The number of COVID-19 cases are still rising, and are getting worse as you have already opened up some beaches. Please do the responsible thing and maintain the stay-at-home orders. I do not feel safe going outside, and I do not want my parents, who are over 65, to get the virus from irresponsible Floridians not wearing masks and not keeping a distance. Please use science and common sense in making your decisions, as this is about life and death. Please do not use Trump as your source of truth, lest we all inject ourselves with bleach and die. I'm already appalled at the way DeSantis has handled the response to the coronavirus. It is unbelievable that DeSantis waited until 4/1 to shut down the state, but still allowed religious nuts to congregate. People are dying due to these terrible decisions.
Pinellas	General	I don't believe the state should open yet. It's way too soon. By opening soon it's going to cause a spike in cases and deaths. The state would be putting more people in harms way. I understand it hard economic right now but I would rather be struggling with bills and have my family and son healthy rather then sick or dead. If the government just pushed back opening till June or July we would see the number of cases and deaths slow down. Right now the numbers are still increasing each day. As of current we have more than one thousand new cases a day in Florida. Shut the state down!!!
Hardee	General	I am in favor of keeping the State on lock down until the new case, total case and death rate numbers are on a clearly identifiable down turn.

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Miami-Dade	General	MR GOVERNOR I'AM VERONICA GONZALEZ BORN AND RAISED MIAMI LIVED HER MY WHOLE LIFE SO FAR. i VOTED AND SUPPORTED YOU TO PUT IN OFFICE BUT RECENTLY TO BE HONEST IAM VERYUPSET AND DISSPOIANTED WITH YOUR HANDLING ALL THIS IN MY HOME STATE HERE IN MIAMI -DADE WE ARE NOT READY AT ALL TO REOPEN WE HAVE 11000 PLUS MOR CASES DAILY CASES RISING DISPITE WHAT YOU SAY I KNOW IT AND SEE IT HERE WE ARE NOT SAFE AND READY HERE SIR MOSTAMERICANS ARE SCARED TO LEAVE THER EHOMES OR BACK TO WORK HEALTH IS FIRST SIR NOT MONEY OR ECONOMY WITHOUT HEALTH YOU HAVE NOTHING I FEEL LIKE YOU ARE PUTTING THE STATES MONEY FIRST AND NOT US LOOK WHAT THE N.C GOVERNOR DID HE HAS BARELY CASES COMPARED TO US HES NOT REOPENING TILL MAY 8TH THAT IS A GOVERNOR THAT CARES FOR HIS PEOPLE AS A VOTER THAT HEPLED YOU IN OFFCIE EVERY VOTE MATTERS AS YOU KNOW I EXPECT YOU TO DO WHAT THEIS GREAT GOVERNOR DID PUT HIS PEOPLE WELL BEING FIRST LOOKS LIKE YOU ARE NOT ALL YOURE DOING IS CARING WHAT CEO AND DISNEY WANT OF COURSE THEY WANT TO REOPEN ALL THEY CARE ABOUT IS BUISNESS NOT OUR HEALTH SIR FOR YOU IF YOU WANT AND EXPECT TO CONTINUE BEING GOVERNOR HERE YOUR DECISION WILLMAKE OR BREAK YOU YOUR SUPPORTERS AND ME INCULDED WILL NOT VOTE FOR YOU IF YOU DONT PUT OUR HEALTH AND WEEL BEINF FIRST PLEASE DONT FOLLOW THAT HORRIBLE GEORGIA GOVERNOR THAT IS IGNORANT AND HEARLTLESSTHANK YOU FOR READING THIS FEEDBACK IF YOU DO ALSO MR MAYOR GIMENEZ HOPE YOU DO THE SAME YOU NEED OUR VOTES FOR CONGRESS PEOPLE ARE WATCHING WHAT YOU ARE DOING GOR US PLEASE ALSO FIX THIS PEOPLE ARE TIRED WAITING FOR THER MONEY WHILE ALL POLITICIANS HAVE THERE MONEY AND GETTING PAID SEEMS UNFAIR TO ME. THANK YOU BE WELL AND BE SAFE..
Lee	Recreation	I am an avid outdoor person and used to spend most of my morning walking the beaches near me in Bonita Springs as there are no close parks nearby. Just being outside and exercising is great for the mind and body. I understand the difficulty of monitoring the beaches for social distancing, but the rangers and sheriffs officers presence should be enough but if people can't follow the rules we can close down again. The state parks can limit the number of visitors allowed into the beach parks. We deserve a chance to at least try.
Brevard	General	Please don’t. I am caretaker to my 84 year old grandmother and my father who has stage 4 lymphoma. My household is very high risk. Reopening right now just isn’t worth it. Please don’t open yet. If you do, my whole house is in extreme danger. Please don’t.
St. Johns	Retail	You need to open Florida up on May 1st. Time to get back to work so we can bring the economy back. At risk peopple need to stay quarentined if they dont feel safe. Staying locked down will destoy more lives than the virus.

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Hillsborough	Healthcare	Please increase testing availability in the state!!! Please provide a program for ALL licensed health care professionals in the state to have COVID-19 tests and/or antibody tests performed. From CNAs to Massage Therapists to Pharmacists, Dentists and EMTS, we all need to have fast track access or the ability to get immediate testing performed if we become sick to protect ourselves and our clients and patients! Thank you!
Duval	Information	Concern regarding fear mongering- Please address the deaths, hospitalizations, etc. for the flu season of 2018-2019. This will help put things in perspective. I cannot understand the cry for more testing. The test is only as good as the moment in time. The results only satisfy the scientists who are tracking the disease. So getting in line to confirm that you are feeling poorly does nothing. There is no additional treatment or information on how to care for yourself if you have the flu aside from advice from your doctore. Tamaflu can be given for the Type A and B, but not for Corona. It would be ludicrous to require testing or use the results to determine the opening the economy. Consider civil unrest, suicides, domestic violence, child abuse and crime that the quarantine is having on our society. Fear is rampant. Use of gloves and masks are not done properly.Use common sense. Let's not further isolate our young generation who are already closing themselves away from their peers by using social media. Risk versus Ruin! Publix & Walmart parking lots are full, while our strip malls are grave yards!! So sad!
Hillsborough	Professional Services	I own a dog kennel and grooming business. My business has alsmost been closed by this shutdown. People need to get back work. My groomer needs to get back to work. We usually have 30 to 80 dogs over the weekend to board. Now i have 4 if im lucky. Please we can do distancing and disinfect our business. Please help us. This is like being in jail.
Hernando	General	I think as I am a Healthcare worker that it is stressful enough worrying about bringing this home to my family but re opening the state I think is too early considering that some people still are not taking it seriously. Going in to Walmart people are still not wearing mask it needs to be mandatory... And give it some time to settle after its over with
Palm Beach	Recreation	Open the casinos
Pinellas	General	i believe we need to start opening business back up. I think retail stores can open with limiting the number of shoppers and one way aisles. Restaurants can open at reduced capacity. Most other businesses could also open in some limited form. Looking at the number of people infected it is a small fraction of the total FL population (>1%) but we have paralyzed everything for this small percentage. I realize it is very contagious and I think we must keep to the guidelines of social distancing and face masks. Using the guidelines and some common sense we can start to move forward in getting back to some form of normal. Thank You
Hillsborough	Government	Do not re-open businesses or beaches unless they are essential. You are going to cause a resurgence of CoVid-19 cases and prolong social distancing.

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Escambia	Tourism	It is imperative that local business interests do not outweigh the safety of the general community. The hotels and condominiums should not be allowed to rent their units at this time. Reopening should be based on medical information and should probably not occur until at least June at the earliest date.
Palm Beach	General	There needs to be more relief for small businesses who are not deemed essential. Other states like California have protected their small businesses by furloughing commercial rent payments and protecting them from being evicted. I think this is essential in maintaining our local economy. Otherwise, many businesses will not survive and our economy will collapse. I think if we re-open a lot of precautions and rules must be set in place like requiring every person who enters a business to wear a mask and if a store opens they must do everything to protect their customers otherwise they can't open. People should be fined heavily for not adhering to precautions to stop the spread of covid-19. People should still not gather in groups and beaches, bars, movie theaters and venues that encourage to gather in crowds should remain closed. The businesses that open should restrict the number of flow into their business and maintain distance between customers and employees as much as possible. People in who are vulnerable should remain indoors.
Sarasota	Healthcare	Let the doctors and epidemiologists help decide. There's no other way. Broaden the task force to include epidemiologists.
Polk	Management	We all need to be responsible and taking our own precautions. We need our state to get back up and running, not only for our economy, but also for our mental health status
Clay	General	Let's get Florida open. People need to get back to normal. This is effecting families mental health. Many people I have spoken to have been denied food stamps and small business assistance. My daughter is going to lose her business. This is not the Florida we know. This is not America.
Hillsborough	Real Estate	I would like to voice my support in completely re-opening all aspects of Florida's economy without restriction or delay. Thank you
Duval	Technology	Do not re open early. This virus will overwhelm the metropolitan areas quickly. Give science a chance to develop effective treatment options. Stay closed. Close more. Add severe consequences to violating orders. Save your constituents and tax payers.

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Sarasota	Healthcare	I think there should be more education on the effects that asymptomatic people have on the spread of the disease. I think many people of all ages think that because they are not sick, that they are okay. The public should realize that it is not a matter of personal choice (or infringement of rights), it's a public health issue and everybody needs to do their part. We have a very high elderly population in Florida. I'm not elderly, but my parents are, and their health, as well as so many other elderly are of great concern to me. I feel like great measures have been taken in our state, but it is crucial that we watch to see what the spread of the disease does, as well as take measures to ensure that there is proper and easily accessible testing for all before we even begin to re-open businesses. I am a Manager and Buyer for a small women's clothing boutique. I have been strongly affected, and miss working and income, but public health is number one. Upon eventual re-opening of businesses, hopefully at least a month away, It would be great if the state made it law for all to wear masks, as well as maintain social distancing measures until a vaccination has become available to all. I think that there should be a limit to the amount of people allowed in businesses at a time when businesses re-open, and that it is done extremely slowly and carefully. Thank you for all that you are doing!
St. Johns	Healthcare	Its time to get Floridians back to work, school and play with reasonable precautions.
Duval	Food	Business must reopen. Quarantine and financially support as much as the state is willing to do for those vulnerable people. Over 62, health related, sick etc and allow all others to resume life as they feel it is necessary. I feel that it is unconstitutional to force people to stay in their homes when so few people have actually gotten sick they may test positive but they're not actually sick enough to seek medical treatment. Allow businesses bars movie theaters and Life to function as normal. No restrictions should be mandated suggestions should be made and I believe social distancing would be something individuals would do either way at this point.
Lee	Retail	Re Open Retail and Restaurant Establishments. Continue to recommend safe distances and clean hygiene. Additionally the State may consider recommending Bars and Restaurants seat patrons every other table or seat until safe for full capacity. Thank You for Re Opening Our State!!!!!
Escambia	General	I do not believe the state should be reopened right now. Everyday our cases rise even here in Escambia county fl. People do not listen to facts or opinions from healthcare or scientists in regards to rules to keep everyone safe. They will pack the beaches and any other place that is open. I love our beach, but want to be safe. I am out of work too, but it's for the best for my parents and grandparents for me to not contract covid19 and pass it to them. My children are out of school and that was a great decision. If unemployment would catch up and get people paid they would have no need to go out and work at the moment and this storm can pass. This will spread to everyone. It will be on the government if this gets worse because you break under pressure. Not everyone agrees with the ones that say to reopen!

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Volusia	Retail	I feel we should keep the state of Florida closed for at least another Month, people are just now getting tested, and until we see more negative results over all we need to open the state in stages. I want an economy and not to have a recession, however, human lives are more important.
Pasco	Healthcare	I am for Florida opening up. But I think it's too soon, especially being a front line worker.
Orange	Government	Reopen all businesses by the end of the month with the guidance to follow social distancing for the next 30 days, with an extension in that guideline as needed. Let businesses decide how they can stay open while following social distancing for their customers
Polk	General	CrossFit gyms and small businesses
Okaloosa	Professional Services	I believe the opening of every thing leads to not only physical health but mental health as well. People need to take care of themselves by way of gyms, salons, movie theaters, and Restaurants. There are ways to open such as a theaters to allow half of occupants and as you buy seats on line theaters can determine separation. Restraints can do the same by taking only reservations. Fast food could open up and block off some tables completing separation. On the other hand, you could open up theaters one day or week then restaurants, then gyms. But the focus has to be to open up. We need this please, to open up.
Seminole	General	I believe that the strict social distancing for private individuals needs to be adjusted for those of us low risk of contracting the virus in single households to be able to make the choice to selectively socialize with other low-risk individuals. Being completely isolated without physical touch has been emotionally and physically devastating to me. Being able to meet a low risk friend at a park or invite one friend to my home for a private visit (the so called "bubble socializing") needs to be allowed if the distancing measures are sustained past April 30. Patio dining with spaced tables and virtual waiting lines with takeout containers should be allowed for counties with low cases if business owners and employees are able to stay safe and get sanitizer and gloves. If you are a high risk individual or do not feel safe, then stay completely at home and have everything delivered to you. But let me hug my best friend for some comfort. To deny that for months is inhumane.
Miami-Dade	Tourism	All tourism and public spots should open with following and enforcing safe distance and higher sanitation services. Florida keys : Open with exception to only monthly tourist and/or weekly tourist with social distancing kept to keep better track of honesty check point can remain and upon entering temperature can be taken of passengers in the vehicle limited to first 2 rows. Miami Beach : Open with limits on beach hours and occupancy limit to 50 per 2 beach side entrance. Certain entrances remain closed and only have limited entrances to keep control. Restaurants & Bars : Open but only to outdoor seating or bars with a limit of occupancy to keep social distancing enforced. All places should have a thermometer at the entrance and check temperature for extra safety measures. I am a first responder and I understand the sources are limited and hard on us but together we can all return to normal as usual slowly but surely.

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Broward	Healthcare	Please reopen all specialty Dr. Offices and surgery centers. Some of us need treatment and surgeries that are critical for good health and we are unable to see our physicians unless we are critically ill. Telehealth is great but it can't replace in person visits for some issues. Please open our healthcare offices and centers first.
Miami-Dade	General	I think we should WAIT LONGER. I have friends in the area of Westchester in Miami That work in hospitals and they are saying there are still a lot of cases being brought in With the virus. Better to be SAFE and Wise then to have to put everyone on another Lockdown. Thanks for hearing me. GOD BLESS YOU! DAISY VAZQUEZ
Martin	Government	i feel to open florida first you need to test poeple that have been working. I know I am pissed that I have to put my self and my family as risk every day. You should test every one that is out working now and see if they are ok then start open county that have over 100 cases. I know in my county all the people from miami, west palm are coming here so i know are numbers are going up.
Broward	Professional Services	Hello my name is Courtney Pryor. I am a coconut creek resident and I feel that we should open up hair salons nails salons and gyms. But the gyms you should only allow a few people allowed in at a time and also all the nails salons should have plexiglass up we're you can stick your hands in and the hair salons everyone needs to wear masks and gloves. I feel that I go to a small hair salon so I am not around a lot of people so i would be keeping myself protected plus I haven't been around anyone except my husband and I have been out of work for a month thanks for all your support and hard work
Hillsborough Escambia	General Healthcare	Reopen Florida immediately we need to get back to work I do not think Florida is ready to reopen. The number of cases of Covid 19 is still climbing. We don't need people from hot spot states coming to Florida and bringing more Covid 19 with them. Health should be before economy. If Florida reopens there will be more lives lost. Florida should follow the guidelines. I honestly do not think that any states are ready to reopen. I am a Covid 19 survivor!! I don't want anyone to go through or worse what I went through!!! In my opinion, if you have not been directly involved with Covid-19 you don't understand. You do not realize what the victim, family, and friends go through. My body is still recovering. Florida should want to fight Covid 19 with all our state has. If not it is going to keep spreading and spiking. Florida does not need to open anytime soon!! I beg you, please listen to me!! Don't be peer pressured into making a huge mistake! Keep Florida closed!! Please be respectful to everyone who has had the virus and all those on the front line! This would be a total slap in the face to them after they have their lives on the line fighting this virus!!! Do not close Florida!!!
Orange	General	Follow the CDC guidelines. Wait for a stable downturn of the figures. Keep following social distancing guidelines and ensure protective gear is worn, especially masks.
Bay	General	I would recommend each county to stay closed until you have gone 14 days in a row without 1 reported case. Then open businesses with limited compacity like 50 people to a restaurant that normally holds 200. Then 14 more days with NO reported cases open a little more u til we have gone per County 100 days no reported cases and face masked required for all over the age of 2.

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Volusia	General	PLEASE let me go to my hairdresser!! Please open some restaurants with appropriate distancing!
Pinellas	General	Open Florida back up with restrictions. The proof is in the numbers. 21 million live here. 30k cases. But you need to minus the nursing homes cases. Those were already higher probable cases and other health issues more than likely. 1000 deaths. In 21 million people. Do that math. Our economy needs to get back and our people to work. Make us wear masks when in public place. Keep social distance. Fine us if we don't listen. But dont punish the ones who are following the law and need to get on with life. Many of us have already had this. We aren't even in your recovery numbers. Stay at home HAS NOT worked in the northeast area. I'm from there. I have family and friends. It's not working. You're killing us mentally emotionally and physically and crippling our economy. Open Florida!!!! The heat is killing it here!!
Lee	Government	Government needs to lead by example. Agencies should not reopen to the public until there is reliable testing, prevention, or vaccines. Government workers, who are already underpaid, should be put in a position to risk their health and the health of their families until there are reasonable safety measures in place. Government agencies have done a good job of responding to citizen needs online and by phone (finally bringing some agencies into the reality of the 21st century!). Telework should be actively encouraged. Agencies who have resisted telework in the past should fully commit and invest in technology (VoIP communication, remote printing/mailing, etc...) needed to perform critical functions rather than rely on workers putting themselves at risk because they have to go into an office to make a phone call.
Lee	Food	I work at a local mom and pop restaurant and have since it's opened it's doors on May 1st, 2014. I love this business as if it were my own. The owner is like my mother and I call this restaurant my home away from home. Now with that being said, I do not think we should jump right into opening. As far as I've seen and heard, and I could be wrong, the numbers just aren't right and as safe as they should be. Waiting to reopen is better than opening then having to shut down again. I know for our business that would be devastating and the final nail in the coffin for us as a restaurant. Florida is especially at a higher risk due to the amount of elderly, especially here in South West Florida. I do believe we should wait and push back our lockdown until evidence proves that we can reopen safely and permanently without risking the lives and health of our customers and coworkers. Thank you.

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Duval	General	If people can work remotely, they should. I am terrified to go back into an office with groups of coworkers and potentially bring the virus back to my family. It should be required to keep people who can work from home, at home. This will increase social distancing, even if other businesses open back up. There will no doubt be a rise in cases when the state reopens. Let's lessen that by keeping as many people at home as possible by requiring remote work if their type of work allows it.
Pinellas	Professional Services	If professionals can still work from home they should. Opening up large corporate offices are petri dishes for the corona virus. We all work in such close proximity. Opening May 1 is too soon and our state should wait on more month to reopen corporate/professional offices. Everyone is pulling together and will continue to work together. I am a paralegal and can work from home as are all the staff at our firm. I am sure it is the same for any professional that works via internet connection. Thank you for hearing me. Christine Paralegal
Broward	Recreation	Re-open outdoor areas for walking, jogging, biking, and swimming. Maintain physical distancing and don't allow people to congregate in groups at all. No groups must be strictly enforced.
Pinellas	General	Please open pools/ beaches. Virus dies in heat/humidity and cant live on the hot surfaces of pool furniture. Pools have chlorine in them. Open retail/restaurants with 50% capacity. suggest people wearing masks while retail shopping. Extend hours so that more people can visit with the 50%less capacity expectations.
Lake	Retail	I work in healthcare and as much as I want to be able to move about freely and see businesses open again, I am tremendously concerned about things reopening too quickly. Quite honestly, I personally know a lot of people who are not staying home and are going into stores "just because." If people aren't following the orders and/or curfew now, it will be complete chaos if restrictions are lifted too quickly.
Citrus	General	I'm a server and have been effected deeply by the shut down of dine in restaurants. With that being said, I haven't fell ill during this pandemic and for that I am incredibly grateful. As much as I want to go back to work and resume some level of normalcy to my routine, I think may 1st May be too soon. I rather be safe than sorry. I think resuming normal operations by May 15th is reasonable. Give things an extra two weeks just to be sure like many other states have already decided. I would hate to see a second wave because of reopening too early.
Indian River	Finance	How about getting unemployment checks out to desperate people. My staff applied for benefits on April 2nd and they have received zero benefits. We have been loaning them money out of our personal bank account so they can feed their families and put gas in their cars. Tired of hearing that the system is antiquated and unable to handle the overwhelming loads. People are starving. No stimulus checks. No unemployment payments. Food banks running out of food. DO SOMETHING NOW or people will die from starvation before they ever contract the virus!!!

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Hillsborough	General	Studies are showing that the infection mortality rate is probably much lower than previously thought, between .1% and .2%. I've attached a Stanford study for reference. It's time to isolate the most vulnerable and let the rest of us live our lives as we did with with every other possible infection before.
Duval	Professional Services	Open the state of Florida up please . THE SOLUTION IS WORSE THAN THE. PROBLEM.
Martin	Recreation	Martin County is doing a great job of virus containment and getting information out to us. I do wish that we were able to open our beaches but understand we can't because of a potential influx from Palm Beach County residents. Martin County golf courses were inundated with Palm Beach County residents when Palm Beach County closed their courses. My hope is that Palm Beach County will once again open their golf courses and open their beaches now that spring break is over so that Martin County can once again re-open their beaches. Thank you for listening and thank you for all your hard work.
Hillsborough	General	Keep businesses closed. This virus is deadly and reopening businesses will do nothing but increase the amount of people affected.
Orange	Healthcare	Re-Open Now
Pinellas	General	I'd like to see Florida Open County by County per the CDC Guidelines as soon as possible. I have a suggestion for those parents that have kids at home due to school closures. Have their Businesses set up an at work day care where possible space can be set up. Provide supervision by scheduling 1 hour intervals where each parent is charged to supervise the kids. Open Outside Restaurants that have space to meet the CDC guidelines.
Lee	General	Subject: Reopening Let Americans have the freedom to pursue happiness and prosperity. Neither right is granted in a society that refuses commerce, a beach outing, a stay at a hotel, a dinner in a restaurant or the ability to work. This shutdown was to keep hospitals from being overwhelmed. Okay, it worked, hospitals are now asking for us to use the emergency rooms. We did what was required now let us get back to life. We accept the risk, those of us afraid can stay home and hide, let me LIVE. I only have so many years left, I'm not planning on hiding from life and having the government pay my way! Humanity is here to experience life..not live in a bubble. You cannot guarantee my health, I accept full responsibility. STOP being a big brother. VAnd don't even think of monitoring me,

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Hillsborough	General	Dear Governor DeSantis, I am a resident of Hillsborough County. Florida was built upon hard work and self-sufficiency. We are a resourceful and responsible people. It is time to let Floridians do what they do best; get back to work. Every business is essential when a family's provisions are dependent upon that income. Current statistics show us that divorce, child abuse, alcohol abuse and depression are on the rise as a result of our inability to work without penalties and provide for our needs. It is time to repeal the restrictions upon our businesses so Floridians can get back to healthy and productive lives. Floridians love their neighbors and know how to use common sense to live and work safely. Please lift the penalties on our businesses while maintaining the recommendations of the CDC so that Floridians can provide for their families. Floridians are good people; we are fully capable of operating our businesses while voluntarily engaging in the practices that will help keep our neighbors healthy. It is time to put Florida BACK TO WORK. It is time to lift COVID restrictions upon our businesses. Thank you. Sincerely, Sadi M Pekerol III spekerol@me.com 1-813-401-9985
Manatee	General	https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=xfLVxx_lBLU It is time to reopen the state. The models have been discounted by actual data. We cannot continue to destroy the country for what we now know is no worse than flu.
Palm Beach	Recreation	Please beaches open s palm
Pinellas	General	Please open slowly and wit strict safety precautions in place. Social distancing a must along with facemask in public. For everyone's safety please go slow. See how other states do as they open. Florida in general is still testing positives. Need MORE TESTING first. Please be careful when opening our state.

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Pasco	Government	I believe we should open the economy full steam ahead. I think the momentum before the crash is still there. All my friends want to get back to work. They are aware of the risks and still want to charge head first into this. I was an essential IT Business owner during the crisis. Small companies of mine took on a large IT expenditure to facilitate working from home. They were expecting 30-60 days of shelter. At his point they have exhausted all of their available reserves and some are mortgaging personal property to pay the bills. The PPP plan was a complete & utter failure. NONE of my 92 Tampa Area companies I support (all under 100 users) got approved for ANY money. As usual, with the government, only the big corps got paid. My son-in-law is still waiting for his unemployment from Best Buy to be approved because the unemployment system is flooded. The only way for Government to fix this is to get the hell out of the way. The Trump train still has steam in the engine. Let the citizens stoke it with hard work and optimism. Poverty has killed more people than any virus we've had. Offer a safety net for the ones truly in need, some people should stay home for medical &/or age reasons. Give THEM the tax funded support. Not people who want to get back to work. Thanks, Matt G
Hillsborough	Technology	Open smaller populated counties and still enforce safe distancing/masks. Test after 2 weeks or so to see if there is transmission increases taking place. Then open larger and larger counties following this same process. If the first set of counties open and transmission rates are going up then we will have to lock those counties down again. This would be considered our test population as loss of life would be less than just opening all counties at one time. We need virus test kits for those smaller counties and a test population for each county that opens and is tested. Also, Start opening services with safe distancing and masks such as buses, courts, construction, etc. Test those individuals as well to ensure transmission rates are low or not at all. Schools stay closed till we reopen most of the stat with required distance learning.

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Manatee	General	Reopen Florida! I support the full reopening in the state of Florida. As a registered voter, tax paying citizen of Florida who's husband has lost about half his hours due to the Covid virus; the numbers do not support a continued shut down! The fear mongering of the media, the draconian measures of government control- it has to stop! Elderly, medically compromised or those wanting to continue living in fear and being controlled can stay home. But healthy individuals who want to work should be able to! I am not required to descend into poverty for anyone. I refuse to participate in "quarantine life" until there's an unsafe, untested vaccine released in eighteen months. I refuse to receive said vaccine to make others feel more safe. I won't set myself--or my children--on fire to keep you warm. We are Allowing fear and policies devoid of scientifically accurate data to destroy Florida and America! Hurricane season is coming and it will be devistating to everyone here in Florida if you don't open up the state. We'll also be out of a home because we won't be able to pay rent. Maybe I'll have to send the bill to you and everyone else still making a good paycheck. We moved here to better our lives and was on the way towards that until this whole joke of a virus hit. Honestly my children's school shouldn't not have closed down. It's a private school, almost 100% positive that the whole school had this virus before you shut down the state. It's a very small school. Only 54 students between all classrooms.
Lake	Recreation	Sweden, South Dakota and others never shutdown and are doing better than here. Also there's plenty of evidence that more people had this before the lockdown ever happened and that the peak was also before the shutdown. Also there's evidence that it really didn't do much to shut everything down. If you want to keep it shutdown, just know that you will face Many lawsuits due to the We should be allowed to return to normal and sign a release that if we get sick we hold no one responsible except ourselves. People need to work, business needs to open. Wearing a mask is not something everyone can do for trauma related reasons or medical/emotional reasons. If you dont feel safe working or going out then stay home. If you do feel safe then let them do what they can. Government cannot force a mask, or keep people home for a long time. We need to be self responsible. Should restrict theme parks to residents only. Do not invite tourism in quite yet. Keep foreign travelers out of tourism areas. Must dhow ID to prove resident. True florida residents should be allowed to use beaches, parks, state parks. Its our state. Let us restart the economy here.
Pinellas	Retail	I feel that this state needs to open safely today. We need to let most businesses open safely who want to work. We have to let those who want to work or need to work have the opportunity. I believe retail, small businesses, barbers, and restaurants with outside seating or limited inside seating can do this with no issues. We as a people will never recover from this if we don’t try to save our freedoms and businesses, if we don’t try to get back to some what normal lives by opening stores.

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Pasco	Government	Do not reopen the state until the medical professionals and CDC and WHO say it is safe. Opening based on political agendas is reckless and puts our lives in jeopardy. Expand unemployment to reverse the butchering that Scott did to the system and ride out the pandemic safely and cautiously. Closing schools was right and keeping the stay at home orders in place is the right thing also. We no longer can trust that trump is telling the truth so do not make bad decisions that will cause us to doubt you as well. Do the right thing and stay closed. Thank you.
Seminole	General	Please open our state. We have acted in a judicious manner, given the prediction s that thankfully have not come to be. At this point, the cost is greater than the cure. People need to get back to work. The longer we wait the greater the chance they don't have jobs to go back to. The media has created so much fear and I feel our country has been further divided. Who thought that was possible?
Pinellas	Management	We are not ready to open. Too many new cases. This is only being done because of the economy. Granted this is a huge problem but opening up at what expense. If more people die what good will opening be. Extremely short sighted. We don ' t need to go to the beach. And if we spike again and we will who do you think will be coming here to enjoy our beaches from out of the country. We did not get good Mark's from elsewhere when pictures of Clearwater beach went viral. And you sir, when Governors of states being proactive had their ratings spikes yours spiral downward. Do not follow Trumps lead. We are your constituents and we do not think that injecting ourselves with disinfectants are a good idea. We need leadership and someone listening g to the scientific community and then making the right decision for us all. We want to be alive and able to use our economy.
Pinellas	Professional Services	Please wait to reopen the state.
Hillsborough	General	Reopening Florida is much needed all my friends are losing their jobs or sanity. We need start living the hospital system can handle it .

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Seminole	Tourism	I believe that businesses should be able to open back up with limitations. The restaurants should continue their curbside deliveries as well as open the dining room at half capacity with tables spread apart from each other. Also checking temperatures and requiring hand sanitizing upon arrival. The theme parks should be able to open up with restrictions as well.The theme parks should have restrictions as far as checking temperatures and Disney World should install bag checks like Universal where the security guards do not have to touch anyone's things (faster too.) The guests should be required to wear a face mask while inside the park. Shows and parades should not perform due to crowding of people. I recommend more family style meals @ the theme parks rather than buffets. Also limit capacities inside the restaurants there. Disney Springs and Citiwalk also open up with half capacity. Capacities should be reduced to control crowds. Lines should be virtual so the guests return @ a certain time for the rides instead of waiting in line. Increased sanitation stations throughout the park. Suggest increased staff to demand individuals to sanitize their hands frequently. I suggest the rides have the seats staggered and also increased sanitation. I suggest businesses that have a buffet style food to remain closed or change their procedures. There is too much risk of cross contamination. A family style would be more ideal for people that want an unlimited food option.
Pinellas	General	Reopening of business in Florida. I think its to soon for a complete reopen. But Reopening with strict guidelines yes. I own an auction hall that brings in crowds so how would I be able to control my crowd? Not sure so with guidance yes I think in the near future when we get the go ahead with guidelines yes we will open but please make it clear maybe by square feet how many people a business can have? Or no more than 10,50,100 per phase of opening. Thanks small business owner
Seminole	General	Do not reopen until the cases begin to ddecrease significantly. It makes no sense to choose politics over Flroidians health and safety. If you open too early we will be right back here because the virus HAS NOT been contained, there is no vaccine and its too easily spread! Protect Floridians and keep us home. Put politics aside and do what's right for your citizens of ALL ages, races, and religious affiliations. I voted for you, now we need YOU to stand up for us. Lead our state and make educated decisions that follow recommendations from professionals in the medical industry who understand the potential impact this disease can cause. We do not want or need a second wave here in Florida, especially with hurricane season right around the corner.
Pinellas	Healthcare	I believe hospitals should be able to restart elective surgeries at their discretion

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Lee	Healthcare	"I am HORRIFIED about reopening FL at this time without adequate testing in place! We have NO idea how extensive this virus is in Florida. There are MANY Floridians who've isolated themselves who have NO idea whether their symptoms were from Covid, whether they've been exposed or not, or are potential hosts. Testing criteria were SO LIMITED, tests were being rationed & availability to those without health care was tragically unnavigable for many! We have NO idea who's contagious, who's a potential carrier & who's safe. I absolutely understand & support the need to rescue the economy, BUT IF not done under the strict guidelines of educated, informed medical professionals, our death rate will climb. Even at this time, our numbers are hitting new highs. We need to learn from areas where testing was key. IF this is ignored, officials who open Florida prematurely will be viewed as responsible. DO MORE TO TEST & TRACK! THEN open up prudently & under guidelines of those who have the expertise. Lastly, MANY are NOT educated enough to take proper precautions. I see that constantly on my own area beaches, restaurants, country club golf courses, in parks that are now open & more. People are NOT properly distancing or protecting others! This is DANGEROUS without TESTING! Sincerely, Donna Fisher
Collier	General	Please keep stay in for all for at least two more weeks as well as the closing of nonessential businesses, etc. . Yes, like everyone I am going stir crazy but feel the self isolation will benefit all. If you choose to open up, please stress that people should still wear face masks and keep 6 feet apart. Thank you.
Charlotte	Healthcare	Please do not rush to reopen. The affected numbers and deaths will increase greatly. I do not believe we have reached our peak yet as our numbers are not declining yet.
Pinellas	Professional Services	Need to open state but with limits like Sweden has done. Practice safe measures for people and get things back.
Bay	General	Please reopen the stores and beaches (unrestricted hours). I is not fair to mom and pop stores when target, Walmart , Walgreens and home centers are open. This has been blown way out of proportion and the area is already hurting from the Hurricane.The short term rental ban needs to be lifted as well. This is hurting everybody very badly.

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Duval	General	I don't think we should be too hasty re-opening the state, especially in south and central Florida. I do think re-opening parks, state parks, anything that will allow people to get outside is nice. I just hope these places are somehow monitored for social distancing. I think barbershops and salons need to re-open. People really need haircuts. There could be a safety outline for these businesses. People need to be sat in every other chair, stylists need to thoroughly sanitize their station after each customer. On the flip side, I think grocery stores should start closing to the public. No one follows social distancing in grocery stores. I've watched parents let their kids touch fresh fruits and veggies that the parents did not buy. I've seen the same things happen in the meat section as well. They should move to pick up or delivery only.
Broward	General	I think that it should be in phases, whereas, the state can more easily monitor whether or not citizens are being responsible by following certain restrictions. Maybe open areas like beaches, parks, golf courses, etc. Would still need to exercise social distancing, group limits, continual cleaning guidelines, etc. And then same with small businesses - distancing patrons by for example half the tables in a restaurant so more space in between. Also, this should go by area. Like Dade, Broward, and WPB should have to maybe continue to have to (not a should like WPB is doing) wear facial coverings. People are anxious but if we go too fast, we may regret that later. Slowly and surely I say.
Hillsborough	General	I believe it is time to gradually reopen Florida. It seems like we are putting off the inevitable and I honestly cannot be confined to my house any longer due to mental health. I know people will disagree because they are scared, but the longer we put off reopening, the more the economy is crumbling. I can't blame those who are high risk for wanting us to stay home, but the mortality rate for COVID-19 isn't nearly as high as they thought it was going to be. I am a democrat through and through and yet I still want us to stop hiding as if I am playing the Fallout video game series. We can safely reopen as long as people understand social distancing.
Pasco	General	Too early. Don't do it. Find other ways to k get people employed. CA governor is working with a restaurant to make meals for elderly.
Manatee	Healthcare	See attachment

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Okaloosa	Professional Services	I am a hairdresser in Fort Walton Beach Florida for 20 years. I have been unemployed since March 13 and have not received any unemployment or my stimulus check because the IRS said my bank information was incorrect when in fact it was not. So I am on the edge of my seat to get back to work but I am also realistic about getting back to work. Pertaining to the reopening of Florida specifically cosmetology, I have some very strong feelings on this because I care deeply about this industry, deeply about my clients, deeply about my coworkers, and deeply about my family. I truly think that there needs to be phases to the re-opening. In the beginning I still think we Should be practicing social distancing, While salons, tattoo parlors, barbers etc. devise a plan and our leaders devise a proper guideline to ensure the safety of everybody involved. In many of these businesses we are not unlike doctors nurses and medical staff. We must hold our health standards at this point in our salons to the highest level. If we do not have the proper guidelines, spreading this through our families, clients, each other and into the public will be inevitable. My salon owner has done an amazing job so far preparing her amazing salon by separating each stylist stations and giving them their own shampoo bowls, dryer chairs, and stations. She is also set up some requirements for when we go back as far as how many people can be in one room at the same time. No waiting areas. Clients must wait in their vehicles. No food or eating. Simple services no lengthy services. with nine of us we are going to have to work around each others schedules and only be able to work about 2 to 3 days a week. Which is half of what we are used to doing. I am confident in our salon being able to fully abide by guidelines however I do not see an entire state doing what our salon owner and stylist have and are prepared to do. we already have state board coming in making sure we're doing proper sanitation on a normal basis we would request them to come as often as possible to hold people accountable to the new pandemic guidelines in salons. I do see some struggles happening with our salon and many others not having access to enough PPE, sanitation supplies, etc. this is something that is going to have to be tended to similar to the hospitals. Without this equipment we cannot work properly and safely. This pandemic has changed everything about our industry. I will have to change my clothing after my shift before entering my home in the garage or front yard & wipe down
Pinellas	General	TOO SOON
Polk	Recreation	Florida's privately run motocross parks/tracks provide essential recreational activities and should be allowed to open statewide without delay as long as patrons follow reasonable social distancing guidelines. As an outdoor activity where the participants are generally far separated from one another, there is no need for the government to restrict the number of active participants or curtail the operations of these parks in any way. The public wants and needs these facilities to reopen now and it would help if Governer DeSantis would explicitly give motocross track owners the green light to do so.
Hillsborough	General	Please open up! My family will wear masks if it means we can go to restaurants, shopping, museums, hotels, DISNEY. This economic depression we're digging ourselves deeper into will cost lives... hunger, suicide, overdoses, postponed surgeries and procedures. Our high risk population needs access to healthcare again. Please allow our immunocompetent citizens to circulate, get back to work to combat this shrinking economy.
Escambia	General	Please be one of the last states to open, as those will likely be the ones who get the best end results. Slow and steady wins the race. Exercise patience and diligence.

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Polk	General	As a single mother of a 7 year old son who is both immunocompromised and has a lung disease (surfactant deficiencies) I am asking the government and task force to please be very careful in reopening too quickly, too soon. I am happy to hear schools cancelled through end of May but I would urge you to require all businesses and employees who have a job that has remote from home capabilities, should continue or begin working remotely through at minimum the end of May (maybe June). As a single parent it is difficult enough to work from home while being teacher to my child and protecting him from exposure of this virus, if I had to go back to work in my office setting with high client interactions I would risk bringing home the virus to my child and increasing the stress of juggling work, school and safety. I would also be put in a place where I would have to take my child to work with me since my form of childcare is school and daycare which will further expose him to contracting this virus. Please be overly cautious with these decisions. I feel it is better to be safe than sorry and overreacting in these times is much safer than under reacting. Thank you for your time and all you are doing. Sincerely, Ashley Adkinson
Pinellas	General	The hospitality industry has been nearly wiped out. We feel that The USA is unique and unlike any other country on the planet. We are built strongly on a constitutional foundation that places ultimate power in the hands of the people, thereby maintaining true liberty. We are the only constitutional republic in the world. This situation therefore requires a unique response, one that realizes risk and response are the two sides of a coin. There must be a response, and with that a risk. Americans have always been proud of the fact that we are innovative responders, not reacting emotionally in fear of anything, and believing that to avoid responding out of fear of the risk, is to be defeated. We do not fear. We forge ahead with innovation, industry and idealism, in any crisis. The greater the crisis, the more firm, bold and resolute is the American response. We must of course respond with cautious optimism, understanding that to fail to respond (and remain shuttered in fear) is more detrimental than to move forward. There is no more time to continue political gamesmanship or restrictive governing. The populace must be trusted to act wisely. Thank you for acting quickly and for the people of the great state of Florida.
Orange	Healthcare	OPEN UP THE STATE IMMEDIATELY! Question: current measures..are they to prevent disease or death? We KNOW, with current data (not malfunctioning models) that 99% of those who die with Covid 19 are elderly with comorbid conditions such as hypertension, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, etc. THIS population should be advised to stay home, seek out medical care early, etc. The rest of the population can now be expected to be either symptomatic or have mild symptoms - not worthy of economic devastation. Let's put Florida back to work and let the disease component run its course. I included a photo of Javitz Center in New York, taken Friday. The picture speaks for itself. Let's put FLORIDA back to work!

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Volusia	Technology	It is necessary for us to not have a second waive of this virus, I believe if we keep the state of Florida closed in a shelter in place state for at least another month. It is necessary for us to see more people tested as we just have began testing people here and we need to give our state some time to see those results before submitting everyone to the virus all over again.
Pinellas	Healthcare	Let the medical experts say it say first. I want to see the curve declining Naches flattening out. If it's open right now, I don't think I'd go to a restaurant or go to a movie.
Duval	General	I understand the importance and desire to reopen the economy, as Myself and family members are out of work. With this being said, schools have been closed for the rest of the year as well as many summer camps. If conditions are not safe for our children until what looks to be August, why rush the process? The health of the community is what is most important.
Pasco	General	The longer we wait to re-open Florida's economy, the more hurt we bring to small businesses and their employees. I am of the opinion that many of Florida's municipalities and counties overstepped their authorities by imposing draconian lockdowns and unenforceable curfews against their citizens, with Hillsborough County and Tampa's Mayor Jane Castor being two of the most egregious offenders. I believe that both Hillsborough County's Emergency Policy Group and Mayor Castor in particular need to be thoroughly investigated by a state appointed independent commission for their discriminatory policy making during a crisis.
Pinellas	General	Please wait until the numbers start going down to consider safely, with restrictions, and guidelines opening up Florida. We are already seeing a disregard for social distancing within the stay at home and social distancing order and I am extremely fearful that lifting restrictions too soon will only increase our states numbers, deaths and overwhelm on our hospitals. This is hard on the economy however, large numbers of sick people and potentially dead people will also be hard on the economy and on the mental health of our people. We are already facing a mental health crisis as our next epidemic. If we reopen Florida too soon we will still be in this pandemic, but also facing further increase on the anxiety, depression, PTSD and grief we will see in our people. We are seeing social distancing and stay in place working, please let's keep it that way and reevaluate in another month.
Duval	General	I feel like it is time to open everything by May 1st, Restaurants, stores, Beaches. People need to go back to work. I feel like businesses can take measures to still promote social distancing and safety measures. People can choose to go out or to stay home. Those who are adamant about staying home can. I am a nurse, I understand the magnitude of this virus but I also understand we can not stay in forever. People need to be able to live and pay their bills. I still can't understand not allowing sunbathing at the beach, I like to go alone sit by myself and read,. I feel safer at the beach than the grocery store but we all still go. Open Florida, it's time' n
Clay	Professional Services	Open Florida!!! Florida has so many barbers, stylists, tattoo artists, and more whose jobs are going under. Businesses can open and still maintain social distancing and extra sanitation.

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Hernando	General	Please do not reopen the state yet. We are still seeing positive cases,and ,with the elderly population in the state,opening too soon would be devastating. The medical experts are all saying to wait,or else we could see a second wave of Coronavirus.
Miami-Dade	General	My opinion on this matter is that I don't see nothing wrong with open up Florida the weather is hot and nice and people need to get back to work
Lee	Healthcare	Until COVID-19 tests can be obtained on demand (without having a "prescreening" criteria to meet), only very limited social interaction should occur. Without the ability to get a vaccine, testing is the only method to ensure that society can function. If get a cough, why should I, my family, my employer, my coworkers, and my customers all have to live in a 2-week window of fear because we have no way of knowing if we should be concerned. I cannot send my child to any childcare w/out testing available, because I can't reasonably ensure that they don't have a disease which will kill my elderly parents. Until the government can guarantee testing is available ON DEMAND, there should be no large-scale increase in social interaction.
Polk	Retail	I believe it's too soon to open every area up. I dont consider it necessary to open up retail stores. I know first hand that people wont want to follow the social distancing guidelines and this can cause alot of problems for people. Including people's safety! Parents have kids home that they have to help and attend to and I'm not sure how they'll manage to work and help students succeed. In these details stores people will be trying on clothes in fitting rooms which some people decide to pee in, leave bloody pads in, spit etc.. not healthy. Trust me I've worked retail for over 10 years people dont respect. Which makes it harder for the employees to establish rules and procedures. Headache waiting to happen. But we need to do better about unemployment benefits people are hurting!!
Palm Beach	Tourism	I believe that we should start opening up the state upon the expiration of the stay at home order April 30th. People who have underlying conditions or who are elderly should continue to stay at home. Healthy individuals need to get back to work. Parks and sports should be allowed with certain conditions such as hand washing stations, smaller groups and social distancing on the sidelines. If we do not get back to work soon I believe we would see a potential collapse of the entire state economy and potential bankruptcy. The government can not simply keep printing money. Not to mention payments of $1,200 or $2,400 stimulus checks will only last so long. I've heard that there are about 400 active cases in Palm Beach County which equates to .0002% of the population. I'm willing to take my chances as a healthy individual to get back to work and move safely towards normalcy.

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Broward	Government	The Governor should open the different categories of businesses when there have been no new cases of the virus for at least 45 days. Coffee shops can open one week, 2 weeks later restaurants can be opened. Two weeks later all shopping malls can open, etc. It has to be gradual to ensure that no new positive results for the virus are found in the State. Who gets to decide what type of businesses open 1st, 2nd, and so on, that would be the governor's office. Governor De Santis should consult with other states and discuss the do's and don'ts of gradually opening up the businesses. He should definitely speak with Andrew Cuomo, Governor of NY, as Cuomo REALLY seems to put his citizens' best interest at heart. Listen to your citizens of Florida, and do what is right for your people. Sincerely, Dawn
Hillsborough	General	Please consider keeping Florida closed. Imagine if your loved one got sick because of a money thing. Jeep ut closed for the sake of your own family, healthcare workers and science.
Okaloosa	General	I say open it all up...I have a pending new job but it being held up bc fdle background appeal needs fingerprints and they wont accept anything outside of law enforcement handled...and that my friend wont be til whenever the hell that is bc you guys in tallahassee are screwing it up badly...noone knows what the hell is going on...too many crisscross on information...I am about to tell my hopefully new boss i will go to al or ga for the fingerprints and appeal...i am ashamed fdle in tallahassee has no backup plans for such events like this...
Hernando	General	Do not reopen our state. It is way too early. People will die and that is not worth it.
Pinellas	Professional Services	To soon!! Numbers are still going up. For the safety of the public and all that we serve I believe it is to soon. If we open to soon this will all just come back two fold.
Miami-Dade	Education	I appreciate the opportunity to comment on this decision and hope that these comments are taking into consideration. Given the current availability of care, language barriers, and high rate of deaths in the black community, opening the state will put more vulnerable populations at risks for infections and death. All of which will stress a health care system that is already weak in serving the undeserved. I ask that we refrain from opening the state until we have more Heath data from our scientists. Let's not make this political. Let humanity prevails!
Osceola	Manufacturing	We need to get Florida back to work. This virus has never amounted to the doom and gloom we were told it was going to be. Florida and the whole country are suffering more from this supposed cure that we ever would have from the virus. This was a huge scam to destroy the greatest economy any of us have seen in our lifetimes. Please Governor De Santis OPEN Florida.
Palm Beach	General	It's too soon to open the state. If you wanted to open up this quickly you should have been testing more.
Pinellas	Administrative	I absolutely do not agree with totally opening I've posed this question with no answers yet. What happens if we open everything back up as is and this thing explodes the number of cases again?! How do we force people to lock down again? I've been out of work since March 17th I want to go back to work and be able to provide for my 8 year old who is grasping for Connection with her friends and school mates past a screen but not at the risk of thousands of lives.

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Seminole	General	There needs to be standard protocols in place so that we can start return to near normal as soon as possible. Be that requiring face masks, limit crowd sizes and of course testing. The majority of residents practice the guidelines and we have to live this. I am fearful of a total rebellion of a prolonged lock down, some folks ar egging to give and ignore advice if there is not an attempt to show some progress. That with the added stress of financial hardship is going to be hard to manage. People were effectively blindsided and are paying the price through no fault of their own. The denial and refusal not to prepare as best we could have at federal level especially at the executive (President) level has made a bad situation worse than it needed to be. We have to actively start to engage in normal activities, within reason of course. We will come out of this in spite of incompetent presidential leadership and we need start stepping outside bit by bit as soon as reasonably possible.
Lake	General	Reopen
Duval	General	Not too much to say here. We still do not have a handle on this virus and opening up our state will mean far more people will die. So I submit - DO NOT RE-OPEN THE STATE
Duval	Retail	I think that Florida should reopen because I feel like the people that can go to work and aren't sick should be able to work but the ones that are sick should stay quarantined until they're not sick with pay so floridians don't become homeless and are still able to pay an individual's bills.
Hillsborough	General	I do not think that the state should be open anytime soon. I understand that people need to work to support their families but this virus is serious. People may be walking around with it and not know. For the sake of the elderly and children please do not open the state for at least a few more months. Thanks and God Bless you.
Sarasota	General	I don't understand how you can reopen our state when there hasn't been enough testing to show how many people are infected. It's only been 3 weeks since the stay in place was put in & I haven't seen any testing being done for asymptomatic people. I feel like Florida is trying to keep the numbers low, of new cases, by not testing. Therefore the only number that will go up are deaths, and I wonder if those will even be counted as covid 19 related. It seems to be more about what trump and DeSantis want instead of what's good for the people who live here.

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Duval	General	I strongly feel that safer at home social distancing should continue through the month of May before any of the phases of re-opening the city of Jacksonville begin. I think a lot of us have a great fear that the second round of this is going to be even worse so if sheltering in place for another month could possibly lower the chances of a really bad resurgence I think it's worth it. I also do not feel comfortable with my kids starting the next school year on campus. I feel the parents should have a choice if they want their kids to go back to the school physically or continue virtual classes. I think with fall coming it poses too much risk to the children and the teachers and the other staff at school and then bringing possibly something home.
Pinellas St. Johns	General Government	DeSantis resignation. Dear Gov DeSantis, Please open up the state of FL. The citizens are deeply concerned that their livelihoods are forever gone. Check the contradictions that are coming out of CDC, Fauci, Birx and, unfortunately, our wonderful President Trump and it makes one wonder if they ever should have closed our country. It is looking more and more politically motivated. President Trump has left the decision up to the governors in each state regarding the decision to open up their state or not. What are you waiting for? . Please view this youtube video regarding Sweden and 5 U.S. states and herd immunity-Covid 19 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n-ehXXE4xI0&feature=youtu.be Note: Our household thinks that you are doing a great job otherwise. Thank you. Sincerely, Anna Wheaton
Duval	Professional Services	Lost my job, can't get through to unemployment, haven't gotten my stimulus check and denied for food stamps. This solution is way worse than the problem. Please get Florida back open.
Pinellas	Professional Services	NO to reopening. It's to soon. The numbers of infected keep going up in Pinellas County and the rest of the state. People would be better off inside their homes and able to collect the unemployment that is ode to all of us.

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Broward	General	I would like to see the stay at home lifted on April 30th, but social distancing and face coverings should remain until further notice. I could see beauty salons and barbershops opening with the proper distancing maybe at half capacity. I don't think it's time to open restaurants yet. I can see retail stores opening again with social distancing and face coverings following the examples set by stores that have been open during this pandemic. I think it's important for families to see each other they support of each other in these trying times and with the stay at home order that has become very difficult. They are on many condo buildings in South Florida that have restricted any kind of visitors whether family members or not that has to end. I think it may even be illegal and the governor should address it. With the latest development of the virus not liking sun and humidity with that thought in mind I think the beaches should be open but it would require signage about social distancing and more patrols to keep social distancing in place. The Governor should think about penalizing those who do not take the social distancing seriously with possibly causing death to others the fine should be severe possible a large monetary fine and jail time. Beaches could be opened slowly in the beginning at perhaps 50% occupancy or shorten the hours from 10 to 4. But none of this will work unless it could be monitored and enforced. Restaurants could remain open for takeout, and outdoor dining with 6 ft. Between tables.
Manatee	Healthcare	The thoughtful efforts by Governor Desantis and his team is very much appreciated in emphasizing safety our our citizens balanced with reopening Florida for business in a responsible manner. I have 3 comments 1. We feel we will be ready to practice and open slowly and safely with the American Dental Association guidelines by May 9th! As practicing dentist with over 20 staff members, I feel that by May 9th we will be prepared to practice more than just elective dentistry with a high degree of safety to our patients and to our team of providers. 2. We would like to be able to test in our office of there is any question regarding amy patient or staff member the could have been exposed to COVID-19. We can screen and be a strong source of helping to identify possible early cases or even carriers of COVID-19 to help make our offices and community safer. 3. As an office that has followed your order carefully, we have seen patients with dental emergencies to help relieve and additional burden on our emergency rooms. We wpuld like to be classified as essential medical personal so we can have access to order additional PPE as need for our safety of our team, of providers. Thank you very much for your consideration. Douglas Jungman DDS
Orange	General	As an individual who is in the high risk category, I strongly feel the state should not reopen until public health experts say it is safe to do so and that social distancing measures should remain in place. When health experts agree that reopening is safe, it should be slowly in multiple controlled phases. Even as the state reopens those able to telecommute should continue doing so as this is an easy way to minimize situations where social distancing is not possible and/or is difficult.

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Lee	General	Please open the beaches
Duval	General	It's time to reopen, to allow pastors to make decisions on whether their churches should gather or not, and give freedom back to the American people!
Santa Rosa	Healthcare	Too soon..tourists will head down in droves, not obey restrictions and the increase in Covid-19 will soar!! Who will be patrolling and enforcing the restrictions on the beaches? Restaurants, bars, etc.? Too many selfish, entitled, ignorant people will not follow safe socialization, and I personally do not want an increase in sick people here in Santa Rosa county!!! We need to see a decrease in cases and hospitalizations..please consider that our state has a higher number of elderly, with more underlying problems and susceptible to more virulent Covid-19 issues. We need to give our 1st responders a break!!! Better testing and hopefully a vaccine!!!
Orange	General	If you would get money out to the damn people no one would be concerned about getting things open. You will regret opening things up too soon. Pandora's box
Okeechobee	Healthcare	Until we can say 100% absolutely without a doubt that the worst is behind us, the lock down should remain in effect period.
Miami-Dade	Retail	Please reopen retail with same procedures that Publix, Target, Home Depot, Whole Foods are using. A lot of people are inside of these places with masks and tape on the floor for social distancing. We are seriously hurting and see no economic relief coming. We have rent, bills to pay, families to feed and this also leads to serious consequences.
Orange	General	Hello. I completely understand the DEO is backed up with un employment claims, however - I applied on March 22nd and to date I have submitted 4 weeks of lost work. Now, I have a colleague who applied for un employment on April 4th, and come this Tuesday, 4/28 he will have received his 3rd payment along with the $600 per week. I don't understand how I have to wait almost 5 weeks (still pending) when others are getting paid before me, when they applied weeks after I did. It is a major pain during uncertain times. With us being one of the hospitality capitals of the world, how are we the worst with un-employment claims? Would be nice to get even a letter stating the status since the website does not work and calling takes 40 calls of dropped phone calls. Thanks..
Hillsborough	Food	Construction , restaurants people need to go back to work. . They need to pay there bills.
Pinellas	Real Estate	Open the State. The beautiful thing about Democracy is if you do not want to go out you don't have to. You have the freedom to stay home. We need to get back on our feet and get things up and running

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Palm Beach	Recreation	While re-opening beaches is a touchy subject for most people to understand, it is in fact possible. With restrictions such as opening parking lots to half capacity, limited hours of operation AND enforcement of social distancing, no large groups, and no lounging! Exercise only activities such as walking, running, swimming, surfing, snorkeling, etc. are vital activities for mental AND physical health, we need fresh air and vitamin D! Please take into consideration the fact that due to beaches being closed the sidewalks and streets along beach ways are 2 to 4 times more crowded with people walking, running and bicycling, while not wearing face coverings or social distancing (many bicycle groups are 10+ and less than a foot away from one another!) Even in the most limited form of beach opening the people should be allowed to swim and SURF! Please feel free to contact me about this and how many other people agree that we should be allowed to safely enjoy our oceans.
Bay	Professional Services	I do not feel like it is safe to open the state back up. I work at a barber shop and I am terrified to go back to work. At the same time I have no income coming in because I have not received a stimulus check nor have I received any unemployment even though I applied at the beginning on the month. I have not received a stimulus check because I am self employed and usually owe at the end of the year and have been unsuccessful with the get my payment option which is a huge problem and it is wrong that it is so difficult to enter in your bank info. As for unemployment, shame on everyone who is responsible for this. I feel like a lot of the panic for paying bills would be down if everyone was getting the unemployment check they are entitled to. Instead people feel they have to go to work even though they feel very unsafe and know they should stay home for the safety of themselves and their families but how else are they going to feed their families or pay bills? It's not right.

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Seminole	General	First and foremost, as a Floridian and American it saddens me deeply that we have jumped right over the solemnity and gravity of this moment as state and nation right to the profit of business. This national trauma is now 50,000+ lives lost which is 25 times worse than a Katrina and 20 times worse than a 9/11, and by next week will surpass lives lost in Vietnam. They are there no flags at half staff, why are we having so many conversations about things that don't matter, sending memes and gifs about this whole thing like it's still funny, when none of it is. People are dead. People are hurt. And our mental health crisis will be exacerbated for decades. Second, the leadership at the national level has been woefully absent, tardy, or simply ignorant of reality and science in guiding Americans. There is no political credibility there when the president is prescribing medicine and disinfectant from the White House. Period. That is not a political statement. It is a fact. Sadly, this reflects upon state leadership credibility and trust as well when any indications to reopen are given that the governor is more concerned about the president's feelings, who simply needs Florida to win an election, over Florida residents' needs. Third, as to reopening, this must be done in a safe, smart, staggered, specific, and strategic process that all residents understand and at the guidance and direction of public health officials, not politicians. We need no garbage in or out from R or D in the state. Anyone who can work remote should continue to do so for some time, especially for those in education, those in downtown office high rises, or other locations, plants, companies, etc. where social distancing is impossible. Churches and large gatherings should not be fully operational but innovative and focused on not just reopening and socially connecting again, but respecting and honoring the dead, and harmed, and how to raise humanity awareness after this event in an effective economic way where we can get business going not reopen and then have businesses kill their brand by killing people if they reopen to soon or too haphazardly. Very small percentage are going to feel comfortable working in high density areas this summer. As a former higher education professional, I can honestly say I would not send my child to live in a college dorm in the fall and would expect them to be in
Palm Beach	Management	Open ASAP
Manatee	General	Our family feels that the best course of action would be to open most public places with social distancing still in place. For instance, opening restaurants and other businesses but at reduced capacity would allow for a slow start back to normal. We can test the waters, so to speak without abandoning caution. We are never going to know when is a safe time to try, until we try. And we are never going to be completely safe until a vaccine is ready, which is just too far away. Even then, we may have a vaccine and a whole new strain or virus breaks out again and then what? What did we wait for? We can't just hide under a rock and wait for safety to come, it may never arrive. The people who don't feel comfortable can continue the "safer at home" lifestyle, but others need to have the option to return to our lives if we want to. That's why we live in a free country to begin with.
Lee	General	keep social distancing, Everyone wear masks for 60 days, restuarants only have paper menus, every other table empty. Beach for walking only for 30 days, businesses only 10 customers in store at a time.

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Pinellas	General	First let me say thank you for doing all you can to insure the safety of Pinellas County residents during this Covid-19 Pandemic. I feel we have been well-informed every step of the way. I agree with our Sheriff that it is now time to re-open the beaches and pools for recreation. It is past 'spring break' time and with warmer weather up north I feel we won't have a new influx of beach goers. There is something so very healing about just being on the beach and in the water. I feel there is very little risk there. My partner and I are among the very fortunate to have kayaks. We have been paddling from various boat launches the entire time, but it would be much more convenient to have the Dunedin Causeway back open for parking and easy launch. Thank you. Keep up the great work and I hope you remain healthy. Warmly, Cynthia Caponi
Escambia	General	I think it is still too soon to open Florida. The virus is still out there and if you open up to places where people gather, it will start all over again. Staying in doesn't kill you but going out to these place just might. STAY IN.
Pinellas	General	I'd rather see Florida reopen around mid May. Far to many death and cases to invite trouble.
Pasco	Tourism	It's time to open. Enough is enough. This has gone way past where it should have and has been completely blown out of control. Family as struggling to get by with no hope the media or the governments will stop this game. Or maybe we just stay closed forever and completely collapse florida and the USA.
Orange	Recreation	Please reopen Florida
Hillsborough	General	Please open the state immediately. Residents have waited long enough to move on with their lives. This shutdown was completely unnecessary. Our local officials have acted unconstitutionally and some have revealed themselves to be socialist tyrants. This needs to happen now. The predictions and models make no sense whatsoever. Please sir do what is right and end this shutdown.
Pinellas	Administrative	Do not reopen. To much health risk. It is not fair to all the employees that will be required to report for duty when the office is not able to maintain clean working conditions to minimize contamination. If people can still work from home, they should be allowed and not required to enter unclean office.
Orange	Education	I feel that Florida should be generous with providing for those who are unemployed and get small businesses on their feet, and then focus on reopening. There cannot be a working economy without local people who have been displaced from jobs being taken care of. After that phase is done, I would then focus all energy on deciding how to safely open schools, theme parks, restaurants, etc. Multitasking is not efficient or productive. Tackle and conquer one thing at a time.

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Palm Beach	Government	Surfers under stand the beach is closed. The water however should never be off limits accept for shark sightings and rip currents or pollution in water. We do not want to sit on the beach during these times anyway. We are similar to cyclists, golfers and runners/walkers. I get into closer contact with people at the grocery store then I do when I'm surfing. The idea is to limit interaction with people and the surf community understands this and will abide by social distancing rules. No knuckle bumping or handshakes. Always bring packed lunch and hydrating liquids to limit going to a fast food joint or the store for a second time. Park at the beach. Walk in a definitive line to the wave that you want to surf. No sitting on the beach or watching the waves from the beach unless you are clearly keeping your distance from others. All congregators (groups chilling close together) should be written $30 citations and asked to leave the beach for the day. With the fine set at an outrageous $5000.00 with people not working will drive anyone stir crazy to sneak around anyway and find some beach access. The rules for surfers/beachgoers. Enter the water. Surf for as many hours as we please. No knuckle bumping or handshakes. When leaving the beach go straight to your car do what you need to do , hydrate, change clothing. Etc then leave.
Broward	General	We need to reopen the private beaches 24 hours a day. Public beaches daytime only. condo's pools and decks and most Busness
Collier	Healthcare	Opening up Florida in the midst of a global pandemic is quite frankly one of the most ridiculous ideas I have ever heard. The health, safety and well-being of the people should be your biggest concern, and remaining closed is one of the most important factors in ensuring that this priority is upheld.
Hillsborough	Real Estate	All businesses should be opened with resonable directives regarding capacity, cleaning regimines, and masks requirementsif they are in close proximity to their customers.
Duval	Management	OPEN OUR STATE! I truly feel this whole covid-19 situation has been totally blown out of proportion. We are over a month into this there have been less than 2,100 hospitalizations (over 400,000 predicted) and 1,046 deaths thus far in Florida. Where I live, in Duval County, there have been 18 deaths and people are scared to death to go to the empty hospitals when having other health issues. Of course none of us want to see anyone die but we cannot continue to ruin the lives of so many people who have lost their jobs and are circling the toilet due to these inflated and preposterous numbers that just are not nor have ever been there. Floridians want to get back to work, we don't want loans, this is all ridiculous! OPEN OUR STATE!! Herd immunity is how it's been done since the dawn of time. The history books will not be kind looking back on OUR public servants and this absolute economic mess unless they get the people back to work and the economy going ASAP!

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Lake	General	I feel it is too soon to open. Better to be safe than to lose more lives when we could prevent it. If it must happen then nail salons, barbershops and hair salons should be the last to open due to the proximity of the profession. There is no way that they can safely do business and not adapt to social distancing. As to restaurants, they must be able to sanitize menus, seating and tables with a very limited capacity. Masks should be worn at all times with daily checks of employees to avoid the spread. The beaches should be limited as well with constant patrols and opened for exercise only. Parks should also follow limited capacity to avoid contact with others. Obviously our biggest theme parks are not able to function with any kind of limits and should remain closed until further notice. Bars should operate under the same conditions as restaurants but I really don't see this happening. This is not an easy task and I wish you luck.
Seminole	Professional Services	This virus is going to be around for the long haul however our economic capabilities and stability will not. It's time for freedom of movement and choice for all as to how to deal with the virus. People should have the ability to decide for themselves if they want to go to restaurant, gym or any other public place. Proper social distancing guidelines should be used and when necessary enforced but aside from that, it's time we all get back to our new "normal". May 1st should be go time!
Hillsborough	Government	This is an incredibly difficult, and dangerous time for all Floridians. The implications of government imposed sanctions, and the rampant spread of the Covid-19 virus leave us with no easy solutions. Unfortunately anything the government does will be met with ridicule by the opposition and there is no one right answer. The current restrictions have saved lives, and continue to do so. They also destroy livelihoods and continue to do so, often to those who are least able to recover from such effects. I believe that reopening Florida, and the lifting of current restrictions may be a political requirement in the near future. But I would ask that the government take a VERY strong stance about the belief and best practice recommendations be that people stay home, and continue to practice social distancing. Some measures need to be in place to protect workers who want to follow recommended quarantine guidelines, but who's employment requires them to attend public employment activities. Let those that want to expose themselves do so, and provide measures to allow those who want to follow recommendations do so in a way that allows them to survive economically through until the experts agree it is 100% safe to resume normal behavior. I plan to stay at home as much as possible, as long as possible, until respected authorities let us know it is safe.
Charlotte	Food	It is my belief that it is way too early to open things up. I think it will backfire.

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Hillsborough	General	Gyms - Personal trainers - boot camps should be allowed to operate with clients either inside or outside while practicing social distancing Restaurants - should be allowed to open and have a “rolling” system for patrons. Maybe begin with allowing 20 patrons to dine inside at a time and sit provide carry out. Those with outside dining should be operating while practicing social distancing Parks - should reopen with social distancing protocols in place Salons and barbershops - reopens with social distancing in place All businesses should reopen with social distancing protocols in place
Alachua	Education	I am hoping things are in a good place with testing and vaccines by the time school starts. I teach Kindergarten and am 64 years old. Having 18 little bodies together in one room is a little worrisome for me because of my age. But I sure do miss being with my students. Just make sure you consider the health of everyone, (teachers, custodians, cafeteria workers, bus drivers, other support staff) when making decisions. To date, I think Governor DiSantis has done a good job of trying to find a healthy balance. Keep up the good work.
Pasco	General	Please take into consideration holding off opening the state of Florida. Being in healthcare opening up right now is going to undo all the hard work we have done. There are still so many sick people that are being treated and were asking for more problems if we open up. In my opinion keep the state closed and let’s get a better handle on the virus. Visitors from other stars should not be allowed in out state considering the situation at hand , beaches should not be open , keep the bars closed etc.
Pinellas	General	Please do not reopen Florida. I do not feel the numbers have gone down enough that we are ready. Please consider holding off on reopening until we have seen more of a decrease in the numbers.
Polk	General	In my opinion. With opening Florida back up. Is a bad idea. The reason why I say this is. We as the people are still not out of the woods with this corona virus. And if ppl would sit back and think it over on to why I'm say this. You open Florida there is going to be a domino's effect. I can understand certain business opening and beaches. But again it's a bad idea. What happens if someone slipped by sneezing or contact. All it takes is just 1 time. And we will be back to square 1. So that's why I'm saying plz rethink . It over. Thank you. Susan.

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Pinellas	General	The Honorable Ron Desantis, Governor of Florida, I am grateful, you Sir, have taken the lead on how to approach this disastrous virus that have left many people unemployed and some others sick. With your task force behind you, our state can look up to the future without regrets. Floridians are living in unprecedented times at the moment and are anxious to hear how our beautiful state will open sooner than later. As you may have seen before, our state has the capacity to overcome anything and this virus will not be different from anything else. Floridians are resilient people and with your help and leadership, we can safely re-open Florida and head towards a better economy. Sir, you have mentioned in interviews that you support people exercising and getting fresh air while this virus passes. I absolutely concur with you on this matter. Outdoor activities will take the pressure off people, while your government implement decisions to help Florida move forward. I feel, like many other Floridians, this virus is no more dangerous than any other virus, but I also understand how people can get anxious about it and sometimes misbehave in ways, we cannot fathom. Therefore, the need of outdoor activities is necessary. I have some ideas that you Sir, may be able to look at and come up with your own informed decisions. Beaches, recreational parks, and Pools: Should be fully open for swimming, sunbathing, walking, jogging, etc... At this point, not everyone will feel confident to go to the beach, so they may not be as crowded as people may think and people are aware of keeping social distance from others. Hotels and Coastal businesses: Florida is a prefer destination for many people around the world. Now, immigration is halted, but Floridians can take advantage of vacationing around the state. This will help businesses to move the economy in the right direction. Small Businesses: These are the small "veins" that pump the economy and help big companies to thrive. Opening small businesses is an intellectual decision that can help boost our economy.
Pasco	General	It is way to early to open the state back up. This will continue to kill and infect others like me that are extremely vulnerable to this.
Citrus	General	Just keep watching the numbers and watch for hot spot, you have way more information that I do, thanks so far.
Orange	Tourism	I think the state needs to open up ASAP including theme parks. Most of my family is affected by losing their jobs work in a park and with the lack of unemployment benefits (yes we are still waiting from 3/22 to get funds from my husbands job) the people of Florida NEED to open up for out well being. Do it safely of course but open it up!! I think if theme parks started with just Florida residents then go from there.
Lee	General	Yes, begin opening business now. However, we need to ask everyone to comply: wash your hands regularly, stay home if you don't feel good, maintain safe personal distance and wear some form of face covering until further notice. And require business owners to maintain an anti-viral environment, daily temp checks for all employee's and adherents to all recommended operating procedures. We need to get the economy up and running, safely.....we can do it.

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Hillsborough	Education	Online/E-learning education needs to stop. It would be better to close school early and send them back earlier for the next school year. I work 50 plus hours a week in an essential postion and some days it is very difficult for me to do all of the school work that my children are being assigned. It adds additional stress to the situation. My daughter is not learning anything at this point so it is really a waste of everyone's time. The internet is slow, the zoom calls don't work all of the time, the education websites crash all of the time. Also, how are you going to handle re-opening the schools?? There is no way they can social distance at school. The schools are over crowded as it is now. And if parents choose to hold their children back there is going to be even more crowding. When the schools open they need to be cleaned by a professional service. During the regular school year the schools are not cleaned properly. Often times the teachers stay after and bring in their own supplies to clean the classrooms. How are we going to address the beginning of the next school year? As many of us know, the beginning of the school year often brings on a lot of new colds with everyone going back to school. As far as opening the state, I do not think it is time. The people who are saying to open up the state, let people work are not thinking this through. Even if businesses open who is going to visit them? The majority of Floridians do not feel safe right now.
Alachua	General	Opening of more essential areas such as elective surgery is a good start. But providing adequate testing is fundamental. Strict guidelines need to be implemented and adhered. Testing for virus would need to happen the day of procedure not any earlier. Testing staff would need to be done daily as well. Without these actions enforced lawsuits would supersede the reasoning and businesses would fail just for that reason.
Miami-Dade	Healthcare	Please keep Florida closed until there is a vaccine and cure in place. Covid-19 affects healthy people of all ages, including babies and children. Everyday on the news, I see healthy young people dying from Covid. Now healthy young people are also suffering from strokes due to Covid. Please stop gambling with our lives and the lives of our precious children. Covid is airborne and is very dangerous. Please fix the unemployment system and expand benefits, $275 a week is horrendous. Please make sure all essential workers have the proper PPE or their employers get fined. Including making sure that all police officers, grocery store workers and delivery drivers are provided with masks, gloves and disenfecting wipes. The only people that should be deciding when to open FL are scientists, doctors and disease infection specialists. Right now we need to focus on protecting essential workers and expanding unemployment benefits. After there is a vaccine and a cure, then open up FL with guidance from doctors. Thank you for allowing us to submit our opinions.

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Sarasota	General	It is time to start re-opening Our state. Less than 1% of the population has died from this more people die on the interstate. From suicide heroin addiction's cancer but we can't shut all that down can we. I am a small business I have outdoor dining why can't I Seat guests outdoors. Open the beaches up fully open the parks up. The media has blown is so far out of proportion but it's time we take action against them. More people die of the flu we can't shut the world down it's time to reopen. My small business won't survive.
Palm Beach	General	Hi! I just wanted to express my opinion that please do not rush opening everything until we know for certain the effects and how to better control Coronavirus spread. I lost my job, I'm in college, and I know none of this is easy for anyone! I thank you for your hard work and consideration. Please don't rush for the sake of the economy. We will rebuild, but it's not like opening May 1 is going to be a magic bullet in terms of not spreading the virus. There is no rush when it comes to saving people's lives, so please don't rush!!!
Miami-Dade	General	I think that we should open Florida at the Floridians discretion and with social distancing protocols in place. Floridians have shown that we can follow rules and regulations and we are disciplined. However, we should keep the boarders closed for tourists for now. We need to first get our collective immune system before we let people from other states and countries here. We need to get the economy going, open businesses, parks, beaches, water but keep hotels and boarders closed until the 3rd stage per federal government recommendations.
Broward	Healthcare	Do not re open until it is absolutely 100% safe to do so. Untill the Governor tours all hospitals and nursing homes and can safely shake hands with nurses and Doctors and carectakers as he tours those facilities. Do not ask Floridians to go out and put themselves their families and neighbors in harms way or in any situation you Governor wouldn't put yourself and family through if you choose to re open.
St. Johns	Government	Open up, before you kill the economy!
Manatee	General	As a 70 year old asthmatic who had pneumonia last year I am very nervous about opening up Florida too early. I won't feel comfortable going to the grocery store or restaurant to or the theatre if we open up before we know the Covid virus is well under control. Right now that means reduction of Covid cases for at least two weeks, and I would prefer longer. Clearly Florida is NOT ready!
Palm Beach	Recreation	Please open beaches /water, however leave the parking lots closed and do not allow congregations. A lot of states are doing this including California and Hawaii. Florida, like CA HI, is an ocean-centric state and the residents value the beaches.
Okaloosa	Recreation	The beaches in Okaloosa county both public & private should be reopened on May 1, 2020 with no restrictions. Due to the proven scientific evidence of sunlight & UV rays killing the coronavirus within seconds, it is more helpful for people to be out on the beaches instead of cooped up in their homes!

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Collier	General	As a small business owner of two fitness centers in south Florida it is imperative that we follow the Presidents guidelines and start opening up businesses. Fitness is a way of life for many citizens, it provides them a way of relief from their daily struggles. What may not be essential to someone who does not participate in fitness, it most definitely is an essential part of life for fitness enthusiasts. Our company has already adopted new operating procedures to help combat the spread of the virus, and those changes have been communicated to our members. Of course we could also talk about the devastating economic burden this has caused to our business. We were forced close, but still required to pay out $120k in rent and utilities in April. We did receive money from the PPP, that is much appreciated but only helps with our payroll. We are a family business that has invested everything we have ever worked for to open up these facilities. We will not stand idly as those making decisions ruin our lives. Please make the right decision, with or without you we are resuming business on May 1 with our new guidelines in place. I'd rather go to jail and stand for Freedom then be ruined financially because of you ineptitude.
Hernando	General	I am proud of how Fla leadership has handled the virus. The media loves to breed fear yet you just rolled up your sleeves and did what needed to be done. And you created a model of success for our nation. The covid tracker app is awesome. It allowed me to personally see the data and compare that to the recommended guidelines. We appreciate all you have done and that you want our opinion. 1. We are ready for re-opening because we have the situation contained, we are smarter and better prepared. Despite what the media says, we are ADULTS and the vast majority will make the right choices. 2. The cost of not reopening is far too large than the benefits of sitting home in fear. 3. In reality, there is a lot open and yet nothing has spiraled because people are doing the right things. 4. The biggest concern is obviously SE florida. with Miami averaging 169 cases per 100,000 over the last 14 days, 3+ times the recommended 50. The rest of florida is at 41, almost 20% under the target and that falls significantly more if you take out palm county and broward. The re-open plan needs to be phased for regions of our state. And SE residents are going to have to step up and not spill into other areas. There needs to be a clear call to them to have pride and do their part...we've been doing our part in the rest of florida. 5. It is un-American to ask all residents to lose their livelihood, and stay in their homes because of regional challenges. I feel for Miami but what does staying at home in central florida do to help them. 6. The reason for the shut down was to save as many lives as possible and not overwhelm the hospitals. The hospitals are not overwhelmed and many are financially challenged and workers laid off. We can never prevent any lose of life as much as we try.

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Pinellas	General	It is clear that Florida has only two or three counties that have not passed the peak of COVID-19 cases. Those few should remain locked down, the rest should re-open to normal operations as quickly as possible, especially to allow citizens to have access to public parks and beaches. If there are concerns about large gatherings, just don't open the bars or permit alcohol. Also if Target and liquor stores can operate safely, so can small businesses. At-risk groups should continue to shelter in place and nursing homes must be protected strongly with restrictions on visitors, temperature scans of staff, and other vigilant screening. But there does not appear to be any need to require the entire population to cower at home with their eyes glued to media. Go outside, get some sun and some exercise, eat on an outdoor patio, don't shake hands, don't hug strangers, GO TO CHURCH, and practice normal sensible measures for good health and manners like your mama taught you.
Hillsborough	General	Please do not reopen Florida task force. Reopening will only be a temporary solution to our economy, we will more than likely see more virus cases along with death tolls rise in a matter of weeks from opening and making our economy worse in the long run. Not to mention it would defeat the purpose of the so far social distancing and staying order has accomplished. We need to contained the virus not have further outbreaks, it’s a matter of safety.
Bay	General	So far the science hasn't been that indicative of reality, so reopen everything but maintain the ban on vacation rentals until at least after Memorial Day so we can slowly return to normal without an influx of tourists to cope with. By now, most of us know the current level of risk in our specific area and I think most would be willing to take prudent precautions to resume their lives. Each of us can make their own decision about the amount of risk each we are willing to take at any given time and for any particular activity. The State should continue to monitor and be ready to surge resources as needed to any areas of outbreak. You've done great so far....glad I don't live in Michigan!
Broward	General	Beaches and open spaces like parks must be open ASAP. Beaches could be open with some time limits and in order to avoid crowds with parking lots closed. Streets are overcrowded by so many who want to walk, run and exercise due to parks and beaches closure. It’s ridiculous when crowds are walking, standing on the narrow strip of concrete along the beach being watched closely by police and lifeguards for not to step on the sand. Does it really work and serves the purpose if we are overcrowding everywhere and elsewhere but can’t have an access to bigger and wider areas like beaches and parks? It almost seems like beach and park bears threat for our lives. In fact it’s the opposite. Fresh ocean air makes people healthier, sun gives us vitamin D, all this with physical activity, swimming, exercising and happy mood contributes to stronger immune system and less susceptibility to viruses. Please, promote BEACHES-PARKS-EXERSIZE-SUN-HAPPINESS-HEALTH in our SUNSHINE STATE.

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Brevard	Healthcare	Please lift the stay at home order. It is not good for our mental health. We can still wear masks and practice social distancing.Then open things incrementally. We need to be able to visit our family and friends and have that human connection.
Citrus	Government	Do NOT open up Florida please ! It's way too soon. They'll be more cases and way more deaths from the virus if you open up. Opening up now is just asking for cases to raise even more. We haven't even reached the peak of it yet. Please please PLEASE do not do it !
Escambia	General	Please reopen Florida businesses & beaches with as little restrictions as possible. Most people have common sense and will continue practicing social distancing & extra sterilization on their own. Breaking up large parties on the beach is one thing but restricting hours & disallowing sunbathing is nonsensical. Also please consider easing current prison like restrictions at ALF's. Please allow residents to have meals together in shifts with proper social distancing. Also allow family members to visit residents in outdoor areas, even a parking lot, again with adherence to social distancing. I understand this is an at risk population, but the current procedures that are in place are similar to those of solitary confinement and it is a de facto sentence of a slow cruel death. It's time to start managing to living instead of dying. Thank you, Janel Mack,
Indian River	Healthcare	Like the fact that we are starting to see a decline. I've heard people say June and others saying August and then others say 2021. Personally I think it would be amazing to have a real 4th of July celebration. That could take on a whole new meaning to our future generations. Thank you for doing this.

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Brevard	General	Good Afternoon, As a college student, the personal sacrifices that this stay-at-home order have imposed (aside from the mental challenges) are small. However, the sacrifices that have become imposed (thus no longer a sacrifice but punishment) on many Floridians is protracted and immense. Though there is no specific wording in either the amendments or the articles of the U.S. Constitution, the stay-at-home order certainly violates the heart of the U.S. Constitution. Is an order that shuts down businesses really in peoples best interest? Some say yes, but some say no! There is not unanimous consensus that this even works, let alone is a morally right action. Just as with every single hurricane, this reaction is far overblown. I cannot ascertain how this reaction is better than letting people make their own decisions. It is my advice, that Florida do what the heart of the Founding Father's actions were in creating the United States...keeping a restrained government from interfering (without specific legislative authority) with the People who give it the power it has. There should be absolutely no mandatory closings whatsoever, however, advice and guidance how the safest way possible is certainly advisable! The free market is a powerful thing, if people feel unsafe going shopping or out to a restaurant, they will not. If they do feel it is safe, they will go out. Let the local businesses and the free market decide if it is safe. Ultimately, nobody is forced into an interaction that is unsafe if they are unwilling to do it. Our modern technology has made that distance possible. Encourage the people of the State of Florida to go out and spend their money as they feel fit to do. It is their right, it is their freedom, and it is their choice.
Hillsborough	General	I absolutely believe we should continue our shut down. As a mom of three, including an infant and one with asthma, I'm terrified. I'm scared for my 70 year old dad with asthma and a heart condition. I would rather continue our shut down for a few months and BE 100% positive we're all safe, than open up too soon and have this virus hit worse than before. Just with the talk of opening the state, I have seen people relax on all the rules and regulations regarding face masks and leaving the house. Keep us closed, keep us safe.
Hillsborough	General	All businesses should reopen with social distancing protocols in place
St. Johns	General	I would like every business to open up. Business owners should decide if employees can option to continue to work from home or not. Business owners should decide if employees should be required to wear a mask or not. Individuals should choose for themselves where they should go and if they need to wear a mask or not. The antibody test is the most important as many, many people have had it already without knowing it. This shut down cannot go on like this forever. Also, the recovery rate needs to at the forefront because people are afraid but nit be afraid if they knew the recovery rate is so high.

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Volusia	General	Feel all business that open must require employees to wear masks. Need more testing sites with no requirements to be met so anyone can get tested. Hope pharmacy testing will soon be available in our area. Feel restaurants will definitely need to space out tables, use disposable menus, staff wear masks. As a senior adult, there must be a way to be sure businesses are going to adhere to strict rules and regulations. There are already too many businesses in our area where I notice staff are not taking precautions and wearing masks. Their not wearing a face covering makes it unsafe for their customers. Everything I read pretty much says seniors and those with preexisting conditions will only be safe if they shelter in place until a vaccine is developed. Seniors do make up a great percentage of Florida's population, and have discretionary money as they have not been hit with losing their jobs, etc. So special precautions must be made to accommodate us so we will feel safe enough to venture out.
Hillsborough	General	Please do not reopen all that is closed. Keep essential open only. It wont hurt to keep closed for a little longer. All the hard work will be for nothing if the virus takes over as it could because there is no vaccine. Our numbers are still rising. We are not ready.
Pinellas	General	I really know science needs to guide this. Stay at home needs to be for another Month. Just to see how many people die in the other states. Every business and person must abide 6 ft apart. Face mask anytime your outside your house. Testing Testing Testing isolate and contact tracing an absolute must. You need to shut down convince stores for a couple weeks so can abide by what's going off today!!! And most of all unlawful to lock senior population down. You can not segragate seniors. What's good for one is good enough for all. Thank you and please make the Right Decision. As we all have found out Money isn't everything?? Richard Johnson
Collier	General	We need to open Florida completely on May 1. The numbers are not there for another day of this complete over reach of government. The secondary effect of this virus will be much worst in the end! Open All immediately we do not need steps to get back to work we need to get to work now all of us!
Hillsborough	Education	I believe schools should not open back up in august until a vaccine has been made. E learning should continue through the next school year or be an option for parents who don't feel comfortable sending their children back to school so soon.
Marion	General	Yes open it up. We can’t hide the rest of our lives. This was supposed to flatten the curb. Not hide until there isn’t anything outside that could harm us.

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Seminole	Education	I'm a mathematics teacher at Seminole High School. Reopening the state too early will guarantee a much more aggressive wave of Covid-19 and that will affect public education. If the virus isn't completely under control, it has its chance to resurge in a public goods setting. If even one person, who's asymptomatic, that goes to a public school, thousands of students and hundreds of staff are at risk and that's just one school. We'll either have to migrate towards a completely online platform, again, or suspend public services for a while until it calms down. You have the capability to restart Florida when it's completely safe for us. Do not let us down.
Pinellas	Recreation	Hoping that gyms will be able to open May 8th like originally communicated By the department of agriculture. I own a small business which is a Boot Camp. We are ready to open our doors with limited capacity for camps to help ensure social distancing. We have procedures in place and have trained her team and are ready to go we have also Jenna survey for our clients to see who is ready to come back in the gym the majority is ready and we are ready to open our doors. Please allow us to do so on May 8th.
Hillsborough	Government	I think the stay home orders should stay in effect until the cases are nearly gone especially considering Florida is a tourism state with lots of people visiting from all over the world.
Pasco	General	I think we should hold off another bitty days to make sure we don't get a second wave. I'm the mother of a compromised immune five year old and we have been self isolated for 2 months now and I still will plan on staying home until there are no new cases
Lake	General	Open Lake County.
Osceola	General	It's to early to open. I'm scare to come back to work. Don't put us in risk after dead what ?
Brevard	General	Time to open things up, county by county if necessary.
Orange	General	On the first of May, I would like to see: Open air activities resumed, such as parks, pools, trails, beaches, and even outdoor dining with CDC guidelines in place. One on one appointments at places such as beauty salons, tattoo shops, etc. should be available but by appointment and half capacity as to properly disinfect between guests. Stores should be able to open with limited capacities depending on how many people can they fit comfortably if everyone is six feet—or maybe allow all stores to have curb side pickups. I believe that people that are immunosuppressed and/or have comorbidities should stay home. Anyone over a certain age and have high risk factors should continue to practice extreme social distancing. The healthy should be limiting social interaction, however, the extreme practices for the stay at home order are only weakening our immune systems and increasing other issues (depression, suicide, child abuse, addiction etc). Let people gather in groups less than 5 (not including immediate family members), see if we have any changes and then increase or decrease numbers as more data comes in.

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Polk	General	Thank you for the opportunity to give input into reopening Florida. I'm not a fan of reopening everything right away. I'm not really in favor of opening beaches. But if people are desirous of getting out of their homes and having somewhere to go, I guess the beaches, being outdoors and sprawling, may be the best venue in terms of the ability to practice social distancing. Still, I don't think they're safe. I am absolutely opposed to following the Georgia model. Beauty salons, bars, restaurants (indoor dining), bowling alleys. None of these types of businesses should be opened yet. I feel like we've made progress to flatten the curve. I am concerned that opening these kinds of businesses will just erase all of that progress. I would hope none of these kinds of places would open until AT LEAST June. Thank you, again.
Hillsborough	General	I'm all for working toward reopening FL, HOWEVER, before we can rely on individuals not to be at work when they are sick, we have to have easily accessible testing for those that aren't yet showing severe symptoms AND the unemployment system needs fixed. People are not getting paid, they have no choice but to return to work, regardless of health risks to themselves, or others. I'm a restaurant manager. I'd go back to work tomorrow, with some adjustments, but I'm not to the point of desperation that I'd risk myself or others if I get sick. I imagine majority of my staff feels different. No one has received unemployment on our claims filed in MARCH! People filing after us are getting paid. Retro pay is great, but doesn't help the current situation. Before decisions on whether or not to reopen are made, we need to make sure everyone is in the right place to make health conscience decisions. Just try calling unemployment to speak to someone as though you were a normal Joe. You won't get anywhere. 10+ hours on hold only to be disconnected because it's closing time. Or told to call back because it's break time. People need money. Without it, sick people will return to public places because they have no other option.
Orange	General	REOPENING SHOULD NOT BE BASED ON A POLL OF VOTERS! THIS IS LIFE OR DEATH! DON'T LISTEN TO UNIFORMED IDIOTS! LISTEN TO THE SCIENTISTS AND MEDICAL EXPERTS, AND CARE ABOUT YOUR CITIZENS! THE ECONOMY WILL COME BACK BUT DEAD PEOPLE WON'T! LISTEN TO THE SCIENTISTS, NOT THE POLITICIANS! THE MAJORITY OF US WANT TO WAIT UNTIL IT IS SAFE.

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Hillsborough	Healthcare	The goal of mitigation was not to overwhelm the hospitals. The hospitals were never overwhelmed. They are operating at half capacity, putting employees on furlough. The economy needs desperately to be reopened. Unemployment is skyrocketing. The PPP hasnt helped as the loans were all given to big companies. Let us all get back to work safely, before there is no work to get back to. I would leave Miami/Ft Lauderdale closed but let the rest of Florida where numbers are much lower and the death rate is extremely low reopen. Governor DeSantis is doing an excellent job I'm very thankful for a republican Governor and President during this crisis.
Orange	Government	I have to renew my tags,and pay$20 extra per tag. No choice, no where is open. Talk about price gouging taxpayers. They should be ashamed of themselves. That's how the gov. treats us peons.When chips our down, guess who pays.
Collier	General	I think we need to start to reopen, maybe May 4th, maybe May 11th, by strictly following the President's Task Force guidelines. I don't think we should just consider those as suggestions. They were well thought out by the experts. Let's just do those to the T.
Broward	Construction	Please do not re-open the state until we have more testing. Please provide more testing. It is irresponsible to open too soon. The time on lock down will have been wasted if there is an increase in infections or deaths. Keep your greedy political motives out of this decision. There is no way at this point to even have real numbers on cases of infections, recovies, or even deaths without adequate testing.
Palm Beach	General	I support opening the beaches. The truth is there's close contact in stores anyway. Those minding the social distancing will continue to do so on the beach and those not: being on the beach isn't going to make any difference
Sarasota	General	Yes, re open the state!! Let restaurant owners and employees need to work
Polk	Healthcare	Physician Assistants employed in "non-essential" medical care, such as Aesthetic Medicine, should be allowed to return to work with restrictions ASAP. Restrictions to include masks, gloves, using aseptic technique for patient care, temperatures taken, and one to one treatments. Even though you deem us non-essential, I am a single mother of 3, with no child support, I no longer have income coming in, I do not qualify for the stimulus checks, and have received no unemployment!! Please allow us to safely return to work in the professional environment we already know to work in with these restrictions!!
Orange	Retail	Recently, Brit Hume, the sober and understated Fox News commentator, voiced the thoughts of millions when he said, "I think its time to consider the possibility… that this lockdown, as opposed to the more moderate mitigation efforts… is a colossal public policy calamity." In addition prolonging the lockdown may also prolong the time necessary to reach herd immunity. In the end the lockdown may prove to have not only been a disaster economically but healthwise as well. I hope the experts are called to account for their mistakes.

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Broward	General	I don't think you should rush to open Florida . We elected you not a puppet for trump who is suggesting we drink disinfectants , he's an idiot and if you follow his lead you will also be categorized as an idiot , people will get sick and you will most definitely be voted out next election . We need public leaders that truly care what's best for the people and not they're pockets . Don't be stupid and open Florida to hastily. This is an unprecedented situation handle this with care !
Bay	General	Start paying unemployment and do not reopen restaurants and public places until a major 2 week decline in new cases as well as a way to rest for antibodies so my kids going back to work doesn't bring the disease home to me after weeks of suffering thru this stay at home order. People are starting to struggle with fear with no income due to this ridiculous unemployment application process. 4 weeks in an no closer to getting the first check for anyone here
Lee	Healthcare	We are HORRIFIED about reopening FL at this time without adequate testing in place! We have no idea how extensive this virus is in Florida. There are many Floridians who've isolated themselves who have no idea whether their symptoms were from Covid-19. whether they've been exposed or not, or are potential hosts. Testing criteria were so limited, tests were being rationed & availability to those without health care was tragically unnavigable for many! We have NO idea who's contagious, who's a potential carrier & who's safe. We absolutely understand & support the need to rescue the economy, but if this isn't done under the strict guidelines of educated, informed medical professionals, our death rate will climb. Even at this time, our numbers are hitting new highs. We need to learn from areas where testing was key. IF this is ignored, officials who open Florida prematurely will be viewed as responsible. DO MORE TO TEST & TRACK! THEN open up prudently & under guidelines of those who have the expertise. Lastly, MANY are NOT educated enough to take proper precautions. I see that constantly on my own area beaches, restaurants, country club golf courses, in parks that are now open & more. People are NOT properly distancing or protecting others! This is DANGEROUS without TESTING!

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Citrus	Retail	I work in retail and have not seen the effects of the stay at home order. We have had additional traffic, many for non-essential items/browsing. Also, New York/New Jersey residents who have just come down. The drive through test site near my store has people leaving from being tested and driving into our parking lot to shop at Publix and other open locations. We are being overly exposed to the virus in retail. Florida is NOT ready to reopen until people stay home, we have more testing and a faster turnaround on tests. People are waiting 2 weeks or more for results... and not staying home till they get them. I am VERY scared working in retail right now, but I need the paycheck to feed my family. It simply isn't fair for all of us who are essential to be so unnecessarily over exposed. I've excluded as much personal information as possible for fear of potential retaliation.
Orange	Professional Services	It is time for the governor to open the state effective May 1. Our hospitals have plenty of capacity if there is any uptick in Covid – 19 cases. We need to give people the opportunity to go back to work.
St. Johns	Healthcare	I manage and a pediatric dental and orthodontics practice with three locations and 50+ employees. Having been mandated closed for the last 6 weeks, the viability of our practice is certainly in question. Our practice is poised to continue regular operations on May 8th if allowed. Our practice and team are prepared to follow a strict operating protocol that involves temperature checks for staff and patients, health questions, and a variety of additional PPE to maintain the health of our staff and patients. We are health professionals and well versed in maintaining infection control protocols. We strongly urge Governor DeSantis to allow us to return to work no later than May 8
Orange	General	Please do not open Florida back up. To open Florida back up would be putting all of your people that you swore to listen to, protect, and fight for in harms way again. We are one of the top tourist destinations which means people from ALL OVER will be able to visit and spread new strands and therefore have a resurgence of cases again. Do you really want Florida to become the next hot spot having to put thousands of body bags in freezer trucks to hold onto until this is all over? Please do not open the state back up until we are more clear than not!
Hillsborough	General	Reopen. Make masks mandatory. If a mask can't be worn at all times it doesn't reopen. Allow the vulnerable to collect unemployment through the end of the year.
Hillsborough	Retail	Please open retail businesses. Social distancing can be maintained like is being practiced at grocery stores and pharmacies currently. Let's open the malls, Dicks sporting goods, tjmaxx, Ross, etc and remind people to be mindful of social distancing .Please open retail businesses as soon as possible .

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Brevard	General	In the interest of the economy, I find no true issues with reopening as a whole, with one exception. There is a group of people, myself included that are labeled as high risk. Fortunately, I happen to work for a company who allows me to work from home. However, if the reopen is to be commenced, I fear they may ask me to return to the facility. At this time, I do not feel comfortable being in public as the rate of cases continue to rise. Those with certain conditions, mine being diabetes, are at further risk of higher complications if contracted. I believe that the lock down should be continued for those at higher risk at this time. I also believe until the cases are lowered in the state as a whole, that people continue to obey a six feet apart distance. Thank you.
Broward	Recreation	Please reopen the State. With traffic flow management, class size adjustments and proper cleaning practices we can do it safely. Personally, I need to get back to work for both financial reasons and emotional reasons. I fear without opening our economy soon, my place of work will not reopen or when it does it will severely struggle due to clients ability to afford it for their children. Please allow businesses to reopen and then for people to choose whether or not to reenter society.
St. Johns	General	No stimulus check yet, denied other assistance- FL is going to have a MAJOR homeless problem very soon if we can't get back to work.
Polk	Government	It's not time yet to reopen any thing. I'm a senior citizen and haven't gone out to a store because I don't want to catch this deadly virus,just not worth the risk. STAY AT HOME PEOPLE !
Brevard	Professional Services	If Home Depot, Walmart and Lowes can be open, then churches, restaurants and small business should open. Being in a small business is much safer than the big box stores. There are fewer people and they are able to control it better. Churches could block off every other pew and ask people to spread out. They would comply. Beauty shops could limit the number of appointments. WE have already seen that this isn't as bad as the media presented it. Quit catering to the big box stores and open small business!!
Miami-Dade	General	MR GOVERNOR I HAVE LIVED IN MIAMI ALMOST MY WHOLE LIFE CLOSE TO BEING 70 YEARS OLD I THINK ITS APPUALING THAT YOU ARE CONSIDERING TO REOPEN WE ARE NOT READY WE HAVE TOMANY PEOPLE LIVING HERE FOR OUR FAMOUS HOT SPOTS TO BE HONEST I VOTED FOR YOU BUTNOW IM DOUBTING MY DECISION I NEVER THOUGHT YOU WOULD WANT TO THINK OF RE OPENING MIAMI DADE WE HAVE OVER 11000 CASES AND GROWING THIS WILLMAKE THINGS WORSE FOR US YOU WILL BE RISKING OUR LIVES PERIOD . WE FEELLIKE YOU ARE NOT AND YOUR FELLOW TASK MEMBERS AND POLITICAINS DONT CARE ABOUT OUR HEALTH AND PUTTING MONEY AND ECONOMY FIRST THAT IS SHAMEFUL IM QUITE DISPPAOINTED SIR . PLEASE ACT LIKE THE NORTH CARO,INA GOVERNOR HE SHOWS HE CARES FOR HIS STATE AND PEOPLE NOT TILL MAY 8TH HES OPEN FOLLOW HIM NOT THE DISGRACE OG GEORGIA ..MIAMI NEEDS MORE TIME..

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Orange	General	I believe in order to safely reopen the state everyone should be tested to see if there test positive or been infected with the virus..This way we can properly do contact tracking to keep people who's a symptom matic or infected to stay home ..It's not safe just to reopen and put people life at risk knowing they can dye without a cure. Everything shouldn't rely on money because we out here with no jobs struggling and haven't recieved help this is why people are panicking and will to risk their life because they still have bills to pay and no relief...I hope this help before we loose more lives.
Manatee	Healthcare	As a dentist, universal precautions that have already been in place with additional recommends PPE we are able to keep our patients, staff, and ourselves safe. We need to take care of peoples' basic dental needs. Right now, my business is jeopardy as well. Please re-open Florida!
Nassau	Professional Services	I am 68 years old, I have stayed home as asked except for essential need to go out. Very tired of the lectures fr5 all the smart people who think they know what's best for me and everyone else. Open the state up for business so we can go to church, get a haircut or go to the beach for a stroll. I am beginning to think someone must be making a lot of money over this or else it would stop. Actually none of you government folks who by the way are elected not appointed for life have no control, only God who Is we owns it all is.
Pinellas	General	First, I wish that small, family owned gyms that have personal training sessions not get lumped in together with large gyms. I think that a smaller gym could easily abide by the CDC guidelines. Hopefully, there will be a way to open larger gyms as well but I just wish they wouldn't get lumped together. They are not the same!! I would also like to see the beaches in Pinellas County open including the state parks in our county. Once a week, I go to the city park for a walk and I am truly grateful that it remained open. I see people abiding by the rules. I think now that the tourists and spring breakers are gone that the residents can go to the beach responsibly. Walking is fine but please don't limit the hours too much so that everyone isn't there at the same time!
Collier	General	No, no, no. Not mixing with you all until I see what it does to you. Please don't drink Chlorox.
Duval	General	REOPEN. CURE IS WORSE THAN DISEASE. GIVE PEOPLE CHOICES THEY CAN ALWAYS STAY HOME. KILLING THE ECONOMY. PEOPLE ARE HUNGRY.
Palm Beach	Recreation	Please reopen the beaches! The sidewalks are crowded on A1A. Opening the beach would alleviate some of the congestion. If the leaders in Boca Raton are worried about Broward residents crowding our beaches then just allow residents with beach permits. In Boca Raton it would be very simple to limit the amount of cars allowed into the beach parking lots. There is no beach parking aside from the city parks, so very easily controlled. At the very least please open the private beaches. My apartment is on the beach and I am not allowed to go into the beach. In my area we mostly live in high rise apartments and condos and have no outside space other than the beach. The Governor has said more than once that being outside is good for us. Thank you!

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Hillsborough	Healthcare	There is to much unknown about this virus at this time to suggest the reopening of Florida. To many variables on how its carried, spread, or even how the symptoms present themselves. How about our Governor actually listen to the healthcare professions that are directly having to blindly treat this virus and see how they feel about reopening Florida. Maybe instead of being so concerned about money rolling into the theme parks he should focus more on funding the research for a cure or buying ppes for the health professional's risking their own lives daily.
Hillsborough	General	I understand the economy is a very important matter; however, that can always be recovered. Lives cannot. Lives and the citizens' well being is more important at the moment. Please enforce staying at home in a strict matter, so that we can beat this pandemic faster and then recover our economy. In the meantime, please provide successful financial relief for those who need it most. Thank you.
Martin	General	As a task force please consider what this is doing to peoples financial lives. Some businesses will not be able to afford to open. This means those employees will not have a job to go back to either. We definitely need grooming businesses to open up with social distancing and wearing masks. There is no reason guys cannot get a haircut, ladies cannot het their hair or nails done. This lengthy confinement is leading to depression and anxiety, short tempers, etc. Please work on making our lives more livable.
Hillsborough	General	Do not reopen. Keep essential open only thank you
Palm Beach	Recreation	Open up beaches to recreation, surfing, running, swimming. I think this should be done to all florida beaches so people dont end up crowding spots if only specific beaches open up to recreation.
Collier	Tourism	My family would like for the governor to be aggressive in opening our state. We believe the economic ramifications far outweigh the risks of the virus. We now know that the virus is only deadly to those with underlying conditions and we believe those of us without underlying conditions MUST get out and start the economy back up again. While this virus IS more deadly to a select group of individuals and it DOES bring very terrible symptoms to even the healthy who contract it, it is no less contagious than the flu, which also has up to a 75% asymptomatic population. We must start seeing COVID 19 has a new flu strain and allow Floridians to deal with it as such. Thank you for listening and taking our opinions into consideration!! Brooke
Polk	General	It's not a good idea to re open right now people are still dropping like flies. The virus is still greatly in the country it didn't die down or anything. We are not doing any better really

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Collier	General	Don't you dare try to open up right now! It's way too early, my husband and I are scared about this and we are worried about my mother. Why doesn't the governor get his shit together on the unemployment situation! That is far more important than opening up businesses that none of us will be going to. I can't for the life of me understand why he has put together the group of people he has for this task force. I will not ever support any of the businesses that these members are working for. It's a joke about being able to safely open up right now. Why isn't the Niki Freid on the board and a couple of doctors instead of people who do not care about anything else except for making money while people who are desperately in need of help become potential Essential Workers for their own agenda!
Pinellas	General	The state should NOT are-open until every last at risk person, every food and personal service person has been tested and PE is readily available to ALL health care workers. What good does a premature re-opening do for tourism ? Come to the virus infested swamp, kill grandma and your youngest child at the same time ?
Hillsborough	Healthcare	2 items are of significant concern. 1) Florida must begin allowing all medical, vision, and dental care. People are suffering and the downstream impact will be terrible of the government deciding what is essential vs non-essential. People are not able to get cancer screenings and cancers that could had been caught early won't be. 2) Prohibiting swimming in pools and beaches is limiting healthy exercise. For people with arthritis, swimming is vital in keeping us active and free of pain. In addition, exercise increases immunity. All of the above can be done per the CDC guidelines. Stay at Home is extremely important for the vulnerable population and people not feeling well, but allow the healthy population our constitutional rights. In addition, a sick economy can cause further illness, mental illness, homelessness, starvation, and increase in domestic violence and child abuse. Thank you for the opportunity for the public to provide feedback.
Broward	Tourism	My first concern is the theme parks. They should NOT be open until this virus is contained. Even having just Florida residents admitted is too much. There are too many residents and there would be another spike. Also non essential business should remain closed for another few weeks. Bad enough the essential businesses are in harms way. Another Publix employee was diagnosed today at Royal Palm and University Dr in Coral Springs. Happens to be the store I shop in and I'm over 75. Opening beaches should be done with short hours and police patrolled. The younger generation will go in bunches even with social distancing in place. Florida still has a high rate of new cases. My opinion is Florida should stay closed until end of May and Disneyworld and Universal and other parks remain closed until further notice. Better be safe now than sorry later. Thank you Gov DeSantis.

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Martin	General	The state should not rush reopening! We have not even peaked yet. The testing has been unavailable to residents on large scale, and test results are taking weeks to get back. Perhaps if there was wide scale testing, people could go back to work if they are healthy and they continue to not show symptoms and take preventative measures. Rushing back to work to avoid paying unemployment is reckless. Instead of bailing large corporations out (ones who make political contributions), focus on the people that need help the most!
Pasco	General	I think it would be irresponsible to open Florida back up. If you look at history, the pandemics usually have a second wave. If we open now, we will be risking more people's lives than before. I urge you to use history as a map and let it guide you into a safer future! Look at the second wave of the Spanish flu, h1n1... An economy can be rebuilt.
Palm Beach	General	Do not open the state until healthcare professionals says it's safe to do so. your panel of experts does not contain a single professional from the field that matters the most right now. Do not open the state, prematurely. Those of us staying home, and following the rules, will be the ones who will suffer, with another prolonged stay at home order. Take care of your people, fix the unemployment system, which Rick Scott broke, and get your people paid.
Citrus	Recreation	Allow state parks to open to campers with reservations. This will limit the numbers in a state park but allow people to still maintain social distancing by going back to their own campsite.
Palm Beach	Recreation	Thank you for allowing public comment. I am writing o appeal to the Palm Beach County & State Officials to allow organized Equestrian Events to commence as soon as possible state wide and specifically in Wellington. Not only do they provide a source of great recreation for the avid horse owner, all events provide income to the self-employed who manage and run the events. The niche community in Wellington is seeking to re-start events to not only assist in providing income to the numerous staff and officials who have been grounded but to also provide a training ground for the horses who are all of a sudden out of competition. The USEF (National Governing Body) for Equestrian Sport is seeking guidance from the States and Local officials as to when to re-start, but in the meanwhile it would be advantageous to so many for events at the local level to start back up while we wait for the "Green Light" nationally & internationally. Horseback Riding is an outdoor sport and management teams nationwide have already thought out numerous mitigation protocols to limit the number of people on the competition grounds and how best to protect their staff and all competitors. The industry in Wellington is eager to "get back to work" so as such please consider allowing the Equestrian Sports Production Team in Wellington, under the guidance of Michael Stone & David Burton, JR to activate Equestrian Sport as soon as possible.
Seminole	Professional Services	I think it's too early to open up nail salons.

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Hillsborough	Professional Services	To whom it may concern, We would like to see community pools open back up for residents. Families stay in their own group at the pool, so social distancing would still be followed. The pools are treated with all kinds of chemicals so I doubt very seriously that anything could survive in pool water. With enhanced cleaning services I feel that this could work. Thanks for taking the time to consider this. Thanks, Paulette wagner
Palm Beach	Real Estate	I personally feel that we would only be encouraging a second peek if we open everything up too soon.We need to look closely at the 1918 flu pandemic which killed more people when they lifted social distance restrictions. Every business that is able to work remotely should keep doing that. Real N95 masks should be provided to ALL essential workers. Anyone caught walking in to a business and not wearing a mask should be given one. Regular businesses should NOT open until the number new cases has dropped steadily for at least two weeks as recommended. With a family member on a ventilator and my business reduced to almost nothing, I can't imagine risking more lives for a few $.
Lee	General	I don't think Florida should reopen until June. Opening next week will only ruin all the work we've already put into keeping our state safe. And having missed out on work and money will have been in vain.
Volusia	General	We should not be opening up ANYTHING within our state!!! I am concerned, especially that I work within the Judicial system. We should have to show a 30 day DECLINE in any new cases or deaths within the entire state. It also did not help us, that the New York, New Jersey people came to OUR STATE after they were put into a lock down by the Governors.. AND WE LET THEM IN!!! Based on that alone, we should not even begin to consider opening anything until at the very least, mid to late June. I am concerned that there are people who think this is all a JOKE! This is no joke. I lost a friend to COVID-19! People are not heeding the warnings given. They are out in the stores WITHOUT any kind of face covering, taking the whole family like it is just another outing. We should not be in any hurry to open anything. So some think it is an inconvenience...they would not think that if it was one of them who lost a loved one! PLEASE, DO NOT RUSH THIS AT ALL!
Collier	General	Open up salon services with clients and operators wearing masks during service. Many people out of work,. Need to get things moving. No one wants to get Clovid-19 so people will be careful.
Miami-Dade	General	We don't we don't have a cure this is not the time please don't
Pasco	Recreation	I think that the beaches and community pools should Re-open ASAP. People don't usually purposely try to get close to people that they don't know at these places. I think for the most part, people would respect the social distancing. Of course you'd have the idiots here and there, but you're going to have that no matter what. Thank you for listening.
Bay	General	I would like to see restaurants open with limited capacity and the beach open for locals and their guests with unlimited access and all hours.

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Hillsborough	Retail	I'm a Retail worker, I work for a wonderful company that has been taking care of us.I also have family in Spain, and they still lockdown ...going on almost 7 weeks....we here, in Florida still see people not respecting the simple guidelines. Cases are raising everyday. We should wait a couple more weeks to see if we are flat curve, right now we still raising everyday. Wait, we need to healthy to rebuild.
Citrus	Recreation	PLEASE REOPEN THE WITHACOOCHEE STATE BIKE TRAIL IT IS 46 MILES OF PAVED TRAIL IN CITRUS COUNTY . SO WE SENIOR CITIZENS CAN STOP RIDING IN THE STREETS THANK YOU
Pinellas	General	Do not cave to the alarmist liberal media. This is bankrupting more people than it is making sick. People can choose to stay home if they desire. Closing down businesses is tyranny. Open the damned state.
Miami-Dade	Retail	I am contracted with the city of Miami Beach to run outdoor street markets in which over 200 vendors and their families make their living. We would like consideration in reopening in the earlier phases as we are outdoors and can better accommodate social distancing.
Pinellas	General	Please be a decisive leader and listen to the health care professionals. DO NOT OPEN ANYTHING UNTIL THEY SAY ITS SAFE! A little bit of Financial pain now is better than a bunch of dead people later
Lee	Healthcare	It will be a tragic mistake to re open Florida just yet. According to the epidemiologist and physicians the full contagion is not yet even known. In the hospitals younger persons with lesser symptoms in their 20' to 50's are suddenly dying of Blood Clots in the heart and brain while testing positive for Covid - 19. Our physical makeups can not adapt to the illness in an already over taxed medical environment. If you re open now, it will likely result in more deaths than estimated and the financial ramifications will be worse from additional outbreaks and shut downs. Give us all a chance to survive this and make a wise decision not to resume life as it was until some answers to science are available. Require everyone to wear masks when outside their abode or be penalized. Even four more weeks will reveal data needed to decide when to re open responsibly.

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Polk	General	I have zero medical training but don't believe any is necessary to see things that appear to be obvious. If the Wuhan virus is the biggest threat to the health of those of us living right now.....at least for our area, Publix and Walmart checkout lines would be the place to get exposed. Like many others, I strongly suspect this virus has been around a lot longer than we were initially being told. No medical training/background is needed to understand that our vulnerable population —- those with underlying conditions —- are most at risk if they are exposed. That is why they should do what is possible or practical to avoid close contact with others for the time being. The high ranking health officials have continually down played the reality and benefit of herd immunity which makes no sense to me and a lot of others, to include a number of people who have spent a lot of their time working on issues like this. I am in the group who believes not only are we doing long term damage to peoples lives by the economic shutdown, I also believe we could be doing harm to the physical health of society as a whole by forcing the delay of the "herd immunity" that comes out of an outbreak. I copied and pasted this because the Big Picture matters... "I was reading some posts for and against reopening the country. One was talking about being selfish and it got me to thinking. There are those wanting to reopen yet they're being classified as selfish. There are those that rely on all kinds of people to supply them while they cower in fear at home. Isn't that being selfish too? You expect your garbage to be picked up, you expect the grocery store to be open so you can get milk, you expect truck drivers to supply the stores, you expect farmers, meatpackers, fruit and vegetable pickers all to keep food in that grocery store. You expect Amazon to still ship all the things you're ordering while you sit at home shopping. You expect the delivery driver to leave it on your doorstep. You expect your phone to work, your power to stay on, and your mail to show up rain, sleet, or shine. And most important, you expect the doctors and nurses to be there if you need them although many of them across the country have been furloughed because their units and services have been shut down while the entire system focuses only on COVID19. The whole premise of shelter in place is based on the arrogant idea that others must risk their health so you can protect yours. There is
Lee	General	I fully support the phased approach of reopening the state. As long as the number of new cases continue declining then I would advocate moving to the next phase. However I don't understand why masks are not required at grocery and other retail stores now. I think as part of the reopening that we should make wearing a mask mandatory. Obviously if you are in a restaurant or bar you would have to remove your mask to eat or drink but otherwise I think we should be masked up.
Pinellas	General	Tests from around the country are proving lockdown is not working, a large portion of the population already had corona and it continues to spread unchecked. You did not 'flatten the curve' and will not. Even with the heights of the spread, your justification of sparing our medical resources and protecting those at-risk are unfounded. By continuing this poorly-thought out overreaction, you are only bringing harm to our people and destroying what remains of our economy. Delaying only makes you look foolish and brings greater harm to our great state. Not all of us are so gullible as to buy the regularly repeated lies, we know how ineffective these measures are. We will remember when it comes time for elections and use our votes to hold those accountable for this and future harms.

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Pasco	General	Open up everything. Suggest those at risk limit their activities. Let the rest of us develop herd immunity so that the rest have a better chance of survival once they reenter daily activity. This will also help limit overwhelming hospital systems as those most vulnerable will hopefully not end up there in such numbers all at once. We are just prolonging the inevitable at this rate- it needs to spread more to protect those most at risk.
Sarasota	Education	Florida has terrible support for unemployment benefits so lots of people need to work. However, if it's not safe to work for the employees or the general population what can be done? We have so many nursing homes and retirement facilities that need protection for the residents and employees that the state should track the spread of virus carefully. Tourism may be the state's big moneymaker, but many won't travel this year and those who do may be carrying and/or spreading the virus. Tourism income should not trump the well-being our Florida citizens.
Orange	General	At some point the residents safety becomes more important than keeping Trump happy. Statewide testing has been so limited that their could be thousands of asymptomatic carriers that could be unleashed to spread this virus and the second wave could be worse. With the large number of elderly people you could create a powder keg of exposure. But you don't even seem to understand that thousands of residents can't pay their bills or even afford food due to the broken unemployment system, not to mention it is one lowest paying amounts in the country and only for 12 weeks because you want extend to 26. The federal funds have not been distributed.. What a joke, no you have to pay 119 million additional tax payer dollars to fix the system you already knew was broken. You can't even fix the systems that are broken in this state, how do we trust you make the best decisions in re-opening the state economy. You have to have state wide mass testing as well as anti-body testing in order to create additional treatment. (drinking lysol want work.) Next, you will need to test all tourists into the extended future or the social distancing efforts will be for nothing. I am a father with two daughters, why don't you hire me to assist, maybe some regular people on this task force may bring some insight. Not a room full of poloticians.
Pinellas	Tourism	If you buy a quart of strawberries at the supermarket and when you get home you find there are several bad strawberries in the quart. Do you throw out the entire quart of strawberries? No of course not, you get rid of the bad ones and enjoy the rest of the quart. Contain the elderly and immune compromised. Enforce the use of social distancing as well as mandate the use of face masks. I believe the Florida economy can be opened if done carefully. Will it be easy? No. Will there be issues ? Of course. We need to move forward. The longer this is allowed to go on we will reach a point of no return.

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Hillsborough	General	Do not open Florida until we have at least a 2 week down curve in new cases. And then with strict social distancing restrictions and testing.
Miami-Dade	General	Strip mall can open on same PPE as grocery stores. Masks gloves and 50 percent occupancy .Restaurants same with seating apart. Problem is disinfectinh after customer use hair salon anf nsil by appointmeny only. One to two customers in at a timr. Same for barber shops. Target and Walmart are food and other stores have been openso there is proof others can follow same. Problem to be resolved is children. Parents are now home schooling. Normally would be in school when adults working. In summer would be summer schools and camps. No social distancing at this time. How can parents work? Workforce needs children protected while at work.
Seminole	General	I am writing to provide my feedback on reopening Florida, which is that we cannot reopen anything until there is a daily decline in the number of cases. The current piecemeal attempt of keeping some things open and some not along with opening beaches will only further encourage less responsible individuals who do not follow social distancing and hygiene guidelines to gather and spread the virus further. Everything non-essential needs to be fully closed down for several weeks for this virus to stop spreading and in our current state, we'll just be locked like this indefinitely as individuals continue to ignore the guidelines set forth by officials.
Pasco	General	I believe reopening now before doctors advise is dangerous for families that have members that are at risk. My family is one that is at risk and we are also one that my husbands job isn't operating right now so we don't have an income coming in but I would rather keep my daughter safe from catching this virus because she is one of the many that have health issues that if she catches the virus can be serious . I believe that Florida needs to come up with a plan to allow ALL companies work from home some how and allow only essential stores open on a time frame. The longer we continue the stay at home order the better chance we have for us to flatten the curve and our kids to go back to school without fear of catching the virus. Opening up to early could cause us to be back at square one too soon and probably worse than the first time. Can we please learn from the past and not make same mistakes example the Spanish Flu.
St. Johns	General	As a Licensed child care provider I put my self at risk everyday being opened to serve those in need of child care. I believe opening the State of Florida should be a well thought out plan. A VERY slow plan. We shouldn't rush to open. I honestly believe we shouldn't start to open until we are completely over the curve and all the way down the hill plus an additional 2 weeks added on. There should be very few cases @ the minimum everyday before the State starts to open. I know theres alot of pressure from businesses and the people but let's get this right the first time!
Brevard	General	I say no to opening Florida unless and until it's safe with adequate testing and contact tracking and it's approved by scientists and medical personnel..... not business people. Also only if proper social distancing can be observed. How can you be 6 feet apart when getting hair or nails done? How can you serve meals and stay 6 feet from the customer?

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Clay	Recreation	I do believe the re-opening of gyms and physical fitness centers in the state of Florida is crucial to the mental and physical wellbeing of our state. Many people, such as myself, heavily rely on gyms to relieve stress and enhance mental clarity. I do understand the possible risks that may come with this decision, but I assure you in every gym I have been in, social distancing is always practiced as well as strict sanitation procedures. Please consider the reopening of gyms and fitness centers as soon as possible. Thank you so much!
Collier	Recreation	Please open the Marco Island beaches for recreational use....social distancing guidelines and common sense....Also RESTART ELECTIVE SURGERIES FOR PATIENTS AND HOSPITALS
Escambia	General	My employer is already not taking this very seriously! The people that come in to my business are very nieve and have very little concern for their health or the health of others. If we open Florida up to soon the stupidity will in crease and my health will be at greater risk! Please dont ease up to soon. No one is looking after the people still working. There are not enough rules in place to protect our health.
Charlotte	General	Open Florida back up
Escambia	General	I tested positive for Covid it has been a nightmare. I have 4 children my 4 year has an extremely rare genetic disorder that causes heart damage and makes her severely compromised. She's been quarantined away from me for over a month. I too am concerned about making ends meet but to re-open now would be blatant negligence. Medical professionals don't even know what they are dealing with and I know this from experience but they are doing the best they can. There are so many people yet to be tested and more and more positive results are coming in daily. People are already not abiding by the guidelines. To re-open now will cause a much bigger health crisis. While I also fear for the economy ask yourself how well off will the economy be if the majority of our population is sick or dead. Please consider what you would do or how you would feel if it was you or your loved ones sick and suffering. I assure you this is nothing like the seasonal flu. Not to mention what will not taking serious measures do for DeSantis political career? I for one will not be giving him my vote after the mismanagement of this ordeal.
Duval	General	I do not want to see business reopen in Florida for at least another 3 to 4 weeks. We are not prepared for the second wave of virus infection. Too many people are already out and about without taking precautions. No masks, no social distancing. I have an adult child who lives with me and has an immune deficiency. I almost lost her once to a virus when she was younger. She would not survive this virus. Therefore I cannot bring it home either. My spouse has to work, he is in the transportation industry. We cannot have him near this child. We live in a bubble where we sanitize constantly. My child does not leave the house. Fortunately she is able to work from home. Please do not open the state yet. Please extend our stay at home order. I know you are getting pressure from many, but please listen to those of us who are at high risk.

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Lee	Administrative	We need to keep the state closed, there are not enough people being tested to allow them to roam freely without precaution, I still see people walking around with no protective gear. I know the need to open the state is important. We need to do so with caution and restrictions. Too many people can be carrying this virus and if you open it wide more people will die
Pasco	General	STAY CLOSED , MY MOTHER WORKS IN A DENTAL OFFICE , MY CHILDREN ARE AFRAID TO GO TO SCHOOL IN AUGUST. PLEASE STAY CLOSED DO THE RIGHT THING!!!!! THIS VIRUS WILL PICK UP HEAVY IF THE GATES ARE OPENED AGAIN THIS SOON.....WHAT WAS IT ALL FOR IF YOUR GONNA OPEN NOW
Miami-Dade	General	The shut down has allowed our healthcare system to brace for the COVID related medical surge. It's time to reopen the state and let people get back to work and their regular lives. Not doing so will cause far more damage that good. Those at risk, such as elderly or immunocompromised, should continue taking extreme precautions. The rest of us should be careful and accept responsibility for our actions or lack thereof. It's time for a complete reopening.
Pinellas	Healthcare	Working in the dental field, there is not enough adequate access to PPE at this time. Lack of PPE coupled with the lack of informed and clear recommendations on safe practices leads me to question a safe reopening at this time, or even in the coming weeks. The WHO just announced today that antibodies do not equate to protection from reinfection so at this time is just seems premature to reopen everything and undue the progress we have made. If history has taught us anything, the second wave will come and it will be worse than the first. Becoming overzealous now with the small gains we have now and reopening will lead to insurmountable loss in the future. As the old adage goes, it’s better to be safe than sorry.
Brevard	General	It is time to allow all businesses to reopen (except bars, strip clubs) and to end the self-isolation provisions in Florida and the USA. This can safely be accomplished by requiring everyone who leaves their homes to wear a face mask that covers their nose and mouth at all times except while eating. Restaurants should serve at every other table or have 6 foot distances between patrons, while restricting tables to family groups. Servers should be required to wear masks. This would allow the state to reopen with minimal risk.
Osceola	Information	I strongly discourage opening Florida before 6/01 . I work in the service industry and am worried about all the possibilities before me to contract the corona virus. Such as germs on the seats, tables, menus , money everything. We are also responsible for cleaning the table when the customer leaves . We are the cashiers as well we do it all as well as serve the guest . The aisles are narrow to walk past the customers and the other staff members so how am I supposed to stay 6 feet apart . The window to pick up our food is about 5 feet and there are usually 3 of us picking up the food at the same time . How is this going to work . I know that there is going to be to much of a risk for servers . I am scared as well as most of the people in the service industry of contracting this virus.
Martin	General	Time to reopen

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Duval	Recreation	Please open the State Parks.
Pasco	Information	We need to keep everything shut down until we can get everyone tested! Otherwise you're going to have an apocalyptic mess here. I have to work, I'm medically essential, and we do not plan on going out until long after the next flu season is over. We're waiting for the second wave to hit.
Hillsborough	Finance	Open this state back up. Hospitals have the capacity for any surge that these BS models continue to incorrectly predict. We have destroyed so many lives and businesses over what has amounted to a bad seasonal flu. The more data that comes out the more we find out how ridiculously over the top some of the decisions were to completely shut down. Screw the media talking heads and armchair doctors. Look at the data. It's time to open. We have flattened whatever curve. Let's go back to work. My employees and clients need to be open and not a super restrictive open. Trust the people and the market to make smart decisions. I voted for you because you are a pretty level headed leader. I'm impressed that you held strong in spite of all the media pressure and pressure from hysterical busy bodies. Now is another time to ignore the noise and crank this economy back open.
Manatee	Retail	I work in retail (non-essential). And I think the state should not re-open until health experts say that it is safe to do so. I especially think that non-essential retail should not re-open until the beaches have also re-opened. If retail opens before the beaches, people are going to swarm the malls and shopping centers because there is nothing else to do. Therefore, if retail opens when beaches re-open, there is more than just shopping to do. I think also it's important to wait and open when the health experts say it's okay because if we move to quickly to re-open, we could end up back in square one and have to shut back down. It makes more sense to have patience and do this properly. The economy will be booming once everything is back open and everyone is back to work. But for now, we need to listen to the experts and follow their guidelines.
Polk	Healthcare	I feel that reopening the state too soon will put a burden on our healthcare system that we are not yet prepared for. We stayed at home and it is working. We need to CONTINUE to STAY AT HOME for a longer period of time to allow this virus to completely run its course so we doesn't have a second outbreak. Additionally, we need to not allow people from other states to come into Florida as we did earlier in March and April. Better rules need to be in place. Opening up to gatherings and places were people clump up is a mistake. Thank you for listening.
Polk	General	We are not ready to open this state. Please err on the side of caution. By opening parks, beaches, restaurants too early is taking a risk of a second wave in numbers.
Clay	General	Just open the damn state already quit spreading the fear mongering the media is spreading
Orange	General	To early give it till at least May15th why open and Go backwards. I understand people need to work But maybe our government should help the people Of the United States and not the Foreign countries. To many people have died let's do the right thing. Don't rush like The president wants look where he has gotten us now. LETS BE SMART!!!!!!!!!

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Hillsborough	General	Open this state up! The models have been wrong from the beginning! This virus has-been here since November. The economic fallout will be worse that this pandemic.
Hernando	Healthcare	Presently I work for a clinical psychologist in my area and we have a large senior clientele. I do not want to re-open our office. All of contact is to close to be safe. I feel like small businesses will get the largest voice in this poll which is understandable. I would rather be safe and wait another few weeks before opening. Children being out of school and parents having no where to put their children because a daycare is a cesspool of germs. It just does not make any sense. Let's not have a incident like they had in China where they had to go back on lock down. We are not close to vaccine. I believe the next waive will be larger than the second with people asymptomatic walking around. People will get lax with social distancing. PLEASE I ASK DO NOT OPEN FLORIDA IT'S TO SOON.
Marion	General	I think that most places should not reopen and if you do reopen even some limit staff and people allowed in and 6foot rule. If it can't be followed then it can't be open. It's better to hold off and come through this better then go back and more get sick and hospitals get overwhelmed. I am waiting for unemployment as most and still think we should wait to go back. I have two children and I think people's safety is what's important. We have plenty of movie stars, professional athletes and more that could all chip in to help people or the economy. It's time people step up and help each other.
Miami-Dade	Government	DO NOT REOPEN UNTIL DATA SHOWS THAT CASES IN FLORIDA ARE SLOWING DOWN SIGNIFICANTLY! YOU ARE PUTTING OUR HEALTH AND ECONOMY AT FURTHUR RISK! BEACHES AND PARKS CURRENTLY NEED TO REMAIN CLOSED! YOU NEED TO TAKE RETURNING SPRING BREAKERS AND TOURISTS INTO FACTOR IF YOU REOPEN THEN TOO SOON! YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CONTROL WHAT THE PUBLIC DOES AND ALL OF THE SOCIAL DISTANCING EFFORTS WILL HAVE GONE TO WASTE. DO NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE RISE IN CASES! DO NOT BE THE REASON OUR HOSPITALS BECOME OVERWHELMED! DO NOT BE THE REASON WE ARE LOCKED DOWN FOR A SECOND TIME! BE A RESPONSIBLE LEADER WHO CARES ABOUT HIS COMMUNITY, EVEN IF IT MEANS PEOPLE NEED TO WAIT A LITTLE LONGER.

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Pinellas	Finance	I was born in Clearwater, Florida in 1976, graduates from Florida State and have raised my family in our great state. The Covid crisis has been especially hard on us as small business owners, we are struggling to keep our business afloat and working hard to keep our employees and not add to an already exorbitant unemployment rate in the state. Needless to say, the state shutdown has been very hard on us financially. However, another side to the shut down, other than economic, is with mental health. My mother who is 70 and my in laws who are 75, even though considered at high risk are also struggling with the shut down. They tried very hard to stay healthy and active but this has severely hampered there ability to do so. They cannot see their friends, cannot take a walk on the beach, cannot even see their grandchildren without fear that they will be disobeying they law. This is heartbreaking. For every covid patient that is saved, how many lives will be ruined? It is time to re-open our state economy, including our beaches, retail stores and small businesses. The longer we wait the harder it will be to for our state to recover economically. But in the interest of public health, the harder it will be for our elderly to come back from months of isolation.
Duval	General	Please reopen Florida. Please reopen small businesses and schools for summer camp. Please open up our beaches for all activity. We have all seen the numbers and it's totally worth the risk. Anyone who is elderly, has a compromised immune system, or doesn't want to go out then stay home. Let the majority get back to our normal everyday life's. Let the healthy population get out and build up a herd immunity. Please reopen our great state.
Brevard	General	Do not rush to re-open Florida. Broader measures must be taken to ensure widespread evictions do not occur moving forward. The unemployment system must be addressed. Bending to the will of Big Tourism is not the best method to ensuring the safety of all Floridians.
Hillsborough	Healthcare	I am concerned with the low amount of testing that has been completed to date. I feel the numbers being reported are a fraction of the actual infection rate. We need more testing and more antibody testing to make an educated decision to open. I have a 78 year old bedridden father I'm caring for at home, so far he's not gotten this and I'd like to keep it that way for as long as possible. I really need to see that the medical community is ready and approve to feel confident you are making the right decision. Many thanks!

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Flagler	General	Governor DeSantis. Thank you for your work on behalf of Florida. Please do not reopen our state until the health experts and scientists deem it is time. Please do not listen to those touting injectable disinfectants. We know better. Please be strong and have courage. Stand up to bullies and believe in the power of Florida. Look what we did?! It could have and might still be worse if we do something stupid. Like reopen too soon. The experts tout June. People want to be cautious. Fix the problems in stages going by data not by intimidation. Be strong. We are Florida. We ar3 strong. Please liisten. Thanks for the opportunity to share. Good idea.
Osceola	General	Keep small business closed at least until June. Opening within the next 2 weeks could be dangerous. If small business open and get confirmed covid cases it could possibly put them out of business. Its best if we all wait.
Hillsborough	General	Please open carefully. Consider extending the eviction/foreclosure ban until at least June 30th. It will take those of use looking for work to catch up on rent/mortgage payments. I have two medically fragile family members and we are facing eviction once the ban is over. Thank you.
Pinellas	General	Florida has not done enough testing to safely reopen. Any steps should be taken very slowly and with extreme caution. More testing should be made available. We live in St Pete and the area is hurting very much. However, an early opening would not do it any good. Please extend the stay at home order for at least one more month and make more testing available.
Collier	General	I don't want to open yet because it is too soon I have 4 kids and one of them has type 1 diabetes. And I can not let any of my kids get sick. And also I have a daycare but I am close because I don't know if the child has it or not because the virus spreads when you don't have symptoms. And I can't get sick with it because I am pregnant and because of my kids. It only take one contact with someone
Nassau	General	Please reopen FL
Pinellas	General	I would opt for waiting a few weeks until Florida cases are going down...we don't seem to be there and none of us want to reopen too soon and then draw this out or make it worse. We're here, we're in. In a week or two I could see opening condo pools for exercise to owners only not renters. I could see opening things like dog grooming where you can drop off and pick up. I don't see opening beauty salons or nail salons or spas where there is use no way to keep 6 ft apart even though I need to go there badly!! PLEASE LISTEN TO DOCTORS AND EXPERTS ONLY.
Duval	General	I understand the desire or need to reopen for the economy. My largest concern is how will we mandate companies/employers to protect employees considered high risk.who have been told not to go back to work until phase 3 by national guidelines? A lot of people have been saying it people want to stay home to protect themselves, then let them. But the truth is, they won't be allowed to make that choice and keep their jobs if companies aren't mandated to protect those vulnerable employees.

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St. Johns	General	I know a lot of people are in dire need of financial support but I feel people's lives are very important! More important that money. They will value that. Please do not rush to open everything back up. I help run a spa downtown. We can not socially distance and is 6 feet really even enough? We can't turn the AC off it will be sweltering in there as well. I am also pregnant which there is not enough evidence on this virus' effects and my son has asthma. There's so many elderly here opening back up to soon I feel would be devestating. Even I am on unemployment at the time. I was fortunate enough to receive even one weeks pay and I've been out of work for 4/5 weeks. I received my last regular week of unemployment 2 Weeks ago. Financially it's rough but I value my life and everyone else's more than I do money.
Sarasota	Recreation	Please open up full access to beaches in the state. Exposure to sun and fresh air is good for Floridians' physical and mental health. My husband and I moved to Florida for the beaches. Enough of lock downs. Let people enjoy the beaches. We are responsible adults. We'll take measures like social distancing and using protective gear, but allow us to decide what is best for us.
Miami-Dade	General	I think that it is time to start reopening Florida in a safe way. But I also think that we need to do it in a way that does not infringe on or rights. I don't think places should be testing for coronavirus to allow you to shop, eat, or play there. I do not think we should be quarantined until a vaccine comes out as many people do not want the vaccine and it is our right as citizens to be able to choose what we put into our bodies. The last thing is I don't think we should be mandated to wear masks in public places. Many studies have shown that homemade masks are ineffective and that regular masks that are not N95 masks are only 10-20% effective. As a mom that is claustrophobic I cannot go in public now because it is unbearable to wear a mask. I also do not want my children to be afraid of going places because they have to wear a mask. I thank you for taking the time to take submissions and listen to the people on this very critical issue.
St. Johns	General	The state needs to be reopened. Small businesses are suffering. People want to get back to work and kids want to go to school. Working from home while teaching your kids schooling and being in isolation is not sustainable. It will cause more harm.
Palm Beach	General	Please open all beaches and state parks for recreational activities. As long as common sense rules are in place (no groups/gatherings, standard distances, keep moving, etc.), there should be no issue with people walking, running, hiking, swimming, etc. I have no problem with the enforcement any rules necessary to keep people from using beaches and state parks for reasons other than active recreation, and it might also make sense to keep non-residents away for a while as well. We have been trying to teach our kids a love of nature (something that generally comes naturally anyway), but we really would like to be able to get our kids back to these natural areas for hikes and walks and swims, etc.

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Duval	Healthcare	I am a board-certified orthopedic surgeon who has practiced here in Florida for about 50 years for about half of the past 15 years I have spent volunteering in Africa with the group doctors without Borders I have become quite the infectious disease expert and epidemiologist having gone through Ebola and all the other epidemics as well as polio and cholera and of course Malaria every year I will make just one overriding comment the only thing that is necessary right now is social distancing this lockdown rule is ridiculous and businesses that can function with proper social distancing should be open you can write specific rules for places like hair salon gyms but This country is going to do well in terms of deaths from the virus but the other side effects such as suicide and drug addiction have gone up to unacceptable levels
Pasco	General	I am an essential employee. I run an apartment complex and have to go to work whether we open or not. With that being said I do not think Florida should reopen yet. Salons, barbers,gyms and public pools are not regulated enough and they are not educated enough to act safely and follow the proper precautions. We do not have the proper man power to enforce the regulations in all of these places to ensure they follow them correctly. An example of this was the beaches, people where told to practice social distancing and they did not and look what happened. I lost two family members in Mass to this awful virus and I do not want to lose any one else. Lives matter not money. I think 2 more weeks of astringent stay at home will be for the best! Thank you for allowing me to put in my two cents!
Hillsborough	Food	We own a small breakfast lunch restaurant- ANDERSON Road Cafe. We are not paying ourselves., just employees. Only 25% business with take out.
Collier	Recreation	People need to get outdoors. Open the beach!! People should be allowed to walk and swim. To limit gathering, you could say no more than groups of four should be allowed to congregate, take chairs, watch sunset, etc. The collier county beaches are never crowded and will have less people than Jacksonville. Open the parks! Again, limit it to parties of 2-4 with walking and running only. Mental and physical health depends on sunshine, fresh air, the serenity of nature such as parks and beaches. With condos closing pools and the beach closed, people who rely on swimming for exercise have no where to go. The immune system can only stay strong if people continue to exercise and practice their spiritual routines which often means beach and park!
Osceola	Recreation	I work in hospitality. I work for Marriott, My resort is currently closed. As much as I would love to get back to work especially since our unemployment is such a disaster I do not think we are ready. People had to be forced to respect social distancing guidelines. I do not want to rush back to work only to be back in this position again in a month. I am also immune compromised so sending me out Could kill me.
Pasco	General	I'm aware of how paying bill's and making money I'm a single mother that struggles too...my concern is the state never shut down like many other started did. We did a 1/2 ass job it should of been all ot nothing, it completely defeated the purpose! I believe we should of completely shut everything down for a solid month..I believe reopening is still gonna have the same effects or worse. It's not going to get any better! We have to welcome the new normal because I believe this is the way it will stay..and it will get worse!!

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Clay	Education	We HAVE to get our kids back to school in August . For those who Are not comfortable sending their kids they can elect flvs. Trump stated the cure cannot be worse then the disease and I believe we are officially there. So many unemployed , students who have to have parents try to teach them , no socialization, huge increase in depression and loss of jobs will make this hard to recover. Is the goal to try to flatten the curve and not overwhelm the health system or to try to avoid having people get the virus ? We have achieved the first and now see many hospitals even cutting staff. It is unrealistic to live sheltered until a vaccine comes because some people won't want that either . Gyms can have an online system where you schedule workout to keep numbers down and restaurants limited seating . If you are to scared to go out , stay home !
Polk	General	Reopening the state right now would be foolish. The restrictions are working. Reopening now will cause a second wave worse than the first.
Pasco	General	Please do not open prematurely. Nothing is more valuable than human life.
Duval	General	I would like the task force to consider re-opening of the state of Florida by county, region or a combination of both. I am a resident of Duval County and more specifically in a zip code that has a low number of fatalities. The northeast part of Florida is not as densely populated as opposed to south Florida and feel that as a citizen we could handle guidelines upon opening that would give us all a " boost" emotionally and economically. This could include car washes, book stores, salons, and small restaurants. I also would like for the media to report the following in their statistics: Positives Negatives(not furnished) Hospitalizations FatalIties Many thanks , Patricia Freeman
Pinellas	General	Please re-open the entire state immediately. The task force can advise people to stay apart, watch their diets, wear masks, etc. But, let's get the state re-opened - businesses, bars, restaurants, beaches, parks - everything. People have to get back to work and go about their business. We can't continue this way any longer - unemployment is killing us. We need our state to bring back tourists, cruise ships and all the money that brings in and jobs these industries create. Thank you, Terry Mundon
St. Johns	General	Let's open May 1st when this order expires. By staying closed, you asking people to give up their livelihoods and their ability to support their families. Eventually people will start going against these orders. People are just wanting to work. It can be done safely. We can put safety measures in place.

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Okaloosa	Food	I work as a server in a restaurant. I personally think it's too soon to open, I'm not comfortable serving people who could potentially be infected with COVID-19. Until there is more testing, I'm comfortable and happy to continue social distancing. Thank you!
Miami-Dade	General	I believe that in order to protect life we should begin opening the state in phases. The first phase of business that may open are parks, marinas and outdoor facilities for amusement. No groups or gatherings of ten or more people. Then restaurants, spas, nail salons, and barber shops should be opened, by appointment only, No waiting allowed. Restaurants should have limited seating with 10 foot spacing between tables, with no large parties allowed. People should be tested for temperature before they enter the place of business. Churches should be allowed to open with limited seating and temperature testing. Movie theaters should be opened with 20% capacity per auditorium, with sufficient time to sanitize the auditorium between movies. Sanitizing the auditorium should include wiping down the arm rest. There should also be limited showings of movies with social distancing enforced at the concession stand. Bowling alleys should follow social distancing guidelines and have limited capacity of 25%. Sports should resume without fans for the time being. Schools and Malls should be kept closed until the Fall.
Hillsborough	General	I believe that if we all stay as clean as possible and wear face masks when we would be near someone else, it would be possible to get everyone back to work, including hair and nail salons, legitimate massage clinics, etc.
Manatee	General	As I have been home for going on a month now, I am extremely eager to go back to work. I would like to see more than just my house and the grocery store. I feel that it should be required with a penalty if not followed, ALL persons MUST wear a face mask in public until further notice. Its hard when there are people wearing them and when you go past someone who isn't. I feel that at some point herd immunity is our answer. A vaccine is too far away. Therefore in the meantime, masks must be worn no matter what someone thinks they look like in it. This isn't a vanity competition.
Miami-Dade	General	Keep mask required in public spaces through the end of year. Make antibody testing available for everyone. Those at risk should be allowed to work at home or with accommodations from their employers without fear of losing their jobs. Plexiglass should be used at restaurants on the backs of booths and limit table dining available, or require to wear masks at tables etc. mask will need to be used in offices spaces and plexiglass used to heighten desks and Prevent droplets. Gloves may also need to be used and maybe even use UV lighting in office spaces intermittently with current lighting. We should start to reopen mid May while still preparing both for our hurricane season and the possibility of an influx of cases.
Collier	Professional Services	There will starvation, chaos, and far more death in the future if this shutdown continues.

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Lee	Education	Absolutely not. We're so not know how insidious this sickness is. Thr doctors are baffled. There is no rhyme or reason why some die and some don't. There is no cure there is no vaccine. toleration through exposure is a risk I will not take with my family. Buck up we are being asked to stay home! The economy will return, it always does. People love to spend money, and they wel continue to do so. As a teacher, if schools hadn't closed, my daughter would not have returned.
Sarasota	Professional Services	This warm climate. Barbershop customers would be willing to wait outside. But allow them to open with 1 barber and 1 customer per 300 sq ft of space. Waiting outside if possible. HELP! I look like a sheep!
Pasco	Recreation	I would like to advocate for a reopening of parks, pools, and recreation with the expectations that some form of social distancing can be maintained. I also think that opening restaurants and retail at partial capacity should be considered. It seems we have been able to maintain social distancing effectively while all still going to grocery stores and drug stores without any precautions in place. Would it be possible to have the task force consider stricter cleaning and antibacterial measures for these services as they open slowly? It's probably a good idea to have these anyway. I think tourism should still be kept on hold since consistent movement across states does not seem advisable. Continuation and support for telemedicine and online school should continue through May.
Sarasota	General	Dear Governor DeSantis and the rest of the Re-Open Florida task force. First, thank you for all you are doing. I understand that this is not an easy decision. You will, unfortunately, be wrong no matter what you do as this disease will continue to take lives. We need to get business open right away. The country is plunging into a depression. We are accumulating debt at an unprecedented pace. Lives will be lost due to the economic hardship that may exceed what we are seeing with the COVID-19. If you ask me to wear a mask, I will do it. If you ask me to continue social distancing I will do so. We need to be opened no later than May 1st. I will standby you no matter what the outcome of a May 1st opening. Thank you for allowing me to provide input.
St. Johns	General	I think we should definitely open up beaches all day with no more than 10 people gathering. I also believe that the hospitals should be able to open up for all procedures at full capacity. I also believe we should let all businesses open up. If people are against this, they can stay home.
Hernando	General	I do not envy being in your position and holding so many lives in you hand. I think we need to take things slow and steady but we do need to move forward. I want to thank you for what you are doing and please know I am praying for all of us.

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Hillsborough	General	I feel from the beginning our state government has done very little in response to the epidemic and now considering opening the state back up is dangerous. It's obvious when one goes outside that the safer at home order isn't working. When you leave the house people are out and about shopping not practicing social distancing. In my own neighborhood people are gathering throwing parties and drinking. Then experts say the numbers are not going down because stay home orders don't work. They are not working because citizens are not listening and they know no one is enforcing it. We need stricter orders! From the start we needed to shut everything down. if you open up more busineeses I promise you it will get exponentially worse. Then our governor will be forced to do more. I don't want our state to turn into New York and have dead bodies lined up to bury and opening up the state will do so.
Seminole	Professional Services	I am a hairdresser and I'm not wanting to put myself and family at risk by going back to work and having to stand over people while there is still a high risk of getting the virus. There is no way to do hair while keeping a safe 6feet distance. If we follow the government recommendations to slowly reopen we should not be one of the first to be asked to reopen. Asking us to wear masks and plastic shields is just proving how dangerous it is for us to be so close to everyone right now. Please let us continue to remain closed until it is safer for us and the social distancing is not needed. Hair is not worth the risk right now. People should not be going out anyways that it matters who sees their hair. I will not go back to work until I feel safe but if you open the salons our bosses of our building will expect us to pay them. As long as we remain closed we are not being charged. Opening to soon will force some people to work just to pay the landlords. Please keep us as one of the last to open.
Sarasota	Tourism	Hello, Thank you for hearing our voices . Please open Florida business back up . The people of Florida need to get back to work . This pandemic has been blown way out of proportion by the Democratic Government. Put restrictions on the counties most affected . It’s in humane to keep the whole state of Florida locked down . I am an Airbnb host and this has all but wiped out any income from this .
Lee	Administrative	I think that everything should remain on lockdown until July-Also i think that all front line workers should get hazard pay-like some of the other states have done

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St. Johns	General	I'm going to try a common sense approach here: 1. Individuals at high risk should continue to stay home. 2. If you feel sick, stay home. 3. Don't open places where large groups congregate for now. (Ex. Churches, concerts, night clubs, sporting events...) 4. Open service businesses and government offices with "by appointment only" time slots maintaining social distancing and appropriate sanitation measures. 5. Open all retail stores limiting the number of customers allowed inside at a time. (I suggest calculating a reasonable amount per square foot keeping social distancing in mind.) Implement extreme sanitation measures. 6. Open restaurants limiting the number of customers allowed at a time placing tables and chairs an appropriate distance from each other. No groups over 8 people. Keep bar seating spread out appropriately or perhaps no bar seating for now. Encourage take-out and delivery. Implement extreme sanitation measures. 9. In situations where working from home is successful, continue to do so. 8. Reassess the school situation in late summer for the fall session. 7. Those who do not believe places should reopen can continue to stay home. Keep in mind families and individuals who have no income or savings who need to go back to work. 8. If COVID-19 cases increase substantially as the state carefully reopens, shut the problem areas back down and reassess. I'm happy to join the task force if asked. 🙋
Hillsborough	General	Please open Florida up now !
Miami-Dade	Wholesale	hello I agree we should open Florida already our economy is suffering and many people have lost their jobs. You should also open our beaches and parks. Weve endured enough! thank you! Gus Baldor
Sarasota	Professional Services	As a healthcare provider w a background in hemaimmunology, data confirms vast majority of population if exposed to Covid 19 will be asymptotic or gave mild case. Recombinant virus is sensitive to UV and hear. Therefore, with temperatures increasing with the exception of high risk individuals all should return to work and normal activities continuing to social distance and use good hygiene - wash hands often. Fear associated w SARS COV2 has caused overreaction and it is imperative people return to their routines to prevent further harm to society.

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Hillsborough	General	Dear Gov DeSantis, As an active constituent of Hillsborough County and the state of Florida, I implore you to put forth and enact a plan to reopen Florida AS SOON AS POSSIBLE beginning no later than May 1 upon 30 day lockdown order expiration. We will have at that time been on lockdown in Tampa for FIVE WEEKS. That is more than ample time to satisfy the "14 day incubation period". Out of a population of 21,670,000 in the state of Florida, we have had only 1,055 deaths, many of which are being incorrectly reported as COVID deaths, when they are not. Even so, that is a mere 0.005% of our population. Florida's cases are at 30,000, which is 0.14%. LESS THAN A QUARTER OF A PERCENT. Most of those are mild cases with a 98% recovery rate! This number is not a pandemic by definition. A pandemic is an outbreak "which has affected a significant portion of the population". 0.14% is NOT A SIGNIFICANT PORTION. Knowing new facts that have come out which include the terribly flawed "models" by which all decisions were made, the death rate of this virus being 55% less than previously thought, the survival rate being close to 98%, most cases mild to asymptomatic, Dr Fauci now stating in the New England Journal of Medicine that this virus is actually much more like a "seasonal flu", and considering the main reason we were told we were forced to stay at home in the first place: to keep our hospitals from being overrun which has not happened at all. In fact, NONE of our hospitals are even close to capacity and many are furloughing nurses, physician assistants, and physicians. Being that that was the reason for the lockdown, it is neither reasonable NOR CONSTITUTIONAL to do anything other than allow all businesses to open, parks to open, beaches to open as they see fit. The citizens in my community have behaved appropriately and we have been in forced proximity to only our immediate families for over 40+ days. Parents need to work, people need to live, children need to play. Please stop forcing an agenda of fear upon our city. We are no longer afraid of the virus, the concern now is for the mental well being and financial well being of our city and state.

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Alachua	General	Governor deSantis,

It is imperative that you begin opening up Florida for business. Every day you keep businesses closed is another day of reduced wages, income and tax revenue for the municipalities, counties and state! Neither people nor the government will have any money to provide basic services. The domino effect will be worse as folks stop making payments to for their homes, credit cards and workers that will then lead to bank collapse. You can already see the sky HIGH numbers coming in for unemployment, forbearance and this is just the beginning.

The Death rates of COVID19 do not warrant the destruction of our society including the higher Suicide rates, domestic violence, drug addition and the List is LONG. The unintended consequences are worse than the virus. You know this to be true, you stated the numbers yesterday. Those with underlying conditions are by far more at risk.

Alacha county is already seeing an increase in abuse, suicide and other mental issues. Why are we quarantinning the healthy? The people becoming infected now have become infected after the stay at home order. The half quarantinning will not stop the spread. Additionally we need to let it burn out. We need to build immunity. Open the state and let those who want to participate go out. If folks decide they don't want to that's their prerogative. Why lock everyone up for the small percentage of those who will perrish. I don't wish that on anyone however how is this any different from the flu, heart disease, obesity and other illnesses. We don't close the restaurants because we don't want people to become obese. We don't stop people fromdriving because someone .might hit them.

Let each county decide on the course of action that is best for them and step in if numbers get out of hand. We must open the state and stop the hemorrhaging.

Don't let the few screaming folks wanting to save all lives put you in a position that kills more lives and the livelihood of so many.

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Brevard	Education	Our child care center is facing the threat of permanent closure. 83% of child care centers in Brevard County are currently closed, not because we want to be, but because there is no demand. Public school closures and forcing people out of work in Florida will have a severe impact on child care in our state. I am all for sensible precautions in slowing the spread of COVID-19, but creating an economic crisis to try to resolve a public health crisis does not seem to be the answer. PPP has been a disaster. Unemployment has been a disaster. It is entirely possible to take sensible precautions to help prevent the spread AND reopen the economy. Individual citizens have the right to go or not to go to a business as they see fit. Why should business owners be forced to stay closed? Let individuals decide if they want to stay home or eat at a local restaurant. Of course, local restaurants can take sensible precautions. The keyword being sensible. I still don't understand how not being allowed to sit at a beach and read a book (especially in Brevard county where many parts of our beach are especially remote) is helping to stop spread the virus. Yet, people congregate at Publix. And Home Depot? This is ok, but a child can't use a slide at the county park, even if they are the only child at the park and even though there is evidence that the virus doesn't survive the heat of the sun and parents could easily wipe down equipment with a Clorox wipe. Lots of the measures put into place in the last month make no sense. Some do, but not allowing people to return to work will create more social/economic problems than the health problems it will curtail. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to express my views. Governor DeSantis, I think you are doing a great job and showing fortitude under pressure.
Lee	General	As an essential worker who has to go to work everyday, it infuriates me to see all of the people out and about throughout the day instead of staying home. Please remove the politics and shut us down so this will clear up. Committing halfway is only mildly effective. Will we get through this and recover a lot faster if we just commit to staying home for now. I am asking that we continue with the safer at home order at least through the Summer. And please enforce the guidelines. Thank you.
Hillsborough	General	Its time to reopen our state and let "we the people" get back To work, open businesses that were formerly closed, open Beaches and parks. Florida can recover as long as the citizens can begin To resume their lives again. No more extensions of stay at home past April 30th.. We the people have spoken. God Bless America and our state-FLORIDA
Polk	Professional Services	Open salons so I can get back to work and keep afloat a small business

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Orange	General	Maintain the Stay at Home Order for 2-4 additional weeks, until middle to end of May - or until wide spread antibody testing has been completed across at least 75% of our state's population. Do not allow restaurants to open for in-room dining until it is confirmed each restaurant understands and will actively follow guidelines for partial seating capacity, daily checks of staff, screening of patrons, and the state has the ability to monitor compliance. Suggest starting at 25% capacity for a trial period of 1 month, then if FL does not have a spike in virus cases, go up to 50% capacity for 2 months before considering full capacity. Provide exacting rules for reopening gyms, hair salons, doctors offices, and all businesses - and have the ability to enforce those guidelines in place for at least the first 3 months. Get everyone used to a new way of doing business so we can remain healthy. Reinforce proper hygiene practices. Find new industries to help manage the situation long term - and create training programs to retrain people who may have lost their jobs so they can find gainful employment. Be extra cautious of how to increase international and domestic travel to our state and figure out how to help people working in the tourism industry to find work without that being our main source of industry.
Miami-Dade	Recreation	Marinas and boat ramps should be reopened. However, don't allow boats to raft together and enforce at least 75 feet separation when anchored
Broward	Recreation	Would like open air space back open, but will be hard because the tourist ,but since it's summer it's not a big spike in tourism during summer
Manatee	Government	Can we please get back to some sort of normalcy please? This Plandemic is not even as bad as a regular influenza outbreak (thank goodness), and the outcome of keeping us shut down is much worse, and will continue to be much worse, than the true people being effected in sickness and deaths. The social distancing and masks are much more detrimental to our health, than not wearing them. Please reference Sweden, and Dr Judy Miskovits, for true and factual information. Sunlight and fresh air are our friends! Please, please open us up, for the sanity of everyone living here. Those that feel a need to harbor in place, can continue to do just that! After a week or two of seeing the people out and about, not dying on the streets, they will slowly start experiencing the beautiful world again! Thank you!!
Pasco	General	I and everybody I know agrees it would be horribly irresponsible to reopen Florida with all of the unknown variables that would include. Among my circles it is the general consensus that your administration should be focused ONLY on public health and safety in your approach. We've all already accepted that there will be economic fallout. So the only game you're really playing right now, is w\ yourself and if you go down in history as the administration who chose money over human life . When we're all basically giving you a free pass for the economy. Just trying to be real.

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Sarasota	Healthcare	Hi My comments on reopening the State: I will go to businesses and restaurants when employers can ensure my safety by: employee blood tests once a week, employees wear masks and surfaces are cleaned often. I am not confident this is the right time. We need a lot more testing of asymptomatic people be$ore we really know where we are. Many thanks
Duval	Education	why open up so soon. you will be risking everyone's lives.
Broward	Government	DO IT! JUST DO IT ALREADY! MORE People Around The WORLD DIE EACH and EVERY DAY From FALLING COCONUTS and TREE LIMBS and BRANCHES Than ANY MAN Made Laboratory Manufactured DISEASE! SOCIAL DISTANCING IS The NEW WORLD ORDER'$ Lame ATTEMPT At SOCIETY DISMANTLING! PEOPLE Who are ISOLATED INDOORS AGAINST THEIR Own GOD GIVEN FREE WILL will Eventually Become WEAK Confused DISORIENTED Depressed and Give UP Their FAITH IN GOD and Their HOPE for LIVING! QUARENTEINED People BECOME EASIER to TOTALLY CONTROL and EVENTUALLY TOTAL EXTINGUISH! Just Like The GLOBALISTS NWO DEMACRATS of USA and SOCIALIST COMMUNIST COUNTRIES and The PARASITICAL ELITE GATES CLINTON OBAMA SOROS and MANY MANY OTHER Foundation'$ ABSOLUTELY WANT to ACCOMPLISH! TURN YOUR LIVES IN COMPLETE and TOTAL SUBMISSION To The WILL of The HOLY and GREAT GOD JAHOVIAH Who SENT HIS HOLY and ONLY BEGOTTEN SON JESUS To BE The PROPITIATION for The SIN of The WOULD WHO Knew NO SIN! REPENT and TURN From ALL of YOUR Wicked Lifestyles and Idolitrice WAY$ SO That GOD can SUPERNATURALLY HEAL Our LIVES and LAND! IN JESUS MIGHTY NAME I PRAY!AMEN HALLELUJAH! And THAT GOES for ME TOO! MOST Sincerely and Respectfully Yours, Paul Colombo IN Pompano Beach FL USA BLESS GOD FOREVERMORE IN ALL That YOU DO and GOD SHALL BLESS YOU and YOURS Continuesly!
St. Johns	General	Too soon!! The virus is still here and is still very contagious with no symptoms. Opening too early will just destroy what we've been trying to do!

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Hillsborough	General	When the state of Florida reopens, the permitted activities and businesses allowed to open should be carefully evaluated. We need to make sure that a new exponential growth of Covid cases does Not occur. I am very concerned about opening of tourist attractions that my draw people from outside of the state and bring people into the state who have the Covid. The state of Florida needs to protect our residents from being potentially contaminated by visitors from outside the state. I also believe that restaurants will be a high risk regardless of what restrictions are in place. Sanitizers and disinfectants are generally not available at this time. Please do not be in too big of a hurry to open back up Florida and cause a reoccurrence of.the Self isolating and quarantine like living conditions that we are currently experiencing. Thanks
Pinellas	Healthcare	Do not be as stupid as Georgia. Do not change rules, add masks in public, and test, test, test.
Broward	General	Please reopen all business May 1!!! Keep protocols in place - masks, distance, hand sanitizers. Have something in place for vulnerable populations that would provide job a accommodations etc. Have elderly limit exposure by staying in. See what happens with our numbers. We must get back to work!
Sarasota	General	I am in pro to reopen Florida it is affecting our community economically and mental health

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St. Johns	Healthcare	I am licensed massage therapist and owner of Mindy's Massage and Wellness, LLC. I employ 7 therapists an esthitician and 3 front desk personnel. I also rent a room to a permanent make up artist. 11 people, not including myself, were laid off the day we closed. Let me walk you through our disease prevention protocols taken prior to the COVID-19 crisis. A client walks in and is immediately taken to the back. (No congregating at the front desk). The therapist greets the client in the secluded waiting area and takes her into a freshly sanitized treatment room. After assessing the clients needs, the therapist leaves the client to undress and washes her hands to her elbows. Sanatizes the furniture and any touch services in the waiting area with Cavicide, then enters the treatment and treats the client. After treatment she exits the room and walks directly to bthe sink to wash hands to her elbows. When the client exits the treatment room she strips the sheets and bankets. They are tossed in the laundry. She santizes the table, and all touch surfaces including door knobs and jambs. Then, prior to grabbing clean sheets she once again washes her hands to avoid any cross contamination. Once the table is made and the room put in order she greets her next client and it starts all over again. My average therapist works 3 or 4 days a week and has contact with 5 or fewer clients per day. The risk here is minimal. What we chaged since COVID. Prior to closing we staggered appointments so that only 1 person is checking out and 1 person is in the waiting area at a time. We removed blankets and unnecessary linens from the table. Why massage should be part of essential healthcare...On a daily basis I treat clients for severe anxiety, depression, trauma, pain, limited range of motion, chronic migraines, high blood pressure. These are just a few of the ailments that are aided by massage therapy. I work with docotrs, chiropractirs, physical and occupational therapists in my area. Even your stereotypical relaxing spa treatmet has signigant medical benefit. It is used to raise dopamine, seretonin and endorphins in the brain. All feel good hormones, thus lowering bloodpressure, lessening anxiety, and elevating mood. In a time when human contact has been restricted
Manatee	Recreation	We cannot effectively re-open Florida without having first effectively closed our public accommodations. Half measures with every organization and corporation under the sun being exempt is not a closure. Business and commerce are important. Dragging our feet to appease them only prolongs our risk of exposure.
Broward	Government	Desantis and his Florida's public health orders favor national chains and big box stores and is decimating Maintainability Street and small business. Differentiated restrictions allowing small businesses to reopen should be his priority instead of playing god! This a free country and I am in shock that I have no right to regulate my actions accordingly.
Pinellas	Recreation	I work at a gym and feel that it would be ridiculous to open gyms right now. I have worked in fitness for over 3 years - there is no way to keep people separated and items sanitized adequately right now. I feel that it would be a mistake to reopen this soon.
St. Johns	Food	As state continues to re-open, please retain senior hours at grocery stores (Costco, Publix, etc.) until virus is eradicated.

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Marion	General	When making reopening decisions, please rely on empirical data only the health care practitioners and scientists can provide. Please ignore political input. This is a public safety and public health issue. Public safety interests must outweigh individual liberty interests. I understand that these are highly emotional times. However, protesters harassing health care workers is unacceptable. Protesters carrying signs based on bigotry and bias are inflammatory and unreliable with respect to the reopening process. Reopening decisions should at the bare minimum include mandatory well-marked distancing, masks, and group size to include limited numbers of patrons in businesses of all types and at outdoor facilities, including recreational. We as a state should consider the implementation of a health-based domestic 'passport," i.e., people should be required to be tested and provide proof of the date and results of testing. Again, public safety must outweigh individual privacy rights. This begs the question as to enforcement. The legislature must be part of the decision making process; law enforcement must be given the opportunity to effectively enforce new procedures while the prosecutorial and judicial offices must also be given appropriate penalties to seek and impose upon those who fail to abide by the new procedures. This process must be undertaken slowly and with extreme caution.
Manatee	Real Estate	Yes re open!!! OPEN FLORIDA NIW!
Hillsborough	General	My biggest thing whatever you decide to do is. If you are able to effectively work from.home that should be strongly encouraged and still recommended for a few more months while this is all going on. That should be common sense but unfortunately some business owners still need to hear/see that recommendation.
Hillsborough	General	Please exercise extreme caution concerning the re-opening of Florida. Our numbers are still increasing. We need to wait until they are decreasing for at least two weeks, as recommended.
Hillsborough	Food	Restaurants should be open as long as they fallowing the six feet rules if waltmart and target is open why not open restaurant we can open up little by little most important things first and things that are not important can be left for last like beaches should open up as long as there’s six feet rule as well people are going crazy in there homes already we need to breath ,walk let the kids play for a bit. And be kids
Hillsborough	General	I agree with opening Florida, however the state should provide individuals who cannot go back to work due to underlying health conditions or caring for someone with an underlying condition. My son is five and has viral-induced asthma, he's been hospitalized a few times for just getting the common cold. I never wanted to homeschool my children, but it looks like I'll have to as I'm not comfortable with the possibility of him getting COVID-19.

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Miami-Dade	General	First and foremost I would like to thank everyone that has done everything in their power to make the best of of this situation. This is something no one knows how to deal with and everyone has a different opinion that does not always work but the state government has done what they believe has been best for the state; with that said. PLEASE DONT OPEN FLORIDA YET. I haven't been able to see family and friends for about a month and have been practicing all the measures to ensure my safety and the safety of other but not everyone is doing the same. I work with the general public. It is statistically known that the general public is the dumbest group of people. People are selfish and everyone believes that their needs are essential therefore they must go out. Yes our economy is suffering but if Florida were to shut down completely for two weeks I know everything will definitely slow down and the curve would be flattened. I don't know how these things work this is just my opinion and that of the essential workers that see costumers coming in to their jobs for non essential activities. I work at a bank and constantly see people come in to do things that they know how to do over the phone, simply because we are open. I have family that is high risk and they have taken a leave of absence from their jobs but with everything remaining open, cases are only going up, and they need to go back to work. PLEASE SHUT DOWN FLORIDA. Two weeks will make a difference. I miss my family terribly and I'm terrified for those that are at high risk but opening Florida will only make things worse. The economy will recover and I do believe it won't hurt that much.
Hillsborough	General	If you reopen .. make it mandatory for any business with public buildings (employees and customers)to have to wear mask till July 4th . Beaches , parks Etc should have a system of scheduled system depending on the sq ft per person occupied max X amount of people on the pre scheduled list per day selected .. max entries per week . Businesses like Disney locations require limited access .. mask restrictions. If you put in orders and give a date like a holiday .. makes people look "forward " to an event and adds a positive spin on the objective . But also add the disclaimer if cases rise "X" within a 5 day period and people are not taking the precautions.. then let them know we have to go back to stay at home . Kate Kangas
Pasco	General	I do not believe we are ready to reopen, being that the curve hasn't began to flatten out. The risk is still high and I rather be safe than sorry. Also- reopening with kids having to do eschool and parents at work outside the home would be a nightmare for the children. If we reopen - there has to be something for the children.
Pinellas	General	open everything back up or fix the unemployment. I filled back in March and NOTHING. I did receive a letter stating all they needed was a copy of my social security card so I faxed that with a copy of my license. That was over a week ago and still NOTHING. What are we supposed to do, this has been a total failure. So much for Government Assistance when you REALLY need it

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Broward	General	There needs do be a balance between peoples mental and physical health and for some that means the slow return to normalcy, even if that is a new normal. I believe the state should begin opening on May 1 with phase 1, parks, beaches, boat ramps and golf courses. According to an aerodynamics study by Virginia Tech, in outdoor, circulating air, the virus is more like to land in the ground than on another person even if someone coughs or sneezes in your direction. Let's start by outdoor openings. However, I think the borders of Florida should be closed or closely monitored so people from hit spots like NY do not start flocking down here. The opened arenas should be for Florida residents only. Please consider everyone's mental well being when making your decision - not just their physical. If someone is strongly opposed to this, they can continue to self isolate and stay on lock down.
Collier	Food	I don't think we should reopen certain parts of the state without more testing. We have not tested enough people in the county or our state as a whole. I'm young and healthy and I'm very concerned about going back to work to have people come in close contact with me. I'm fine with more outdoor areas but restaurants, retail, etc is a major concern. I'd rather be broke and keep my family and friends healthy than return too quickly just to make money.
Orange	General	Beaches restaurants need to start opening this is way too long that the state has been closed people are suffering we need to get back to some kind of normalcy8
Hillsborough	Healthcare	Do not open. Redo unemployment system
Hillsborough	General	Re-opening the business and schools in FL should not happen until the virus is more contained and protective gear and cleaning supplies are readily available to the average consumer. Doing otherwise will be a mistake and a danger to public health.
Seminole	Healthcare	Stifling voluntary commerce is by nature authoritarian. We know based on anti-body testing that death rates for those with COVID-19 under 44 y/o are well under 0.1% or less. At minimum, people under 44 should be able to make these decisions for themselves. We all hope older people will express great caution, but they can make up their own minds in the face of data.
Seminole	Tourism	Open the theme parks please.
Orange	Healthcare	I personally think that you should never have closed anything. This is the last hurrah for the left to take Pres Trump and our economy down. We have had thousands of deaths every flu season and right now I am not sure if I have any respect for any of the politicians except for Trump and a few real conservatives. We the people have been scammed by Bill Gates, Fauci, Birk, Obamas, Clintons and all these people who want to destroy our freedom. Wait and see what you get from us when you come with forced vaccines. Get some real doctors and scientific research doctors in the White House who have made attempts to get the right info to Pres Trump. Poisoning our children with mercury and so many toxic chemicals and telling parents it is safe. Does your child have autism? ADHD? And so many more health issues? So sad to where we are today. it is CRIMINAL. And what about the drones? What are you guys doing. We are on to all of you.

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Volusia	Tourism	It is far too early to reopen the state to tourism. Keeping the virus contained will be difficult enough with only Florida residents to worry about - once you invite tourists from other states and abroad you are just inviting the inevitable disaster that will befall this state. I am still working as an essential employee and am terrified everyday I go into work that I will contract this thing. Some of my coworkers have and a number of our customers were most likely infected weather they know it or not. Even taking every pro caution possible we still have the possibility of becoming infected or spreading it to others. I beg of you do not reopen this state to tourist until there is a clear downward curve of infections and deaths. Do not put profit over people. Listen to the medical professionals and public health experts. The economy will recover in time, don't give in to greed!
Duval	Government	The relevant information here is I am a server in Jacksonville and I am at risk, because I have asthma. Going over our mistakes thus far w COVID has no place here except to learn from them enough to the extent not to repeat them. The struggle here comes down to economy vs lives, and somehow they are using statistics to determine when that balances. I have not worked since 3/16, have not seen one dollar of money from the government yet, no stimulus, FL unemployment is a joke, lagging benefit help such as SNAP. I have used all my savings, applied for grants and gone to the BEAM food bank for food. So I am broke, scared and uncertain if I will make rent and bills. and despite that I STILL do not want FL to reopen nonessential businesses yet. Even if customers can stay 6 feet apart at restaurants, we as workers CAN NOT. i have self isolated for 5 weeks, picked groceries up curbside, worn a mask. Yet I watched as people flocked to the beach acting as if they'd never heard the words social distancing. The selfish arrogant idiots don't care about the old and at risk, the health care workers. So they refuse to take precautions and be careful, and if the government reopens those of us who have followed all the rules to stop the spread will be forced to interact and be at risk once again. This shutdown will have been in vain.
Broward	General	Reopen for those ready to go back to work. For those that don't. Let them no that there will be no more free money. It's time for Florida to get back to business.. Let the government reopen. No more crime.
Pinellas	General	Its to soon to re-open Florida right now maybe try for Mid to late may and SLOWLY re-open it
Broward	General	It's too early. They should wait 1 more month longer and then see if it is better. Everyone in the US should be tested. God Bless America.
Okaloosa	General	It is too soon to open back up. Our county and the county next to us saw our cases begin due to travel and out of state residents flocking here. Our grocery stores are finally able to keep things in stock and tourists will just deplete our resources again. As a mom of immune compromised children I'm begging our governor to do the right thing and wait!

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Brevard	General	FL Re-Open Task Force: I am a lifetime resident of Brevard County. I have been keeping up with all briefings (County, state, and national) that pertain to COVID-19. I understand the need for the stay at home. At this time, I think it was successful in flattening the curve to make sure our hospitals do not get overwhelmed. Since that was the purpose of the order, it is now time to start to re-open. Individuals need to get back to work. Domestic Violence rates are up, pediatric drownings are up, depression is up. It is sad what this virus has done to our community members, even to those that never contracted it. I read an article at the beginning of all of this that had said it's not a matter of if you get COVID-19, but when. I'm sure this is still the case because of how contagious it is. We have all learned so much already this year. More people are now washing their hands! Who knew that hand washing correctly was something that needed to be taught to so many adults. And we have all learned that personal space should be much larger (6' to be exact) and is actually called social distance. My recommendation to re-open would be to take it slow and keep pushing the guidelines. As regards to salons/spas, since this seems to be a hot topic, I'd like to point out that most customers personally know their stylist or masseuse. I know mine very well, she's a friend. I know that she wouldn't put me in danger and she feels the same way about me. I would trust walking into her salon more than a grocery store. Granted, she can't stay 6' away while doing my hair, I guarantee she can easily have less than 10 people in her shop at one time, and each set of stylist/customer can be 6' apart from the next. Each party can wear masks and the area can be thoroughly cleaned before the next use. Those that are declaring that salons need to be closed are also the same ones that have probably not been to one in quite awhile and are also the ones contemplating drinking Lysol because they think that's what Trump said. I think a common sense approach would be to start re-opening in the reverse order of closures. Take it a step at a time while watching the numbers. I know Sheriff Ivey is on the Task Force for Brevard and I am confident he will serve us proudly. Thank you all for your time and effort. I'm praying for all of you.

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Hillsborough	General	Thank you for taking the time to listen to public comments. It is appreciated. Please see my comments below: (1) Please offer guidance to encourage schools and summer camps to open. As I'm sure you know, this is absolutely critical. My child is an only child and has not seen other children in many weeks. This shutdown has had a very negative impact on him and if he cannot socialize with other children at summer camp this summer, I think the problem is only going to get worse. Please allow summer camps. (2) I believe masks and face coverings should *not* be mandatory when in public, especially for young children. It is getting very hot. Also, part of the idea is to "relieve pressure" and anxiety from the public. Masks are not mandatory now, making them mandatory going forward would be taking a step backwards. There was significant pushback regarding masks in Hillsborough County when it was proposed. (3) Restaurants will need to be at full capacity as soon as possible. I can't imagine any restaurant being able to operate at 50% capacity (for social distancing purposes) for very long without going out of business permanently. It is simply not possible to maintain a half-empty restaurant in the long term. Please allow people to take the risks they are comfortable with, while of course monitoring the data regarding number of infections. (4) Please open beaches to *all* activities, including "relaxing" as soon as possible. I have a small child that loves the beach. We will not be able to go to the beach to just "exercise". He likes to build sandcastles and splash around. (5) Please allow malls to open, even if the individual retail stores inside need further protection. In hot summer heat, we need somewhere to go that is indoors. We like to stroll around the malls to get exercise and look at the fountains. I'm hoping the malls open soon.
Pasco	Government	Absolutely disagree with reopening. Yes I'm very concerned for our economy however I continue to see people not abiding by social distancing or wearing masks. As someone with a compromised immune system, I feel at risk and believe this virus will rise in numbers if we reopen too early, especially since we have vulnerable populations and many tourists IF certain businesses can guarantee social distancing measures I would be open to this idea but I fear people will take advantage of this.
Palm Beach	Recreation	Please open the churches and beaches. People need God. God will protect His flock. Virus dies in sunlight and humidity. People need vitamin D from sun. Helps their mood to be more positive. Bars and adult entertainment should be the last to open. People really need to return to work. If people are afraid for the state to open, they can continue to stay home. They can make their own choice. Tell people to pray.
Bay	General	Please don't open Florida yet. Wait until everyone can get tested. No worth risking people's lives.Its hard to stay home but better then be dead
Orange	Healthcare	I think only healthcare should open. Many people need it and that's important. Everything we should remain as is. For the benefit of us all. To maintain our social distancingis for the best.

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Pasco	Healthcare	I have a son with several medical conditions. He requires therapy and lots of doctors appointments. As Florida reopens he will be one of the many who will have to remain at home. People like him need telehealth. I was told by his doctors office it was only approved until April 30th. That date needs to get extended. Please help protect people like my son. Do not rush this reopening. Do it safely.
Hillsborough	Government	We should get this virus under control before we even consider opening anything up. The state should keep the stay at home and social distancing rule in effect until we truly have this virus under control. Otherwise, I feel the number of cases will increase again and we will be right back where we started with this. The risk is too great. Err on the side of caution. Be safe now not sorry later.
Collier	General	I would like more testing done quickly and efficiently and regularly so we can open up ASAP. More people are suffering with the shut down than the ones suffering from coronavirus. Keep high risks groups on lockdown but healthy people need to open economy now!! I have seen first hand the struggle people are going through by kids being home, families out of work and struggling financially. I have asl i seen my refi with Suncoast Lending denied due to my small business not having income. I have yet to receive PPP or EDIL and did not even apply for unemployment since that has been an utter failure for our state and country. I do not blame anyone for all of this, it is completely unknown territories for everyone. But numbers are showing us that the cases are going to be much higher than expected which will drop fatality rates drastically. It's time to adjust and get our state and country open and let us get back to work and financially independent again. Thank you for opening up to public opinion.
Pinellas	General	Thanks for taking comments. I hope this helps. I think people and businesses should have the OPTION to reopen if they (1) want to; and (2) can adhere to some sort of social distancing/cleanliness accountability standard. The option element is important. Because I do not think it's fair that we are in a forced shut down state for this long and people are unable to make a living at no fault of their own. I understand that some people/businesses may not be ready to open and- that's fine, but to those that are, they should be able to. There should not be a blanket restriction on everyone/every business. With that said, if you are a person or business that does want to re open- you need to comply with the social distancing/cleanliness accountability element above. This virus is not going away anytime soon (apparently) and the sooner we learn to live with it, the better we all will be. Our unemployment system is horrible- and is another reason why we need to get people back to work. There probably isn't a great answer here, but when you weigh the pros and cons, this option seems best. People are gonna get sick even if the economy isn't reopened. People want to go the grocery store; but yet, Grocery store employees (Publix) have the virus. Essential workers may get the virus and bring it home to their nonessential worker relatives?! This is a very bad health issue that will torment other aspects of our lives if we do not get proactive and re open the economy. Lastly, I think we should follow in the State of Missouri's footsteps and file a similar lawsuit against China. God Bless America.

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Orange	General	This is on behalf of my elderly mom who lives in a senior HUD housing in Winter Park, FL. She has already been dealing with back-to-back sinus infections and arthritis flare-ups. She's in her 70s. She's been a social smoker most of her life. She cannot risk her life just because some people want to reopen the state prematurely. She relies on the general population keeping indoors and being as hygienic as possible. She used to be a nurse back in her day, and she already does what she can to keep herself safe. But EVERYONE needs to KEEP doing it until the pandemic crisis is no longer a crisis. Keep our senior citizens safe.
Duval	Tourism	I would feel more comfortable with Phase 1 starting more towards May 15-May 30th instead of May 1st. I want to see how Georgia does with opening early and how their cases go. I know that the main testing site here in Duval was shut down quite a bit due to weather so I am concerned we don't have a good picture as to what is going on. I want to get back to work but I also don't want to see a big surge to where we have to shut down again. I am worried about the large elderly population in this state. I also know how important the tourism industry is in this state and if this isn't handled properly I feel like people will be afraid to come here and spend there dollars. The Florida Unemployment system needs to be fixed. There are people that filed in March that still haven't received payments. I am furloughed and my husband's pay has been reduced 20%. We are going to be in dire straights soon. I have autoimmune issues so I am unable to go out and do gig work or get a temp job at a grocery store because the virus. I do appreciate that Disney is being made part of the re opening task force and I am very thankful that Disney was allowed to autoenroll into the unemployment system.
Lee	General	As an essential worker who has to go to work everyday, it infuriates me to see all of the people out and about throughout the day instead of staying home. Please remove the politics and shut us down so this will clear up. Committing halfway is only mildly effective. Will we get through this and recover a lot faster if we just commit to staying home for now. I am asking that we continue with the safer at home order at least through the Summer. And please enforce the guidelines. Thank you.

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Miami-Dade	General	Open activities & business that can be done outdoors. (allow services i.e. Hair salon, manicure, etc to provide services outdoors as well) Beach, boating, parks, etc..... Now that we all know how to protect ourselves from catching Covid-19....we need the ability to act accordingly with minimal governmental interference. If these shut downs continue, few will have the money to survive. FYI....EXTREMELY disappointed that only a 2 week extension on Property Taxes, while being shut down and unable to make money or collect rents for a much longer period of time. More thought, for the "Floridian" needs to be applied, when making these life altering decisions.
Bay	General	I am a small business owner. I have not received any PPP funds although I have applied. I cannot afford to stay closed any longer or I will face having to close my business and default on my bills and mortgage. The “shutdown” was based off of incorrect models. The panhandle is not a hotspot like Miami....it is not fair that the “one size fits all model” is imposed on my area. Open things back up and tell the sick to stay home just as they would during the flu season.
Broward	General	Respectfully, focus should be economic growth. Thus, I would keep recreational spaces that draw large numbers that do not drive the economy, for example, beaches/parks, closed for the time being. We should re-educate Floridians on good health practices to protect our neighbors, not ourselves, for now and the future. This would include continued hand washing, mandatory masks inside business locations (outdoor exercise remains as is with social distancing [six feet]), and business temperature checks at the door. The temperature checks will re-enforce keeping other patrons safe. All businesses should open, if the owners want, with social distancing and limited capacity (for example, with restaurants, every other dining table). All of this is subject to adjustment on the fly so as not to overwhelm our hospitals/medical first responders. This should be the only measure, hospital capacity, and not raw numbers of increase. Compromised citizens (aged/co-morbidities) should be advised to remain safe at home throughout this first phase.
Palm Beach	General	How about opening the Unemployment Fund. My wife and daughter has been waiting over 4 weeks now to get their do compensation. People need the money to eat!!! What is going on with this Unemployment Fund. GET IT OPEN AND PAYING NOW!!!!!!
Miami-Dade	General	Please remind the Miami Beach commissioners that the rules during this silly shutdown have to be reasonable. There is no reason why the few customers willing to brave Lincoln Road have to go to the back doors of the restaurants to pick up their take-out orders! It would be nice if we could go for a simple haircut without running afoul of the regulations, too.

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Seminole	General	The 98%+ of Floridians who are not at any greater risk than the seasonal flu, need to be free to go back to work, and reopen their businesses. The 2% or less who are at higher risk can and should continue to exercise caution and or continue to isolate. It's time to factor in the incredible damage we are self inflicting to the states residents. Economic calamity has very measurable costs in terms of deaths as well. Increased substance abuse, domestic abuse, suicides, and so forth. Sincerely David Rosen
Lee	General	As an essential worker who has to go to work everyday, it infuriates me to see all of the people out and about throughout the day instead of staying home. Please remove the politics and shut us down so this will clear up. Committing halfway is only mildly effective. Will we get through this and recover a lot faster if we just commit to staying home for now. I am asking that we continue with the safer at home order at least through the Summer. And please enforce the guidelines. Thank you.
Holmes	General	Go with your gut instinct Don't be pressured in reopening to early Set a new target date of May 30 and then evaluate it weekly It would be easier to open ahead of schedule as opposed to closing up again because of a spike in the outbreak
Polk	General	The data does not support this lockdown. Quit listening to "experts" and look at the data. End this lockdown now. Unemployment and the famine to come will kill far more. Above anything else, it's a violation of the constitution, which you swore to uphold. Get a backbone and open this economy.
Brevard	General	For the love of all things human, please do not re-open Florida until this has subsided and it's legitimately safe. Re-opening the state will put not only myself but my loved ones at risk, potentially getting them/myself killed. Stricter measures should already be taken to provide safety for the state. Instances such as closing boat ramps and beaches should have been a mandatory and punishable offense at the beginning of this outbreak. All measures performed by Florida should have started at the beginning of March, like Kentucky. Things such as wearing masks in public should be mandatory state wide. This should not be negotiable. What's the point of "saving the economy" when everyone is dead. KEEP FLORIDA CLOSED.
Hillsborough	Government	County Tax Collector employees have a large interaction with hundreds of customers daily of all types performing Motor Vehicle and Driver Licenses transactions. Keeping a distance is difficult and should not reopen without limitations to the number of people inside the office and access to the testing and the potential vaccine months away.
Hillsborough	General	Because Florida'a coronavirus numbers are still increasing, I believe the shutdown needs to remain. Just 2 days ago, Florida experienced a jump of 1072 positive coronacases in 24 hours. As per President Trump's guidelines, we should wait the 14 days to discuss reopening after the curve has gone down.

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Palm Beach	Professional Services	I'm a hairdresser for many years. I haven't worked for 4 weeks. And have not received any unemployment or stimulus money yet. Having said that, I'm anxious to get back to work BUT I think we need to wait out to flatten the curve ..2-4 weeks?? I'm ok at that point working with masks, I've already made myself some . We have a plan in place to work two teams so we can still practice distance. I do think that state should mandate amount of people / clients/diners / shoppers per square footage of business space. I believe we will need to practice the "new" way of doing business for 2 months or more while experts watch the path of virus ,
Brevard	General	Right now the we are low in the numbers of people with Covid 19 and in the number of deaths compared to the numbers that were predicted because we shut down. I realise we are facing financial ruin in this neighborhood, this town, this county, this state, this nation and need to open up and get back to as normal as we can. Do it slowly. Keep us alive.
Broward	General	especially golf should be easy. mind and body exercise is important and seems all store with proper occupanc . no one is dying in the supermarkets fyi
Broward	Healthcare	I have an interest in having the state of Florida State of Florida reopened in a responsible manner.
St. Lucie	General	Hello, Until we have broad testing available reopening Florida will be a major public health disaster. We were able to significantly flatten the curve with our efforts to stay home these last 30 days. All of that will disappear and we will see a second wave that could be even worse than the first. This is coming from someone who has been unemployed for the last 3 weeks. I have not received any unemployment or even had my application processed. I am struggling to survive financially and I know it's too soon to reopen. We need our unemployment system to move faster and more help to those that need it. Opening up Florida too soon will only put millions in danger and drag out this entire debacle longer. I beg of you all, delaying opening anything for another solid two weeks and then decide if a slow phased in process may be possible. Thank you,
Duval	General	Just open it up... what r u waiting for
Pinellas	General	open the state. no restrictions. pools, beaches, bars, restaurants, gyms, everything. right away
Brevard	Education	First, thank you for taking comments. I know this is a huge undertaking. I would like to speak about childcare centers, as I am a director for one that is closed but we are working on reopening. Guidelines MUST be in place to ease us back. With everything this must be a slow and steady pace. This will help ease people who are worried and allow any business to get use to their " new normal" Remember, slow and steady wins the race! Thank you

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Escambia	Recreation	With relatively few cases in the Pensacola area, I believe it's too soon to reopen public beaches. Several out-of-state vehicles were found in the past few days parked at Perdido Key. I know most of the local residents are taking the thread of COVID19 seriously, and I know some people have been turned away at the state line...apparently not enough of them. It doesn't appear that beach visitors are following safety guidelines. It's too soon for Escambia County to reopen.
Sarasota	General	Please open! More people will die from this if we stay closed.
Collier	General	Watch the news conference of the 2 doctors from CA that give the facts. Death rate .01%. Shut down is ridiculous. Side effectives other than financial - increase is suicide, child molestation, domestic abuse, drugs and alcohol. OPEN THE STATE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Hillsborough	General	I personally do not know anyone that is sick but I know several people unemployed. The beginning of this pandemic required drastic intervention, although the “essential” “nonessential” distinctions seemed to be very arbitrary. Business should have had the chance to prove they could operate safely and within guidelines. A florist with 3 employees is probably safer than 20 people in a small area working a chik fil a drive thru. I think people understand Utilizing common sense, distancing, sanitation practices and are ready to get back to normal. Those who aren’t, are elderly or compromised can rejoin society when they feel ready. The rest of us want what they have; a choice. Government has reached in to the private sector and caused serious economic damage. Businesses and individuals need to be made whole. I am hoping for serious tax credits next year to all who missed out on grants.
Hillsborough	Healthcare	We should get this virus under control before we even consider opening anything up. The state should keep the stay at home and social distancing rule in effect until we truly have this virus under control. Otherwise, I feel the number of cases will increase again and we will be right back where we started with this. The risk is too great. Err on the side of caution. Be safe now not sorry later.
Pasco	Healthcare	Routine dental cleanings need to be one of the last things aloud to restart. phase 2 or 3. I am a dental hygienist and during a dental cleaning my face is literally in the patient's open mouth. Their saliva, blood, plaque and breath are all over my face. The face masks we have are not adequate. We don't have n95 and can't get them. Until we have the proper masks and enough of them we should not perform this procedure.
Escambia	General	Florida should reopen immediately. The economic damage is going to far outweigh the amount of deaths. A good economy = lives saved. People are hungry and jobless and have to hear celebrities preaching “just stay home.” Maybe not everyone can afford such a luxury! We can not afford to stay closed any longer.
Hillsborough	Healthcare	I don’t think that it is a smart idea to reopen the state this early. The low number of infections and deaths compared to the national statistics is because the stay at home orders are working. When everything reopens people will start to get infected and re-exposed to the virus causing an uptick in infections and deaths. I think it’s smart to say that no politician wants to be known for implementing a policy that results in higher rates of death.

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Pinellas	Education	Reopen all businesses as soon as possible before our economy is completely destroyed!!! Quarantine sick people, not those who are well!
Palm Beach	Technology	Unfortunately our Boca Raton Mayor has no clue how and when to reopen stores, beaches and recreational areas. This tells you how smart this mayor or his staff of Boca are even if I voted for him “NO MORE” total loser, with no business or understanding logical background. I trust that our great Governor will not make us wait any longer or have our public officials infringe on our constitutional rights like so many other Governors. You want to take the helm here and not delegate any more decisions to these minor public local officials that think they are smarter than us. As a business owner I want to see us getting back to some kind of normal, even if this will be a far accomplishing event. I want Florida to lead the nation in posturing our great citizens as responsible hard working people. The virus is not making any more inroads into our society, we have survived many other calamities without destroying our economy we must take it back TODAY Thanks Joeg Trump2020 without him all of us would be lining up in the soup kitchen today!
Broward	Healthcare	Hello, thank you for asking our opinion. I hope you will listen to educated scientists and doctors and follow their instructions. That being said, i think until we have an accurate and full-proof way to test and treat Covid-19 as many people should stay home as possible. Opening up the economy is what we all want, but not at the expense of the essential workers’ lives and those of their loved ones they come into contact with. There should be statewide restrictions on shopping as well: one adult per cart. Please keep us safe
Hillsborough	General	I understand the desire to open up the beaches, after all tourism is Florida's biggest industry, but it would be extremely harmful to open up beaches right now. In fact, beaches should be one of the last things to re-open. Some non-essential businesses and restaurants can possibly re-open so long as they keep the business capacity low enough that customers stay 6 feet away from each other and for restaurants, health inspectors should be stopping by frequently to make sure the restaurants are sanitizing the things that customers come into frequent contact with like seats and tables. More importantly, before we can even think of re-opening Florida we need more testing done. Only 335,000 people have been tested even though we have a population of 21.5 million. Until more testing is done on the population, it is downright dangerous to try to re-open anything non-essential right now.

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Broward	General	Dear Governor DeSantis and Task Force Members, It's time to reopen the state of Florida. The people of Florida need and can return to work. Please don't cite models. The models of the President's task force have been wrong about everything: hospitalizations, fatality rates, disease peaks, where the disease will hit hardest and when. There's increasing evidence this virus has been here since December. It's almost May, and we're still confined to our homes. It's time to let the actual numbers inform decisions. My territory covers Broward and Palm Beach, the 2nd & 3rd hardest hit counties. According to Florida Department of Health data there have been 317 deaths so far in these counties. That's .009% of a combined 3,450,000 population. 1,220 residents in these counties are currently hospitalized. That's .03% of the population. These numbers are nowhere near what was projected, but they have kept me and millions of my fellow Floridians at home, have ruined businesses, and are still the reason why thousands are facing poverty and despair. Quarantine is for the ill/vulnerable, not the healthy. We can figure out a way, like Georgia, to get people back to work safely and soon. If some Floridians don't feel safe to go to the stores, shops, or restaurants they are free to stay home. But the rest of us can safely and intelligently begin to regain some degree of normalcy. There are no studies of outdoor transmission. We're told we should be outside, but all the parks & beaches remain closed in southeast Florida. Please, with a sense of urgency, give us a plan with dates so we know what to expect instead of being in this limbo. You said Florida will be driven by the data. The data says what we're doing now is madness. Thank you for all your efforts.
Pinellas	General	>KEEP IT SIMPLE. > Every company has to have a safety plan >Break it down by county's. >Every school system must show safety plan >Break it down by city. In 30 days >Take big map of Florida break. > max open Florida is up to 50 percent some It down to percentage. Some can only do 20 percent >How many countys can be open by >doing this you have control in case?? 50 percent same with city. > after September open another 25 percent >Your max opening state would be. this would be at 75 percent by 50 percent. >By January 1st the next 25 percent this would be 100 percent (good luck)
Manatee	General	I am in favor of being very careful and thoughtful about relaxing stay at home restrictions. I believe that without a testing/contact tracing scheme in place, we will be inviting an increase in transmissions and deaths, particularly since we still know very little about the disease. Use science as the guide to planning for reopening businesses. We can fix the economy later. We can't fix dead people. Thanks, Ted Gordon

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Hillsborough	General	I would like to see Florida re-opened. There is much less chance of catching anything at the beach than at your local grocery store. Let all businesses set their own protective guidelines like the essential stories have done.
Miami-Dade	General	Hi, I want to let you know my opinion about the reopening during Coronavirus crisis, I am Dentist, I am super worried about this because give the people freedom to be normal in the streets doing their normal life is an error, a lot of people will die if the government do this without a vaccine, the government needs to wait until a vaccine is created to save the people will be a caos in the hospitals, in the city like Italy because people will not have the enough careful and protection for themselves. Please think well before reopen our life.
Hillsborough	General	Please do not re open Florida too soon! And when you do, please do so very slowly in stages, still encouraging social distancing! OPENING TOO SOON WILL PUT US ALL AT RISK and we will be right back in shut down mode again!! We need more testing and a vaccination! Please do your research on middle age people who are suffering strokes and blood clots from this disease! It's not just our elderly population who are at risk here! THE WORKING CLASS CITIZENS ARE AT RISK!! If I return to my job too soon, I work in a salon where social distancing is not possible and I'm in tremendous fear of getting sick! PLEASE PROTECT THE RESIDENTS OF FLORIDA!!
Manatee	General	Dear Governor DeSantis, I am a resident of Manatee County. Florida was built upon hard work and self-sufficiency. We are a resourceful and responsible people. It is time to let Floridians do what they do best; get back to work. Every business is essential when a family's provisions are dependent upon that income. Current statistics show us that divorce, child abuse, alcohol abuse and depression are on the rise as a result of our inability to work without penalties and provide for our needs. It is time to repeal the restrictions upon our businesses so Floridians can get back to healthy and productive lives. Floridians love their neighbors and know how to use common sense to live and work safely. Please lift the penalties on our businesses while maintaining the recommendations of the CDC so that Floridians can provide for their families. Floridians are good people; we are fully capable of operating our businesses while voluntarily engaging in the practices that will help keep our neighbors healthy. It is time to put Florida BACK TO WORK. It is time to lift COVID restrictions upon our businesses. Thank you. Sincerely, Nancy Lewis 813-767-4941
Hillsborough	General	I am a hairdresser. I consider our profession to be one of the last businesses to have to reopen in our state due to the up close and personal nature of our profession. I want to protect my customers as much as I want to protect myself and my family. There should be a definite flattening of the curve and way more testing before it would feel safe to get back into a salon.

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Clay	General	I am concerned about public pools at HOAs and summer camps. I find both of these very difficult to control with social distancing and with the large crowds in Florida. I seriously worry of a second wave. After talking to local business owners it seems like everyone is interpreting guidelines their own way and I hear a lot of ... when we open.... and they are very inconsistent. I would like to see industries like gyms, hair salons, etc have approved industry plans when it comes to masks, people, cleaning, etc. so there is a standard that must be followed NOT a guideline to be interpreted. While I would like the state to open, I am willing to stay home all summer if it ensures that school will reopen in August.
St. Johns	General	It's time to reopen...I am a property manager and every day I see people in grocery stores, around others and feel that we're seeing good success with recovery. Risk has to be on us not the state...reopen all aspects of society
Hernando	Recreation	I feel that small businesses should be able to open if they choose to. People will then go out and see them if they choose to. Masks should be strongly encouraged. Elective surgeries should be allowed. Theaters and bowling alleys should be closed. Summer camps should not be allowed, but I understand that we might need them. You could limit the number of kids in classes. Kids are not necessarily at high risk, but they spread germs. Gyms should be closed. They should not be in phase one. I am not sure why they are. If they do open gyms, the machines should be spaced or people allowed to use every other one. I read about a gym in Georgia doing this. Public pools should be closed for now unless they are used for lane swimming. Group exercise classes should be canceled for now. Lobbies or gyms and other public spaces should not have coffee. This would promote gathering. Nail salons could open with masks and changing of gloves and sanitizing in between clients. That's risky though. Special shopping hours for seniors should continue. I know my mother needs that. Beaches, nature preserves and trails being open for exercise only is a great idea. Let's get moving! Retail could open with masks. I doubt they will be very busy at first. Community club houses should be open for spaced dining only. Encourage restaurants to have cool outside areas to sit with fans. Let's continue to be smart and not loosen our cautious ways around other people. I miss going to Disney. I don't think it's smart for them to open yet, but I'm confident that they will come up with a plan to keep everyone safe. We can do this. We just have to move slowly and approach things differently. I knew two people that died from this. That's too many.
Brevard	Education	My wife is in hair school. This shut down is affecting lives severely. If people want to stay home, they can. The government should not be allowed to shut businesses down and cause unemployment. This is outrageous and I feel like my rights have been violated. Not even 300 cases in my county, yet we can't do anything. It's not fair, and it's not helping anything. My wife needs to finish school and take her state test. Pushing back her date is hurting us financially and there's no help we can get for that.

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Manatee	Administrative	Please keep Florida in a shelter-in- place order!! I have immediate family members who have medical conditions that make Covid-19 even more dangerous for them. Please error on the side of caution and keep Florida closed! Keep my family safe! The economy is important but not as important as people's lives!
Hillsborough	General	Please keep Florida safe and wait to reopen. Make sure we see the decline in numbers before we reopen.
Lee	General	DO NOT RE OPEN FLORIDA
Lake	General	Please reopen.
Pasco	Recreation	Open parks and beaches. People know by now what they are supposed to do !! If they don't do it the right way then it is their fault and they have to suffer the consequences themselves!! You can't protect "STUPID" anyway ! It's time for people to get back to work also !! They know how work smart and use common sense .....
Broward	Healthcare	Please listen to the Healthcare professionals & don't reopen Florida till it's safe
Palm Beach	Government	I am appalled at the state of Florida ! We are the SLOWEST IN THE USA to get unemployment I have been waiting over 4 weeks. FIX THE PROBLEM! We reopen and are going to have bigger issues!
St. Johns	General	Please, please do not rush to open the state for business, travel, etc. While we are all anxious to get "back to normal," we are not there yet. Covid-19 cases are still going up in parts of the state and there is still inadequate testing throughout the state. We REALLY don't know at this point how many FL residents really have Covid-19 as a result. We need to follow Pres.Trump's recommendation of 14 days of reduced cases. We are not there yet. FL is unique also in the number of senior citizens as compared to most other states. We need to protect them!!....esp. when it comes to senior centers and nursing homes. I would hate for us to "open up the state" and then have to lock it down again due to an increase of infections. It will be interesting to see what happens in Georgia over the next couple of weeks and months. I think we can learn from their experience. Also, I know there are no scientific or medical experts on the task force which really surprises me and many residents. These are the EXPERTS who can provide accurate information on when and how to open the state. Please...be very cautious and don't be influenced by others or pressure from small radical groups. Thank you.
Pasco	General	I do not feel facemasks should be required anywhere. Studies show masks do not work unless they are an N95, and the availability of them to the general public is not feasible at this time. All beaches, outdoor recreational facilities, and parks should be re-opened. Require all businesses to use hand sanitizers when customers enter their businesses. I believe it is against our rights to be mandatory temperature checked unless we are entering a medical establishment, medical office, hospital, nursing home where others are at a higher risk. Conferences should be allowed to resume and sporting events allowed to resume WITH fans present. Gymnasiums should be able to reopen.
Orange	Healthcare	Open up all elective surgeries

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Hillsborough	Finance	The state of Florida should not re-open. I believe that we are taking this crisis way too lightly. Not only we are allowed to leave out for “essential” needs but people are taking advantage of this freedom as if it’s not easy to contract the virus. If the state legislators truly care “for the people’, then they should really reconsider the well being the individuals residing in this tourist state and their families as well. Please take this comment to consideration because everything will get worse if we just brush this crisis under the rug to please those in a higher power. Trust your heart, not your head! Do what is best for everyone and not for your personal gain.
Broward	General	I feel that this state in no way, shape or form should be opened until medical experts say it’s safe to do so. This is more important than the economy, it’s about human life. We are people not just a number and we should not be forced to chose between going back to work or potentially having a breath the next day.
Palm Beach	General	All people entering stores should have masks something covering their. Have to Winn Dixie and seen people coming with face cover. Stores could create one way traffic patterns. Maybe young children with one adult be permitted to get outside Other parks opening slowly and lastly beaches. Germany is paying people ‘s salaries. Maybe us should do this for 6 months. Opening slowly is important so we don’t go backwards
Lee	Retail	Retail establishments are a vital part of reopening. It should be done swiftly. People need to be able to get back to work. Unemployment is not doing the job nor is the federal government. Stimulus money was nice to get, but it had to be used to pay monthly bills and buy food. No way is it going to do anything above and beyond.
Broward	General	We are especially vulnerable here in South Florida and I believe that, if we remove restrictions, we will wind up exactly in the same situation as NYC. Please don’t!!!
Orange	Healthcare	Absolutely do NOT open! You are putting all your residents at risk! I don’t understand how you don’t see it; how about you work on helping those with NO income being threatened to loose their houses! Figure that out! Reopening you’ll have. A mass effect of dying. Stop the spread and be vigilant! Make harsher rules to staying home.

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Lee	General	At this point, the majority of our cooped up population has developed a new “germaphobia-19”. It shows up everywhere you look, people are afraid of each other, they frown upon anyone infringing on their 6’ personal space. By opening up our economy, those traits are not just going to disappear overnight. Those are going to be part of our DNA for a while. Floridians are ready to return to their choice of establishment, and each establishment owner is ready to go above and beyond to provide a safe “social distance” friendly atmosphere. Few restrictions to keep in place: 1. ALL international/domestic inbound travel for the next 60 days to be funneled through 2 airports (Orlando, Miami). This includes full disclosure of travel/whereabouts over the last 14 days and a test kit administered at customs checkpoint. 2. Those who are most vulnerable (65+ age group) who are already retired, ie not tied to a job, should continue partial safer at home order with limited hours spent in public places. We simply cannot wait any longer. As an independent contractor, I have had ANY work since March 16th, basically 6 weeks of no paychecks. NO economic stimulus payment (even thought the government has my bank info. NO unemployment insurance payments (even though filed March 28). NO IEDL loan (even though filed March 27). NO PPP loan (even though filed April 10th). Basically shut out of all 4 support payments, with no one available who can give me an ETA on any of them. Running out of money, mortgage not paid, really upsetting to say the least. Another 1-2 weeks of this and my years of developing my life savings plan will go back to square one...
Orange	General	The general public does not have access to face masks, disinfectant wipes, disinfectant. Until they have the products to try and protect themselves reopening the economy is hazardous. I have looked everywhere for masks , gloves disinfectant and nowhere in my area has them. It has only been recently that toilet psperbhas been back in stock.
Hillsborough	General	I was born and raised in Florida. I stayed in Florida for college and continue to work in Florida. I have family members here who are vulnerable to CV19, and I can’t stand the idea of losing them for the sake of very few people. Please do not reopen until most health experts agree that it is safe to do so. It would be irresponsible to reopen before there is a consensus by respected and trusted experts in the field.
Duval	General	Fully open the state. Also, fix unemployment.
Orange	General	I believe the state should be closed for at least 2 more weeks. We're on the right path so far and by opening everything up officially will make our numbers sky rocket. To be honest not a lot of people are following rules as it is , imagine with everything reopened?

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Martin	General	The state of Florida should not open until the number of COVID 19 cases goes steadily down for several weeks. Also, let this whole experience be a lesson in what we are doing to our state to rely entirely on the service industry. If folks can't be out and about, they cannot generate revenue by being served. The service industry keeps the poor living paycheck to paycheck. We need manufacturing to make a come back. Never mind niche industries like biotechnology that require higher education to be able to function in the jobs created. Bring back manufacturing and bring back goods made in America!!!
Duval	General	Thank you for all the work you're doing. I'm writing to urge you not to give into the temptation of "reopening" too soon. Right now, we are able to keep COVID-19 levels to manageable stages because the measures we're taking, such as social distancing and closure of high-contact areas like restaurants, are working. The fact that they're working does not mean it's time to end them. By reopening too early, we risk a resurgence of the disease that could overwhelm our healthcare systems and kill a lot of Floridians. Let's stay the course.
Pinellas	Healthcare	Open Florida!! This virus will be here for many years. We will need immunity. More damage creates with abused kids at home, domestic violence, anxiety, depresion.
Hillsborough	Retail	Please allow a gradual reopening with max. capacity guidelines like grocery stores, etc have followed . Classrooms continue to be closed- good, not worth the risk. Curfews are still good and bars serving outside tables only and no inside. OPEN THE BEACHES and PARKS!
Hillsborough	General	I believe Floridians should be given the chance to demonstrate what we have learned from this pandemic. I feel limited business should be able to open with proper precautions in place. Let us show the rest of the country how it’s suppose to be done!
Flagler	General	Restaurants to seat every other table or keep tables spaced 4 ft apart. Retail stores to limit # of people to avoid crowding. Consumers need to be directed to continue social distancing of 6 ft apart and recommend continued wearing masks. Seniors and those medically at risk recommended they continue to limit their exposure. Employees to wear masks in order to return to work.
Pinellas	General	How can you reopen the state when we cant get toliet paper or sanitizers of any kind? We need to at least be able to take care if our own hygien. We have poor and homeless people unable to provide for themselves as well. Listen to the bipartisan scientist and use your brain. We all need to be tested and aggressive tracking needs to be in place. Look at the countries who have been fairly successful and learn from their failures as well. Follow the science and those who have nothing to gain from their statements. Oh, great...this isnt working either..how suprising! Submitting and resubmitting. How difficult is it to create a website that works in 2020?

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Hillsborough	Food	How can restaurants truly safely reopen? I manage in a restaurant, the cooks cannot social distance, the servers have to work closely together, it's just how the industry works. Temp checks? Seriously? So if there is a dinner rush (as there will be when stores open), we are responsible for checking staff temps? Who checks the guest temps? They will not be wearing mask because they have to eat. They won't be wearing gloves they have to eat. This virus is air born. So in a closed environment where people are not wearing gloves are mask seating every other booth is supposed to keep us safe? What about all The surfaces that have to constantly be wiped? Are we to follow guest and watch what they touch. I know there is a desire to reopen. But please consider not opening restaurants for awhile it's unsafe for ppl and guest. No matter how many guidelines you put out, they cannot be properly enforced do to the amount of guest that will come in.
Osceola	Healthcare	I am a healthcare employee, a RN to be specific. We are holding things together in Florida, but I watch my nurse friends in Connecticut as their hospital remains above capacity. They are tired, they can't see their families. Opening the economy too early will put people at risk. It will give a false sense of security. Having out of state tourism increases the chance that all this work we've done to keep Floridians safe was a waste of time.
Hillsborough	General	Please please WAIT! There are so many people in this county and many do not want to even obey the stay at home order. I don't believe the spread is contained here. We have high numbers here and I think it's not done goin up. You don't see the streets here. Quite busy as are stores n many areas are full of people congregating like Hyde park village and Davis islands every weekend! No masks. Sitting at patio tables outside or edging walls. This is one county that has not gotten the message. I can't speak for all places but I don't think any of us want to go back to " normal " life at the cost of it having a resurgence. I know many need assistance but your going to have many more if we don't go slooooow! Thank you
Seminole	Government	Please don't reopen the state of Florida yet! It's only going to get worse. Please think about the safety of us Floridians.

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Polk	General	We MUST reopen ASAP. We cannot live in fear. This is affecting more people than just those infected. Me, for example, I suffer from severe panic disorder. The past few weeks have been hell! I can barely function. I feel life is not worth it to live like this. I feel trapped. I have gone to bed some nights hoping not to wake up. I am fighting depression. I think people should be FREE to make their own choices. This is America. This is the Land of the Free. I am a proud American citizen who immigrated here 27 years ago. This is not feeling like America lately. People are living in fear, not fear of the virus but fear of the government. We don't know what is true anymore. Conspiracy theories are all over. This has been politicized. Many people fear this is a huge conspiracy against President Trump to sink the economy. We, the people, cannot live like this anymore. If we choose to go out and get the virus and die let us do it. I rather die in freedom than live in oppression and fear. MAKE AMERICA GREAT AGAIN.
Manatee	General	I DO NOT think we should reopen Florida on May 1st. I think that would be a huge mistake. And don't believe we have reached the peak of this pandemic. I believe we would see a lot more deaths or cases in general of coronavirus if we were to reopen. Restaurants should stay doing to go only. Beaches should remain closed. But I hear that the beaches are up to the city or county. Either way, these procedures that we are currently putting into place should continue AT THE LEAST through mid May. We should stick to the guidelines of the CDC. But we should also listen to the reports of the scientists saying it's not a good idea to reopen the country. I do agree with reports stating that we as the state of Florida, should continue with the "safer at home" order until it is recommended by the CDC and the scientists that we are okay to open back up.
Sarasota	Recreation	Hello. Not sure how much of this it applies to, but I feel people are aware and respectful enough to adhere to a limited reopening of recreation activities. Some examples would be maintaining 6 ft distance between patron in a dining seating(no more than 10 patrons at any one time), similar scenario for a haircut place, nail/salon place, etc. Regards Mr. Nikki Scafa
Hillsborough	Finance	Mr. Governor please reopen this state and return our freedom as sovereign citizens. If anyone has concerns or fears about the reopen they have the freedom to stay home, but please don't take our freedoms away and cause unimaginable economic depression to the rest of us to make the media and certain fearful citizens more comfortable. As a small business owner myself, I can tell you that for the good of my family, my employees, and our great State, we need to reopen right away.

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Lee	Recreation	Open all golf courses and driving ranges. Limit golf carts to one person if over 40. Ok for two if both under 40. Put sanitizer and face masks in cart. Have rangers and maintenance sanitize green poles, carts, drinking stations. Clubhouses require face masks and limited guests at a given time. Number of guests depend on size of clubhouse. All should social distance for period of time.
St. Lucie	Recreation	After hearing the White House task force advising that sunlight and heat kill this virus, I think it should be urgent that we allow beach facilities to reopen. It would be greatly appreciated if the local governments of this state and our own State government allow us to be adults! Offer firm guidelines about social-distancing and allow people to be responsible. Local governments are in a power trip, nanny state mode.
Manatee	General	I am Commander of a small Veterans of Foreign Wars post (500 Veteran and Auxiliary members) located in Ellenton Florida and we need help. We have been closed for a month and we are still paying our bartenders and other employees as well as rent, utilities ect. Our Quartermaster has applied for payroll protection but was denied(reason unknown). We are proud to serve our Veterans and our community but if we can't open soon we will have to close permanently due to lack of funds. What is available to us as a 501 business as BB&T is not working with us.
Polk	General	Open the state back up! People who want to self quarantine can continue to stay home. Open the state Back up! Open the state Back up! Open the state Back up! Open the state Back up! Open the state Back up! Open the state Back up! Open the state Back up! Open the state Back up! If I wanted a coward as a Governor I would have elected a democrat!
Broward	Healthcare	I am a senior citizen. My husband has Parkinson's and I am 75. I know this is a hardship fir young people and business owners, I was once a small business owner, so believe me I do understand. I think the health of the population is more important. We just have to get together and help all in anyway we can. We have a few selfish individuals who are only looking out for themselves. Please do not open up the state just yet we have a long way to go. Please wait until we see what is going to happen in the next couple of weeks please do not open the state too quickly

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Lee	General	Dear Gov. DeSantis, I think all states should be reopened to healthy young people,, so they can work and get the country going, especially with increased testing. The older residents as they are able. My husband and I are mid 60's and we didn't get to that age by being stupid. We know how and when to be careful to best protect ourselves. I think if the beaches are opened, then maybe only allow a certain number per day if necessary, issue permits to that number of people for a particular beach. We enjoy Barefoot beach and during the high season, it is packed to full capacity and every group still stays 6 feet away from each other ! Our golf course is sensibly allowing couples to ride together and other players individually. Our club pros' email this week reflected that everyday this past week, the allowed players were 50% of the requests, but everyone understands the need for this and waits their turn! Good luck with handling all the controversy that will certainly come your way, as a conservative republican!
Seminole	Healthcare	Even though my fiancee has been furloughed for the last 4 weeks, I still do not think Florida is ready to come out of "Stay at Home". The daily count has not really decreased state-wide. Some counties are doing better than others at "flattening the curve", but overall, the numbers aren't there yet. Need at least 14 days of steady decline to justify opening things back up.
Duval	General	Time to reopen everything and get our lives back.
Hillsborough	Retail	Reopen
Manatee	General	I'm in automotive sales and was laid off due to COVID-19. I need to pay rent, electric, internet, phone, and insurance for my car. I need to work. Please reopen the state! I need a roof over my head! Cancel rent, something!
Marion	General	I'm a self employed business owner and there is nothing more I would enjoy than to be busy w work but I also know that we have achieved very little in containment of covid19 and I'm sure the fear will not help us reopen so we must create confidence in safety or no business owner will succeed it will cost more than it will be productive so we must painfully stay closed for longer after all I wouldn't got to a theater restuarant etc...to risky so what does opening up achieve high risk health wise low profit business wise....thanks
Lee	Healthcare	As part of the dentistry workforce I ask that the State not be open in haste.There's still a lot of uncertainty as to how we will be able to provide services to our patients without putting our hygienists at high risk of contracting covid-19. We need more PPE in order to begin properly seeing our patients.
Polk	General	It is a mistake to begin opening the state. There have been too many deaths already and keeping the state closed will help mitigate the spread of the virus. There is still very little known about it and with no clear treatment that works across the board, it is dangerous and irresponsible to open back up. Florida should focus on getting the unemployment website running efficiently, ensuring people's housing, and getting frontline workers hazard pay. Even one more death is too many. Keep our citizens safe please,
Pasco	General	We do not need to open Florida yet. I get people need to get back to work, but working in healthcare I know the cases will skyrocket if we open.

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Brevard	General	The time has come to open our State. We locked down to alleviate strain on hospitals and get past the curve. We have complied and and lived up to our obligations now do your part and honor your words. BTW I need dental work, broke a tooth, but it's considered cosmetic REALLY ?
Lee	Food	Open it all back up. People need to go back to work.
Broward	General	Do not open the state until health officials say it is safe. It is not safe for our kids to go back to school or day care. So why will we take the chance. Do not reopen until it is safe. Yes we are all suffering. I rather be broke than dead.
Palm Beach	General	Please reopen florida Gyms are essential for mental health and fitness Parks are wide open spaces Use social distancing at every place but allow the people to freely do that, why do the people have more freedom than USA?
Seminole	Professional Services	I am a hairdresser and there is no safe way to stand the 6feet of safe distance and do hair. It is not safe for us to reopen so soon. Please do not reopen us to soon. It is not safe!!
Columbia	Finance	I have no money in my pocket to even go back to work or fuel money I barely make it on food I believe we should wait till sometime middle of May Business owners received a free loan To keep their employees I am not jeopardizing my life for their benefit
Broward	General	Yes definitely reopen , cautiously but soon
St. Johns	General	It is time to re-open Florida. Once the initial scare of the novel virus was dealt with by informing the public of the risks associated with it, and changing a few things by social distancing to help with any associated healthcare burden, life should have gone on. Unfortunately, by taking the personal responsibility away from individuals, we have decimated our economy. We should continue to be careful and protect the most vulnerable while opening the state to business as usual with slight restrictions. This whole thing was overblown.
Broward	Professional Services	need statewide testing for everyone, symptoms or no symptoms, before opening.
St. Lucie	General	Let’s reopen!!!!!
Pinellas	General	As I am of the older group my needs to go out and mingle are very low. No matter what is decided I will continue to wear a mask and go out when necessary. That being said, I believe we still have to be very cautious eg continue to observe the recommendations as before. I can see us loosening up the the restrictions on businesses. These people need to save their livelihood. I am sure the committee you have set up will be wise in their recommendations and do what is safe for all of us. We all need to be aware and stay safe.

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Volusia	General	Do NOT reopen now - People are still dying every day and new virus cases are being reported. I have zero confidence the numbers are accurate. We have not flattened the curve. We have not done nearly enough testing. It is said that 2% of the population has been tested as of a couple days ago. Are you kidding me?! It is a known fact that people can carry the virus without symptoms. This is a dangerous and idiotic idea to put peoples lives on the line. We are the USA- it's disgraceful that we are still behind on testing everyone! Yeah, it's going to take a long time to test everyone but putting it off isn't helping at all. I refuse to be a guinea pig and if the state opens too soon, it will be obvious that our government doesn't value children's lives or anyone else.
Brevard	General	As much as I would love to visit our local restaurants, I would urge the Governor and Committee, to actually observe those foolish enough who congregate in protests, on the beaches, and even their own driveways with their, and other children along with them, placing these children in harm's way, as well as teaching them how NOT to follow rules! PLEASE, take the path slowly and safely, for ALL of us FULL TIME residents. PROTECT US! Thank You For Your Work, Mark Rosenbauer
Broward	General	Please keep the state non essentials closed as long as possible. Beaches should not be open as well. Our numbers are scary high especially in big counties like Dade and Broward. Put more effort into testing and healthcare. It is absolutely ridiculous that the reopening committee does not consist of heathcare workers and scientist. Our governor has proven he is more about the dollar than people. Put people's lives first not GREED.
Miami-Dade	Tourism	I dont think we have a choice but to open. There is no stopping this virus but to face it and we have to take that risk. I am really afraid for my children and this is not a world i want to leave my children in. We need to get the wheels going and get us back to work. We Adults need to be Adults and follow safe protocols. For instance mask should stay open inside closed places like busses and grocery stores. Aslo let us get these blood test that yoyu prick your finger and see if you are immune to the virus. And this is coming from a person of high risk having high blood pressure
Orange	General	Please DON'T OPEN NOW!! We have worked so hard and gained so much by staying inside. i'm afraid we will lose it all and have to begin again under even worse conditions. It's extremely difficult to be quarantined but it's been worth it. I will hate it but even just a few more weeks will be better than doing it too soon!! We haven't seen the 1st 14 day decline yet so please don't open now!!
Orange	Government	As someone who is immuno compromised,and with the growing number of deaths in Florida, I think it is not safe to reopen yet.
Pinellas	General	I don't feel we should open the state just yet. I don't feel we are ready at this time to open anything. I feel that we need more time to let this pass.

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Pinellas	Healthcare	I currently work in a hospital and have seen many families having to face the loss of a loved one. Even in healthy times, this is difficult, but now during this pandemic it's even more difficult due to the added stressors we all are facing. I do not feel that we have seen a sustained downward trend to this virus, and think it would be foolish to open up all areas of commerce just to give our economy a boost. If it truly is too early, it could cause a deadly resurgence which I do not think is worth the risk. A few more weeks, to allow this pandemic a chance to run itself out, would be the better choice in my opinion as a Florida voter. Who knows how many asymptomatic people are still walking around, and when told that they no longer have to take precautions, will infect another population of innocent people.
Manatee	General	I believe it is too soon to reopen-. I live in Manatee co and our numbers are all over the place. Another 15-30 days. People are already out of work and have our lives on hold. Let s just keep going. We don't want to open up too soon and have to close again because of a second wave.
Sarasota	General	Quote from Steve Deace....More and more serology/antibody tests continue to come in -- Santa Clara, Los Angeles, New York City, Colorado, Boston area, Italy, France, Sweden, and now Miami -- which all continue to show the same thing. Coronavirus is FAR MORE wide spread than we knew, but much less lethal than we feared. How many more of these do we need to see before this stops? The answer is, this stops now. The latest numbers out of Italy: people under 65 with no underlying conditions are 0.7% of deaths there. The latest numbers out of New York City: people under 65 with no underlying conditions are only 1.8% of deaths there. But we are looking at 40% drop in GDP, which is straight out of the third world. Not to mention all the other health concerns that have not been addressed and now endanger people's lives, the depression, the stress on families, the rising domestic violence rates, stress on our food supply, etc. This. Is. Madness. Utter. Madness. Staggered reopening -- NOW. We are out of patience. Here is my proposal, to go into effect May 1st. -Those 55 and under with healthy immune systems return to real life immediately. --We launch a national effort to encourage/administer antibody testing throughout the country. -Focus our SARS-2 Coronavirus testing/social distancing measures on those with weakened immune systems and over 55 before sending them back to reality. -Keep those 65 and older social distanced 42 more days to allow for the other demos to get reintegrated, and allow for any further

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Miami-Dade	Healthcare	The infection risk is still to high for people to return to work as normal. For example the dental field is a high infection risk for the workers since 80% of the work is aerosol. No social distancing can be practiced in this setting. People are stopping social distancing practices now in public and in stores so how much more so will people be careless when restrictions are lifted.
Volusia	General	Look at the state in sections (Panhandle/Jacksonville, Central Florida, and South Florida). Phase designation would depend on the numbers for the area. 1: Open all businesses (essential and non essential) under the guise that social distancing remain in place until we hit phase 3 2: Open all restaurants restricting to half capacity seating 3: Open all parks restricting to social distancing until phase 3 4: Fully open all beaches keeping social distancing in place until phase 3 5: Request all businesses allocate an hour for vulnerable elderly to shop alone **Elderly and those with high risk should remain sheltered in place until phase 3
Lee	General	Open all the golf courses! Our course has been open this whole time and no sickness reported. precautions include 1 to a cart, no touch flagpoles (helped by a foam insert) and social distance. the UV rays and heat clearly help. Our couse is overwhelmed now with outside play with young golfers driving from miami and lauderdale to play. this makes no sense! we are a gated community of mostly seniors.
Collier	Management	It is too early right now to be opening the state back up. We have made great progress and exceeded expectations so far but in order to sustain that we need to see the numbers flatten out more and the testing ramp up. Yes the economy will struggle for a little bit longer but by being cautious and not getting everything going too soon it will be to Florida's benefit as this will likely substantially lower any second outbreak. When the medical community is in firm agreement that it is safe to open then we she proceed forward with a slow opening but I think we are at least 2 weeks away from that. If you put lives at risk by opening too soon that will be far worse than keeping things the way they are for a little while longer.
Broward	Tourism	Not to open Florida until the medical experts say so
Orange	Government	Re-open the state ASAP! We need to get back to normal life, the minority with health issues cannot dictate the lives of those unaffected.

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Citrus	General	i am a licensed hairstylist and have been for 25 yrs.. The governor stated that salons were a low risk business and that is 100% false!! Please do not reopen salons there is no way to cut hair with gloves on and there is no way to social distance nor can you perform services on a client that is wearing a mask!! We have been forgotten and overlooked here in the nature coast on testing we have had very little testing here not enough to reopen anything only 1% of our county and surrounding counties have been tested..I am a single mother and help my elderly mother and feel i have to make a choice of my health and clients health and my job its not fair this industry is not low risk in fact the opposite!! Clients come in sick all the time i have had clients come in after leaving the hospital they do not respect us!! we need so much testing here and i fear that if iam thrown back to work i will have to send my daughter to live with my mom to keep them safe its not fair we have the right and should feel safe to be able to go back to work!! we are humans not experiments to help save the economy human life is more important!! we have no testing here how can we be safe and safely open!! our mayor has not been seen or heard of at all through out this we have no help or protection!! the county commissoners vote and have been left in charge and the headlines of our paper yesterday said they want to put our kids back in school after 2 days ago our headlines were that there were 6 kids infected with covid 19..i repeat please this is not a low risk industry and do not treat it like one we have families that depend on us to come home too and when you do reopen our industry please have it monitored because i know my boss will not comply she is in there working illegally now and nobody does anything about it i do not even have a sanitized salon to go to and you see on tv in georgia that barbers are not complying with regulations put in place and again nobody is doing anything about it!! i repeat this is not a low risk industry nor can it be!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! please give us more testing and free testing it is absurd to charge us foe testing in the middle of a global epidemic!! we should not need to tell you to do your job and follow the guidelines they are there for a reason to save human lives!! we are humans and americans do your job and protect us and our families!!!!
Orange	General	Dear. Mr. DeSantis, I hope this message finds you well. My wife works for the St. Johns River Water Management District. Please, do not send her back to work at the office yet. It is still very unsafe. She and her co-workers are working very effectively from home. She has been even more productive working from home than at her office. She has all the resources (computers, phones, internet, etc.) necessary to continue working SAFE from home. Nevertheless, if you decide to reopen Florida, please at least consider giving the the state workers the option to stay working from home if the conditions are suitable for it. Please. Respectfully, Oscar Vera Moronta.

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Hillsborough	General	I believe that we should not re-open until cleared by public health officials. We are supposed to trust in the people we put in power to advise us of public health problems so let's just do that until we can see a definitive declining in cases. Then when that happens let's talk re-opening. First you can work on the restaurants- let them be at 40% capacity but everyone handling any food/plates/cups must wear gloves at all times. People must still be staggered. Clubs and bars are rough because let's be real people go there to be with people so maybe wait on that one. Concerts and Sporting Events could be possible. Fits and most important you must set up some sort of temperature check mechanism at the entrances, anyone with fever or any sign of symptoms is not allowed in...no exceptions! Then from there have seats staggered, perhaps people or groups have to be two seats apart and every other row can remain empty. It's not perfect but I think people will be happy just to be able to be out. I think for Teleworking if it's been working let it stay in place. No harm no foul. Beaches will need to stay closed unless you have officials in place at all times keeping the minimum of 10 people and 6 ft rule in order. Also hotels can open back up but at 40% occupancy and same rules apply to their restaurants. Pools can be a bit of a pain but if people can stay respectful and do the right thing and stay apart it can be done. Amusement parks will also need to have a Temperature checking mechanism at the entrance and any displaying any symptoms of COVID-19 or fever will not be allowed entry..no exceptions! They can reopen at 40% occupancy and people will need to be staggered for rides and all rides will need to be wiped down after every use...again no exceptions! Once test keep coming back in a declining direction at that point every two to three weeks you can increase occupancy of these places by 20% until cases are gone and we can return to 100% occupancy. At anytime cases spike we may need to reevaluate and scale back on things but hopefully if everyone does their part and does what's right this can be beaten. But I think maybe we need to go hard the next two weeks and I wouldn't even care if we have a curfew if it means keeping my community safe. I say if any business if not keeping their employees or customers safe and following they recommended CDC guidelines they need to be fined. People's health should not be at the price of corporate greed. So let's work on tightening up now so we can go back to the America that we love
Lake	Food	I think we should Open all businesses 5/1 with social distancing in mind
Osceola	General	This covid19 has been tough, but we don't have a medical treatment for it, and we don't have a vaccine. Even if we have reached a peak. Which I am not sure about, how can we think about reopening Fla? I really feel for the people out of work. But my main concern is our front line workers. Are we going to increase their burden?

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Orange	General	If you allow non-essential business to open back up before PROPER PPE including N95 MASKS/RESPIRATORS for ALL who work outside their homes (not just healthcare) is secured, that will leave employees of such business in a terrible predicament: Go to work UNPROTECTED and risk not only their own health, but also risk spreading the virus further, or take the smart choice but go without unemployment benefits because now they have refused to work when asked. I'm a furloughed server with a healthcare background who is steadfast in the fact that it is NOT safe for me to return to work anytime soon, regardless of the consequences. That may make me among Florida's rising homeless population if you continue down the re-open Florida path, as I would be forced to live without benefits from unemployment (which I have still yet to see a penny from after applying March 20th.) It is inhumane for you to re-open Florida so soon. If there are others like me (and I know there are,) time is limited before actual full-fledged panic and riots begin.
Orange	Retail	As the owner of a tourist attraction on International Drive in Orlando, I think it's important to create a checklist/guidance on what procedures need to be done before, during and after customers enter and leave our premises. The guidance has to be precise so that all retail/entertainment establishments follow them so that tourist and guests are not getting different messages as they visit different attractions. Also, we would like to know in general how the virus is transmitted and how long does it stay alive and on which types of surfaces and for how long. Also, what type of products get rid of the virus so we know what 5o purchase. All we hear in the news is statistics on people affected but not how and why. More detailed information would be helpful so that everyone combats it the same way. Thank you and we look forward to opening up again soon.
Leon	Healthcare	Dear Governor DeSantis, Please do not reopen businesses prematurely. The health and safety of our citizens is of primary importance, and we should not risk increasing the infection rate with no vaccine or treatments available. Opening too soon will also be counterproductive for small businesses and their employees, since customers are not ready to return. Some citizens may be getting restless, but we can all be patient in order to keep our frontline workers safe. Our economy will rebound more quickly and more fully if we wait until we all feel safe. Thanks for your attention.
Polk	Education	Open the state back up! I also didn't think it was necessary to close schools for the year.
Pinellas	Healthcare	Open up! We need our jobs, especially since we can't get any unemployment.

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Hillsborough	Education	It is time to give each county opportunity to determine when commerce can return. ALL business is essential if it is essential to supporting a family. Educators need to know that businesses are open so their students' parents can work and provide. Outdoor recreation needs to be open and people need to show respect to the guidelines. Children need parks!! They need socialization at this point. They need to know that school will return in August as planned. We must take our world back! Inherent risk is everywhere and we can't remain in lockdown or other dangers will result. Thank you, Gov DeSantis for all you and your team have to support our state. Our frontlines are to be commended as well. Blessings and prayers for health... Laurie Daigle
Pasco	General	Open the parks and beaches with limitations. Let the hospitals and surgery centers open for elective surgeries and treatments. Open small mom and pop gyms less than 6 per session. Open salons with one or two patrons at a time with gloves and masks. You need to have gloves and masks available. No nail salons, that's crazy. Open stores with precautions in a week like Mavys or Belk. Only a few people working or shopping. Open stores like outlet stores malls. Two or three people in the store at a time.
Seminole	Professional Services	I am a hairdresser. It is to soon to open us. It is unsafe. No way to stand a safe 6feet distance and do hair. It's to soon to open us.
Volusia	Transportation	I do NOT think florida should reopen this early. There will be a second wave if we do reopen, which will be much worse. As a pilot and a transportation professional, I do not condone the opening of the states infrastructure yet.
Escambia	Tourism	we have a small home based business and can not make ends meet without tourism . We do not qualify for any of the programs because it a home base business
Broward	Healthcare	Make sure anyone allowed to go back has antibodies. Get tests out fast.
Pasco	General	I THINK BINGOS IN PINELLAS COUNTY SHOULD OPEN WE ARE 6 FEET APART AND SOCIAL DISTANCING. BINGO HALLS ARE CLEAN AND SANITIZED DAILY ITS GOOD ENTERTAINMENT ITS PAPER BINGO CARDS AND EVERYTHING IS DISPOSABLE. VERY CLEAN ATMOSPHERE I ALSO THINK CROSSFIT CENTERS SHOULD OPEN UP TOO PEOPLE NEED TO EXERCISE AND ITS SOCIAL DISTANCING TOO

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Orange	Tourism	Being a working member in the tourism industry, I feel very strongly that we should not be reopening yet. We see thousands of travelers per day, from all around the world. Seeing as some countries, like the US, are not taking this virus seriously it puts the employees at a greater danger if we were to reopen prematurely. We need to listen to professionals and experts, stay home and continue to isolate ourselves until they deem it is appropriate and SAFE to go about “normal” business. I say “normal” because what we previously knew as normal was not working and will not work if we go back to those ways. We all need to be vigilant in keeping ourselves healthy so we can keep each other healthy.
Miami-Dade	Real Estate	PLEASE OPEN BEACH - with restrictions to sit on chairs or blankets and congregate. Walking, running, working out and swimming should be allowed. This is the best place for large amount of people to spread, being in the air is healthy, and people should feel safe. Our beach should be the first place to open. We have children going crazy inside the house, they have to study with no real live support and beach is the only open space where it’s actually possible to stay outside in summer heat and unwind. I leave on a beach, there’s literally nothing else around except tiny sidewalk walking on which is thousand times more dangerous in terms of heavy traffic and interacting with other people. I wonder that health officials forget how important exercising is for immune system and mental health. Opening golf courses is great in terms of supporting this business, but opening beach is crucial. Open dog parks, open parks, farms, botanical gardens and zoo’s. Tennis courts are closed - WHY? Schools must be reopened by September in full, there’s no way for both parents to continue their work if it’s handled the way it’s handled now. Governor DeSantis, you should be more confident in exercising your power - we vote for you and support you. Please have political will and courage to do the right thing, don’t fall under press pressure, they will not be happy anyway, keep this lockdown longer and you’ll be responsible for poverty and marauders on the streets. Look at the countries that never were locked down. Please be adequate, not engaged in any business interests other than hard working people of Florida.
Sarasota	Professional Services	I don’t feel it’s safe to open salons after the April 30th lockdown. I believe we need more time to get this virus under control before we do so. I believe it will make matters worse for the long run of service type businesses. I’m a independent hairstylist and I fear for my health and my families health working in direct contact with clients

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Collier	Food	As a bartender I am terrified of reopening restaurants and subjecting myself to possibly catching the virus. The numbers are still way too high to chance anything. Ppl are extremely ignorant in this state and have zero regard for others. Knowing what I've dealt with before this virus took over, doesn't make me feel safe to reopen. I would like to know what precautionary steps will take place to keep us protected? Is it worth completely reopening restaurants? Will there be money to be made? I applied for unemployment as of 3/16 and have yet to see a dime. My application is still pending! No idea why. Yet, I'm still terrified to go back to work. No money but too scared to work, that speaks volumes.
Hillsborough	General	Dear Governor DeSantis, I am a resident of Hillsborough County. I want to thank you for recognizing in your Executive Order 2020-91 that "Attending religious services in churches, synagogues and house of worship" is an "Essential Activity" and lifting the restrictions on the Church's Right to assemble statewide. I am requesting that you also recognize that the First Amendment includes the Right of all People to Peaceably Assemble. In consideration of the essential right it is important to note its connection to the Right to Petition the Government for a Redress of Grievances. Without the Right to Peaceably Assemble the Right to Petition is strangled into non-existence. Historically, the power of the people to petition their elected representatives has been recognized to be most powerful in the exercise of assembly. This is why our founders enumerated both of these Rights in the First Amendment. The Supreme Court has held many times over the history of America that the Right to Peaceably Assemble, especially in the aspect of protest and petition, is a "Bedrock Principle" of America. You have repeated publicly that the government has no authority to regulate the meeting of the church, neither does the government have an authority to prevent the people from peacefully assembling in petition or protest. As you did for the church, please lift all penalties imposed upon Right to Assemble and trust the people to follow the guidelines set forth by the CDC.
Sarasota	General	I would definitly support the reopening of the state with the regards of the CDC recommendations. I would further like to see all businesses to reopen immediately. It will take each business owner more than long enough to get back on their feet, so reopen immediately is better than too late.We are in a beautiful state where the heat is on our side already to fight the Covis19 virus to begin with.Reopen immediately please.We are Americans, we can deal with this!

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Leon	Healthcare	Hello, I am a RN who works in a surgical recovery unit at a Leon county hospital. Currently, I am getting about half of my 40 hours a week. While the hospital has done a great job trying work us in other departments, there are just not enough patients in the hospital to provide us with enough working hours. I would like to see outpatient elective procedures begin to open, because this would allow me to work full time and not take up inpatient beds in the hospital. This would also provide the hospital with some much needed income. My other request it that there are some options available for summer childcare for essential workers. My husband is in law enforcement and still has to work, so that leaves my parents who are in their 70s to watch and home school my 7 year old on the days we both work. I am thankful that my 4 year old son has still been able to attend daycare, and was hoping something could be implemented for summer camp for school age children. It is not appropraite for my parents to have to watch her all summer because we are working. We typically use Leon County Schools summer camp. I think it can be opened and manged in small groups to keep the children and staff safe. I know you all have a very difficult task ahead and I appreciate your time.
Hillsborough	Healthcare	Reopen based on the federal guidelines and follow the data. Don't be like GA and just open it all up. Follow the data and move in and out of each phase based on the data. If data shows decreases in cases and deaths for the appropriate amount of time indicated in the guidelines then move to next phase. If it turns and the data starts showing increases then move back a stage. Be deliberate and reasonable. Don't cave to private interest groups like evangelical churches and the like. Take the lead from the health experts and protect the health community. If the people who take care of the sick all get sick we are all in big trouble.
Hillsborough	General	As of now we would only be able to have 10 people total pay there respects at our loved ones Funeral Service. This includes the staff and minister. As you consider essential services to lighten restrictions on please consider this. We are pushing the service as far back as they will allow which is May 11 hoping something will change. As it stands we wouldn't even be able to allow all of the intimidate family to attend. The use of PPE and or allowing 10 people to rotate in and out of the facility would be acceptable.
Lee	Healthcare	I am a dentist practicing in Florida for 30 years. I think all dentist, hygienist and dental assistants should be tested for Covid 19 prior to returning to work. Patients need to feel safe with there providers. Also we need the state to help us secure PPE at prices there were available prior to the virus. Our overhead is going to be unsustainable. The government claims to have millions of masks, gloves and gowns yet I can't get enough to practice for more then a couple of weeks. What I can get is so expensive. You can say increase your prices or charge a sterilization fee but we have people that have lost there jobs and discount insurance plans that say we can't charge. This is a recipe for bankruptcy! Please help because I want to. Thank you, Dr Toniann Conte

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Hillsborough	Healthcare	I believe the gym should be opened only if the person comes in with a mask! I strongly believe our health is extremely important and if we are over weight and not active then we are exposed to different risk besides COVID -19!! I am begging you Florida to please open the gyms not only for peoples psychical health but mental as well. The gym releases stress for some people and find it a happy place
Hendry	Professional Services	Do not reopen gyms, hair and nail salons and massage places for ay least another month
Martin	Recreation	Dear Governor please reconsider allowing one on one lessons to begin when golf courses open. It's very easy for an instructor to keep social distancing guidelines and we're in a favorable environment to avoid spreading the virus. As an instructor my window of marking a living is seasonal and the sooner you allow me to work the better for my family. Thank you for consideration.
Palm Beach	Management	First, you're an ignorant fucking coward for not shutting down earlier. Second, stop following Trump down the path to hell. Third, put some parents and epidemiologists on the committee. Fourth, do us all a favor and resign you goddamn failure.
Brevard	General	I would like to see stay at home orders extended until there are several days of steady decline in the amount of new cases of COVID. I would like to see testing of both current and antibodies be widely and easily available before reopening. My husband and I own a small optometry practice and have not seen patients in five weeks. As much as we need his income, we also need to stay safe. I am 39 and have aggressive coronary artery disease (already had a double bypass), have had three cancers in as many years, and am being treating for chronic Lyme disease. One of our three children is also being treated for Lyme disease. With these pre existing conditions we are willing to incur more financial hardship in order to stay alive. I do not envy the decisions that must be made by officials. However, I hope that the governor will heed the warnings of health and science professionals.
Pinellas	Information	Good afternoon I believe Florida should be closed completely keep people in their homes for at least 30 days and only certain people get a pass to come out of their home if an emergency or if anything Florida should be closed at least 14 days no grocery stores or if a grocery stores have to be open one person from the home have a pass to go to the grocery store and the grocery store should only be open two to three hours every other day with no cure or vaccination insight at least for another year or longer I think something drastic has to be done and no we may not like it but it is what needs to be done to save lives and if Florida is reopened I think the governor should be responsible because precautions could have been made I understand that people have to go back to work but God forbid they get sick or lose their lives they won't have to worry about a job my family and I all agree Florida should be shut down give people time to buy food groceries or certain things that they need before Florida does close but something definitely drastic has to be done

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Hillsborough	Government	Thank you Governor for lifting the restrictions on the Church's Right to Assemble. I would like the Governor to also recognize the Right of the People to peacefully assemble. The Supreme Court has held many times over the history of America that the Right to Peaceably Assemble, especially in the aspect of protest and petition, is a "Bedrock Principle" of America. The Governor has repeated publicly that the government has no authority to regulate the meeting of the church, neither does the government have an authority to prevent the people from peacefully assembling in petition or protest. As he did for the church, please lift all penalties imposed upon Right to Peacefully Assemble and trust the people to follow the guidelines set forth by the CDC.
Brevard	Healthcare	Please open the gyms again.People depend on the gym for health and it helps with stress
Lake	General	Continuing to keep the state closed after we've seen first hand that they booties isn't nearly as dealt as initially thought would be ludicrous. People are going to lose their jobs, and then their houses and cars making for a major economic disaster.
Lee	Food	First and foremost thank you for doing this, hopefully there will be a lot of well thought out dialogue that comes through. I work in the restaurant industry at a Private Country Club. My clientele are all in the high risk category of catching the virus i.e. 65 and over. We have been able to provide them with a service of pick up and delivery cooked food as well as grocery items for the last month and it has gone really well! I believe that by keeping the State shut down we have been able to save a lot of lives and keep people from getting out and senselessly spreading this terrible virus. With that being said I would personally like to see us follow a gradual re-opening of businesses beginning in June, into a full opening in July. I do not believe that opening everything full slate right now would be the best course of action, it very well might undo what we have worked so hard to isolate and contain over the last month. Although it will be nice to get restaurants to open their doors again for indoor dining, I do not see an overwhelming amount of people ready to go out to eat. Let's keep our residents safe and healthy with a clear and concise plan laid out for when we will re-open everything. Thank you for your time and effort!
Martin	Food	Let's get Florida back open and Floridians to work!
Pinellas	General	It's too early to re-open, and totally pointless with kids out of school. If my work re-open, without childcare I still cannot go. And furthermore, while she's doing virtual school she needs access to her computer, zoom meetings, and support. So childcare wouldn't work anyway. Wait until summer. Fix unemployed first. I Promise that hurrying people back to save the state money won't work. Most of us won't go back yet, even if you starve us of income. My life and everyone's health and life are worth more.
Pasco	General	Open the state with precautions.

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Orange	Professional Services	We need to bring back outdoor activities. Cancelling all activities as if they are the same is not the correct strategy. The sooner the better. If we resume outdoor activities 1st it will be safer starting point for the economy. Outdoor activities being cancelled is just government over reach. There is no science behind the spread of COVID-19 and being outside. So start there and see how it goes. Outdoor Concerts MLS MLB outdoor stadiums only. I understand holding off on NBA and NHL but treating them all the same is just bad science.
Alachua	Transportation	I was Uber/Lyft driver and really enjoyed the work in Gainesville. At first I was hoping this would be over with and we could just get back to normal. But as things have continued to unfold I find myself rethinking everything. I'm in position where I can just take off a year and wait for a vaccine. The fairly quick horrible deaths get to you after a while. I know life goes on and we have to move forward, but I feel we should do it carefully. Thank you .
Manatee	General	I think Florida should cautiously re-open and quarantine the sick, not those who are well. We've never closed the world down before and this has gone beyond a pandemic issue. Too many if, ands, or buts leading the closures and we are going to have horrible social issues that will undermine families and individuals for years to come. Isolating and sanitizing everything actually leads to a WEAKened immune system, not a stronger one! Simple science! Thank you Gov. DeSantis, for all you are doing for our state.
Collier	General	Open up May 1!! Test everywhere and everyone. The infection rate in Collier is 592 out of 390000. That's .15%. But you are harming so many due to the restrictions!!! A majority of our population is struggling to eat!! This is crazy and we need to get back to work and stable economy. Thank you
Volusia	General	1. Everyone must be required to wear a mask and gloves in public. 2. For Parks (Disney, Universal, etc...) remove the safety check points lines to increase social distancing. 3. Increase disinfecting levels in all public and private areas, add HEPA filters to A/C units. 4. For (Restaurant, Movie Theaters, Parks, Etc...) use a group/party system for social distancing still keeping required mask and gloves. Thank you for your time and hard work. Stay Safe.

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Orange	General	Please move slowly when opening up our state. I like the idea of a tiered plan for the state as we hit certain milestones. Also, please build in options for those who are immunosuppressed (for example children) for when schools resume etc. My thoughts for my son, was to pick him up before dismissal so he didn't need to be in the bigger groups of kids for carline/or on the bus, but without the penalty of taking him out early. Or allowing parents to take their kids out during lunch, so they don't have to sit in the cafeteria with so many kids at once. I also live in one of the main tourist areas of Florida. Please build in protocols for when we begin to accept people from other areas slowly as our area is very susceptible to a spike.
Brevard	General	Please open the State of Florida. Small businesses are dying and many will not recover. The PPP stimulus money has not been any help as we have not received it. A week before this crisis I purchased a small business and I am struggling to stay afloat and to pay my employees. Many of my friends and neighbors are in the same position. Many are unemployed and not receiving unemployment. The state of our economy is now becoming the crisis. There are many ways to protect our most vulnerable population while still opening up the state for business. Please we are begging you. Do not let this ruin our economy. Thank you for your consideration David Lombardi
Hillsborough	Construction	The roads now fit the population. This has exposed the clear ignorance of local, state and government infrastructure. Build homes then leave the roads the same, this seems to be the status quo. If the state deemed stay at home a preventive measure , please see it through until a case does not exist. This pandemic is bs, however the state should stick to their rhetoric and "stay at home"! I'll still be working. No government handouts this way.
Seminole	Healthcare	I have been waiting since March for knee surgery. I am in a lot of pain. My surgery is scheduled for an outpatient surgical center, not a hospital, so it wouldn't be taking beds away. Please consider moving forward with outpatient surgeries. I need to be able to take care of my family and I just don't feel mobile enough to do so. Thanks for your consideration.
Charlotte	Recreation	Wayyyy too soon to be opening up..charlotte county numbers increasing everyday...
Hillsborough	Healthcare	Do NOT open it back up yet!!!
Duval	General	I say open everything thing back up get back to business as usual. Just remind the citizens to use good common sense. If sick stay home. If they feel safer continue to their mask. People need to return to work. Business needs need to allowed to open back up. The shut down is hurting and city.
Polk	General	It is too soon to open. This will be a huge mistake. People will die.
Seminole	Tourism	It is much too early to open the state. There are still too many unknowns about who's infected, who's not, when treatments will be 100% effective, how to prevent transmission from people entering the state and more.

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Broward	Healthcare	If we open too soon we will have lost all we have accomplished by staying home these past weeks. I, like many many need to work but I don't feel safe to do so. The reason being that people in states and cities that have re opened aren't practicing social distancing as they should. I believe that if you do by parts, like beaches in one county are allowed but not in others people will swarm to those beaches. We need to feel safe. We need testing, for all whether they're symptomatic or not. I don't want anybody less than 6 feet distance from me. How are you going to control the people that don't listen and frankly don't care?
Seminole	Retail	I agree with a slow to open phased approach. Being a small mom and pop business owner as much as I would like to throw the doors open back to business as usual; these are not usual times. I would like to see leases renegotiated as this economic disaster is one that cannot be immediately remedied. Phase 1 needs to allow essential services to remain open - allow restaurants to have limited seating; salons reduced clients, workers should have their temperatures checked prior to entry, movie theaters could do the same but significant sanitation would be needed daily.
Hillsborough	General	Regarding Small Businesses and State Leadership: I think businesses that are currently able to work online need to be instructed by the State of Florida to continue telework until the data suggest that reopening all sectors of the economy is safe for the general public. I am in support of reopening the economy so that people can pay rent and feed themselves and their children, but those of us who are already successfully able to work online need to continue doing so until the risk is mitigated. This way we can open industries that have slowed or stopped (within reasonable risk) while also continuing to minimize public exposure, especially since we will likely see new cases upon opening. Although we need economic revival, businesses that are still operating under the current stay-at-home orders - especially those that did not lay off workers - need clear direction from officials to continue their new “business-as-now-usual” online. DeSantis has been very moderate in his leadership, and I hope he and the Reopen Florida Task Force can weigh the risks and benefits rationally and agree that the best way to maintain the social distancing and lower the demand for masks recommended by Dr. Carla McWilliams just today during the press conference (4/25/2020) is to continue telecommuting if possible.
Pinellas	General	I feel it's to soon to re-open the state. We have to keep the virus from spreading more. There are people that have it and dont even know it and if they are working say at a restaurant then that puts everyone there in danger of getting infected. I understand the need for people getting back to work to survive but it would be safer to stay at home for awhile longer, get them their unemployment and get the people of Florida and actually the US monthly financial help like the stimulus until this calms down. I read there's talk of giving Americans $2000 a month until the economy is better. That idea along with getting them their unemployment and the small business loans is a better and much safer idea than reopening the state to soon. Thank you.

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Miami-Dade	General	I urge you to do everything possible to re-open the economy and public life in this state. The economic consequences of this shut-down are devastating and many people are suffering due to the isolation and social-distancing rules. We need to find ways to assist those who are more at risk of becoming ill from this virus or any other health threat - this cannot be done by eliminating jobs, closing schools, and cutting-off access to public resources. This cannot be done by cutting us off from each other. These drastic measures will only make at-risk people more vulnerable. How can we take care of each other under these circumstances? Permanent damage has already been done to individuals and families - please end this before more harm is done.
Pinellas	General	Open the state for business. Protect the most vulnerable. Old people in nursing homes. There is more to life than just existing; just surviving while the economy falls apart and so many other aspects of life are disregarded because of a virus we don't even know how bad it really is. Why is there not readily and widely available testing for the virus and to see if you have had the virus? Those with the antibodies, let them resume normal life. The state is totally failing in unemployment benefits and local government authoritarians slap on ridiculous and irrational restrictions. Put an end to this, focus on testing and get opened for business to the largest extent possible.
Hillsborough	General	I vote not to re-open Florida.
Orange	Recreation	Open the state. Our tourism is led and managed by intelligent talented people. We can return our economy with prudent steps to ensure a measured opening of our restaurants and entertainment venues, but we cannot wait another 30 to 60 days to days
Orange	Government	This reopening is way too premature, especially considering that a lot of Floridians like myself haven't even received assistance
Hillsborough	Healthcare	Please open us up. Real statistics say we are good to go back to life.
Pinellas	General	It is not safe to reopen yet. Lives are more important than money.
Volusia	General	Don't hold up opening the state because certain districts aren't there yet. They can be more restrictive if they want. Antibody testing is important , I believe it will show the virus is not as deadly as it has been made out to be by limited media coverage. Our mental health and financial health are as important as our physical health. And...Every job is essential to the person who does it.
Pasco	Professional Services	There is no reason to close salons if everyone is careful.
Hernando	Food	Unsafe to resume dining in at restaurants or opening them to the public other than for take out. I think about the amount of particle contact servers working are subjected to from their guests menu, utensils, and napkins used during their dining experience. How do you enforce social distancing if your restaurant is on a thirty minute or more wait? The risk is too high, these workers or "essential employees" are not just corporate numbers there to ensure profit continues, but people who come home to their families each night, worried they may have gotten sick or will pass it to a loved one. It is unsafe to resume dining until mass testing is available and cases decline.

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Okaloosa	Healthcare	I am a healthcare worker in a outpatient radiology center. Patients come in to have a exam such as a Mri, Mammogram or a simple chest X-ray. Problem is not all patients are wearing mask. We as healthcare workers wear ours to protect the patient however we are not protected nor is the other patients that are sitting in the waiting room if some of the patient aren't masked up. Please please please make mask wearing mandatory. Also for all the healthcare professionals that are not on the front line please let them continue to work at home. Most offices are having the non-essential employees come back to work once the stay at home order is lifted.I would really like to see a mandate rather than a recommendation from the governor and or the task force to have nonessential workers work from home if they are able to do so. In my personal opinion have a nonessential workers show up to a medical facility and risk their life and their families life is criminal thing at home and social distancing has proven its point. Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to voice my opinion have a blessed day!
Clay	Retail	With the statistics of Covid19 deaths being so incredibly per low our population it makes no sense to continue to keep Florida locked down. Our economy is crashing. Small businesses are greatly suffering. Families are unable to adequately provide for theirselves and their children. We must enter Phase 1, which Florida more than qualifies for, immediately! Unfortunately, due to the media over blowing the numbers of Covid19 we have many people terrified to open Florida, but we should not allow this fear to cripple our country. We need to highlight the incredibly low percentages that have been affected and point out we cannot continue in fear. Those who want to continue to stay home should be permitted, but those who are ready to return to live normally, like we do with the flu each year, should be able to open businesses. Without any requirements such as masks being worn. We should be able to rise again as Americans eating in restaurants and frequenting establishments to regain our economies strength. We also must remember the orginal purpose of the lockdown. It was not to permitly avoid or eradicate the virus, Covid19. It was to flatten the curve and give our healthcare system the chance to handle cases as to not because overwhelmed. Well the expectations were far less than our best projections. Hospitals never were overwhelmed. However, many nurses and healthcare workers have lost hours, been furlonged or have completely lost their jobs. Meanwhile, those who desperately have needed surgery have been denied. We cannot afford to put these people off any longer who are in actually medical need for surgery. The cost of a continued lockdown will be detrimental to these people. We must reopen Florida courageously and not allow fear to rule over us any longer.

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Pinellas	General	I believe it is too soon to open most businesses. Many would have a great deal of difficulty maintaining social distancing. I see no reason, however, to not open beaches for exercise only but then that would have to be policed. I also see no issue opening dog grooming establishments since there is little to no contact - human to human.
Manatee	General	Yes, please reopen!!! This needs to be done gradually. Elective medical procedures must be reinstated. This will return vast majority of revenue to clinics and hospitals so they don't have to furlough medical professionals. At risk populations should continue to isolate. The NY health dept showing 89-94% of all covid19 deaths contained preexisting conditions.
Leon	General	It is too early to reopen
Miami-Dade	Recreation	As a proponent of most social distance measures, I am greatly concerned by one that makes absolutely no sense - the closure of pools for swimming only. Dear Mr. Mayor. It is really infuriating that the one safe corona free place is still closed...properly chlorinated pools. This really makes no sense. I am not talking about sunbathers or congregation around pool. Take the chairs away and enforce relevant social distancing measures. But swimming is a lifeline for some of us! To prioritize boat owners and rich golfers when so many families live in multi unti buildings with pools that are proven scientifically safe?! I am at a loss. Some of us need our pools for physical therapy. It's also 200 degrees lately in Miami. Please don't condemn us to go outside among sweaty huffing joggers but give us our one safe space back - our pools!!
Hillsborough	Tourism	I am a meeting and events producer. My industry was wiped out by COVID. Our business relies on face to face meetings and events. I would rather be cautious now so we can be back up to speed by the end of the year. I do not want to have to do this this again because of a second wave. Meetings, events and conventions are a huge part of the Florida economy and this industry needs a seat at the Task Force table. www.golivetogether.com Thank you for your consideration.
Lake	Recreation	Reopen May 1.
St. Johns	Manufacturing	I do not see any reason that we cannot return to our businesses. Using our heads... follow the cdc guidelines and common sense. Although common sense is tough to teach. But we must return To our workplaces. Many small businesses are 1 or 2 owner, hands on. Watching, supervising, managing the day to day affairs. I am sure we can monitor behavior on our premises.

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Manatee	General	*We are intelligent and prepared to reopen safely May 1, just like the other 11 states doing so. *Please open restaurants May 1 (to serve via outdoor seating). Then 2 weeks later allow indoor with distanced tables. (Mothers Day is very important, Sun 5/10) *Please allow salons/spas to reopen May 1 with mask requirements for all and no waiting rooms allowed (call when room is ready). *Please allow schools/daycares to reopen May 1 ONLY IF they are capable of 10 or less classrooms. *Please allow beaches and pools fully reopen May 1 with small group requirements and distancing requirements (sun kills COVID; People use pools/beaches in sun). *Please allow amusement parks to reopen May 15 with mask requirements, 50% capacity, and 15 min queue to line texting and distancing in lines. Thanks for considering. Let's get our great state up and running again!
Pinellas	General	I don’t think we should be re-opening yet. Please follow the medical experts advice. Let’s not undo all we have done so far and have to start all over again!

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Broward	Government	If you don't have a vaccine, what do you have? You have a haphazard way of protecting residents and visitors of the state of Florida. Our state's income is based on retail sales tax. Pretty regressive. If and when this issue is resolved you may have to consider a state income tax and If you can't convince the federal government in approving a sustainability bill for all state governments, I cant recommend you any further. What good is a program to assist persons in need if you can only get less than 1% of the unemployed and underemployed resolved with a broken system? Your Senate partner Rick Scott made this state uninhabitable. This absolutely needs to be resolved ASAP! You need you change the medicare/medicaid system so that you can be the author of the first state that enables medical services for all. You have more than enough dollars in the toll road system to get started. If you can't control this health and safety as well as the welfare of this state, you need to reconsider what you are doing. Don't you want to be more of a leader and band together with other stronger and fully informed governors in forming a coalition? Don't you want to provide testing for corona virus anti-body and whatever else is out there? Don't you want to include working with FIU, UM, USF and UF and any other research college or university willing to come forward? Don't you want to prevent spread the virus as well as hiring and training as many contact tracers as needed to assist in identifying the disease? Don't you want what is needed in order to provide a safety net for all of our residents? . What you can't do is continue to rely upon the federal government as a lone ally. We residents here in South Florida (as well as the rest of our resident population)won't have it. If you have any future aspirations don't you need to follow sound reasoning from medical professionals? Or do you want to go down with all the other so called leaders that helped implode this country?
Volusia	Healthcare	I am a dental hygienist and I am supposed to be back to work as soon as the state reopens and I think it is very irresponsible to have me go back to work exposing myself to working in patients mouths where I am only inches away from them and aerosols are produced. No matter how much PPE is used it is very close contact and then I have to go to my elderly parents home after work to pick up my two young boys and risk exposing them all to this virus. I think our state is no where near ready to reopen. I honestly think we need to reasses the situation in June. I've only seen the number of cases go up and those are only the ones we know about. Once there is a decline we need to monitor that for a while and then make a safe attempt to resume to normal but now is definitely not the time. We are not waiting long enough. Allow people the warm summer months to get this virus to pass through our state and then we will all be ready to get back to work. Believe me I have been furloughed for almost 6 weeks now with no unemployment assistance yet so I know what it is like to go unpaid but it is for the future of our state succeeding that we all need to wait longer before we go back. Thank you for your consideration.

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Okaloosa	General	We have to go back to work. Unfortunately that is the reality we have to face. Unemployment isn't enough and neither is 1200 dollars. The longer we wait the worst this gets and not on a medical level. I would still like to see a band on vacation rentals till June. I think that's the crucial element that should stay in force.
Sarasota	Healthcare	Like everyone else I am desperate to see the return to normal life in Sarasota. This is not only for my personal enjoyment of the wonderful cultural and dining opportunities that abound here but also the livelihoods of the thousands of workers and their families. If there is a well organized plan to test and trace ,as in South Korea ,the most susceptible of the population as well as the already infected, then there is an obligation to open commercial life to the general population. Those at risk have an obligation to take extra care of themselves, without holding everyone else to ransom. In addition we should maintain good hygiene practices like the six feet rule and mask wearing. Maybe all over 65 should be quarantined but this will be deemed too discriminatory in a society that places individual freedom above the common good.
St. Lucie	Food	I work in the restaurant business and think we should wait until our numbers have slowed for at least week. It would be horrible to lift the restrictions to early to only have to implement them again because of a more serious outbreak.
Santa Rosa	General	I believe we should open business back using social distancing and mandatory use of mask in stores and public buildings. Restaurants opened with limited seating to 1/2 capacity. State parks and campground open with social distancing in common areas. My reasoning for use of mask is due to those with compromised health need to be able to do daily things. At this time in our county the stores are making employees wear mask but just asking public to in which many are not many will not follow the social guidelines set by business such as directional shopping in stores to try to prevent being right on each other. These are good ideas and would work if enforced by law. Please remember Florida has many retirees and elderly who live in our wonderful state and should feel somewhat safe while in public during this time. Thank you for allowing my input.
Broward	General	Honorable Governor De Santos Request the beaches and gyms to be opened immediately. I believe we should follow Sweden's lead and open the economy immediately. Tell people to maintain social distancing and tell at risk to stay inside and avoid contact. Very Respectfully, Mark W. Morgan
Hillsborough	General	Governor DeSantis, thank you for putting Florida families first in everything you do. I could go on and on about the importance of reopening the Florida economy for business immediately, but I am certain you are well aware of the need. Your constituents respectfully request you open the economy immediately, to help spare the additional loss of life and hardship that is compounding daily.
Okaloosa	Accommodation	Please reopen short term rentals. Our expenses continue, but without revenue, it is getting very difficult on property owners. I don't mind wearing a mask In public spaces and stores and will probably continue to do so until a vaccine is developed.

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Hillsborough	Information	Do not re-open Florida.
Sarasota	General	I support fully opening Florida. The data shows, in increasing numbers, that the coronavirus is not as deadly as initially thought. It does not warrant the closing of our state, economy, etc. Let us get back to work. Those who are vulnerable or at risk can continue to shelter in place.
Polk	Healthcare	Healthy individuals should be allowed to continue with common sense daily rituals and routine like going to the gym- walking the beach or park. Outdoor dining should be an option with limited seating. Elective preventive medical procedures for high risk condition should be available for peace of mind. My family is ready to help small local business in the City of Lakeland. It breaks our heart that our town was seeing a new revitalization and it came to a complete stop. As a Cuban American- I have lived through tough times and I know that we will come back stronger than ever.
Sarasota	General	It is my belief as a Registered Nurse, that it is not only essential to open beaches for walking and running, but for simply sitting at the beach and in the sun, for many reasons. There are elderly and disabled who can't walk or run but go to the beach and sit to take in the fresh air and sun. The sun increases Vitamin D in the body which is needed against fighting the virus and the heat and humidity are now know to kill the virus. These two groups very much need to be out by the beach. Lastly for their peace of mind and mental health. Thank you
Miami-Dade	Tourism	Follow medical advice All openings adjusted for social distancing Begin with outdoor recreation Parks, golf, tennis and marinas Open hotels only when amenities such as pools, fitness spas and beaches can be opened
Miami-Dade	Healthcare	To Re open Florida we would have to continue testing many residents and see a more robust decline from the virus. People in the front lines need support, supplies and additional help to maintain a solid balance during this pandemic. Until a vaccine is available we must take precaution and follow CDC guidelines. The seriousness of this disease makes everyone of us vulnerable. At this point the future is unknown, we should navigate with caution and be prepare for a second surge as best as we can. I am convinced this is not the time to re open but prepare for what's to come. Let's be safe now and not sorry later.
Lee	General	Corporations should be able to open up immediately if financially able. Companies should opt for conference calls instead of in person meetings. They should allow and foster an environment of remote work-especially for those vulnerable or unsure (afraid) or due to kids being home. I think all companies are creative enough to protect their workers even without government guidance. My fear is really those who are sick going to work. This is something companies really have to drive home.

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Pinellas	General	PLEASE LIFT THE STAY AT HOME ORDER! People don't need to be locked down at home they need to be wearing proper protection in public. We don't need to destroy an economy because we have to lock down. Look at China their people have been wearing masks way before the virus outbreak. All this news behind masks don't work is total bs, why do doctors use them if they don't work. I think the American people would agree that we need to get back to work and start spending money again. Make it mandatory that a mask must be worn in public, not only have the Chinese people done this for years they have the worlds largest mask stockpile for a good reason and promote the use of N95 masks especially. Instead of giving people $1200, give them a weekly supply of masks to their door for free. If the mask thing didn't work in China then why aren't more people coming out from their country saying millions of people died. Because they didn't. They may have more deaths than 4000 but it is probably less than us because we are ignorant to PPE. Promote Vitamin D and sunlight as it is shown in the numbers that the states and countries with the lowest deaths get a large amount of sunlight. Promote Vitamin C as well, most people should be on a low dose of daily Vitamin C to boost their immunity during this time. Have mandatory wash stations setup in areas that can handle it. Require people to wash their hands before entering restaurants and businesses. In addition to taking their temperature. Instead of keep a minimum distance of 6 feet and "practice social distancing" Just make it mandatory that everyone should stay 10ft or more away from each other as we know viral droplets can be carried far in wind. exclusions should be three individuals or less in a group. When it comes to stores that is where the masks and eye protection

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Pasco	General	I feel that we need to be cautious about opening businesses. (I work in a grocery store and speak to the members of my community often. Opinion is split, for sure.) I think services that provide health care such as elective surgeries should reopen to the general public for non-trivial cases. For example, cosmetic surgery for breast enhancement is not urgent, though reconstructive surgery for a breast removal may move the bar more towards urgent. Folks waiting on knee replacements and similar quality of life procedures should certainly be permitted to proceed. Grooming services should be on an appointment only basis, in order to eliminate waiting at salons, with a strict set of capacity restrictions. I feel that any place that opens to the general public needs to enforce capacity and strongly promote distancing guidelines, with frequent verbal reminders on PA systems and visual reminders on signage. My grocery store is doing all these things. Please raise the state minimum wage and part of any reopening strategy. Essential workers deserve a living wage. As businesses reopen, new pay requirements can be taken into consideration, especially at first, as the PPP is available to small business owners. A business that only causes its owner to prosper is failing the social contract of also granting prosperity to the personnel who make it possible. The closed economy has demonstrated that no one benefits when the engines of the country, the workers, are missing. Please make mask wearing mandatory in public spaces, especially if businesses reopen. We need to protect each other from each other. Masks work best when everyone is doing it. A piecemeal effort is allowing the part of the public that does not take the crisis seriously to burden the part that does with the heavy lifting. This, along with hand washing, is seriously two of the most important individual mandates we can have. It doesn't restrict any freedoms and is easy for most people to do. I also strongly feel that our leaders should do that: lead. When the senior leadership of our state is comfortable resuming work in their offices and conducting live town halls (with appropriate space for
Volusia	Retail	Florida should NOT rush to reopen without adequate testing, including antibody testing, and treatment for this disease. Opening must be gradual and science based. Most importantly, Florida should not open just to dodge unemployment payments or to bow to protests from a tiny number of paid extremists. The vast number of Floridians want support and common sense from their leaders. Please continue to protect our vulnerable seniors and remember that the economy serves people, not the other way around. What price is a human life?
Broward	General	In my perspective most businesss should start opening up while still following social distance guidelines. Also, beaches as open spaces should also open up even if with restricted times to start with. Thank you

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Miami-Dade	Administrative	Thank you for everything you're doing on behalf of the State of Florida. And....I appreciate your interest in allowing the people of the State of Florida in having some input in how we should be reopening the state of Florida. Unfortunately, I Loss my 90 year old mother on last night. With everything going on with the Pandemic, she begun having weakness. The family called 911, who took her into Jackson (South) on 04/22/2020 and on 04/24/2020 the hospital was already making plans to put her in hospice. As per the hospital clinical social worker, her COVID19 test (both) returned negative and she died due to heart and kidney failure. My recommendation for reopening the State of Florida is by zones (zip codes). If you have a particular zone where as the COVID19 numbers are low, I believe you should start reopening those zones first. However, if you have an individual who travels for work from a hot zone to a low effected area, then that employer would be responsible for monitoring the symptoms of that employee. Therefore, the zones with the highest COVID19 case should be the last to reopen, or at least until there numbers are under control.
Seminole	Finance	We need to reopen - this is ridiculous. This is the USA. Let's go
Leon	Retail	Please do not open non-essential businesses too soon. As a small business owner, I am taking substantial losses in retail sales, but I'd rather not endanger the life of my family or my customers and their families. One of the biggest issues with this pandemic is that so many people believe they're not at risk for a serious infection, when they simply do not know how it will affect them. I think most of us believe we're healthy, but belief is separate from fact. (For instance, I got a secondary bacterial infection of pneumonia after having the flu in 2013. I didn't think the flu could be that serious or that I'd develop severe pneumonia when I was only 28 years old!) As more information comes in, we're learning this virus affects more than just the respiratory system. We simply do not have enough information, from how many people are asymptomatic/presymptomatic carriers or how the infection will affect individuals. It's too soon to call and we will be in a whole different kind of disaster if we overwhelm our hospitals and lose a large chunk of our population. As the saying goes, better safe than sorry!
Santa Rosa	General	I'm active duty military stationed in (and permanent resident of) Florida. Opening the state is an unnecessary risk-listen to the science. It may be good for businesses right now but in the long term it could be costly in more than money. Don't risk your people.

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Seminole	Education	I request not to open any educational institutions or anything related to children activitieslike scout camps, summer camps, theme parks etc., and also not to open any religious gatherings till end of June. This is because it is hard to maintain distancing and set rules on number of people. Day care facilities may open but limit to few children. But in order for the economy to run and to have jobs for people, business, restaurants for take outs , agriculture, construction can open where is it possible to maintain some sort of distancing can be easily maintained. Prayers for all the beings on this earth 🙏
Pinellas	General	Do not open until health officials agree it is safe and make sure if opened all steps have been achieved. If there is a point in time that can be said the virus is gone and health officials agree that might be a good time to reopen. do it in steps. slowly. Personally i think a vaccine is needed before the state can be opened with harm to the citizens. Push for that.
Miami-Dade	Recreation	I think parks should open up for the kids only certain places should open up
Hillsborough	Finance	I am ready for Florida to re-open and think a lot of this has been taken too far.
Lee	Healthcare	Reopening Florida would be a mistake at this time. At this time only essential businesses are open, and the virus is still speading because the general public is not obeying the stay at home order. There are currently whole families at grocery stores and gas stations. There are neighborhood barbecues and birthday parties taking place outside with large groups of people in attendance. To open our state would only further encourage recklessness. Our essential employees are alredy at great risk. Allowing more people to congregate in public places will only increase the risk of this disease killing more people.
Duval	General	I think this needs to be done slowly and initially those that can work at home need to
Lee	Education	I am worried, how the distancing will be achieved in the daycare that already like me, for example I was reopened on May 4
Hillsborough	Transportation	I am a UPS driver. PLEASE DO NOT OPEN FLORIDA and put us at a higher risk than we already are! When you do open things, please do it slowly, wait a few weeks, see if the cases of Covid go up before opening more areas of our state! We are counting on our governor to do the right thing!
Indian River	Retail	I was furloughed from my job in early April. As my unemployment application has been processing for weeks and money is dwindling, I'd like to return to work in order to pay bills because unemployment help isn't coming. However, I work in a chain clothing store in St. Lucie County where customers ignore rules all the time. They have such a ME-FIRST attitude. With children out of school for the year, parents will inevitably bring them to the store and let them run free. Customers will barge into fitting rooms right next to each other. They will ignore hygiene suggestions and will refuse to wear masks. Paying with cash will be an entirely different issue. But I am willing to take the chance financially as I ask you to please extend the stay at home order. People will come to our store just to hang out, as always. It is a hot bed, and reopening would be inviting the virus back into our homes. Please. Please. Please extend the stay at home order until it is safe. Because Floridians have trouble following rules. Thank you.

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Manatee	Recreation	Please encourage counties to reopen beach parking lots. The beaches provide access to cooling gulf breezes even in high humidity, allowing us to walk outside in the fresh warm humid air that is not conducive to the spread of Covid-19. The vitamin D from the sun and many other benefits from walking on sand have been essential to my husband and me, whom are both in our mid 60s. Opening the beaches without opening the parking lots, does not help 99% of county residents who live too far to walk to the beach. We agree with social distancing, but believe that continuing with oppressive regulations such as this are adding undue misery to many of us. We appreciate you allowing us to give feedback. We are very proud of Governor DeSantis and the task force who are working so hard on behalf of all of us.
Brevard	General	It's too soon to reopen. While I understand there is an economic impact to keeping things shut down, it is outweighed by the health risk of opening too quickly. If businesses open too quickly and there is a spike in COVID-19 cases, having to shut everything down again will be more detrimental than keeping things closed a little longer now.
Volusia	Government	Open it up. People are starving from being out of work. Those who want to stay home can. Time to go back to work and quit stacking debt on taxpayers.
Miami-Dade	General	Mr. Governor, thank you so much for taking our opinions in to consideration. Personally, I choose life above all else and wish the government would have shut down everything for 30 days and possibly nipped this virus dormant. However, that did not happen and people are becoming restless. I do not planning leaving my house with exception to walks until I feel confident it is under control. Having said this, I would like to see Golf Courses, Boating and outdoor recreation open with strict guidelines for safety of everyone. I think the public is in need of self care like hair and nail salons and possibly full spas with limited services and customers I would like to see testing available for everyone so areas of higher concentration can be assisted Money can always be made for those who are willing to work when the time comes but lives cannot be replaced
Pinellas	Recreation	It is time me to begin returning Tampa Bay to normal. Let businesses open, open the beaches and parks. We all now know what Covid-19 is and how to avoid it.
Hernando	Information	I believe we should err on the side of caution when it comes to saving lives. The Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation is recommending June 1st for Florida, and I agree. http://www.healthdata.org/covid/updates
Leon	General	Florida should not reopen until medical specialists say it is safe to do so. Do not play politics when the health and well-being of Florida residents.

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Lee	Government	Make telework for state AND federal employees mandatory. These people are citizens as well as tax paying people who are important to keeping Florida running. Face to face interactions with public should be minimized as most services by the government can be done online or by phone now days. Protect your employees from possible infected public and workmates by keeping them safe at home as much as possible. Invest more in internet infrastructure to prevent any hiccups from telework and in the long run it will pay off as more and more businesses will be able to run more efficiently due to great infrastructure and stable internet. Can't keep the economy going if people are too sick or dead to spend money.
Sarasota	Healthcare	As a Licensed Massage Therapist, I can not practice safely until we have more rigorous testing. I work in a closed room for an hour or more in physical contact with my client. If either myself or my client is asymptomatic or presymptomatic transmission is nearly inevitable.as the virus also remains airborne for some time, surface disinfection between clients is insufficient to prevent client to client transmission, even if there were enough ppe to use to protect myself.
Sarasota	Professional Services	I am a massage therapist that works at a small business in Siesta Key.I am asking that professional services such as massage therapy establishments, not be part of the initial phase of reopening! Like many, I too miss my paychecks...but I DO NOT think that giving massages, where you can obviously not social distance is something that should be reopened yet. Personally, I feel apprehensive about being that close to a complete stranger that might have traveled down to Florida, from who knows where because their stare is still closed! Please keep businesses like ours closed for at least another couple weeks... Make it part of phase 2 or 3!!
Lee	General	I would like to see the stay at home rules extended for at least two more weeks or until a sizable and noticeable drop in infections from coronavirus is achieved. continue special shoping hours for seniors at food stores. Restaurants should continue to be closed. It is just too early to start opening up everything. The government is now very busy with the virus. Do not forget the preparations for hurricane season. The storms will come in spite of the virus. 4/25/20 Markus Albrecht

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Hillsborough	General	Dear Governor DeSantis, I truly appreciate you standing up for our first amendment regarding our religious freedom. I also hope that you will stand for the first amendment once again regarding our right to peaceably assemble! There are more aspects to this pandemic aside from physical health concerns. It has caused many economic and mental health issues also. Many people are concerned about their ability to work and pay bills; therefore, depression is a major concern. I feel that we should be allowed to decide if we want to work or not. Those who feel unsafe or do not want to leave their home have the ability to self-quarantine. As for the rest of us, we would like to get back to work! Thank you for your concern! Let's open Florida!
Pasco	Tourism	I fully support an opening to the Florida Economy as soon as possible. Staged openings make sense from a public confidence point of view. As a "C" level staff member of a science center, I feel that analyzing the data shows that best practices and recommendations are more than adequate for a reopening. Most places that could / would accommodate crowds already have capacity percentages in place. Also, allowing businesses to be open doesn't mean its a "leave the house order". People can still choose to stay home while allowing those a choice who feel it is time to make steps back to normal.
Palm Beach	Retail	We need to open. There is no science to support this crazy shutdown. People will now need to be smart and do the right thing. You can't nor should you test 100% of the entire state. If we fail to open we are playing into the socialist ideas of the government taking care of us. No thank you. Please open back up.
Miami-Dade	Transportation	I think transit should stop due to homeless people riding bus n spreading virus why are they still running n for free that's not smart at all i want to go outside enjoy life im getting sick n tired of being in the house in the stay home order do not work at all shut the state down dont reopen
Hernando	Tourism	Do not open until case of covid19 are down and not before there is good testing methods. Keep social distancing in place through the end of may.
Broward	Recreation	Easier to social distance if some actual recreation is open,, such as our marinas, boat ramps, and golf courses, which should have never closed in the first place!!
Hillsborough	General	Please reopen the parks and trails. We live in Tampa and Bayshore Blvd is packed with people walking, running and biking. We recently had another fatal accident killing a bicyclist. It would better and safer to be able to bike on a wide open trail as people need fresh air and exercise for mental and physical health. Thank you!
Palm Beach	Recreation	Phase1: Reopen parks and beaches - keep the parking closed or very minimum parking spaces. If the goal is exercise then people can walk to the beach or park. this will help keep the parks and beaches from over crowding. Easier for police to control population.

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Manatee	Healthcare	Please re-open. Secondary effects of shutdown including child abuse, spousal abuse, and suicide are worse than the virus now that we are learning more about true prevalence. I ask that you please allow us to be creative with our own businesses in order to continue to ensure safety for those who are vulnerable. The lockdown started in order to not overwhelm the hospital system. Well, hospitals are at 40% capacity and many of us are now furloughed. With more data showing the asymptomatic rate, it is time to get back to work. Thank you
Broward	General	My vote is to re-open the state. We all Understand how serious this is and how to keep safe, now. in my business as a facialist we have always been taught to wear face shields and gloves. This should be a part of our daily work lives always. I believe those at highest risk will stay sheltered, longer.
Escambia	General	This state has not hit it's peak. Florida is not ready to open, if anything, it needs to be more enforced lockdown. Think of people's lives instead of the almighty dollar. If the beaches would have been closed down earlier, we probably wouldn't be as bad as we are now.
Miami-Dade	Healthcare	Greetings, I keep noticing very pale people at my grocery stores here in Kendall. At the CVS a saw two old, very pale individuals backing their new truck so that the tag couldn't be seen. The truck had a N.Y. plate. While waiting in line with my mask on and standing at a safe distance from the person in front of me, one of them without a mask approached me and asked me the date. They were not from S. Fla. My point is that if we live at the end of a peninsula, why are we getting so many new cases? They must come from the north. Cruise ships are not working ,so they must come by air, bus, train, or car. The question is, where are they staying if hotels are closed? I think that an order should prohibit the rental of ARBNB, etc. Anyone from outside S. Fla should have to be tested. Maybe everyone should be tested that comes by air, train, car, bus upon arrival, because this will never end if infected people keep coming.

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Pinellas	General	Dear Gov. Desantis, While I understand the looming economic fallout that has been transpiring is becoming more critical than our current situation with this virus, I'm afraid that will not be the case for long. As a furloughed worker, I understand the need for myself and many other Floridians to get back to work to support not only our families, but the great economy of the sunshine state. Social distancing and the shutdowns have slowed the spread however I fear we can't wait much longer before opening back up. The thing that worries me the most is as time goes on there is a much larger uprising of those who aren't taking the severity of this virus seriously.. they not only want to open back up, but the disposition they are eluding is one of misunderstanding and a sheer ignorance to what this virus is capable of without severe government intervention. I beg of you, Governor Desantis, as we begin this terribly early reopening of our economy, we need to make it extremely clear to those who may be taking this as a hoax or "over hyped media outcry" very seriously and that they be educated. I'm not scared of re opening, I am scared of the ignorance of those who will believe because of this, they no longer need to take precautions or comply with social distancing. The sheer volume of people who truely believe this is a hoax scares me much more than our current dilemma at hand. The people must understand if we decide to open back up this soon, we must double down on all social distancing orders and precautions or we will be staring in the face of an outbreak that eclipses our current situation. Please lead our people not only to economic prosperity and physical health, but to a place of education and understanding.
Duval	General	I sorry about Florida re-opening soon. I know people are struggling and need to pay bills, especially since the utility bills more than doubled this month. However, less than 2% of the people in Florida have been tested. Some haven't tested because they don't know if they can afford it. Some haven't been tested because they don't show all the signs. Some are simply afraid to be tested. But I'm afraid that rushing in to re-opening before testing more people is going to cause a surge in sicknesses. I'm in no hurry to get around others for fear of getting my mom or grandchildren sick.
Leon	General	The only thing you need to do is look at the numbers. Leon county 207 cases!!!!! Originally the media showed 169 of those were from assisted living facilities. They have now lowered it to 91. Other thing which no one answers is why does DOH show their confirmed cases which is about 4 times the lower than other testing sites? Why not just combine the numbers or do they not trust their numbers. Also sick of all the test sites opening. Last I saw over 4,000 people have tested negative in Leon county. If number of test kits are an issue then why are we testing so many. I can understand opening things slowly, but just look at traffic in town and in the stores. People are not really following the Stay at Home orders.

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Pinellas	General	State parks and camping for state residents only should be reopened. If beaches are opened there should be a maximum occupancy. Every other parking space should be blocked and any openings should be for residents only. Jobs classified as nonessential but have limited public contact should be opened when the numbers safely allow it. If numbers increase then a walk back should occur. Medical personnel should make the decision when this can be safely done. No business or religious center that cannot social distance should be open. There must be enforcement of violations. Community pools should not reopen. Too many still believe this is a hoax for safe distancing of public places unless numbers using a facility can be controlled.
Orange	Tourism	- reopen playgrounds, beaches and state parks. Fine people who are not following guidelines set out instead of keeping them closed. -reopen movie theatres. Sell less seats so they are appropriately distanced. - reopen theme parks slowly. Reopen Disney springs and restaurants. Maybe only open one parking garage for a slow process back. -reopen Disney hotels and theme parks with lower admittance. Just bring back things please 😭😭😭 my kids are so ready. My son misses school so much 😭😭😭
Duval	Education	The state SHOULD NOT open up! We need to listen to scientists and health care officials, not business people. My husband has been laid off and I am a teacher, so I know the economic hardship. However, I have asthma and I have a daughter. I do not want to put my family or myself at risk. We must take proper precautions!!!
Pasco	General	I think we should re-open almost every place where people can be moving. Places that require sitting like a movie or stadium should probably wait. But retail and shopping need to be opened. People need to be told to wear a mask and gloves if possible out of consideration of other people. Especially people who may fear they will get infected should wear a mask and wear gloves or carry clorox wipes with them. But we need to get people moving again. Playgrounds at the park should be opened again. It is said that heat, sunlight, and humidity tend to shorten the amount of time the virus particles are virulent. Parents should be encouraged to take wipes with them and continually just wipe down their children's hands at the playground. But jobs must be resumed and outdoor activities should be encouraged. Gyms could open if the members wear masks and gloves and do not touch their faces while at the gym; then discard gloves and wash hands once outside the gym upon arriving home. Strongly suggest that people wear masks and gloves, but please let people get going again. My husband and I both believe this is a good course of action. Thank you and God bless and guide you.

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Manatee	Professional Services	I own a small business. I am a licensed massage therapist. Our practice offers massage therapy and skin care. My massage clients have been in pain and need deep tissue massage. I would like nonessential businesses to be able to open back up. My understanding is that the executive order expires on April 30th. I have been planning to go back to work on May 1st. Before being forced to close we were using precautions. We plan to have a form clients fill out to make sure they are well and not high risk. We are a small practice of 3 massage therapists with one of those therapists dual licensed in skin care. We only see clients 1 on 1. We only have 2 treatment rooms located in a quiet professional corporate center. Please let us go back to work. We were not able to secure a loan and haven't received unemployment as of yet. Please do not put us out of business. Thank-you.
Palm Beach	Healthcare	Please don't make our State a joke AGAIN. Test more people. Many people aren't social distancing now. Some believe the whole thing is a conspiracy. You have a lot of older people in this state that you're already endangering.
Brevard	General	Open our state now. We are ready to get back to work.
Walton	Tourism	I am a full time resident in an area of extremely heavy tourism. I am 74 years old and in the high risk age group, as are many other local residents. I, along with many other locals, also have other significant health issues which increase my vulnerability to the COVID 19. South Walton County becomes truly over run with tourists during season, which continues to seem to expand yearly. Our grocery stores are just beginning to have adequate supplies, though not always or with some essential items, for the first time since short term rentals were no longer allowed in the state. We have a small hospital with a 76 bed capacity. Our county has had a very low testing rate for COVID 19 and, according to area doctors, because of our low, full time population numbers, we are not likely to see that availability of testing to increase much. I am asking that you give strong consideration to the facts I have stated and to the fact that the entire state has high numbers of high risk individuals, in your decisions concerning the re-opening of our state, particularly the reopening of short term rentals. Walton County has a very high percentage of rentals every year from the state of Georgia. Their numbers of COVID 19 cases have continued to rise, which could pose a serious risk of raising the rate of infection here significantly. I think this state, certainly Walton County, has seen excellent results from the quick and decisive actions taken to contain/prevent an overwhelming spread of this virus. I feel that it is far to soon to open back up to a steady influx of travelers from everywhere. Sincerely, Gale A. Culling

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Manatee	Healthcare	I think that with proper direction and standards most counties can begin reopening. Places of gathering with more than 50 people should remain closed. I also think there needs to be protection for higher risk individuals like those with asthma. If florida reopens employers will expect everyone to get back to work. High risk people should be under some protection not to loose their jobs amd continue to be able to stay home. We need to focus on camps in the summer ELC should partner with parks and figure out a way to keep the kids in groups of 10 and not just be in a large room with 100s of kids. Also every classroom needs a sink and each kid needs seperate desks not all at one table.
Broward	General	Honorable Gov DeSantis, Open the economy and recommend social distancing. To die of hunger because of food shortages would be worse than the virus itself. Very Respectfully, Albalira Morgan
Osceola	Healthcare	In most of Florida, despite ignoring experts, we've been lucky regarding Covid-19. Keeping the beaches open primarily affected other states as beach-goers returned home. However Miami-Dade and Broward counties were particularly affected. Look at the data coming from South Florida and recall: this is the outbreak with mitigation efforts. Further, look at the median age of Florida residents. Floridians are skewed demographically towards the more affected population. Epidemiologists can show data and give concrete recommendations. As a healthcare worker it's my job to listen to them. As a leader and decision maker in a time of crisis, it's your job to listen to the relevant expertise, in this case epidemiologists and virologists. Do the right thing, even if it's hard, and please keep the state shut down until these experts say it's safe, and open slowly with their continued advice. Everything else can be dealt with in it's on way. Economies recover, dead bodies don't.
St. Johns	Healthcare	Regarding the coronavirus pandemic: While I look forward to getting back to normal functioning in our community; I don't want to reopen public places & allow tourists back into St. Augustine, until sufficient testing is in place. My husband & I are both retired & at higher risk for viral respiratory infections, & I fear out-of-state visitors will bring the Coronavirus back to our area. Our first confirmed case was a visitor from New York State, so I am hoping we will wait a few more weeks before opening our area to new visitors. (mid-May or later) Georgia is now allowing more businesses to open & it would be prudent for us to watch what kind of results they get, before opening our area up to possible new infections. I am also afraid of their infected population coming into Florida! Please use science & facts & caution before making a decision to open our economy! Thank you!

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Polk	General	Reopen Florida with restrictions. Reopen, barber shops, salons, spas where appointments can be made and social distancing maintained. The governor needs a hair cut. Open beaches Continue take out for restaurants another few weeks. For state agencies and tax collector offices dealing with the public, make testing for Covid 19 mandatory before opening services to public. Mandate wearing face covering in grocery stores. Thank you.
Marion	General	I feel it would be a grave mistake to open businesses, schools, churches, beauty salons or any place where crowds would gather or it would not be reasonable to be able to keep good social distancing. We will never stop this virus if people gather and therefore spread this virus I think teachers should be closed as well. Please consider keeping nonessential businesses, churches, theaters, schools closed. I realize you are trying to please people, but please do the right thing to keep the people of Florida safe. Thank you Deborah L Pratt
Lee	General	The massive failure of Governor Ron DeSantis in fixing the unemployment website, lack of testing and the all around failures of this government leave us residents with NO FAITH that our local government can safely reopen the state. Governor Ron DeSantis has failed the people of Florida and should be ashamed. How many cases are there? Don't know because we haven't tested enough people. How are you going to enforce the rules that are not currently being enforced. HOW MANY MORE NEED TO DIE! Get some experts to help. Prove to us that the task force isn't politically motivated, is diverse and is ONLY INTERESTED IN THE BEST FOR US, NOT COMPANIES OR POLITICS. Governor Ron DeSantis- BIG FAIL Donald Cheeto Trump- HUGE FAIL Republican Party- MASSIVE FAIL/DISGRACE
Lee	General	I am high school teacher in Fort Myers, FL. First I want to thank you for volunteering your time to work in this task force. Florida's economy heavily relies on tourism. Opening the state too early and having tourists get infected would brand us as an unsafe place to travel. It would also increase the infection risk for the workers and people in close proximity to tourists. We obviously can't keep things shut down forever. Many states are waiting until May 15th. That seems reasonable followed by a staged reopening. Thank you for your consideration.

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Lee	Healthcare	I believe that the decision to reopen should be based solely on what the experts in the science of this disease tell us! No human life is worth risking and I do not believe there has been enough testing in Florida for these health and safety experts to make an informed decision. The goals of the national plan for widespread testing has not been met in Florida. I will not risk my life to patronize businesses until I feel safe based on what science tells me...not the local, state or federal government. We can build back businesses...NOT a human life!!!
Volusia	Utilities	Waaaay to early in the game to open up. With Florida's tourism based economy we don't need people from all over coming to our state when we don't know where they've been or what they've been doing.
Polk	General	A very slow opening would be ideal. No matter what our numbers are right now we have to be careful not to get them back to peak numbers or anywhere near them. God forbid this actually starts spreading like wildfire and if we have any indication that it starts shut it back down immediately or we will be in worse shape that we are in right now. I completely understand that we need to get our economy back up and running but also the good Lord gave us the common sense to do whats right when it comes to our safety. All I can do is pray for each and everyone and especially our leaders to guide us and the Lord give you the knowledge and understanding on how we should do this. God be with us.
Lee	General	I really believe we should follow the 3 phase federal guidelines! They seem well thought out, and as Governor Desantis wants is truly data driven! We really need to do this in absence of a successful vaccine. This is one of the few times during this crisis, I actually agree with President Trump with these guidelines! Hope our state follows them to the letter!
Broward	General	Please understand I want no one to lose there life, but we need to start going in the direction of a open state. I guess the arks would be great, but speaking as a male who has not been able to get a haircut in awhile, would give double the cost to get that done. I think if both parties wear a mask, and the salon worker wears gloves I would take a chance to get it done. Also, I have a knee problem, the sports dr has informed me since not a emergency has to wait, it becomes elective, tell my knee that, anyway sir I am proud to say as one we can make America Great Again, but we need a place to start, thank you for your time.
Collier	General	Please do not rush to reopen. We are not safe yet.
Alachua	Retail	I've been a licensed hairstylist for over 30 years. There is absolutely no way to do my job properly without exposing both me and my patron to unnecessary risk. I also work at a beauty supply store. I don't want to take a risk of either catching or spreading this virus because some dumbass just has to buy shampoo or makeup. Pay us our unemployment. Pay it now. And let's try and listen to the MEDICAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS, rather than relying on what Daddy Trump has to say. I'm not willing to be y'all's sacrifice because it's cheaper to throw us to the wolves than to pay us our unemployment money.
Seminole	General	Please open up Florida. There families starving, bills. It getting paid and depression is setting. We don't need a huge suicide rate. This dies in the sun!! That's all we have is sun!! Let's open Monday!! PLEASE!! Let people work!!

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Pinellas	General	Do not reopen the state yet! Covid-19 cases are still going up and thousands more will die if you reopen too soon! Please extend the stay at home order for at least another month!
Pasco	General	Thank you Governor for lifting the restrictions on the Church's Right to Assemble. I would like the Governor to also recognize the Right of the People to peacefully assemble. The Supreme Court has held many times over the history of America that the Right to Peaceably Assemble, especially in the aspect of protest and petition, is a "Bedrock Principle" of America. The Governor has repeated publicly that the government has no authority to regulate the meeting of the church, neither does the government have an authority to prevent the people from peacefully assembling in petition or protest. As he did for the church, please lift all penalties imposed upon Right to Peacefully Assemble and trust the people to follow the guidelines set forth by the CDC. Looking forward, Elizabeth Dolson
Seminole	Professional Services	I have been forced to not work for a month due to the Stay at Home order. In that month I have not been able to access unemployment, have not received a stimulus check (and the irs website can't track it), and was denied an sba loan. To date I have seen $0 of relief funds and have no information on when I will be ALLOWED to work again. I work in a salon with only 4 other women. Dairy Queen is open and I can't go to work? How is this worth millions of livelihoods? If you don't safely reopen soon the people will take it upon themselves to open.
Hillsborough	Recreation	In favor of re-opening restaurants on a limited basis. Resume team sports. Any way to arrange infection control training for restaurants and coaches, and teachers for 2020-2021 school year. PLEASE ELIMINATE PERFECT ATTENDANCE AWARDS in school. I volunteer at an elementary school and parents send their sick kids to school so they can keep this ridiculous "award". Also stricter guidelines for sending sick children home from school please.

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Hillsborough	General	Dear Governor, I'm a supporter, and I've always appreciated your non-partisan decision making. I urge you to ease the "stay at home" executive orders to combat this real virus. We now know without a doubt that the estimates of the severity of this were greatly over estimated. The point in "locking down" was to flatten the curve so as to not overwhelm our hospitals. We know that our hospitals are far from overwhelmed, they are less busy than normal. The curve has been flattened. We know that the media and left have filled our country with unwarranted fear. We know now that Florida's hot spring and summer temps are ideal in killing this virus. We have data from Sweden now that shows isolation reduces the rate at which we can attain antibodies against the virus. Finally, you certainly know we cannot sustain this shut down of our economy. Every day we stay shut down is the death of another small business, the death of another job, and quite possibly the literal death of another poor soul suffering from depression, or starvation. We are not taking this or any virus lightly. However, We the people will not stand for draconian mandates by our government that shuts down our livelihoods, and kills our pursuit of happiness. We know that not only are they unnecessary, but they make the cure worse than the disease. I implore you to stand up to these university elitists, and medial likes that are feeding you these fear mongering lies about this virus, and send the message to get our state back to work. Follow the Georgia Governor's lead! Please restore our freedom. We the people can be trusted, it's the government and our media that needs to be scrutinized. Sincerely, Joshua Payne Riverview, FL
Pasco	General	As much as I want and need to go back to work, I am scared of doing so to soon. I think Florida should wait to test more people and for less positive test results.
Hillsborough	General	Please! I pray to God that you reopen Florida! I can not take staying locked inside for much longer! We have been inside for a month now. The curve has flattened. The hospitals are not overwhelmed with Covid-19 cases. Please, open Florida!
Hernando	Healthcare	Too early to reopen Florida. New cases still on the rise. Florida is a retirement state with a lot of older Floridians. Shame on whoever opened the beaches knowing full well no one would follow the rules and continue to spread Covid 19. Need more testing done.
Orange	General	I live on the edge of two hotspots in orange county what few times I have gone out of the house I have noticed people not following the guidelines Such as mask and social distancing I believe it's too soon to open up the stay at home order I am leery of going out in public and to work I wish you all good luck in your decisions

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Orange	Government	Thank you for allowing Florida residents to voice their concerns about re-opening the public. I know you are receiving plenty of these so I'll try and keep it brief. I believe that reopening the state too soon will have a negative Impact. Given the current number of cases with no vaccine, opening the state too soon will cause an exponential increase in Covid-19 cases. If those numbers increase, what's going to happen? Are we going to continue living our lives and allowing more people to die? Or try to decrease the number of cases going on lock down again? I understand that we need that businesses need to open to get the economy back up and running, but what good is that we go to a second lockdown and cause more jobs to be lost and more businesses to close? If this is the scenario and when business open back up, we're still going to have hard time with the economy because more people will have lost their jobs, more businesses will have closed so there's no money to spend on anything. On top that, there will be more deaths and cases due to Covid-19. Below are some reasonable solutions that I think will be beneficial to Florida residents that will help everyone out in return 1. Either pausing utility payments, rent and mortgages or fighting to give every American citizen a $2,000 a month stimulus check during the time of quarantine to help with those bills. 2. Get more testing kits to get more accurate numbers regarding Covid-19. 3. Keep Florida in lockdown till the end of May like originally planned and revisit as it gets lose to determine whether or not it's safe to open up Florida again. If we can maintain lockdown I strongly believe that we will be able to help flatten the curve and slow down the spread of the virus to open up Florida and America soon and maintain it open. If we open too soon, the number of cases will increase and with no vaccine yet and much too learn about the virus we will be forced to go into lockdown again.
Hernando	General	Florida should remain closed at least another 30 days. We are a large state with a lot of elderly. Personally I have a 90 year old grandfather and I'm pregnant and have a 2 year old. I do not want to fear being out in public. We have no problem staying home a bit longer for the health and safety of not only our family but others. I fear opening now will Only cause Florida to shut down again and next time It will be longer. Follow the examples of China and Italy. We have been warned by these countries
Orange	General	Our economy is crumbling. People are out of work in record numbers. The state needs to reopen. People need to pay their mortgage, rent, car payments, electric bills, water bills, HOA dues, etc., etc., etc. The virus is dangerous, sure, it's not a joke. There is no going "back to normal". But we have to go back to something. Keeping everyone home is not making things better, it's making everything worse. Open, please.

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Pinellas	General	The national guidelines don't end until April 30th. After that, look for 14 days of decreasing numbers. That was the plan, right????????? Pinellas is still going up in every category, infections, hospitalizations, and deaths. What can you do to help that? People are out and about in Seminole/Pinellas like everything is fine. If we can open while numbers are rising, why did we even close? All of my loved ones are high risk. Every single one. I think we can wait another 15 days to a month to be safer. Regardless, I will still be practicing the stay-at-home order to lower my chances of infection so I can see my loved ones. Get the unemployment working for people, please. It doesn't affect me rather hundreds of people I know. Medical and dental offices shouldn't open until they have proper PPE and aerosol ventilation systems anyway. If you open fully now, my gut is that Tampa/St Pete and Orlando will have spikes like Miami. We don't even have good supplies of hand sanitizer, soap or alcohol for the necessary hygiene care to be safe and enter the public again. How about we open when supplies are on the shelves?
Hernando	Retail	I voted for this governor, but refuse to do so in the future. He is kissing the Presidents ass, and doing whatever Trump wants. It's all about the Money with Mr. Desantis. open the beaches, let everyone be in contact with one another, great move , if this turns into a epidemic of great numbers, they should lock him up for ever. YOU LOST MY VOTE.
Polk	General	There are numerous counties with low or no illnesses and those should be opened. Masks to protect oneself and others. Being between Lakeland and Winter Haven, Auburndale has no idea where any tests are offered, antibody tests. We, my husband and I have not had any symptoms of covid19 . We are retired live at the Hamptons Golf Community on 92 W. Everything has been closed. We have been social distancing, making masks for our community members, ride bikes, golf carts. That's about it. Groceries for those who can't go. Yes, open us up. Thank you!
Seminole	Government	Since Florida's plan seems to be not completing and paying unemployment claims, these workers need some relief and answers. The answer should not be get a job at Walmart or as an essential worker. These people had jobs and me don't through no fault of their own. Restaurants and bars have been suffering the most and strict guidelines should be imposed to get these businesses open as soon as possible. Next should be hair and nail salons. These businesses add to our quality of life and are missed the most. Large venues and shopping malls should be last on the list. Lastly face masks should be mandatory and businesses should hand them out to customers who don't have one. If you don't have a mask you can't enter.

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Lee	General	Re Open -- My constitutional rights are violated and I'm sick! Sick of being told I can't do this, I can't do that. I'm 80 years old, I've taken good care of my health all my life and now I'm being put on a time out -- how much time do you think I have left? It was asked of us to abide by the restrictions so the hospitals did not get overwhelmed, it was not so that people would be guaranteed they would not be infected. Hospitals are not overwhelmed -- they are actually asking people to use the Emergency Rooms in Lee County! Lots of people are infected with the Virus but are not in the hospital nor even in bed. Lots of people get sick, lots of people get really sick, really sick people end up in the hospital. It's life! Government cannot stop people from getting sick - so don't pretend you can. My friends, neighbors and relatives will all take care of themselves. Some will stay home and I will continue to shop for them, some will not go to crowded spots and some will resume life with accomodations like wearing a face mask voluntarily! But this is America and we have certain unalienable rights, such as the right to pursue happiness and prosperity for ourselves. How can we do that if we can't go out???? Be pro-American, re-open safely. Obviously, schools should not re-open until next semister. Disney, Universal, Seaworld and other such businesses should be allowed to submit re-opening plans for approval to your taskforce. If they feel they can afford to open, restaurants can open with restrictions on placement of tables with outside dining a good option. Fast food restaurants, opened with space restrictions. Let people get back to work, let people open their business. Really, we can decide if we want to go to the beach, get a haircut, shop for new clothes, buy a pair of shoes other than Walmarts', go to dinner at our favorite small business places, purchase fabric at the fabric store, stay at a hotel, take a road trip. We all had Mothers and Fathers that told us what to do healthwise, do we need you to be our new mothers and fathers? It appears that fresh air and sunshine are good to fight the virus -- (just like mother always said), and yet public parks and beaches were some of the first
Leon	General	I support begging to open up as many of the public venues as possible. The worst is over, we need to take some risk to salvage our economy. We can still take precautions while getting back to normal.
St. Lucie	General	Facial coverings or masks should be mandatory to go out in public and to enter essential businesses, or denied access. Some people don't care that they are putting others at risk. The Treasure Coast has been fortunate to have so few cases compared to areas south of us. It would be nice to keep it that way. If the number of new cases continue to go down, reassess in two weeks. You need an assessment period with a definite start date. Continue to do testing, testing, testing. Don't do what Georgia is doing. We all want to have some kind of normalcy in our lives. Stress social distancing.
Seminole	General	REOPEN FLORIDA with no mask restrictions for those of us who are healthy. Allow ALL businesses to open without restriction. If those who feel they are vulnerable or those caring for them wish to stay isolated, that is fine, but the rest of us demand our right to earn a living!

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Polk	Tourism	I strongly think that Florida should reopen immediately for many reasons including economic, physical and mental health. The corona virus is a new virus that the medical community is still learning to treat but one main fact they learned is fresh air and heat only help with prevention and healing of the condition faster. After going to Southern California the first week of February, I know now I contracted the COVID and I did stay quarantined just in case and recovered quickly with the fresh air in my back yard. Many people do have lowered immune systems and either die or recover longer which is why in my opinion is why New York had so many cases and deaths since they were locked up in their dark apartments with no sun or fresh air to recover. They also understand now it's a respiratory illness which the medical community was not treating it for at first which didn't make matters better. I could also state statistics on other illnesses killing people every year for which the United States does not shut down for but that would be controversial. The state of Florida has a majority of tourism companies and they are all suffering now so if we could reopen in time to save them in time, there won't be such a devastation effect in the long run. The reality we are putting a band aid on a huge problem and small things we implement such as plastic covers on debit card buttons which is illogical because everyone touches them and it won't stop the spread. Instead of covering everyone with plastic and masks, keep the sick and old at home and allow healthy people who already know they had it, start fixing this economic situation before it's too late. The longer you wait to open, the more hysteria will happen and people will never want to leave their homes out of fear. Rip off this COVID bandaid and open up Florida!

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Sarasota	General	Please reopen the state. The statistics that continue to be updated show that the original projections were way off (it is not near as harmful). The entire country responded to a worst case scenario "what if" threat, which is reacting to fear, rather than real data and risk. We now have data that shows the risk is not nearly as great as originally believed, even with the CDC encouraging hospitals to report essentially everything as COVID (which is unacceptable). The government should not be making the choice for its people regarding this virus. As long as the hospitals are not overwhelmed (which they are absolutely not here), then this should be a matter of personal decision and not government interference. The argument that these orders are unconstitutional becomes increasingly stronger the longer this goes on. The "legitimate threat" is much less legitimate than originally believed, given the continued research/data we have available, and the response is absolutely not the "least restrictive means." People in "at risk" groups have the ability to choose to stay home if they are fearful of the virus. As long as hospitals are not overwhelmed, the virus needs to run its course. We cannot even reach herd immunity with everyone staying in isolation. Those of us that want to get back to work and want to continue living (not in fear) must be allowed to do so. Please reopen Florida. To ensure hospitals do not get overwhelmed once reopened, the government can request businesses implement stricter cleaning procedures and distancing guidelines for a period following reopen. We must get back to life. There are more than enough conflicting expert opinions on this virus in our country and only those affiliated with the government are being heard by our government. Unacceptable. Our government must listen to the other expert opinions to make such extreme decisions and recommendations, rather than the opinion of select few. If this is a matter of expert opinion, and the experts disagree (when considering these independent experts beyond those within the gov), then the government CANNOT infringe on our rights and shut us down.
Martin	General	Additionally, health care mandates by the government are Governor Do you have any normal people on this task force or are they all experts and politicians Sanford studies and others have established the death and recovery rate of covid 19 are no different than a really bad flu season! This shutdown has already cost people their lives work. I know personally of two business people that have lost everything and committed suicide! Do you think perhaps they, their family and friends would have risked the virus? Your citizens are suffering, domestic violence is going up, kids are not learning, people are going hunger, yet the politicians in the ivory tower are paid, safe and feed! Stop this and trust in the adults of this state to take care of themselves and their love ones, I would welcome an opportunity to speak before the righteous taskforce attempting to dictate my life and freedom! Free on my feet, better than safe on my knees!

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Alachua	General	It is time to get the economy heading back in a positive direction. People are hurting and need to start working again. As a state we cannot shelter in place much longer before it becomes a problem we may never recover. I have been able to work from home, but my heart breaks for those who cannot. The numbers on death rate has remained readily stable for the last three weeks. We should begin with caution but it is time to begin letting Floridians begin to work again. I implore the Governor and his staff to re-open fFlorida at the end of April. I appreciate all he has done to keep Floridians safe however the time has come to get back to work.
Seminole	General	It's way too soon to reopen Florida, the number of cases is going up, the number of deaths is going up. There shouldn't even be talk of reopening till those numbers start going down, not up everyday. On another note there are still plenty of people who haven't even been tested, yet you want to re-open as if to invite the virus right back in. As soon as you do so it's a sure thing the cases are going to continue going up even more than what they already are at this point. It would be dangerous and incredibly ignorant to put us right back in harm's way.
Palm Beach	General	We must have adequate and available testing of the Florida population so as to determine how widespread the virus is prior to opening the economy . We must have a phased opening according to how essential the service is as defined by need for proper survival and not political considerations or connections. Social distancing must be maintained and masks should be worn where social distancing may be difficult to maintain. Enough testing should be done to achieve the1 in 1000000 infected to non- infected persons as recommended by the experts, prior to full opening of the economy. Notwithstanding, we must have policies in place to react properly if another outbreak appears to be happening.
Osceola	Tourism	I believe we should allow small gatherings of 10 or less people. Beaches re-open while practicing social distancing of 6ft and parties of 10 or less. Masks to be worn when inside public areas such as stores, doctor offices, etc. Possibly open restaurants with 50% of the capacity with the 6 ft rule between tables. We need to ease in and watch how it affects the COVID-19 numbers. If they continue to go down or only have a slight increase, we would go to the next phase. Large gatherings at events, theme parks, etc should be the last thing to be implemented. Unless there is a way for these venues to monitor such as Temp readings, distancing between guests, etc. We do need to get the economy back up and going. I work in hospitality and have been negatively impacted by COVID-19. But there must be a balance between opening up safely while starting back up the economy. Thank you.
St. Johns	General	Please keep gyms closed. For the safety and sake of our elders and children. Hi

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Orange	General	The state should open back up for Florida residents. I don't think it would be a great idea for flocks of people to travel to Florida for summer vacations. Extra precautions and other guidelines could stay for more heavily hit areas, like South Florida. That being said, it would be important for theme parks to soft open with only Florida residents allowed in the park for the time being - perhaps with limitations on how many people can be inside. Also, higher risk people should still use caution and still stay at home when possible. It would be a good idea for essential stores to keep special shopping times in place for the at risk population.
Miami-Dade	General	Open up the state Governor my mom is suffering with business it's scary to think we don't know how much longer she will have a job. She has had to take a 20% cut is having to furlough her workers. This is people's livelihoods open the state governor. We can't last past May 1st like this. Your fellow Floridians are struggling open the state this is literally natural selection with business and the people. We don't work no money, no money no home no food. Thank you very much and stay safe during these times.
Miami-Dade	General	In regards to the beaches in Florida. I would like to suggest a phased approach to reopen all state beaches. I will use Miami Beach as an example. Reopen the beach to Miami Beach residents at first to establish a program on long term use by county residents. The phased approach would permit Miami Beach to establish a controlled access program, limit the number of people in a group and establish social distancing policy.
Pinellas	General	Opening condo pools. Hotels should stay closed but condos people own them and pay fees for the pool. Should be opened with a limit on people there
Columbia	Education	I believe Florida should open! All counties should not be treated the same. Give mayors control. State Parks and beaches should all be open. If elderly or health compromised people want to stay home they can stay home. People need to get back to work. Let people be responsible for themselves and quit taking our freedoms away due to fear. This is causing far more problems than the virus is.
Brevard	General	Florida needs to reopen everything in phases with tourism first such as universal or Disney. The economic issues this has caused on our economy are going to take a long time to recover. The virus is not as bad as everyone is saying by death toll. When you factor in how many people have it and did not get checked it reduces it to under 1%. New York for example, put its death rate at 0.5%. In addition, this virus has been around since December and potentially November and we were all fine and the health care system was fine as well.
Pinellas	General	Experts state that Florida should not open up before June 14th. Florida should not open until COVID-19 infections fall below one case per 1 million people and extensive testing is done with adequate provisions for contact tracing whenever an infection is found.

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Miami-Dade	Government	I don't agree with reopening the city without a strategic plan for more testing . I believe there also needs to be a plan in the event the situation with the pandemic we're to worsens.
Duval	Technology	The unemployment website, has turned out to be a absolute total disgrace. The political bodies of FL should be ashamed for having such a HORRIBLE and ill powered website online. If platforms like FB and YouTube can handle millions of clicks at a time, the state could too. I'm sure you voted to pay a small fortune to have what we have right now. I originally signed up in March, waited and guess what?... NO RECORD found. I signed up again in April, and the site kept crashing. Guess what? it continues to tell me my application isn't complete, and to click apply again. guess what? When I click it takes me nowhere new and still shows me the same info,... Incomplete. I check it every other day, guess what? No indication that ANYTHING is being done. I'm late on bills and ready to get thrown out of where I live. Why? because the unemployment benefits that are now avail to me (I'm self employed) are "Not Avail". It's still broken. I will vote a straight republican ticket, but I hope and pray that more than 2 (R) are running, because I will NOT be voting for an incumbent. THEY HAVE FAILED US. SHAME ON YOU ALL. P.S. while submitting this feedback IT WILL NOT EVEN TAKE THE submission, the website is overloaded. SHAME, SHAME, SHAME.
Brevard	Finance	I don't feel safe going back to work or sending my kids to daycare. We need to stay home
Broward	Recreation	Please open the beaches. You can keep the public parking closed so large crowds aren't an issue. There really is no reason people can't social distance at the beach, it's wide enough to accommodate local residents. Thank you.
Alachua	General	Governor DeSantis, Please open our state!! You have done and excellent job leading us through this crisis!!! This virus is much more widespread and uneventfuland not every person is vulnerable and many of us have antibodies. Many have been exposed with little or no symptoms and many of us are willing to take the chance with something that may be as common as a flu for most of us. However, too many businesses, livelihoods, careers, lifestyles etc are being destroyed and that is to speak nothing of the fact of the social impacts from drug and alcohol abuse, depression as well as weeks of no AA or Al-Anon meetings and the impact of that alone is a consequence that wasn't well thought out. Many of us are shopping in grocery and drugstores, hardware stores, drive thru's etc. Let us be adults and adhere to the guidelines and let us have our lives back and our businesses back.....and our families and friends back!!!! Let the vulnerable shelter themselves but let the rest of us get back to work and back to taking care of our futures!! Thank you!!!! Thank you for being a man of character, intelligence, and level headedness!!! Release us please!!
Lee	Tourism	We need people working . The deaths from the soon to be recession , will out way the disease . Not many cases in SWF . So open Florida for Floridians . Keep tourists away for awhile longer

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Collier	General	I feel it would be better to slowly and more deliberately reopen, so we'll perhaps not have to shut down again. We should use science and advice from health officials rather than politics to choose when to reopen the economy. Opening beaches could be a good thing for our health as long as there are restrictions in place. More importantly beaches should only be open to the residents of that county to avoid people from other counties and states invading.
Orange	Tourism	OPEN THE STATE. People are losing their homes, jobs, businesses, etc. The economy cannot handle this closure. All the prediction models you used to close the state were wrong but you are still using the same fear to keep the state closed. It's time to open the state and get people back to work. Open the restaurants, hair salon, open Disney, etc. This virus has become political and the democrats are using it to destroy the economy and hurt Trump in November. Do not let the democrats control this and destroy the great state of Florida. Please open the state now. Thank you.
Polk	Food	Obviously, I'm like most other people, I have cabin fever something fierce so I would like nothing more than to open the restaurants back up BUT I have no idea how you'd do that while keeping the distancing option. I wear my mask and put on gloves every time I go to buy groceries etc which I haven't found to be a problem to avoid getting the virus. The first time I west grocery shopping, I wore long pants, long sleeve shirt, fask mask and gloves. Of course, I was seating like heck when I got home but that's how I felt. My sister wanted to take a taxi or uber to Watson clinic but I would let her. I don't know how you're going to do it, but I would like to see some restaurants reopen. Steve Hoffman
St. Johns	General	It is important not to attempt a re-opening until Florida and the separate counties have had the 2 weeks of decrease in cases and hospitalizations. We do not want a second surge that would require another shutdown. People (tourists) need to be able to trust Florida is using good judgment to keep everyone safe.
Orange	Healthcare	In addition to social distancing, maybe recommend the following behaviors: When not wearing mask and about to sneeze or cough, pul up shirt or blouse over nose instead of using hand cover. 2nd best, sneeze/cough into bicep of arm because it makes you look downward and your hands touch other things but biceps don't touch other things. For elevator buttons, kiosk keyboards (like airport check in), and doorknobs, use opposite hand (like left hand if right-handed, and the pinky knuckle to press with, and the last two fingers (pinky and ring finger) and partial end of palm to grab with. Turns out when touch face, you usually use the hand that you write and eat with, and it is hard to touch your face with the pinky knuckle.
Pinellas	General	Please reopen Florida and release the burdens you have placed on our communities when you made the irrational decision to shutter business and shelter in place which was based on premature data and fear. However, continuing to quarantine high risk groups such as nursing homes makes sense.

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Palm Beach	Recreation	PLEASE REOPEN THE BEACHES TO FLORIDA RESIDENTS. I don't care if we have to bring our FL Driver's licenses with us to the beach, as long as they can be reopened. I understand not wanting to encourage out of state vacationers, for now, but since "UV light" and vitamin D are deemed helpful in fighting the Coronavirus, opening the beaches seems like a logical decision. Honestly, it would be nice if more things were allowed to slowly open with the requirement to wear a mask or facial covering when indoors and follow social distancing guidelines. Outdoors, parks and recreational areas should be allowed open, provided social distancing guidelines are adhered to. Also, everyone should be made very aware of the need to adhere to guidelines in effort to not increase the incidents of infection as closures would have to resume if there was an increase in infections.
Pinellas	Healthcare	Our medical practice has complied with urgent medical care in order to preserve PPE. This was of grave concern in the beginning of this pandemic but the shortage of PPE is no longer so dire. We have made our own medical masks using the UF protocol and invested thousands of dollars to get our offices outfitted with plexiglass, signage, contactless pay systems, etc. There is absolutely no reason to continue to keep our medical practice closed. I guarantee we are safer than WalMart and we are contributing to community by testing for coronavirus antibodies in all of our staff and some patients. Let us do our important work!
Orange	Administrative	PLEASE reopen everything. Local businesses are suffering. I am fortunate enough to work in an “essential” business but many people I am close with are not. Businesses will be shutting down and never able to recover. If people are afraid for their safety, they should not go out. They should not be able to make the decision for everyone.
Pasco	Healthcare	Allow families to visit loved ones in Assisted Living Facilities. Families visiting must wear face masks and have their temperature taken. All workers at the facilities should continue to wear face masks when they are working in the ALF"s. Residents and families are struggling because they cannot visit their loved ones.
Santa Rosa	Government	PLEASE open the State back up!! I may be old and want to be safe, but I do NOT want to keep people from working!! Let the old and sick stay home and the healthy GET BACK TO WORK!!!!
Marion	Healthcare	Florida is an embarrassment to me. The governor is an embarrassment and a trump boot-licker. covid-19 is serious. you should not be asking the public about what they want to do. you should be consulting with science / disease / contagion experts about what to do. or did that not cross any of your addled minds? plus your damn submit form doesn't even work...overloaded. this state is truly a piece of messed up work.
Broward	Education	Please open up school for 2020-2021 school year. We also need other areas opened up sooner: hair, nails, parks, beaches. People need to start going back to work and being able to resume some type of normalcy.

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Collier	Tourism	I don't think Florida should open its doors yet. It will get people sick again. The beaches should remain open,, though.
Brevard	General	Hello, Thank you for letting the residents of Florida voice their thoughts! Generally speaking I think it's too soon to open up on a broad scale. Now within certain counties where there are a low amount of cases within certain zip codes, that might be a starting point to Re-Open Florida. Keep in mind though some areas really haven't had enough access to drive-thru testing either, so we really don't know how much more is out there, even in a low case county like Brevard. It could still be on the rise any day or week now. I think we need to wait a while longer,and when we do Open, the businesses have to be completely ready with their new strategies to keep employees and the public safe. We should all know by now that social distancing and face masks are here to stay in our New Normal existence. Thank you everyone on the Task Force. Stay Safe!
St. Lucie	Healthcare	Do not reopen anything until a concensus among health professionals say it is safe to do so. Donald Trump is not a health professional and should have no baring on reopening. Governor Desantis, we elected you to lead us and do the right things in easy times and in hard times. Now is the time to step up and make the right decision. Health before wealth. I was always taught that without health you have nothing.
Lee	Food	Please reopen all restaurants even at 50%. It will be good for people in hospitality to get back to work. Especially since we aren't getting any unemployment! We haven't seen a dime from the unemployment that my husband applied for 6 weeks ago. Please, he just wants to work. I'm grateful to be working in healthcare and to be essential. Thank you!

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Miami-Dade	General	The task at hand of opening Florida back up is one that requires very incremental steps to reopen. There would need to be a base criteria to even think about reopening which would be having a fully up to date testing system whether it's antibody testing or regular testing to get a clear understanding of where the virus is in terms of numbers and location. Once all that information is at our disposal the most logical thing to do is ease some restrictions in areas with little to no infected but still limit the amount of contact people may encounter. For example open some more very selected small business that can adapt to a social distance business style which could be smoke shops, small Botanicas or boutique. Restaurants, fast food chains, clubs, beaches, and social gathering pertaining to events should be held restricted until a viable cure is available to the open market. Although many people would like these services, these are places that may cause the highest rate of infection spread. Restaurants may be able to have takeout to able to have some business but cannot have capacity inside. There is something that has to be understood and that is the tourism industry will suffer until there is a cure to this. You cannot morally open these high density places to the public for it will be a Petri dish for the virus. The opening of Florida will still have a good portion of businesses operational but there's a large portion of the economy that will be hindered and that must be understood. Assuming you have created social guidelines for select businesses that are able to open there will be a surge of demand for jobs. A crucial stage of reopening is assisting the people of Florida back into the work force. This must be a state wide effort to organize with businesses and the people to connect them back into the labor force. Now each county is unique to its own so these measures must be fine tuned for each one. Statistics will be our friend and we cannot allow emotions to judge this reopening. We must constantly think about the huge unemployment surge we have and the loss of a multi billion dollar industry which is tourism. A big thing we need to keep in mind is moral. People feel at a loss because they lost a job, can't pay rent, or can't pay enough for food. Social nets will be needed for people to raise moral. We need to give people hope. If we work together have state wide televised time for new information to be released (like New York) the people will feel secured. I appreciate the time you have taken to read this the work the task force is doing is
Polk	Retail	I think we need to reopen as soon as possible.
Pinellas	Healthcare	It would be unwise to open any aspect of the economy until we had a sufficient amount of testing ability to test anyone with symptoms and at least 10 potential contacts. With the expectation that all test results were available the same day the test was performed. In addition, there must be sufficient human resources to track all potential contacts. Finally, the state needs to be prepared to provide all positive individuals a place to isolate along with food etc. if positive individual chooses not to isolate in their own home. Otherwise, without this capability, within 3 weeks of re-opening beaches or other aspects of the economy there will likely be a resurgence of the virus leading to additional deaths.

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Collier	Professional Services	My concern is for the safety of people working in businesses that are front facing, contact jobs, that are not medical, such as hair salons, nails salons, barbershops etc. I am a hairstylist and co owner of a salon and I want our business to be able to remain open, however it's impossible to practice social distancing of 6 feet,. Not to mention, cleaning supplies are not super accessible currently, so being able to have enough is also a concern going forward. I think that perhaps reopening business such as these, in order to keep people safe, maybe a later date, such as may 15th would be a safer option. I understand needing to go back to work and have an income (I also depend on this and have not received unemployment at all) and keep things in business, I just want to keep it safe and not rush it for my family, team members and their families as well as our guests and their families.
Bay	Tourism	Small business has caught the worst disease possible....."GOVERNMENT". If this continues much longer small business will be dead and so will our country. Mumps and Measles didn't shut this country down. We must get back to work NOW or we will all fail. The cure is clearly proving to be much more fatal than the disease.
Broward	General	Why cant you open the parks to just walkers, bikers and joggers and of course any one driving with a handicapped sticker. No parties, coolers, picnic table use or playgrounds. Maybe open from 630 am until 10 am and then again from 4 Pm until 7 pm or something like that. Thanks for listening.

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Collier	General	Hi Governor DeSantis, I am a resident of Collier County. It is time for Floridians to get back to work. Throughout the past weeks of COVID restrictions businesses deemed “essential” remained open. Floridians who patronized those businesses voluntarily engaged in social distancing, voluntarily followed CDC guidelines. With these businesses open, sometimes serving hundreds of people at a time, twelve hours a day, seven days a week, we have witnessed COVID numbers falling. The State of South Dakota never mandated a single business closed and are also seeing COVID numbers falling. Every business is essential when families are dependent upon that income for healthy and happy lives. I believe these facts prove that Floridians are responsible people, who love their neighbors, and will CHOOSE to do the right thing. But we need our elected representatives to do the right thing; we need our businesses open. We don’t want government handouts. We want to get back to work. We want our businesses open now, not later. Please allow our restaurants and other businesses as well as beaches and parks to open now. I tune into your press conference daily waiting for you to say that our economy is open and to just be responsible. However, I have yet to hear that. I feel we are in agreement on what needs to happen soon. Please just make the right decision and announce that we are opening now as many other businesses have been open and doing just fine. Beaches can be open as they are expansive and a much better option than I encounter running on the now crowded sidewalks each morning. Walkers go out into the busy road to avoid being within 10 feet of me as I run by. It's just mind boggling how fearful people are. Yet it's safer to be in a walmart or grocery store? Restaurants can be opened even at 50% capacity to begin with. There is also no need to require a mask. The effort it requires to
Pinellas	General	Call Centers with over 50 employees should remain work from home. Also if someone has been cleared to work from home should be able to remain so if the are a risk of catching CoVid WITHOUT retribution from their employers.
Sarasota	Professional Services	I’m a hairstylist in Sarasota and we have 3 employees over 65 and our clients are 60 plus Some 80 and 90 . We can’t cut hair with gloves on or shampoo color off at ears also when we shampoo clients they cough in your face as soon as you lay them back . Blow drying germs all over is scary . Our stations aren’t but 2 ft apart it’s just very scary and we feel unprotected. Before we closed on March 28 I was trembling at work because I have 1 kidney And asthma. Unless we could get M 95 mask . Being vain or greedy over safety is not fair . The salon owners want to open so they can make us make them money. They should have done the PPP loan

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Broward	General	PLEASE DO NOT REOPEN ALL BUSINESSES AND BEACHES WHILE WE HAVE OVER 30000 CASES AND SO MANY DEATHS. SOUTH FLORIDA IS FULL OF ELDERLY PEOPLE, DISABLED ADULTS AND YOUNG IMMUNE COMPROMISED CHILDREN. THE NUMBERS ARE MUCH HIGHER AS SO MANY REMAIN UNDIAGNOSED DUE AT FIRST THE LACK OF TESTING CENTERS AND NOW RESTRICTED ACCESS CANCELLING THE RESTRICTIONS AND ALLOWING THE PUBLIC TO CONGREGATE IN GROUPS CAN LEAD TO DEVASTATING CONSEQUENCES AND LOSS OF LIFE. INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES ARE RECEIVING HELP. BOREDOM SHOULD NOT BE A REASON TO UNDUE ALL THAT HAS BEEN BENEFICIAL DONT MAKE FLORIDA A LAUGHNING STOCK ONCE AGAIN RECONSIDER YOUR POSITION AFTER SEEKING COUNSEL WITH AMA, CDC, FAUCI, INFECTIOUS DISEASE SPECIALISTS, WHO .....ETC
Brevard	Healthcare	All Florida public parks should be open, especially beachside plus parking, with social distancing in place. Cutting off residents' access to nature is creating observable negative consequences in compensatory behaviors, such as excessive alcohol consumption and overeating. We have reached a tipping point where the cure is worse than the virus, in my opinion.
Osceola	General	I know that we are all struggling right now but Florida is not ready to re open. People will still be too careless and think everything is ok . We need a little more time. DO NOT OPEN FLORIDA , we need more time
Miami-Dade	General	Plssssss, don't open the state back to normal. Thats gonna be a completely disaster for everyone. So many people are contagious right now, the numbers growing up if u do that.
Pasco	General	It is nonsense that we can go to Walmart , Publix, gas stations , Lowes, Home Depot, air planes, but all of these other businesses are being targeted by the government to close. This is in no way a fair process. Let people open up and get back to work before these places close forever. What an unfounded decision to close these places was made. All of you should be ashamed. LET US GET BACK TO WORK. If we don't open up immediate, the Governor should pack his bags, he won't be reelected. If he opens up, his odds increased 10 fold.
Broward	Tourism	I agree that we need to get back to normal and start building up our economy but I think that we have to reduce travel within the US and between states, even between counties. By reducing the amount of people we let come in from other states I believe we can control the spread of Covid-19. Our governor, mayors, healthcare professionals have worked too hard to have people from other states that haven't done their due diligence come here and bring their issues with them. Let's control public events, movie theaters, schools, bars, etc. and open a little at a time with people doing social distancing, keeping masks on and continue to follow guidelines. We will get through this together by being smart and patient. Thank you.
Columbia	General	We need another month.. it's too soon

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Miami-Dade	Healthcare	We need to have the economy and all activities open now.
Broward	General	Open all businesses that are able to provide a plan for safety. Routine cleanups throughout the day, maintaining social distancing and providing sanitizer to patrons. . People have to be responsible for their own health and well being. Schools need to reopen in the fall.
Pasco	Retail	I work in retail. Although we are open curbside I am concerned about a full open because I live in a multi generational home. My father is in the high risk category and I have a 9 month old daughter. I can't send her to daycare, and wouldn't if we do open back up May 1st because of the risk to my father. I also have the fear of returning to work myself and bringing something home to him but if I don't I will lose my job and health insurance. The state should not open until we see a huge influx in testing and a 14 day solid decline. Minimum we should wait it out to see if the cases spike in the states that have already opened. I shouldn't have to choose my father's life or my job. Please do the right thing.
Orange	Professional Services	We need to open this state. Closing it for a certain, high risk, people is really insane. Nobody is getting unemployment, many having problems with stimulus. Let us work! I don't know anyone or any or my friends know anyone that have gotten this. But, I do see mental health in friends deteriorating due to not being able to pay bills.
Orange	Government	I disagree with the Stay at Home order being lifted. It shoStay at Home should be extended end no earlier than May 15, 2020. The numbers have been controlled because of it. Social distancing with the use of face masks should not be lifted in any business until months to come..
St. Johns	General	My wife and I are ADULTS (71 and 72 years old, respectively). We moved to Florida to enjoy the attractions, the weather and our remaining years together. As adults, we are fully capable of following the required social distancing and other preventive protocols in order to protect ourselves and others, just as we are capable of deciding whether we want to "risk" certain activities. However, we can't exercise these judgments until the economy is opened. Please do so ASAP!
Pinellas	General	Science and medicine should govern such a momentous decision as to relax safety measures, not ethe demands of bankers and stock brokers.
Brevard	Finance	I support re-opening of Florida because I would like to see everyone back to work. Many people in 'non-essential' businesses actually have essential jobs because they are providing for their families. We need to allow them to earn income again so they do not end up in a worse financial crisis than they probably are already in. The government stimulus check is not even enough to cover the time off already. We need to get these people back to work as soon as possible. Please support Florida families and re-open Florida.

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Collier	Government	Dear Governor DeSantis, I am a resident of COLLIER County. It is time for Floridians to get back to work. Throughout the past weeks of COVID restrictions businesses deemed “essential” remained open. Floridians who patronized those businesses voluntarily engaged in social distancing, voluntarily followed CDC guidelines. With these businesses open, sometimes serving hundreds of people at a time, twelve hours a day, seven days a week, we have witnessed COVID numbers falling. The State of South Dakota never mandated a single business closed and are also seeing COVID numbers falling. Every business is essential when families are dependent upon that income for healthy and happy lives. I believe these facts prove that Floridians are responsible people, who love their neighbors, and will CHOOSE to do the right thing. But we need our elected representatives to do the right thing; we need our businesses open. We don’t want government handouts. We want to get back to work. We want our businesses open now, not later.
Pinellas	General	Follow the lead of scientists. Do not endanger people simply because businesses want to get back to making profits. We really need widespread testing so that we can trace infections; without that you're somewhat shooting in the dark. Make sure there is a sustained downturn in infections before taking risks.
Collier	Recreation	Re open the beaches and retail stores hair salons with distancing and masks
Duval	General	Please keep the state closed until Coronavirus numbers have significantly dwindled. Anything else is reckless.
Escambia	General	I live in northwest Florida. I do not believe that we meet the national government's criteria to enter phase 1 of reopening the state. I feel that we need to wait another 2-4 weeks to evaluate if the curve is truly flattening.
Polk	General	Do not open until it’s safe. Follow Disney’s lead. When they open I will believe it is safe.
Miami-Dade	Healthcare	When we re-open please keep order for public masks in public areas. Make public distancing mandatory in public spaces and limit restaurants and bars to 50 % for now. Please re open doctors offices and help them get PPEs also get test for antibodies to all dental and medical offices.

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Alachua	Education	I think we should stay at home until June 14. This is the assumption of the IHME model, which is the most optimistic models of the six major models that I have reviewed. The IHME states "After June 14, 2020, relaxing social distancing may be possible with containment strategies that include testing, contact tracing, isolation, and limiting gathering size." But most importantly of all, I think that everyone should wear masks when we re-open. Why are masks so important? Because we don't want to risk a reversion to exponential community spread. We know that this virus spreads very effectively in the air and on surfaces. But we also know that even poor masks cut transmission by 50% and stop you from touching your face so you won't get infected by touching surfaces. This is huge. By wearing masks after we re-open, we can knock the Rt down to a very low level so that the community spread dies out and the virus goes away! That is what happened to SARS and MERS, and it could happen with this virus, too. The thing that will stop the financial crisis is getting the virus under control. We may get a vaccine against COVID one day, but we cannot stay in lockdown until that happens. We should be doing everything to stop community spread, and we can do it. The Rt in Florida is already less than 1. The virus spread is already slowing. Wearing masks will help it to stop cold! So in conclusion, I support re-opening the state in June if we wear masks. I think this will let the state of Florida get safely back to business.
Walton	General	We have learned a lot in the last several weeks and will continue to learn more each week. We have stopped an over satuation of our hospitals. We must diligently begin to get our communities functional again, protect the elderly and clinically ill, our society has got to begin to operate again for the sake of the American people.
Bay	Tourism	I am ready for Florida to reopen and the economy to come back! I am ready for our theme parks and all park attractions to open. I am not for the employees and cast members of Disney, Universal, etc. to wear masks and gloves; we are not a third world country and do not need to start looking like one and that defeats the whole purpose of the theme parks. However am for more sanitation and cleaner parks. Possible hand sanitizer stations at each attraction in the parks, every other seats in the attractions, less attendance in the parks. I have always thought they should be having limited capacity in all parks it would be less wait times in lines. Please do not let the owners make the cast members of Disney or employees of Universal, Busch Garden, Sea World, etc wear masks and gloves. Also please have these parks open sooner rather than later.

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Bay	Tourism	Hello, my name is Tate Gaines and I own a rental property here in FL. I'm quite frustrated with the ban on vacation rental while hotels are still available. It is hurting many small businesses that rent, and it is hurting the local economy. The beaches are quite literally the best place to stay away from others. People naturally find their own space on the beach. Laying out not being allowed is a bit counter-intuitive as well. The sunlight strengthens your immune system, people typically are spaced out, and there's practically unlimited acreage on the beaches. The numbers are not justifying the shutdown. The mortality rate is far too low to justify costing millions of people their jobs, homes, sanity, and vacations. Unfortunately, people in our country fall ill and pass away every day. This sickness is another flu and fact of life. More people are dying every year from car wrecks, alcoholism, and diabetes, but I have not seen bans on cars, beer, or spoons. We have to be cautious, but I have a right to use my property the way I see fit. The federal, state, and local governments are directly responsible for targeting my business for shutdown. It is unjust. If I cannot rent my condo, neither should Holiday Inn. It's ridiculous. Please reopen the state of Florida. The government has taken my income, my ability to go to church, and my ability to do as I please. Those are rights that shall not be infringed. The longer this goes on, the more unrest will be on the government's shoulders. Unless I start receiving loss of rents directly from the State, a reopen is the only Constitutional path (of course you'd tax for that too I'm sure)...
Duval	General	Hello, Please do not reopen the state until its truly safe. I'm very concerned about the economy, but more worried about getting the virus. I'm 42 and have two autoimmune diseases. My spouse is 34 and has one too. We both are employees of the state in Education. If forced to go back too soon it will negatively impact my already fragile mental health. Thank you, Dr. Elizabeth Gregg
Sarasota	General	I really understand the need for people to make a living, I have been affected just like most. I have stayed working and being a manager of an auto service center I can tell you first thing there are way too many people coming and going from our cities. First hand interactions with people from New York who do not care about who or what is happening.. our laws and boundaries are not being respected
Polk	General	Yes reopen Florida thevones that want to stay home can lets get back to somewhat normal these kids cant be trapped for ever no parks no school no sports activities these kids have already lost so much not to mention brithdays that have past they can't celebrate with family and friends so yes reopen Florida please enough is enough
Hernando	General	I think we should wait a little longer to re-open Florida because I think more people will get infected if we open up to soon. I think we have to be patient and not rush things. It is possible that the number of infected people can go down if we keep practising social distancing. I think its really important to keep social distancing so that we can go back to normal as soon as possible.

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Alachua	Healthcare	I am an ICU nurse working on the front lines. All I ask is that you allow gyms to reopen. It is my personal best outlet for stress relief and have not been the same since the stay at home order.
Indian River	Education	It is much too early to open any establishments. Please maintain that you ate to travel only for essentials. There are too many people who have not been tested and we do not have adequate information in regard to who does and who does not have this virus. Thank you for inquiring about my opinion.
Orange	General	Restrictions on businesses must be lifted immediately. People who are in higher risk categories can continue to self isolate for their protection, but the death rate is small and NOT worth the widespread pain caused by economic shut down. People need to have the freedom to earn a living and support their families. Bankruptcies of businesses, individuals, and municipalities are going to be catastrophic if we do not reopen very soon. The government tax revenue will plummet. The death rate is proving to be much lower than originally reported. Do what is right, not what is politically popular. Open NOW.
Broward	General	You must open up our county for the 1st step back to normalcy! We require freedom of movement especially in outdoor spaces. Parks, golf courses and beaches. People have become claustrophobic while being closed in their homes, my only time out is for food/ supplies and meds. Yes we must all wear masks and maintain social distance but we must regain our freedom of choice to live our lives. I feel like I am on house arrest without the ankle monitor. We must be able to return to work in order to keep our mental health and keep our families strong. Stores must reopen and people to feel like they have begun to live again and our economy to start back on our feet again. If course I will always have some anxiety being out of the house but not enough to keep me from living life again. People can choose whatever they feel is right for them!
Collier	Recreation	Open up the state of Florida everywhere!!! This is insane
Broward	General	In order to safely re-open Florida, we need free mass testing (for COVID) for all Floridians. This should be done at multiple sites, in every city, and needs to be done ASAP. Also, we will need to be able to re-test all Floridians 2-3 weeks after their initial tests. Also another option would be mass testing of Floridians for antibodies. Mass testing is our best way out of this. Florida also needs to make/obtain/buy more PPE for our first responders, and FL must also protect these items from theft by the Fed. Government. Lastly, FL needs to make/obtain/buy more ventilators, and to also make additional beds, so that the Healthcare system can handle the influx of patients that could arise once we re-open the state. While open, businesses and locations will still have to follow social-distancing policies for people, while they are indoors.
Okaloosa	General	I think small businesses should be allowed to open. The business owners are capable of following the social distancing, use of masks for employees and gloves. This on-going shut down will cause these same businesses to permanently close their doors. I already know of one business in Crestview that won't be able to reopen.

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Lee	General	I believe we need mass testing in order to safely reopen the state. In Lee county I have not been informed of public testing areas. Drive thru testing, at home testing, and other forms of mass testing should be implemented to be able to reopen safely. I do understand the hardships people are going through at the moment from not being able to work or their businesses being shut down. I value lives of individuals equally regardless of race, color, religion, ect. Many of the "essential" workers have been of minority demographic and has put them in the frontline unfairly without any support. We cannot forget about the men and women that keep the state functional. It will be a slap in their face to have been put in risk just for everyone to be put in risk without the necessary data to reopen safely.I believe the reopening at the moment is not in the best interest of the general public.
Brevard	General	Please do not open state in this stage. We have spent almost 2 months to flatten the curve and we should not take risk to open the state! Life is more important than everything else!
Orange	Tourism	I would like Florida to be Reopened as soon as possible because I would to get back to work. And reopen Universal.
Broward	Healthcare	I recommend healthcare for all our citizens
Duval	General	I dont thing is save to re-open florida yet. It is a risk to the community. People are not aware of how bad this covid 19 is. I have lost 3 family members and I wish I could do something different to have them back. Please, please..dont do this yet...
Bay	Professional Services	I am a cosmetologist and deal with people all day long. Alot of times they are not honest in if they are sick.i do have to be cautious as my husband is in the high risk category as well. I do hair and am not a nurse to where I should have to take Temps and wear PPE to do a haircut. I do not mind a face mask and of course extra sanitation, which of course I am very familiar with. I feel that re-opening our industry too soon will create confusion and lack of customer confidence, if we are in PPE, which should be saved for nurses and doctors. I am ready to return to work and especially my bank account is ready for me to return to work. Please just do it in a timely manner. Thank you for your time, Laurie Vowell
Collier	Recreation	For the upcoming phase: Collier County beaches should re-open to Collier County residents only vía beach parking pass or showing Collier county license. During the te-open phase Beaches should be opened for walking/ jogging only checkpoints are met. Observing social distance during this time until everything else is lifted.

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Orange	Recreation	This shutdown is putting too many small businesses in jeopardy of loosing their livelihood. My company has been in business since 1986 leasing amusement machines to bars and restaurants. You closed all bars on March 17th, shutting them down with no income, no way to make a living. In turn, you shut down my business and in turn affected the industry that supplies us with equipment. Many of these bars and restaurants applied for the assistance package and have not received any help. These business will not be able to reopen if this continues. With the number of cases per population this is no longer about making sure the hospitals don't get overwhelmed - that has not been the case. Let these people open back up and let the citizens - we are functioning adults - decide whether to go out or not. The data is now showing that this is no longer about the dire threat it was immediately thought to be.
Hillsborough	Healthcare	It would be insane to reopen this state right now. The numbers are slowing because social distancing is working. Opening now would kill us all.
Sarasota	Administrative	There is something fundamentally wrong with a state that is unable or unwilling to pay unemployment benefits in a timely fashion to eligible applicants-especially during a pandemic. Shame on all of you!
St. Johns	General	Please open Florida! There is a lot of anxiety about resuming business, and so much anger about continued regulations. I believe people have forgotten that social distancing was to slow the spread while we put medical infrastructure in place. It has worked. We aren't in a position where we are choosing who is living and who is dying. Our testing procedures have gotten better. We've increased our ventilator count. We are getting a better handle on PPE supplies. A vaccine is a long way off. At some point, people have to be systematically exposed to begin the building of (hopeful) herd immunity. We will likely begin to experience a real increase in cases after reopening. If we open in a controlled and calculated way, we can allow the medical community to continue to respond appropriately. WE WERE NEVER GOING TO SOCIAL DISTANCE THIS THING INTO NONEXISTENCE. People need to proceed as their health, wallet, and conscience allows. I'm ready to see restaurants open up on a social distancing basis. I'm ready to see hair salons open up as these people aren't making an income right now. One thing I'd like you and your committee to address are kids and gradual release to a "normalcy." This is something that hasn't been discussed and is an oversight on our community. I'm not really talking about preschoolers or elementary age children. I'm speaking more on middle and high school aged children. This group is used to independently playing with friends (as opposed to play dates at younger ages coordinated by parents) as well as organized sports. They haven't had these opportunities over the last 6 weeks. I'm seeing teenagers slip into gaining weight as well as depression for lack of being with their friends and "moving." I'd love to see you add a pediatrician to your advisory team. And give some guidelines such as exercising together. I realize the beaches were opened and people were told to go and exercise but social distance. What about kids ages 11 to 18? Can they go to a basketball court and shot hoops with friends — they could social distance but they all would be touching the same ball. What about going to the beach and throwing a football back and forth — they would be more than 6

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Miami-Dade	Retail	Retail stores should have a limited amount of shoppers with a line outside spaces out and controlled by employees. Shoppers and employees would wear masks. Personal services salons and barbers should be appointment only no customers in the waiting area. This way the salon can wipe and sanitize between customers. Also everyone wearing masks and employees gloves.
Duval	Professional Services	Sooner than later please!
Broward	Government	RE: COVID19 in Palm Beach, Broward and Dade Counties Please extend the shelter in place order for South Florida until two weeks after the curve flattened and more widespread testing, including antibody testing is available. . The dense population makes opening too soon a danger in terms of the disease rapidly spreading. The high number of those experiencing homelessness in urban areas is a problem in that they have no where to isolate if they get sick and the places where they congregate could become disease vectors. The risk to and from this population needs to be addressed. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.
Pinellas	Healthcare	As a healthcare provider in Pinellas County I believe it is too soon to open up the city. The testing in this area has been limited and working in skilled Nursing homes and assisted living facilities I believe there are many more positive cases then we are aware of. It would be tragic to have quarantined for this long to you have a surge and our numbers and have to go back to where wee are now. Sadly there are many people not taking this virus seriously in our community and I believe by opening the city at this time would put us back to square one
Hillsborough	General	As a medical social worker, I ask that you strongly consider NOT lifting restrictions until at least June 1, and do it gradually once you do. I understand the need to maintain social distancing, as does my 5 yr old; however, rushing to lift all restrictions will place great strain on our healthcare system, mental health, and the community as a whole. This has been the most anxiety provoking time during my career, and I hope consideration is given to those of us in the medical field, working inside of a hospital.
Palm Beach	General	Seriously? Do not open! Test, test ,test!
Miami-Dade	Recreation	Can we please get some outdoor space open here in Miami Beach? Parks , golf courses and other areas where it is relatively simple to maintain social distancing? Hold off on beaches where it would be difficult to enforce. Our local politicians just keep presenting “plans”, but no action. Let’s open up a little and see what happens! If it goes bad, shut it back down. They can’t keep “planning” for every single hypothetical reaction to opening a golf course or a park. Open up, monitor and react appropriately. They’re making it more complicated then needs be. Parks and golf courses are open all over the country except here in Southeast Florida, it’s ridiculous.

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Alachua	General	First - Schools need to be reopened ASAP. They should never have been closed to begin with. Second - Face masks are not necessary for the general public and should not be mandatory. Third - Businesses should be allowed to reopen. Business owners are smart enough to realize they need to provide clean sanitary conditions for their customers. Restaurants should be allowed to open at full capacity. Their business model was not designed to operate at half capacity! Individuals have the right, responsibility, to make decisions about what they feel comfortable with. If an individual does not feel comfortable about going out in public without a face mask, they should wear one. If an individual feels they need to stay inside longer, they are able to. Bottom line - We are the United States of America. We are a Constitutional Republic NOT a Police State!!!!! IGNORE THE PANIC AND RELY ON FACTS. Dr. Scott Atlas
Leon	Government	Please do not reopen Florida until it is safe to do so. I understand that businesses are suffering but saving lives should be first and foremost. There are companies that have the ability to allow workers to work from home. I feel that workers who can do so should be allowed to continue to work from home at least to the end of the year to slow the spread. If Florida opens back up I personally will not be patronizing businesses that aren't essential until I see that the numbers have significantly dropped. As of right now, they aren't testing properly. They are turning people away. Please to do what's right in order to save lives.
Sarasota	Information	I am highly against the state opening up to fast
Palm Beach	Healthcare	Please allow elective surgeries to resume. The healthcare industry knows how to protect others well enough to allow people who need the care Reimer the services. Hospitals are facing financial ruin if not allowed to resume by May. Thank you Gale McNeill
Duval	General	Please just open the whole state. Everything. No masks, because obviously they don't work. Just tell everybody to be as cautionary as they would during flu season. That's it. And if people feel like staying home they can. Don't punish everyone else for those that are scared or high risk
Santa Rosa	General	We are nowhere near ready to re-open. Doing so only asks for a resurgence of this horrible virus. It was stupid to close beaches to local people meaning those of us who actually live in the town where the beach is located , as we do not go to the beach in large groups and should have been getting sunshine. The reopening of our beaches now have made it where locals who live near the beach probably won't be able to enjoy it because the limited hours and limited areas to park. Everyone from our county will come to our beaches when traffic without restrictions to the beach is already a nightmare. Whoever came up with this brilliant plan is obviously not a local who uses the public beach. Escambia County barely closed for anything and as you can see their numbers are much higher in comparison to Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, or Walton Counties. If I wanted to shop , I could just venture over to Pensacola taking my chances . Opening things up only encourages everyone to go all over. I sure as heck do not wish to return to work if I have to wear a mask! It's way too hot and hard to breathe. Open things up when it's no longer needed!

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Polk	General	Constitutional Rights - Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness (not to mention all the rights conferred in the Bill of Rights) I am ASHAMED to see how many government leaders and citizens who have fallen so easily into socialist practices rather than preserving individual freedom and personal responsibility. “Why do I have to stay home just because you are scared? How about you stay home.... you stay in your house indefinitely, you wear a mask, you socially distance yourself from me, you avoid restaurants, you avoid baseball games, you stay off the roads, you avoid malls and beaches and parks, you believe the made-up death numbers, you believe the media hype, you Get your toxic vaccine while avoiding vitamin C, sunshine and the things God gave us to actually heal. I'm no longer willing to stay locked in my house just to cater to you because you are scared. I'm not afraid of you or others. You are not my enemy and if I get sick, it's not because of you, it's because of me and my system, which not only have I been addressing for quite some time, but if I get sick and die, I'd rather you die living my life than die cowering in fear missing out on life. This virus (or whatever it is) is already circulating. Millions of people have already encountered it, as it's been circulating around the world probably since last September. You WILL have to confront this thing, if you haven't already. There is no way around it, unless you lock yourself up in your house and it somehow doesn't manage to hop on some mail or some groceries that you ordered online. YOUR fear is not an excuse to destroy America. YOUR fear is not my fear and your fear does not have the right to interfere with my life, my job, my income or my future as a free American citizen. So if you're scared, you can just put your tin foil hat on, or even wrap yourself up in bubble wrap and hide in your basement if you want, that is your choice - but please keep your fear contained to your

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Duval	Tourism	Just open up the state. Enough is enough. We do not close down for Flu, we did not close down for the swine flu, and should never have destroyed the economy for this. The president is taking bad advice from 2 deep state hacks. And I truely believe bankrupting the state of Florida before the next election is what they are hoping for. People have the right to make decisions for themselves. Let business open - including the theme parks. The number of people who have died from this do not warrant this lockdown. And even after the lockdown back not one death was traced back to the beaches or our theme parks. The only death was a man who went to the theme parks after getting it somewhere prior to coming to FL. This was never about our health and saftey. This was about control and seeing how much people will take. And have you given any thought to Hurricane season? If we don't open back up just where are people to go when you order evacuations? And how much longer do you think people can survive being out of work? - When the State shuts down millions of private businesses but doesn't lay off a single government employee, it's not about your health. -When the State tells you it's safe to go to Home Depot to buy a sponge but dangerous to go and buy a flower, it's not about your health. - When the State bans dentists because its unsafe, but deems an abortion visit is safe, it's not about your health. - When the State decides WWE is allowed to film, playing golf in groups is allowed but you cannot sit on the beach because it's dangerous, it's not about your health. - When the State tells you it's dangerous to go et your hair or nails done, but the Governor or congress mambers can get their stage make-up done, and hair done for 5 TV appearances a week, it's not about your health. - When the state puts you IN a jail cell for walking in a park with your child because it's too dangerous but lets criminals OUT of jail cells for their health- It's not about YOUR health!
Pinellas	General	The Covid-19 got here by plane. Tests have to be available to check all tourists I do not know if I am infected by virus, no symptoms , but maybe a carrier. We need to find out who is and who's not affected. Only takes one to start a blaze.
Lee	Healthcare	I think it is time to allow non-essential surgeries, appointments and medical tests. Each hospital or medical office should be able to decide what is allowed. Non-essential surgeries , etc van be very essential to the patient his or her self.
Brevard	Professional Services	Opening now Nesecito trabajar ya soy barbero
Osceola	General	I have COPD and feel that the state should not reopen until health officials say that it's safe to do so. I also feel that you should make wearing a face mask mandatory across the state with some sort of fine for those who don't. This will help keep me and others who suffer from immune disease's safe.

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Sarasota	General	Dear Governor De Santis, I'm a concerned citizen from Sarasota. I deeply appreciate your efforts to protect our state during this time of crisis decision making. Attached please find an article written by a physician who was a professor of global health at Harvard Medical School and the Harvard School of Public Health. His life work has been to fight pandemics. Dr. Kim presents a clear 5-point plan which may be of help and support as you go forward. How could this model be adapted for Florida? With gratitude and well wishes, Rachel Schaeffer
Lee	General	When the Jacksonville beaches were opened, we saw on the news everyone swarming the beach. no protection at all. I was wondering , which one of these people are infected?,weather they know it or not. how many people did they come in contact with? now how many people are going home infected and not know it? how many people will they com in contact with. All for a day at the beach. now they are opening more beaches and dog parks. are we really that immune to this? yes we can use the disclaimer of social distancing. They couldnt even control the stay at home order. now lets turn everyone loose. Lets watch destroy more lives. thank you No Response Needed
Hernando	Healthcare	Dental hygienists work less than 2 feet from their patients, not enough to provide the 6 feet required for social distancing. Our ultrasonic instruments and polishers generate aerosols. Saliva can be carried out of their mouth and linger in the air for up to 17 hours, according to some scientific studies. This means that if a patient has COVID 19 and is asymptomatic, their saliva droplets could infect the staff and patients walking through the office. Additionally, we do not have the proper PPE to provide our services. My office has only 20 N95 masks left and we cannot get them. OSHA recommends the N95 masks for treatment. I uderstand the need for dental professionals to get back to work and we have been providing emergency servies at this time, but our health, and the health of our families and patients should take precedence over the profits. Until we have solid scientific evidence about proper PPE, we demand that elective procedures be postponed. We have the greatest risk of any profession due to the close proximity in which we work and aerosol generation. Thank you for your time.
Pinellas	General	The state should not reopen u til we have gone a minimum of three weeks with no new cases of the corona virus, And the cdc have given their approval. I would not feel safe with anything less .

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Broward	General	While I am one that is so ready to get back to a normal life, I have kids and cannot risk theirs or mine or my husbands life. The experts are saying we need to not open up until mid June and I am with that. I have high risk parents and in-laws and would not want something bad to happen to any of them because our state is being careless with opening because all they see is dollar signs. While I get people need to get back to work to help our economy, it would not be good if we open things to early and this thing returns in August. That means this whole nightmare of being laid off and unemployment issues starting all over again. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE think about the people and their well being first!!
Miami-Dade	General	It is my personal opinion, Miami-Dade County is NOT ready to open. We should open when the daily number of new cases is ZERO "0". Though many executive orders have been implented one being "Shelter-at-home",at first many people were complying. But now, people have gotten antsy and since there are no penalties enforced they are NOW going out on the streets. Some do abide of wearing masks, but many others do not. I have been out to the doctors and to the vets, and seen the great number of cars on our streets, especially in Hialeah. As I told a gentleman in the parking lot, that he should cover his nose, his response in a nasty tome "I can't cover my nose, I can't breath"! My opinion is, he then should not be out of his house! Maybe the National Guards need to be sent to Miami-Dade County to assist the police with implementing the "Shelter at home",, "Mask must be worn", only "Essential business to be opened", etc. There are TOO many people not complying and putting those that are at risk. Most important, our first responders and all medical staff need sufficient PPE to protect themselves and their families.. Attached is a picture I took on Thursday, April 23, 2020 at around 6:20 PM, I was returning from taking my housekeeper to her house. PLEASE DO NOT OPEN Miami-Dade County, it's not ready! Visit Miami-Dade County, unannouced and without the entourage and see for yourself. Thank you for your hard work. Congratulations of your new family member and Stay safe!
Escambia	Professional Services	Please, Please, Please re-open HAIR SALONS AND BARBER SHOPS. My wife and I feel these should have been classified as essential businesses to begin with. I really need a haircut and my wife, who usually has her hair washed and styled each week, has now gone over a month without having her hair washed of styled. Because of problems with her rotator cuffs, she cannot do anything with her hair by herself. PLEASE RE-OPEN HAIR SALONS AND BARBER SHOPS.
Broward	Food	We should start phase 1 no later than May 1st. All these huge retail boxes are letting customers in with ppe and social distancing and the spread has slowed down: my family and myself have owned and operated a small business in Coral Springs since 1993. (El mariachi restaurant). We should be open like every other essential retail box. With proper guide lines. We can seat a lower % occupancy and build our way up. But we need to get back on our feet and walking again. Thank you for your time. Marko Molano
Lake	Accommodation	Please reopen our state May 1.

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Hillsborough	Education	Please reopen in small phases Consult with the scientific community Keep social distancing guidelines Ensure testing is fast and get results in minutes Enforce facemask when in public Have a plan if the spread increases again
Leon	General	Do not force people with chronic underlying conditions to return to the workplace and potentially expose themselves. Please continue to give everyone the option to telework and attend school virtually until there is a successful vaccine that is available to EVERYONE. People should be allowed to make their own choice instead of being forced into an unsafe situation.
Walton	Government	Do not reopen Florida now. The number of COVID 19 cases is too high and still growing. If a surge follows a premature opening, it will be a horrible situation that will push the timeline even further into the future. I know you are under trememdous political and economic pressure to reopen. I strongly urge you to do the right thing and delay reopening until the case is clear for a safe reentry. Thanks.
Duval	Professional Services	OPEN FLORIDA
Orange	Government	I cannot see a reason to re-open the Florida economy without scientific backing for it. So far there has not been any statement by the CDC that groups of people are able to congregate together. I do not think it is wose to reopen Florida for business.
St. Lucie	Real Estate	The Morbidity and Mortality of Covid-19 is less than Influenza a and b. Destroying the economy was said to be to accomplish "flattening the curve". Closing beaches and state parks is no danger to healthcare capacity. Many studies show ultraviolet light and fresh air/sunlight (natural vitamin D) Have a detrimental effct on coroniaviruses. Further Executive Orders demanding people stay home is far more disastrous to most people than exposure to a virus. The virus likely will not disappear next week, but we need to get back to work. Further, when serology testing for antibodies can be performed on a large scale, it will show that massive numbers in the population have been exposed and have antibodies thus providing immunity. Now is not the time for political pandering! Please open up Florida and let our economy get back to business. Finally, orders to disallow vacation rentals in Florida serve no useful purpose other then to segregate and discriminate against small independent business people while allowing hotels to proceed business as usual. None of the nationwide shut downs make any sense. Our hospital have plenty of capacity. Open up our state!!! Thank you.
Manatee	Professional Services	Please consider opening hair salons and hair salon suites . I have been denied unemployment,PPP and SBA. You can’t expect people to lose their homes and businesses, and also not help them . It’s not right . We should be allowed to work .

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Palm Beach	General	I have a Dog day care and grooming salon. We plan to re-open on 5-1. We have limited contact with humans and most of the time we spend with animals. My girls would love to be paid and the only way I can do that is putting them back to work. Unless we can return to work, then the business can not continue. Please, tell everyone that grooming salon's are able to work again. Thank you. (5 less people on unemployment)
Pinellas	General	There is no possible safe way to reopen Florida until there is wide spread testing and tracking of the coronavirus. Any opening of Florida prior to this will result in more cases and more deaths. Do NOT open the state until wide spread testing is available.
Hillsborough	General	Time to re-open the economy. Safeties should be put in place to protect our Senior population, as they are the one's most at risk. Aside from that the rest of us will be able to endure whatever comes our way. Best way to beat this is through herd immunity. Remember when you were a kid and one of your friend's had chickenpox or the measles? What did you parents do -- they threw a party to get the other kids exposed - that was the best and fastest way to build up one's immune system. Same principle here - most have probably already been exposed and survived - although that to continue so that we can get back to a normal way of life. Thank you.
Okaloosa	General	I believe that we need to get the state opened back up. However, I am not comfortable with opening until more testing sites are opened up around our state and there is antibody testing taking place. Right now, I believe the risk is too great. I live in the panhandle and every day there are more cases confirmed, as it is the case with the majority of our state. I am leaving nging for some normalcy again. However, I am pregnant right now and I also take care of my elderly parents. We should open up in a slow and methodical way to ensure that we continue to flatten the curve.
Hillsborough	General	Only open the state when the people making the decision to reopen everything are ready to stand in the masses and feel safe enough to trust they are not at risk of exposure to the virus.
Collier	Real Estate	Please reopen the state with proper precautions. The sooner the better for all Floridians 👍
Nassau	General	I understand that there is great suffering due to the shutdown. However, I cannot be convinced that opening the state for commerce will make things better. We are nowhere near where we need to be in testing for Covid 19, so we do not know where and how many cases we have in Florida. Until we know, I do not want the state opened. Then we need to do contact tracing and follow up on people who are sick with the virus, to be sure they do not infect their whole family and that they get the medical care they need. That is the absolute requirement for me to be ready to open the state again.
Orange	Food	As a restaurant server working at Topgolf, a huge destination for both tourists and locals, it would be incredibly irresponsible to reopen the state as of now. While I cannot wait to get back to work this virus is still not under enough control to reopen the public. Peoples lives are worth more than the economy. I shouldn't have to choose between my health and money living in the United States of America. We need more time!!

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Miami-Dade	General	Follow the Law and not a recommendation or guidelines. Even the U.S. President doesn't follow the recommendation to wear a mask or follow social distancing guidelines sometimes. None of them are exposed, so they don't need to follow the recommendation or guidelines. You cannot deprive someone who is not contagious of their rights and liberty under the U.S. and Florida Constitution. Florida Statutes 381.00315 gives the State Health Officer the authority to declare a public health emergency. The State Health Officer, upon declaration of a public health emergency, may take actions that are necessary to protect the public health. The U.S. President is ready to blame everything on the state governors if something bad happens with the reopening like he did with the Georgia Governor. The Florida governor needs to hand over the public health emergency to the State Health Officer. The State Health Officer is the escape goat. The State Health Officer should be the one issuing the orders. The declaration of public health emergency expires in 60 days and not 30 days. Ordering an individual to be examined, tested, vaccinated, treated, isolated, or quarantined for communicable diseases that have significant morbidity or mortality and present a severe danger to public health. Individuals who are unable or unwilling to be examined, tested, vaccinated, or treated for reasons of health, religion, or conscience may be subjected to isolation or quarantine. See Florida Statutes 381.00315(1)(c)4 The State of Florida, Counties, and local municipalities has not order mandatory testing of all individuals to subject them to isolation or quarantine under Florida Statutes 381.00315(1)(c)4. Social Distancing is part of the isolation separating the infected from the non-infected. You can only restrict the movement of theose who are believed to be exposed. Non-infected individuals who are not believed to be exposed have Constitution Rights to Liberty under
Sarasota	General	Our economy is suffering. The people are suffering. We will lose more lives during a shut down. Please think about EVERYONE. Those that need to should stay home and take necessary precautions but the rest of us should be able to return to life as normal.
Orange	Healthcare	As the wife of an immunologist and bone marrow transplant physician for AdventHealth, my concern is more for large shopping areas (malls), movie theaters, and restaurants. I feel like these businesses should be the last to open, along with the theme parks and should not occur until we really do see a 14-30 day consecutive decline of new cases. These are the areas where social distancing will be the most difficult and where I think there might be public anxiety over going into these establishments. I feel for Disney but realistically there is no way to social distance properly in that environment and with how many surfaces will be continually contaminated. I think limiting the capacity of restaurants will be problematic and who will be " policing" how many people are in each restaurant? The takeout and delivery option have been working well and should continue to be utilized until the threat of infection is very low. I think the best and most cost effective option for the restaurants is to hold off on opening until there are no limitations on capacity.

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Orange	Professional Services	Yes I do think florida should open back up, with precautions, slowly, and still it social distancing. But we need to start back, slowly get our lives back, people need to get back to work, our lifes are turning upside down from not having income.
Hillsborough	General	Please review the Florida model for re-opening found at https://restartnow.io/us/florida. It shows the economic cost of not re-opening, and also shows the covid-19 risk for each county. While I do believe we need to protect the State's most vulnerable, not opening the state has negative health consequences, too. Continued thanks goes to the Task Force and to Governor DeSantis for your intelligent work. Sincerely, Denise Cook
Palm Beach	Recreation	I read you are opening parks but not beaches. This is crazy. The sun's heat on the sand kills the virus. The beaches are not only safe, they are healthy as the virus is killed there. Please reconsider your plan and open the beaches first.
Hillsborough	General	Reopen florida asap! Enough of this socialism. The private sector will make the right decisions without govt interference. This unemployment and economic downturn is 100% govt created. Its absolutely disgusting the overreach and im sure there will be zero accountability.
Monroe	General	Please do your best to open the state as fast and safely as possible. Please take a look at spend some time focussing on the Keys. If we have to stay shut over another month the Keys will never be that same. So many of our loved local businesses will not be able to reopen. Our homeless population will become much higher. Suicide rate will increase. It will be really bad.
Hillsborough	General	people are not going to take the precautions needed to reopen just look around wherever you go then it speads even more and we are told to stay at home for an even longer period of time i see this everyday just look around we still do not know everything about this virus people are very selfish i always have to back away from people no matter where i go.
Hillsborough	General	I think Florida should give it a few more weeks maybe even a month. . Don’t hurry to open the state the lives are at stake. Better to be safe than sorry. The governor doesn’t have to stay in step with Trump. After all he wants to inject Lysol or bleach into the human body.
St. Lucie	General	Please re-open. We need to feed our family

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Orange	General	I believe people should be in charge of their own health and decisions. I do not agree with all of the restrictions. If people do not want to be around someone who might give them a germ of any sort then they should take their own precautions. The government does not provide everyone their healthcare, so why is government trying to control our health. This is a virus, new, yes, but it isn't going away. We will always have to deal with it. Are we going to continue to restrict human behavior for years to come? It is sad that people are dying. But people die every day, from all sorts of things; viruses included. I want to be able to work again. I want kids to learn properly. I want people to be able to work. I want to go to the beach. The entire population should not have to be quarantined because people don't want to get a virus. What are we going to do when the pennies we received from a stimulus check run out and we can no longer afford housing or food? Give people back their own personal responsibility. What about the people who have already had this? What about the people who likely had it before anyone was testing for it? I shouldn't have to wear a mask and be restricted as to where I can go.
Charlotte	General	I believe here in Charlotte county we have not hit our peak I don't think it has even started We are just starting to see an up tick. People here that Have been furloughed Who's employers were waiting for the SBA loan have now been called back to work when absolutely nothing has changed they're still sitting 2 feet away from each other with customers coming in the door it just seems way too soon Commercial job sites I believe also should be allowed to work but they need to enforce less people on a job site Going in any grocery store or wholesale store people waiting in line to get in to check out all right on top of each other they're letting less people in at a time but they don't have enough people at the register so you're lined up waiting to check out I really think we should open very slow with stronger rules Going Out on your boat with 10 people is definitely not social distancing unless you have a really large boat I do think you should be able to go out on the boat but with less people
Collier	Recreation	By allowing the beaches to reopen you are letting people that either do not understand the consequences of Covid 19 or do not care about them to spread the disease to the very high risk population of older people in the state. Not only is this irresponsible but it is highly inappropriate for something to be approved by the state. As a college student who had to see my peers go and ignore the states sanctions, things would only get worse if the beaches were to reopen.
Hillsborough	General	I am in favor of re-opening. I think high risk people should have the right to refuse to go back to work for their personal health concerns. I think hand sanitizer stations should be installed near any outdoor workout stations and parks with touch surface.

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Miami-Dade	Recreation	First of all. I would like to thank you for the work you have done during this crisis. To many of us in Florida the beach, surfing and boating is a way of life. I usually go surfing before and after work which is sometimes before the park technically opens. Many of us have been doing so for years and it never was a problem. I think beach access should be opened in South Florida for recreational activity. I believe we can follow the same social distancing guide lines that are in place up north.
Pinellas	Healthcare	When the pandemic was announced Florida's known COVID-19 cases were in the double digits. Despite all the closures and social distancing, we now have over 300,000 cases, over 1000 deaths, and only about 1 and a 1/2 percent of the population has even been tested. To reopen businesses now would be to recklessly endanger the lives of millions of residents, and the lives of our healthcare workers and first responders. If our federal government can find trillions for Wall Street they should be able to support the people in this time of unprecedented crisis, which has been exacerbated by an appalling lack of leadership, delay, inaction, finger-pointing, mixed messages and a refusal to adhere to experts' recommendations in an effort to placate a particularly dangerous group of voters. Don't open Death's Door in Florida! We have not flattened the curve! Not even close!
Orange	Government	I disagree with lifting the Stay at Home or Social distancing so soon. The spread is somewhat under control because of it. Isn't it possible, the state or Trump wants to remove it, so they don't have to pay Unemployment or aid?
Brevard	General	DISNEY RE-OPENING: 1) When they re-open Disney World, perhaps they could FIRST invite ONLY FLORIDA PASSHOLDERS? That way you know you have only Florida residents! 2) And perhaps they could INVITE PASSHOLDERS BY COUNTY ONLY? That way you could limit park occupancy each day. 3) Everyone should do the rides via FAST PASS ONLY - that way Disney can control how many show up for rides at one time.
Pasco	Food	OPEN FLORIDA! Let the businesses open and let people go to work!!!!
Brevard	General	It only makes sense for the state to establish rules for businesses like availability of sanitizer, social distancing, masks, and other PPE as needed. Businesses should be required to post bond, and police should respond to complaints. Businesses found guilty of violating the rules should be fined, made ineligible for federal or other supports and made liable for damages if customers later contract the virus regardless of other evidence.
Sumter	Healthcare	I strongly believe the stay at home should be extended to 5/31. No indoor entertainment, gyms or restaurants should open prior to 5/31

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Broward	Food	There is so much mis-information out there and conflicting. Get all the facts correct on a bullet point list. For example, does heat and humidity kill the virus, one outlet said so. Do we need to wipe all food pkgs, ice cream to corn, fda says no but Sanka Gupta gave a demonstration, what about rx bottles seen that too. Getting all the facts together would help with understanding and fear factor. I am a chef at very busy restaurant-independently owned, hoping week get our ppp soon to reopen, we have not heard of anyone receiving unemployment benefits so getting approved for the ppp will be huge for us. I would gladly demonstrate how we plan on starting up again and our plans laid out for business model. Whatever I can do to help, we have already laid out a rough draft of sanitation and planning. You need to lay out on tv as well make it very understood, all questions should be answered on tv, the "how to" open up and "how to" handle guests etc, it has to be laid out not a guessing game for restaurant/bar/club owners, again willing to help. Thank you for creating this, shows great leadership.
Seminole	Recreation	We must reopen the attractions ASAP. My family of six will attend opening day! The state treasury and the entire Florida economy depends on it. If Disney doesn't open until 2021 (like some rumors suggest) we will be looking at a depression. Further, we need an antibody test for the state of Florida with a large enough sample size to extrapolate the results to the entire population of the state. I believe that an antibody test will prove this virus to be much less lethal than originally thought.
Sarasota	General	My daughter is 17 with several autoimmune diseases and on immunosuppressants. I myself have diabetes and high blood pressure. Both my husband and son are essential workers. My daughter and I are staying at home but are still at risk due to my husband and son working. We have no other choice though. We are a low income family and need the money. People are packing grocery stores even with restrictions. If restrictions were lifted our risk would be even higher. People are also having parties in the woods out here near us. Many aren't taking it seriously enough now. If you open things too soon it will be even worse! My daughter sees many medical professionals. They all agree that things are moving too fast and they are afraid we will see a big surge that will hurt the economy and health care even more if we aren't a little more patient. Why aren't we listening to health experts more about reopening? Has anyone thought about hurricane season in FL? Even now it would be too dangerous to pack a bunch of people in a shelter. What will happen if there is a surge of infections and we happen to get a big hurricane? Many lives will be lost. Please do not open our state until it is safe enough. Please do not be the reason many die. My daughter could be one of your victims. Please think about human life above money and politics. I realize people need their jobs but human life should come first. In fact if the state opens and there is a surge my husband and son will have to leave their jobs to protect us. Please think about this.

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Pinellas	General	My wife and I are essential workers ; we both feel very strong about our State and the re-opening. We believe opening up the state could result in an increase of COVID-19 cases without proper testing , people with or without signs of COVID-19 should be tested at a higher rate in Larger / Hot Spot counties before the state decides to open. We understand the importance of getting the economy jump started but the health and safety of humans are also a high priority.
Miami-Dade	General	It's real simple. Make sure there's enough tests for everyone and that they are free to get.
Orange	General	Please, please wait until it's safe to reopen the businesses in this state. It will not help to take the lid off too early and unleash this virus, forcing the state to close down even tighter than now and even longer. We are not there yet. We need to have the number of cases and deaths to be diminishing over an extended period of time. We do not need more people to die. Opening too early will lead to more deaths.
Hillsborough	General	Until we can open, without fine print, don't bother. No one will listen. People think they're above the rules, above the law. Fix the unemployment system so people aren't stressed about having to stay home.
Pinellas	Healthcare	Please encourage people to go to their doctors and keep their office visits or arrange for those in need to have better access to telehealth. Patients are scared to go to hosptials and have heart attacks and other problems at home that will have long lasting health and financial consequences for our state. I would make a request that phase 1 reopen includes and encouragement for patients to keep their appointment with their doctors.
Miami-Dade	General	As much as I'd want to reopen everything, especially school being a senior this year, we can't.. it's not safe. There's going to be a second wave of corona virus and if we open up we're going to kill more people... we should just stay home until at least summer.
Orange	Government	I do not believe that we would be helping keep the spread down if we re-open the state too soon. I work for city of orlando government and think that what our mayor has done to keep us safe is working. The curfew and the stay at home order is making all of the difference. I honestly wish the curfew started earlier and that the grocery stores were only open for delivery services and curb side pick up.

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Alachua	Healthcare	I am a LMT living in Gainesville, Fl. I have been out of work for over a month now due to COVID-19. I imagine, like many other Massage Therapists, I have not received any unemployment benefits even though I applied as soon as I stopped working. I have been sent through countless loops that get me no where between dealing with an out of date, slow website and an automatic telephone message that has me put all of my information in and at the end just asks me to refer to the website (that is currently down) and ends the call. I understand that the idea of re-opening the state is a complex issue that involves many layers. Because of that I will direct my comments to what I feel is best for those in my line of work. With the cases continuing to rise in our state I find it unethical and morally wrong to ask Massage Therapists to go back to work. In our line of work it is impossible to maintain social distancing. During a session we spend 60-90 minutes in a room with the client, with direct contact with them, and breathing the same air. This goes totally against the safety guidelines of the CDC. As therapists we are taught to do no harm and that maintaining a safe space for our clients should be our number one priority. That is simply impossible during this time due to the pandemic. I WILL NOT continue providing massage therapy until I feel it is safe for my clients and myself. This would include a situation where, more rapid and frequent testing becomes available to everyone, the number of new cases starts to go down and continues to go down for a good amount of time, and/or more treatments become available so that the disease becomes less of a risk. Then, and only then, do I feel that it is safe for Massage Therapists to continue working. The State of Florida, to insure the safety of it's people, should 100% support therapists, and anyone else who feels that is is NOT SAFE for them to work, by providing them with unemployment benefits, plus the $600 a week that was promised in the Federal CARES ACT until their is SCIENTIFIC evidence that we are getting and handle on this virus and that it has become less of a threat. If the State of Florida decides to re-open AND cuts funding for unemployment benefits for Massage Therapists they will be backing us into a corner and asking us to choose between our financial stability (having a safe place to quarantine and food on the table) and the safety of ourselves and our clients. At the VERY least
Martin	General	Please open up the state by May 4th with social distancing measures In place. Then on May 15th fully open it. Let people know they can wear a mask, stay home if they feel the need to, etc, but for the rest of us healthy people who need to work and need our economy to survive we need Florida to open back up as soon as possible. I really have love the work you've done so far. Please don't buckle to the fear mongering. We k ow the numbers. We never should have shit down to begin with but we need to open back up. Parks and beaches all over the state should open immediately. We need to go outside as that is healthy and enjoy the sunshine. Please, peoples lives are being ruined over a Christmas that is typically in benign in the majority of the population.

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Miami-Dade	Education	I would highly suggest that you fix what your Republican predecessor spent over $70 million on to "fix" (yeah right) the unemployment website! This is a travesty to those that are in desperate need. This was fixed so that people could not apply. Stop kissing Trumps butt and do something for our State of Florida! You are a walking incompetent, ignorant disaster like all republicans! Miami-Dade, my county, has numbers rising! Start testing larger numbers and stop thinking about opening our state when it's not ready. DO YOUR DAMN JOB! Come election time, WE ARE VOTING YOU OUT! You left our beaches open and now you have opened them again. You want to open the state so that people will not be able to apply for unemployment! I am lucky enough not to need it, but there are people out there that are desperate not knowing how they are going to pay their bills! FIX THE SYSTEM!
Alachua	General	It is not yet time to do this, especially as cases continue to increase. I understand that this is hard for people, but putting lives at risk by opening restaurants, hair salons, theatre's as GA has done is foolhardy.
Hernando	Construction	I feel like we need to reopen. Businesses can't survive and the PPP funds aren't easy to get. Businesses should be allowed to reopen following guidelines. If people aren't comfortable going out, they they don't need to. They can stay home. Or make it mandatory for everyone in the state to wear masks when out. There are ways to do this while keeping public safety in mind. If we don't, one day the disease will be gone and so will most businesses.
Hillsborough	General	Reopen barbershops and salons. They are more diligent in keeping there businesses disinfected then grocery stores and big box businesses. If wrestling can be essential I would think the barbershops and salons are just as essential, if not more so.
Pinellas	Government	Liberty requires responsibility. I am responsible for myself and my own safety. I do not need or want your help in protecting my own safety. i am tired of your violations of the 1st and 14th amendents, along with article 2 of the Constitution and the right to travel. Leave the free citizens of this state alone.
Seminole	General	Please reopen the state. Families are struggling. The economic impact is going to be far greater than lives lost.
Miami-Dade	General	I am pro opening the cities in Florida . However restrictions & safety measures needs to be applied . The cities officials should monitor and take action immediately if Covid 19 cases spikes or the curve goes the wrong direction . Also they should advice the public on consequences for bad behavior and for not following any new guidelines impose by officials due to this pandemic. Hopefully the public will understand safety is for everyone . We do need good media coverage without the politics and both parties working together . Cause at the end we are all in this together .

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Sumter	Government	How to open Florida 100% today First disregard any input from CDC or DR Fauci, modeling does not prevent virus spread Next: 1- Mandate everyone going outside to have a face covering or get a $200 fine 2.- Allow any business to open providing - all employees have temperature taken when then clock in - Were a face covering - Facility is sanitized once around midday 3. Mandate all food service facilities wear masks and gloves in addition to 1 & 2 4. Reduce distance from 6 to 3 feet
Okaloosa	General	Not enough testing to reopen.
Bay	General	Annexation of the beach and denial of property rights without compensation by the counties is a violation of the 5th Amendment. The actions are unlawful and unenforceable. County commissioners and law enforcement need to be punished for the violation of civil and property rights.
Highlands	General	I think we need to re open , only if we play it smart. Once we open up people are going to flock like birds to every thing.... if we can't do this reopen safely then we need to keep it the way it is. Yes there are some people that won't to get back to work and have some short of normal life, but with out a cure or drug to help use then no mater what we do isn't going to help. We need to set guidelines in tact or more people are going to get this and we will just be back to where we are now. I say we need to limits stores Restaurants and businesses to Curfew etc. we don't have a plan yet for Restaurant in plays plus we don't know if once we open people are going to follow what's already in play.... so I say reopen only if you have a plan... if not stay closed until we get one that brings safety to Florida, businesses and schools.
Escambia	General	Hi, Please begin reopening all businesses. No reason to stay closed as we have flattened the curve.
Bay	Real Estate	Please open back up Vacation Rentals as soon as possible. Hotels have remained open the whole time but not vacation rentals. There are millions of vacation rentals in Florida who depend on rentals to pay mortgages and expenses as well as generate cash flow for the owners. I understand the original purpose to keep people from hot spots coming to Florida but we are in another phase now. Vacation Rentals are great places to social distance safely. These are condos or houses just like where people live and are already practicing safe social distancing. There is probably nothing that can be done to help start Florida returning to semi normal than opening up vacation rentals. Thank you.

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Pinellas	General	I beg of you to please reopen "non" essential businesses! All our stores (Salvation Army Family Stores) have been shut down due to the stay at home order. We are a non profit organization. All money made at the stores go directly to either the Adult Rehabilitation Service Centers,Shelters for the homeless,etc.. We need to get back to work not only for that but to make a living for ourselves. Living paycheck to paycheck most of us do not have any savings at all. We are struggling to make rent/mortgage, other bills,food,etc.. We just want to go back to our jobs. Thank-you.
Lee	Recreation	On recreation, I would like to see small condo association swimming pools open now. I feel it is too soon for beaches, restaurants, bars, salons, etc to open. Perhaps wait until the end of May. On healthcare, I would like to see elective surgeries resume now with guidelines.
Polk	General	Florida should remain on shut down with that strongly enforced. Reopening the state, which hasn't even been fully on lockdown, would increase the spread of the virus, making it difficult to control and increasing the demand out on healthcare professionals and facilities. The course of this virus is too unknown to put thousands and thousands of people at risk without a solid plan in place to manage it.
Broward	Healthcare	As much as the economy is hurting...DEAD PEOPLE do not complain...or vote for that matter Keep everthing closed until virus is under control...and we can test those with no symptoms, as well as know the tests are accurate...
Osceola	General	I believe the State should fully open, however continue constrictions for those who can and want to work from home can. Also, those who have vulnerability should not be punished at work.
Duval	Food	Please open the dining rooms in restaurants. I'm a mother of 4 been out of work since March 16th. I have not received any unemployment,stimulus or my tax return. I can't Return back to work until dining restrictions are lifted. I've gone through my savings I'm now broke with no money from government. The day I return to work I get money to bring home. This is drowning me for everyday that passes. Please allow me to choose to work Let people who want to stay home do so. Please help me from drowning financially
Pasco	Food	OPEN Florida! Let the businesses reopen and let people go back to work NOW!
Indian River	Healthcare	Being a licensed Optician in the state of Florida reopening to soon will be a disaster. Opticians work very close to our patients. Face to face about 12 inches for measurements and person to person touch for adjustments. I have a feeling seeing a spike in Civid 19 cases the last few days that we are looking at a few more weeks just to be safe. 6 feet apart is much easier then 6 feet under.....Thanks
Lee	General	I don't believe Florida should reopen until June. We've already sacrificed so much for the communities safety and if we make a preemptive return all that sacrifice will have been in vain.

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Polk	General	I think places where a lot of people gather (Disney, concerts, etc) should stay closed. Small businesses can open if they can accommodate the cdc guidelines. I think groups of more than 25 shouldn't gather. Masks and hand washing. Continued testing. Open testing to more people. All in all you are the governor and I respect and trust your leadership. What ever you decide I will respect. I am, as a teacher , glad you decided to keep schools closed even though it adds more work for online learning. I think it needs to be a slow reopening that takes the months of May, June, and July. Use these three months to slowly reopen places. If and o lot if it is safe we should reopen schools.
Seminole	General	It's too soon to reopen anything -- no one has a real handle on this disease, there's no treatment, and people are dying. Reopening too soon means that more people will die. The ONLY way to prevent that is to stay closed and stay home.
Pinellas	General	Being a retired resident of Tarpon Springs I would like to consider we totally understand the impact of this virus in respect to its reinfection rate , the fear of many is we haven't seen great reductions in numbers at a steady rate of decline . The unknown is are we going to test the workers who will have contact with the general public ? So we know we are safe? I know we all have our part in this but in my limited time out of the house I see too many young and old not taking the simple suggestions of the CDC such as wear mask serious or even maintaining 6 ft separation , I had to go to drug store to get a refill and the person refused to stay his distance or even have a mask on and at one point when I mention the importance of this his reply was if you don't like it leave ? This raises great concerns with me knowing that there are people who don't care Thank you for all your doing as I am sure we will prevail if everyone helps.
Pinellas	Food	Been out of work now 42 days, filed for unemployment over 5 weeks ago. Worst experience ever, from the nonworking website to not being able to get to talk to anyone. I have called the 1-800 number well over a thousand times during this and it never allows me to even be put on hold to talk to someone. Still waiting, as with most people I know from work. I did talk to someone who filed 2 weeks ago, and they are already getting checks???? I have never filed for unemployment in my life and have been putting into the system for over 30 years. Me and my family are in great need, as are other people. Who is being held accountable for this 77 million dollar website that does not work? When am I going to get the money owed to me? Once again, Florida is a complete embarrassment.
Brevard	General	Let's RE-open ASAP, while maintaining special measures to protect the elderly and infirm, and in our dense metropolitan areas. As we step into the summer months, let's not miss our opportunity to develop herd immunity. People will likely curtail their activities in large measure voluntarily out of fear. I say this as someone in his 50s with "co-morbidities": I am willing to risk my death from exposure to this virus rather than see millions of my fellow citizens lose their livelihoods and be consigned to poverty. God only knows if it's not already too late to undo the economic damage this rash and overly broad shutdown has caused.

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Orange	General	I'm against opening up Florida. We should wait until the rate of infected people show a very steady decline to low single digits and deaths should have stopped. Although on one hand I understand the overload problems w/CONNECT, it should have been fixed by now.
Duval	Healthcare	Although I understand the economic devastation that public health measures cause, quick relaxation of the present rules would lead to increased cases and deaths which actually would be more damaging. I am especially worried because of the lack of prudent measures individuals are taking when in essential establishments such as markets and drug stores. Although my family and I wear masks in public and keep apart, only about 50 percent of others seem to do so. Thus, it is imperative that education or policies address individual behaviors. We hear alot about testing as the major issue but testing without a much strengthened local public health structure for contact tracing and ways of enforcing quarantine and isolation is not preventative. Unfortunately the gains in florida PH made in the early 2000s has waned. Individuals need to be rapidly screened with valid and reliable testing and follow up so all no matter insurance status are helped to get proper treatment. Seropositive surveillance is important but am concerned re sensitivity and specificity. It is troubling that WHO cannot ensure that individuals can become immune after infection. Thus, am concerned that those who have had disease may not take protections. It goes without saying that certain facilities need extra help and surveillance. Until such time that PH infrastructure is in place, openings should be limited to somewhat essential businesses, many businesses have come up with great solutions and I hope those practices will continue. For example pets are dropped off for vet spots, telemedicine, curb side delivery, plexiglass sheet protectors, one way isles. WHY NOT MAKE A HANDBOOK OF BEST PRACTICES FOR EACH TYPE OF FACILITY. I am a believer in the use of masks but all must use them. How can the state ensure all have masks especially in the workplace.
Seminole	General	At this point even if state is opened up, we will still avoid most Dear Mr. Governor I understand your decision to close the state and I understand your apprehension to reopen. Over the last several weeks I have seen many people suffering from the effects of this shut down and the economic toll on our state. As we stand now I believe we can start to roll out a process of reopening. To start I think we should open Beaches and state parks to help with the mental stress of this crisis. I also think that there are businesses That have been closed that can be reopened while maintaining social distancing. This includes retail outlets and shopping centers. Thanks for you leadership, David Larrabee
St. Lucie	Food	Slow! There are still a lot of people out there that just don't get it

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Alachua	General	Dear Governor and Task Force, As a retired resident of Alachua County since 1966, I am begging you to begin opening up Florida and Alachua County for business. Every business is essential to the people who own that particular business. It is their livelihood. It is the livelihood of their employees. It is food on the table and a roof over their heads. I am shocked daily by the number of people who are devastated by the results of the lockdown. It is time to open up. Install proper safeguards. It is my choice to enter a business or not enter a business. I personally will wear a mask and if I walk in and there are too many people or people not staying the proper distance apart, I will walk out and not give my business to them. Please do not continue to destroy the lives of so many people who need to work. Thank you for allowing us to contact you. I have every confidence you will do the right thing for our State of Florida. Sincerely, Doreen Blake, resident of Florida since 1948
Hillsborough	General	Fix the unemployment first you dumb shit
Miami-Dade	Healthcare	We can not reopen the state until there is a vaccine. We can not reopen the state until there is herd immunity. We can not reopen the state until there is an effective treatment. Please do not reopen and put people at risk.
Broward	Finance	Even the President said that before we considered opening the state, we should have 14 days of declining cases. I do not want my health nor my family's health, nor my friend's health be made vulnerable because we choose not to listen to the medical community. Additionally, it is disrespectful to those overworked frontline workers by potentially increasing the spread of the virus because we end the stay-at-home early.

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Pasco	General	The mitigation strategy was effective to flatten the curve. This is what was asked of the citizens across the country, and Florida specifically. Time is up and we need to get back to business. Citizens' rights are being trampled on for the sake of safety, and yet we are still awaiting "approval" to resume life which is completely un-American. We don't need government to allow us to do anything. We are free people. With that said, thoae who CHOOSE to stay at home can do so as no one is forcing them to re-enter society. That is a CHOICE for individuals to make. Re-establish commerce, tourism, access to public places, etc. Those who want to resume life can do so safely under general guidelines, but no mandates apply, as again, we are free people. The media and hype around this virus has been catered to more than anything. Scientifically, we can do better in reporting ACTUAL deaths and cases. Increase testing as it becomes available, treat those affected appropriately, all while allowing the vast majority of Floridians to resume life. Data doesn't support any closures and never actually did in the big picture. I am happy to discuss this openly with anyone in the DeSantis administration or DOH. I am more than willing. Let's get going again. Enough of this insanity. Sincerely, Chris Minaca RN
Lee	General	The country should never have been closed down. The numbers do not warrant. The survival rate is 98%. I think Florida should set an example and yes they should continue stay at home for 70 years and older and people with compromised immune systems. But it should be their choice. Just like it should be peoples voice to reopen their businesses and peoples choice if they want to patron that business, because last time I checked we had freedom of choice in this country! This virus did not turn out to be as bad as first thought which is good news so it's time to open up the economy and put people back to work. There is more danger and more threats to keeping people unemployed it will ruin families, ruin the economy it will be killing people faster than this virous did. Treat it like the flu

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Seminole	Healthcare	I cannot stand the stay at home order. Like many, it seems surreal, I have been on healthcare over 25 years and although I can't stand it, it's so very necessary. I do understand the economy and the importance on opening it, I am a Christian and I also understand what Is written. It is written; the "yellow blood will prevail", I researched this and the New Testament states that China and Russia will control the world; but that leads to Christ coming back to earth. Then, as people disappear, the leaders will tell lies and never see the truth. To say that, human life is more precious than economy. You can do whatever you like, if you look yo scripture, everything Jesus said would take place, it has, in my opinion, put peoples life's first. This must be so very hard because we could experience famine and unthinkable conditions. I am someone that looks at both sides and I truly believe there is no wrong or right answer to this equation. I believe, you can't lose either way! Most respectfully, Pam Mathews
Pinellas	General	First, thank you for soliciting feedback from FL residents. I was pleasantly surprised to see our comments might be considered. I feel very strongly that we need to get moving on re-opening now. Social distancing has taken hold, folks get it about washing hands/not touching face and staying home when sick. We also now have a much better handle on protocols if you get sick, testing has been rampant and I think we all are much more informed now on what to do. The bottom line is, those who are immune compromised and/or just plain traumatized from the whole "stay away from everybody" movement will not be out in public anyway. PLEASE open the beaches. People will stay 6 feet apart and not congregate in groups. It really seems absurd to me the beaches, where we get fresh air, sun and exercise, is off limits. Also, please open all small businesses. It seems very unfair that big box stores have remained open and the only place to shop while the small business suffers. We really can't bear to watch them suffer any longer. These are our neighbors and friends and family who have been bearing the brunt of this epidemic. Thank you again for listening and considering everyone's opinion. Thank you to our Governor and staff for what has been done to help us thus far. May you all be well!
Miami-Dade	General	The reality is that as long as there is no Covid-19 vaccine we will have to learn to live with it and that represents how to sleep with the enemy, that is, we will always have to keep our eyes open until it disappears.

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Broward	General	i believe opening for lauderdale's and Broward's waterways to boaters would be very beneficial for the local economy AND sanity of the locals. allowing marinas and boat ramps to open with social distancing doesnt seem like a dangerous idea. movie theatres, bowling alleys etc where folks congregate inside, a bad idea. forcing workers back to work also a bad idea, especially indoors.
Okaloosa	Healthcare	We NEED to open up Florida NOW! How many residents have died from other causes than COVID19 during the shutdown because of life saving treatments being shut down and forbidden? How many health care workers have lost their jobs because the patient flow has been shut down? I personally began developing irregular heart beats, including episodes of fibrillation in December, and was being evaluated for cardiac ablation and possible pacemaker. During the shutdown my condition has worsened and my doctor wants to implant a loop monitor to be sure he does the right treatment. But this urgently needed procedure is categorized as "elective" rather than essential, so the cardiologist just had to add my name to his growing list of patients needing this and other urgent procedures. I guess I can get treatment if I live through a heart attack long enough to get to a hospital. I highly recommend the Dr Erickson COVID19 briefing on You Tube. As a former nurse and current cardiac patient I TOTALLY AGREE with everything he & his associate report. https://youtu.be/xfLVxx_IBLU
Orange	Government	I'm order to get back to a healthy economy faster, we need to continue to be safe and vigilant at present. It seems counterproductive, but we have historical proof that being safer now will bring more benefits sooner.
Volusia	Construction	Open our state back up. It's starting to effect our economy so bad in ways people have no idea how bad it's going to get. We are working right now. But the jobs are running out of money because the banks aren't lending any more money to the places we are building.
Sarasota	Professional Services	Open up the state! We stayed home for 30 days with no income. We need to get the economy started again. I am a hairstylist and do not qualify for unemployment because I rent a chair. That rent is still due even though I'm not working. You can instruct anyone who is at a higher risk to continue to stay home. We can all continue to wear masks and wash hands. Please open salons. Families cannot continue to stay home and not work! Thank you for giving us the chance to speak out.
Broward	Education	We need to get the kids back to school and the parents back to work ASAP. Please stop allowing the media to keep bullying you into keeping our state closed. Let us citizens decide if we want to take the risk and go eat in a restaurant or send out kids back to school. Open the state.
Miami-Dade	General	Please open businesses and the beach with understanding of social distancing and face covering where appropriate. Safer at home order for the elderly and the most vulnerable for several more weeks. Then re-evaluate and modify the orders according to the situation. Thank you for your hard work and consideration.

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Hillsborough	General	We need to reopen Florida ASAP. Small business owners are suffering, people are out of work and in jeopardy of losing their homes. I don't feel citizens are being told the truth about what is really going on. There is no reason the beaches can't reopen, people need fresh air and sunshine. Trust that citizens can act responsible and bring our ecomony back.
Palm Beach	Government	It is too early to reopen. Based on recommendations I have heard from both the CDC and WHO, it should be safe to reopen once there is no cases or deaths after a 14 day period. Even then. the possibility of the virus returning in the Fall should be of some concern even if it becomes safe to open up again.
Hillsborough	Education	Very concerned about how school will function this fall both as a parent and as a teacher. Teachers and students do not have PPE, cleaning supplies, or parental support. The schools are filthy unless they are cleaned by the teachers and students. It is impossible to social distance with the amount of students in classrooms and parents always send their kids to school sick. If we just open up schools as is, we will have massive outbreaks and even more closures in the long run. If we stagger days or implement a morning/evening schedule than many teachers will not be able to work because they will need child care. School needs to stay in a virtual platform. Teachers will work from home as well as at least 60% or more of students that can learn from home. The remaining students that need child care can go to school and virtually learn in a social distance set up with proctors or limited staff. Please consider this option.
Lake	General	Weddings should be allowed during this as long as everyone is careful that they are not having anyone attending that is sick. In my case I have 50 people who are family members only. Nobody would be attending if they were sick. My wedding got cancelled for May 2'nd and is now still up in the air for May 16'th. We have been together 12 years and this is beyond frustrating. Vendors are getting irritated because I have no answers. Marriage is important especially in times like this. I think that there should be ways to work around this in certain situations.
Seminole	General	I feel it is time to open the state back up because we have successfully flattened the curve and what are we actually waiting for? Pathogens do not just disappear because we hide from them. Staying closed for a forced medical procedure is not an option. Homelessness, spousal and child abuse are not options. Higher suicide rates are not options. Ruining our food supply is not an option. People will not sit idly by when they start to lose homes and starve. It will be a war. People will not succumb to a vaccine if the goal is to wait for that. This is a dangerous precedent to set. OPEN UP! Do not make fear based decisions.

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Bay	General	I believe it is important to reopen businesses. The economy is an important part of keeping a healthy community. Without income for those that are out of work right now, their health may be in more jeopardy than if they had been working. No income could mean no food, no health care, etc. Yes, immune compromised should take precautions. But at the same time immune stimulus helps build a stronger immune system to help battle disease. The communities need to be able to go back to daily activities. There is no way to protect oneself from every single possible fomite that could potentially spread disease, and that is where a person's immune system comes into play.
Sarasota	Food	Open restaurants
Hillsborough	General	I believe we need to get the economy back on track as soon as possible. We have been indoors for over a month now and the statistics have shown that has helped flatten the curve. The Healthcare system is ready and there are too many unemployed people in Florida right now. Especially with hurricane season coming, we can not afford to NOT get people back to work. People will start protesting. The economy and the health of our people has a careful balance. Also, the percentage of our population across the USA that is infected with COVID-19 is around 2%. Cancer and heart disease take out more people per year. This was blown out of proportion and it seriously hurt our economy. We should slowly integrate a reopening in stages. People can still wear face masks and take precaution. Companies that can thrive in a remote setting should stay remote. We can open the restaurants at half capacity.
Volusia	General	Open small businesses! Too many will go under if action doesn't come now. Open preschools and daycare centers so people can return to work. Open the places of worship so we can exercise our right to religious freedom. Open the parks and beaches so we can exercise our right to assemble. Open schools for those who can't or won't teach their children at home. Government is turning people into paupers who must beg for gov't handouts. Covid-19 hasn't been the disaster we feared but the economic disaster that will come must be prevented now.
Charlotte	Healthcare	I think you owe it to the citizens of Florida to have at least one physician on this committee. This task force is no more than a Marketing Group. Also as a dental professional, we need access to all of the necessary PPE and to have a safe plan of opening and reintroducing our services to the public. Right now the numbers in Florida are not conducive to us working in such an invasive environment. What are you prepared to do about it? Also it has been 5 weeks and no response from unemployment. Any time frame when we can expect any degree of efficiency?

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Miami-Dade	General	Thank you for layout leadership during this tough time along with City Mayors. My suggestion is simply to ensure no restaurants/cafeterias open and that when in public “All” must wear a mask as FL is still seeing COVID-19 cases increase. If opening is needed , Recomended to learn from China’s mistake of reopening too soon. On another note, the school systems are closed and if parents need to go back to work with no support systems (child care, no parents to assist) it’s going to create a burden. Lastly, have a back up plan in case cases start to increase again. Thank you.
Marion	General	Please do not reopen business we do not want to have a round 2 or a spike in this virus right now keep it shut down for a few more month because if we reopen now prob in 2 or 3 months we will be shutting down again and have to stay closed a lot longer than this time Please do not reopen thank you for the great job well Done you have done in this hard times
Pinellas	Professional Services	I hope you reopen small business ASAP! Of course with some modifications to help with social distancing? I know several people who are in desperate situations because of not being able to work / be open. One more comment, I think we should limit out of state vacationers for a while longer
Okaloosa	Healthcare	It is time to reopen Florida. The stay at home policy was meant to flatten the curve, not to prevent disease and death. It does not need to stay in place until a vaccine is developed, or testing is expanded. A Flu vaccine must be recreated every year based on the prevailing type, mutation. There is no cure for the flu, and there will not be a cure for Covid-19. The massive destruction to our lives due to the dead economy will cause far more damage than this virus has, or will. Let those who are high risk continue extreme precautions. Those who are afraid can continue to shelter, but unemployment benefits should not be paid for fear. Life has consequences. For every decision, there is a consequence. I go back to work understanding I have a low risk or contracting the virus. Others will chose to stay home, but it should be with the understanding that the government will not sustain them until a cure/vaccine is created. Small steps, but back to work.
St. Johns	Recreation	Lift restrictions on pool use in private 55+ gated communities.
Pinellas	Retail	Small retail shops are getting killed, the crisis is obviously over since the Mercy Ship left NYC GET US OPEN ASAP!

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Orange	General	For places like nail salons, barber/beauty shops. Let staff work as much or little as they like. I have no problem being front line, just no one hiring for that. Allow the establishment to use a instant read thermomentor to check for customers temp. Face masks for all when practical. Bars and restaurants, no way to do this in stages really. They are social places, so distancing won't be happening. Dining, you can space tables. Staff can use face protection, but patrons can't. I put it out there that people wanting to go to bars and restaurants, have made their peace. Perhaps put in place some protections for these places, to include movie theaters, live theater, and similar that you enter at your own risk, the proprietor cannot be held liable. Most other places, auto repair, oil change, dealership, smaller type stores, let the owners dictate their own policy. If they want X number of patrons in their store at a time, they monitor. Big stores (Walmart, Publix, etc), they are monitoring pursuant to corporate rules which are probably tighter than state's laws. Mostly because of legal reasons. Theme parks. That's the real problem, huh? Doing a triage/prescreen won't work. Me. spouse and 2.5 kids show up. I have a 99.1 temp. I run that day in day out. But it's a temp. Can my family go in, just not me? If I'm staying on property, am I removed? Or my party? I say that people showing up for the parks, why else come to central inland FL, are willing to take the risk. Again, relieve the parks/corp from liability. You enter at your own risk. I'd go. 2.5 years ago with my 81yo mom with bad asthma with today's conditions? No!
Pinellas	General	I'd love to see everything go back to normal. But this isn't going to happen. I understand the economy and such is in the toilet but if we open all up too soon. Guess what? We end up back where we started. The best comment I heard was from our Sheriff, he stated it's like taking antibiotics. You take for a couple days and you feel better so you stop....guess what you get sick again Let's be careful what we choose and take our time
Miami-Dade	General	I'm a medic I transport from 2 to 4 positive cases every time I work from that number only 2 of my patients survive. The number that the government provide are very low but if you guys open the state without a vaccination in place the numbers of dead people are going to sky rocket. Wait for vaccination before open the state.I know the owners of the business who support with money you guys politic career are putting pressure on you guys. But you guys are going to have more pressure from the amount of dead people if you open now. Thank you
Orange	Tourism	Please listen to doctors and experts on the matter. Do not open up the state if the situations means we could see a new boom to infected numbers which will lead to more deaths. Yes the economy is in bad shape, but it can recover. We can't recover the loss of life. Lives should be the focus of the state not monetary value .
Pinellas	General	I think we need to see a major decline before we pull back on social distancing.

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Sumter	General	I believe you need to completely reopen Florida, as soon as possible. The virus is here, we have to learn to live with it, we cannot remain sequestered, forever. Remaining closed will cause worse problems than the virus, itself. People are going to start losing homes and the ability to feed themselves, their families and their pets. Please reopen Florida, completely
Orange	General	We agreed to stay at home to flatten the curve, not until it 'feels' safe according to the politicized media and politicians. The Florida government is trespassing on individual freedom in the name of safety and that is for individuals to decide. If anyone is fearful of getting sick, let those highest at risk stay home. If you dont want to go back to work, stay home. We dont close the roadways because we are fearful of the number of traffic deaths each year. We dont close down the economy when flu season starts - yes, this is different, but enough. We didnt agree to what is happening now. People are losing their businesses and livelihoods. This will cause loss of live that will never make the frenzied media news. Who are you (Gov.) to think you know whats best for all of us. Stop the 'one size fits all policies' and let people make their own choices. Governor, stop the nanny state now.
Indian River	Government	Please open the economy before we complete destroy everything. My family wants to work! We do not want to rely on government checks. Please open our businesses before we do more damage than good.
Polk	Healthcare	If ASC's are able to start performing elective surgeries, will their be enough testing available to test pt's prior to surgery? If not each patient must be treated as COVID positive thereby increasing risk to everyone in the centers, decreasing productivity due to terminal cleaning processes and more use of PPE. Would appreciate any feedback on availability of testing. Thank you.
Pinellas	Professional Services	I would like to see pet grooming services be allowed to re-open as long as they are responsible. Last month, when my groomer, Gulf Beaches Grooming, was still open, they had a tether "drop-off" system. You tethered your dog in front of their shop while they watched from a safe distance outside (or from inside their shop). After grooming, you picked up your dog the same way. (Dog on tether maybe a minute.) Payment was either made online via credit card or left in a little container (checks, cash). Thank you.
Volusia	General	I believe we need to reopen businesses. Remind people how low the death rate is. Ask people at high risk to stay home. Businesses need to reopen. We need to get back to work. We need a paycheck. We need our benefits. Schools can shut down early. Open daycares that care for summer kids. Open them now. Wash hands, sanitize, wear masks if necessary. But you are killing the economy. Killing small businesses. Front line staff are not receiving unemployment. We lost our benefits. The majority of people are not at high risk. How will cities survive without taxes from tourists? People are working. Delivery personnel, restaurant offering takeouts, grocers, car repairs, etc. people are working and not contracting virus. People are working and not dying. Open up the state before it's too late for many. You government officials get to work. Get a paycheck. You have no idea what it's like for most of us.

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Miami-Dade	General	Everyone wants to return to normality. My biggest fear is that in a rush to do so, without following the guidelines and protocol of medical.community, we will see ourselves in a bigger mess. With hurricane season and flu season around the corner, we must do what we have to do now, to make things better for all of us in the future. With Florida being an entryway to international travel, I hope that not only on a Federal level, but at a state level, serious consideration is given to start up a department that deals with issues such as a pandemic. There are tests not being figured into our daily numbers. With the study done by the University of Miami on how many potential.cases are out there, it is indicative of the work we need to do to be better prepared for this in the future. We need to do what is best for Florida and not follow political allegiances or pressures. Because as we hear every year during hurricane season, "Its not a matter of if, it's a matter of when". And unfortunately, this will happen again. ANd on a side note, tried submitting the form and keep getting to try later. Sounds just like the issues people are facing with unemployment. You know people are going to respond. Be prepared. Will we ever learn???
Lee	General	Until testing is made a priority and done in our state do not open or ease stay at home regulations. Retirees are a large portion of the population of Florida and should be more important than tourist dollars. Our numbers of Coronavirus victims are rising along with the number of deaths. If you are so compromised and need to please trump, may I suggest entering his trial treatment plan. Ingesting /injecting disinfectant was not sarcasm it was a dangerous, ignorant suggestion. How many will take it as a directive made by the president..are you willing to be a volunteer in a trial to check it's efficacy? Choosing to open the doors to our state is just as dangerous as that! Please follow the real experts advice.. social distancing..test..open when safe .
Hillsborough	Professional Services	Dear Governor DeSantis, I am a resident of (Hillsborough County). Florida was built upon hard work and self-sufficiency. We are a resourceful and responsible people. It is time to let Floridians do what they do best; get back to work. Every business is essential when a family's provisions are dependent upon that income. Current statistics show us that divorce, child abuse, alcohol abuse and depression are on the rise as a result of our inability to work without penalties and provide for our needs. It is time to repeal the restrictions upon our businesses so Floridians can get back to healthy and productive lives. Floridians love their neighbors and know how to use common sense to live and work safely. Please lift the penalties on our businesses while maintaining the recommendations of the CDC so that Floridians can provide for their families. Floridians are good people; we are fully capable of operating our businesses while voluntarily engaging in the practices that will help keep our neighbors healthy. It is time to put Florida BACK TO WORK. It is time to lift COVID restrictions upon our businesses. Thank you. Sincerely, Julia Pelon

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Miami-Dade	Healthcare	I'm with Kendall Regional Medical Center and want to provide the following input. Thank you! The latest COVID-19 data shows that actions taken by federal, state, and local governments have been working and total cases will be far fewer than projected without such measures. Hospitals have built up stockpiles of PPE, ensured bed capacity (especially ICU beds), and implemented ventilator strategies to handle surge demand. Testing is key, and testing capabilities have dramatically improved in Florida. Models based on real-world data show much more mild growth than initially expected. As mitigation measures remain in place, hospitals are at record-low capacity, roughly 50% on average across the state. Deferral of urgent/non-elective surgery has occurred on a substantial level, even for urgent surgery categories. Patients need to regain access to this level of care for their well-being, along with the well-being of hospital systems and the healthcare workforce. Hospitals, physicians, and staff are struggling financially as a result of COVID-19. Major health systems across the state and country have announced layoffs or furloughs of employees due to the record-low patient volumes, further exacerbating the economic downturn. Getting back to caring for all patients is essential as many conditions worsen due to delays in scheduled surgeries, while others avoid seeking care for life-threatening, yet treatable conditions, due to fears of face-to-face medical interactions. Hospitals should be allowed to resume treating all patients provided they can demonstrate: Adequate PPE to manage COVID-19 and non-COVID-19 cases Adequate ICU and ventilator capacity and staffing Protections and processes in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19 for patients and caregivers in the healthcare setting Continued reporting of relevant data to state officials to ensure capacity is maintained as surgeries restart
Pasco	Manufacturing	ITS TIME TO OPEN FLORIDA AND MOVE FORWARD!
Okaloosa	General	I do not think the public should open up may 1st. I think we should stay closed atleast till may 15. Or only open up some businesses. I work at a salon and do not think we should open up just yet
Brevard	General	Please reopen the economy soon.
Seminole	General	I do not want to state re-opened until cases have significantly decreased. I'm scared to step foot in a grocery store. No one is wearing a mask or staying 6 feet away from me. Positive cases with no symptoms are incredibly dangerous.
Lee	General	Just wait maybe two more weeks and then see what happen. I am very afraid that after opening starts growing again the numbers of sick people. Thank you for everything you and our great president are doing for us but please wait. Thank you

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Lee	Food	I am a server and a single mother to two kids; so nobody wants the state to reopen as much as I do! HOWEVER, we were the LAST ones to close and now we're going to be among the first ones to open? I think we need to NOT push the issue and slowly reopen with easy to understand guidelines. I'd love to get back to work, but let's be real. The tips are where I make the money. But if people are still concerned about going out they aren't going to be so quick to sit down and eat again. So even if we do open, how much good is it really doing for us? We aren't going to be making the money we would have! I think it's too soon to open everything back up. We need to be smart and cautious about this. Let's have the beaches with the rules guidelines, some parks, and maybe hair salons; see if we get an increase in cases. If not, YAY and go from there.
Volusia	General	Open more in stages two stages only people watch news on both political sides too much and get freaked irrationally out and they need to be able to go places even if next stage masks then last no masks. Thanks!!
Broward	General	The old saying slow and steady wins the race is what we should expect from our Florida government. I feel if we open too fast we will be seeing worse conditions. I am a local dental hygienist and I would hate to be exposed and bring it home to my family and start the process all over what's a good throw. That's far I do have confidence in our governor that he will not do anything to harm the people of Florida again slow and steady wins the race
Gadsden	General	My main concern is opening everything too soon. We do not hear about North Florida. Leon and Gadsden County continue to have increase in cases every day. Short term vacation rentals should not open now with the influx of travelers from other states the risk is too much. In this area we have a lot of out of state travel. Vacation rentals are not helping people who have spent thousands of dollar reschedule. Why can't we see what happens in our border states that have opened full force. People do not listen to social distant recommendations. I am appalled with comments about sacrifice the weak. Old people are going to die anyway and so many others. Seems like bars and drinking are more important than
Osceola	Food	I think it's about time they reopen our state with some restrictions, people have been out of work for too long and it's only a matter of time before people get desperate. I am a restaurant manager and it's heartbreaking to watch my entire staff suffer.
Pasco	Recreation	I'm involved with youth soccer but we have not received any guidance on how youth contact sports may return in a safe manner (guidelines). I don't think youth sports should return without any safety guidelines from experts.
Polk	Tourism	I am looking for a job since moving here and my son works for Disney. This is destroying us financially. Please open as soon as it is reasonably safe and just require extra safeguards so he can go back to work and I can find a job.
Miami-Dade	General	Miami-Dade new Coronavirus cases are exceedingly by 1,000 a day we should be more restricted to stay home.
Pinellas	General	It's way to early to open things up. There is not yet enough data to make an informed decision to open the economy. Take a breath and take a step back.

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Duval	Education	I own two tutoring centers and we are completely closed. We rebuilt online, but were are just servicing our current families and have no sales. Please give us a time line ASAP to open and requirements. The hardest part is no direction and no milestones. We have enough to last a short period, but not enough to last for several months.
Pinellas	General	How can you responsibly open the state while cases of COVID19 are still rising and not yet declining?! Why do you refuse to bring up unemployment while many Floridians have been over a month without any income such as myself?! YOU ARE ABUSING AND FAILING THE PEOPLE OF FLORIDA! I REGRET VOTING FOR YOU DESANTIS!
St. Johns	Recreation	Please reopen parks and swimming pools for swim teams. Kids need recreational activities.
Seminole	Retail	Reopen everything
Hillsborough	Healthcare	Extend the safer at home order through the end of May. Require people going out to wear masks. It is way too soon to re-open the state. We don't have the testing capabilities and know too little about this virus to make a truly informed decision. As of last week only 1% of residence in Hillsborough county had been tested. That is far too few. Hastily opening the state up will only exacerbate the problem and lead to more sustained and worse economic and health related hardships for all of Florida. P.S. Tried to submit the form and it didn't work. Just like our unemployment benefits and our entire for profit healthcare system. Certainly does not instill confidence in the state. For that reason as well, keep it closed!
Palm Beach	General	Under any circumstances, the state, mainly south counties from West Palm Beach down should open up completely. Right now, not everyone can get tested. Also the data is telling you that cases are going up. Look at the data, and leave politics aside. We need to wait until the curve is really low to open up, honestly I think June or July. By them please work hard on getting testing done. What is the state doing with all the unemployment crisis this estate is going through. Get to work and fix the government system, it is time to do this the right way. This is definitely the worst estate to be unemployed in the US, and this is not new news. I am also concern with the transparency of nursery homes, be transparent and stop hiding information to the public. We all are leaving very stressful times to not received the truth of the matter here.

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Lee	General	My name is Joel Stewart and I drive locally for Cheney Brothers Foodservice. I have continued working throughout the pandemic, but my hours have been cut and I've been trying to make the best of all the changes. I have a lot of respect for this virus and understand the purpose of social distancing and stay-at-home orders. I believe the governor has done a fantastic job keeping everyone informed as well as making decisions that are extremely difficult. However, I deliver food and supplies and am absolutely heartbroken to see what this is doing to our small businesses and local economy. I am in no way shouting from the rooftop to open up Florida, as that would obviously be a mistake, but I don't believe a lot of businesses will survive much longer. I understand peoples lives are of the utmost importance as well, and measures must be taken to prevent outbreaks. With that being said, there is no cure or completely being rid of this virus. Keeping hospitals from being overrun and supplies in stock has been a priority from go. With the way things are going, my suggestion would be to open restaurants on a "reservation only" basis to prevent the public from gathering and standing in lines. Opening retail shops with precautions for the employees in my opinion is no different from what is in place at grocery stores. To the best of my knowledge, we have not had an influx of positive cases from going to the grocery store but that's just based of what I've read. It seems precautions from the general public are being made. In my opinion, social distancing guidelines combined with personal responsibility is what is needed at this point. With that being said, I also believe a great amount of attention should be focused on nursing homes and retirement communities as these are the main area of concern. Thank you for allowing me to give thoughts.
St. Johns	Food	Retain senior hours at grocery stores (Publix, Costco, etc.) until virus is eradicated/vaccine available.
Brevard	Professional Services	Please open dog grooming salons ASAP. Salon owner can wear mask and gloves and retrieve dog from vehicle as it drives up, return dog in same manner. Driver would also be masked. Virtually no transmission exposure.
Hillsborough	Healthcare	I am an Occupational Therapist currently working in an outpatient clinic. Each of use therapist and patients) have abided by the rules set by the state. I feel that things should return in a systematic way. The physicians and their patients are on a waiting list for surgeries. It seems that these kind of activities at free standing out patient surgical facilities should be allowed to open. I am also an owner of property up in the panhandle and the restriction of not being able to rent our house which is located off of 30a has really affected my family financially.. I believe that the beaches and home rentals should be opened no later then 5/1/2020.
Sarasota	General	Opening back up would be very dangerous for everyone. I suggest forcing everyone to use masks in public and provideing hand sanitizer. Also taking temperatures before entering businesses.
Miami-Dade	Real Estate	Make prospective buyers be qualified first as to their ability to purchase the property they want to see, thus avoiding the empty tours to entertain bored people who in the end are not qualified buyers.

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Osceola	General	I am a very concecitizen. I hope that our health is looked at as more important than money. You need to make everyone wear masks or face coverings. So many residents do not follow safety measures putting others at risk. If some businesses do open you must require that the public and employees wear face coverings and keep at. Minimum of 6 feet apart. I know so many people will be asking for everyone to open up because they are bored or scared of money issues. People do not think correctly when they are scared. Please be a voice of reason for these people. Please think of our health first. Opening up too early or without strict rules can cost lives. Please put our health as first priority.
Palm Beach	Construction	Please consider a complete reopening of Florida. The cure has become worse than the disease. If essential businesses can operate safely so can everyone else. I urge you to consider those less fortunate that need to work. Those who are at risk can opt to shelter in place. Actually, it will be easier for them to get supplies and help they need when more things and assistance are available to them. This is wrecking our economy and the price to pay is so steep. I am 54 years old and don't remember this this response to the swine flu in 2009. Please open Florida for business. Thank you Denise Wandell
Broward	Recreation	THE BEACHES NEED TO BE OPEN PEOPLE ARE ALWAYS SEPERATED THE SUN AND FRESH AIR IS GOOD FOR YOU THE SALT WATER IS GOOD FOR YOU AND IT IS A CALMING PLACE FOR SO MANY PEOPLE THERE IS NO REASON FOR THEM TO BE CLOSED. THIS IS SUPPOSE TO BE A FREE COUNTRY BUT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT AND THE MEDIA SCARING EVERYONE WE ARE LOSING MORE OF OUR RIGHTS WHICH IS IN FACT ANOTHER ISSUE. YOU CAN NOT JUST TAKE RIGHTS AWAY FROM AMERICAN PEOPLE THAT ISN'T HOW IT IS SUPPOSE TO WORK WE NEED TO GET BACK TO THE CONSTITUTION AND LIVE LIKE THE GREAT PEOPLE WHO BUILT THIS COUNTRY AND WROTE THE LAWS INTENDED ON US TO LIVE.
Pasco	Recreation	I believe we are at the point now that we can open up all or most(metered) beach parking lots on both sides of the state, especialy the brevard beach parking lots. spring break is over now so now is the time to re-open parking lots back to Florida to enjoy our beaches. however if needed the lots could be easy monitored by parking meter officials. This is a easy plan to do and will help get some of the county employees (meter guy) back to work. you are thinking of a plan which Ive read to reopen Disney which I'm sure will cost some money, new spaced out lines, ride apps, etc.. our beaches is a no brainer. PLEASE open our beaches and parking ASAP. Thank you.

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Brevard	Retail	With the elderly population in Florida we should be very mindful this virus spreads quickly, and has deadly consequences for the elderly. I think the lack of concern coming from the top, meaning the president and our govenor, leads our state into a false sense of security. I am a healthy 53 year old who works in health care, and feel we are releasing the reins too soon and too fast. My gut tells me we are going to see a rapid spike in cases once people feel they are "safe" since the leaders said it was. This virus is here, and not going anywhere. We need testing, contact tracing and antibody testing to be in full capacity before we can be sure it's safe for not only our elderly, but all citizens of Florida
Hillsborough	General	Dear Governor DeSantis, My wife and I are residents of Hillsborough County. Florida was built upon hard work and self-sufficiency. We are a resourceful and responsible people. It is time to let Floridians do what they do best; get back to work. Every business is essential when a family's provisions are dependent upon that income. My wife was forced to shut down her business as a cosmetologist and she has been hurt from COVID 19 since the fake news started reporting it at the end of January. We have been trying to get the unemployment insurance benefits & the CARES ACT signed into Law 3/27/20 (https://connect.myflorida.com) since we knew it was available for her with troubling efforts. The site was almost impossible to file a claim on the starting date of eligibility. Its always down and still NO relief. We have spent HOURS & days just to file and finally got through and every time we check back on it, the site goes back down and still no deposits in our account or indication of help from Florida. This has affected our finances and we have continued fall deeper in debt. We are a sophisticated nation and this is simply ridiculous that the effort of someone in your administration has not resolved modern technology to simply get the relief money to us and our economy back up in a timely manor. You'd think we were still on dial up on the internet! This is proof you can depend on government and socialism will never work. Current statistics show us that divorce, child abuse, alcohol abuse and depression are on the rise as a result of our inability to work without penalties and provide for our needs. It is time to repeal the restrictions upon our businesses so Floridians can get back to healthy and productive lives. Why hasn't all he elected officials suspended their income like all Americans were forced to do so? This shutdown is unconstitutional and violation of our rights. We the people will meet you and other tyrannical elected officials in the court room and at the voting polls! Our elected sheriff Chad Chronister & mayor Jane Castor violated the Constitution of the United States on so many levels and even arrested my pastor for having a church service. Because of what the sheriff did, we have had severe criminal acts against member of our congregation.
Escambia	General	I understand how small business owners feel because my husband and I are self employed and haven't worked since mid March. I need work and money. But, if the state opens to soon, we might end up back where we started. I really don't think beaches should open. I know I don't have to go to the beach, but I could come in contact with someone who did. Let's just be conservative and not listen to the vocal minority.

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Pinellas	General	Why do I hope that we will not re-open Florida until the number of active cases of COVID-19 is down to a minimum and all of them are under control? It's simple! My family! My household consists of a 76-year old mother with underlying health issues, my 3-year old son and me - I have a chronic decease that effects my immune system. I know we need to re-open because of the economy. Currently, I am lucky enough to be able to work from home. We order our groceries to be delivered to our house in hopes to minimize a potential exposure. I am the one who wipes them all down and puts them away. My fear is if we re-open while there are still many active confirmed and potentially unconfirmed cases, I will be ordered to go to work. That means I would have to fill up my car every week or so as I commute 30 minutes each way to go to work. I work in a highrise office building in Downtown St. Petersburg which means I will be at a high risk of exposure there. Given my health risks and an advanced age of my mom, re-opening Florida early will put my family at a high risk for COVID-19 and just a thought of it scares me to death.
St. Johns	Recreation	Please consider CV19 testing of viable statistical samples in smaller beach communities and then basing decisions on empirical data. Applying blanket policy measures on populations based on fear is more damaging than the CV19 itself. I implore you to use critical thinking and lead our communities in a more pragmatic manner. Open beaches dawn to dusk. It makes no difference if I walk on A1A passing others just the same as I would on the beach.
Collier	Professional Services	also, in reopening all businesses and especially hair salons, nail salons and barbershops puts us as business owners in the position of choosing to keep our business open or protect our employees, families and clients. Is some salons choose to open bc they can and others aren't comfortable doing so yet, they will lose their clients thus losing their business. So it backs owners into a corner of not really having any options. May 15th just seems a bit of a safer date in my opinion to do so and be fair among everyone.
Broward	Management	My opinion begins with Chapter 3:1 of the book of Ecclesiates which says: Everything has its own time, and there is time for the whole purpose under heaven. I think that our Nation is generated by the economy, but the human being is the most important heart within the economy , because without it the economy does not walk, does not breathe! We have to follow the guidelines of Science and professional health authorities requested. The return has to be cautious and gradually. Imagine; if the social distance is loosened in a non-gradual way because of the economy and 2 weeks after reopen , it starts to increase the hospital beds alarmingly because of infected by Covid-19, for sure the scenario will be worse and possibly walk through Lockdown that'll be an economic colapso.

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Sarasota	General	Please open Florida. Open the beaches. Open business. With the most recent info about the virus, it doesn't survive in UV light, leaving the beaches closed (or open with restrictions) proves unnecessary as the chances of contamination at the beaches are slim to none. Overall, I think we need to look at the situation and reevaluate our actions. The original reason for the lockdown was so we did not overwhelm our medical system. This was understandable and probably wise, however, now the only thing detrimental to our medical system is the shutdown itself. Sarasota's largest hospital furloughed many employers, because they couldn't afford to pay them. Tanking our medical system is just as bad or worse than overwhelming them. Please open Florida!
Broward	Recreation	Please re-open the parks and beaches. My family members in St John's County say that the public has been very respectful of the hours and uses with the limited re-opening of beaches there. Being able to move about and exercise in outdoor spaces and be in nature is important to physical and mental health. I am an essential worker (nurse) who lives in a small apartment with a concrete yard with no trees. As soon as beaches and/or parks can be opened with guidelines for use to ensure they are as safe as possible it would be a tremendous boon for the well-being of my household. Thank you.
Duval	General	If grocery store clerks, Walmart cashiers and hone depot or ace employees are not dropping like flies, I think we are good to go.
Escambia	Healthcare	I think you should find a way to let people be with there love ones when they are dieing.
St. Lucie	Recreation	We need to get gyms and restaurants open quickly, with social distancing and disinfecting, in order to help the mental health of citizens. People need an outlet and being able to get out of the house to exercise and grab a bit to eat is a huge part of that.
Hernando	Professional Services	I'm a small business owner in Pasco county. Myself and husband been out of work for 6 wks. I have not received a dime not even an email in regards to our applications. (ppp, economic relief, unemployment , Pasco Grant) We have not even received our stimulus check. I still have my home bills and salon bills to pay with no forgiveness. I have done my part by staying home. Plz reopen Fl May 1st. Make the 76% stay home!
Broward	General	We need to reopen and go back to work and our life. We can be safe and go back

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Flagler	General	I am writing to express my full support for re-opening our state as quickly as possible. It is imperative that businesses get up and running to prevent further damage to our way of life. My conclusions are based on the following facts: (1) Our testing continues to improve and demonstrates that 90% of those tested, test negative (per Johns Hopkins on April 24) (2) Further evidence suggests that as we expand testing the mortality rate further decreases as a percentage of the population (evidence the recent antibody testing in NY) (3) The vast majority of those that have died (over 80%?) had some pre-existing condition which leads to a focused strategy against that population to make sure they are safe vs something so broad as we have now impacting virtually everyone. (4) We have adequate capacity in our healthcare system to handle any further outbreak as evidenced the number of open beds, With this information it is difficult in my opinion to make the case to keep the state locked down. There is really so much to say on this topic. But my net message is that the data just doesn't support remaining closed for any longer. A measured approach to re-opening is warranted, but re-opening MUST happen and it must happen quickly. The Stay At Home order should expire on April 30. Florida and for that matter the whole country is not sustainable without viable businesses providing the necessary revenue for both workers and our state. Thank you Governor DeSantis for your leadership in this difficult time. Please make the right decision and re-open Florida quickly.
Pinellas	General	open up! yesterday!
Palm Beach	General	The entire state needs to stay closed until Florida has a better grip on the number of cases actually in the state. We need more testing. Anything less is dangerous and is putting the economy over people's lives.
St. Johns	Information	We are happy with what Florida has done so far. We need to have a very cautious approach towards reopening. We are doing good because we are social distancing but we should do it gradually. We are teleworking and would not prefer to go back in office until there is medicine or vaccine available. We feel being home is safer than being outside but I understand the concern of people who don't have the opportunity of teleworking. I would request to see if we can enforce or mandate people to wear mask outside to avoid or reduce the spread. We can always get the economy back anytime but if we loose our health that will not be something I would trade for.
Pinellas	Retail	Small, Florida retail businesses are being utterly squashed by the capabilities of the big box stores and online giants. The crisis numbers just aren't there. Get small businesses open and get those who can and want to work back to their jobs. EVERY job is now essential, given the economic crisis facing Americans and, especially, Floridians. Get small business back to work.
Broward	General	Dont reopen until medical professionals give the all clear to do so.

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Palm Beach	General	I am a Palm Beach County native. A former firefighter and paramedic with the city of Boynton Beach. My wife and I are the owners of a small hair salon in Lake Worth. We have been in business for the last 16 years and have been licensed cosmetologist for 22 years and 13 years. The forced closure has left our business, or lives , and our financial outlook in a state that keeps us from sleeping and eating normally. We have serviced many of our clients for 5 years or more. Since the closure we have seen an overwhelming show of support not from our family or friends but our own customers. Many of them realize the impact this has on us, they sincerely seem to value the relationship we have with them. We have tried to stay in contact by way of phone, text, and social media, but it is not the same. The economic loss for us is devastating, the isolation for us and many of them is severe. Mayor David Kerner seems content at leaving so much shut down with what seems to be little regard for the long lasting effects of these decisions. The lack of even acknowledging any serious timeline shows the mayor has little to no regard for the urgency of well being of the businesses he is burying. We understand there is a medical crisis, we understand this will last for what may be years. Please understand this is also a financial crisis that will undoubtedly last longer and have far reaching consequences that will extend long after the virus has been contained. As Floridans, we are accustomed to dealing with hurricanes that upend or lives for weeks, even months. To say the economic loss could last a decade may not be an understatement. Dozens of our clients are nurses and members of law enforcement, as well as a few Doctors. Prior to the lock down we began extreme cleaning practices between clients. Limiting only one client per stylist in the salon at a time (6 people total in 1400 square feet). Temperature checks prior to entry. Servicing only those who we know, showing no symptoms, or recent travel. We have learned so much from them. They have equipped us to succeed safely. We realize many fear illness and certainly death. We do too.! Please realize being on lock down and locked out of our careers and way of life is time and life no one will get back.
Sarasota	General	I think it is to early to reopen Florida. I work retail and can not believe how people will NOT LISTEN and did not shelter in place. If we reopen even with restrictions , I can see mass chaos and more cases appear. Please think about our health before our pocket book.
Palm Beach	Education	It is to early in the cycle to open up our State. The people who are in need of employment understandably are frightened about the continued closure. If we open too soon, people will contract the disease, and put those workers, already stressed to the breaking point, in dire jeopardy. The system will collapse and be out of control is the second wave hits before we con recover d=from the first wave. People will forget about social distancing, and wearing masks. I see this already, by just going to Publix for a short shop.

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Hillsborough	General	I am a hairstylist and cosmetology instructor. There is no way we can social distance.I am also a carrier of a rare lung condition.I also have a mother who had a double lung transplant just last year. I feel it in no way it is safe to reopen the state as of yet. Besides not having proper PPE to deliver guest services and having to be face to face with our guests/clients, its just not safe yet. I realize this isnt going away any time soon but our job is a luxury not a necessity. I do not feel safe being face to face with another person. Clients arent 100% truthful what they've done to their hair so why would they be truthful if they've been sick, feeling sick, or around someone who's been sick. I realize that peoples roots are showing or their hair is getting long but it's our safety and health at risk. So no I dont feel it's time as of yet. I want to be able to be comfortable going to work as we as my guests do. Not have to live in fear. People cant be replaced. Until there is a decline in cases for at least 2 weeks, it's not time. If its opened too soon there will be more cases and overloaded hospital workers.
Duval	Tourism	Open up state park campgrounds to all Florida seniors. Experienced campers are well versed in social distancing and responsible stewards of our state resources.
Hillsborough	General	Listen to the scientists and medical professionals about when it is safe to begin opening up.
Hillsborough	Food	I think most Florida residents would agree that maybe now isn't the best time to reopen the state. However, I think most of the very same residents would be back to work tomorrow if given the option and the opportunity. The reason is simple. Because our state unemployment system has failed us. And that lies squarely on the shoulders of our elected officials. You are, day bay day, actively failing the very people who put you in office. But this isn't a political issue. This isn't about voters, or taxpayer dollars. This is about people. Human beings. Human beings who can't pay rent, and who can't feed their families. And if something doesn't happen soon, thousands of your citizens are going to be socially distancing, together, under a bridge somewhere. It's pretty hard to self-quarantine when you don't have a roof over your head. The line between self-preservation and species preservation is rapidly approaching. I for one don't want to have to make that decision, but I think I speak for most of us when I say that I will do so if I must. We can't do whats best for this state, until you do whats best for its citizens. The options are pretty clear for you. If you wan't to extend the stay-at-home order, and want to continue to close businesses, you have to get the unemployment system in line. That is your timeline. The order is lifted at the end of month. Six days. You have six days to fix your unemployment system. If you cannot do so within that time frame, I would begin to reopen your state per Phase 1 guidelines. Any extension of the current situation without economic relief will result in civil unrest.
Okaloosa	General	Open Florida now. My Purple Heart 💜 recipient army veteran husband fights off suicide daily. The shut down is depressing him further and the closed beaches is preventing his daily mental therapy. He fought for our freedom yet he is being denied his own freedom to find mental relief at the beach.

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Hernando	General	Re: the re-opening of FL amid the covid virus pandemic. I believe the scientists and physicians and healthcare workers who say it's too early to open the state. Even if hairdressers/restaurants/bars etc. open, I won't be visiting any of them until the numbers of infected people in FL reduces dramatically. Not just for me, I have elderly parents that I would be putting at risk. I think it is foolish to think our infection rate won't spike if we open this state for business too soon. People will be at risk. I understand business and this is painful. However, dying people are much more painful. It's very risky.
Manatee	Tourism	We must not allow what happened in the Spanish flu epidemic to re-occur here in Florida because we are so focused on revenue that we ignore the danger of reopening our state to tourism too soon. There is far too much pressure being placed on our state government to risk the lives of our older population for the sake of making money. Even if there are requirements for smaller groups of people and sanitary habits, those already in place are being ignored by far too many. There aren't enough people to enforce those existing requirements as it is, and an influx of people who have no vested interest in the welfare of Floridians will only make the problem worse. Just go to any big-box store or grocery to see how people are ignoring the rules, then multiply that one-hundredfold to get a glimpse of what it would be like should the crowds come in too soon.
Brevard	General	I'd like to see the state opened with general guidelines from your task force, but let individual counties open earlier or later depending on their situations. Here in Brevard we have a lower number of positives and could possibly open sooner. On hair salons I would like to see the worker wearing a personal protective gear (PPG)and cleaning and sanitizing after each customer. Each stylist needs to have their temperature taken daily, and the customer should when they arrive. Also, by appointment only and not letting customers gather waiting their turn. Start with 25%, then move to 50% when standards are met. On restaurants I think it's possible to open with very limited capacity for the first two weeks. Maybe 25% initially, them move to 50% after standards are met. Again PPG needs to be worn, along with daily temperature checks for both workers and customers. Concerning Point of Sale businesses very limited numbers in the store at a time, with emphasis placed on delivery to the vehicle. Maybe inside all locations a cashless system. I think a daily log of temperatures should be maintained and be available on request by the County Health Department. Spot checks for records and temperature checks initially by health officials to all open businesses should happen until the county is backed to 100%. Thank you for the work you're doing.

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Broward	General	There are far too many people living in this state over the age of 60 to not be very careful in the reopening of the state's economy. As someone who works in three different locales, I want to see testing be more readily available. No one I work with feels safe returning to any office environment without first knowing that prior to re-entry all of us are tested and are NEGATIVE. Then we will continue to take temperatures daily, observe social distancing by reorganizing our work areas, and will double our cleaning of common areas. BUT, without the testing, there will be no re-entry. We have families. We live with or are near to elderly relatives, those with pre-existing conditions and those with other health issues. Our first priority is to our families and their health. That should be the State's priority too. There can be no reopening without us. And there can be no reopening without customers. We need to safeguard all. We need testing for Coronavirus and Anti-body testing NOW for ALL. Make it available 8 hrs a day, 7 days a week in multiple locations throughout each county. Have mobile units dispensed to condo and homeowners associations to test anyone who wants testing. AND along with testing, make printed test results available to ALL. And, please stop trying to twist the numbers to get you a good result. It's not some convoluted percentage, its the number of positive results, the number of hospitalizations and the number of deaths we are tracking. The more tests you run, the lower the ratio of positives to tested will be, the more tests you run, the lower the percentage of deaths will be. But if the number of positives is rising, if the number of hospitalizations is rising, then we have not yet peaked. Use, do not confuse the science, and the math.
Palm Beach	Recreation	Please allow golf courses to open under safe guidelines, including driving ranges, so I can return to work as a teaching professional. I am an independent contractor and my only source of income is giving golf lessons. I applied for unemployment but haven't heard back. I would just to be able to return to work, even for only a few days a week, a few hours a day. Thank you Sincerely David Pesacov, PGA
Hillsborough	General	We should not be opening anything. Why waste the effort that we've done for the past month? Each life matters, no one should be allowed to stop the stay at home in any county because those individuals can go to another county and infect citizens. All of Florida should have the stay at home extended. Keep Florida safe, our lives matter. Economics after our lives are safe!
Palm Beach	Tourism	We are mandatory to wear masks in grocery stores, Loews, Home Depot- make masks mandatory for EVERY BUSINESS at least for the next 60 days and reopen small businesses i.e. beauty supply, pool store, dog park etc. Refer to this article about Hong Kong in US News - they made masks mandatory in January - https://www.usnews.com/news/cities/articles/2020-04-22/how-hong-kong-flattened-the-curve-without-total-lockdown

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Volusia	General	Please reopen FL. It's been 3 weeks, not including the prior weeks when it was a "suggestion" to stay home. People are out of work and the death toll numbers are still very low. People are going to lose their minds if the lockdown continues. And please do NOT make it mandatory that we wear masks out in public. Thank you
Alachua	Education	We can not afford to stay closed for much longer. I believe as per democrat influence, the number of Covid 19 infections have been inflated. They want to keep our economy closed to try and hurt our great President in the nov. election. Please get us back to work post hast. Thank you Gov. Desantis for your great leadership.
Osceola	Utilities	My suggestion is about the Gym, fitness center . It is health it must be open ASAP for our healthy physical and emotional ! The only thing we need it is a procedure like this for example - sanitizer available - mask use all the time - control the number of people for example 50% of the capacity - work out zone with equipments no problem at all I would suggest to have this protocol ASAP to reopen our business . Classes limited for 50% of people And the the good sense of keep away 6 feet from each other ! Thanks a lot ! We need dates e procedures to provide and all the gym to be ready for it ! Cleaning was normal once we do clean every time we use the equipment !
Volusia	Healthcare	I do not think the sate is ready to open. I am a retired registered nurse . I feel like our numbers are still too high to open. Closing things down has been so great keeping people isolated and free of Covid- virus. I'm afraid people will not social distance once the state opens. It will be harder to control people. I am mostly afraid of resorts and hotels being open and allowing people from other states to bounce on Florida and endanger our people. I would love to see people from other states to be not allowed in Florida for a few months.
Collier	Information	I'm writing to express my deep concern that the motivations undergirding the decision to re-open the state are being fueled by economic concerns more than by concerns re the health and well-being of the citizens of Florida. I am 73 and in relatively good health and have been isolating since mid March. I have friends who are dealing with more serious health issues and who, I fear, will take any decisions to open the state as license to resume their lives pre COVID. I do appreciate the concerns about the economic health of our state. But given that we are mainly dependent on tourism and that season is almost over, might it not make more sense to have a soft opening, get a handle on testing, gather more information about the spread and potential trajectory of this virus in anticipation of a more (hopefully) robust tourist season in 2021? Obviously if we make a mistake and it results in a surge of cases, it might take much longer than 2021 for us to recover.
Hillsborough	Healthcare	Virus and antibody testing should be in place before re-opening. Without this data, we do not know how to mitigate the risks appropriately and re-open in a responsible and sustainable manner.

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Pinellas	General	Florida shouldn't lift restrictions until widespread testing is available and we have contact tracing measures in place. Lifting safer-at-home orders and especially opening beaches, state parks, etc would only increase the chances of another wave of infection. Opening to tourism would result in increased cases of infection and a higher likelihood of death. People can't safely attend gatherings or safely be at work until the number of COVID-19 cases significantly decreases. Florida's overall response rate to this pandemic has been poor and the state was slow to act, don't rush the decision to open Florida because you put profits over people - there will be no tourism if we end up like Denver during the Spanish Flu - learn from history. "There is currently no evidence that people who have recovered from COVID-19 and have antibodies are protected from a second infection." (WHO) - we can't open completely until there is a vaccine.
Orange	General	We need to begin reopening to protect our citizens from losing everything. Most people have already been scared enough by media to fear death but that should not be our mindset. We have people who are going to lose their life's work, building their businesses. Since so much of our economy is built on tourism, hundreds of thousands are being impacted by no work and by not being able to have guests come. It is also time to let our children see that even in crisis we stay alert but work and live normal lives. My heart aches for students who will not have that big graduation they worked for, or of little ones graduating into kindergarten and first grade. We should not become dependent on federal government and should be a strong economy while at same time following practical guidelines. The time to let people have freedom to choose is now.
Brevard	Retail	Hello, My family and I work for Publix and feel like we are putting ourselves at risk every day so others may be able to get groceries. We hope you won't open Florida yet. My family and I feel it will put us at an even greater risk with tourism and people not social distancing. When we are not at work, we don't go anywhere other than walking the dog or riding our bikes. We want things to go back to normal soon as well, however we don't want to do it too soon and risk even more. Please make decisions very, very carefully. Thank you, The Norton Family
Orange	Recreation	Hello, we would like gyms to open at a certain capacity and let clients in by appointment. It's really bad for our health not to be able to work out and use the machines, it's not the same working out at home. Most gyms are really big with a high capacity and I think reopening them with a limited number would make everyone happy. Hope this can be taken into consideration. Thank you, Charie A
Manatee	General	The time is now to reopen our State Governor. Please help all of our businesses come back to life by allowing all including bars to reopen no later than 4-30.

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Lee	Healthcare	Our state is considering how to reopen the economy, including dental practices. As your constituent and a licensed dental hygienist, I am writing to encourage you to reinforce the importance of continuing to follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendation that dental facilities postpone elective procedures, surgeries, and non-urgent dental visits, and prioritize urgent and emergency visits and procedures now and for the coming several weeks. It is unwise and dangerous both for the health of dental professionals, our patients, and the public. The dental team works in close proximity to the patient and utilizes handpieces that generate aerosols, tiny particles, and droplets from the patient's mouth that remain suspended in the air for hours and pose a risk of infection to the dental team and other patients. In order to practice safely we would need the appropriate PPE so dental hygienists and the entire dental team may safely and effectively provide care to patients. To simply say offices should rely on their own judgment for safety is ineffective as that judgment can vary greatly. There are many dental offices that are taking this seriously. But as evidenced by the public response to this and in social media dental networking groups there are outlier dentists and office owners who are not taking this seriously and are ready to re-open, as is, with little or no changes. For some they are worried about their financial livelihood especially as federal aid money dries up, and for others they do not think this virus poses any increased risk and that their rights are being infringed upon. There is a high level of anxiety and fear among dental staff feeling pressured to return to work before it is safe for us to do so. I understand the financial stress dental office owners feel, and I also want my office to succeed and myself go back to work. Although, without strict guidelines in place about required PPE for treating dental patients, at this time I do not feel the dental office is prepared to treat patients to the standard of care without endangering the patient themselves, the dental staff, and their families. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, of all professions clinical dental staff are three of the top four jobs at the highest risk of contracting
Citrus	Accommodation	We should get rid of the stay-at-home order. What we should do is: (a) open dine-in restaurants, hair salons, gyms, tattoo parlors, and retail stores with limited capacity and strict rules; and (b) keep movie theaters, hotels, and sports venues closed until Phase Two. By allowing stores to be open with limited capacity and sanitation rules, it allows those business owners and employees to make money and survive.
Broward	Healthcare	I am an Optician and have to get very close & touch patients to property take care of them. I think it is too early to reopen businesses & risk losing all the time we have put in. We need to stay closed until at least June, better to be cautious
Pinellas	General	Please consider at least phase one of reopening the state. People are hurting and families need to spend time together. We have to think of quality of life and mental health as well as physical health

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Volusia	General	All preventative healthcare routines, procedures, and exams should be allowed to resume immediately. Regards, Alexis Henley Volusia County Resident
Broward	Government	Do not rush to open the state! We are weeks behind New York and the NE. The infection rate is still rising and deaths are still happening; not just in Florida but around the country. People are not going to run back to Florida for a vacation unless they are beyond stupid. Meantime you will have all FL citizens not practicing social distancing. Stop listening to the chamber of commerce. If you want to guarantee that you will not be re-elected, then open the state.
Palm Beach	Healthcare	Hi, I live in Palm Beach County in Delray Beach. We are part of the epi-center of the Covid 19 breakout in South Florida. Palm Beach County has a disproportionate number of Covid deaths and was late to shutdown and has been short on testing until very recently. We are not ready to reopen until the number of new cases diminishes and the death rate improves. Any reopening must be coordinated with Broward and Miami Dade County so we don't get flooded with party people and beach goers from Broward and Miami Dade.
Miami-Dade	Recreation	Hello everyone who is involved in the decision making, Please consider opening outdoor recreational activities like tennis courts, pools and playgrounds as soon as possible. It is known that the virus is less contagious under the sun and in humid conditions therefore we should not slow down or impair the development of our children by keeping them away from the play. We know very well the importance of outdoor activities for mental and physical health. The vulnerable and immune compromised people can maintain precautions indoors while our healthy children get back to active and healthy lifestyles. Regards, Maria Schneider
Pinellas	General	Clearly we have learned now that many, many people can carry this virus without any symptoms at all, If there are no symptoms and it never causes health issues, perhaps the least vulnerable should be allowed to go about their normal business. I think the governor has called it right in saying that we need to protect the most vulnerable, high risk individuals. I would envision strictly locking down nursing homes, ALFs, and hospitals so that no one can enter or exit without being tested. These are really the most vulnerable individuals and the ones we don't want to get the virus as I understand it. At this point, I would think we know where the real problem areas are in our state, and could focus efforts there while allowing more freedom for the rest of the population. Very large crowds will still be a problem I am sure but could similar measures be put in place at those types of events and facilities. I don't know the answer to that and I'm sure it would be a logistical challenge.. But can we really shut down those types of gatherings long term? Thanks for allowing this forum.

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Broward	General	Take reopening south Florida a slow process. No beaches or businesses reopening in a crazy manner. Make testing available for all before even thinking of going down a full re-opening lifestyle.
Palm Beach	Education	Closing the state or country is unconstitutional, a breach of fundamental rights, regardless of circumstance. A national emergency based on a virus that lacks substantial empirical evidence and testing does not justify closure of anything. You might be pressured by the President to keep closed or even to open, but please consider human rights and that government overreach in this circumstance is opening the door for repeated breaches of this sort. The country is being financially raped, and small businesses, minority populations, and low income families are suffering, along with those with existing mental health issues, while the more economically advantaged groups are championing the state and country remaining closed. If you want to stay at home, then stay at home. Other peoples' non-evidence based fears of the virus do not justify you infringing on my personal rights. Is a great recession and/or depression worth sparing a few lives? No. And it extremely selfish to drowned peoples' livelihoods based on other peoples' fears.
Miami-Dade	Administrative	Do not reopen until fall or Until cases are as low as they were in Early March. Masks should be required by law for any and all persons in public and inside any business even at parks or walking their dog.. employees should continue working from home wherever possible. If parks, golf courses reopen close any areas that hold groups of five or more (basketball courts, volleyball, playgrounds) limit number of people allowed in parks, it is easy to block parking spaces to limit number of vehicles and promote six or more feet of social distancing guidelines including inside businesses at all times. Employees at high risk or living with family member at high risk should receive protection by law and continue to work from home if previously able to.
Hillsborough	Healthcare	I don't think we're ready to open in a responsible way. We need more testing without the requirements that you need to show symptoms. In order to know who's safe to go outside without harming anybody else, testing is a priority. Most of the small businesses can't follow the six feet rule as much as they will like to, is just not doable!!! I know the economy is extremely important, but we can't just send people out there and start seeing the number of cases start rising and then be in a worse situation than we're now. Why is it sooo difficult to follow the advise of the healthcare experts. They should be the ones advising us when and how is safe. This is about Biology not Politics!! Thanks! Marie DeVita
Miami-Dade	General	Open the State
Miami-Dade	General	I believe all beaches and bars should remain closed. Restaurants and stores should open with mandatory masks required for stores. Restaurants should create more spacing (every other booth/table). Parks unfortunately is a haven for germs with kids. All monkey bars/slides should be closed. Parks should only be open to walk. Movie theaters can also create distance, every other seat blocked after every 2, social distance markings on floor for concession. Restaurants should also work by reservations to control volume. Stores should only allow a certain amount of people at a time and NO MASK NO ENTRY.

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St. Johns	Recreation	Florida is filled with healthy people. Retirees move to Florida not only to enjoy the beaches and recreation areas but to live a healthier lifestyle. It's not right to quarantine healthy people. It's unhealthy to force someone to stay indoors; isn't that what your Mom has told you since you were a little child? Strolling on the beaches, running on a trail and swimming in the ocean are things healthy individuals do every day. No one is catching Covid 19 from walking on the beach. The virus is not lurking on our trails nor is it floating in the ocean. Let's follow Mom's advice: Go outside and play! Don't restrict our hours and don't let counties make their residents where muzzles. If you're sick or sickly, go ahead and wear a face mask if you wish but to mandate it has not proven to be beneficial and is also creepy and dehumanizing.
Broward	General	The state should not reopen until there is widespread testing available and doctors and scientists (not politicians) say that it is safe to do so.
Palm Beach	Recreation	The beaches should have never closed due to the fact that sunlight has a negative affect on the virus. Please open fully our beaches and outside recreational activities. I have personally never been in favor of any of the shut downs and would be in favor of a complete open now. I'd love restaurants and small businesses to be operational now, inside dining and shopping. Enough is enough. Our economy has been devastated as has the lives of those that own businesses here in palm beach. The shutdown has caused more damage than the virus itself. Our hospitals are empty..,time to resume life!
Brevard	General	See attached file. Thanks.
Pasco	General	Please do not open Florida until the CDC Criteria announced by Trump have been met. People will die. We need TESTING TESTING TESTING.
Bay	General	Make sure people have on mask stay more then 6 feet away at all times

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Broward	Transportation	Hello Everyone, Crazy times we are going through.. My name is Roger Linde and have information to help get our economy back ASAP with one more 'tool in the toolbox' helping rebuild our Infrastructure. Here in Florida we are using FORTA-FI Fiber to reinforce Asphalt that is getting our roadways to last up to 50% Longer. Assistant Secretary of the FDOT, Courtney Drummond, who reports to Kevin Thibault and Gov. Ron DeSantis, has already assigned 2 highway sections (Hwy 15 N. of Jacksonville and Hwy. 200 by Lake Okeechobee) using this 'Technology'. We are currently working with Sue Zheng, PhD, PE, (Turnpike Materials and Research Engineer) and have attached the Power Point showing a 22+ Million Dollars in savings on 300 miles of turnpike while getting a 14% Increase in ESALs (Longer Life of the roadway). This can be Scaled across the country! President Trump stated last week about 'contractor's' tearing the entire roadways out and redoing the whole thing, he is right, they Don't need to do that! The states, with this technology, just go in and mill off 1 1/2" to 3" of the roadways and then resurface it using this technology. Saves Time, Saves Money, Roads last Much Longer and now you can do Many more miles in the same time period with a lot less money! MORE Jobs NOW! As a construction guy, for me, seeing is believing. I'm a natural skeptic until the concept comes to life and shows its true colors. Boeing was our first project twelve years ago at a military base in Arizona. They had a water main break under our fiber reinforced asphalt two years later. They then cut a 4'x10' section out and put a 'single' anchor bolt to pick the slab up – it came out in one piece! They said, "Asphalt does not do this....." Here is the video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ck0_6lGeyPk This is the Best technology for anyone who drives on our roads and pays taxes to fix them! There is a second phase of this that is personal. I am a DeSantis/Trump/Republican supporter. My cousin, Clarice Henderson, State Committeewoman (Republican Party of Hillsborough) and Jim Waurishuk, Chairman (Republican Party of Hillsborough) want to see our party 'Endorse' this technology first and foremost for our constituents But, Also to help our party locally, regionally and nationally. Crappy roads are an issue for Republicans, Democrats and Independents. Everyone wants these
Sarasota	General	Enough is enough open the economy. People are going to die it is a part of life. We must live and not live afraid to die. Those at risk will have to manage their surroundings.
Lee	Healthcare	Need to restart economy now, especially in areas with low infection rates/deaths. In particular, need to resume "elective" procedures/surgery andd medical office visits as soon as possible for those patients who have been putting off medically necessary procedures or for those patients who have been unable to actually physically see their physicians.
Lee	General	I am an RN. I believe we need to open places that can have large gatherings last. Like clubs, churches, beaches. Opening restaurants and stores with perhaps 25% occupancy would be a good test run to open first. People age 65 and older should be encouraged to remain at home for the first 21 days after the soft openings. Then expand. All persons should be able to get an antibody test before venturing out in public if they so desire. It does no good to offer mass testing because people are contagious before any symptoms, unless they have a known exposure.

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Duval	Recreation	Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. These three things are so vital to the survival of our state of Florida and all of them are in jeopardy under the current regulations. I selected "recreation" as the area of interest because live music venues and bars were not an option. My husband's business has been closed since March 13th with absolutely zero hope to re-open any time soon. Live music venues bring beauty and creativity to our community but the entire experience centers around lots of people gathering. How, under the current regulations or future restrictions will these businesses survive with an audience of 10 people? They just can't. Our suggestion is that people should be allowed to attend, at full capacity, with the idea that at the purchase of a ticket and entrance to a show each person affirms that they are not sick currently and that they absolve the business of any legal action if they get sick at the event. They can sign a waiver either electronically or in person. Let people who WANT to attend decide if it is ok to go. If folks feel uncomfortable about it, they can stay home. The government cannot and should not be in charge of protecting every person from every possible hazard or risk in life. That was NEVER the role of the government to begin with. Thank you for considering this request.
Hillsborough	General	It's too soon to open stores/businesses up...not enough ppl hv been tested. Here in Hillsborough Cty as of last week only 1% of the population has been tested with the majority being Healthcare workers..there's too many ppl walking around with this virus unknowingly. The numbers of deaths and positive is growing.
Okaloosa	General	I am 100% for opening things back up. Other than our dining out routine being disrupted nothing has changed for us. Enough people have been scared by the doomsday scenarios and stories from the fearmongering media that they will not be rushing out with a reopening. They will be the loud voices of opposition, no one is going to force them to rejoin society. We have a small trucking g company (7 employees) and come Into contact with dozens of people daily making deliveries. We have yet to find anyone who has had or knows of anyone who has had Covid-19 and we cover the territory from Tallahassee to Baton Rouge daily. I know the pressure to follow suit and shut down the state was insurmountable. I think you have done an excellent job given the circumstances. I voted for you for governor and will do so again.
Jackson	General	I am a 44 year old paralegal with Lupus and RA. While I am ready for things to get back to normal, I would feel better about taking another 2 weeks to keep the stay-at-home order in place before opening everything back up. Let things even out or even lessen before we are slammed with snowbirds. I think it is better to stay on lockdown a little longer now, and have a better fall and winter financial season, when our state generates most of its revenue. If we push things too soon, it could prolong, or reignite the entire process. Just a thought from a concerned Floridian. Thank you for all you are doing. Kindest regards, Brittany Garza.
Pinellas	General	Don’t be stupid. Follow the science and keep the citizens safe. If we could just shut everything down for 3 weeks we could get past this. Allowing things like opening the Jacksonville beaches just extends this nightmare. For now, stay closed!

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Santa Rosa	General	Please open the beaches and open small businesses!
Franklin	Tourism	The ban on vacation rentals must continue at least through the end of May, Our county's tax revenue generator, St. George Island, is the major visitor draw into our county,. Currently, we only have 2 positive cases and this is because of the vacation rental ban that the governor so wisely has put into place in our state. With county's limited and questionable medical capabilities, we can not begin to welcome visitors from all over the United States who will certainly bring new virus to our area. We want visitors to return but not at the cost of bringing more virus, sickness and death to our island and county,. Currently our county is helping our state keep the numbers of cases and deaths low. We do not want to become a state vacation HOT SPOT. If that is to happen, our economy will certainly never recover! Let Franklin county continue to help keep our state's virus numbers low, At least until, the number of cases significantly slow down and people begin to comply with daily mask usage in our county, state and in the rest of the US, Vacation visitors now or too soon could become a disease as bad as the coronavirus.
Volusia	Healthcare	Its too early to reopen State! We need to wait-people Are still dying
Polk	General	Dear Governor DeSantis, I am a resident of Polk County. Florida was built upon hard work and self-sufficiency. We are a resourceful and responsible people. It is time to let Floridians do what they do best; get back to work. Every business is essential when a family's provisions are dependent upon that income. Current statistics show us that divorce, child abuse, alcohol abuse and depression are on the rise as a result of our inability to work without penalties and provide for our needs. It is time to repeal the restrictions upon our businesses so Floridians can get back to healthy and productive lives. Floridians love their neighbors and know how to use common sense to live and work safely. Please lift the penalties on our businesses while maintaining the recommendations of the CDC so that Floridians can provide for their families. Floridians are good people; we are fully capable of operating our businesses while voluntarily engaging in the practices that will help keep our neighbors healthy. It is time to put Florida BACK TO WORK. It is time to lift COVID restrictions upon our businesses. Thank you.
Citrus	General	Please do NOT open Florida yet. It's too soon! Sir, I cannot do this quarantine again AT ALL!! I cannot risk it. It's only been a few days since the "peak" but that's because we're all home! Please just keep closed a little while longer, because I cannot do another isolation stint, but it sounds like that may happen if we open early. My advice: wait at least an additional two weeks to level off so we never have to do this horrific act again!!

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Palm Beach	General	REOPEN FLORIDA NOW! DeSantis' comments today (4-25-20) about sporting events and bars not being open for "a long time" is unacceptable. The hospitality industry has been the hardest hit for unemployment that you cant even process for most. Unacceptable. We have hospitals UNDER CAPACITY and COVID is not deadly to 97% of the population. It is LESS deadly than the flu! Please STOP following the liberal media and liberal local leaders in South FLorida. They have no care for the economy. Fauci is using this to inflate his numbers by having ANY death declared COVID related. There is a hidden agenda with CDC, WHO, NIH that no one wants to investigate or acknowledge. None of the citizens in South Florida are worried about this. There is starting to be a trickle down effect on employment in other sectors due to lack of income overall. If we dont end this NOW we are going to have FAR MORE unemployed people needing unemployment funds that Florida cant even manage to pay. We cant continue to print more money. That is a great way to have another DEPRESSION worse than 1929-1930s.
Seminole	General	I think the state is running how it should run for the next several weeks-to-months. Restaurants can continue selling food via delivery or pick-up. Essential businesses should remain open. We need time to implement permanent safety procedures for entertainment based businesses, such as the movie theater I am a salaried manager for, and all of the theme-park based businesses we have. Human lives are more important than profit. We only need air, water, food, and safety to survive. It isn't necessary to prematurely open all of Florida, especially when there is no vaccine for COVID-19.
Alachua	General	Can we open a small percentage of all business? Ask those who can stay home and distance as much as possible. Also keeping things sanitary.. Yes I think we need to open things up again, only slowly and cautiously. I commend our state officials and our President, Donald Trump for their actions during this unprecedented event.
Palm Beach	Construction	Open those areas other then Dade, Broward and Palm Beach fully with some exceptions.. All over 65 and those with compromised health should stay at home . Restaurants, theaters , stadiums, and areas of large gatherings where 6 feet apart is impossible must remain closed for first phase. At the discretion of the local mayor salons, gyms and other personal businesses must operate with a set maximum of clients at one time based on space. Plastic shields should be worn by employees who come closer then 6 feet. Areas must be sanitized after each client. Golf courses statewide should be open with same rules at Villagers. Workers should be given protective masks and use of hand held thermo thermometers is recommended.

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Hillsborough	General	Please allow Florida to re-open in early May (or sooner). I am extremely sad and sorry for anyone impacted by the health issues from COVID-19; particularly anyone who has lost a loved one. I am also thankful for the medical professionals and mindful of the toll this has put on them. With that said, I am also saddened and concerned about the extreme hardship, stress and anxiety placed on business owners and individuals who have lost their job, taken significant pay reductions and are living with constant worry and stress surrounding the the long term viability of their business and their ability to meet their families' financial commitments . It is important that we manage and deal with all aspects of this crisis - not just the immediate health issues directly related to COVID-19 - but also the many long term impacts (economic and health) from the devastation to our economy. We need a balanced approach that considers all impacts and individuals. Reopening the economy is the first step in taking that balanced approach. Those individuals who are at risk should certainly continue to quarantine or "stay at home", but others should be allowed to return to work and be allowed to support other businesses trying to survive. The CDC has provided extensive guidelines on safety including wearing face coverings in public, staying home if you have any symptoms of illness, hand washing, etc. Business owners and individuals should have the opportunity to return to work, while following these safe guidelines which at least gives them the chance to save their companies and their jobs. The government has done a great deal to help business and individuals which is wonderful, however nothing is enough to replace a full time, permanent job/career and the government cannot sustain these levels of support to businesses and individuals indefinitely. I believe we need a long term strategy that balances both health and economic impacts to include: protecting the vulnerable; ensuring hospitals and medical professionals have resources and protective gear; and allowing most businesses to resume while utilizing the CDC recommended safe practices. Thank you for your consideration.
Broward	General	I think you should not lift any bans until u see a steady 2 week decline and more testing is implemented. Both for active and people to be tested for antibodies.

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Seminole	Government	Governor DeSantis and members of the Re-open Florida task force - PLEASE let's get this going. Our numbers are stable, and honestly minimal, for a 21 million people state that sees so much influx of tourists from around the world. We have done our part; we flattened the curve and we did not overwhelm our hospitals. We are not going to stop this virus (and yes we probably will see a spike) when we lift lockdown. We have essentially delayed the inevitable spread by being in lockdown. The virus (the numbers) is moving towards being not much worse than the flu. We have to assure people that we will be okay and safe and we need to get back to living. We cannot continue to "live" in fear of dying! I am a pediatric physical therapist. I need to get back to work (in person) and help my kids and their families. I have 4 kids who are struggling (and they are straight A students) with this distance learning. We CANNOT continue this into a new school year. I have a senior who wants to have graduation. Dr. Walt Griffin of SCPS has worked out a back up plan and these kids DESERVE to have that plan happen in June. We need to start moving forward and making strides with gradual lifts so that we can be out of strict social distancing guidelines for gatherings to allow graduations, summer parties, work, sports, beaches, LIFE by June/summer. Florida NEEDS summer! We need you to make the best decision for all. If people are unhealthy they can stay home. We can still help them. But let the rest of us get back out there so that we can help them and ourselves. Let us live our lives normally, with work and play. We are safe. Just as safe as if we had the flu (or the other thousands of germs out there) spiraling around, swimming in our oceans or boating, or driving all over the state. We, the people, who are workers and active participants in society, want you to RE-OPEN FLORIDA NOW!
Pasco	General	I am in support of re-opening the state and relaxing social distancing guidelines as soon as possible.
Palm Beach	Recreation	I would like to see recreational activities open to the public including RV camping at State Parks and RV resorts.
Pinellas	General	The coronavirus is still circulating. Cases could spiral up to catastrophic levels all over again unless proper measures are taken. The state shouldn't open up unless they have a robust system to detect and quash new flare-ups by testing to see who is infected, tracing their contacts, and isolating and quarantining as needed.
St. Johns	Government	why would you not reopen Florida when it should never have been closed at all. the number of deaths is tiny compared to the population of Fl. since when is the well being of our state and country not worth such a small percentage of deaths? the veterans of WWI and WWII would be nauseated at the lack of patriotism in this state and in some parts of the country.reopen fully now.
Lee	General	I believe it is time to open things up. The sooner the better. Do I think we'll have a mass exodus from our homes? Likely. However those that are worried will stay at home and that is their prerogative as is mine to venture out. It is the same during flu season. I am taking a risk going out to dinner, flying etc. however to keep everyone locked up and keep the economy in a downward spiral is irresponsible and costly at this point.

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Seminole	General	Please open the state back up! We need to get back to work. With unemployment not getting approved, we have no way to make money. Trying to do small jobs for money for food but bills can't get paid. Please Open!!
Manatee	Recreation	Please open the beaches. Social distancing guidelines could be put in place to make this safe. I believe that people would be responsible enough and grateful to have this opportunity back in their lives. I also believe that you could open a high percentage of small businesses. Again, keeping social distancing and sanitizing regulations in place. I can't imagine being a small business owner and driving by a packed Home Depot. If Home Depot can make guidelines work, so could a place a tenth of the size. Even better.
Hillsborough	Professional Services	Dear Governor DeSantis, I am a resident of (Hillsborough County). Florida was built upon hard work and self-sufficiency. We are a resourceful and responsible people. It is time to let Floridians do what they do best; get back to work. Every business is essential when a family's provisions are dependent upon that income. Current statistics show us that divorce, child abuse, alcohol abuse and depression are on the rise as a result of our inability to work without penalties and provide for our needs. It is time to repeal the restrictions upon our businesses so Floridians can get back to healthy and productive lives. Floridians love their neighbors and know how to use common sense to live and work safely. Please lift the penalties on our businesses while maintaining the recommendations of the CDC so that Floridians can provide for their families. Floridians are good people; we are fully capable of operating our businesses while voluntarily engaging in the practices that will help keep our neighbors healthy. It is time to put Florida BACK TO WORK. It is time to lift COVID restrictions upon our businesses. Thank you. Sincerely, Stephen Pelon
Bay	General	The numbers don't justify shutting down the Florida economy and putting Floridians at great financial and mental risk. Government does not have the right to determine what is essential enterprise or activity as Floridians see that as God-given and not something dispensed by government. If quarantine would be required, it should be applied demographically and not wholesale to all areas of the state. Quarantine the sick and elderly, not healthy individuals. This decision to shut down enterprise will prove to have been a futile effort to fight a virus that is well below the definition of a a pandemic. We will pay dearly for the poor decision.
Pinellas	General	Please be smart and don't reopen Florida. The cases are rises even when we are isolated at home can you imagine the catastrophe it will bring if we reopen the state. We need to test more people before we make a decision to reopen the state. I want to get back into my normal routine as well but we need to think before we make a stupid decision.

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Miami-Dade	General	I don’t think MIAMI Dade is ready to reopen . I think the state is worst today then it was you guys decided to shut it down . I’m dying to be able to open my business and go back to work but we new to start bring down the numbers of infected people in the state first . I think you should start opening the counties of the state that doesn’t have many cases
Palm Beach	Recreation	Open beaches just like Jax beach opened. No blankets, no coolers, etc. Morning hours, evening hours, social distancing & no groups of more than immediate family
Broward	General	1. Need longer hours for doctor's offices. Right now they are only opened for 4 hours. 2. Open parks from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., 3. Let banks open inside for normal hours. 4. Most of these cases are in assisted living areas. Have the elderly stay with family members and clean the facilities. This way they are given the right care. Most don't have doctors or RN's on staff to help. My mom died in 2009 at the Court of Palm Aire have surgery. She was never watched. 5. Have yet to receive my unemployment or updates. 6. Have yet to receive my stimulus direct deposit. Please research these areas. I'm 61 years old and need these funds as I'm not working. Thank you.
Miami-Dade	General	Healthy nurses, doctors, employees, leaders enable our recovery. They keep productivity up, cost of replacement down. Covid 19 has no cure yet. It has hit close to home for too many of us. A new economy will rise to respond to this deadly virus. For now, starve it out. Have trucks with detergent spray our streets in zones during temporary curfew. Social distancing pays! Live to fight another day. Robots to do chores. Re-tooling to make masks. American creativity, initiative shall enable survival. This virus does not discriminate, but we can prioritize our actions to enhance our longevity. Embrace the new normal, not rush to old, deadly habits. Time to reopen parks, restaurants is when this virus is down to single digits, proof that we are doing what it takes and shall keep up that practice. Meantime, let's give the drive thrus more business.
Marion	General	Recent statistics indicate that around 70% of the population of The Villages is over age 60. It would, thus, appear that The Villages has the largest population of elderly, at risk for Coronavirus, anywhere in the State of Florida. For all I know, it could be the most concentrated area in the US. My question is: Why are there no Coronavirus testing facilities located in The Villages? UF did testing for about seven days, in total. One group practice in the area does testing but requires a doctor's tele-health call with their practice before testing. It seems to me that with the simple volume of at risk population, there should be at least one testing site in The Villages, if not several. Please tell why we are being excluded.
Palm Beach	Recreation	Please open anything outdoors. Most people social distance outdoors anyway. Please. Pretty please.
Volusia	General	Open the state with social distancing and must wear mask. Allow restaurants to open with social distancing in mind. It should be the responsibility of the people with pre-existing conditions to stay isolated until situations allows otherwise. I’m retired and have pre-existing conditions and I feel it’s my job to protect myself and family. If we don’t start to get the economy open we will all suffer beyond belief!!!!!

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Broward	Recreation	Tennis courts should be reopened. Why? I'll explain. Tennis is a game that only can be played by 2 people on each side in doubles, 1 on each side in singles. Practicing self distancing is quite easy. As responsible adults, we were playing that way right up until everything was shut down. Especially courts inside developments, where people don't congregate like at a tennis club perhaps.
St. Lucie	Education	Decide the protocol to opening Florida. Inform everyone. Let employers decide when they are able to follow the protocol and safely open their business. Open the beaches and parks.
Marion	Healthcare	We should not re-open businesses before there has been widespread testing. Asymptomatic people have been found to have the new coronavirus, and they can spread the virus to others without being aware of it. Everyone who goes back to work must be tested. Taking every employee's temperature at the beginning of the work day is not good enough. It is true that the economy is important, and many people are desperate. Unemployed people in this state have not been able to get their unemployment benefits, but the "broken" system was designed to fail. Some stimulus checks won't reach folks until September, and if the USPS goes under, the checks won't be delivered then. These are problems to be fixed later, but right now we need to keep from spreading the virus even more broadly. Test everyone! Maintain the use of masks and gloves for all those who go back to work, even after being tested and getting a negative result. Maintain six-foot distances in restaurants. Places of businesses that operate only to keep people from being bored should be last on the list of opening. Exercise is important for good health, but gyms should maintain distance. Test everyone first! Our state can do this, even if the U.S. can't. Thank you for your attention.
Bay	General	Hello my name is jenna I'm a hairstylist in the Panama City beach Florida community. This pandemic had affected me from not working but I knew this was for my safety and the safety of others. And I abided by all of it. What I'm getting to is I don't think salons spas and nail salons should be open. It is too soon and we are still in the middle of this fight. We need to listen to healthcare officials and their opinion on when it will be safe to reopen and when to do so. This needs to come from licensed professionals who are physically on the frontlines and know what is going on. We live in a state where tourists are our biggest revenue. Once we open they will all flock at once and it will cause a second wave of a pandemic that bay county is not able to handle. I also saw about using face shields and face Masks without having the resource to be able to stock up on. These resources belong more to our first responders than our salons because they are still in need of them. State board is not prepared on what to do when salons open and what sanitary precautions we should take. I've read their suggestions and it is way overwhelming. I would rather stay home until mid or end of may knowing I'm making a difference by doing so. I do miss my job and I miss my customers. But their safety and health matters as well. Please make the right decision and do not let salons open soon. This will take time but we will get through this!!
Broward	General	Open it. $1200 (+$500 per child) is not enough for 10 weeks!

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Manatee	General	Please consider reopening the state so the thousands of workers can get back to work to feed and support their families. Also, reopening the beaches and pools. People have enough sense to social distance. Families are struggling, fighting and losing their patience. Please reopen. Thank you
Duval	General	We need to open up the state. It's time to get back to work and live our lives as our founding fathers envisioned. There is nothing to fear but fear itself and this virus is nothing at all. This is just media hype! It's more dangerous to drive these days as We kill more people on the highway than any flu or virus ever. Those who live in fear can stay home and hide under their beds. The rest of us need to get back to work and take this country back again to its prior glory.
St. Johns	General	Please open the state gradually or the state will be ruined forever. We cannot let the cute be worse than the virus. Look at the antibody studies around the country. The virus is more prevalent and less deadly than we know. We need to open up again.
Orange	General	Regardless of whether or not a business is deemed 'essential' or 'non-essential' the guidelines for any business to be 'open' should be universal and compliance to those guidelines should be the key to whether or not a business can 'open'. I would require all businesses to produce a plan outlining how it will maintain compliance. That plan should be submitted to/approved by the county/city/township/municipality/etc. The plan should also be made available to the general public. I would create a mechanism by which individuals (either employees or patrons of a business) can report non-compliance to the county/city/township/municipality/etc. All reports should be investigated timely and if that business is deemed non-compliant it should either be penalized with fines or closed depending on the severity of the infraction. I would defer to healthcare experts to outline the guidelines.
Hillsborough	Food	IT'S TIME TO OPEN FLORIDA! Let the people go back to business as usual, it is overdue! Thank
Polk	General	If people want Florida to reopen then reopen, but for those of us who choose stay home an protect ourselves should have the option to do that as well. For me and my family we only go out for grocery shopping and work (company with over 100 ppl, only 5 ppl or less in the office). I think it's sad that people, government and business think money is more important then people lives. My family and I will not be going out there and my child will not return to school until we feel it's safe. There is still a hand full of people who have not gotten tested (aka my family and I) who are still walking around and also there is no vaccination. Reopen fine but people who want to stay home an protect ourselves should have that right too.
Seminole	General	Open the State!,
Broward	General	Please do not make any plans to reopen the state until there is evidence that cases have declined. At that point, then I think a phased reopening approach would be appropriate with weeks in between before additional reopenings are made. I know people are anxious for things to get back to normal but we cannot do so until the medical community and scientists confirm that it's the right time.

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Broward	Retail	Home Depot and Target are managing the number of customers ... and I feel safe there. I think beauty salons, retail shops and restaurants could learn to manage the number of people and the community can be proactive in protecting themselves.... We have to move forward! We can always go back and put in more restrictions again....but it's time to go forward. It will never be perfect, ie with no infections... but there is no guarantee in life as you know.
Miami-Dade	Healthcare	Don't open the state yet. Close the beaches again. Don't listen to trump or anyone in the administration. Put your Surgeon General back in charge of the entire incident. Do what he says. We need tests - lots of them - and lots of masks sent to everyone. And you should pay people lots of money for unemployment. Do what Gavin Newsome is doing in California. If you think something is right, DeSantis, don't do that.
Seminole	General	For the health of our residents, Florida should remain closed. Too risky at this point to reopen. People do not abide by social distancing rules & reopening will cause more deaths & make it even harder to get rid of the virus.
Hillsborough	Finance	Thank you for opening this up for Floridians to be heard. It is completely heartbreaking that anyone has lost their life to this vicious virus and my heart aches for the families of lost loved ones. This being said, I believe the greater harm has been done by a continued closing of businesses. There are at this moment just about 50,000 that have passed away and 900,000 that have tested positive for Covid-19 within the US, at the same time there are OVER 28million Americans out of work, kids as well as adults committing suicide, the mental health of the country is in dire danger, emotional as well as physical abuse is up and the moral of the people of our great state and country is rapidly dropping. We are in need of a restart FAST! I understand the need to be safe and would still encourage people to stay home that are older or sick, those that choose to go back to life can do so with masks and other safety measures, they need to go back though! America has always been a democracy, what is best for the good of the people as a whole is what is done. When you put the facts on a scale the balance is WAY off! 50,000 does not even compare to 28 million! Masks, gloves and sanitizers will help us get through this until a vaccine is available. We can not continue to lock our world up we need to let people live, work and play and bring life back to Florida. Signed- an OCD clean freak😬
Marion	General	As a resident if a 55+ community it is my concern that the reopening process will be done too quickly and broadly. Yes, we need businesses to open and I believe those to be truly essential. It has been 2 months since my last haircut. Unless the salon can guarantee the 6-foot social distancing for anyone but my stylist, I will continue to wait. This process must be done in small increments. That will allow the medical experts the ability to rein things in if there should be any spike. My husband and I are being cautious. We have a great deal more living to do. It should be life over revenues. Thank you for reading this.

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Broward	General	I'm not interested in opening up Broward or Miami-Dade counties. Would just make the hotspot worse!
Duval	Healthcare	Until we are able to test the majority of Floridians and start contact tracing, no plans should be made to open our businesses, parks, beaches and entertainment establishments period.
Pasco	Management	Why would we reopen Florida at all. We have no cure for this disease no vaccine social distancing really hasn't worked the cases in Pasco County keep going up and up and up and up. As of this past Friday I felt symptoms in par with covid and I just recently got tested this past Wednesday and I'm awaiting results with an upper respiratory issue. I work in an automotive shop as an essential worker and no one ever stopped coming. The social distancing guidelines were never followed people were out and about no matter what so what do you think is going to happen when you guys decide to open with social distancing 6 feet apart I had to close my doors because people just didn't care to follow the 6ft distance. we were basically taking care of people's car outside of my garage with a chain that was six feet from them just so they can understand that there are guidelines that aren't being followed people were just walking into my showroom straight to the counter like nothing was happening in the world. If the economy cannot take another hit for another month so be it open but make sure that you make it mandatory for people to have masks on at all times if people don't like it oh well and make sure that our police force reinforces that rule of wearing masks all the time and if people don't follow that rule make them go to jail because they are putting people's lives at risk.
Bay	General	There should be a phased reopening starting May 1st so that things can get back to normal or closer to normal. People can get their jobs back, seniors can have graduations, people can go to the beach and other things. It would be beneficial for the economy and the mental health of everyone who cannot leave their homes.

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Palm Beach	Recreation	I am a member of USA Swimming, as well as the parent of two USA Swimmers age 13 and 18. My children have been training at the North County Aquatic Complex in Jupiter under Coach Kiril Zavariev and the Jupiter Dragons for the last 8 years. We love our coaches, we love the facility and the staff, and we miss our pool! We understand and agree that you had to close the County pools on March 17th due to the COVID-19 restrictions as set forth by the Florida government. It is my hope and prayer that once the government begins to consider lifting restrictions, you would give special attention and consideration to the USA Swimming members who partner with PBC for daily use of the pools, and who have been unable to train for over 6 weeks due to the pool closures. Swimming is different than many other sports, in that it is individualized and there is no physical contact with the swimmers. There is no community equipment (each person has their own), and there's plenty of lane space (in a pool with chlorine and disinfecting chemicals), so it is much easier to practice social distancing. That said, swimming is also unique in that it involves building up a type of endurance that can only be maintained in the water through hours and hours of repetitive swim. By May 1st these club swimmers will have been out of the water for over 6 weeks, which is extremely detrimental to their unique training. These kids have worked for years and years to build up the endurance it takes to swim competitively (of special consideration one of our own swimmers made the Olympic Time Trials and has no water to train in until the N County Aquatic Center reopens). Not to mention they are the LEAST vulnerable to the COVID-19 virus due to age. Our team coaches (as well as the other coaches of teams who train in other PBC pools) and many of your lifeguards have lost their entire source of income due to the pool closures. We also recognize the County has lost significant income from our clubs. We love our coaches and the lifeguards and are greatly concerned for their financial well-being if the pool closures continue much longer. I'm extremely grateful for your commitment to the safety of the community from this virus, and I am sure you are just as eager to get the pools open when it is safe to do so as we are. I understand our coach has presented the County with a plan to operate practices safely under strict social distancing and sanitizing measures. I just ask that you please, please consider the
Broward	General	Since the number of cases and fatalities are still increasing I think it would be prudent for the stay at home to be in effect until May 15. I believe that parks and golf courses can reopen since they have little direct contact, but that beaches shouldn't since they seem to have difficulty with keeping social distancing. I also feel that nail and hair salons should have very strict guidelines since they are in small quarters and will find it difficult to maintain social distancing. Gyms definately not for definitely not for at least a month. Restaurants are really difficult because that can affect many if they don't adjust proper social distancing according to the map shown on TV. I know that Governor DeSantis is trying to do the best job possible during difficult times so lets keep it safe and do the right thing.. Better safe than sorry. Thank you for listening to my opinion. .

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Leon	Recreation	Would love to see sports and Rec reopened with social distancing in place. Let the swimmers swim, the runners run, the bikers bike, the golfers golf, beaches opened, for folks and kids to have outlets to train, de-stress, be healthy to avoid a second pandemic of anxiety, obesity, depression, etc. Two swimmers in a lane that push off from opposing walls seems plausible. Track teams with workouts 6' apart seems possible. Releasing those restrictions and the apparent liability fears on not relying on stage guidance would go a long way.
Sumter	General	Can we spray the streets with disinfectant like China is doing?
Seminole	General	Open the state TODAY!!
Pinellas	Healthcare	Please get plan to reopen on May 1. Lockdown was to get medical industry ready - NOT to stop the virus from spreading. Furloughs are turning into permanent firings. Many patients aren't getting medical treatment. Time for plan to be ready for May 1! Thanks & my prayers are with you! Thora Cook
Hillsborough	General	I only ask that you please take into consideration the findings of the antibidy tests being completed. They are a much greater indicator of the widespread infection rate associated to this virus. They also show us the death rate is significantly lower than what was predicted. Though some accommodations may be needed, its time to progress toward reopening. A detriment has occurred to a higher number of people than this virus will kill and if the current restrictions continue the virus will have a greater indirect impact than what has occurred with those infected. We must think of the greater loss and the larger picture.
Volusia	General	Open it up- people need to be personally accountable for themselves
Brevard	Education	I don't agree with thw area of interest question is appropriate. Making us pick is not right. My concern is for everyone. I think that the state of Florida has not tested enough percentage of the population to determine it is okay to reopen. My county has not even had a decrease in cases for the requisite 2 week period as states by guidelines. I have lived here for 4 years and have been disappointed consistently by the state government.
Lake	Food	Yes we need to open soon... follow the other states that are opening
Orange	General	I am asking you to please open back up the economy. I am someone who works in Education and has seen sickness. Those people who are sick can stay home along with those people are who are thinking it is too early. My husband works in the tourist industry and we are feeling the financial burden of being furloughed. If you slowly open back the economy there can be precautions taken to ensure everyone's safety (I see it being done at places like Publix and restaurants that haven't had to close). I also believe this will solve many issues including the unemployment system website problems. Please consider Florida and how much we depend on places like Disney. For the amount of people our cases are good especially when you consider the younger population. Life is full of risks and I am willing to risk it for a better life. We can't live in fear forever.

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Seminole	General	Please leave the State of Florida closed for a few more weeks. I understand the need and reasons to jumpstart the economy but please not at the expense of human lives. There is still too much not known about the coronavirus and it's long term effects. I live in a neighborhood with 3 newborn babies, 2 school age children who are type 1 diabetics, 1 chemo patient, 4 cancer survivors, and many elderly people. We are all practicing safe distance procedures and still looking out for one another. Thank you for asking our opinion. It matters greatly. Pamela Rudl
Orange	General	put Measures in place to protect those vulnerable to severe cases of vivid-19 and let the rest of the population go back to life. For most everyone, this is no worse than a cold or flou. It's ridiculous that everything is closed. It's just mass hysteria at this point.
Seminole	General	Subject: coronavirus I would say that the at risk people & general public should take measures they feel comfortable with. There should be no mandates only recommendations we can't keep kicking this issue down the road. It going to be with us probably like the flu so we are going to have to get used to it. The only thing to fear is fear itself and I say this as a person who is old and at risk. Stop the fear mongering ! Stop f.. things up ! Thanks !
Hillsborough	General	Dear Governor DeSantis, I want to thank you for recognizing in your Executive Order 2020-91 that "Attending religious services in churches, synagogues and house of worship" is an "Essential Activity" and lifting the restrictions on the Church's Right to assemble statewide. I am requesting that you also recognize that the First Amendment includes the Right of all People to Peaceably Assemble. In consideration of the essential right it is important to note its connection to the Right to Petition the Government for a Redress of Grievances. Without the Right to Peaceably Assemble the Right to Petition is strangled into non-existence. Historically, the power of the people to petition their elected representatives has been recognized to be most powerful in the exercise of assembly. This is why our founders enumerated both of these Rights in the First Amendment. The Supreme Court has held many times over the history of America that the Right to Peaceably Assemble, especially in the aspect of protest and petition, is a "Bedrock Principle" of America. You have repeated publicly that the government has no authority to regulate the meeting of the church, neither does the government have an authority to prevent the people from peacefully assembling in petition or protest. As you did for the church, please lift all penalties imposed upon Right to Assemble and trust the people to follow the guidelines set forth by the CDC.

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Broward	General	I think the Florida should re-open (relax statewide restrictions on) small business operations throughout the entire state as soon as the new Federal guidelines permit. As it stands today, we already have many "essential" businesses, including grocery stores, pharmacies, banks, etc, carefully in full operation mode; and there is absolutely no evidence to suggest that any of these daily operations have led to any further transmission of Covid-19. Therefore, it's time to elevate that same sort of operations to other businesses, perhaps all of them, as quickly as possible in order to prevent further detriment to our economy and way of life. As it has been pointed out by many other Governors and state policy-makers, the mitigation of the Covid-19 outbreak should never be deployed to the extent that it actually causes more harm than the virus itself. This could actually occur should these mitigation restrictions continue much longer than what we have already experienced. Now is the time to re-open the state!
Lee	General	As a new FL resident, I telecommute and have for about 20 years. I have very minimally been impacted by the lockdown. I go to a smaller PO once a week and the grocery store once every 2-3 weeks. I've observed that people are respecting the masks and social distancing. Grocery store was just as crowded as normally as was Ace Hardware on 4/25/20. I see no reason that park trails can't be open or the beaches since it's shown that more people are catching this in tightly enclosed areas. The best resources should be directed at only the vulnerable, as determined by the patient's records and practitioner signing a document if they need assistance. The rest of us should be working like usual as able. Would be cheaper to identify those just like we do with SSI. Set a criteria based on the data of who has passed away and why the virus attacked them like it did. It should be revisited each month. I feel FL has done very well being the 3rd most populous state in the US. Bring back some limited salons/barber's with contact tracing and measure it's success. None of this fair to anyone. Open in small clusters and measure. Find a system that works, share it with other states. Time for some normalcy.
Palm Beach	General	I am in favor of opening public parks and beaches at first as long as caution and social distancing are being used. It makes sense at first to to follow the access and guidelines established in Jacksonville, but eventually, If there are no spikes in Covid-19 cases, I would like to be able to bring a chair, cooler, other items to these locations. I would not be in favor of opening businesses until there is wide spread testing for all, and at least a 14 day decline in new Covid-19 cases.

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Martin	General	Its too soon to reopen wait till end of May. But especially our beaches need to stay closed to avoid people traveling here to use them from hot spots in southern Florida and NY/NJ . Thats just common sense? Listen to the Drs Also Im tired of ridiculous border check - we have people here from NY laughing they will never do 14 days. They used the Round Beach , stayed 2 weeks on vacation and left. Home Depot snd Lowes are packed .. people are not taking it seriously? Step up your game governor?
Orange	General	Please start with limited opening of the state on May 15. Curbside and take out pickup should be allowed with no one in the stores.
Clay	Healthcare	Allow dental offices to reopen for routine treatment
Duval	General	DON'T REOPEN!!! My significant other and I are both "essential" employees (medical and financial fields) and have felt exponentially safer since the state lockdown. We are exposed to the ignorant masses on a daily basis and the stress of the situation has taken its toll on both of us. Businesses/The economy can learn new ways to operate. A reopening would only cause a further spike down the road, numbers have proven this. Please consider those of us who haven't had the luxury of self-quarrentine. We are exhausted.
Orange	General	I don’t think we should open up the economy until the Doctors say it’s safe. If we get a resurgence of the Virus after prematurely opening, it will do more damage. If people don’t feel comfortable even after you reopen then many businesses will fail & completely close. Maybe do very selective companies but not a complete reopening.
Broward	Administrative	Please re open florida
Miami-Dade	Retail	All retail is essential. All normal life activities are essential. We can protect those at risk better if we focus ONLY on protecting those. Continuing this shut down will create more famine than covid 19... to Floridians, their families, as well as to Florida's well-being as a whole. Please allow Floridians to return to normal life immediately. GA, SC, TN, TX are very close. PLEASE Thank you
Miami-Dade	General	The trolls who say not to open the state are fake, I know that for sure. Everybody in Florida wants to be able to go to the beaches, pools and restaurants now. Corona virus hoax revealed by Dr. Shiva https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=9Z1QJI-BJvA&lc=Ugx07UdqdeZEy_znnrl4AaABAg

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Palm Beach	Professional Services	Develop guidelines so small businesses (barbers, hair salons, nail salons) can open. Trust that owners of these types of businesses are going to do the right thing...their business depends on ot. No walk-ins, appts only. Stagger employee hours so distance can be maintained. No food. All must wear masks. No reading material left around. Sanitizer available. Thank you
Miami-Dade	General	The idea of opening some outdoor restaurants and other activities is likely good. For indoor, I do not think we are there yet. The large number of cases in South FL indicates that longer stay at home rules will be necessary to control spread. This virus is just too contagious and a rush to open up is likely to create a surge and bigger problems than we have seen already. As long as hospitals and medical facilities are not stressed, non-Covid related procedures should be allowed to continue.
Bay	General	Hello my name is jenna I'm a hairstylist in the Panama City beach Florida community. This pandemic had affected me from not working but I knew this was for my safety and the safety of others. And I abided by all of it. What I'm getting to is I don't think salons spas and nail salons should be closed. It is too soon and we are still in the middle of this fight. We need to listen to healthcare officials and their opinion on when it will be safe to reopen and when to do so. This needs to come from licensed professionals who are physically on the frontlines and know what is going on. We live in a state where tourists are our biggest revenue. Once we open they will all flock at once and it will cause a second wave of a pandemic that bay county is not able to handle. I also saw about using face shields and face Masks without having the resource to be able to stock up on. These resources belong more to our first responders than our salons because they are still in need of them. State board is not prepared on what to do when salons open and what sanitary precautions we should take. I've read their suggestions and it is way overwhelming. I would rather stay home until mid or end of may knowing I'm making a difference by doing so. I do miss my job and I miss my customers. But their safety and health matters as well. Please make the right decision and do not let salons open soon. This will take time but we will get through this!!
Palm Beach	Education	For college students, they're debating when they will be able to go back to school in the fall. Students who live off campus with leases are debating if they should renew the lease or get a new lease. I think that we should be able to give these students a response or decision by May first. Colleges in the north like UF locates in Gainesville Florida has double digits of corona cases and the county has 200+. Leon county where FAMU and FSU are lobster at has double digits. Besides east side of Florida where I live and Orange county, Some of these countries are ready to be open to phase two, Rather than pass one. I think Governor Santis should open the state by counties and set deadlines for the next phases. And have a goal.

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DeSoto	Construction	Just open the state. This is just another influenza. We can't sacrifice our livelihoods, and future, to save a few lives...Humans cannot stop a virus....remember citrus canker....it's a parallel to this situation The idea of humans staying 6 ft apart, is inane and ludicrous...we aren't made that way. Humans are social animals.. Open up our lives...save our Bill of Rights, which is being trampled and ignored. This is flagrantly in violation of our Constitution. It was an irrational action, to close down. The virus will do what it wants. Each day that goes by, damages every American, more and more. Please stop this madness.
Orange	Tourism	Open Walt Disney World!! People want to come. Start by opening Magic Kingdom and Animal Kingdom (largest and easiest to social distance in) plus the resorts and Disney Springs. Only allow people with resort reservations and Florida residents. No busses either. Everyone must use their own vehicle or ride share services.
Alachua	General	Dear Governor and Task force, It is imperative that you begin opening up Florida for business immediately. We have now crossed the line where the cure, shutting down Floridas economy, is way worse than the actual virus. Every day you keep businesses closed you are hurting the hardworking citizens of this great state way more than COVID 19. Our state should be leading the way on how to safely allow businesses to open up and begin recovering this country. The entire point to the shut down initially was never to have business closed and life stopped until there was zero risk or a vaccine. We did this to flatten the curve and most importantly not overload our health care system. That goal has been accomplished- it is time to re-open our great state immediately. It is time to stand tall and led the way back for the rest of the country. The Death rates of COVID19 do not support the continued shut down. The models have been proven wrong and the extreme measures we have taken are unnecessary. The unintended consequences are worse than the virus. It is time to re-open Florida! Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness- comes with inherit risks. Each citizen should be allowed to access those risks for themselves. Please re-open this great state. Sincerely, Aimee Oelrich
Lee	General	Open the state up. This has been a horrible extreme overreach of government.
Martin	General	Please Rez-open. We are not NYC. The curve is flattened! I am an RN at Cleveland Clinic Martin Health and the hospital is empty and only 1 civic. This shutdown is going to have detrimental consequences.

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Broward	General	The purpose of the lockdown was to keep hospitals from being overwhelmed w COVID cases at one time. They are not. A vaccine could take years. We need an option, the freedom to get our lives back. Now. We can, with measures, with common sense. Government cannot keep us from getting sick. Let those who want to remain home, stay home. It's about options. It's about the future of Florida.
Duval	General	There is no reason why smaller establishments should not be reopened. We should all be allowed to visit retail store, day cares, hair salons, nail salons and restaurants. People are allowed to go to beach where there are large crowds but not go to the nail salon that cannot hold many people at a time. Congregating at church and going to grocery stores is allowed but not quick visits to a retail store or nail salon. Salons could at least be open by appointment only to adhere to stricter social distancing if you feel that is necessary. It is time for the city to learn how to get back to normal. There is no reason that with social distancing requirements and the use of PPE that you cannot allow people to reopen retail stores and small businesses. Please allow us to start reliving life again.
Pasco	General	We are not out of virus trouble yet. Opening some of the economy slowly and carefully makes sense. Restrictions on eatery's, beaches for recreation and exercise, salons , barbershops sounds like a beginning. Policing this is not going to be easy and need the help of everyone. Opening gyms would be a nightmare. Small business is taking the biggest hit and in Florida we have a lot of them. Sometime in May could be a good measure, but the level of the virus at that time has to be closely monitored. People are getting ants in their pants and they need to see some light in the tunnel.
Marion	Professional Services	I work in a salon, I feel that we should not be able to open yet as we can not social distance 6 ft away, we have to physically touch the client. Due to COVID 19 we are lacking the ability to continue to buy sanitizing and disinfecting supplies. It is very hard not impossible but hard to continue to get all products needed. So I ask you to please keep such businesses closed. Thanks
Orange	General	Reopening of the state is a large task and one that I can imagine weighs heavily on our state and local officials, however it is time to start getting our business community back up and running. I believe that if we were do this in a safe and orderly manner that we will come out on the other side of this sooner rather than later. With the proper guidelines and protocols put in place a successful plan can be accomplished. There are going to be many who say it's too soon but everyone has a choice to either stay in or get out and about. We do need to take care of our most vulnerable but how are we ever going to know if things will get better unless we start to open up and get moving once again. I appreciate all that our officials have done to keep us safe and they will continue to do so in the future. I am looking forward to being able to support my local shops and restaurants once again!! Thank you for the opportunity to express my thoughts.
Hillsborough	General	Need a fighting chance to stay alive. We a chance to be safe other ways to fight against Covid-19 but have no chance to fight if you keep the economy shut down.

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St. Johns	Healthcare	As a kidney transplant recipient (May 1, 2020, will be one year), I am not opposed to the reopening of Florida with certain rules still in place. I would like to see protection for those of us that are afraid to leave home for fear of catching COVID-19. It would put my mind at ease knowing that I am not going to lose my job because I choose to stay home after the state re-opens; especially since we do not what is going to happen. I am 45 and would like to know I can protect my precious gift of life without being penalized.
Broward	Management	Please be careful in your decisions. I think that much of Florida will be able to open excepting Palm Beach, Broward and Dade counties. I am a business owner, but no business is worth opening if we're just going to have another wave of infection. If that happens, we'll end up under lockdown again. That's the worst thing for a business in SE Florida...better to wait until infection rates are very, very, very, very low. And please, don't reopen the beaches here..let the sea turtles have some peace, and stop preventable transmission. The beaches will be mobbed when they reopen.
Leon	General	I am a senior citizen of Leon County. I realize we all are impacted by COVID-19. However, until we can come up with a way to alleviate so many deaths caused by this virus. We need to be cautious about opening back up the state of Florida. We must keep practicing safety. I agree with the citizens of Florida that they need to get back to work to support themselves. What do we have in place to keep people from getting the Corona virus when the Governor do decide to reopen Florida? How can we asked working people to come back to work? When we are told if you believe you have the virus. Not to go to the hospital or your doctor office. Phone your health care provider and they will instruct you on what to do. Yes, you go to the hospital when you're near death. Some people able to recover but, so many of us do not. When we Come up with a solution on keeping Floridian safe from this virus. I believe the Governor should use caution.

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Palm Beach	Professional Services	The economic fallout from this mindless shutdown will have public health implications for a generation, even if it ends today. On top of the increases in suicides, alcoholism, domestic violence, drug overdoses and other causes of "deaths of despair", the lost jobs, wealth, professional and educational opportunities, and more will accelerate the decline in business and family formation. The former drives future economic opportunity, the latter is critical to economic growth and social cohesion and strength. In particular, today only 26 percent of those under 35 are married, and much of that historic decline is attributable to the last economic downturn. What does the future portend? Marriage is the greatest indicator of wealth, physical and emotional health and well-being, and educational achievement and social development among children. The decline of marriage has driven a drastic drop in fertility which means we will have a horrific time maintaining entitlements (Medicare goes insolvent in 2026 and now probably sooner), but less paying off the increased debt. Already, some 60 percent of children in FL are born out of wedlock with devastating consequences on education, crime and social stability. You don't hear much mention of this but the effect of this economic downturn on marriage and family formation will be devastating. Re-open FL. Yesterday.
Miami-Dade	General	Hopefully decisions are not made based on fear. As a state or millions to have just surpassed 1,000 fatalities is telling that we have done a great job and we the governor noted all models suggesting high mortality and infection rates have been way off. Obviously we all need to adjust to new guidelines to protect everyone we we have done but PLeASE let’s not simply open without buisness’s to have the ability to be competitive by requiring overly aggressive guidelines like 10 people at a time in a gym which isn’t realistic for any gym to even make even under those conditions.
Sumter	General	My wife and I are senior citizens living in The Villages. We are very concerned that opening up restaurants, business centers, and group recreation areas like beaches will prolong the duration of our struggle with the virus. What good does it do reopen places that will allow people to congregate thus continuing to spread the virus!. By doing so Florida would take longer to get to its desired result. We must keep taking precautions until a vaccine is developed. Even increased testing for the virus and/or antibodies will not eradicate the virus. It will only help to minimize it. Keep people safe by keeping them apart!!!! We encourage the governor to make health and safety a higher priority than opening places that will help the economy but spread the virus. Put people back to work only if it can be done safely. Don't open theaters, beaches, personal service shops, salons, sporting events, eat in restaurants, etc. too early or we will all pay the price. The federal government's 3 guidelines make sense. Use them wisely.

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Miami-Dade	General	Time to open up the economy and begin the journey to recovery further delay will inflict more economic pain and suffered far greater then COVID 19. As responsible citizens we know how to accept risk, act appropriately for the greater good. None essential business should be allowed to reopen to allow House Holds to earn money, contribute, act and then spend. Beaches, waterways, parks, non essential business like Barber shops, hair salon, dog groomers, need to get back to work and can certainly do so as safely as essential business are operating today. Restaurants should be allowed to open to begin to allow dine in restaurants perhaps with occupancy restrictions. But the longer we wait to begin the journey to recovery the more difficult the journey is, and the longer it twill take to reach our destination. In order to start the journey we need like in any journey to take our fiat steps. Open up the economy is the first step. Have faith in the Public to accept the risk and act accordingly, for the benefit of all citizens.
Palm Beach	Recreation	My name is Matthew Chapnick. For 5½ I have been proud Park Ranger for the City of Boca Raton. I'm usually stationed at Gumbo Limbo Nature Center. On a Weekdays we average 400+ people. During the Weekend we average 900+ people a day. I urge you to please hold off on the re-opening of South Florida. As a Park Ranger my responsibility is to look for the safety and well being of everyone visiting the park. If we open to soon even with social distancing and mask that will likely not be possible. It could be deadly. It's one thing to put your own life on the line but to put someone else's life on the line is something else. Mr. Governor I urge you to please be patient. Believe me I miss the responsibility of my job. I miss working out in a gym instead of doing sit ups and push ups at home. I miss seeing my mom and grandma in person instead of on Zoom. In time the world will get back to somewhat normal but only if we do this correctly. You severed your county, you provide and take care of your family. All I ask is please look out for the best interest of the people of South Florida. There is nothing that can replace somebody's life. Thank you for your time.
Lake	Recreation	Please reopen the national forest recreation areas and State Park recreation areas. For some of us the outdoor life is a necessity, a healthy dose on every weekend. Especially those of us who continue to work.
Okaloosa	Management	We need to open the rental industry back up as Florida gains a huge amount income from these properties and the people who stay in them. This is causing millions to be out of work and many small businesses are going to go completly unde, through the domino effect it is creating from being shut down, without the revenue generated through this industry!

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Nassau	Professional Services	Open all businesses. Retailers. Salons. Let hotels start taking reservations for dates past May 15. Let office-based companies make their own decisions but offer suggestions. Get this state back to work. I'm concerned for our future and our competitiveness. Offer suggestions for keeping health facilities safe. Quarantine or recommend stay home for at-risk people. Let restaurants and bars reopen with occupancy restrictions for 2 weeks. Then lift all occupancy restrictions if no major spike in cases. Encourage the counties to open up for visitors from in the state until memorial day then allow all from out of state. Mandate that no mayor can extend lockdown past May 1. Give Floridians back their lives and liberties. And no face masks.
Broward	Recreation	Please, open our parks in Fort Lauderdale!
Pasco	Recreation	It's time to open Florida. This has gone on too long!
Osceola	General	I don't think the stay-at-home order should be lifted in any way until we see the cases, hospitalizations and deaths are reduced to 100 per day! We are an aging population and are very susceptible to the virus! If things open tourists from around the country and the world will be here and contact tracing will be impossible! The safety and health of the residents of Florida has to be the most important deciding factor! You can't buy a life! PLEASE'
Hillsborough	General	I believe the fear is beating a lot of people up, including myself. We all have been taking this day by day but I believe it should be a lot more under control before reopening the state. Think about our elderly, children, and healthcare staff please!
Palm Beach	Recreation	Beach opening in Boca Raton.
Bay	General	OPEN FLORIDA IMMEDIATELY!!! High risk individuals can self quarantine and isolate themselves if they choose. This is no way for a free people to live. This quarantine was to avoid overwhelming the hospitals. We are well passed this hazard. Open up Florida immediately!
Palm Beach	General	Very concerned that's we will open things up too soon. People should be mandated to wear the masks and gloves when everything starts to open up. I think the way you are opening beaches with limited times is good. I am very unsure how to suggest hairdressers unless they disinfect the chairs and of course masks on.! I think checking temperatures is also good except for the Asympomatic people. I think everything should be slow to open until we have a cure and/or a vaccine.
Seminole	General	In no way are we ready as a state to reopen. With so many lives at stake. Who gives anyone the right to toy with lives especially for the almighty dollar. What bothers me most is we are suffering by way of being used as pawns in this pandemic we are lab rats being used in this experiment. NO it is not safe to reopen the state too many lives have been lost it is not worth any more. Please keep our country safe.

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Palm Beach	Recreation	Hi Mr. DeSantis, I am a dentist and have had to go in to see emergency patients. I am glad to help them out and I can keep some of my staff working and it is an opportunity to treat those that desire my care. I have taken all precautions like jacket over scrubs, face shield over mask, gloves, eye protection, no waiting room by seeing one patient at a designated time, wipe down every door handle and tape them also, survey pt as well as take their temperature and have them do a peroxide mouth rinse and have them wear a mask until in the operatory. I feel safer there then when I go to Publix. We have the antibody test as well. Now, when I am not in the office , I like to play golf. I have traveled to Clewiston and previously to Martin county. We have wiped down the carts, not touched the flag, at times not raked the bunkers, and have elbowed our other golfers instead of handshakes and followed social distancing. It is easy to avoid the other golfers and you are out there in the open air. Also as members of a private club, we want to be even more careful of our fellow members. I am planning on going back to work after the May 8 th guidelines you recommended, it would be nice to get a few rounds of golf in and not have to travel across the state anymore. Thanks, Scott Barr dds
Sumter	Government	Where is my children's unemployment, and the 600 each that was given to FL for them by the federal govt? That is what the government should be focusing on right now. As to reopening the state, there has not been enough testing. A very careful and slow reopening is the only way to keep more people from getting sick. This will be an endless cycle until we have a vaccine. Additionally, FL has people traveling here from all over the world. How is that going to work. Please be careful with our health. We need you all to be thoughtful leaders right now.
Sumter	Administrative	I do not feel it's safe to open Florida totally until more testing is done, I see in my zip code the covid-19 virus is still on the rise and since many citizens here in town are not even wearing something over their nose and mouth tells me things are only going to get worse in this rural area.
St. Lucie	Healthcare	Please up Florida back up.. put some restrictions No publicly attended sporting events. Open churches open beaches restaurant with limited seating for just a while Be smart about it BUT OPEN FLORIDA
Duval	General	Please do not rush to reopen the state too quickly. I feel like since the kids are out of school through the end of May, then I feel like we should keep people home at least that long so parents can continue to be safe, and be available to help with school work.
Sarasota	General	Rules are put in place to protect the people and life as we know it. We are opening up certain areas for the safety of all. We need to quarantine foreigners coming into this state as this problem caused a pandemic maybe without their knowledge. Because so many have died and action must be taken cautiously.
Orange	Finance	Too fast too soon, about one thing at a time, like fix your broken unemployment system. But ya don't care about hard working tax payers only politics

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Broward	Accommodation	We are a people whom have had very little support from the government. Most of us are still not receiving unemployment checks and those of us whom have received some are still behind and this includes the checks we are supposed to be getting from the federal government. If the state is to remain closed then we NEED to have better support from our government. We are a tourism heavy states and reopening too early will not be beneficial and could be detrimental to those of us in the Service and Hospitality industries. We were the first ones put out of work and as a result we were the ones omitted from the "waiving of the waiting week." So many people in the hospitality industry live week to week. IF we are being told we are getting a stimulus from he government. That stimulus needs to come in OR you need to let us work. Secondly, please open the wild spaces at the least. Spring break is over. just implement heavy fines if people do not obey social distancing but to remove all of Florida's wild spaces makes people congregate in the streets.
Orange	Tourism	I'm certainly an advocate for the theme park industry and there is nothing more that I want than for Florida to reopen all of its major theme parks. I know the virus isn't anything to mess with but I think there are many ways to work around it and I have many ideas that can be implemented on reopening the theme parks as soon as possible while having social distancing protocols in place. This would include, Virtual Queue systems similar to Star Wars Rise Of The Resistance, Mobile Order only at Quick Service Restaurants, Limited Capacity on Ride Vehicle's, indoor and outdoor theaters, shops and table service restaurants. Also for security purposes implementing, temperature checks, proof of immunity or proof of being completely free of the virus, proof of being Florida Resident or Walt Disney World Cast Member and much more, if you want more intake and information on what I would do just give me a call, I'm still in the Orlando Area and more than welcome to help out the theme park industry.
Citrus	General	I personally think the Theme parks should not reopen yet, start with amall busimess, retail, hair and nail salons. Then a few weeks later reopnen the Theme parks. Don't go what some other states arw doin and reopen the entire state at once. Take things slowly. I believe that if we want to continue our down scale things need to be done sloy and with some priority.

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Leon	Healthcare	I am extremely concerned about opening the state too soon without the testing infrastructure in place to test and track cases so a secondary “wave” doesn’t overwhelm the state. While I recognize that any opening will increase transmission of the virus - and that cannot be helped, opening without the ability to adequately test not only symptomatic but asymptotic people with short (less than 24 hour turn round times) seems like a recipe for possible disaster. I hope that with any opening will be the continued advice for those that can work from home to do so, and those of high risk (older and with underlying conditions) to continue to stay home. Also, as continued research is being done - that we specifically call on those with high blood pressure, diabetes, and obesity to stay home as a continued evidence that these groups have the worse outcomes with this virus. Economically, we will not be able to recover - regardless of opening up - unless the citizens of the state have confidence that it is under control and we have mechanisms in place - and plans to address in place to identify new outbreaks as the inevitably occur. Thank you for requesting input and your consideration of my concerns.
Hillsborough	Food	Please open restaurants. Let the people decide if they want to go out to eat. People need to get back to work. Shutting everything down is not smart. We’ve been shut down for four weeks.
Pinellas	General	I am in full support of re-opening Florida businesses and schools. If Target, Walmart and Publix can be open to the public there is no reason small businesses cannot. We must get people back to work. People can be responsible for their own health and safety. If they feel it is not safe to go out, then they can continue to isolate themselves while the rest of us get back to work and life. We have already seen that children and teens are the least susceptible to this virus so there is no reason to keep schools closed. Even if the school year is almost over, there are many private and Charter schools that provide summer programs and they should be opened.
Bay	General	This virus is deadly to a very small percentage of the population, as is the influenza virus that comes around every Fall. But, keeping everyone at home is also deadly. We are retired and losing our life savings. Most people don't have savings, and are losing the money they had to live on. If everyone wanted to stay alive, they would all stop smoking, stop eating junk food, stop texting and driving. So, open up Florida and let us decide for ourselves how we want to live... or die.
Hillsborough	Recreation	I feel it is safe to immediately open all outdoor recreation in all counties other than the 3 or 4 counties around Miami Dade area. The outdoor recreation should include but not limited to community pools, beaches, parks, nature trails, biking, boating, fishing piers, dog parks, golf, tennis, campgrounds, and other outdoor activities and sports that do not involve more than groups of 10 or more at this time.

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Leon	Government	Please encourage state government entities to discontinue tele-working so state government can operate at more efficient levels and better serve our citizens. State government is barely operational because so many employees are working remotely. Restrictions need to be lifted ASAP. Try getting anything done at almost any agency and see how long it takes.
Broward	General	DO NOT RE-OPEN Florida
Bay	General	It would be great if face masks in public were made mandatory in order to prevent transmission via droplets while speaking, breathing, coughing, or sneezing. If everyone's droplets and germs stayed stuck at their own faces, this virus' ability to float around in the air and settle on surfaces would be drastically reduced. Thank you for considering this simple idea.
Brevard	General	As a professional educator and lifelong resident of Florida, it is way too early to reopen our industries. We need another 30 day stay at home order to see the positive impacts. We are still watching our cases of COVID-19 increase along with our deaths and hospitalizations. It is appalling to think you as the leaders of this state would even consider it. You were late on the stay at home order and now you want to jump the gun on opening! That is pathetic. Look at the polls. 75% of Floridians feel it's too early to open. Stop listening to the insane president of this country and start listening to medical professionals. Not one medical professional on the task force just shows how you and the other leaders are more focused on short term Fixes that impact the piggy bank vs. long term solutions that save lives. My father just finished chemo and he has a lot of live in him. I have countless colleagues and friends and family who have medical conditions that could get sick. Do the right thing and keep us closed. Use the mayor of Los Angeles as a role model or how about the governors of Washington state or California. Do not reopen Florida. Your residents will certainly remember your choices at the polls.
Volusia	Information	I live in NY but I own property in Ormond by the sea. I drive down to go fishing on the Sea Spirit, especially RED SNAPPER. My son also attends Embery Riddle and lives in Florida most of the year. While I understand the severity of C19, it is also important to start opening business live fishing. You can still have people wear mask. But I have self contained my self for over 30 days. I would and really could use a good trip to Florida and go fishing.
Sarasota	General	Looknig for sufficient testing and ways to test qucikly and effectively. Also, its difficult to open the state back up, when you have shut down schools! How are parents supposed to go back to work if their children are forced to be at home? Lets transistion with outdoor public spaces, then get us back into an early school yeR with indoor public spaces.

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Volusia	Tourism	I've come to Daytona Beach from West Virginia for the last 40 years to fish your party boats and charter boats. I could almost say that I begin to plan the next year's trip immediately after this year's trip is over. Over the last 40 years I've made good, lasting friendships at the docks with good people I've really come to care for. I'm 73 years old.....these fishing trips give me something to plan for and dream about from year to year. I know that my friends in the recreational fishing industry are suffering. No fishing equals all bills and no income for the owners, captains, mates, and dockworkers. They will not survive unless reopening is imminent. These people are hurting; families are suffering...and need immediate relief. Tourists will find other places to fish, and will possibly never return to Florida. I urge you to seek immediate reopening for all charter and party boats, and for all recreational vessel. Sincerely, Sherman Taylor (304) 732-6907 *** I marked Volusia County, because your system would not accept my West Virginia county ----- Wyoming.***
Lee	Healthcare	I am a retired RN from NY, open parks beaches first, enforcement of crowd control essential. Salons open with appointments only, cleaning after each one, make more space in shops. Retail, remove racks to open space, control numbers in and out, with distancing, have some one clean dressing rooms after each use, wipe down things that are touched.Have health department visit salons to make sure they are following protocol.I don't see why Hobby Lobby can't open with crowd control , Walmart and target have more people in, In parking lots put in mobile hand washing stations for use.
Orange	General	Open ASAP. The cure is worse than the disease. Those who don't want to open can stay home. Open playgrounds, start camps, all of Florida is open for business.
Palm Beach	General	Please open the economy, lets not make 'the cure worse than the problem'
Orange	General	It is still far too early to be opening FL back up. My wife and I are both in the high risk category with underlying medical conditions and are Seniors. We both feel it is way too early to be even considering this because we are afraid this is going to have us right back at SQUARE ONE with Covid-19 ramping right back out of control. Do we like staying in? No, but it's the better of opening too soon and causing a fiasco that many of us are certain will prevail. We need to HEED THE EXPERTS at the CDC, WHO and other MEDICAL Professionals, as Florida is NOT currently adhering to the guidelines put in place by the Federal Government. BIG MISTAKE in TRYING TO OPEN US UP FAR TOO EARLY!

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Leon	General	I believe that this pandemic and the approach to protecting the American people should be lead by the medical researchers and doctors in the field because they have the the experience and knowledge. Politicians as a general rule do not have this knowledge and should be deferring to the advice and orders of the medical professionals. This would give the people more confidence in the political system as a whole, because you have leaders in the field finding solutions and implementing them, not people who have no idea what they are doing. I believe this would create more unity among all Americans and less ill-will. The country, while needing to be opened due to the sake of livelihoods, needs to also be done with input of leadership of medical professionals. If they say that all workers or anyone in public needs to have certain PPE, then that needs to happen. If they say that more companies who manufacture more frivolous goods such as trendy clothing need to contribute to creating and donating PPE because they are a large organization and will not take a loss if they do it, then that needs to happen. As it stands, medical professionals can lose their jobs if speaking out about lack of PPE while exposed to CO-VID19, are having to reuse potentially contaminated PPE while treating patients, and are not given a voice on this Task Force. Something is wrong with this picture here. The leaders in the medical field are predicting many things that i have no doubt will occur. Peaks in this outbreak are occurring at different times than expected, and there may be more. The curve is not flattening, but continues to spike at random intervals. Additionally, we will more than likely see a second wave of this virus that has been worse than this first one. Please follow the lead of the medical professionals and stop pretending that politicians have all the answers because they don't - let the ones who do this for a living do the leading. Thank you.

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Miami-Dade	General	My name is Gauthier, I own a hair salon and I will like to comment on the re-opening. As some people can think hair salon is a high spot for covid-19 spread due to contact with client, I do not think so and may be even safer than a lot of other business having a lot of walking. As long as employees follow the right routine. For intense, the way I will re-open once we will be open is: *Client will be ask if have any symptoms before appointment and will not be coming if they do. *employees and client will have temperature checked asap they come in *only work on appointments *the salon has 12 chairs and 8 stylists, *The opening hours are usually Tuesday to Saturday but will be extended to 7 days with 2 teams of 4 stylist working 4 and 3 days per week so the 2 teams never meet. *Each stylist will work the farthest of each other with is more than 6ft. *Only one client at the time per stylist. *Only one person a the time in the back room. *bathroom will be cleaned really regulary during the day. * We have 4 shampoo bowls to wash hair and will only use 2 at the time which are separate from about 6ft * hand sanitizer at each hair station and one at the front door inside and outside before touching the door to open it *each stylist will wear mask and protection glasses at all time and gloves when necessary *each customer will wear gloves at all time and mask when the service allow it (As roots color or even hair cut where customer will just have to take the elastic off and hold it few min while cutting around the hears). *chair, station and shampoo bowls will be cleaned after each client. * casher will have a protection glass on the front * a/c will have a uv light installed inside to clean the air (installation and uv light for no more than 200$) * We will clean and sanitize the entire salon every night. * We will not offer drinks and magazines to read to reduce all risks. * employees will shower, change and clean their clothes asap they got home. * everyone will clean there hands and/or change gloves every 45 to
Pinellas	General	We need to get back to work. Businesses need to reopen. People need to work. We need to have the beaches open and some restaurants to be open. We can still maintain social distances and.be safe. Please let us get back to some kind of normal. People can choose to stay open if they like.
Duval	Healthcare	We must have testing ramped up before we open again
Pasco	General	I think the state needs to wait a little bit longer to reopen. Make sure it's safe to do so. Make sure that unemployment gets fixed for the people with no income. But in my opinion safety of the people is most important. And if things start reopening, the people that have been going out all along will come into contact with more people who are leaving their homes and it will be a mess. A mess for healthcare and a mess to businesses of things turn out ugly and. Numbers start spiking again.

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Broward	Professional Services	All business is essential as people's livelihoods depend on commerce. Accordingly, businesses should be allowed to gradually open in the immediate future with reasonable restrictions. For example, retail stores should open to the public with the recommendation that all patrons and visitors where face masks. The government should not be forcing people to wear face masks. Rather, individual business and property owners can enforce these restrictions on their patrons if they so wish. As for restaurants and bars, they should be permitted to open as well at 50% capacity. Their employees should be required to wear face masks. I'm no expert, so these are mere suggestions. However, keeping things closed as they are right now is no longer an option. A balance must be struck between commerce and public safety. Right now, no such balance exists.
Palm Beach	General	Condominium and private club pools should be open now Public Beaches should.be open. Walking only Private beaches open walking and sitting Outdoor seating at restaurants and private clubs should be open
Pasco	Government	A Quinnipiac poll from earlier this week found that three out of every for Floridians (76% of registered voters) do not want the state to be reopened until medical experts say it is safe to do so. Listen to Fauci, not Trumpy!
Miami-Dade	General	I think it would definitely be a death sentence to open up the state of Florida especially Miami Dade County. We are over 10,500 confirmed cases of Coronavirus and over 286 deaths. I am in my late 60"s with underlying health issues and I don't want to have to worry if and when my loved ones that live with me will get the virus due to working or the chance of it being brought home to me. DO NOT OPEN FLORIDA! DO NOT OPEN MIAMI DADE COUNTY! DO NOT OPEN FLORIDA! DO NOT OPEN MIAMI DADE COUNTY! DO NOT! DO NOT! DO NOT! DO NOT! DO NOT! DO NOT! DO NOT! DO NOT!
Broward	General	Please open all society now. So much more damage is happening with this shut down than would if we could live normally. We can take care of those at risk, let the people show you. Floridians will rise. Millions will flee to where they can live/work normally if this continues any longer. PLEASE OPEN NOW. Please, Thank you.

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Broward	General	Dear Governor DeSantis, While I live in the same state as you I feel a world away. You asked us to help you, we did. You asked us to close our business, we did. You asked us to stay home, we did. You asked us to continue to stay at home, we are. So here I am, at home, waiting. You told us don't worry unemployment will come, it hasn't. You told us don't worry grants are coming, they haven't. You told us don't worry forgivable loans are coming, they haven't. So here I am, at home waiting. I wait alongside my coworkers, family and friends, small business owners, the self-employed and the independent contractors. A massive number of Florida residents who are waiting for the Unemployment portal to open for us, waiting for loan approvals, waiting for stimulus checks. All of these programs, we are at the back of the line for. So here we wait. While bills come daily, savings continuously dwindling and still doing our part. It is time you do yours. It is an inconceivable expectation to close unessential business halting all income and expect us to survive. We need to pay our bills and put food on the table. Without immediate action, you are leaving us no options. How are we to survive? We deserve an answer. Coming soon is no longer acceptable!!!
Duval	General	I want our country open but considering the plaque we're dealing with, believe it's too soon especially since majority of people don't wear masks in public, Publix workers and others. Please provide our public with masks to purchase. No stores have them. I've tried all stores locally. Home Depot told me as soon as they get them in, they send them to hospitals. You Governors and Mayors, President, and all our Leaders and Health Providers have a tough job. God bless you and God bless America.
Brevard	General	YOU CAN ONLY LIFT THE RESTRICTIONS. PEOPLE WILL NOT GO OUT UNTIL THEY FEEL SAFE. BUSINESSES WILL NOT REOPEN UNTIL THEY FEEL IT'S SAFE. IF YOU GO COUNTY BY COUNTY YOU WILL CREATE A DISASTER. IMAGINE BREVARD OPENING THEIR BEAUTIFUL BEACHES AND WONDERFUL RESTAURANTS. ALL OF SEMINOLE, ORANGE AND OSCEOLA WILL COME HERE. ALTHOUGH, LIFTING THE RESTRICTIONS IS A GREAT WAY TO THROW PEOPLE OFF UNEMPLOYMENT (THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GET IT) , GET PEOPLE EVICTED & FORECLOSED AND DESTROY A LARGE NUMBER OF OUR SMALL BUSINESSES . WAIT . IT . OUT ! IT WILL BE BETTER FOR ALL IN THE LONG RUN.
Hillsborough	General	Keep your Florida residents safe! Extend our safest homes till June 1! People who live in other states will be flooding our areas and infecting us. All counties should still be under the safe at home ordinance!

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Orange	Professional Services	While my profession is already considered essential, I believe it's in the best interest of Florida to re-open all business. As a society we can learn to maintain safe distances and clean living habits all while performing our regular routines and daily activities. Without an economy the virus is the last thing we will have to worry about. I also believe that many of us already contracted the virus and we never knew it and testing of all Floridians should be a priority for data analysis. While I will ultimately concede to the scientists, once the "true" data is confirmed, I do not believe this will be much different than the flu. Thank you for consideration of my comments.
Broward	General	Totally against re-opening the tri-state area at this time.
Polk	General	Just open Florida up so people can get back to their lives.
Duval	General	Time to reopen is now. The curve is flat and the model predictions have been horribly wrong. Time to allow adults to decide what they will or won't do. I for one will be in restaurants and stores the moment they open the doors. My greatest concern right now Is the millions of people who were out of work right now. Thank you and God bless America.
Manatee	Recreation	I believe it's time to open the beaches and parking lot 6 ft spacing 6 people max. They was doing this at Coquina beach in Bradenton 5wks ago. But all people saw was Clearwater. Spring breakers. Also all places serving food, hair salons, nail salons. Movie theater no way. I thank you for your time reading this . WE NEED TO OPEN!!!!! Gaylan Winans.
Collier	Food	Collier County should not be open until COVID-19 new hospital admissions and deaths have decreased for 14 days in a row. Better to be safe than sorry. Opening up the county too soon may put us back to the beginning of the shelter in place cycle. This decision should obvious. There are too many elderly or health-compromised people who live here. LISTEN TO THE SCIENCE PEOPLE. DONT LET YOUR DECISION BE MOTIVATED BY POLITICS. Your decision is a life and death one. Please make the correct one.
Marion	Professional Services	I know the numbers are getting smaller I feel that is to due to social distancing so please keep all non essential businesses closed a while longer to keep the spread of the virus under control.

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Broward	General	Saying that social distancing has been effective is extremely misleading. There is no evidence of that. Every single flu virus trends downward this time of year, so downward trends could simply be due to the weather. Politicians continue to say they will make data driven decisions, but there is no data to even support a lockdown. Cases are suspected; deaths are suspected. There is no concrete information on anything, and operating from a position of fear has been harmful to everyone. Encouraging people over the age of 60 to isolate while allowing the virus to take its natural course through the population makes sense so that people develop herd immunity. Isolating people suppresses the virus, it doesn't eradicate it. It looks like politicians have been selling our rights to the highest corporate bidders (Bill Gates, in this case) and have called a national emergency to justify their own financial agendas. People increasingly don't trust their government, and with good reason. The public is becoming increasingly aware of how botched the coronavirus data is, especially as physicians come forward and report how they are being encouraged COVID19, how they are being controlled, and how absurd all of this is. People die everyday from the seasonal flu and there are no lockdowns. Why? Because there is a vaccine. This just looks like a push for mandated medicine. The longer you wait to open the state, the more resistance you are garnering to vaccines from people who already called BS on this situation from the get-go. If there is a revolution with AR-15s, then do understand the part that you have played in creating that. Let's be clear that this has nothing to do with public health: if there was interest in public health, then cars would be banned since there are so many deaths from accidents; cigarettes would be banned due to lung cancer; and butter and sugar would be banned to stop diabetes. There is no evidence that lockdowns for a new strain of a severe flu are in the interest of public health. Politicians are being driven by "herd mentality" and profit, not data.
Pinellas	General	As a life long Florida resident now retired, it has been extremely difficult to see our fellow Floridians financially and emotionally devasted by the abrupt shutdown due to Covid-19. One close friend that recently opened a small business has been totally shutdown. Another close friend lost her job of 15 years overnight. And then lost her health insurance shortly thereafter. It is time to safely open our Florida businesses to minimize any further negative impact on the residents of our state and our economy. Thank you for working promptly for the benefit of all Floridians.
Pinellas	Government	In my opinion Florida's businesses and activities should not be reopened until there have been 2 weeks of a continuous decline in the number of coronavirus cases. Then it should only be phase one openings as recommended by the federal guidelines. It's not worth the risk of a resurgence.
Marion	Recreation	Governor Desantis has said multiple times that we should exercise outside as long as we keep social distancing. Yet, he has closed all the state parks. He needs to open up the state parks, especially the ones with trails. I normally hike every weekend on the Florida greenway trails, yet they have been closed since March. Even if the amenities were kept closed, the trails should be open for those who follow the social distancing rules.
Lake	Tourism	Stay home to slow the spread

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Broward	Healthcare	Absolutely not! What a slap in the face to us healthcare workers. Instead of focusing on the fiscal aspect of this pandemic, how about refocusing on the medical portion? The moment everything begins to reopen there will be a wave. Why? People in general are lax in their responsibility to distance themselves and wear protective gear. At this point in time you have THOUSANDS upon THOUSANDS of healthcare workers who know what this virus is, does, and is capable o . You, who sit in your suits and slacks, do not. Don't be the one to perpetuate this when it's clear that reinfection has occurred. When rapid tests are 65% failure rate. Where we're working so very hard to not intubate a patient because their outcome is grim at best. Please be prudent. When God brought the plagues He didn't tell people to protest their rights, He told them to place blood on their doorposts and stay indoors, stay alive!
Indian River	Retail	It seems foolish to consider removing restrictions just a day after Florida had a spike in deaths and infections. I feel that the people making the noise to push the state open are the only ones being heard since they are louder, while the main goal should be safety, not satisfying the loud. I am the COO of several large antique malls around the state, and I don't feel comfortable calling my work force back knowing this pandemic is no where near over. Even if I do open the malls, its a gamble to think our customers (who are mostly older) would risk their safety to come spend money on nonessential items. Opening prematurely means all the overhead is in full operation, but revenue is nonexistent, which would only put the company that much more in debt. I am not for opening the nonessential businesses yet.
Polk	General	Please open the state up. We know we can’t live in fear. This is not what America was built on. You as a Republican knows this. I’m a self employed hair stylist. I have my own salon suite less than 10x10 at Phenix salon suites. It’s me and one client at a time. I sanitize after each client as I was doing before the virus started per the Florida state board. Please Mr.Desantis allow me to go to work. If people can go walk around publix,Target,Walmart ,and ride airplanes with other sharing the same air flow then I should be allowed to do a clients hair one on one.
Duval	General	As an expectant mother, it is unfair and inappropriate to not allow the father to be present at appointments of our child. If multiple people can visit a grocery store, the same should be applied to hospital as both parents should be considered "essential ". Retail stores, nail salons, hair salons, etc should be allowed to reopen as they can easily follow social distancing standards. If you could just require these facilities to wear PPE, then that should be perfectly safe and acceptable. Thank you for your consideration
Sarasota	Construction	Re-Open the state Governor, this unconstitutional stay at home order must end! Forcing businesses to close their doors is tyrannical and goes against the constitution of the United States! Keeping the state closed will do nothing but further damage the economy and prolong suffering for your voters! Follow suit with Georgia and re-open the state and allow the FREE people of your state to make the call for themselves whether or not they want to stay home or not!

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Orange	Tourism	You need to start opening this state. People are hurting economically and it will lead to a bigger disaster than the pandemic. Stop saying you are in no hurry. I understand the need to be safe and organized when reopening, but you do need to be in a hurry to start reopening.
Nassau	Professional Services	Salons, spas,barbers,nail salons, massage and tattoo parlors should be last to reopen due to the fact it is impossible to social distance and clients can not wear a mask while getting serviced. In some situations it would be impossible to trace the virus due to clients not giving correct information.
Volusia	General	Look at the CDC data. There hasn't been anything bad happening in Florida the whole last month. I find it extremely frustrating to see the Governor talking about shutdowns lasting till June or later. I don't want to see the government ever do shutdowns like this again, and the shutdown should have never been done to begin with. If you look at the animation of the 10 years of weekly flu data on the cdc usa map, you can see that all the major outbreaks center around the Port of Louisiana including this outbreak. That is where black poverty is higher and that is the largest port in the USA. Black poverty is also very high in New York City. If the government wants to do something about the flu/pnuemonia deaths in the future, they need to investigate why Louisiana is so unhealthy and probably address the health of the poorest people in the entire country as these heavily afflicted areas are the source of outbreaks. We need a minimum level of health services for these areas, and treating/quarantining those areas early would be more effective (free flu shots, etc). Forcing us to shut down for weeks and months does nothing to stop poverty and the outbreaks of flu will continue to worsen as our average lifespan increases since the immune system is weaker at a higher age. The shutdown will kill more of us, through pushing more people into income losses, poverty and suicide every day this shutdown continues. Our digital marketing business has never needed the government's help, we can work at home and online, but the businesses we support are shutdown and almost all our income has been lost. We don't need free money and testing, we need businesses to go back to normal now. Especially dining and tourism. Everyone in Florida has been very healthy, Florida's numbers are so low especially if you consider the antibody testing NY, CA, and Germany that suggest 14% of people already had covid19. There was a greater risk of dying in a car accident in Volusia county area then Covid19 where I live. How can such a low risk of death have become so important. The government has become the greatest risk to our lives now. The at-risk people should self-isolate and use common sense during the flu season or during outbreaks. Common sense, not mass control/policy change.
Baker	Tourism	I believe we need to open up our tourism to Florida residents first. Give us a break from all the craziness we have endured, especially us Essential Employees. And it would give us the piece of mind that someone isn't bringing in the virus from other states or Countries. Theme Parks and Cruising should be first to open up to Florida Residents then to others once more screening processes are brought online.

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Sarasota	Retail	I have 3 retail stores on st Armand's circle , sarasota. Please open up our coast, my business won't survive if I can't go back to work... For the people who don't feel comfortable leaving their houses as of right now the people who are vulnerable the elderly don't have to leave their houses but let us have an option Please!!!! Thankyou
Leon	Education	Don't do it! Not at least until there is a vaccine.
Broward	Healthcare	Empowering the new generation to take action during this pandemia through different volunteers programs and private initiatives to make locally PPE to protect citizen and prevent the spread of virus to others.
Palm Beach	Recreation	We would appreciate in this crazy time to be able to have some outdoor activities that are safe to be social distant. The parks to ride bikes and the golf courses. In our case we have our own cart and golfing is an easy activity for distance. Thank you. Rich McGuigan.
Collier	Recreation	The state must wait until testing can be done on a broader basis before allowing gatherings of more than 10 people using social distancing. Opening ANY business should be regulated with the same guidelines. Masks should be mandatory as well as gloves. Don't undo what we have done. Florida is very vulnerable to tourists who should be quarantined for 14 days UNTIL we have sustained the flattening of the curve.
Pasco	General	I would suggest reopening state parks and beaches but limiting tourism because locals to the state that live here shouldn't be limited to what we live here for because of tourist. Also I think high school and college graduation should be allowed for graduates who have earned it and immediate family. I think there are places big enough to allow this type of graduation where it's limited to immediate family maybe limiting each student to 4 people max with them. There are more people in Walmart than this! As for healthcare, I think certain hospitals should have sections for covid patients only while others hospitals serve surgeries and births. For jobs, I think following the presidents advice of the three separate rounds to get people back in offices works and I don't see a problem opening restaurants because again grocery stores and Walmart has more people crowded together One last thing, throw out the grades from the last quarter of school just like you did for the actual schools. Reality is many students are struggling and can't learn like this and they shouldn't have this held against them. Just cut the last 9 weeks grades.
Pinellas	General	Please let the science have an equal place at the table. Do not let the planing be dominated by the Chamber of Commerce. What ever the plan be accept the responsibility for deaths as well as the credit for jobs.

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Miami-Dade	General	My comment is about reopening. My concern is my HOA will block normal activities beyond what the state or county orders or directs. They can use the virus as a means to obstruct normal activities. And I have seen excessive, beyond city or county orders, restrictions that appear self serving of individuals. Please address this in your opening directives. Otherwise, many citizens will get stuck in limbo and conflict with quasi-governmental HOAs.
Volusia	General	I believe we can slowly reopen businesses if people follow the rules. 6 feet apart, only so many in a store depending on the size, touchless payments, everyone shoppers and sales people alike wear masks or you can't come in. If people follow the rules we should be ok. Still no large gatherings. If everyone has to wear a mask to go in stores it will be easier but that must be enforced so people know it is important. There will be consequences that takes it off the shop owner. If done right should work but there must be stiff consequences for those not following rules. Fines will be no good many people have no money and jail would be bad because no distanced gets there at all. Community service maybe. People will need to know the rule follow them or this will happen. There will be more people that feel safe to be out that way.
Orange	Recreation	One of my concers is the fact that Brevard county has opened all of its beaaches but closed all public parking. I do not believe this was well thought out as people that want to access the beach now have to park illegally on side streets, business parking lots, etc., then have to cross a busy road such as A1A . This is a great disadvantage especially to the handicapped that want to go to the beach to walk, fish and other activities allowed or for those with small children wanting to use the beach. It is dangerous to cross those roads. I don't understand the thinking of county leaders as it doesn't benefit the public. It benefits people that live within a block or two or the very rich that own beachfront properties. It needs to be accessible to all. Overall I believe Governor DeSantis has handled the coronavirus pandemic very well with his actions taken and his handling of the press. Kenneth Carpenter
Hillsborough	General	As long as, for now, social distancing, disinfecting procedures, masks, etc., can be complied with, PLEASE open things up!

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Bay	Tourism	Vacation rentals have taken a tole on business with no help from the govt as small businesses. This is our savings and was some retirement. We still incorporate HOA fees, electric, mortgages with no one to turn to. Insurance, govt loans - overlooked We feel the individual owners are safely keeping condos sanitary over the big franchisee we hotels. At this time we see hotels in our area renting to vacationers otherwise we're not suppose to. Many owners of 2nd homes are suffering and may lose everything. Please consider help for this group. Also area struggling from no tourist tax base We have applied for disaster loan but appears big Co. Getting finding over the little guy. We want to be safe with bilringing in large groups limited people at this time but the system needs to review this group of people and see if we can either open up some or help support funding Thank you and appreciate the governor's continued updates
Hillsborough	Retail	Please open up the state people need to get back to work to pay bills an put food on the table Thank you
Polk	Recreation	55 plus communities need their pools open for exorcise with proper precautions, same goes for beaches. Nobody makes you go to beach or pool but we should have that right!
Pinellas	General	Shut Down = Entire State Should Open to Phase One. Authorize Doctors to prescribe Hydroxychloroquine Cocktail to their patients, if they want. Keep controls on Senior Facilities. Require positive seniors 2 B separated from others. Pause Immigration & Make Int'l Guests Agree 2 Self Isolate 4 2 weeks like Hi. God Bless everyone!
Miami-Dade	General	As a medical worker for over 30yrs, a Florida native and a mother/wife, I ask that we tread lightly when it comes to opening things back up. We need to bring to light how important it is to follow social distancing and remain using masks when out of our homes. Restaurants should be take or delivery only. Large gatherings such as concerts, festivals, etc should not reopen. Beaches should not reopen unless there is STRICT enforcement of necessary behavior. While I accept that 70%+ percent t of the global population will eventually have had this virus what we don't need is unnecessary deaths caused by overwhelming the healthcare system . This is done by spreading out cases as much as possible. We must work hand in hand with the medical and science community using data and ya tail proven information. Keeping the public aware of what is going on and being cautious about lauding remedies that are NOT clinically proven to be safe and affective.
Duval	Government	Please keep Florida closed for one more month. There are way too much cases still and it's only growing larger

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Walton	Tourism	Wayyyyyyyyy to soon! I believe Once we start letting tourist in our maintained Corona virus will be extremely worse a abundance of cases will appear!!! We need to keep it closed for a longer amount of time as once we open ppl from around the world will be coming wither they arw sick or not !!!! TERRIBLE IDEA TOOOOOOO SOON
Hillsborough	Education	In the same way there was a domino effect in things shutting down I believe there will momentum built for opening back up. I fully support efforts to reopen businesses in stages and work toward having schools open on site in the fall. I am currently still drawing a paycheck on reduced hours but expect to be furloughed at end of June if not sooner. There is so little good news being reported, so few messages of hope and of plans to open things back up. We need states to lead the way in getting us back to where we were.
Miami-Dade	Tourism	Dear Governor, its time to open the Hotels in dade county (perhaps not the hotels in beaches) with social distancing , reduce capacity, employee checks as well as wearing PPE. Same should be applied to restaurants and bars whit in the hotel along with Pools , IF we don't act now there will be nothing left to open as all most likely will be bankrupt. Also the response of handling DEO unemployment, for workers, gig workers, all unemployed with their benefit of $275 per week as well as $600 from the federal government should be paid rapidly. As you can see the system is overwhelm and wasn't prepared and needed much upgrades. Lets work get Floridians paid and start re-opening the economy with Presidents outlies stages (stage 1-2 etc) Florida may never recover
Hillsborough	General	Looking at the trends from other countries, it is pretty clear that when you lift restrictions that there is a secondary peak in cases. Therefore, most countries have chosen logically to wait until the curve has not just peaked, but has made it about halfway down the down slope before significantly lifting restrictions and reopening things. If you reopen things too quickly, and the number of cases increase to higher levels than the initial plateau we will have lost the ground we have gained. That would mean that we would have to endure these economic and personal hardships even longer (the higher the peak the longer it takes to come down). That would result in more deaths, more economic collapse and a lot of ticked off people. True there is no "playbook" but there is most certainly data from other countries. It takes about 1 month to reach the peak in cases and it takes about another month to reach a position on the downward side of the curve to safely reopen things. That means mid to late May is when it would be reasonable to begin lifting restrictions without serious consequences. A large number of people are already ignoring the restrictions you have in place now. When I ride my bike around, people are having block parties in their neighborhoods, young people are having huge parties in apartments with alcohol because the bars are closed, Bayshore Blvd in Tampa looks like Gasparilla there are so many people trying to exercise with no social distancing, etc. Just think of what happens when you start relaxing things and more people begin to engage in unwise things because now it's "OK" to do so. Greg C. Kaiser, M.D.

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Broward	Healthcare	Thank you for providing this opportunity for the public to send concerns/ comments about reopening Florida. I am a nurse, and although I am not currently on the frontlines of this pandemic (awaiting deployment is needed) I was very concerned when I heard that we will be resuming elective surgeries on May 11th (as of now.) I have tons of colleagues and friends that are on the frontlines fighting with this disease and I do not believe that elective surgeries are vital to the first phase of reopening. Especially in our area of Broward where new cases continue to grow. Some of our constituents in the hospitals are protesting and fighting with administration (STILL) because our PPEs are being rationed and we are being told that we are not able to bring our own N95s from home. I understand that this is a crisis and we need to make proper use of these PPEs, but I do not believe that in the same breath we can say that it's safe to resume elective cases when those on the frontlines of this pandemic do not have what they need. We need to listen to our fellow Americans- Floridians on the ground, in all government owned and private hospitals when they are saying we don't have what we need. Please reconsider resuming elective surgeries until ALL of our frontlines are safe and able to PROTECT THEMSELVES.
Pinellas	General	Open Now!!!
Brevard	General	YOU CAN ONLY LIFT THE RESTRICTIONS. PEOPLE WILL NOT GO OUT UNTIL THEY FEEL SAFE. BUSINESSES WILL NOT REOPEN UNTIL THEY FEEL IT'S SAFE. IF YOU GO COUNTY BY COUNTY YOU WILL CREATE A DISASTER. IMAGINE BREVARD OPENING THEIR BEAUTIFUL BEACHES AND WONDERFUL RESTAURANTS. ALL OF SEMINOLE, ORANGE AND OSCEOLA WILL COME HERE. ALTHOUGH, LIFTING THE RESTRICTIONS IS A GREAT WAY TO THROW PEOPLE OFF UNEMPLOYMENT (THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GET IT) , GET PEOPLE EVICTED & FORECLOSED AND DESTROY A LARGE NUMBER OF OUR SMALL BUSINESSES . WAIT . IT . OUT ! IT WILL BE BETTER FOR ALL IN THE LONG RUN.
St. Johns	Food	I do NOT think we should reopen bars and restaurants yet. I work at a bar and I haven't gotten unemployment yet but I don't feel like risking my health basically being a slave and serving people for their convenience . It's not smart! Cases keep increasing! Keep Florida closed!! Restaurants are Making a lot doing to gos .
Seminole	General	Open up everything ASAP!
Hillsborough	General	I would like to see the state open up differently depending on the region with the parts of the state with fewer cases opening up more aggressively and the regions with more cases opening up less aggressively. I don't think MIAMI can be treated the same as TAMPA or the same as Live Oak, for example. I also think we need to open up so people can get back to work in a manner that the health professionals advise. We need to get schools opened up for camps over summer so parents can go back to work. It doesn't make sense to open businesses if schools and camps are not open.
Polk	Food	Would definitely be beneficial to restaurants and restaurant employees to open... just have guild lines to follow. We can easily open safely at half capacity with cleaning schedules. If unemployment can't be fixed we need to go back to work to survive.

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Duval	Retail	Safe reopening of florida is imperative. Opening all retail shopping is necessary for small business owners, mall shop owners, and the many flea market vendors in florida. Ask the public and store workers to wear face coverings. Continue to encourage work from home for office buildings and people who can do so to eliminate many people working in close environments and to help parents whose kids are not in school Open campgrounds if only for florida residents. Without sporting events, concerts, theme parks and kids in school many florida residents could enjoy camping and be outdoors . Florida has alot of open outdoor space that we would love to enjoy.
Hillsborough	General	We have done our part to flatten the curve and have plenty of hospital beds. We can re-open while minimizing risk.-Much like wearing helmets while riding motorcycles or seat-belts in cars. Beaches and parks should be open. Restaurants should be able to utilize outdoor seating and indoor seating with less capacity. I am a commercial realtor, I represent restaurants looking to purchase and lease space. They have shouldered the brunt of business closings. Now is the time to start opening before they are forced to close for good.
Bay	Food	I want to start by saying that we appreciate all that you have done to ensure that our medical facilities are receiving as much supplies as possible. When reopening Florida, I think that you should divide the state. Clearly the Panhandle isn't considered to be anything like Central and South Florida in the number of cases or the percentage of deaths. My recommendation would be to allow North and Northwest Florida to go into phase 1 as well as other counties that have a low rate of positive cases. Please don't open bars or theaters.
Lake	Tourism	Varsity.com puts on a National Cheerleading competition (Summit) at Disney's Wide World of Sports every April. Thousands of kids from all over the U.S attend. It was postponed back in March and now just announced it will now take place June 19th! HOW can a cheerleading competition that will include thousands of children and their families be allowed during this pandemic? They are also stating that the Disney Resorts and Disney Parks will also be open for this event. PLEASE, have this even canceled!! The virus is still not contained and there is no way to social distance when athletes cheer. This organizations www.Varsity.com is one concerned about money and not the health of these children. They are also refusing to refund families until 2 months after it takes place.

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Alachua	Education	I honestly feel that we have come such a long way. That said the cautious will continue to be cautious but I am afraid the majority will begin to let their guard down and it iw way too soon for that. I feel that any and everyone entering a place of business,no matter what it is should be required to wear a mask. A mask is a very small inconvenience that could possibly save a life. If left up to business owners i am afraid it would not be enforced. My hope would be that the Gov. would consider this before opening Fl. I am very proud of the way he has handled things up to this point and just pray that we continue to be smart about opening back up. We are all very ready to get back to business but have so many lives that depend on our choices and actions. Masks my friends are very necessary until this virus is under control.
Orange	Technology	Please open back up. Economy is very important. Curve is flattening.
Broward	General	First off I would like to say that I am a nurse working in Broward and working in the COVID units which includes the ICU so I have seen the impact of the virus with patients that have survived and those that unfortunately have passed away due to the virus affects on them because of their other health issued. Before being a nurse I worked in the restaurant business. I do feel that it is time to slowly start opening up many different types of businesses as many that I even consider non essential have remained open. Salons including nail salons, hair salons, and tanning salons should be able to open as long as they maintain sanitation and limit the number of customers that they see at a time. This may mean that they have to extend their hours and open days that they would normally be closed. But before the orders to close down businesses officially happened my nail salon was actually already doing this as well as another one I visited. They were limiting the number of clients and employees while keeping distance as they were performing services which I feel was responsible as they were looking out for both the client and the their employees. Tanning salons are not high traffic areas and maintain their own sanitary practices therefore there is no reason why they should not be able to open. As for restaurants, I do feel that dining rooms should be able to open but once again limit capacity and ensure tables are spaced apart. Once again if this means restaurants need to take reservations and change their hours to ensure they can follow these guidelines then that's what they'll have to do. It's also important to ensure employees in the kitchen especially are in masks , washing hands, and changing gloves frequently. As for the bars and bars in restaurants I do not feel as of now it is to open them because of the close contact of the customers. I do not feel it is necessary for servers, host/hostesses, bussers, etc. to wear gloves and masks unless they're cleaning or performing another task that it is necessary. I personally would not feel confident going into a restaurant if the whole front of the house is masked and gloved.
Hillsborough	General	I live in Hillsborough County. Please consider opening with limited capacities. We need people back to work but social distancing and maybe masks can help move forward. Please look at each county and the leader there to help everyone get back to work
Holmes	General	No, do not open the state yet.
Seminole	Professional Services	I don’t think we should open the state until it’s safe to do so, according to medical professionals. At this time, reopening is still dangerous and not in the states best interest.

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St. Lucie	General	Please do not reopen the state right now we should stay at home at least until June....medical data states this info. We cannot risk letting people come down here for vacations and risk the spread of the virus....it is not fair to the people who live here in this state. The virus will be here until we get a vaccine or until we can all get tested and know who is sick
Charlotte	General	Let's open restaurants, retail, fast food dining rooms, and more previously closed businesses. You can impose strict sanitation and social distancing restrictions. This will give people hope and something to look forward to. Open beaches and parks with social distancing requirements. Ask vulnerable people to stay home. Allow nonvulnerable people to live their lives freely. Have a 20 people at a time in dining room limit at restaurants. If somebody is concerned about the virus, they can simply stay home. They shouldn't be able to continue forcing this upon others. The sooner we begin opening up the economy, the better it is for our economic and mental health.
Pinellas	Healthcare	I prefer to open up beaches, pools, retail stores, bars and restaurants at the minimum. They can adjust for distancing and I don't see it being any more dangerous than patronizing the grocery stores. I would wait a little longer for direct human-to-human contact business openings, but it is essential to get as many back to work as possible. Those of us (including me) who are immunocompromised will be more careful and may stay home awhile longer, but let those who are healthy and able to work do so.
Franklin	General	As a barber/stylist in Franklin county not working and ready to reopen Franklin county, not for tourists, but for our community. We need our restaurants to open and people need to go back to work. We have had 2 cases, one from my and another who came back from a cruise. I believe both are survivors as the media has exploited the negative. We have kept the virus under control. We also believe it may have already touched our community from Nov. 2019 to Jan.2020 as many were deathly ill with respitory illness and we're negative for flu. It's time for our small community to get back to life, in our town.
Brevard	Food	I work in the food industry and worry that it is still too soon to open the state. I care for my two elderly grandparents and we all are sheltering in place. I don't want to increase my or their risk for exposure. They are 87 and 83 years old. I worry that I'll have to go back to work and will be exposed to people who do not care if they're sick or not.

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Lee	General	As you discuss the possibility of “opening” up Florida, I would like you to consider the following. On March 16, Florida has 160 cases of COVID-19. Over a period of 10 days, these exponentially grew to 2,355 by March 26, doubling roughly every 2-3 days. At that point, the areas with the most significant outbreaks (Broward and Dade) put a stay at home order in place. These efforts helped in slowing the growth to approximate doubling every 4 days by April 3, when the statewide “safer at home order” went into effect. By April 24, the data shows some signs of progress and the growth rate has slowed to doubling every 20-25 days. However, growth has only slowed, it has not been driven to a point of a consistent decrease in new cases. As you “open” the economy, growth of new infections will likely accelerate. By the expiration of the current “safer at home” order on April 30 and at current growth rate, you will have between 35,000 and 40,000 cases in Florida. The number of cured infections is not public in Florida, but I would assume you have a base of 20,000 active infections, with around 1,000 being added every day. If the “opening” is too aggressive, you risk a re-acceleration of the growth rate, but this time with a much higher base to begin with and new infections can grow to the point of overwhelming the infrastructure very quickly. Given the incubation period, by the time this is realized, you may well be on the path of New York or Italy. Successful relaxation of restrictions requires (a) a reduction of new cases to the point where contact tracing can be implemented, (b) a contract trace and test program in place, (c) sufficient medical infrastructure to handle surges and (d) a plan on expediently handling possible explosive re-growth. “Opening” today without solid plans risks a resurgence and eventual re-closure of the economy, with likely even worse economic effects than continuing the restrictions with only minor relaxations for a period of time.
Osceola	General	I’m concerned that if we reopen with out testing every day for everyone that enters work or theme parks (which is my biggest concern). I live right outside of dinsey. If them and all other. Business and tourist location open how are we going to make sure that people coming into our area are healthy. Which a promise how and that every one will be tested then I am putting my self and my child at risk of coming in contact with it. We already have place like Publix in my area and target that are not making employees or customers wear mask. People are coughing and walking around the stores like there is nothing wrong with what they are doing and when you tell management about it they say well we can’t make them. Call the cops and told it’s not a police matter but up to the store. I’m sorry but no one is following the rules and as everything reopens and it gets hotter people are not going to follow the rules and we have people sick all over again.

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Clay	General	First and foremost there need to be instruction to all Floridians to RESPECT each and every residents' desire to either quarantine, get back to "normal", or anywhere on such continuum. Those that self-identify as "high-risk" shall be encouraged to self-quarantine as possible until a successful vaccine is rolled out. Those who do not identify as high-risk of having adverse outcomes to Covid 19 should proceed to safely regain their "normal" existences while exhibiting higher safety measures. Requesting the public wears masks. Require all businesses to provide public access to hand sanitizers. Frequent hand washing. Sanitize public surfaces several times daily. Those who exhibit symptoms of sickness should stay home until symptoms are gone. Testing is overrated and only explains moment in time. Once a test is widely available for Covid 19 antibodies, everyone should be tested. I reiterate that there should be no acceptance of shaming one another based upon their desire to either social distances or get back to work. We all lead unique lives with distinct pressures and need to be respected for our respective desires to approach this situation.
Escambia	Tourism	We own a condo in Perdido Key and we reside in Broussard Louisia a. We want to go to our condo for the rest of the year but we dont think its fair to quarantine for 14 days. We have very few deaths in Broussard and being punished for New Orleans. We also follow the Stay at home guidelines. pls consider opening up parishes in La. That are not infected with the virus. Mandate by parish not by state. Thank you for your consideration
Okaloosa	Tourism	This virus was overblown, and a power-grab. There's not ONE scientific or medical reason that each state should not be COMPLETELY and FREELY re-opened, excepting, MAYBE, NYC. We need our God-given rights left alone, and tourism back!
Hillsborough	General	Good afternoon, I hope that restrictions are lifted as soon as possible. We can practice social distancing and protecting the vulnerable, and still continue going to restaurants and retail shops. The shut down is destroying the livelihoods of millions and is causing an undetected amount of stress and anxiety. People can choose to visit these businesses if they are comfortable. If others are still not comfortable in public, they can continue isolating at home. The hospital system isn't overrun. My brother in law is a nurse at TGH and had his hours cut. My uncle is a doctor in the Bay Area and is working 1 day a week. My brother is also a doctor and reduced his hours 25%. The current course of action is not sustainable. Please re-open Florida now!
Pasco	General	I think phasing out the reopening is the smartest plan however it needs to be considered when have a consistent drop in numbers over a steady period of time. A plateau so to speak over 7-10 days where the numbers don't jump high. And social distancing still need to be enforced. The unemployment benefits needs to be fixed for those who need it. If we're going to start opening businesses we also need to take into account there are single parent households that still have students at home that need to be cared for and they need to be taken of as well. Those parents don't have child care because schools and after school programs are closed.
Polk	Tourism	If you can guarantee me I won't get the virus, by all means open up.

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Lake	Healthcare	Please allow elective medical procedures as soon as possible. I need a biopsy to determine if I possibly have cancer. This is an essential procedure that must occur soon.
Bay	General	Open Florida asap
Miami-Dade	Retail	I work in commission based retail shoe store and i cant social distance from customers. My paycheck depends on helping customers. I have to help elderly customers put on and take off shoes, customers touch everything, they obviously have to touch the door handles to open the door. The mall i work at is so busy that sometimes you're walking shoulder to shoulder with other people. Memorial Day is coming up and Miami Beach is going to be jammed packed with locals and tourists. Please , wait for a 14 day decline, which there hasn't been, one day its 400 cases and the next day it will be 800 cases. Im very nervous about catching this virus, i have elderly parents at home. Please chose the safety of your citizens over politics. PLEASE DO MORE TESTING AND WAIT FOR THAT 14 DAY DECLINE.
Seminole	General	We need a way to track cases & contacts & have more testing available before re-opening. Re-opening before we have those things is Dangerous. Extend the stay-at-home order, please.
Lee	General	Every day I see people in and around my community that are not following the social distancing directives nor the safer at home directive, and there is still a local gym open. Clearly people are not understanding the seriousness of this virus and what it takes to reduce the numbers. I am concerned that businesses will open, the people will flood in and all will be forgotten about protecting ourselves and each other. I would like to see a strict policy of social distancing including reduced numbers of people allowed in stores, in restaurants, and in businesses, and the requirement of wearing a mask in all public areas. Please let's follow the science on this and not rush to get back to the old normal in every way, too soon. When we open let's ensure it is done so with the safety and wellbeing of everyone as the top priority.
Palm Beach	General	I believe that Florida, particularly South Florida, is not ready to open May 1. We must protect our most vulnerable people.
Hillsborough	General	Do not open until everyone can be tested and retested weekly if required. Once you can show you have the antibodies you are free to do anything. Until then ask yourself would you send your kid to a crowded place? Would you send your parents? If you can't say yes you can't open
Leon	General	I believe the state should not reopen until health officials say otherwise. At this time the numbers of positive cases and deaths are still high.
Hillsborough	General	My husband and I would like to see all business to open up fully with restrictions. Tiered over a time period. We are over the age 60 and would continue our social distancing, mask, gloves, etc. let the younger people go back to work. Most importantly, implement in stores and restaurants the same practices as found in Publix and Sams club.

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Duval	Tourism	Reopen state parks and limit capacity initially. State parks with beaches are prime candidates for reopening because social distancing can be practiced with capacity limits and beach patrols. This should include allowing use of chairs, blankets, sunbathing, and umbrellas, not just exercising, fishing, swimming, and surfing. Allow Floridians priority access. Don't let the stupid people ruin access for everyone.
Hillsborough	General	Let's get Florida opened up. People need to get back to work. Everyone needs to get on with their lives. We can wear face masks and keep our distance but please - open up our state. Thank you.
Suwannee	Healthcare	Please allow us to reopen and see urgent dental care. Patients who needed treatment and bordering on emergency care now. We have been using ppe for a long time for pathogens and have always used approved disinfecting procedures. Our patients need us.
Hillsborough	General	I don't think it's enough time to go and open Florida up. Too many are still sick and alot of us haven't been tested. I think if you open alot of people won't listen to the guidelines issued and it will ultimately ruin what the people who do care have done. I know it's ruff out there right now especially for people who have filed for unemployment or are trying but it's just too soon. I say fix the unemployment site and get these people help ASAP, then slowly move forward on a SLOW PLAN. I deliver prescriptions pt as an essential job and I know if people really need to work they can find a job like this without having to reopen the state. Don't do like Georgia is doing as they are asking for failure. Unfortunately, they are right above us which them failing could be a risk for us in Florida and were not even open. Just wait for awhile longer.
Bay	General	Please open Florida immediately. Thank you.
Bay	Tourism	Please keep safer at home in place! Please close our beaches! There has been a large influx of out of state license plates on the beach. Beach homes ARE being rented to out of state tags
Collier	Retail	A measured return to open the state should keep the health of the residents the primary focus. I believe that opening before the health issues are going down, could be economically disastrous. I would wait until May.
Pasco	Professional Services	We need to open Florida back up and understand that the longer we wait it will have long term impact to our most vulnerable. We will not be fully free of virus until there is a vaccine which is some time away and we know it is not reasonable to wait that long. In the interim we have to fight the virus and do it in a Practical and responsible way. We can not shelter in place for the next 18 months. Unemployment will continue to rise and will cause pain and suffering as well so we have to balance both safety but also financial health.
Broward	Government	Open Everything!!!! Enough, everything is crashing!!!! People should have have the choice to open their businesses and patrons can go in if they want or stay out but everyone should be able to go back to normal if they want to!!! This is ridiculous!!!! WHERE IS OUR FREEDOM. 98% OF PEOPLE THAT GET THIS VIRUS SURVIVE! I voted for you, pull your head out of your ass

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Pinellas	General	Please open the state immediately! No restrictions needed. It has already been proven this “virus” is not the threat initially thought. I understand things are happening behind the scenes not in your control but this has to STOP. Open the state now!!
Nassau	Government	I just do not know why the tax collector office is closed. Hunting,fishing concealed carry permit. How do you register a car? But you can buy liquor. We need to get back to work as the state can not get unemployment system working.
Broward	Healthcare	May 2020 is too soon to re-open Florida. As of 4/25.2020 we are still seeing an increase in the number of cases of COVID-19. We have stayed home and out of work for a month already. None of us want that month to have been for nothing. Re-opening too soon will allow for a resurgence of the disease and we will have to start all over again-those of us still alive that is. Thank you for allowing the public to express their opinion on the most critical issue of our times.
Flagler	General	Reopen by county - based on 2 weeks of declining rate of total new cases (per day) as a percentage of total tests administered.
Pinellas	General	To open fl now would mean making more people sick and putting those who are most vulnerable at risk. I have an autoimmune disease and will not be leaving my house for a while anyway. I am worried about my husband, friends and other people like me. Who can't risk infection. Is opening fl worth lives? I know there a there are people suffering because of unemployment, work on that system instead of killing peolpe.
Broward	General	Leave restrictions in place until everyone has been tested including those that are asymptomatic. To do otherwise is putting even more people at risk with the potential of suffering and possible death. We also need to be closer to having a vaccine that is widely available to doctors, hospitals, clinics. Reopening now is a suicide mission. Lets be smarter than Georgia and South Carolina. Florida is usually the laughing stock state. Lets do better!
Indian River	Government	Open the economy! Some Floridians want to get back to work! No more government checks let us get back to work before we completely destroy economy.
Broward	General	We need Florida open as soon as possible. We stayed at home as we were asked to. Now it is time to get us back to work. We can do it in a smart way. You just need to trust the people.
Palm Beach	General	Just my opinion as a concerned citizen, wife, mother, and grandmother. It is extremely too early to open up and loosen restrictions. I am in the beauty industry. I personally feel very offended that the beauty industry over all other necessities would be on the table. Its disgusting and shallow. My husband cant see his Doctor for a back and shoulder procedure but women are filling salons in Georgia. This is an embarrassment I personally refuse to take clients. Our country and ALL citizens health should be more important than anything else. Again extremely too early to start opening up our state.

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Leon	Healthcare	Reopening Florida now is not a wise decision. We are successfully flattening the curve but the curve hasn't flattened yet. The possibility of a resurgence of COVID is very real and continuing the shut down for another month is the best way to squash it. Just leave the shutdown in place until the end of May. Take our health seriously. If we are dead, we can't spend money. If we are dead, you can't be re-elected. Showing us that you care about our well-being is the best way to ensure that you will be re-elected and that the economy will have the backing of the people in this state.
Manatee	Education	Reopen Florida. Maybe allow higher risk people to opt to stay home. So many people out of work.
Manatee	General	Manatee County has a 16% positive rate and lowest testing per capita on the state. Cannot look ar reopening based upon total numbers but has to be down to a lical level. The numbers for Manatee would indicate that enough testing has not occured. Particularly as a third of the cases and 50 % of the deaths are in Nursing homes. Why arent all residents and staff of nursing homes being tested Without better figurest and a much lower testing percentage Manatee cannot be opened
Palm Beach	General	We need to open back up the parks,beaches,pools in communities where there are HOA's etc. We should open restaurants back up w/50% capacity for a couple weeks and see how the numbers track. Open back up slowly,methodically but open back up now. Let each person make their own decision to either go out or stay in. Let's get back to work and back to normal
Seminole	General	Please do not re-open non-essential businesses at this time. It's still too early to accurately understand the trends in almost every county. So many counties have had severely limited testing availability. Even Orange, one of the state's largest by population, has had to close their drive-up testing within seven minutes of opening because they have had so few tests on hand each day. You cannot in good conscience look at this data and say, "There are only x positive cases" when you know full well hardly anyone has been able to be tested. Please fix the unemployment debacle left by the previous governor, instead of opening too soon in order to avoid paying unemployment.

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Okaloosa	Transportation	We should look at the COVID-19 response adopted by Sweden. Social distancing whilst allowing businesses to open shows the same results as lock-downs. The virus is spread by airborne droplets and contaminated surfaces. Social distancing, hand and area cleaning helps reduce the possibility contamination. This can and should be practiced by everyone. Florida needs to reopen to prevent the fast approaching social and financial catastrophe, which is surely coming. The current restrictions are crippling the people of this state and especially our local community, which depends heavily on tourism. We are starting to see increases in petty crimes such as theft, this will get worse as time goes on and people are without money. We simply cannot keep living this way. Summer is fast approaching as are the number of businesses which will go bankrupt with the obvious knock-on effect to the employees. Law enforcement should be enabled to issue fines for those that openly do not practice social distancing guidelines - i.e. groups of more than four/six people in any public place; beach, restaurant, workplace, etc.
Hillsborough	Education	Please re-open Florida. I am a stay at home mom that homeschools three boys. Fortunately, our education process hasn't changed with the shut down. But I have noticed by boys suffering from a form of depression because they can't go to State Parks and ride their bikes, go to the playgrounds, or go to church or sports. Please re-open Florida to help relive the mental suffering on our kids.
Lee	Healthcare	Please open up somewhat for our health and sanity! Beaches with distancing...have the beach pa rollers enforce safe distances. Keep bathrooms closed. Restaurants with social distancing. Retin stores open. Hair and nail salons with restriction.
Clay	General	I feel this is a hard decision if we open too early then there's a chance of spreading but people do need to go to work and to feel normal do I think we should be cautious.
Pinellas	General	With the heat of summer coming, I'm not sure why people would not be allowed to walk the beaches. I'm not recommending large parties and having was too many people gathering on the beaches for the summer parties. However, I am recommending that the task force consider opening beaches during the summer months and that police officers are on foot or patrol in someway and give out citations for those people who do not obey social distancing laws. I also believe that Florida is a place where takeout food has been allowed and we have plenty of outdoor seating in the downtown Saint Petersburg area. Once again I think people should be allowed to sit at tables at a minimum of 6 feet apart from each other and eat the food that they are able to take out from restaurants. Not sure servers should be waiting on tables yet. The curve should flatten before indoor seating is permitted.

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Pinellas	Government	Please just open Florida. Allow people to work from home that can. Provide extra protection and resources for those in hospitals, nursing homes, and first responders. Get Florida back to work and enjoying our freedom without restrictions. Thank you!
Duval	General	Please reopen our economy. We have let this virus almost wipe out of economy. Those who wish to stay home may do so. We do live in America and they have the right to stay home. If this thing is so bad why are we not seeing a high rate of essential workers being infected. Open the restaurants, hair salons, all small businesses, 100% reopen. If we need to take temps and use common sense ok I'm fine with that but let's get working again.
Broward	Healthcare	In every area of healthcare, mandate that all staff must wear a mask during work hours. Even if the place of work is a Dr's office, non profit organization, vision school, eye glasses store, etc. It can be a cloth mask, but some type of mouth covering. Also, physical distancing should be maintained at work wherever possible.
Pinellas	General	The purpose of the lockdown was to prevent the hospitals from being overwhelmed. That been accomplished. The death estimates have dropped substantially, in terms of mortality rate and total number. The state must be re-opened or we lose a decade of financial growth.
Polk	General	This is getting ridiculous. I don't know what 3/4 of the state you polled, but the survey was clearly biased in some way. People want to get back to work. Floridians are ready to get back to enjoying their state and everything that entails: beaches, theme parks, state and local parks, restaurants, etc...Our economy is ruined because this was taken too far. If people are concerned about their health for whatever the reason, then they should have enough common sense to quarantine themselves. Sorry DeSantis but this state has lost complete faith in you over this. At this point, you're just the lesser of two evils.
Orange	General	Why are any retail stores closed? I can go to Walmart and buy new shoes,but not Foot Locker. I can go to Target and buy new clothes,but not Macy's. I can go to Costco and buy a new computer, but not Best Buy. I can go to Home Depot and buy a new BBQ grill, but not the store down the street which specializes in grills. What right does the government have to keep stores closed? What right does the government have to cause an economic depression on fallacious assumptions of Dr. Fauci?
Broward	General	Please we would like you to reopen our pool

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Okaloosa	General	I feel that it is too soon to reopen the state. If we open up I feel that we will be putting more citizens at risk of coming in contact with someone that could be asymptomatic and get the virus. Opening the state up will also bring an influx of people from out of state which would also but a hinderance on our already depleted supply of essential needs. Grocery stores are still having trouble keeping essential household items stocked and if more people came then it would hurt the locals more with trying to find the things they need.
Manatee	General	As a resident of Florida I demand that health and well-being be put first. Please wait until the health professionals say it is safe. Do not make the same mistakes others are making in rushing this reopening. Florida is much different than a lot of other states in that we have a huge elderly population. Also, opening the theme parks is absolutely ridiculous to me. The minute Florida gets reopened we will have people flocking here from all over the world. Please please please wait till it's safe. Thank you very much
Lee	Government	Personally, I think it's time to reopen Florida. People are hurting from the loss of jobs, homes etc. We have dealt with Sars, Ebola, Swine Flu & never have we shut down the economy like we have with COVID! It's time to put an end to this circus!!
Pinellas	Technology	Tennessee seems to have a good phased approach to reopening. I would think that wait until at least May 15th to even think about reopening.
Leon	General	The re-opening of Florida without proper testing, tracing, and isolation will result in the deaths of thousands of Floridians and even more others, should they decide to travel here. Their deaths will be on DeSantis' hands.
Broward	General	The thought of reopening Florida is a scary though to someone with asthma. I know the economy must be restarted in someway but I fear people going too crazy when things start opening. I'd feel a lot more comfortable if masks were required for all. Especially anyone serving customers of any kind. Continued gathering size limits, even though I miss going to church in person. Recreation areas should be giving size limit/ passes made available for a limited number.
Hillsborough	Retail	Please begin to safely re-open outdoor recreation areas such as beaches, parks and pools, with appropriate 6 foot distancing and maximum capacity limits. Businesses such as restaurants with outdoor seating should also be allowed to operate with appropriate distancing. Our entire county has very few infections- so we should be allowed to start slowly living our normal lives again due to very low overall risk.
Palm Beach	General	I don't think this state is ready for full re-opening. Understandably the hospitality business and restaurants are suffering, but it is to soon. It is a very scary disease that not enough testing has been done and there is no end in sight. Don't force an opening of the state when the majority of people are not ready just to appease certain groups of interested parties.

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Brevard	Professional Services	As a Leon County hair salon owner of more than 20 years, I ask that you please delay the opening of hair salons. I am 66 years old, and more than 75% of my clients are over 65. We do not feel it is safe to return to doing a service that requires very close personal contact, as close as medical services. Reading the requirements of Georgia, for reopening salons, presents an impossible work procedure. It is too early to reopen hair salons. I do not want to have both my live's work and business end because of an early opening. Thank you.
Manatee	General	Florida cannot remain closed. Entertainment and Hospitality workers generally live paycheck-to-paycheck, many with tips providing most of their income. With he Florida unemployment compensation hopelessly broken, these workers haven'y been paid in 4-weeks. This is unsustainable under any circumstances. There will be violence and death not directly related to the virus if this continues. Working age people who are not going to get sick from the virus will start dying from other factors because of this lockdown. This comes down to a basic, age-old equation. The needs of the many must out-weigh the needs of the few. Or, more colloquially, the cure must not be worse than the disease. Free our economy! This comes down to who has a stake in the economy versus who doesn't! Keep the elderly, weak, and in-firmed in isolation. This is the meaning of quarantine -- not the reverse.
Duval	Recreation	As antibody tests confirm that as many as 15% of the population and a death rate that will rival influenza as the data comes out, we are truly punishing the innocent mentally and physically by not allowing kids (students under 22 years of age) who have not been proven as carriers of COVID-19 to be excluded from their basic rights to pursue life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness while encroaching on their Civil Rights guaranteed by the US and Florida Constitutions. As businesses fail, please consider that children are being discriminated against unfairly in many respects. Mostly out of fear. As data proves, children are not the focus of the virus. The elderly and the sick are considered "vulnerable" populations. These populations should take special care in respect to this virus. But we don't live in a state with massive public transportation, high population density, or poverty in high rise projects. Nor do we have a cold climate with low humidity. This committee needs to stop buying into the fear and start looking at the advantages that we have as a state. That said, bolstering consumer confidence is at the heart of reopening businesses. We should do things to educate and inform customers of our efforts as we deal with the repercussions of a NY media centric environment.

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Manatee	General	To whom it may concern, I would very much like to go back to some semblance of a normal life. I realize that may be different than before Coronavirus, but I am smart enough to make my own decisions. I don't need the government telling me to hide in my house till I have so little money left, I am waiting in a bread line. Protect those who are most at risk, the elderly, but those who have put themselves at risk, such as the obese, well, good reason to start a diet. Let's open it up. Sincerely, Robert Noland.
Lee	General	Open the State Parks and beaches as well as retail stores. We have learned a great deal about this virus and have protocols that can keep us all safe. It's time to TRUST the citizens of this great state. Let's move forward !
Hillsborough	General	The purpose of the Stay at Home order was to flatten the curve and to prevent our healthcare system from failing. While we are still learning more about this virus every day, it is evident that Florida has not seen the level of infection that was predicted, despite our state's high elderly population and spring break tourists, who likely brought the virus with them into the state unknowingly. We will never get to a zero case situation, even with a potential vaccine. I believe a staged approach similar to what the CDC has proposed makes sense...ie. I don't think bowling alleys should come before we allow elective surgeries and dental procedures. Though I don't want anyone to fall ill from the virus, there needs to be increased communication regarding the dangers of putting off preventative healthcare and what will be done to keep people safe when they visit the doctor. Illness from the virus may pale in comparison to the tide of people coming in with preventable health problems that have accelerated in severity because exams/treatment was deferred. I am also very concerned about plans for education in the fall as I have small children and work. Students must be able to go physically to school if any reopening plan is to be a success. Long term virtual school will have a detrimental impact on not only the educational preparation of our young people, but also on their mental health and social development. Most parents work and cannot educate their child plus keep up the demands of a career for long. Our residents are aware of the risk and are being cautious, which must help in reducing the risk of an unbridled outbreak. Our public health officials are also on guard now, and if new cases do break out at a fast pace, as long as they are ready to act, I support moving ahead with a reopening plan.

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Pinellas	General	Thank you for the opportunity to weigh in on this. While not an expert, I believe we need another 30 day stay home order during which there is extensive testing, especially in rural areas. Based on those numbers, we can then divide the state into quadrants to determine the the very next phase of moving into a 14 day phase 1 of loosening restrictions per CDC guidelines and guidance. Including all required PPE Allowing a county to open while surrounding counties remain on lockdown will not work. Folks in Pinellas will go to a neighboring county to get a haircut or their nails done or eat a restaurant, etc. Aggressive testing, let's the numbers tell the story and dictate the timeline. Mandate that EVERY person in nursing homes and assisted living facilities be tested ASAP. This includes ALL staff. The staff leaves work and interacts with the public. On those unemployed, get these folks money ASAP. Authorize banks to accept claims and pay on the spot, by appointment only. Or allow banks to accept proof of filing to automatically deposit $1000 in to persons accout. Thank you.
Pasco	General	I'm a germ phobic I will not go anywhere unless I know it's being disinfected CORRECTLY. The consumer will dictate where the clean places are, welcome to my world. GOD BLESS THE US!
Palm Beach	Healthcare	the decision as to what activities remain closed should be made by public health professionals and not by the general public. the general public cannot make an informed choice
Okaloosa	Management	Do not reopen everything. Only essentials should be open.
Duval	General	Let's get on with it. Cases peaked April 2-4. The shutdown is going to cost many more lives than the virus. Just examine the upswing in deaths from despair after 2008-9. We should open Phase 1 on the 1st of May

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Brevard	General	Please, please, please end this lock down on May 4th. We have all been locked in our houses for over a month now and it is affecting our mental being. Ever since my husband has been furloughed I haven't been able to sleep through the night. We received our stimulus checks and he was able to cash out his 401k but even though we have a cushion the uncertainity of if and when we will be called back is too much. Not being able to go to church or see my loved ones, especially my dad in his assistant living facility is overwhelming. Facetime, messenger and online services are not enough. The interaction and love that is missing is too much for a social person. I started a great job with Hilton, work from home and ended up being furloughed after 2 months. I had all my travel planned until New Years. I have cancelled 3 trips so far. I live 10 mnutes from the ocean and can't lay out or go in. It has been hard. Please slowly open up restaurants allowing seating on the outside. Making air conditioning vent cleaning mandatory. Let us go back to the hotels and get some relaxation and sit out on our balconies even if it is just interstate travel. Open up the stores so we have some where to go, Online shopping has been my only lifeline, but you're unable to try anything on causing me to have to return items for the first time. Please follow up on my unemployment and get me paid. I am in the system but had to do over since the system was going off of an old claim. Now I had to start over again with Hilton's proper FEIN #. Not having money, staying home all day and the uncertainity of when we will be called back is too much. Please open back up 5/4 so we can all get our lives back.
Brevard	General	The original reason for shutting down businesses was to make sure our healthcare system was not overwhelmed. The state has been successful in meeting that goal. Now is the time to allow people to go back to work. Common sense guidelines should be provided and then it is the responsibility of all of us to protect our own health. We all have the responsibility for our own health in the final analysis. Time to allow people to earn their livings, while practicing good health habits. The same habits we should be practicing year round. Also, allow the gyms and health clubs to reopen in phase one.
Leon	Technology	Please reopen the state. I've been laid off and am looking for jobs everyday.
Pasco	Finance	Show so leadership and OPEN FLORIDA, NOW!
Seminole	Finance	Don't reopen just yet, too soon Last thing we want is to have to start all over again. We need to be concerned for the health and safety of all before anything else

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Volusia	General	I would love the stay at home order gone. I know many are still scared but we are better off with herd immunity. Get out there, before there is a big second wave bc we hid and “avoided” it. It’s going to be here from now on anyway and I refuse to stay home until a vaccine is available. The CDC (joke) and communist run WHO are continually fear mongering with their ever changing information and I don’t trust them in the least. The number of cases is always growing only bc of the tests and the deaths are not nearly as much so that means it’s not nearly as deadly as they first and still are trying to report. The Flu is more deadly by a large margin and that’s due to the vaccines not being effective even after all this time so what’s the difference. The economy will darn near collapse if this continues as well as that we can’t get ‘non’ emergency procedures done. I can’t get my check up to make sure my cancer is still gone (which I had an appointment in March , but of course is on hold 😠. And my cousin can’t get her surgery to remove her cancer.😠😠 This is ridiculous!!! ENOUGH...PLEASE OPEN OUR STATE (and fully)!!!!!! Lives are at state more from these closures than the virus!
Pinellas	General	I believe that a complete shutdown of the Florida economy was a incredible miscalculation. I think that the elderly and the at risk group in general should stay reasonably isolated and taken care of and the rest of the public at large should return to work and businesses should reopen. The businesses that have higher capacity such as restaurants should be allowed to reopen with at least 50% to start as they are doing in Tennessee. Far more lives are going to be destroyed from the economic impact than this virus was ever going to do. Once the re-opening does take place it is going to take a while for people's finances to recover so this should happen immediately.

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St. Johns	General	Good afternoon! I am so glad we are able to convey our thoughts to you! Thank you! So, I am a single mom of 2 teens, and though I understand the closure of schools for the duration of the school year, I am not quite confident in the inability of not being able to work to support my 2 kids. I do receive SSD, but also bartend to ensure I can take care of my kids and my bills. My income is the only source to support myself and my kids. My ex husband, and father to both of my kids, is just over $20,000 behind in his child support. His mom claims him as a dependent on her taxes so his tax refund doesn't get garnished to pay child support. So, as you can imagine without working, this has been an extremely difficult month and a half for me...as it has been for many. Especially here in St. Augustine where most of us make our income in the restaurant/bar industry. The stimulus check idea is great, but let's be honest, it won't go far for many of us....then what? We all have to hope for another handout? I, like many, want to work. I not only have 2 kids, I also have rent, bills, car payment, pets, and credit cards. I don't want to lose everything I have worked so hard for. Mostly, I don't want to lose what I have for my kids. I understand this pandemic has caused massive hysteria throughout the country, understandably, but I am now more in a panic about my responsibilities and obligations., not over COVID 19. I don't mean to sound as if I have taken this lightly, that isn't the case. I have watched thousands of people moving out and about in town during the entire stay-at-home order, driving, at parks, stores, etc. and it just seems most of us are just ready to move forward. Life is about chances, and unexpected situations, but life shouldn't revolve around fear. When we have no control over the choices we need, or want, to make for ourselves, family, and personal situations, it makes the entire circumstance horribly worse. Before I proceed, I do want you to know I am truly happy with the job you have done so far...including before the pandemic. These are just things that I have found to be an issue more than once for me during this lock down. The next problem I have encountered, as i am sure with others have, is the inability to actually get things done that are deemed necessary, like getting into the courthouse for things that can't be done online. Also, needing and not having access to printer services for things that are essentially needed documents off the internet- like bank statements for a rental application. There are many things
Hillsborough	General	DO NOT OPEN THE STATE YET. IT IS NOT SAFE PLEASE LISTEN TO SCIENCE AND WHAT PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS ARE SAYING. IT IS TOO EARLY TO RE OPEN OR ELSE WE RISK A SECOND WAVE.
Lake	General	It should be mandatory that everyone wear a face mask when out in public. NO EXCEPTIONS! Taking temperatures at the point of entry is a waste of time, because if you are running a fever medication can mask it. Not all people are the same. If I run a fever i always have a rash appear on the trunk of my body. Bright red, hot and itchy.
Broward	Professional Services	My business is window treatments to the design trade. Not retail. This shut done is hurting every person in America. I would hate to see us open only to shut down again. We need to do more than we are doing to stop the spread. I think all business can gradually reopen with stiff rules.Limits on how many customers can be in on location at a time can be calculated by square footage. Restaurants slow and very limited who wants to go out to dinner wearing a mask. All retail MUST have a better system, such as Monday people born on even years can shop or Monday's last names A-F limit still by square footage. Temperature taking, spraying down people and purchases with alcohol. Only 1 person per family allowed shop. We can get through this with a little effort from all in our communities.

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Marion	Healthcare	Not enough testing done!!!!! Marion County is predominately elder residents and their hasn't been any test sites here locally.!!!! More testing needed before opening this state or there will be more deaths. Remember who comes out to VOTE!!!
Hillsborough	Finance	It is time to reopen Florida. We have been closed long enough. Start slowly, but get it done. I have been out of work for 5 weeks, can't get the unemployment to acknowledge my case, and we need to get back to normal. There are precautions that can be done, but now is the time.
Volusia	General	While it is important to restart the economy, this needs to be done in a methodical way. First, this should not be considered until the expansion of testing for both the virus and previous exposure (antibody testing) needs to be greatly increased. Right now, the sample size of those tested vs. the population of Florida is woefully inadequate to statistically draw any conclusions. Those services and positions that can maintain 6 feet or more should be the priority in re-opening the economy. Face masks need to be required to further risk the exposure to the virus, especially for the asymptomatic individuals. This should be for those returning to work and those out in public. Finally, the unemployment site MUST be fixed and fixed now. I have been unemployed before due to position elimination in another state. The process took a total of one hour to complete and the first check was received, with pay back to separation date, within two weeks. All Floridians who have been negatively impacted by the inadequate system deserve a resolution to the website and processing delays immediately and all benefits need to be retroactive to the date of separation. Doing this would also allow for a slower restart of the economy if individuals have a source of income, even if less than normal, to be able to meet immediate necessities.
Hillsborough	General	Hello, I am a resident of Hillsborough County. I am writing to say I want Governor DeSantis to Open Florida for Business. Floridians don't need to be dependent on government handouts, we need to get back to work. We love our neighbors and know how to use common sense to live and work safely. Governor DeSantis can lift the penalties for opening our businesses and still keep the CDC Recommendations. Let Florida get BACK TO WORK. Thank you. Governor DeSantis c
Santa Rosa	General	Don't open anything yet
Orange	Government	Please do not open yet, we need at least 90 days. We actually need to all wear masks. Please enforce this.

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Orange	General	As a small business owner I'm eager to make a living again. However, I'd rather do what we need to do now to keep people safe so we don't have to close down again months down the road for who knows how many times. We should open up cautiously. As of now, when I go to the grocery store, at most 25% of people wear masks, most of which are younger people like myself. Downtown winter garden where I live, was bustling with people this afternoon with zero regard for social distancing. Neither of these things are safe, everyone knows it, and the behavior won't change unless you make it change. There should be enforceable guidelines in place to allow people to go out, visit businesses, assemble in groups, while maintaining the health of as many people as possible. Complete shutdown isn't the answer, but neither is a flagrant disregard of the proven threat of covid. Please excuse any typos. Typing from my phone. Thank you.
Leon	Healthcare	Please continue to protect Floridians by not re-opening prematurely. The original guideline was 14 days after the last confirmed case. We are still getting new cases. Make it possible for Floridians to stay at home by making it easier to get their unemployment benefits. Make more testing widely accessible.
Duval	Government	OPEN UP FLORIDA - NUMBERS DO NOT SUPPORT THIS SHUTDOWN, THIS IS CRIMINAL
Broward	Tourism	We need more testing available in Florida before we can consider opening businesses. It needs to be as available as strep tests are when people think they have strep throat! Otherwise we will never know just how many people are walking around with it without symptoms. So work on that before anything else!!!!
Hillsborough	Healthcare	We all need to be wearing masks! We also need to have instructions on not wearing shoes in our homes that have been worn outside, we should be removing clothing upon coming in to our homes and showering before having any contact with anyone who is vulnerable. If everyone knew to do those simple measures we could begin to lift Stay At Home restrictions. If fitness facilities, hair and nail salons can limit the number of people in such a way that there is 6 feet between individuals there should not be a problem with folks being able to visit those businesses. These are basic public health measures that have been in place for a very long time. How or why they were not utilized at the onset of the pandemic is a mystery to me. As for the masks- there are directions for many options for no sew and others on the internet. I will be wearing a mask when out in public for a very long time! Laurie Stark, RN, PhD
Hillsborough	General	So we have stay at home order that was only done because Governor DeSantis went with the thought process of “ok lawmakers I’ll show you I’ll do a stay hone order that’s just plain embarrassing”...It’s beyond horrible and to be honest has so many holes in it It’s worthless...our numbers haven’t flattened, beaches are reopening...you want to make Florida the next New York? Go ahead and reopen. I for one think it’s better to wait to reopen...just remember want it bad, get it bad...reopening for what reason to get people sick? No - do not re-open Florida at this time!

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Marion	General	I believe it should remain closed for now due to some counties not getting testing like others because they were hot spots. Now some counties are just starting to spike and u wanna reopen.
Hillsborough	Healthcare	I feel like opening with limited patients in the office beginning May 8th as the American Dental association has recommended is fine as long as we have the proper protective equipment (N95, level 3 surgical masks, gowns etc). My worry is there isn't enough for hospitals and they are having to go without or reuse them, then we are not ready to reopen. It is not ethical to force medical and dental offices to work without proper protection that is changed regularly for their safety and the patients safety. I also feel as if anyone that must come within 6 feet of their clients or customers should wear masks. Anyone handling/serving food should have masks and gloves. Gloves need to be changed and not used to serve food and take payments. There should be training on cross contamination. With all that being said, there will be a lot of masks and gloves needed to reopen business safely. Therefore if there isn't enough protection for everyone in these business, then we can't reopen safely. If we can't reopen safely, then we need to limit who is reopening until we have what's needed.
Hernando	General	Leave it closed we haven't even hit the peak yet and our economy will be damaged by phase three people having to stay in linger
Broward	Construction	Please trust Floridians to have good judgment and maintain good health practices. Reopen Florida!
Palm Beach	Healthcare	It is far too premature to reopen the Florida economy. Until this virus is contained, more specifically, until new cases drop radically there is no room To take chances with peoples lives. Personally, I would love to go to the hairdresser and get my nails done but that's not gonna happen. I would never put my own health and the health of others in front of my grooming needs. Do not re-open the Businesses in Florida
Osceola	General	I believe it is still too early to re-open the state! Currently, cases are still rising and there has clearly not been 14 days as in mandated by Phase One,! I went to pharmacy and Publix today, first time out of the house in almost 30 days. There did seem to be quite a bit of traffic, which surprised me. Quite a few shoppers as well, with many of them not social distancing. I am a 75 year old retired counselor/therapist. My husband died last year and I now live with my daughter. She worries constantly about her husband who is 23 years her senior and she worries about me as well. The coved-19 frightens her greatly. Speaking by phone or Internet, I find that most of those folks are also afraid of the virus and of opening too soon. My guess is that we are not alone. I would like to see Gov to follow Phase One guidelines! I do not see where this form is to be submitted!

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Seminole	General	Do NOT reopen Florida yet! I'm a furloughed teacher and it's been SIX weeks I've been waiting on Unemployment and it says STILL PROCESSING! Fix the Unemployment! I also have heart and asthma conditions and autoimmune diseases. I am not able to take the drug they use for COVID-19 due to my heart issues. There's virtually NO REASON to open this state to allow crowded beaches and parks do the Second wave gets even worse! You need to realize FL has more elderly people and many people who have health conditions who moved here to better their health in our environment. Do not throw the progress we've made away! Schools need to be closed all summer- sanitized- and not reopen til August! Theme parks need to stay closed! Think how many lives will be lost needlessly if you open the state- Blood on YOUR HANDS. It's bad enough no one is practicing social distancing in Oviedo and I cannot even imagine what will happen if you lift the small order we currently have. STAY HOME STAY SAFE!
Broward	General	Take it slow
Hillsborough	Management	It's time to reopen Florida Governor! Everyone is ready to go back to work! OPEN OUR STATE!
Pinellas	General	Florida should not reopen until the CDC and top epidemiologists deem it appropriate and safe to reopen. Social distancing should be strictly enforced even when the state reopens until there is a viable treatment or vaccine. Please listen to medical experts.
Hillsborough	Government	I think there should be a set of COVID standards designed to keep employees and patrons safe. Additionally, some diversity on the task force would help eliminate any blind spots that tend to appear when a homogenous team Is assembled. Consider including some different income levels, races, sexes, or political affiliations for maximum success.
Broward	Healthcare	Incentive the remotes work in all areas, avoid person contact and incentive food distribution for senior population.

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Broward	Recreation	We own 2 martial arts school that have been in business since 1988. We must reopen before it is too late to save. This is the only income for our family and we can not or do not want to depend on others. I have provided a list of things we put into effect [prior to closing as well as things we can do upon reopening. 1.First and force most keep families informed at all times in regards to safety procedures put into place.Most are supportive when kept informed. People want to contribute to positive efforts to make a difference. 2.Check temperatures upon arrival. 3.All students wear masks in class. 4. Students 6 feet apart. 5. Limit number of students in class. 6. All students wash hands upon arrival. (We had an associate escort students(children) 1 x1 to bathroom to wash hands while singing ABCs) 7. Teen/ Adult students can train outside 6 feet apart verses indoor training for places with outdoor property.(Our students love to train outside) 8.Only students in building. Parents can observe child through Facebook Live in the comfort in their vehicles(Our parents had no problem doing this.) 9.Along with students in class practicing all of the above , Facebook Live or Zoom class can coincide for those whom are vulnerable or not yet ready to attend in person. 10.Students can wash hands again upon exiting class. 11. The only equipment to be used is the personal equipment of each student. 12. Disinfect school daily through out the day if necessary. This can work. We have the right to reopen. Who is essential depends on who is asked this question? My family is essential, my business is essential our students are essential and our community is essential. We must be fair. We The People must have a choice.
Brevard	General	Hi. I know you are working long and hard and we appreciate that. However, these restrictions deteriorated my mental health. I have looked at the numbers of cases and deaths and compared them to projections originally given, and the projections were very wrong. We need to cure the economic damage as soon as we can. We need to open and allow Floridians to breathe. I hope the Task Force can understand how we are feeling and the pain and suffering, mentally and economically, we are going through being shut down. -Open parks and beaches with restriction on group sizes and only for certain hours. -Eliminate the safer-at-home order. -Allow delivery and pickup of goods from retail outlets. -Allow elective surgeries to resume. These surgeries, although "elective" can save lives too. -Allow sports without fans and allow athletes and personnel be tested weekly. -Open by May 1. This will allow a few weeks for you to assess how things are going. Then start the next phase of opening up the economy, further easing restrictions. Then by June-July, we need to be fully open or this economy will not survive.

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Volusia	General	I love my job as a massage therapist but I do not feel it's safe for clients, coworkers, and myself to return to work without testing in place.Testing includes sophisticated antibody testing for tiger level (not sure how to spell it).. We have no idea who is asymptomatic and shedding virus, we need assurances as do our clients. We are also still growing our case numbers in Volusia, we don't know. We need some level of security. We aren't ready to open.
Volusia	General	I believe it is too soon to rescind restrictions.... PERIOD. Reopening the state will result in more infections and deaths. The result will be a worse burden on our economy and health system.
Orange	General	Being one of the states that closed last we should be hesitant on being one of the first to reopen. The damage is already done to jobs and the economy, the other hotspot states will not follow our lead and will only bash reopening no matter what and put the governor under harsh criticism thus making his approval rate drop. Put the people first make them beg you to reopen the state and call it day already.
Walton	Accommodation	Dear Governor DeSantis, RE: Please reopen short term vacation rentals. I am a homeowner and taxpayer in the State Of Florida (Walton County). Over the past years I have owned a vacation rental condo in the Destin area. The closing down of short term vacation rentals has created a financial hardship for me. Over the years I have paid thousands in property tax and thousands more in tourist development tax through my property management company. I respectfully ask that you reopen the short term vacation rental business at the beginning of May.
Bradford	General	Given tat the virus spread so quickly and there are many who are asymptotic In order to help minimize exposure they should maintain executive order for al those that have been teleworking you continue to work from home
Walton	General	Lift all restrictions now. "Open " our state so families can feed their children and pay their bills I firmly believe the government's reaction to the virus is an overreaction and if not remedied soon will have a permanent and devastating effect on our families, our economy and our society. Some small businesses simply cannot and will not survive regardless of the monetary government assistance. Personally I know only two people who have received aid I implore you to lift all restrictions effective immediately. Thank you.
Polk	Retail	I feel that retail shopping centers should be opened along with restaurants, Doctor & dental offices. Please open fast. If we lose our economy our lives and Florida will die. Don't let our beautiful state die! We are responsible adults that know how to operate safely! God Bless you, Florida, America and our awesome President Trump. Thank you
Broward	General	Push for a May 1 open date...we need to get back to work. The numbers don't justify the lockdown. Continue to support the medical community and nursing homes. Those that wish to stay quarantined can do so. We need to get our population out and about to develop immunity. Don't let the media shame you into keeping the shutdown going.

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Leon	General	We can't stay home forever, so please let people open their businesses!! Me and my husband have gone to work everyday with state jobs and have been fine. Our son works at Publix and is still fine. Local businesses can not survive if we continue to stay home!! If a business or patron choose to open or go out to these places, then that should be our choice. Those that are not comfortable going out yet can stay home!! Summer camps need to open in June because parents have to go back to work!! Parents can't stay home forever!! Please open Florida back up!!!!
Broward	Recreation	Re open beach for use of exercise (walking on sand and swimming)
Broward	Recreation	1. Open the private beaches 2. Open all beaches for walking and swimming, perhaps not yet opening public parking to keep visitors to a minimum. 3. Open state parks, county parks, and city parks for walking and biking 4. Broward county must relax prohibitions on use of outdoor pools and pool decks in multiunit buildings. The order was discriminatory. 5. Everyone should wear masks when providing or receiving essential services 6. Allow restaurants with open air dining to serve with strict distance requirements between tables and elevated hygiene requirements.
Volusia	General	Please open the state of Florida by May 1, 2020 without restrictions. Let the citizens use their own best judgement & personal care/best health practices. Let the healthy get back to work & sickly stay home. Let our children citizens back on the playgrounds. Thank you!
Hillsborough	General	I am personally appalled I'm a 40 year long resident of the state of Florida on the way our governor is handled this virus. Why did you make WWE wrestling an essential business after McMahons donated 18 million to a gop pac? Stop playing political when our lives are at stake. You announced you consulted Trump before doing your stay at home order You should be denouncing what he is talking about at his news conferences. Listen to the scientist doctors and CDC not the President of the United States please! I'm a resident and disabled and I can't find toilet paper, masks or hand sanitizer. Why haven't you had a company mass produce this and handed out to the public. I was also a palled when you pushed it disinfect it that doesn't have any alcohol in it at the CDC said he's not a sanitizer. I voted for you and just very disappointed in our governor. I'm giving my feedback on the stay at home we keep our citizens safe and we listen to our doctors. I'd also like to know why you did not invite our commissioner of agriculture do your task force is it because she's a Democrat?
Sarasota	General	Do not re-open Florida until June. Keep the social distancing and non essential business's closed. Mandatory masks in public settings. Antibodies testing for anyone/EVERYONE . CLOSE DOWN FOX NEWS!

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Levy	General	I am 47 and have Asthma and COPD as does my 59 year old husband. I have taken a leave of absence from my job until this is over. I was a cashier at Taco Bell in Dunnellon. When they closed the dining room only drive thru was left open. After trying to work there and having the scare of people coughing on me it was the last straw. I believe opening now would be akin to stopping antibiotics just when you star feeling better. Stupid!! We're making ends meet as my hubby gets SSDI. Yes I miss my job, but the health of my husband and I have presidence.
Bay	Tourism	BEACHES- NO large "Groups" /Safe Distancing RESTAURANTS/BARS-Employees wear Masks/Limit Customers Inside w/safe distancing at Tables ,NO large "Groups" and continue Carry out and Delivery Services .RETAIL STORES AND OTHER BUSINESSES-All Employees wear Masks/All Customers wear Masks and safe distancing and limit number of Customers at the Door, if necessary, due to Volume. ALL EMPLOYEES, SHOULD BE TESTED AT LEAST TWICE PRIOR TO RETURNING TO WORK/. THERE SHOULD BE NO RESTRICTIONS ON WHO GETS TESTED. WE ALL ARE VULNERABLE AND MANY SHOW LITTLE OR NO SIGN OF INFECTION. TESTS AND MASKS SHOULD BE MORE READILY AVAILABLE TO THE GENERAL PUBIC/. ANY BUSINESS OPERATOR, EMPLOYEE, DOCTOR, HEALTHCARE WORKER, GENERAL CONSTRUCTION/SERVICE WORKER, ETC. SHOULD HAVE BEEN TESTED AND CONTINUE TO WEAR A MASK DURING THEIR SERVICE ESPECIALLY IF NOT ABLE TO REMAIN AT A SAFE DISTANCE AND CONTINUE SAFETY MEASURES UNTIL POSITIVE CASES DECLINE AND HOPEFULLY DISAPPEAR./ NON-LOCALS/VISITORS SHOULD BE QUARANTINED UNTIL TESTED HERE(Could set up Testing Sites convenient to Visitors) OR THEY SHOW PROOF OF NEGATIVE TESTING FROM THEIR HOME STATE AND MUST AGREE TO FOLLOW ALL SAFETY GUIDELINES AS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA DURING THEIR STAY OR FACE A FINE AND/OR NOTICE TO VACATE. IT'S JUST A BEGINNING WITH SOME SAFETY MEASURES..THIS VIRUS IS NOT LIMITED TO AGE OR GENDER OR RACE AND NEITHER SHOULD THE GUIDELINES BE. I GET IT THAT EVERYONE WANTS TO GET BACK TO WORK BUT AT WHAT COST IF WE DON'T TAKE SOME PRECAUTIONS DURING THIS TIME WHEN THERE ARE STILL MANY UNKNOWNS.IT IS VERY DISHEARTENING TO ME TO HEAR REMARKS LIKE "WELL, IF YOU ARE SCARED, STAY HOME." "WE'RE NOT SICK, WE WANT TO WORK AND PLAY." IT ONLY TAKES ONE TIME FOR THAT ALL TO CHANGE TO "WELL, I DIDN'T THINK IT WAS THAT SERIOUS.", WHEN SOMEONE CLOSE TO THEM SHOULD BECOME ILL.. SINCERELY HOPE YOU CAN COME TO SOME COMPROMISE AND SAFE WORKABLE SOLUTION FOR ALL AND ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO NEED THEIR JOBS .WITHOUT
St. Lucie	General	I believe when it comes to services, every job is essential in their own way, we shouldn't have to choose between essential and non essential, when it comes down to it everyone has to make a living. I feel there is always a way to make a worksite safer, it we have to wear gloves or facemasks and up the safety restrictions, im ready to go back to work and will stick to the guidelines to keep myself and everyone else safe.
Broward	General	Please open up the state. We all need to get back to normal. Normal with health guideline concerns. People need to work and socialize

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Palm Beach	Recreation	Most places can be re-opened with restrictions. With the requirement of everyone wearing masks in public the spread of the virus is minimal. Restrict congregating in areas, do you not restrict the use of all areas. For example, boat ramps can be opened but not allow boats to dock together. Beaches can be reopened, but require social distancing. Department stores can be opened with the requirement of all patrons wearing masks and have required hand sanitizing stations at the door for people entering and exiting.
Palm Beach	General	Please do not open the state. It is way too soon for that. Cases are still growing. We need to flatten the curve!
Manatee	Healthcare	I work for an orthodontic office. They are planning to open the office as soon as the order is lifted on May 8th. I feel this is a risk to the employees and community. They want to continue seeing as many patients as possible and open more days to see more patients. As we are working on opening in phases I feel it is important for elective procedures to also phase in slowly. Social distancing is working! Cases are still rising in our county and those around us.
Orange	Government	Reopen all businesses by the end of the month. Allow all businesses to operate with limitations on crowds and social distancing guidelines. Open all beaches and state parks with social distancing and crowd limitations
Miami-Dade	Tourism	There is really no point of opening hotels in miami dade yet when travel is still limited and we have more cases down here compare to the entire state of Florida. Who would want to come get the virus down here? Also hotels need to be atleast at 50-60% to break even, with locals I highly doubt we would get to 30% and risk another round of infections just because you want to rush opening the economy again.
Lee	Recreation	Competitive swim teams could be allowed back at county and city pools with proper social distancing. For example, a pool with 10 lanes could have 10 swimmers - one per lane but starting at opposite alternating lanes. This way there would be about 8 feet between swimmers. Swimming was one of the exempted activities but all facilities have been closed making it impossible other than in at home pools. Coaches can wear face masks. Bathrooms accessed by key entry with only 1 -4 per time depending on size of bathrooms. At home pools cannot provide competitive swimmers with enough space to practice properly. Many of these kids have been working 2 hours a days for years and need to return to competitive size pools as many are hoping to get recruited for college or starting high school seasons. Additionally, 99.99 percent of the pools in the State are outdoors and thereby issues with circulated air are not a risk for this activity. With the separation listed and the activity being outside this is activity is no riskier than golf that is already or will shortly be allowed. Please consider allowing the opening of pools for swim teams with the suggested social distancing procedures.

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Lee	General	I would like to see a soft opening of services and recreation extending over the month of May, with a review of how things went before further opening up in June. For example, I would like to see: restaurants be able to open at 50% capacity, reservation only, perhaps 2 seatings per night, with ample time between seatings for staff to disinfect tables, bathrooms, etc. I would like to see salons and barbers open up, restricted to half capacity, with seating and treatment areas requiring 6 feet IN ALL DIRECTIONS between customers. I recommend regular customers only during May and by appointment only. I would like to see beaches opened, but with only half of public parking utilized and no groups larger than 6, with a minimum of 6 feet IN ALL DIRECTIONS between each group. I would like to see hotels/motels, etc., required to open at 50% capacity only, with stays of 7 days or longer. I would like to see stores and smaller shots opened but face masks REQUIRED. I am unsure how to manage bars. It seems to me that eateries with bars should probably only serve liquor to diners. Bars would probably need to be under 50% capacity, with groups or individuals seated, not hanging around, and 6 feet IN ALL DIRECTIONS between customers. I think that sporting events, whether recreational or professional, should be players only, no audience through May. I believe that there should be no large performance venues open. There needs to be a disclaimer clearly printed at the entry to every open store, eatery, hotel, etc. CLEARLY STATING that those who enter do so at their own risk and are responsible to hold to social distancing behaviors.
Palm Beach	Recreation	Thanks for doing a great job and handling the crisis without crazy tactics like some states have implemented. If you could consider an order to open parks, beaches and boat ramps for the public while maintaining social distancing standards, it would be great. Georgia did something similar about a week ago ordering all beaches opened. With some counties and municipalities scared to make any decisions, grocery stores, hardware stores, sidewalks and the few others things not closed are jammed packed with people who need to get out of the house. The situation has been getting worse in my area with people crowding main sidewalks and essential retailers. It's way worse than opening the beaches and boat ramps. People either need to work or be free to enjoy the sunshine. Please help push the counties and municipalities to restore some of the taxpayers' freedoms which they are scared to do. Those residents with anxiety about covid can stay home.
Lake	General	Reopen May 1st.
Palm Beach	Healthcare	Please do NOT open beaches, schools, etc. until the virus has totally stopped spreading or they have found a vaccine. YOu are just inviting a reoccurrence or further spreading of the disease. It is unconscionable and irresponsible to reopen at this time, or to lessen social distancing or the use of masks.

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Broward	General	Dear Governor DeSantis, Please reopen our state and allow us the opportunity to get back to work and life. You have done a wonderful Job! Trust the people of Florida to be responsible and cautious. We have a right to work and live, please lift the gates! Many thanks, Kristin
Broward	Real Estate	Real estate sales, rentals and listings have continued during the shelter in place status in Florida. If you want to improve our business climate test more like 20,000 people per day and find out exactly how many people have the antibodies and how many don't and use that as your decision maker for opening up the state. More people would be likely to come hereWhen they know it is safe. The only way to know if we're safe is if a vast number of the population are tested and we can determine the exact ratio of people that have been exposed and that was it or not.
Broward	Retail	I believe it is time to reopen all retail businesses. It is totally unfair that major box stores like Walmart, Home Depot, etc. are open and other places like Marshal's and Bed, Bath and Beyond are not allowed to open. Everyone now is aware that masks, hand sanitizing, and safe distancing is in order. All restaurants should open as well. If there is safe distancing and food take away options, it should be okay. It is the choice of the people to decide if they wish to patronize various establishments or not. I think the current administration under President Trump has done an excellent job in leading the fight against the virus. Governor DiSantis has done a great job for Florida. It is time to open up the country. It's understandable that no one wants to take the heat for anyone who gets the virus after we open up. Unfortunately it takes time for a pandemic to die out. However, saving the economy and the future of laid off workers is important and takes courage. Go for it.
Sumter	Government	Please leave stay at home order for seniors at least to the end of May. Before this order is lifted seniors should be able to get anti body tests to ensure they are safe to go out in public. Also social distancing and wearing masks should be required. Thank you. Barbara West

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Broward	General	Hello, As a family with those in the high risk population, my thoughts are ensuring that we reopen using common sense, science and care for human life. We should do so slowly and only after we follow the guidelines set by the professionals, such as the CDC, WHO or our own Public Experts at the many Universities within the State. This should ONLY be about our Public Health. ONLY! Not about the economy. We trust that our State leaders will ensure that our economy is boosted at this time. That we are taking full advantage of every single Federal dollar that is available to the people of the State of Florida. That should include, but not limited to, funds that will improve health care, food to the needy, small local owned businesses and our futures. You have actual lives at stake. And you have millions of people watching every move you make. This is a make or break situation. Be a leader, not a follower! The State of Florida needs a humane leader not a politician only about their own interest. For me personally this situation is a make or break for my decision on the Governorship. As a devout Democrat, I had approved of this Governor until this situation. Please do the right thing. Our lives depend on it. Sincerely, Kimberly J. Vaughan
Leon	Recreation	My family would like to be able to ocean fish. We would like to see boat ramps open for fishing. I understand people should not be congregating in boats, so possibly a compromise to fishing is people in the boat must be from the same household or If you fish with someone who is not from your household, you can't have more than 2 people in the boat (for safety also). (I may not be able to enjoy the beaches right now in the Franklin county areas, but would like to be able to utilize the boat ramps and get on the ocean.)
Clay	Tourism	Our reopening plans must be smart and data driven. In the Task Force meetings I heard someone say that we needed to let the healthcare professionals set the guidelines and the businesses will adjust. Many of the businesses, specifically restaurants, have adapted. Consumer behavior may adjust too. We have to be mindful and consistent with what reopening looks like. I would also suggest a regional approach and encouraging counties to work with one another so that residents don't get confused from one county to another.
Hillsborough	General	Florida should be opened as soon as possible. Just open the state in stages and with guidelines. It will be nice to have the parks open again.

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Hernando	General	I am a 75 YOA white male, and I have been following closely, the affect that COVID-19 has had on the people and the economy of Florida. While I support reopening businesses and public areas as soon as reasonably possible, the fact that those over the age of 65 comprise 82% of the total deaths is quite disturbing. I, as well as many others in this age group, would like to resume a somewhat normal lifestyle, but I think, however, that most restrictions should remain in place for those over 65. Many, if not most, in this age group are retired, and make up a very small part of the workforce. Allowing younger people, who are less likely to suffer death or debilitating complications from the virus, to return to a somewhat more normal lifestyle, including returning to work, would enable the economy to quickly recover without endangering nearly as many lives as would be endangered by a full reopening which included those over 65.
Pinellas	General	Open all community's immediately, Let owners and managers police Their business under CDC guidelines.
Martin	Recreation	Thank you for seeking public opinion on re-opening our beautiful Florida. I think it is pre mature to look at this for at least two more weeks, as our infection numbers continued to rise, as do deaths from or related to this virus. Please wait just a little longer. Our safety is worth it!
Miami-Dade	Transportation	I would like to say that reopening the state especially the Miami Dade county area is not a very good decision. Due to increasing cases and death tolls are on a raise as well. We should at least go through a other month of stay at home order and see how the month of May goes before making a decision of reopening the state and the county I'm from. I'm a truck driver and honestly I have not worked for the past three weeks because I'm scared of getting the virus and spreading it to my family at home. Also loads aren't paying much for the amount of money that needs to be put monthly on a truck. I know it might be hard that a lot of family are not getting a paid check but I think it's better staying home safe with the family. So my honesty opinion it better to wait a whole other month before making the decision on reopening the state and county. Thanks you..
Brevard	General	Do not open Florida until there is drive thru testing available in every county and the case number and death count have receded for 14 days for the entire state.
Okaloosa	General	Strongly recommend the florida Governor open the beaches and restaurants. The Panhandle s primary source of revenue is tourist and Military.
Broward	Finance	Please do not rush to open the state atleast not south Florida. The risk outweighs the benefit. I do not want my life and family's life to comprised because some idiot needs to get a hair cut and eat a burger inside a restaurant. We do not have any cure or adequate testing literally all we have is social distancing and its proven to work. Please take your time and dont be an idiot like Georgia's governor

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Hillsborough	Food	Good afternoon. I think if you have the power to open or close the State.But the decision have to made by Doctor's the are the only one who are working around the clock. I am the owner of the small business, And I want all this to be over of course I am a mom of 4 beautiful children and I don't want them to be sick neither me or my husband. I'll believe that decision is to be leave to the (DOCTOR'S) they are the only ones who can make decision at this moment to open or close the state of course you handle problems with everybody every business every company but the (DOCTOR 'S) actually have the power to turn ON or OFF the State.
Lake	Healthcare	I can understand the need of many residents wanting to lift the restrictions. As a manager, I see the impact it has taken on our surgery center as well as my associates. However, the risk of placing thousands of people in danger doesn't take precedence. Many Floridians have not been affected by this pandemic other than financially which is a blessing but also damaging as they are not heeding the advice of medical professionals. I have had patients accuse my center of exaggerating about the pandemic and ungrateful for all the safety measures we have implemented so we may continue to care for our community as much as we are allowed to. As a nurse, I have held the hands of my patients as their soul left us, gave comfort to the grieving loved ones left behind, and then dealt with my own grief thinking I could of done more. I pray that our state puts life over money for just a little longer hoping it would give our society time to value the true meaning of life.
Broward	General	We are in the most difficult of times. In my opinion, COVID-19 will continue to spread if our great State of Florida reopens. Without a vaccine, I feel without stay at home measures, the virus will spiral out of control again resulting in many more cases and deaths further crippling our fragile economy. I understand the need and desire to reopen and get back to work. We, the working people, were left to starve by government stimulus. A monthly stipend is needed for the duration of this pandemic so people can stay home and can scratch by financially. I want to work but I don't want to get sick and die
Collier	Retail	It is time to reopen. We are facing economic devastation for a virus that has killed less people then the flu, cancer, automobile accidents, etc..
Pinellas	Recreation	My wife and I are in the high risk category (68/69) we want the Governor not to open the state until our numbers are down for 14 days in compliance with CDC guidelines. We are not prepared to leave our house except for food and 2 mile walks in our neighborhood. We will continue to stay at home until we hear the state has meet the CDC guidelines regardless if he opens the State. He should also make sure that all of us can vote by mail in both the primary and the national election.
Hernando	Food	I think restaurants and bars should open at half capacity. Have sanitizer station when you walk in and leave the place
Pinellas	General	Please re-open Florida. My husband is our only source of income and his hours have been cut in half.

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Hillsborough	General	no, is not time to reopen, evereday de number go high and high , has to be crazy to open the beach, park and cities,, the lives is more important that the economy, the economy can back, the life no,,, so please stay a home, go out only if is necesary pls ...thanksbody... God bless america.
Indian River	General	The beaches should be open to sit. It's time to get things going again. People are going to go bankrupt and depressed
Pinellas	General	The focus should be on the quarantine of high risk individuals, not the entire population. Please open the state for business.
Leon	General	I would like to see not for profit fraternal organizations allowed to reopem like Amber's VFW and Loyal order of the Moose
Broward	Recreation	Open the public fields, people need to get put and it is still possible to social distance.
Broward	General	CONTINUE TO MANDATE MASK USE AND SOCIAL DISTANCING.
Broward	Healthcare	This time should be taken to disinfect the schools. Healthcare should be considered. Some retail stores gradually, not big vicinities.
Broward	General	Do not reopen until there is widely available testing and cases are showing a downward trend for 20 days minimum. We can't afford going into a second round of 2 months lockdown. We rather stay 1 more month in than going out, having a spike in cases and reset to day 1 of a new lockdown. Think about the medical workers that are risking their lives on a daily basis, do not prolong this for them!. Thank you
Collier	General	I am terrified of returning to lifted restrictions if we are not ready. The citizens here in Collier County have been so lax in following the guidelines that I believe we will be losing many people, especially since so many fall into the category of having underlying conditions and age. Also many are older, stubborn and lack the respect and desire to be good citizens and empathy toward others, like those workers that cater to them. I understand people don't like sheltering and distancing, and that ultimately it's personal responsibility, which is why I'm staying home, regardless of what the guidelines will be. But I have real empathy toward those workers whose health will be compromised catering to those that will be carrying the virus. We should be focusing on fixing that unemployment website and opening healthcare for those that dont have it, since they're the ones that are catering to the virus carriers. The economy will fail if we lose so many citizens.
St. Johns	General	Open everything
Wakulla	Healthcare	Please start reopening Florida, at least the small towns, we need to work before the money runs out and jobs disappear
Duval	Retail	We need our jobs. Please let us open. Please let us work.
Miami-Dade	Recreation	Open all beaches and parks (including dog parks), with 6' restrictions and always wearing face mask.

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Broward	Government	So we all need to get back to work but how to do that safely? It can be done. Smaller business would have to limit customers inside and everyone would have to mask up. Stores limit the amount of people and bars and movies theatres are the last to open. Salons and nail and massages will be by appointment only with no waiting inside the premises. People would have to be spread apart and cleaning and wiping down areas a must between patrons. A questionnaire and temp test taken at the door. We should open till after the first week of May and do it in phases. We are a heavy tourist economy and with unemployment lacking in speed and help we need to do something to get people back into work even if it's part time in the beginning for a month and see in June how everything health wise is.
Sarasota	Administrative	Please do not open spas or cosmetic elective offices yet. Also be sure receptionists are required to check patients in and out via "parking lot" or car check in when they do open to avoid exposure. Places that administer botox or injectables won't be able to adhere to protective measures easily. Please require to keep them closed a little bit longer.
Okaloosa	General	As someone who is out of work due to Covid19 and struggling to navigate the failed unemployment system, I obviously am looking forward to the day we reopen non-essential businesses and return back to normal. However, it is imperative we do it safely and per the relevant scientific research. We cannot forego science for the urge of the here and now to "get back to normal." If we do this too soon, we run this risk of a massive new outbreak and ultimately shutting back down again a second time. Which our economy simply cannot afford. With adequate unemployment and reasonable economic measures such as more loans to businesses to stay afloat, coupled with continued suspension of mortgages or rent in the short term, there is no reason we cannot be both economically sound AND safe at the same time while we ride out this storm.

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Broward	Food	This virus has been here since at least Decemeber and we have managed like any other "bad" flu season. The hospitals are ready to take of sick people, which is their purpose. WHat is going on now is merely delaying herd immunity. YOu can test all you want for statistics but it is virtually meaningles as you can be negative one day and positive the next and be perfectly fine. You cannot only let people with immunity out, thats smacks of a society we do not want!! . THats what herd immunity does. The vulnerable population know to take precautions, just like any other flu or disease. THat is their choice and herd immunity, if allowed to happen, will help them the most. People are not going to take the vaccine anyway. Open up our restaurants (and other places) and people wll adapt as always. This is causing more harm to people, esp mentally to children!!, than it is helping. Opening restaurants any less than 50% capacity is just prolonging, and even hastening, the inevitableend for most. 50% for 2 weeks max, then let them open 100% and let people take the personal responsibility they always do. Sanitation will have increased so thats a positive. This is causing WAY more harm than good. Government cannot stop all death or other things from happening and to try to do so is trampling everything this country stands for. I own four family owned restaurant and we cannot survive much longer 380 employees will be permanently out of work. And to open with reduced capacity still means we have the nearly same costs as operating at full capacity. We all made it through the beginning of this virus in December & January without all these draconian measures. Knew many people who were sick and yes one died, but it was "the flu". No hysteria and panic. What the government has done to people and livelihoods must be stopped. OPen it up and people will make their own choices based on their own circumstances and then we will still see if this can be overcome economically and/or mentally. That's the true cost.They say "summer" and heat kills it!! Well that is here now!! Dont be afraid to do the right thing for fear of poitical reprisal - that's going to happen no matter what you do. And we cant be used as pawns in that fight. Open up the restaurants 50% with employee screening (masks do NOTHING) on May 1, the full open two weeks later. Why are restaurants being punished for everything? I havent heard yet 50 people coming down with Coronavirus after visiting PUblix or Walmart ! It is what it is and we need to let it run its
Orange	Professional Services	We need to open the economy. If not soon,we as Americans will not be able to survive. If some of the people want to stay home,they can but people want to go back to work and make a living so they can function and live. This is no way for human being to live all sheltered. Please do right by your people and let us get back to work.
Walton	Real Estate	We own a small clothing retail store in Apalachicola and 2 rental properties on 30a. Unfortunately the loans available for CARES don't nearly cover the losses of rental revenue and sales during the Spring. We're worried we'll lose everything we've invested if the State doesn't immediately open and allow folks to vacation back to area. The fact that big box stores are allowed to sell clothes, etc but we can't and hotels are allowed to book rooms and rental properties can't is anti small business. Hotels aren't only allowed to rent to healthcare workers, nor does Walmart, Target, etc... block off clothing sections in stores. Please help. Thanks Stephen and Cathy Hull
Pinellas	General	I believe we should not open up public places and work force until after our peak has hit Pinellas county. Lives matter and no one is following stay at home order as it should be followed

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Walton	Retail	We need to reopen Florida ASAP. Our economy cannot sustain this kind of shut down. People need to pay their mortgages, car loans, food, etc. The elderly and unwell should OBVIOUSLY stay home but the rest of us need to get back to work and our lives. As the numbers prove, this epidemic has not been nearly as bad as led to believe. There's no cure for the influenza which kills up to 60,000 in the US and up to 650,000 globally. Let's stop this nonsense please!
Walton	Accommodation	As a Florida resident of a Beach community I am very concerned about the early reopening of short term rentals. That would expose our community to the virus brought here by people from all over the country without proper testing. It could set us back the 45 days we have already spent trying to mitigate the virus. My suggestion would be to revisit this business activity on May 31 based on the facts at the time. It could be that we might not be ready for this activity until July
Duval	Professional Services	I am a self employed hairstylist and feel that it's too soon with our kind of work, we are in close proximity with our clients and will have to take extreme cautions and I feel we are not ready to do so. The numbers need to go down much more significantly for our industry to feel comfortable going back in the salon.
Walton	Tourism	While I agree that the state has to re-open I strongly feel that short term rentals should continue to be closed. The priority for government is to protect its citizens. Opening up short term rentals would bring a surge of people from hotspots around the country with no control. Our area on the panhandle is not set up to handle any increase in medical problems along with the short supply of numerous materials. Please protect the citizens of this area by not allowing uncontrollable out of state people to potentially infect the year round residents. At some point you will be able to allow rentals but not until we all feel safe.
Bay	Food	Due to the latency issues with the unemployment payouts for the state of Florida it would be in the best interest to allow the hospitality, food and beverage people to be able to return to work. Those people need to survive and pay bills, a check from the president and waiting on unemployment isn't stopping people from having to take care of bills. Prolonging this is a recipe for a further disaster than what has already been done. I understand health is priority however so is the well being of those who are healthy and ready to return to work. It's time to reopen Florida and restore faith in our government and constitution.

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Lake	Education	*continue the development of virtual education and expansion of courses for public schools and colleges-- to provide education while virus is decreasing and to prepare for future viruses *move from face-to-face classrooms to hybrid-- divided classes in half-- rotate face to face and online-- students could alternate campus attendance and virtual training *provide at least one health station at the entry of each school college for distribution of facemasks, temperature checks, mental health counseling, social distancing instructions *expand hiring of teachers-- to create smaller class sizes *optimize time in class - shortened school day while expanding virtual instruction *expand campus security responsibilities to include enforcement of social distancing *expand national awareness/advertising of great online programs at Florida colleges-- more funds to the state with addition of out of state students. Many colleges outside Florida are not prepared to teach online courses to students *more outdoor and hallway for seating for students to get fresh air and practice social distancing *create a nanovaccine institute with Florida colleges *no waiting rooms-- by appointment only to see counselors and staff *develop state task force to develop innovative revenue streams for Florida schools and colleges, for example, millions of dollars from state control of water rights
Duval	Healthcare	I think it is safe to open up Florida by the end of April. As a Medical Doctor working in hospital and clinic setting - i have not seen any shortages of PPE nor have I witnessed a surge in COVID 19 cases. The public however still needs to be reminded of continuing with the safe practice of frequent hand washing and wearing masks when in close contact with others.

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Citrus	General	We were told to stay home so this virus could pass. Yet you have let so many “essential” businesses open that shouldn’t be. Wrestling, gun stores, some beaches closed, others open but no “social distancing of 6 feet” enforced, too many people at one time in the grocery stores and pharmacies and only half of them wearing a face mask. It seems like over half the businesses are open and the other half suffer. Did the local, state, and federal government learn nothing from the Spanish Flu of 1918 about spreading a virus when you let quarantine measures end too soon? The people wanted to celebrate and leave home before it was safe, and what a price they paid ! What is worse and most troubling of all of this? You don’t a Task Force to decide what to do when you have the leading doctors and scientist telling you. By and Lafarge the government (local, state, federal) seldom listens to the people or does what is best for the people. It’s an election year and people are sick and dying but a few are angry about being asked to stay home. Fearing the voters reaction our governor will reopen this state to soon. He was late to close the stores, late to react, late to close the beaches during spring break. But he will reopen the state, regardless that today 04/25/2020 almost 31,000 have been infected and over 1,000 have died, They are just numbers, but I fear those numbers will double if the state reopens anytime soon.
Leon	Government	Contact tracing is essential. Certainly our testing capabilities need to be increased before opening back up. However we also need to greatly ramp up our contact tracing efforts. Yes, this will require bringing on more people to the Department of Health. However, contact tracing is an absolutely essential part of managing an outbreak. We must have robust contact tracing staffing and procedures in place BEFORE reopening our state. https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/principles-contact-tracing.html

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Manatee	General	My name is Alexander Wiegand, and I am a 20-year old senior studying economics at Florida State University. I was originally scheduled to walk and receive my diploma this upcoming Saturday, May 2nd, in Tallahassee. Even though I still technically am graduating, the ceremony has been cancelled. On top of that, due to the student body being informed in the middle of spring break that we were not permitted to return to campus, most of my belongings are still in Tallahassee (I'm not allowed back on campus to get them). At school, I worked about 20 hours/week at the on-campus UPS Store, but obviously I haven't been able to keep that job since I've been displaced back to my home in Lakewood Ranch. Thankfully, I have been blessed, and have been able to transfer stores, and still work enough to keep a little bit of income coming in to pay the bills. However, I realize many others are not as lucky. Each day, I have dozens and dozens of customers walk through the front doors of my store, telling me their stories of what they've had to go through due to coronavirus. Inability to pay rent. Not being able to meet together at church to worship. Not being allowed to see their loved ones, their own family members, in the hospital. Life has stopped. And every day, I cannot help but believe more and more: this has to stop. NOW. We MUST re-open Florida immediately. We must re-open AMERICA immediately. We MUST re-open the economy, and allow people to work again. We MUST allow churchgoers to attend their places of worship, and congregate as they wish. We MUST allow small business owners to reopen their establishments, and try to stay afloat. We MUST let people be FREE. It is times like these where we must not be short-sighted. It is times like these that we must think about our future viability, and not just our short-term peace of mind. We will never be rid of coronavirus completely, just like the flu, or pneumonia. But we will also never completely be rid of car accidents, school shootings, and drug addictions. Being apart of society inherently involves taking risks, and we as a society must rise up- even now- to get through this together. Yes, it
Orange	General	While I understand that not everyone has the ability to work from home and that an extensive amount of unemployed individuals have been experiencing difficulty getting through with their unemployment claims. I think it is important that the state takes into account the overall welfare of everyone who lives here as well as travel to and from the state. By prematurely opening back the state too soon their could be a dramatic influx in numbers. Thus I believe it would be safe to keep it closed until the numbers and hospitalizations is low. In addition, if the state opens up everyone should be tested to make sure they aren't asymptomatic and/or to see if they have the antibodies. Florida is a major tourist attraction so that should be kept in mind as well. I truly feel the result of businesses opening too soon could greatly impact the state in a negative way if there are still COVID-19 cases.
Broward	General	Re-open Florida immediately. As long as we have the hospital capacity and resources to deal with sick people, government needs to stay out of it and let everybody get back to their normal routines. Those who choose to remain "quarantined" may continue to do so on their own.

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Collier	Healthcare	Dear Governor DeSantis, I am a conservative Republican, a small business owner, and Florida resident since 1975. I do not believe government should interfere with personal matters - except in cases like this. We are Not Ready to reopen businesses and beaches. Yes tourism is an important part of our life here, but that is why we cannot compromise the Health, Safety, and Welfare of our own lives by being impatient. Please keep restrictions in place until adequate testing is available. Respectfully, Victor J Latavish, Architect.
Broward	Retail	Very simple- The Cure is worse than the Pandemic. Wife waited 3 weeks for unemployment check. I have taken a 20% pay cut and if things do not open soon I will be unemployed. Phase one should open ASAP!
Palm Beach	General	With a population of approx. 22 million, Florida really needs to ramp up the testing for the coronavirus so that the Governor and his staff can truly make an informed decision as to when and how to open the state. Hopefully, the Governor will follow a slow phased in approach and most important look to the example being sent by the State of Washington and NOT GA!! I would also hope and pray that our Governor will reach out to great scientists like Drs. Fauci and Birx, and keep politics out this process.
Sarasota	Recreation	It would be wonderful if state parks would open to residents of Florida. Very easy to social distance. Maybe just hiking, biking, boating. No shuttle or boat tours. No large gatherings. Each park could regulate as needed for their specific parks.
Pinellas	General	I strongly believe Florida needs more availability of testing, both rapid and antibody before opening up the economy. In my area, social distancing is not practiced well and cases are still far too high. We need to know who is sick and who is still at risk.
Hillsborough	Recreation	I'm concerned because my daughter does competitive dance, and they're still planning on holding a dance competition at the RP Funding center in Lakeland May 15-17 and another June 5-8. Last year 3/4 of the dance studio contracted the flu in April after a weekend competition at the same venue. Dancers travel from all over to attend these as well. I do not feel this is an essential service, and I'm concerned for those who feel it's not a big deal to attend. I'm also concerned with opening hotels and beaches. I fear people will travel down from up north to vacation and further spread it.
Miami-Dade	Recreation	Please reopen the beaches, or at least the water (like in Hawaii). The heat is arriving and buildings don't have access to pools. Kids and older folks need the sun for Vit D and to strengthen their immunity. Have police officers monitor social distancing in beaches. Sitting on sand and sunbathing should be still not allowed but access to the water and swimming is a relief. Please consider this option.

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Miami-Dade	General	Public health is my main concern. I do not support opening up before the recommendation of the CDC, WHO, and White House Task Force because I do not want to get sick or have the health of my family compromised. I have been under quarantine for six weeks now and followed all of the guidance of the experts. I've done my part and don't want it to have been in vain because of premature reopening. I also don't want there to be a resurgence in cases. I'm simply not comfortable with putting the economy before public health. Please be humane and put public health first so that we can save lives and have a rebuild a robust economy with more healthy people.
Miami-Dade	General	I believe that it should be up to the people. If you are willing and able then you should be able to return to work. Over a million people are without jobs and thousands still have not received stimulus checks or unemployment.
Orange	Government	I write in this portal today in the hope that the Reopen Florida task force will recommend the end to the stay-home order as soon as possible. At this moment there is absolutely zero empirical evidence that states with lockdown orders have fared better than states with no lockdown order. COVID-19 clearly disproportionately negatively impacts certain vulnerable people (elderly individuals and others with underlying medical conditions) when compared to younger healthier people. Therefore it is nonsensical to apply broad prohibitions in this state to everyone. Lockdowns only made sense to make sure that hospitals were not overrun by sick people but it never seemed as though Florida was at risk of this happening, thus making a stay-home order unnecessary. As many have said, the cure cannot be worse than the disease. Individuals and businesses need to be given the freedom to determine their own level of risk management. Entrepreneurs and small business owners in the state should not be subjected to this overly broad and economically damaging stay-home policy. Please recommend the end to the stay-home order for the health of the state of Florida.
Volusia	General	What is the trend per the president's guidelines? Have we trended down for 2 weeks to go to phase 1? I suggest we follow those guidelines explicitly.
Broward	Professional Services	Models have been wildly inaccurate. Data is showing virus is affecting elderly and people with pre-existing conditions. Let's concentrate on protecting these people and let everyone else go back to work. Our hospitals are currently underutilized and many elective surgeries should be allowed. Health care workers are being sent home due to low work load. Crazy! We are headed for a depression if we don't start opening up now. It will take years to recover. Let's get back to work!
Broward	Government	Do not reopen florida. My chins and husband are immune compromised. We need more testing and better data.

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Duval	Recreation	Please consider reopening the state parks for camping. It is very easy to do social distancing while getting out of your house and into the outdoors. Preregistration and prepay and your don't have yo interact with anyone. Thanks. No school remainder of the year, but be ready for August. No to fully opening beaches. Too many people right now. Bars? No. Restaurants? Not yet
Lake	General	Keep lock-down in place
Hillsborough	General	A slow and deliberate approach, taking necessary precautions would be most prudent in my opinion. My family business is suffering, but the risk versus the reward is not worth it. Social distance guidelines should be considered when reopening, and all efforts should be made to educate and enforce social distancing guidelines until such time as public health officials have declared the virus as contained, OR until a vaccine has been made widely available across citizens of Florida, all other states, and abroad.
Lee	Education	When schools reopen we need to be sure to try to curb the exposure to kids. At our current high schools were average 28-30 kids per class period for 8 periods. That is not only not conducive to learning, but it's a giant petri dish of germs. We've been asking for years for lower class sizes to help students achieve gains. Now, though, I think it's necessary to limit class sizes to 20 so there can be more space for kids and keep them healthy. These kids need in person classes but we have to ensure their health is at the forefront when they go back.
Broward	General	I believe that we should trust the epidemiologists and doctors and not the politicians when making the decision to open up businesses. It should not depend on the economy or the next election. The most important issue is how many people will die unnecessarily if we open up too soon. This is not fair to all of those people who have isolated themselves in the hope of not contracting this virus. For am historical reference regarding this issue refer to 1918 Pandemic in the city of Philadelphia which was hit by a second wave and the city leaders decided to open up the city anyway. Thousands of people died as a result. The deaths were so many that they had to buried in trenches. Barbara K Ringenberger, PhD

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Pinellas	General	Nope - not safe to open - cases and deaths are still on the rise and like most of the country - we are under tested, therefore, there are potentially many more cases than reported thus far - I work at a local museum here in St. Pete and considering we had anywhere from hundred to thousands of visitors a day right prior to shut down - visitors from all over the world - bus loads from China, Italy - you name it - I consider myself lucky to be alive and don't know if I have even been infected due to test restrictions and avilability - prior to close there was constant arguing with management regarding signage warning about the virus, cleanliness habits, etc - I and many in the staff had been coughed on, sneezed on, dealing with people touching products, licking their fingers to count out their money - handling money - which is probably one of the most germ infected things - Florida is a state and area that relies heavily on tourism - already too much risk within the community, let alone having visitors from all over the country and the entire world - not time to open until it is proven there will not be a second surge and proper testing for the virus and antibody are in place
Lee	Information	*Open restaurants - to start with half compacity indoor dinning for now then later full compacity - out door dinning full compacity right away *open retail - only let so many in at once as retailer that are now open are doing *open parks - mostly done with social distancing - let people be accountable for themselves *open beaches - with social distancing - let people be accountable for themselves *anything else - with social distancing - let people be accountable for themselves *Done - close schools until fall **We have been taught important info on the virus & how to protected ourselves well but now we need to get back to our lives and MAKE PEOPLE ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR ACTIONS. It has been explained very clearly how to protect ourselves
Seminole	Government	Please do not re-open anything. The state is barely starting to recover from the virus in the slighest ways and we cannog have it regress into a second wave.
Palm Beach	Recreation	According to the recommendations made by our governor today, outdoor activities should be opened, which should include golf. Courses are open air, not crowded, and the virus is killed by sunlight and humidity. Thanks for the opportunity to express my opinion on this important topic.
Putnam	Professional Services	Don't even consider reopening until Florida meets Phase 1 requirements.
Miami-Dade	General	I feel that as long as we still have more cases on a daily basis is to soon to lift ANY restriction. It will set us back for sure, after 15 days of consistent no new cases than is the right time to start lifting restrictions.

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Palm Beach	Government	To the Honorable Members of the Task Force Regarding: Government Over-reach and Violation of Constitutional Rights Upon writing to my Palm Beach County representatives I am very distressed to find out that the full board of elected commissioners have NO SAY over closures.I received a reply from Melissa McKinley of the PBC Commissioners office on 4/19/2020 stating, "during a declared emergency, the Mayor and County Administrator have sole discretion over closure decisions. Therefore, a Roll Call vote is not appropriate.". Therefore right now, in my County my elected representative has no voice and therefore I have no voice. This is a violation of my rights as a citizen. "No taxation without representation". Public amenities and even private amenities within my complex have been removed without a democratic process and without democratic recourse. One of my gravest concerns from the beginning of this crisis is the closure of churches and support groups. I have a constitutional right to freedom of assembly and freedom of religion and the loss of my support system has been exceptionally distressing. As far as I know, such closures are unprecedented in the history of this country! My mom recounted stories of a form of "social isolation" practiced during the Polio epidemic- but churches did not close, nor did schools for the most part. I feel far more threatened by the summary closure of my church and support groups and restrictions on my freedoms than I do by the virus despite being a boomer with a known risk factor. The closure of beaches, parks, and shared community pools is especially hard on those of us of modest means who live in densely populated landlocked condos or apartments. Public and community recreation areas constitute my "yard" and I use them daily for therapeutic and immunity enhancing exercise where I am in no contact with anyone else (boogie boarding, kayaking, swimming, water aerobics, walking). There is no valid scientific basis to prohibit the citizens of Palm Beach County from using our parks and beaches for essential
Orange	General	I don’t think we should re-open until cases consistently decline and rapid tests are readily available both COVID & antibody

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Broward	Education	Higher education should be looked at very critically, universities should remain online for at least fall 2020. Dormitories are a breeding ground for ominous outcomes with any communicable disease, let alone one with no vaccine like COVID 19.The large 600-700 lecture halls at for example the university of Florida,. Dorm rooms that students are extremely close in and they cram 30-40 kids in a very small room. You will have students , Professors, dying. The hospital systems in the university towns will be bombarded with. Very sick people. the residents other than students who live in the college towns like Gainsville, the nearby Villages . South Florida, Orlando. I love Florida. I believe we can be a. model for the whole world. Let's take the Florida state college systems very critically. There will be major lawsuits, if we bring classes on campus in the fall 2020, this cycles around stronger. The university's in Florida have done a great job transitioning to online.the dangers, fraternity,soriority life will bring to all the campuses. I have the greatest faith in our Governor to keep our wonderful university systems safe, until all can be vaccinated. Masks up in all locations where six feet apart is not feasible essential locations , grocery,medical office, house of worship , etc. Florida can be the model for the whole world. Thanks governor. I am a nurse practitioner and an educator. Contact me.
Okaloosa	General	Please don't re-open Florida right now. I think a lot of people are letting their guard down. I would wait until June 1st
Hernando	General	Please reopen the businesses In Florida now. Caution with the nursing homes is understandable as well as keeping schools out in May. Businesses need to reopen, people need to get back to work. I think keeping businesses closed past May is unnecessary and dangerous to the economy.
Seminole	Retail	I feel there needs to be a number of issues that are addressed before reopening. I'm in the fine jewelry business, there is a definite safety concern about masked customers entering the store. It is also a business where in the case of engagement ring shopping for example you have small groups together, you're passing items back and forth face to face. Then there is the issue of handling jewelry repairs and or cleaning client's jewelry which has to be closely examined beforehand. My husband is undergoing chemotherapy and I am terrified of bringing the virus home to him, These are concerns that have never been addressed just in my own industry but there will be overlaps In other businesses . Right now, there aren't enough gloves, masks or even toilet paper for goodness sakes to make available to employees much less clients walking in that don't have a mask. I feel there is also a need for training on how to safely resume business living in the COVID 19 era.
Broward	General	I believe we need A soft opening of restaurants, retail... with limited capacity we need to start having some sort of new reality ..
Miami-Dade	Professional Services	I think you should err on the side of caution. Better to be criticized for businesses going under than for causing unnecessary deaths as a result of opening up prematurely. Lives over money.
Lake	Food	I feel that we need to open restaurants and leave the social distancing up to the individuals. The servers can guide to tables. We have had very few cases in South Lake so the threat is minimal.

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Hernando	Healthcare	Re: COVID quarantine- I am 69 yo with pre existing conditions. I think the states should open up. Quarantine those of us in jeopardy (with assistance in safely meeting our needs) let the 25 million people that are currently unemployed go back to work.
Monroe	Tourism	I will admit I am hurting financially but I think it would be a mistake to let everything open up unless it is viable to test everyone for COVID-19! We still are only allowed testing if we have been in contact with someone who has it or show any symptoms ourselves. But as they've discovered in New York many people have contracted the virus and gotten over it without ever realizing they were even sick based on the antibodies in their system. Please do not re-open Florida based on the presidents wishes the man is a complete buffoon anyone who would publicly mention ingesting Lysol or bleach into our bodies is a raving lunatic and if you don't admit that now; your political career, governor DeSantis, will go down the drain just like Lysol!
Hillsborough	Accommodation	Good evening, We own a condo in St. Pete Beach that we occasionally use as a vacation rental. While we understand that shutting down the state was a necessary measures to reduce the spread of CoVid-19, we also have been seriously affected by not being able to rent our place due to the beach closing and other entertainment facilities that visitors love from St. Pete. In addition most of the restaurants and bars that makes the beach life in St. Pete so special and enjoyable are closed and people are out of jobs with families to feed. For this and other reasons, I agree with reopening the state in a cautionary manner. We need to jump start our economy again and as soon as possible. Thanks for this forum and for the opportunity to voice our thoughts. Very respectfully, Lillian Flinn, MS, MT (ASCP)
Brevard	General	I think that a mask requirement must be put into place first. No mask=no entry into a building. Next, businesses that can meet CDC sanitation and distancing guidelines should be allowed to open. No dine in restaurants yet because masks would have to be off. Those providing close contact services (dentists, hairdressers, etc.) should open if they choose to but should have stricter mask requirements for the employees . Daycares should be held to high standards of sanitation, number of children together, and monitoring temperatures several times a day. Thank you for asking for input!
Sarasota	Government	It is too early to open up the state as we were wtay to late in shutting it down. As you can see by the protests people will not adhere to wearing masks or keeping the 6' distance. Also there are a lot of stupid people who still think this is a hoax and could spread the virus to many.
Orange	General	Absolutely do not open Florida back up. I am an essential worker and this was a soft shut down which no one took seriously. DeSantis should be sued for his lack of leadership and the handling of this pandemic

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Orange	General	Hello, As a bride affected by this pandemic and my wedding having to be postponed, a lot of us want answers about if weddings and gatherings can take place. I know all of my vendors have adopted new sanitation practices to keep safe. No one has been addressing this industry and consequently many couples are losing thousands of dollars. I believe that as long as everyone takes proper measures and guests are instructed to wear masks then important life gatherings should be able to be held (weddings, funerals). I would just be really happy to see this aspect addressed. How many people would we be limited to? I know we just want some form of guidelines
Orange	Professional Services	To whom it may concern, I am writing with great concerns in regards to the possible reopening of spas at this time. As an aesthetician (facial specialist) I do not feel that it is safe to resume services that require direct person to person contact so soon. I would like to share some information on what our services entail so that it may be considered when discussing the reopening of businesses in our industry. Lumping services such as facials, massages, and eyelash extensions with hair services would be a HUGE mistake that will undoubtedly contribute to a spike of new cases. Some things to consider that you may or may not be aware of: - During a facial treatment, the FACE to FACE distance between the client and the aesthetician is only about 12-15 inches. That's it! Add steam and the germs we breath out between each other further spreads in the treatment room. - While the aesthetician can and should be wearing a mask, it is impossible for a client to wear a mask while receiving a facial service, which is performed with the aestheticians hands. - Facial and massage services typically consist of 60 minutes of direct person to person, skin to skin contact. - Medical aestheticians who work in medical spas and doctors offices usually wear gloves for the duration of the service, however MOST aestheticians who work in salon spas and chain spas do not. I have worked in this industry for 15 years. Colds, stomach flus, and viruses spread through these spa settings unbelievably fast. A client comes in, the aesthetician or massage therapist provides a service to them, the service provider gets sick, the other coworkers get sick, and we take it home to our children and families. Even with the best sanitation practices in place, this is a very common occurrence in our industry. From November 2019 to February 2020, for example, the spa I worked for was hit with three waves of sickness. It would be a huge mistake to overlook spa services as hotbeds for spreading COVID19 throughout our community.
Charlotte	General	All restaurants and stores completely open. .
Volusia	General	How do we get back to business ? The issues as I see it is there are the people that won't take this seriously. Give them a inch they 'll take a yard. The rest of us who do care will have to watch out for these crazies. So no matter what is decided we do have to start coming back to life . It will be a challenge. Each one of us has to do our part so that we all stay safe. With that being said we move slowly an responsible. We need to start moving forward now. GOOD LUCK I promise I'll do my part. 😉

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Santa Rosa	Government	Open up government offices so we can at least do registrations, etc.
St. Lucie	Retail	Retailers could be allowed “half” the maximum occupants set by Fire Marshall currently as a general allotment of patrons in the store as a temporary control measure. People counters at the entrances. YES!! REOPEN ALL BUSINESSES. ALL ARE ESSENTIAL TO SOMEONE. Everyone retains the choice to self quarantine as desired.
Brevard	Administrative	Please do not be foolish and greedy and make a decision for our state based off of money alone. As someone with small children and elderly parents who are at risk of dying from Covid-19, this is all very serious for me and my family. Please do not rush and force an opening before we should. We do not need tourists flooding back into the state bringing sickness and infecting our people. Please extend the stay-at-home orders, actually pay out unemployment, and keep our citizens safe and healthy until we know more about this threat and are less at risk. If you open now the blood of all those who die, or even the people who were left with permanent lung issues, will be on your hands. Show that you care. Extend the quarantine. Keep Florida healthy.
Miami-Dade	General	Sir, it is too early to reopen. I’m a disabled veteran with multiple autoimmune diseases. I don’t even see people adhering to the mask mandate. I don’t want to die from it. I think you should follow Univ of Washington model
Miami-Dade	General	I think it's to soon to reopen and risk what we've sacrificed for nothing. There are still alot of infected people that don't know they're infected that can possibly infect hundreds more and we're back at square one.
Duval	Education	I think the state should look to expertise of the medical community, follow the model of successful containment elsewhere in the world, and learn from historical pandemics such as the flu in 1918. Social gatherings resumed too early during that pandemic, leading to a second wave of infections that was deadlier than the first. You don't take off the parachute before you're on the ground, you don't drop the football before you're in the endzone, and you don't protect Floridians by resuming business-as-usual now. Keep us safe. Keep us at home, and help those citizens who need it.

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Brevard	General	While there are many people criticizing everything from both sides of the political aisle, I am not interested in doing that. What I am interested in is reinstating citizen's constitutional rights in Florida. It is time for our Elected officials to give Floridians the opportunity to make our own choices. Allow each individual to make the decisions that our best for us with the information that is provided to us. My doctor is capable of taking care of my medical conditions if I get sick. It is not the government's jobs. If a person feels threatened by the virus they have the right to stay at home but they do not have the right to infringe on my liberties because of their fear. The stay at home order needs to expire. All businesses that have a business license should be allowed to reopen. It is unfortunate that the children of this country have lost a half of a year of education. Parents trying to step in for teachers while teachers are getting full paychecks. Why didn't school get suspended as if it were summer time and then reopened after the 10 weeks? This shutting down of a nation was science at its worst trying to instill fear into the nation via the news and internet. In my county during this emergency Elected officials were not even in charge. An Emergency Planning Committee was in charge. So many things that are truly wrong have come out during this time. I pray that as our Governor you attempt to make sure in the future the the rights of Floridians can never be infringed upon again.
Pinellas	Healthcare	Do not open Florida until WIDESPREAD testing is completed, follow the models set forth by Univ of WA, go with science.
Lee	General	I am totally against opening Florida up in the month of May. I believe it is premature and could set us back. I am a small business owner and it is to my convenience to have everything open back up again but I think that it is wrong. It will put the elderly and vulnerable at risk, It is not worth it. You cant balance the economy against human life. Florida should take it slow, the economy will boom and everything will go back to normal. Please make the right choices, The wrong choice could cost us more lives. It is NOT worth it.
Hillsborough	General	I am comfortable to a certain degree with the opening the state. Whenever we do it, it will serve as an experiment, and the first steps are always the most difficult. What I am not comfortable with, however, is the opening of the state borders. Resuming the busy tourist economy is not in the best interest of the Florida taxpayers at this time. It may be interpreted as isolationist, but I think that we should take care of our people first. In that way we can keep a cap on the amount of spreading, and prevent the hot spot citizens from escaping their confines and bringing the virus here. We have our climate and level of activity in our favor for keeping a lid on this, but once the state borders are open, it becomes a free for all once again. In my most humble opinion. Respectfully submitted.

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Pinellas	Government	Re-open when it is safe for workers to go back. After the epidemiologists and infectious disease experts tell us we should, instead of listening to a man who suggests people should inject themselves with Lysol to avoid getting Covid-19. Re-open at a time where the maximum amount of lives have been protected, instead of at a time that will maximize the profits of those who don't need anymore money. Be on the right side of history, Governor DeSantis, instead among it's class clowns. Protect your people. Keep Florida closed, and I'd even suggest a more robust quarantine to help protect Florida citizens. Doing anything less will drag this crisis on longer than any of us woul like. Your Constituent, Christy M. Foust, Ph.D.
Palm Beach	Government	Too soon to re-open state. Especially since not enough testing has been done & our Governor and both US Senator's are idiots who only care about what the moron in the White House thinks.
Miami-Dade	General	I honestly believe that we should not be in a rush to open up the state. I understand that we have businesses and we have an economy that needs to be fulfilled, but we won't have anything fulfilled if all of our citizens are ill or dead. Beaches should not be open, restaurants should be open to deliveries but not in house dining, and lastly a curfew should remain until the bellcurve reaches its peak and hopefully flattens. We, Florida, have yet to reach our peak, there is no way she should even decide to lift the stay at home orders.
Broward	Recreation	City parks opening Barbershop
Orange	General	Please be careful in this decision as I have parents who are in their seventies and I myself who recently suffered a major health scare in November of last year. In my opinion, open slowly and in steps starting with the least dangerous areas such as open air spaces like parks and beaches allowing for extreme social distancing. Shy away from from places like gyms and barber shops which would be quite risky due to multiple people using the same machines in the case of gyms and extreme social contact in the case of a barber shop (not sure why Georgia does not realize this). I would rather we do this right the 1st time as opposed to rushing into things.
Palm Beach	General	The state should NOT OPEN up until we know for sure that most people have some antibody protection from COVID OR UNTIL THERE IS A VACCINE. You can't count on people to do the right thing (masks, social distancing, etc) and these reckless people could put me and my family at risk of getting sick. Health is more important than money. The government should provide funds for people who need to eat and pay their rent. Also, the government should provide healthcare for all during this time.
St. Johns	Professional Services	Public health first but was rejected without explanation for unemployment. Fix FL unemployment and let us quarantine while also paying bills!

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Broward	Professional Services	I feel right now is not the time to open Salons,nail salons, tattoo parlors and or barber shops. I work in a salon and as much as id like to get back to work I worry how we can social distance in these places. I realize lots of my coworkers feel we should go back but i feel we havent gone down enough in our cases to say we should open. I feel salons and such are smaller places (some are larger) but alot are small places. I feel the beauty industry should wait till June 1. I as a worker in this field feel another month will not make or break it. I think our case numbers need to go down for at least 14 days in a row before we make this decision. Please dont open for another month our state needs to be safe. Also i think nursing homes need a little longer to. My mom is in one and as much as i miss seeing her I dont want them open yet till we are safer and we have a proper plan in place for them. so please Mr. DeSantis give us another month and lets see. Thank you Erika Cooper
Osceola	Government	Reopen the state immediately, but continue to encourage limiting nonessential activity outside the home. Those that do not feel comfortable are more than welcome to stay home, wear masks, etc.
Duval	Government	Why are you listening to the president and not scientists and doctors and virologists by opening the state of Florida up sooner than u should? Lives will be sacrifice in the name of $ and economy How do you reconcile your "pro life / all life is sacred" with exchanging lives for dollars? Sadly, Mr DeSantis, you make me sick.
Hillsborough	General	We need to reopen the state. We waited in quarantine to give the healthcare system time to adapt and respond. That has been done. It is now time to reopen and let individuals have the freedom to protect their health themselves. Our rights should be protected and we should be trusted to act responsibly.

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Lee	Wholesale	I own an average size wholesale business. I have lost more than 70% of sales and had to lay off several employees. The socialized Care Act grant which has driven up the national debt only covers 8 weeks. We have well exceeded that by now in losses. The closing of the businesses is a Tyrannical move by the Governor. What gives him the right to decide what is essential and not essential. All business and facilities should be open. Those who are vulnerable are the only ones that should quarantine. That still should be by their choice only. This is called freedom. The state and governor are acting liking communist. Someone will always be a carrier of convid 19 just like the flu. This convid 19 has been here since November. It blew through the school system then and every house hold attached to it. Open Everything. You are destroying lives just to look good for the fake media. Of course big corporate and a lot of the rich don't care. They are and will capitalize on all the cheap properties for sale and all the non corporate business closed. If the convid 19 was as real as the government was making out to be everybody that works at the groceries stores, Home Depot, Lowes, Target and all the business that are allowed to be open would be infected and dying. Wake up and Open up. Health care workers should never been in charge of making economic decision they always side with fear. They are also one of the few industries getting paid besides government employees and their pensions. How many lives will you destroy of the healthy by keeping businesses closed??!! Why don't you put some real local not real estate business on your Task Force. I will gladly volunteer my time and be a voice for the true small business.
Duval	Government	Do not open the state yet. Give it another month and re assess the numbers
Brevard	Recreation	Hello and thank you for allowing me a place to comment and ask questions. I hope to get some very anticipated answers. I am interested in finding out if I will be able to host a special family event in Indialantic? I plan on having family there, if possible from Dade County, Broward County, Palm Beach County and Canada. Are there going to be any restrictions on Florida residents being able to travel to another county to attend a special family event? Are there guest size limits for private parties? How will these rules be implemented? The event is scheduled for June 2020. I hope to hear from you soon so that I can proceed with planning or rescheduling. But, if I need to reschedule, when will you allow us to host the familial event? Thank you for your attention to this delicate matter. I truly appreciate it.
Okaloosa	Healthcare	It is time to reopen our State. There is so much more data to support that over 99% of us our safe from this virus. Let us all go back to work before our economy is destroyed.

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Volusia	Government	We should not reopen. We have a high level of elderly and we shouldn't be on the news. Wait longer to reopen because as soon as we do, people will be coming from other open states and will bring more cases to Florida. Let us stay closed for another month. Don't put us at risk. Let us be the model state of what would have happened if you stay closed vs risking getting half of Florida sick and 10% or more dead. Just wait. There are potentially a lot of essential jobs. Make resources for people to find alternative jobs. People and companies are hiring. Make tax breaks for next year if companies of essential jobs hire now. Open Florida, force me to choose between health and being "forced" to return to work at our office, and I definitely will advocate against reelection of anyone responsible for opening Florida too. early.
Duval	Professional Services	Sir, First I want to thank you for all the incredible work you are all doing. I am the owner of a photography studio in Jacksonville. My background is in nursing as I was registered nurse, specialized in cardiology in my birth country, Switzerland. I worked for years with patients that had immunosuppression post cardiac transplantation. I am very used to risk of transmission of diseases. As non-essential service, my photography studio has been closed. However, I know that it is entirely possible to re-open following all the phase 1 recommendations of the government and being 100% safe for our employees and our clients. I saw today that you were interested in receiving feedback and ideas from Floridians so I decided to share what we decided to do. Please do not hesitate to reach back if you would like to discuss the protocole or anything. I am more than happy to help with anything you may need. Best regards, Severine Wider
Broward	Professional Services	I feel you should open with restrictions. Masks, distancing and clean protocols . These people need to work before they loose their businesses. It would also make us cooped up people feel more human if we could get our hair done. It's been way too long and I feel like I can wear my mask and use common sense in the real world.
Polk	General	I support keeping the state shut down longer to make sure it is done correctly and just once. I think having unemployment fixed will help a lot with this as people who are out of work will have income supplemented at this time.
Broward	Professional Services	As for restaurants, all staff and guests temps taken before entering building. Seating, seat every other table. Masks worn by staff at all times. Santize after each table has left before seating same table. Limited number of guest in space at a time based on seating capacity

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Palm Beach	General	I wish the governor was as concerned about the unemployed being able to get onto the state's unemployment assistance site. And why open when the number of Florida cases are rising daily?
Palm Beach	Government	Floridians are relying upon our government to assess the relevant factors and make careful decisions based on facts, and not based on politics. Given that the illness is widespread, and there appears to be insufficient testing and insufficient medical resources to deal with more sick people, it strikes me as imprudent to re-open. Government officials have access to the best available information, and Floridians need our government to make wise decisions using that information.
Seminole	Food	Bars should reopen as soon as anything else does. Most local bars have the same clientele day to day, not like Walmart stores that see 1000's of different people every day, why are bars being persecuted.
Pinellas	General	I think this virus has shown us that our system is untenable and our education system is sorely lacking. It is imperative that we follow the medical professionals' advice and see a consistent decline in cases before segments of society are re-opened. Anybody who can work from home should work from home. Restaurants should continue to only do take out until we have a vaccine available. Bars should remain closed, as should gyms and tattoo parlors. Vacation rentals and hotel rooms also need to stay closed until there is a vaccine. What we learned from the 1918 pandemic is that the desire to get back to normal comes with a heavy heavy price and that patience is what protects lives. Ron DeSantis has ruined his legacy and he will not be reelected. His handling has been horrible. Additionally if businesses want to re-open, it needs to be mandatory that they carry general liability insurance. And finally but most importantly, we can buy tests from South Korea or Germany and test every person in the state on a regular basis to keep the virus from spreading and that needs to happen.
Broward	General	I want to first say that since our state has more people around the world living here it creates many issues and problems because ever culture has its own ways of doing things.My biggest concern is a lot of people including Americans do whatever the hell they want at times and a lot of the times get away with things.(Ex.-social distancing and not wearing mask).Their is no respect for doing the right thing when deem necessary.Unless everyone goes by the guide lines there will be no ending this pandemic.This starts with the supposed Leaders of this country and the other countries around the world.DeSantis needs to listen to the CDC as to when the decision for the guidelines for when Florida needs to re-open our state.I honestly believe that the very rich and famous people in the world should all donate a certain % of their salaries to the health workers,first responders and doctors and nurses who every day are risking their lives to save other people.Also this money should go towards testing and finding a cure from the Covid-19 virus EVERY ONE BE SAFE AND MAY PRAYERS HELP US GET THROUGH THIS.

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Pinellas	General	REOPEN FLORIDA. The economy is devastated, people's lives destroyed and YOU are responsible. You did not ask citizens before you took away our rights and freedom; before shattering business confidence, violating contractual rights, wrecking tens of millions of lives, prohibiting freedom in association, trapped us in our homes, dictated where we could and couldn't go, or whom we could see. From testing failures to policy failures to flat out Covid modeling lies that change daily, to straight up brutalism in your shutdown antics, the reputation of your governance will not fare well. There will be blowback now or at the ballot box. There is fury against your lack of leadership, stalling tactics on reopening and horrific criminalization of freedom itself. I am so sorry I voted for you. This is torture you are putting us through. While you get paid and blather on about testing we fall into the abyss of total financial destruction. Do you care that for every covid death, more than 600 people lost their job? There are many studies showing it is not as bad as you claim. End this insanity now. Open all business. Quit moving the goalposts, of flattening the curve, hospital occupancy, testing, etc. It's obvious you are afraid to open or make any decision that might hurt you, but help us. There will be blowback against you, the pandemic is over, open the economy and end the torture. You will soon own this gigantic botch of policy and leadership.
Volusia	Healthcare	Please reopen all aspects of Healthcare FIRST ... and as soon as possible. We continue to suffer with conditions that require diagnostic testing and elective procedures that just continue to worsen. You asked us to stay home to flatten the curve. It has been flattened. We lived up to our part ... now start to reopen the economy of the state. It should not be delayed further. Also ... you look so dashing and well groomed on television. WHO IS CUTTING YOUR HAIR? No one is allowed to cut mine (and I fear that soon someone might mistake me for Bigfoot).
Franklin	Healthcare	As A retired nurse with a 47 yr career with 14 years of international nursing, Hawaii's Africa, Israel) no one knows this virus...and it may be a long time before we can understand how to treat it. What I can say as a professional, a virus is a virus until it isn't. ANd in one bat of an eye, it can rise up again and strike without warning. Please for the sake of our communities, do not open the borders....locals should be allowed more ease but to open for the sake of $ isn't the way. You can rebuild a business, but not a human being. ease into it and i don't mean tattoo parlors...not essential in my opinion. May the FOrce be with us!
Indian River	General	I feel that it is too soon to lift Florida's stay-home order. I feel the stay-home order should remain in place, until there is a COVID-19 vaccine. Thank you for allowing the general public the opportunity to comment.

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Citrus	General	Florida should abide by the President's criteria of falling rates of infection and deaths in a particular state prior to opening the economy. So far none of the states, such as Georgia and South Carolina, seem to be paying any attention to these criteria. They are chancers, taking risks with the citizen's health and merely hoping for no increase in infections, not relying on real science to substantiate and support their wishful thinking. Florida should not follow the example of these weak and ineffectual "leaders". If we have a resurgence of the rates of infection and deaths after "opening" the economy, I can guarantee you that the electorate will crucify you. And I am a registered Republican.
Hillsborough	Government	PLEASE We should not relax restrictions in place. The economy will come back, it always does. The dead people won't come back they never do....
Brevard	General	It's time to start opening businesses up. Limit the amount of people if you have to. I would like to be able to get a haircut and visit the Canaveral national Seashore. Season pass holders only on a trial basis to see if people can behave. Make salons appointment only. It can be done. We need to get stores open. I can only do so much online and I like to try things on. Thanks for listening.
Duval	General	I really believe we should wait until a treatment or cure is available. Losing family no matter how many recover is to much. Just because people arw complaining doesn't mean its ok to reopen. Saving lives is more important than getting haircuts and nails. I have a small business and I have learned to operate from home. I don't want anyone to give it to me no more then I qant to give it to someone else. I am asthmatic so I know how it feels to have poor lungs. Please don't open up too soon.
DeSoto	General	It's time. I feel we may have made a huge mistake by not allowing herd immunity from taking it's course, and we will see more waves of Covid 19. In the meantime, I am a 57 year old server who needs to get back to work. Fortunately, I have savings, (which is dwindling)but so many do not and I fear for my fellow Americans. The longer we stay locked down, the longer it will take to recover. We see the numbers, we see it is safe to venture out. BUT, for those who are so afraid, we need our leaders to calm them and give them reassurance and you can help make that happen by opening up the State. Thank you for all you have been doing.
Charlotte	General	Please don't open yet. I think It will only make things worse and un do all we have been doing.
Pasco	General	It is far too soon to re-open the state. The numbers are down because the shelter in is working. It needs additional time to continue to work. I understand people are struggling, unemployment is not easy. But what price are we paying to open the state again? Peoples lives. People will continue to die from this virus if we don't do all we possible can now. Florida needs to remain shut to curb the spread and hopefully stop an event worse resurgence.
Brevard	Real Estate	Open the economy

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Lee	General	Here are some important aspects from me. I am 38, a mother of 3 little children, and we own several small businesses. - opening the schools at least for graduation classes so children have a smoother transition and can find a conclusion - closing all schools leads to another sort of problem: people need to pay extra for daycare - where the children are exposed as well, and it is an additional burden, otherwise a lot of parents are in risk of losing their job / income or at least part of it. Not everyone can take their child(ten) with them. I have also seen a single mom working in subway with her 3 little kids playing in the restaurant. they are exposed, they expose others, not a good situation overall (no judging here, I take my 3 children to work with me at all) - In my opinion schools should open partially. Maybe for graduation classes. Maybe voluntary, so parents who have the possibility can leave their child at home can do so without any consequences. Students could be spread out, classes sized down, maybe masks... lots of options in my opinion. - small businesses suffer a lot, out of question. Some might never be able to recover. open all up would help tremendously As a conclusion, I would suggest to open everything up - and give a clear recommendation to elderly and people on risk to stay home. This would give everyone else a chance to survive, give their business where they probably invested all they had a chance to make it through the crisis, give people their lives back so they can make ends meet. Educate people to keep up protection and precaution and trust in their very own judgement what they can "risk" to do and what not.
Pinellas	General	There are many in business that are anxious to open, but many in the public are afraid of things moving too fast and too early. We all have a lot of faith in what Dr. Fauci and his staff are recommending for guidelines to use as far as numbers of cases and numbers being tested. If you do not follow these guidelines, people are going to be angry when cases go up if things move too quickly (and rightfully so!) In listening to friends and neighbors talk about how this has been handled at a state level, the majority of people we hear from are unhappy. There is not a lot of trust, especially when no one with medical background, training, and knowledge (not a CEO of a hospital!) is included on your opening committee - that is, unless you felt one was not needed because you will be following Dr. Fauci's guidelines. Transparency and frequent communication as well as taking questions from all reporters is also extremely important. Just as different counties vary as far as when they will be safe to start the reopening process, so are there differences in risks of a poor outcome from one segment of the population to the next. The elderly and others at risk, need to know that they still need to take vigorous precautions, and that the fact that restrictions are being eased does not mean that their risk of getting the virus is any less.

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Orange	General	It's not safe to open the state yet. The stay at home order needs to be put in place. The cases and earths in Florida are rising. If we reopen now, they will skyrocket up.
Orange	General	I do not think we should rush to reopen Florida and allow any progress made fighting the virus to go the opposite direction. I'm a huge Disney fan and passholder but crowd control would be too hard and letting people from other states come in I think is a bad idea overall. Especially when some carriers don't have symptoms. I myself have still been having to go to the office as an essential employee and staying home when not at work, wearing masks etc. again letting others back into Florida too soon is a bad idea in my opinion.
Charlotte	Food	Please find a responsible plan to open taverns and restaurants for physically distanced dining and seating. Make them submit a plan to comply with these requirements where their license is suspended for 1 month for each violation. Social media can be used as a tool to monitor this.
Lake	General	I am in favor of opening the state as soon as possible. American businesses have the right and freedom to attempt to earn money. We cannot pay our bills and support our families/pay for food/housing if we do not have income (and we have not received any support that we have applied for over a month ago). We should have the rights to open our businesses and those that do not want to or want to stay home have the freedom to do so. Thank you. God Bless America.
Polk	General	As one of Florida's seniors, I am concerned that the relaxing of the stay at home order will ramp up the cases of the virus. I would hope that hair salons or retail establishments that reopen will be required to have some form of distancing and precautions in place. I think that parks & beaches should reopen because there is the ability to easily social distance.
Miami-Dade	Healthcare	Dade County has the highest amount of positive cases in the State. Yet, we never truly enforced social distancing, people were not fined and aggressive measures were never taken to ensure that a full lockdown/closure took place. While I understand the financial impact to tourism and the economy, as a whole, I believe if we would have had a true lockdown from the start we would be coming out of this "curve." As a frontline healthcare worker, every single day putting my life at risk, we need to do something more. Opening up and expecting folks to social distance is unrealistic. The main people that will affected are the frontline workers who cannot go home to their families, who live under constant pressure and stress that they may infect their loved ones. Perhaps, the government should interview healthcare workers from the tri-county area before making a decision. Please don't say frontline workers are "Heros" but, then reopen everything without thinking of how those heros are going to be affected. It is mentally, physically and emotionally exhausting! In any event, thank you for all the work you are doing.
Polk	Healthcare	Please open Gyms, this will help with our mental health!
Marion	Government	If you reopen the state it should be mandatory to wear a mask over your face in stores and businesses.

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Palm Beach	General	Open beaches and parks as soon as possible with strict social distancing guidelines. Small business's need to open as soon as possible also with social distancing guidelines.
Hillsborough	Government	Dear Governor DeSantis Please start to safely open the state's economy back up. The COVID-19 case curve has been flattened. Unemployment is at an all time high. Now it's time to let people get back to work. Keep high risk facilities such as nursing homes restricted and safe while opening up lower risk entities such as parks, beaches, golf courses and outdoor malls, requiring social distancing. Bars, strip clubs. sport stadiums and theme parks should not be allowed to open yet. Face masks can be encouraged in stores and businesses that are indoors. Healthy people are ready to get back to work. Florida is unique in that we have warmer weather and more sunshine than much of the rest of the country. Outdoor heat and sunshine may reduce risk of transmission of the virus. Keeping folks cooped up in their houses with little recreation and no jobs is unhealthy. Besides job loss, people have other stresses and domestic violence as well as child abuse is increasing. Alcohol and marijuana sales/ use and substance abuse rates have gone up. Florida residents need to maintain good physical and mental health. Healthy people will be at lower risk of viral illness, including COVID 19. It's time to start moving forward carefully and thoughtfully. Continue to offer COVID testing for those who have symptoms. Cities and counties with fewer COVID cases should be allowed to decide on individualized reopening plans within state guidelines. Thank you for your leadership.
Pinellas	General	REOPEN FLORIDA. The economy is devastated, people's lives destroyed and YOU are responsible. You did not ask citizens before you took away our rights and freedom; before shattering business confidence, violating contractual rights, wrecking tens of millions of lives, prohibiting freedom in association, trapped us in our homes, dictated where we could and couldn't go, or whom we could see. From testing failures to policy failures to flat out Covid modeling lies that change daily, to straight up brutalism in your shutdown antics, the reputation of your governance will not fare well. There will be karma now or at the ballot box. There is fury against your lack of leadership, stalling tactics on reopening and horrific criminalization of freedom itself. I am so sorry I voted for you. This is torture you are putting us through. While you get paid and blather on about testing we fall into the abyss of total financial destruction. Do you care that for every covid death, more than 600 people lost their job? There are many studies showing it is not as bad as you claim. End this insanity now. Open all business. Quit moving the goalposts, of flattening the curve, hospital occupancy, testing, etc. It's obvious you are afraid to open or make any decision that might hurt you, but help us. There will be karma against you, the pandemic is over, open the economy and end the torture. You will soon own this gigantic botch of policy and leadership.
Polk	General	Until the government buildings are open for their regular public hours including tours and things like that the state shouldn’t re open. Don’t put us at risk until you are willing to take the risk too.

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Walton	Tourism	I am writing to ask you to please extend the Short Term Rental ban in Florida. I live in South Walton County, specifically the 30A neighborhood of Blue Mountain Beach. During a typical season, our area is a popular tourist destination and the current pandemic has not reduced interest in our area. During Spring Break, we were overwhelmed with families & college students who only wanted to enjoy the beaches. I can certainly relate, as the beaches are my favorite outside activity as well! However, during this national crisis, the only thing that has alleviated the stress on our local infrastructure, resources, grocery stores, etc. has been the short term rental ban you enacted earlier this month. I beg you to please extend the short term rental ban to ensure our area does not become a hot spot for the Coronavirus with thousands of visitors seeking to ease their stress & enjoy the beaches. With the beaches potentially re-opening on May 1st, lifting the short term rental ban is the quickest way to re-introduce thousands of families to our area. Schools are closed for the school year, families are stressed & going stir-crazy; what better way to release stress & tension than a trip to the beautiful beaches of Walton County!?! I understand we must begin re-opening our economy and helping families get back to work. However, re-opening beaches & short-term rentals on the same day, week or even month cannot be our answer. We need more time to ensure this virus is better contained or managed without the added worry & stress of thousands of temporary neighbors. I appreciate your time & consideration and look forward to a decision made in the best interest of citizen health & not focused on tourism.
Palm Beach	General	We have seen, thankfully, the doomsday predictions of Covid 19 be consistently wrong. We have endured 6 plus weeks of being in a lockdown while we watch the economy be decimated. At this point, there is no reason why hospitals and various healthcare facilities cannot resume elective procedures. There is no reason why beaches, golf courses, tennis courts and public parks cannot be opened. If scientists are correct in that COVID 19 does not thrive in sun and heat, then Floridians should be encouraged to remain outside as much as possible. If there are concerns about beach crowding, then limit access to local residents. There is no reason hotels, restaurants and so on cannot open with reasonable risk mitigation policies put in place. Florida needs to get back to work.
Broward	Retail	I work in retail sales and would love to return to work but only when it is safe. My mother is 85 years old and in frail health. I cannot risk her health just to see the economy attempt to restart. If we rush into this too soon there is a good chance all the gains made in controlling this pandemic will be lost. Please put our health and the health of our families over politics. Thank you.
Lee	General	Until we have widespread testing and antibody testing available, opening up the state again is foolish. We need to know who the silent carriers are before we let everyone commingle again. The economy is obviously important, so any future opening of any state needs to be done in a controlled, systematic and safe way. Currently, we have no standard protocols in place in fl, so I can only imagine the chaos at opening without strict rules.

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Clay	General	Open FL back up. We aren't a communist country. We have the right to work and conduct business. The government is putting families on the streets with no way to recover and they don't care! We know that you care about FL and its residents. Thank you and God Bless you.
Orange	Education	As a public educator, I feel we should not reopen schools until Health officials say is it safe to do so. I have an autoimmune disease and even though kids are less likely to get sick, it puts me and other teachers at high risk. What if one student gives it to another student who then brings it home to an elder family member? Digital learning can work for us (for even 1 year) until a vaccine comes available. Lets take the summer knowing we are going to be digital, and teachers and schools can work on resources over the summer to give us time to be ready for the Fall, when we know the virus will come back with full force. I'm a science teacher, I know these things. Thank you.
Seminole	General	Open the state now! We can not destroy our economy and hold people hostage any longer. We will be fine!!
Sarasota	Healthcare	Non essential medical procedures should continue to stay postponed.
Palm Beach	Government	Reopen asap but only if we know we're safe when we go out. How do we know we're safe when we go out?
Pasco	General	dont open the state to soon as there is no cure yet.dont do something in a hurry or say something stupid like injecting yourself with lysol or other disinfectants.is this guy for real.dont do like gov, in georgia and open non essential shops like tatoo parlor etc.why cant you government people do your job correctly???if you know who doesnt its going to be biden in 2020 as president.do your job and protect the public!
Pasco	Food	Dear Governor DeSantis, I am a resident of Pasco county and I have a business in Hillsborough county. It is time for Floridians to get back to work. Throughout the past weeks of COVID restrictions businesses deemed “essential” remained open. Floridians who patronized those businesses voluntarily engaged in social distancing, voluntarily followed CDC guidelines. With these businesses open, sometimes serving hundreds of people at a time, twelve hours a day, seven days a week, we have witnessed COVID numbers falling. The State of South Dakota never mandated a single business closed and are also seeing COVID numbers falling. Every business is essential when families are dependent upon that income for healthy and happy lives. I believe these facts prove that Floridians are responsible people, who love their neighbors, and will CHOOSE to do the right thing. But we need our elected representatives to do the right thing; we need our businesses open. We don’t want government handouts. We want to get back to work. We want our businesses open now, not later.
Broward	Healthcare	re-opening has begun too early and must be done very cautiously. Going though a second wave and a second social and economic shut down would be so much worse than a slow and methodical reopening.

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Osceola	General	DO NOT open Florida until we have mass testing showing a significant drop in positive cases. We cannot open if there hasn't been anything changed from when we closed. As soon as we open the virus will return. We need a treatment or vaccine, we need tests for everyone who goes back to work due to the fact many have no symptoms. We need tracing and following up on who contacted whom if there are positive results. Listen to the Scientific community... the virologists not the politicians. Life before money. Thank you!
Hillsborough	Retail	Reopening the state I believe is a mistake. It is too soon, and why start to open up when the numbers will only increase even more, and then we will end up being shut down again. It's frustrating that it seems our government doesn't care about its people.
Manatee	General	It is time to reopen the state. Individuals who wish to do so and feel in good health should be free to visit whatever business they choose. Likewise a business should be free to open. Business should be told they have the option of wearing unproven masks, and residents should have the option IF they feel it helps them. It is NOT appropriate to require it. It is fine to encourage social distancing but even the distance chosen is rather subjective versus scientific, so avoid as many RULES as possible. In other words, stop managing the freedom of residents and small business owners to choose their path. Every business should be free to open. Those that are uncomfortable and wish to remain home can do so. Thanks for returning us to a FREE America and a FREE Florida and ending the extreme quasi house arrest that is now in place due to closing almost all establishments. Some local limits have been absurd (such as curfews implying virus danger must go up if you are out after 11pm) or stopping people who appropriately social distanced from visiting beautiful outdoor beach's and taking in fresh outdoor air and sunshine, both of which are good for people's health. I appreciate one might have felt it necessary to over-react in the absence of good science but it is now time to move forward to a FREE America once again; let's start in Florida. Please don't remove the healthy individuals civil liberties again, it is suggestive of the beginning of a movement to a totalitarian state versus the free democracy we were meant to enjoy in this country after the hard fought efforts of our ancestors.
Seminole	General	Open Businesses
Palm Beach	General	We shouldn't reopen Florida anytime soon, we're basically putting the elderly (which is a large population of residents within our state) at a high risk just because someone wants to go to the movies. It's selfish and vain to try this when we don't even have the ability to test everyone within our own cities and counties and most people are being forced to wear masks just to enter many stores/establishments.

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Marion	Tourism	FLORIDA MUST BE OPENED FULLY BY MAY 15th, the original planned date in Florida. With this unprecedented shutdown, every aspect of life and commerce is suffering greater damage than the virus could have ever injected into Florida. #1. The spread and death numbers used to foment this action on the individuals of Florida were high by a factor of 10-1 or more. So much for experts. #2. This virus is a BIO-WEAPON created by man in Maryland, flawed in it's design, making it easily treated with the simplest of treatments. Initial ventilator treatment actually killed the infected. So much for experts. #3. Actions by States, Counties and Cities directly interfere with Interstate Commerce and are illegal. #4. Continuing this shutdown in light of the REAL facts will be considered criminal. SEE > https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gAtKnciEVB4 #5. A QUESTION - If Florida opens the State Parks and counties block access to individuals with CONTRACTS for use of those parks, will Florida order them to STOP?
Hillsborough	General	I feel that our governor is ridiculous and it may be the craziest and most ignorant thing to do like opening up Florida at this time when everyday we have more positive cases and more Floridians dying. Keep everything closed and enforce the stay at home more severely that's what you all need to be doing because who's going to suffer are people like my son and I that we have essential jobs .
Duval	Food	Hello Everyone, Thank you for giving us a voice your re-open plan. As a restaurant worker I am eager to return to work ASAP. However as you and your team go through scenarios and try to implement guidelines for re opening, i feel based on my experience that restaurants should not be considered to be re opened until after mothers day. Even with implementing guidelines, I don't think the public or a restaurant can adhere to them even if they tried. Social distancing would be impossible and the holiday would create long waits for restaurants that creates large groups. Thank You

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Alachua	General	My beautiful wife had a diagnosis of breast cancer and was scheduled for surgery until you shut off "elective" surgery. Many others are in a similar situation whether for cancer, severe pain or other important health issues. We now know from studies in Florida, New York, and California that the Covid 19 mortality rate is about the same as seasonal influenza. We also know that Covid 19 is not the "most contagious virus" ever. How long must we prevent people from getting needed critical medical care that will likely result in more deaths than this virus. This is for health issues. The devastating health and other personal deleterious effects of the economies destruction is probably worse. Please do not delay reopening Florida any further. I have a strong personal interest as well as one for Florida and the USA
Lake	Agriculture	Open up the state. Support agriculture. Open the state labs for business and TRAVEL so that they can do the certifications that farms require for business. Without them, we are completely shut down. Allow us to feed and care for our livestock since not having an income is not just detrimental to my family. Allow farmers to make a living. The stress is unbearable.
Polk	Healthcare	Please open gyms primarily the smaller businesses that can follow the mandates and still allow for people to workout and maintain a better mental and physical wellbeing.
Seminole	General	Please do not open anything until the curve is flattened. People will go Way over what is allowed bc they don't think they will get caught. It's going to set off many more cases.
Osceola	General	In regards to opening Florida...I would rater be poor and alive than have money and get sick and due to my age, possibly die. In regards to unemployment...I can't claim my weeks. Something needs to be done
Pinellas	General	Please do not open up the state too soon. Stay at home orders have prevented a mass infection and numbers are still going up. For the immune compromised and those at high risk, please do take those on consideration when making plans to open everything.
Pinellas	General	Open all businesses and ask each business to follow the CDC guidelines - most people will comply - no one wants to get sick nor do they want others to get sick. Allow people take personal responsibility. Offer antibody test ASAP - I believe you will find that many people have already been sick with this. Thanks!

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Hillsborough	General	No. We're not ready reopen. 1. Most shoppers don't social distance. It's very dangerous just to do weekly grocery shopping. 2. People running, biking, walking, etc. don't social distance. I've had to run in the bike lane or the street just to social distance from groups of people on the sidewalk. 3. Not everyone is wearing a mask. Those ,not wearing a mask, are putting everyone else in danger of getting COVID-19. 4. I've already seen beaches and playgrounds. However, there's not enough requirements for reopening. There has to be increased sanitation regulations for open places. There has to be mask, social distance, and group limit regulations. People are just going to go back to their self-serving lives and put the rest of us at risk for COVID-19. If unchecked, they're going to make it so the rest of us won't be able to go out because the majority aren't willing to be safe for all of us. 5. Not us you can make anything reopening safe for everyone. Safe from COVID-19 spreading.
Miami-Dade	Healthcare	Mandatory hand sanitizer use when entering and exiting public buildings / enclosed places. Required wearing of mask covering mouth and nose in public buildings /enclosed places. Support availability and distribution of necessary PPE and hand sanitizers. Support to encourage public health education. Support hospitals and primary care staffing levels and capacity. Process unemployment insurance and other temporary programs appropriately (not to be least or last in the nation), to help prevent crime. Continue reassessing and adapt plans as necessary to keep Florida healthy and strong.
Sarasota	Tourism	I work at a condominium complex that has weekly rentals. I feel it's too early to open up for short term rentals as guests will be flying from different states and will subject themselves to the virus during their travels. I highly recommend we don't open the state in that nature until June 1st - we have been getting this virus under control and opening too early will defeat the purpose
Orange	General	More Democrats should have been included on your task force including Mayors Demmings/Dyer and medical experts. After looking at pictures of people returning to the beaches, it's obvious that most are not social distancing. If you are going to wear a N 95 mask, at least learn how to wear it properly and responsibly, otherwise you have wasted a mask that could have gone to healthcare.I have to say,I am ashamed of your actions.
St. Lucie	General	IT IS TOO SOON TO START TO REOPEN THE STATE OF FL. I am a retired healthcare professional who has been a house hostage for the past 7 weeks. The State has not reached its peak yet. Opening too soon will be catastrophic! History does repeat itself - Flu of 1918. Stop trying to rush things and protect the citizens of FL! Don't let the pressure from "The King" sway what is the right thing to do. There is no contact tracing, something I have experience in. That is so important to do before this should even be considered. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions.
Pasco	General	Reopen all businesses, state parks, and recreation areas in Florida.

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Pinellas	General	REOPEN FLORIDA. The economy is devastated, people's lives destroyed and YOU are responsible. You did not ask citizens before you took away our rights and freedom; before shattering business confidence, violating contractual rights, wrecking tens of millions of lives, prohibiting freedom in association, trapped us in our homes, dictated where we could and couldn't go, or whom we could see. From testing failures to policy failures to flat out Covid modeling lies that change daily, to straight up brutalism in your shutdown antics, the reputation of your governance will not fare well. There will be karma now or at the ballot box. There is fury against your lack of leadership, stalling tactics on reopening and horrific criminalization of freedom itself. I am so sorry I voted for you. This is torture you are putting us through. While you get paid and blather on about testing we fall into the abyss of total financial destruction. Do you care that for every covid death, more than 600 people lost their job? There are many studies showing it is not as bad as you claim. End this insanity now. Open all business. Quit moving the goalposts, of flattening the curve, hospital occupancy, testing, etc. It's obvious you are afraid to open or make any decision that might hurt you, but help us. There will be karma against you, the pandemic is over, open the economy and end the torture. You will soon own this gigantic botch of policy and leadership.
Duval	Real Estate	Please reopen FL! At least re-open with guidelines and safe measures in place. We need to go back to work, make money, and continue to run our businesses. Thank you!
Pinellas	General	Please allow small businesses to open back up quickly. The sooner places can open up the sooner people can financially recover from this.
Palm Beach	General	Please do not open up the state yet. Cases are still increasing and people are scared. It will be worse to open too early and then have to close again. Wait until June.
Broward	General	Please reopen our state. I have two small kids, ages 2 and 5 who need to go to the playground and parks. They are at home everyday and it takes a toll on them and me. The sun is good for us and vitamin D boosts our immunity. We shouldn't be closing playgrounds and barricading them so kids can't play. It's horrible that the playground near my house was barricaded all around to prevent children from playing. I can't just take a walk because my 2 year old is special needs and runs off without stopping. A fenced playground is a necessity for me. Besides that, people are not working because of this shutdown and need to work. You can reopen slowly and still recommend social distancing and masks if you'd like. Please help the thousands of families that need this shutdown to end to get back to their normal lives.

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Miami-Dade	Government	I work for BROWARD County i have been working from home since 3/24 . At this time my husband is 5 weeks at home with no Pay he applied for unemployment thru the paper application he hasn't received any money nor the $1,200 . We are living with my salary and is tight but no complaints given the situation . My position about re opening the county is that until there's proof that the curve flattens . If we go out now the effort of these weeks will go nowhere . Masks we know are not safe especially the home made we will use . Maybe they are ok for a trip to the market but no for 8 hrs of work . The shortage of hand sanitizer , rubbing alcohol and bleach makes everything more difficult . I don't feel I could come back to work in safe way that won't end up with a massive contagion and the probable collapse of the health system. I understand that these are inmensurable hard times for many and most but health is a priority at all times . Do not te open we are not ready for it yet.
Okaloosa	Tourism	I believe it is important for the residents of Florida that we open the restaurants, beaches and other tourist attractions even if we have to limit occupancy to some facilities. The hotels were allowed to stay open while the vacation rental industry had to shut down. To me that just didn't make any since. In a vacation rental you have one or two families in the unit, where as with a hotel you may have 600 families in the building all using the same common areas and touching the same entry and exit door handles. This area runs on tourism and the vacation rental industry is a huge part of that. We need to get our people back to work in order to survive.
Clay	General	I've listened to and read a lot about Covid-19. I believe the actual death rate is on par with or less than the flu. I understand that the point of the quarantine was to flatten the curve and to protect our healthcare system from being overrun. In Jacksonville, we've done that. Nurses in other areas of medicine are actually being furloughed. It's important that the cure isn't more harmful than the disease. Those at high risk should take precautions but it's time to get back to work.
Leon	General	It shouldn't until medical professionals and not the people who line your pockets say it's time to open. This will only lead to us going through this repeatedly with more devestating outcomes to health and the economy. Fix the unemployment system and stop trying to shortcut and loophole an epidemic. History shows us that doesn't fair well. Don't be stupid and repeat history.
Nassau	Retail	This virus is a joke. We live on the Florida Ga border and hubby works in Florida he is an essential worker, but we see people hurting that need to get back to work. Open the state so we can spread out instead of everyone going to the same 3 businesses that are open. OPEN OPEN OPEN...EVERYTHING ALL THE WAY! Stop picking and choosing who can and cant, let the people decide.
Pinellas	General	Safety is first. There is many who feel that one life doesn't count if not immune. There must be a plan of action that can test all citizens and determine who and when they can return to normal life...if possible
Charlotte	Food	Open up the restaurants. I run a fast casual restaurant. There is no reason we can't keep people separated at appropriate lengths. The stay at home order should be removed for everyone except for high risk and 65 and older.

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Marion	Education	I am 53 year old Certified School Counselor working in Middle School setting in Marion County. I am fearful of returning to the school setting. The possibility of lifting the order scares me. Even though students would remain in distant learning setting but bringing adults into the work place does not guarantee that the virus in ones system. People who are older starts to weaken with their immune system. And is at a higher risk of getting sick. Every day the number of cases continues to rise. I don't feel comfortable returning to work for this school year. We have distant learning in place and of course it's not the most ideal setting but we have made it work. For me I have arranged my home Office to accommodate what I need to do as the School Counselor. I have access to my county's portal. I have downloaded zoom and other video system to conduct my individual interaction with students. I have joined meetings using zoom. So for me staying home for this school year works effectively. So please take that under consideration of the Employees having to return to their schools after May 1st. Again the numbers keep going up as people are being tested and found positive with the virus. I am hopeful that the task force will carry out the stay home order for us.
Hillsborough	General	You should wait to open Florida until the curve is truly flattened. It's just that simple. When opening, there should be significant social distancing required. There are to many a symptomatic people to open now. Wait until 1 June.
Orange	Education	Open all construction- allow us to bid and start new jobs. Open elective surgeries and dr offices. Open retail stores, gyms, and restaurants but put a limit on number of customers at a time. Open hair salons, massage and tattoo parlors - require masks.
Pinellas	General	Florida should remain closed until the numbers are on a 80% decline. Keep Disney closed for sure. Too many tourist and no way to keep social distancing
Osceola	Accommodation	The second wave of Spanish Influenza was worse than the first. Learn from history- please don't be too hasty.
Hillsborough	Healthcare	Let spas, salons, other allied healthcare to open and have professionals wear a mask and continue with hand washing. If my provider is wearing a mask, we should all be fine. Stop perpetuating fear based on social media panic that isn't supported by research.
Lee	Healthcare	Until we have a plan established to do more testing on everyone not just those with symptoms we should not stop the quarantine. We need to know when we stand before we can go forward.
Marion	General	If you reopen the state no one is going to follow the guidlines and we are all going to end up like New York. There are too many people in laundromats right now, not social distancing. Not to mention the older community that lives here. What are you trying to kill them?
Lee	Government	Reopen Florida let's get back to work. Those that want to remain home may do so if they so choose. Require face mask in the workplace. We applied for unemployment beginning of March and have yet to receive any notification let alone a check. We cannot continue without income to support our families. Once this is over unemployment needs a major overhaul.

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Sarasota	General	Outdoor spaces, like beaches and state parks should be open. These are outdoors and easy spaces to practice social distancing. People know how to stay healthy and keep their distance. Sitting on the beach should be allowed, as long as people are not sitting on top of each other or in large groups. I don't think there should be restrictions other than that, people know what they need to do. We need to get out and breathe in fresh air from nature and the beach before we all go insane. Also I think gyms should be opened as well. We use cleaners before and after using each machine and group classes are usually pretty easy to distance yourself, they could always put a limit on the size of the group according to the space available. We need to stay healthy. Restaurants, retail and other businesses should also be open with best practices in mind. It is time to open things back up so people can get back to work and we can get on with our lives. Also I think summer camps should be allowed to open for children, they have been couped up too long and since it is something optional parents can choose whether they want to send their child or not. I worry about the homes where there is already domestic violence and now the parents are not working and the kids are home full time, I don't think this can be good for those families. We are all very capable of taking care of ourselves, we can all take responsibility for our health and take the necessary precautions.
Pinellas	Healthcare	I don't believe Florida should be opening up for business as usual until no one in FL is dying of the Corvid-19 Virus. Numbers of cases and deaths are going down because we are all staying home and protecting ourselves with masks and gloves along with washing hands, sanitizing our shoes, the home and our vehicles. Letting large groups gather are just going to cause more harm. Until there is a viable vaccine that won't cause more harm the status quo should remain, "Stay at home." And, all essential workers on the front-lines should have adequate protection available at all times including hazard pay.
Pasco	Recreation	Please consider re-opening the parks and playgrounds. With new evidenced based decisions regarding fresh air and natural UV radiation killing the virus, re-opening these activities will be beneficial to the children already battling obesity before the pandemic started. Opening extra activities including zoos and aquariums with capacity and Max allowable ticketing for proper social distancing will allow our children to continue learning in natural environments.

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Palm Beach	Healthcare	I applaud Governor DeSantis for the fantastic job he has done in handling C-19. His data driven approach with an empathetic focus on the people is a fine balance. His immediate reactions with regards to providing laptops to students, installing new testing sites and being on the front of data has been truly impressive. I arrived in Florida on 3/1 planning to spend a lot of time diving the beautiful Blue Heron Bridge as an avid underwater photographer. Unfortunately we only got 2 dives in before we decided to self isolate. We are in Jupiter which is the northernmost point of Palm Beach County and of course the beaches were shut down in late March which was a smart decision due to the situation with kids out of school, adjusting to life in this new world, amount of vacationers, concern regarding the transmissibility of C-19, hospital capacity, etc. I have greatly appreciated Governor DeSantis' emphasis on the need for outdoor activities while maintaining social distance and his focus on mental health of Floridians. I encourage the Governor to re-open the beaches in Palm Beach County with limited operating hours and emphasis on healthy exercise vs sun bathing which has been done successfully in Jacksonville and other areas of the state. Of note, Blue Heron Bridge in Riviera Beach is a national treasure and I hope the Governor considers the tide tables and allows exceptions for scuba diving at this pristine location by allowing scuba divers to dive at that location since it may not be within the normal time parameters as you can only dive close to high tide levels. Diving is a very safe recreational activity with divers utilizing their own compressed air. Thanks again for Governor DeSantis' impressive approach to handling Florida during this worldwide crisis which has been recognized throughout the country especially with regards to his handling of educational need, data and pre planning to insure the state was in a proper position prior to the start of this pandemic. Sincerely, Deborah Garber
Miami-Dade	Education	With 20+ years as a school Principal, you are doing the right thing by keeping the physical plants closed. If it rolls into next year, you are going to get criticism about the quality of the material currently being used. I suggest you try to get ahead of the curve on that. Get some good teachers together and have them critique and modify the material that is either dated or incorrect.
Pinellas	General	Do not open state before everyone is required to wear mask and social distance. I was in the grocery store the other day. 1/2 of the people did not have a mask on. This needs to be a minimum $500 penalty and enforced for not wearing mask in public. Public places should be off limits to those without a mask. Lame governor needs to quit mimicking Trump...both need to be replaced as they do not care about the people they serve.
Palm Beach	Recreation	Fishing....single person fishing on the beach.... in the SUNLIGHT which kills the virus. WHY can't this be done to make my mental health complete?

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Santa Rosa	General	Based on the results of the anti-body tests from LA County, New York, and Santa Clara, it is a a proven fact that the mortality rate is 0.21% in the US. Based on that number, how do you justify keeping businesses locked down or closed? How do you justify keeping hundreds of thousands unemployed in Florida? Ruining their lives, their family lives, the lives of business owners, all over a virus that has the same mortality rate of the common flu? How can you ration the thought of keeping restrictions in place, now that we're beyond "the peak" when the original reason given to the state from the governor, was to suppress the peak to prevent a rush on our medical services? The restrictions were never meant to remain in place until the threat of the virus is over, and that is directly from the governor. Why has our state government moved the goal posts on lifting the restrictions? Keep those most at risk quarantined and let the people decide what's best for them. Last question, what will the final cost be, in lives and money, in keeping our economy closed? I am not talking about the virus. I am talking about homelessness, dysentery, drug overdoses, suicides, children being removed from their parents because the parents cannot feed/clothe/house them, evictions, car repossessions, and etc ad nausim.
Citrus	General	I am a hair stylist and I am self employed. I have yet to see any income with unemployment and I haven't received my stimulus check, it is a hard time but with all these factors I still think florida is not ready to open up. I am so nervous to go back to work and to be in a small room with not a lot air circulation, I can not practice 6 feet distancing with my clients. I am practically on top of people while I am doing their hair. When you go to the store the cashiers are behind plexy glass, you have to stand behind tape that's marked every 6 feet, and with my type of work I can not do any of that. If you left the ban too soon then we can get hit with an even bigger second wave. My town is a retirement town, a lot of senior citizens will not want to stay home and they will still come get their hair done, even if they can be in danger. Please take beauty salons, tattoo shops, medical spas, anything that isn't essential but businesses that work directly with the public, into consideration with reopening. Thank you, Lauren

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Leon	Professional Services	Hello, I am a salon owner with 10 employees. I am also a hairstylist. I am very torn on the timeline of when we should go back. I know a lot of people are suffering but I also know how very close we are with our clients. We touch them throughout their entire service. A lot of women are in our chair for over three hours. Our faces also have to be very close at all times. We cannot work from a distance. I am an educator for masters of balayage. I travel throughout the country and have met hundreds of hairstylists. Our industry is completely torn. I know a lot of stylists in Georgia are choosing not to go back even though their state has opened. This poses another problem. If some open and some remain closed , does the salon that remains closed risk losing their clients? Of course they do. This forces stylists to work even when they feel it's not safe. I feel like now is not the time to be so close to people. I have had hundreds of people calling and texting my salon to get in as soon as we open. This scares me. If we open, they will come. People will not choose to not get their haircut. They will not stay home. I really hope unemployment can get resolved so that people do not feel the need to return to work so quickly. I have continued to pay my stylist from my savings. I now have the PPP which will hopefully help. I pray that you take our industry into consideration when thinking of opening the state.
Orange	General	BIG CONCERNS FOR ME: 1) Why aren't Orange County and Orlando represented on the task force? 2) Why aren't virologists on the task force? I think when you actually test ALL OF US, you'll know when to open. If you're not going to test all of us: 1) Every employee in every business needs a temperature check 3 times a day. (Before shift, during shift, after shift.) High temps at any point mean you go home and don't come back until you're normal. 2) Every employee in every business wears a mask. 3) Every person going into a business wears a mask. AND KEEP THE FREAKING IDIOTS OFF THE BEACHES! What the heck is wrong with you people? Keeping us home has kept most of the epidemic away. Why the rush for all of us to get sick? AND.....I've been trying to send this since about 5 pm: "We are experiencing higher than usual traffic. Please try submitting this form again. If the problem continues we recommend submitting again later, or contacting the owner of this form for assistance." THE STATE OF FLORIDA IS A JOKE. Makes me so proud to live here.

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Hillsborough	Healthcare	Due to the Governor's lack of safety initially in regards to closing the State due to "his" feelings for the less affected counties, I have no need for a weak, opinion in critical conditions, thus now at this time he needs to show strength, leadership, and value for "ALL" citizens in the state!!!! DO NOT REOPEN THIS STATE until the spread of this critical infection has stopped, a cure found, or positive proof can be assured. Based on all the negatives the Florida citizens are facing due to state inability's, I urge you to rethink this matter, be sure your decision is right. As with unemployment failures..... we ALL must stand accountable! Thank you.....Tony E.
Leon	Information	Reopening too soon would be the worst thing. Too soon the numbers are not good and keep going up. Lives are important. Money is the root of all evil. Fillowing the guidelines should be about June before we can open SMARTLY. Yes our economy is suffering. I know. But ask yourself whoever you love most in your life. Is it worth the. Life of that person for you??? Safety first has always been the way things were in EVERY job . Why is it a question now? Follow the medical professional's guidelines. PLEASE
Brevard	Information	I think we should start opening Florida in stages. Encourage people to be considerate and take responsibility for self and families. Encourage situations for outdoor use (restaurants, exercise, beaches, etc.)
Orange	Information	Please do not open the State up until May 15th on a LIMITED basis, and perferrably June 1st. We need to get the numbers WAY down so we don't have a strong second wave that shuts down the state AGAIN. My worry is a second wave, and a second shutdown. That will so WAY more damage to our economy that just slightly prolonging this first shutdown. We can't afford two shutdowns! Please delay opening the State back up until the COVID-19 numbers are MUCH lower.
Broward	General	I am unsure how long anyone thinks we can run and hide from Covid 19 or any other disease. We need to treat people like they understand what is going on and can act in accordingly. If not, everyone should understand understand the risk they are taking. People can only last so long without a means of income. The government can't support everyone indefinitely.
Hillsborough	Professional Services	Florida is not ready to reopen. The pandemic is not gone. Our numbers are still increasing. People over money.
Polk	General	Florida is not testing enough people at this point to know who has COVID-19 and who does not. Reopening the state at this time is dangerous and irresponsible. I support a significant increase in testing, providing needed PPE and other necessary equipment to our nurses, doctors and hospitals, and fixing the unemployment website. I don't support reopening Florida at this time.

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Broward	General	It is past time to re open. This has been a political debacle from the beginning. The "medical experts" are constantly moving the goal posts. First it was flattening the curve. Now its more testing. To shut down an entire economy for a death rate under 1% is ridiculous. It is going to take time for people to feel safe to patronize anything again so it does not matter how long you wait. People need to begin the process of accepting that life must go on. It will never be "safe" per the medical experts. Mr. Governor, it is time.
Palm Beach	Recreation	Open the parks, Golf Courses and out door swimming pools
Broward	General	I believe it's too soon to start reopening public places it's too soon to end the shelter at home act it's too soon for anyone to recreate in public areas even if social distancing is being followed
Hillsborough	General	Please make a decision. People and businesses need guidance and a date that they will be able to get back to work. We are all hanging in limbo waiting to see if the Governor will start phased openings May 1st. Just some movement in a positive direction will help people have hope. I encourage our Hillsboro County leaders to let the county start phased openings on May 1st.
Orange	General	1) balance the interest of public health with the general welfare of all of the people in the state of Florida. 2) insure that healthcare workers and care givers have the necessary protective gear and equipment needed to do their jobs. 3) make sure thAt everyone is aware of the highly infectionious nature of Covid-19 and do not allow undue exposure to the disease to businesses and customers during this time.
Lee	Healthcare	I feel it is too early to open our state of Florida. I'm a Registered nurse in Lee County. We are currently in our peak and it will keep going. I am so annoyed regarding lack of testing in oir area. We do have Page field but we need more resources available in our communities. Also national guard has not sent to help with testing. Please add testing locations including walk ups, low cost for east Ft Myers near downtown, also near MLK/I75 , South Ft. Myers and of our Nursing homes. Lee county has the highest number of cases and rising. Also a huge elderly population from Sarasota down to Naples. I feel our area is neglected
Okeechobee	General	You should open up the state. People can make their own decisions as to whether or not they want to go out. What's essential to some isn't the same for others. Just like what's non essential to some isn't to those who are making a living in those businesses.

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Pinellas	General	REOPEN FLORIDA. The economy is devastated, people's lives destroyed and YOU are responsible. You did not ask citizens before you took away our rights and freedom; before shattering business confidence, violating contractual rights, wrecking tens of millions of lives, prohibiting freedom in association, trapped us in our homes, dictated where we could and couldn't go, or whom we could see. From testing failures to policy failures to flat out Covid modeling lies that change daily, to straight up brutalism in your shutdown antics, the reputation of your governance will not fare well. There will be karma now or at the ballot box. There is fury against your lack of leadership, stalling tactics on reopening and horrific criminalization of freedom itself. I am so sorry I voted for you. This is torture you are putting us through. While you get paid and blather on about testing we fall into the abyss of total financial destruction. Do you care that for every covid death, more than 600 people lost their job? There are many studies showing it is not as bad as you claim. End this insanity now. Open all business. Quit moving the goalposts, of flattening the curve, hospital occupancy, testing, etc. It's obvious you are afraid to open or make any decision that might hurt you, but help us. There will be karma against you, the pandemic is over, open the economy and end the torture. You will soon own this gigantic botch of policy and leadership.
Citrus	Healthcare	My area has not been hit by corona virus, my hospitals are empty, I am a home health care RN, my hours are being cut, due to no business, wrong to shut down areas not affected.
Polk	General	Honestly, you shouldn't need to ask anyone but the scientists and medical professionals what is the best course of action. It doesn't matter what any of us think because WE AREN'T THE EXPERTS! To answer your question though, I work at a theme park in retail. Keep as much shut down for as long as needed medically to keep as many people as possible safe. It doesn't matter how good the economy might be if no one is left to buy anything!
Brevard	General	Thank you for all you are doing. I would not like to be in your shoes right now. Tough times and tough decisions. My family's health and safety is the most important thing to me. We have been home since the onset of the virus and only done online shopping . We will continue this practice until we feel it is safe to venture out. Since the virus is spread mostly from the hands to face, my very basic theory is until you can ensure that every home can purchase ample hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes we are no way ready to think about opening up anything at all. Neither of these I have been able to purchase since the onset. I certainly will not be sending my children out without ensuring they have these basic necessities. Obviously there are more important issues at play such as testing , PPE supplies ect. But if the basic things like hand sanitizer are not available , surely that is enough of an indicator that we are nowhere nearly ready to think of opening our State or county.

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Orange	Professional Services	I work for a small hair salon, that also does facials and massage. We feel that we could safely protect our customers and employees by limiting the number of clients in each service area to one at a time, by scheduling time in-between each customer, along with making sure no one is sitting in the waiting area or that there are only 1 or 2 waiting, with ample space between each person. Also, we are willing to provide masks to each person who walks in, along with hand sanitizer and gloves. We would make sure to sanitize thoroughly in between each client, and every employee would be required to wear masks and gloves. We would also give clients the option of not coming in if they do not feel that our efforts are sufficient. We are all adults and if someone is not comfortable coming in, they have the option of staying home or finding another provider. If they are ill in any way, we would also suggest that they not come in for services. Everyone needs to work together, but the most important thing is GET US WORKING AGAIN ASAP. thank you
Brevard	General	The state needs to open slowly, and at the direction of medical experts and the CDC. We need to strengthen the safety net for furloughed and at risk individuals with government programs so they are not desperate to risk their lives and open. We need to significantly expand testing for the virus and antibodies, and extend that testing to anyone, not just specific criteria. Testing should be free, readily available and easy to administer with quick results or it is an ineffective measure. We can not open the state for business until we are adequately testing.
St. Johns	Healthcare	I want FL open NOW..... with continued recommendation of wearing face masks where possible and continued social distancing where possible. Start with counties or regions where the #'s are the best and do a staggered opening. Give citizens their rights back and save these businesses and jobs. It's time to start elective surgeries and procedures. Not happy about bailing out hospitals when they need the revenue! Continue to keep nursing homes quarantined longer, perhaps till there are better medications or a vaccine. Stop the cycle of fear that is rampant, and be BOLD and act with FAITH - We want a Leader willing to step out and LEAD the masses, not double minded looking at public opinion polls! People giving opinions should have to give a disclaimer if they are working from home or are retired with a good pension because they are the ones with the loudest voice screaming 'Stay home till there is a vaccine"..... There are no guarantees in life - God numbers our days, so let's save our economy!

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Sarasota	Healthcare	1. What members on this task force have medical backgrounds esp in public health field or epidemiology? 2. What will you do to insure the curve does not increase as people (hopefully follow, but we know that will not be 100 percent) policies and mandated practices? 3. Will FL have sufficient supplies on hand to provide care and safety measures? 4. What criteria will be preset to measure success versus failure? 5.Will this criteria be pre-publicized to citizens?
Broward	General	I think that much of Florida can be opened up by May 1st or 8th, allowing businesses to start up, as long as people still wear masks and social distancing is practiced. Maybe limit the occupancy like stores are doing in Broward. It would be a little tricky for restaurants since you can't eat with a mask, but if restaurants are limited to only allowed 30% occupancy, and people are spaced out, with only same household/families sitting together, that should work. And hair salons and nail salons could open too, with lots of hand washing and masks, and spacing people. Also most importantly, people that are at risk (seniors, ill, weak immune systems) need to stay home, even when the State opens up. But tourism needs to hold off a little while, maybe until late May. Tourists have a way of forgetting about personal spacing. But for Broward, Miami-Dade and Palm Beach, it needs to be slower since this area is still a hotspot. I think this area needs more time since numbers are still going up. Maybe wait until May 15 especially if numbers are going down. At risk people definitely should stay home, but maybe start opening some retail stores and restaurants around May 15. It is VERY important to be able to get the antibody testing going. When people know that they have already had Covid-19 and have the antibodies, then they will be more comfortable going out, and it could show that the death rate is really MUCH lower than thought. I would like to know if I actually had Covid-19 in early March when I was sick and had fever and cough but was told it was just the flu.
Pinellas	General	We need to increase testing throughout the state before we open up the state. That should include more antibody testing.

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Martin	Professional Services	I'm a salon owner. I do not believe we should be in the first phase of reopening. We have very close contact with all clients. The majority of the clientele is 65 or older, especially in Martin County. We border one of the heaviest positive counties. We can not do anyone's hair 6 feet away from them. Gloves are suitable for some services but not all. We are hurting financially but humanity, health, and safety are more important. I'm fearful of liabilities. I'm fearful that because the Florida's unemployment system is not working effectively and efficiently, people will have no choice but to go back to work so they can provide for their families. But at what expense? Am I risking my life? My families lives? My clients lives? Is it worth it? Trust me my grey is showing too! I desperately need a haircut! But can you live with yourself knowing you are risking lives for what?..... a trim? A root touch up? Please consider holding off allowing the opening of salons until a second or third phase. Please do not sacrifice health for vanity!
Osceola	Food	We can imitate know how from California, in order to provide foods for seniors and sick , the Florida State can make contracts with all restaurants to prepare and to make delivery of the foods and drinks . So we can make guidelines to keep safe everybody .
Brevard	Healthcare	I do not feel that it is in the best Interest of the public to open dental offices In two weeks. Not only do most clinicians not have the appropriate PPE, but most of it is on backorder for months. We will be putting the general public at risk, not only because of aerosols released during procedures but also droplets, and interactions between people that are more than just not socially distancing. We aren't even 100% sure how well our disinfectants work on this virus, and it will be suspended in the air if someone is sick. There is still so much unknown. It would be worse to open and then deal with a second wave because we opened too soon. Thank you for your time.
Hillsborough	Food	While I work in foodservice in Tampa and would love to see more business come through so that my staff and I can receive higher tips, seeing as Florida has been a hotbed for new cases and is generally of higher risk due to its older population, I don't think Florida should be opening sooner than other states. It feels that most people arguing for the reopening of the state either seek to profit off of it, simply want nonessential goods and services to be available again, or think their rights are being infringed upon (which they are not - people are confusing emergency measures with total martial law).

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Broward	Real Estate	The reopening must be done with care. As business really need to reopen soon before they collapse under financial strain. If Covid-19 re-populates and businesses have to close back down a second time, many would never make it and could be the death of many small as well as big business. We need to get this right the first time out. A clear plan on social distancing must be in place. PPE and set rules for office; industrial; retail and restaurants. Each business would submit a written plan well ahead of a reopening on how they would meet these rules and would be inspected by an approved person from the City, County, or State person to confirm their plan would work and/or to recommend or require changes or additions. The inspection process will be difficult to meet demand. This might be addressed by addressing the more in demand locations first or if possible think outside the box on who will be trained to inspect. After all, they are just confirming the business is able to accomplish their Covid-19 plan for sanitization and social distancing. If a business is able to maintain a strict enough social distancing and frequent disinfecting, there may be the possibility to remain open under limited conditions should a 2nd closure be required. Some ways to maintain control under re-opening conditions might be: Perhaps restaurants could only seat reservations for the 1st month or so. Have solid surface dividers between tables that are not able to be 6 feet apart. For retail, limited customers within their store. Office users would need to address distance between staff; close break rooms; conference rooms and other places that would not qualify for social distance Industrial / Warehouse would follow similar restrictions to office. I have spoken to a few businesses on the re-opening.They have noted concern that the financial strength will not be there right away and may want to hold back on opening. A study of this should be in advance of the re-opening to let businesses understand that their sales may not be in line with their expectations. Some may choose to hold back further limiting the re-opening process.
Pinellas	General	Keep social distancing - open slow and steady - beaches, small businesses, restaurants at half capacity - end the safer at home except for those with under lying issues. Praying for you who need to decide This. I know it's a difficult decision- however we need to be accountable to our own well being and allow business to get back up and running. Thank you
Miami-Dade	Healthcare	Please use an abundance of caution in decisions on reopening businesses and schools and parks. Miami is poised to be the "next NYC" and given our high proportion of senior citizens, it would be reckless and potentially lethal to put business interests above human lives. And voters will remember....
Volusia	Recreation	I would like to see the state parks open with a limited number of entries per day. I also believe it is important to supply fresh water hand washing stations or anti bacterial gel. Perhaps rangers could lead informational sessions on the best practices for state parks.
Pasco	Healthcare	I think the state needs to be closed until the cases are way down. The present number that is increasing every day is unacceptable. The governor needs to take this seriously and actually issue the shelter in place for 2 weeks. I f he truly wants to flatten the curve, this MUST happen.

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Martin	Education	I work for the school system in Martin County. I am an extended day person and will be working the summer program there. When will the schools reopen so that I can go back to work?
Okaloosa	Healthcare	It is time to let everyone in our state have their freedoms back! There is plenty of data and evidence now that shows we will be just as safe open as closed. There has never been any reason to shut down small businesses while the big stores rate in the money. Let's reopen before more people are financially destroyed.
Palm Beach	Healthcare	NO ON OPENING FLORIDA. PBC is still rising in cases, poor testing numbers and announced today, even with COVID19 antibodies, it does not mean that you will be immune to a second or 3rd or 4th infection. So NOT YET,MAYBE JUNE.
Okaloosa	Recreation	Please open the state parks and campcrounds in Northwest Florida
Broward	Tourism	Opening up vacation rentals prior to hotels should be considered as a smart move to keep people separated. There are people that are stranded and rely on vacation rentals to find cost effective temporary housing.
St. Johns	General	It is time to open Florida now! Those with underlying conditions can choose to stay home. This has been a gross overreaction.
Orange	Accommodation	We respectfully ask for you to reopen vacation rentals and allow Floridians the chance to get back to serving guests in the state's premier industry. They can reopen safely with staycation guests initially even, but they have to open. We are closely following your Task Force meetings assigned with reopening the Florida economy. Despite not having a vacation rental industry representative on the Task Force, we would like to respectfully ask that the vacation rental industry be allowed to reopen in May and resume operations in a limited capacity at the very minimum. We are a $31 billion dollar contributor annually to the hospitality economy throughout Florida. Prior to the Covid-19 pandemic our industry was creating 312 jobs per day. Today many of our industry employees are unemployed. We need to get back to work. Vacation rentals have implemented enhanced procedures to clean and sterilize homes using the most advanced techniques following CDC and EPA recommendations. Small businesses like those in the vacation rental industry have suffered enormously over the last 30 days and need to get back to work. Many have applied for CARES Act funding and still have not received approvals for funding and maybe never will. Many small businesses have been shut out of this program.

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Lee	General	Hello, I would like to voice my support for re-opening the State of Florida. It's time to get back to work and our social lives. There are thousands of people who are suffering out of work, domestic violence is up, child abuse all of these things that no one is thinking about. I respect the effort to protect the public, but this has gone far enough. People who are at home isolating are losing valuable immunity. Generally healthy people without compromised immune systems should be out - kids should be in school. This stay at home order will create far more problems than it solves if it doesn't end NOW. On top of that, there are countless instances of violating our Constitutional Rights. We live in the greatest country in the world with freedoms and liberties that many do not enjoy. Please don't let this virus change that. Denise Gott
Palm Beach	Healthcare	I am a recently retired surgeon and have been providing a "morning update" to friends and our Senators, as well as our local House representative for over a month now. This is based on my twice a day review of what little data we, the public, can get. Based on my analysis, I noted the curve flattening after April 3-5, as stated in my notices then and which was finally picked up by the MSM this week. As I am in Palm Beach County I can comment on the tricounty area, most affected by the pandemic, and the two counties to the north of us. St. Lucie and Martin counties, with minimal infection should never have been closed. Based on my analysis, Palm Beach may now reopen safely. Broward can likely open May 1 and Dade will still have to be closed for now. Ongoing containment is useless as the disease has already spread widely (despite the low numbers of positive tests). The young, healthy and covid negative people may all safely return to work, keeping in mind that over 80% of those affected are at worst minimally symptomatic. The mitigation should continue for the elderly (over 75), and those of any age with comorbidities, such as hypertension, obesity and DM. CDC hygienic measures remain useful only in that they serve as reminders to interact safely. The M&M from this pandemic will likely mimic a bad flu, but in a compressed time, for which economic strangulation was a terrible policy. Live and learn. Get this state open now, remember the purpose of containment was to not overwhelm our hospitals and health systems. To that end, this has been successful. Time to open up.

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Duval	Tourism	Dear Re-Open Florida Task Force, We have to save the tourism industry. Florida may not be known for tourism anymore if we continue under these restrictions. I suggest: + Open hotels, sports venues, movie theaters, and tourism businesses by May 20. Give these businesses guidelines to abide by, such as only recommending non-vulnerable individuals attend these places. +Open restaurant dining rooms by May 1, asking servers and employees to wear gloves and masks. Allow these establishments to be operated only during certain hours (e.g., 10AM-8PM). Recommend that only non-vulnerable individuals go to these establishments. This will also take the burden off of grocery stores who are mainly the only source of food right now. +Allow out-door seating at restaurants by May 1 if it is feasible. +Allow nonessential travel for non-vulnerable individuals May 1. +Allow schools to open, with limited classroom sizes, starting July 1. +Open public places in entertainment districts, with social distancing requirements and group size requirements by May 15. Thank you so much! You are wonderful!
Pinellas	General	Opening up Florida is fine as long as social distancing and wasks are worn
Pasco	Tourism	Please open Florida! This has gone on too long! This closure is. Not sustainable and thus irreparable!
Lake	General	FL has a large population of elderly & feel that it is detrimentally to open too soon & it is imperative to follow the four phase reopening. Opening the beaches or theme parks, even golf courses is risky.
Pinellas	Professional Services	As the mother of two children and the daughter of a very much loved senior citizen (who dedicated over 40 years of her life to educating Florida children), I BEG you not to re-open our stare until it’s safe to do so. Please do not forget that you hold people’s lives in your hands! Please do not place more worth on your bottom line than the lives of our loved ones!
Okeechobee	General	I can't believe considering opening retail movie theatres casinos restaurants etc would come before people's lives. It's all about the money. Money is the rude of all evil! The Governor and Mayors State of Florida is all worried about the tourism dollars before the virus. Put the people's health first then reopen later when numbers are very low on the daily charts. You have people still DYING ALL OVER!

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Broward	Healthcare	We need to exercise caution reopening businesses in the state, or we're going to see a second resurgence. If I'm honest, I will continue to avoid non-essential businesses even if they are reopened until health officials say it's safe. I can't spend money if I'm sick, or in the hospital, or dead.
Flagler	General	Open Florida back up ! Beaches , businesses etc. We do not need more government overreach . In my city of Palm Coast the mayor just released a 4 season plan to re open palm coast . ?palm coast has 2 covid 19 deaths) This is Ridiculous. Open business , parks and beaches already! The police is taking people out of the water here which is unconstitutional.
Broward	General	Open up now. Put testing I place for healthcare, hospital workers and those around the elderly and high risk. Require face masks on public transportation only like buses. Allow everything to open back up. Please look up Dr Scott Atlas of Stanford and follow his recommendations.
Seminole	General	Given that COVID-19 is spread via respiratory tract, masks (or some type of face covering) should be mandatory in public. This would allow more people to move about while preventing transmission. It would prevent asymptomatic, positive carriers from spreading their respiratory secretions. Kick it off with PSA's from public figures and make it "cool" to wear a mask. I'd approach high profile people like: Tom Brady, Steve Spurrier, Jennifer Lopez, etc.
Hillsborough	General	I think opening up the state is the worst thing you could do . No one was following the rules before , what makes you think they will now? All it is going to do is raise the numbers of the infected and more deaths. I think the numbers are high enough and still going up without opening up to soon. I know we have o open up eventually but all the experts in the field are saying its to soon. Don't you think they know more than anyone else? Lives are more important than anything else? What good is it to have the economy open if it will cause more deaths? Please be smart and wait. Listen to the experts not the morons. Than you.
Miami-Dade	Real Estate	open everything and do what sweden has done. Let the people make thier own decisions on and not treat us like we in nazi germany. This is USA, a vacine wont be available for at least 18 months, we need to get the economy going. The economy and its workforce is more important then public health lockdown. OPEN US BACK UP! LET US TAKE THE RISKS!
Lee	Food	Make Restaurants keep seating distance 6 ft apart and wait staff wears gloves and masks.
Lee	General	I believe it should be up to each individual wether to risk going out in public. I'm a healthy 65 year old. My retirement portfolio is shrinking because of this. The economy needs to reopen now!!!
Lee	General	Open the state. Especially SWFL counties that were not heavily affected.

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Volusia	Education	As a teacher, if the fall is still questionable, I advocate offering AM and PM school for all students. This will allow to keep the classroom numbers small and allow for social distancing. Teachers can teach reading and math Monday-Thursday and social studies and science on Friday. The AM students can take a bagged lunch home with them to eat. The PM students can also take a bagged lunch home with them to eat before they come to school the next day. This will allow for face to face teaching while keeping the numbers low. That way, if a student is infected, only 9 other students would be exposed rather than an entire class, cafeteria, etc. This will also reduce the bus capacity by 50%. Teachers can have lunch while the AM/PM switch is being made.
Polk	Food	Submitting as a 'Food' category because that it the premise of my input. As a craft brewery (not brewpub) owner, I would like to see brewery taprooms open within the phase that allows restaurants to open. Like many, we are struggling to stay open with to-go only. If food-based businesses are allowed to open for onsite consumption and brewery taprooms are not allowed to in the same phase, the struggles will become much worse and many of us will not survive. We are not bars and many of us have the capacity and ability to manage a restricted occupancy. Many of us have been supporting our local restaurants and encouraging our communities to support us all equally. We are also the hearts of our communities, both socially and economically, and if we can't make it in the long run, the community as a whole will suffer with less people coming to visit our downtowns and local businesses. Breweries are NOT bars.
Leon	General	Can we please wait until end of may, there are people that are sick and not being checked. We need test available for low income area's. Some people think this is a game, i work at Wal-Mart and customers don't take it serious..
Okeechobee	General	The damage of this virus and impacts to life and health are not limited to risks of getting this virus. The stay at home order has brought about a myriad of challenges to individual liberties, created the economic conditions where even businesses that have been in operation for decades are in danger of being unable to stay open or reopen. Though it may not be ideal, I believe that reopening is in our best interest. The health issues resultant of unemployment and poverty are real, those statistics should be considered before a decision to extend this closure. We are fast approaching the point where a willingness to abide will turn into a matter of survival superseding the will of the government. If we the governed have to choose between being governed and our interest in survival the orders currently in place may not be worth the paper it's written on and trust in the Governor will quickly fall off. Please open our economy back up before many more lives are lost.
Lee	Healthcare	Follow CDC Guidelines on RE-OPEN
Miami-Dade	Information	I would love to know when is Miami Dade going to be officially open? We are not ready people are sick hope you care a little more for humanity Thank you so much

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Volusia	Healthcare	Florida should look at what Canada has done,the state of Massachusetts has more deaths and more confirmed C-19 cases than all of Canada and Florida is not that far behind . I believe our northern friends have a better hold on this pandemic and I have heard that they are not far from creating a vaccine,I would think someone should be comparing all options. I believe our small business needs help for Ex.a barbershop opens by appointment only barber Wears a mask and gloves and one at a time by appointment..Grocery stores should only allow a certain amount of people in there store at a time and when one leaves another one goes in,the workers need masks and gloves mandatory including restaurants,monitoring crowds and improper gatherings should be fined ,including the beach.
Duval	Food	This has gone on long enough. Most of us have been good little soldiers. It's time to get back to work!
Brevard	General	Please reopen everything in Florida as soon as possible. From what I understand about the "stay at home order", it was enacted so as not to overwhelm hospitals. The hospitals are not overwhelmed. In fact, nurses and medical personnel are being called off of work because they're not needed. We cannot hide from this virus forever and it's not just going to disappear. I read in the news that a very small sample of our residents had the antibody test and according to that, it is estimated that only 1% of Brevard residents have immunity. And now because Brevard has very little immunity, we will be expected to "social distance for quite some time". So because we followed the "stay at home order" so we wouldn't get the virus, we have now inadvertently doomed ourselves to opening everything up again. Measures need to be put into place for the residents who are vulnerable and the rest of society needs to be able to go on with their lives. It is impossible to save every one, and we have done a good job at minimizing fatalities but we can't do this for too long. It is not normal or OK that my children haven't interacted with other children in 5 weeks. I refuse for this to be our "new normal" because THIS is NOT normal. Not seeing extended family, friends and neighbors. Not going out and doing things that we love and make us happy. THIS, what we're doing, is no way to live a life.
Volusia	Food	I believe restaurants could be reopened with a smaller amount of diners and continued options for takeout. It would allow options for diners to sit in the restaurant or take the food home.
Miami-Dade	General	it is true that the economy requires work to be reactivated, but much more important than work is people's lives, the return to a normal life must be very gradual and take stages starting with the activities of greatest need and under strict provisions of security.

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Volusia	General	I believe that the state must place public safety over the economy. We must learn from the Spanish flu pandemic of 1918 and know that a second wave of this virus will hit and has the potential to be even deadlier . When we reopen the state we should put a mandatory mask wearing initiative in place to protect everyone. In addition we should close our state border to non-residents until August. I would also like to see grocery stores reducing the number of people allowed to shop by having people shop by appointment or through designated times such as last name a-h shops from 8-10. I feel that restaurants should be by reservation only and only accept a certain number based on square footage so that one reservation has 144sq ft (rational being 6ft in each direction total 12 ft by 12ft). Restaurants could still do take out and delivery. I believe any businesses that open should be required to terminally clean at the end of every business day and must post this record of cleaning on the front entrance. All businesses should still allow employees to work from home if possible and required other meetings to be through webex or some conference platform as an option.
Polk	Healthcare	Governor DeSantis, As a Dental Hygienist, I feel we are jepordizing oursleves to return to work after May 8. We are 3-6 inches from a patient during treatment, infectious aerosols. Dentistry should remain emergency based during this time. PPE can be better utilized by other medical professions than a dental practice. DENTAL SHOULD BE EMERGENCY ONLY! For my safety as a professional , and others in my field. We are a hands on business that is not necessary, unless an emergency!! Thank you, Karen McLean
Brevard	General	I think it is way to early to reopen all non -essential business in florida. I don't think it's safe reopening florida while cases infected and deaths are still rising every day. It was already a big mistake reopening the beach. I think peoples life is more important then economy. And if they reopen florida the viirus will spread more and there will be more cases and deaths.
Leon	General	Masks should be mandatory. Only the most essential first and no personal services like nail salons and that foolishness. If you can work or study from home you should do so until there is a vaccine.
St. Johns	General	Gov. DeSantis - Thank you for not opening up Florida like Georgia. Please, please, do not open up our state until we have proper testing available for all FL residents. It's just not worth opening up early because we'll just have to redo the isolation when the virus gains strength again. Thank you for all of the testing supplies and testing centers that are available. Please keep up this work. We've got to get the cases down before opening up the state. We can't turn into a hotspot like NYC. Thank you for your time.

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Brevard	Recreation	I see no reason why we cant open our local parks to play sports. These are all outdoor venues with plenty of open area to play and practice safely. There is much more of a threat going shopping indoors then at an open venue. Restrictions on outdoor activities has to come to an end. Most of our parks are not side by side seating like major league sporting events. Most often parents just stand and watch their kids. Not allowing our kids to get outside and play sports is not necessary. Teams can gather and continue their seasons safely. I encourage the task force to allow kids to get back to being kids. We have lost our senior high school year. We dont want to lose our summer sports season as well.
Brevard	Healthcare	I think the state needs Atleast 2 more weeks, they r just now testing the town I live in. I am worried about the elderly I've worked with the elderly for years and there lives matter to.
Hillsborough	General	I feel bad for small businesses, but I really feel the Governor needs to take more steps to get funding for them, rather than loans. I also believe it is too early to open our state back up. It seems as though we are flattening the curve, but I am afraid they we will have wasted our hard efforts over the past month. I think we need another month (May) to keep that downward trend. We are a state that relies on tourism and if we reopen, I believe we will be inviting people from other states to visit and possibly bring the virus here again, especially with the President talking about heats and UV rays being a possible cure. I think that puts us Floridians at risk. What we are doing now is working well. Give us another month.
Seminole	General	I think the state is not ready to be open. We need more tests
St. Johns	Food	I would like to open sit down restaurants now to help the food service industry plus it will help people get back to having a safe, social life. I also would like to see beaches open full time with social distancing.
Manatee	General	Please re open the economy next week with restrictions. Any longer and small business may never come back. The time is now. This has gone on long enough
Lake	Healthcare	Let science guide our elected officials, let business owners determine what they want to do after science says it's okay to open the economy. There is no magic potion that is going to get rid of this killer.
Miami-Dade	General	Please DO NOT re-open Florida. It's suicidal, politically too.
Marion	General	It is to early to open Florida. Please do not open for at least another month. Every life should Matter. This is not about money. Coved 19 will win.
Leon	General	I believe that we need to do whatever it takes to keep us all safe. The more we know about this virus and the more we test for it, the better off we will be. If we open everything back up too soon we could make it much worse. I am not willing to sacrifice my family for money. I understand that people need to work (all three of my kids lost their jobs and so I am playing all of their bills and feeding them) but this is unprecedented times so we need strong decisive action. I don't need a haircut or go to the beach that badly!

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Lake	Tourism	The state should absolutely re-open. Sick people should stay home regardless of what the ailment is. We need Disney open, we need restaurants open. I refuse to wear a mask and take a test. Those items should be given to the sick and the front line. No reason I need a test if I'm not showing symptoms. Furthermore, if I am, I'm not leaving my house. Most Floridians feel the same and I do. Let's get this going, our lives depend on it.
Pinellas	Government	Please be cautious when setting parameters for reopening Florida. Group gatherings and nonessential businesses which encourage close contact are inviting a resurgence of coronavirus. Every life lost is irreplaceable. It is far better to be conservative now rather than risk having to manage a greater negative impact on both business and individuals.
Duval	General	A person that was born and raised in Jacksonville, I am also raising my family here. I have kept my family locked away in fear of this virus. Yes I have lost my job but I would rather stay home with my family than to risk my health or my family's health. My husband who is high risk has had multiple strokes along with kidney failure. I would rather have my husband around to watch our young children grow up! Please consider the safety of yourself and your family before making a rash decision on opening up our great state.
Columbia	General	Open Florida immediately. All businesses, government offices, beaches, parks and recreation areas. This lockdown is killing our economy and will kill our people as well. No soft opening, fully open Florida immediately!
Volusia	General	Do NOT OPEN UNTIL WE ARE SAFE
Citrus	General	I am among the most vulnerable group and live in a community that has a great older population. I would like to see our state not open until the virus numbers go down a bit more. I also know of the financial situation but would hate to see all the progress we have made be lost because we opened up a bit too soon. If we wait for a little while and see how other states do things we may gain some pointers to make our opening up Florida safer and more productive. We really don't want a rebound of the virus to set us back. Again I do know what the impact of the financial situation is because we are not getting income or able to safely get a job until the virus is under control. We have followed the guidelines and then some so we have definitely done our part and would not want to see this virus gain any ground because of a few weeks to slow the spread even further. Thank you for the opportunity to have a small voice in the decision you have to make. Tina
Lee	Healthcare	Do not open the state until testing is complete on the entire population. Please fix the unemployment system that Rick Scott totally screwed up. Stop listening to Trump and grow some balls.
Nassau	Healthcare	Please consider that all Florida is not the same. Amelia island is a small community that has no deaths and yet is facing economic disaster please open up business ! Let us fight this diesease by getting healthy people out
Pasco	Healthcare	Look at this from a medical standpoint instead of a political one. Hillsborough County was up 10% this week in positive cases. How can you open the state when cases are exponentially going up???

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Seminole	General	This is NOT SUSTAINABLE. People want to go back to work! Open businesses with parameters if needed, but let them open! People are responsible for their OWN health. People who want to stay home can stay home. Those who are low risk should have the freedom to operate how they see fit! Keeping the state closed is a disgusting government overreach and not at all what I would expect from a Republican governor. Not to mention, kids need fresh air and playgrounds! We need social interaction! we are not cattle to be locked in cages... we are humans! Don't let our state be like NY, MI, and CA. We voted Republican FOR A REASON and this was NOT it.
Pinellas	Healthcare	It's too soon to open. You're putting lives at risk.
Orange	General	As right now I think things need to stay closed intill there a control over this virus.
Sarasota	Healthcare	Make wearing of masks mandatory when people are inside any commercial business establishment If businesses do reopen it should be mandatory for customers to use a hand sanitizer when entering and leaving establishment. Protect our vulnerable healthcare workers from harassment by those demanding their constitutional rights. If protests are held outside hospitals, clinics etc make it unlawful for protesters to cross boundaries. Provide financial assistance to healthcare workers that need to be quarantined . They should not have to pay for their lodging be it in a hotel room, rental apartment etc Consider limiting number of customers in grocery stores at any given time. Store employees will be able to move customers through much faster and social distancing will be easier to maintain.
Brevard	Healthcare	Please keep dental hygienist SAFE! We are not being noticed amongst this pandemic! As much as I feel we are essential we MUST have approved PPE's! We have children and family! As much as we want to return to work, we want to be SAFE! Additionally, we NEED mandates...make it essential the appropriate PPE are needed to reopen! Don't make thing's interpretable...because everyone INTERPRETS things differently! REQUIRE LEVEL 3 masks and shields or N95 masks! Thank you so much!
Pinellas	Professional Services	Open Florida. Small business owner. Salon. If it goes any longer we and employed can not financially recover. Loans cover employees not house hold income for owners. Missing income for 2 months. Can't do other month.
Flagler	General	Opening businesses is really a 4 phase operation. If the Governor says it's okay to open small cafes not major restaurants, nail salons, hair salons etc. Then I think it should come down to the Mayor of the counties to decide what they feel is best for their city. If they are on board, then it comes to the business owner to make their decision on when and how. Then the individual employee. I think Disney Parks should open to ANNUAL PASS HOLDERS ONLY at first. That would give the parks a good start at testing out how they would work out the Que lines and the quick service food places around the parks. And test the fast pass virtual system without having the major crowds of a normal summer.

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Palm Beach	General	The purpose of this shutdown was to make sure hospitals were not overwhelmed. We have accomplished this so we need to start re opening FL now!!! People are in line for hours waiting for food at food banks. The end result of this is becoming worse than the means. People need to get back to work so they don't lose their businesses and their homes. The death rate was much lower than expected so why are we still under stay at home orders??? Let the seniors and high risk individuals quaranteen and let the rest of us get back to our lives!
Orange	Professional Services	While I and my family have been affected financially I have also seen medically the effects of the current pandemic and think it's best to wait until the medical officials give the ok to reopen businesses to avoid another waive of fatalities.
St. Lucie	General	Please keep the stay at home order in tact for another month. Please don't put us in danger. Keep essential businesses open with social distancing and masks. You've already made the right decision closing schools for the year. Opening malls and gyms and restaurants will only undo all the good that has been done. I'm already worried about opening beaches, but I'm choosing to stay home. One more month should flatten the curve and enable theme parks and hotels to reopen, which will help Florida's tourism numbers. Also, please extend unemployment waivers through May. Please give us a chance to catch up with bills so that we can stimulate the economy when it reopens. Please continue the stay at home order and unemployment waivers. Please, our lives depend on it.
Broward	Administrative	Good evening, I work in the hospitality/entertainment business and have done so for over 20 years. I work as an Executive Assistant, but I see how this lock down has affected so many of my co-workers and their families and how it has affected my own family. I understand that we must take certain precautions in order to be safe from the virus; however, I don't think that this statewide shutdown is the answer. We need to get this economy up and running while following certain guidelines that will ensure the safety of everyone. The high risk and elderly should most definitely stay home, but the rest of us should be able to start working and opening up businesses. The guidelines for these businesses to open should be clear and carried out prior to them opening. Consumers will not feel comfortable going out and patronizing these businesses until the guidelines are communicated effectively. I'm sure we will be happily surprised at the outcome of a structured reopening. Essential employees should be compensated as well. Thank you, Margaret Amoroso
Broward	Construction	Please re open as soon as possible
Seminole	General	This lockdown has been a huge blight on the economy and on the economic welfare of working people. The fact that COVID-19 is killing mostly elderly should not cause the entire state to shut down. They should have been the ones to be stuck in quarantine, in addition to those who have co-morbidities, not those of us who are young and healthy. I am so tired of old people running everything and the country doing everything for them when they are sitting on money and the younger generations suffer. Let us live our lives! End this nonsense now.

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Broward	Education	Do not open schools until there are zero cases in the district. Classes have students with 30 or more in a room that can not be formatted to be kept 6 feet apart. Some students live at home with elderly or at risk.
Sarasota	Education	I think the order should be extended until May 20th at least and then allow small businesses to open first and slowly. This would not include nail, tattoo, or hair salons. They should remain closed until June 15th. Getting unemployment working correctly in Florida would ease people for 2 more weeks, but Florida has done so much wrong. The unemployment link is constantly down and no one can talk to anyone. Do Better. Also, schools (all schools should be online until December of 2020. The governor works for the people, not big money, not Trump, and not the wealthy. For me, how this is handled will determine whether I stay in Florida or move back to Ohio where DeWine has handled this crisis amazingly well and is worried about his community. Know your audience, Florida is an elderly state. Let's not prove #FloridaMorons to be true
Broward	General	I can only take it for another 2 weeks max, I m going completely insane !My mental health a deteriorating rapidly. Nobody lives forever.
Pinellas	General	Please start a limited reopening May 1 Smart - distancing rules and guidelines, mask requirements where appropriate. For example restaurants and movie theaters at 1/2 capacity. Also all businesses open that agree to safe practices. Businesses are being crushed- we need a safe pathway back.
Brevard	General	Hit the open button. Open everything, send everyone back to work. Let people make their own decisions about whether to go out to eat and visit stores. Encourage vulnerable to use caution and protect themselves. Ignore the beating you're going to take from the media. Pray everyday and embrace the prayers of those of us who are lifting you up in prayer. Go with your gut. I'll give you the advice I received as a squadron commander in the Air Force--you're in charge, act like it.
Duval	Real Estate	I support re-opening Florida as soon as possible. I believe we are doing more harm than good by driving ourselves further into debt trying to avoid the inevitable spread of the virus.
Osceola	Food	I am a father of 4 with w jobs I am struggling a bit but the country is doing enough for us to make sure we do thing when we reopen I believe they should wait a little longer for stuff like restaurant and other biz. To reopen due to that we might wipe most of our ancestors with this covid 19 stuff that recommendations change everyday.please wait to reopen as a father and a spouse I would love to end up with my family intact as most of us prey for . Florida will kill its self if it reopens to soon people hear don't listen to food.
Palm Beach	General	Please consider encouraging and/or enforcing companies that have positions with the ability to work remote to do so as long as possible. Or to at least rotate working onsite and remotely throughout the work week.

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Palm Beach	Recreation	Beach activities are usually executed in a social distance type manner anyway. People maintain distances to post up and sit on the beach normally. The beaches are definitely a safe area to be and the most mentally fulfilling especially during a time like this after everyone has been cooped up for so long. We can enjoy our antiviral sunlight and relax. Please reopen all beaches.
Collier	General	I am a graduate student in business at Florida Gulf Coast University living and working in Naples. I am a Florida resident, born and raised, and I am asking our leaders to renew the safer at home policy for the time being. My grandparents are at retirement age, and this past year both of them were diagnosed with aggressive types of cancer. By God's grace and through several surgeries, they have both had their cancers removed and can now say they are cancer free. At the time of their treatment, I supplemented my income to support them because they were unable to run their small business. When life was beginning to look normal again, my grandfather was diagnosed with lung and heart disease. I continue to support my family financially and live with them in order to put as much money together as possible. Now with COVID-19, we have all lost our source of income. I was furloughed by my company, and my grandparents had to shutter their business indefinitely in response to the virus. The financial need we had before this was difficult but manageable, but is no longer without unemployment insurance. The thing is, I would love to go back to work if I could. I would live to help my grandparents get everything up and running again with their business. But I simply cannot and will not return to a physical workspace while people are still being infected locally, and around the country, even with all of our precautions in place. Due to their history, my grandparents would probably not survive an infection of this virus. I know they are not the majority, but as we now know, children and young adults like myself have become infected and have died from COVID-19. This is unprecedented and calls for unprecedented action. We cannot respond as if this were anything else. We do not have a vaccine. Treatment is sketchy at best and nonexistent at worst. Even with all of our modern conveniences, people have died in my community and will keep dying at higher rates if we reopen Florida right now. I pray that God grants you wisdom and grace in your decision making, and that we remember as a State that people's lives are priceless and shall not be sacrificed for the economy. We must stand our ground and protect what is ours. How can we preserver our way of life if we must sacrifice innocent people to maintain it? This war is not against the people, it is against the virus. Please, stand with Floridians and protect us by allowing, no, encouraging us to stay home if we must in order to be well. Thank you for considering.
Miami-Dade	Healthcare	Florida should not reopen for now. It looks like we are getting out of the woods but there are still new cases and we cannot put everyone at risk. Just like other diseases from the 1900,s the second wave killed 3 times as much as the first wave. We need to make sure there are no new cases.
Palm Beach	Healthcare	Re-open - need access to all medical offices health care facilities including fitness outdoor indoor facilities to maintain personal health care routines to stay healthy. Advocate others concerned with personal health risks how to respond take steps measures routines to protect their personal health care response.

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Orange	General	I was born in the state of Florida, even that i travel and lived all over the world Florida was always been home, a place I was proud to called home, Now I am a shamed to call it home, it has became once again the joke of the country. When we was asked we did what was asked, we hunkered down stayed home, stayed 6 feet away from others, didn't go out to eat, to the gym, to see friends. Now we are asking you to hunkered down and take care of us, we need you to fix our once great state and make it great again.
Pinellas	General	Way to early to open. Let's see what happens to Georgia
Duval	General	We can't hide from germs. We spread them in grocery stores, & we can't stop buying food. Let the young, healthy return to work. People currently working from home should continue to do so as office buildings are loaded with germs easily avoided by working from home. Let schools, parks, & beaches open without restrictions. It's much healthier to be outside than isolated indoors. A healthy immune system requires spending time outside interacting with others. Crowded offices, subway cars, etc are unhealthy, but being outside in fresh air with friends/family is healthy.
Manatee	Recreation	Drowning deaths in Florida are up 70% when compared to this time last year, according to Water Smart Tots.For children in the state between ages 1 and 4, drowning is the leading cause of death. Annually, enough children to fill three to four preschool classrooms drown before their fifth birthday, according to Florida Health. With the above alarming statistics I advocate that the Task Force look into the opening of swimming pools operated by Park & Recreation agencies. Summertime is one of the largest opportunities for youth to participate in learn to swim programs. Learning to swim is a life saving skill. Swimming is also a lifetime fitness and leisure skill that provides opportunities for those who may be unable to run or do other forms of exercise. Not reopening pools would have a devastating impact on all ages of Floridia residents. I firmly believe swimming pools operated by park & recreation departments or non profits would be able to safely open and maintain the proper social distancing with guidance from the task force. There have been other states (GA & Utah) who have worked into their public health orders the reopening of swimming pools. For example, look at the TRICOUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER 2020-02 that is attached. This county in Utah was able to allow the Uintah Recreation District to open their community center in Vernal, UT for lap swimming. This has allowed their community to benefit. The CDC states that UV [sunlight] and chlorine water deactivate the virus. The Governor in his decree lists swimming as an essential activity [but with beaches and pools closed not much options] and Phase 1 of the Presidents plan lists opening sports venues as a priority. Since we have open golf courses, and scores of people walking, jogging, biking all over our state, why keep our residents out of the pools, of course in a very controlled environment.

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Charlotte	Professional Services	I'm a lawn care professional going into busy season. I've lost many clients due to they themselves being unemployed. I believe my family and I's financial wellbeing going into the summer months are at risk if the public can't get back to work. Please enforce strict guidelines to help protect public health while also getting our State back open as soon as possible. Thank you.
Duval	General	Mr DeSantis, In the last two weeks, I hav ed had two neighbors with parties that have had over 20 people. One of these neighbors is a leasing officer in my apartment complex. I, myself, work for a company that has allowed an employee to work the past 6 weeks from home, even though I am her superior and can do my duties from home, as well, i was NEVER offered this option. This disparity is puzzling and VERY stressful to my mental health. I suffer from several pre-existing conditions. PLEASE do not open up the state to the public
Palm Beach	General	Do not rush, we need more testing to make sure it is safe for people to resume life as before.
Lake	Professional Services	I am a hair stylist and have been for 25 years I don't want to lose my business or my home
Miami-Dade	Healthcare	We all have to get back to work sooner or later. When is it safe is the big question. I personally think we need to open back up in phases as the President suggested and leave it up to the governors and city officials of each individual States to decide. As far as Florida is concerned, it is to early to open up the beaches here in South Florida. The people down here will not abide by the rules.We still have to many people infected with the Covid 19. There are many people in Miami and Broward county that have not been tested and could possibly be a treat to our community if you open everything up to soon. We can open up some businesses any take precautions but I think opening up clubs and gyms and South Beach is a bad idea for right now. The elderly who are at high risk should stay home. The the people who are healthy and ready to work should go to work and follow the rules.
Volusia	Government	I work in the tourist industry of Daytona Beach. Please re-open the state for business. I work for the Sea Spirit Fishing boat and Manatee River Cruise. As your associate Drew can attest to, we are a small, family owned business dedicated to showing our area to residents and tourists. I NEED MY PAYCHECK! As it stands now, 6 weeks laid off, 6 weeks no employment paid, while every politician in the country is still getting paid, yourself included. Outside of the money, I am bored to tears! You can only read, do puzzles, talk on phone and watch TV for so long and I need a haircut. There are jobs out there and if something doesn't change, I will take a minimum wage position to pay the bills; because we also are still waiting for our unemployment benefits, which we pay into, yet have not received the benefits. All I can say is you asked for our support and you became Governor....where is your support for us?
Okaloosa	General	Mine is more of plea to slowly bring things back on line before the flood gates are opened. Maybe locals first. Also please look into bringing manufacturing into the state. We can not continue to live on tourism. We are loving our state to death with the amount of people visiting here. And moving here. I live in a area that is solely dependent on tourism and those that have can't see beyond their need for more $

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Pinellas	Food	Please extend the maximum account for Snap ...with no income it is hard to afford food and food banks are so low and many closed. The snap maximum amount made it possible to eat
Broward	Tourism	Tourism is the most important part of our Economy they help us to pay our bills without tourism is Economic suicide I would like to propose that we allow everyone and anyone that wishes to visit Florida to be able to come Down here without them we would be forced into bankruptcy do we want that no we don't
Collier	Healthcare	I am a dental hygienist. My job is number one at risk of getting the virus. My dentist just wants to open and fill up as many patients as he can in my schedule. We do not even have proper PPE . Moreover, we do not have vaccine for this virus yet. Anyone who is coming to my office and potentially carry the virus. I would like to make PPE as one of the requirement to open dental office. Maximum is 5 patties a day at the beginning. No one is allowed in the waiting area. However, best ideal is postpone non-urgent dental visits for now till we can safely announce general public health is safe for everyone. If one dental hygienist gets the virus , he/she can spread it to all the staff and patients in that office.
Seminole	General	Re-open Florida's economy like your reelection depends on it. It does. Some parts of Florida have been impacted heavily. Ours has not you don't have to open the whole state keep the south closed if you choose to. The original reason for the shut down was to slow the spread of the virus and avoid the hospitals being overrun I believe that has been accomplished it's time to get back to business. Please see video on YouTube by Dr. Erickson out of California discussing COVID-19. Thank you Ron DeSantis for hopefully making Florida great again
Sarasota	General	I think that we should wait until the health officials say it is safe to start to reopen. If we do this too soon we will only suffer a set back. Let's not undo all the good we have done so far. It is difficult and people are suffering however we are owed a better option than just opening up the state again. Folks from the north will still travel down here - at least those with disposable income will. Let's not let corporate greed take over for good sense here.
Escambia	Real Estate	We should have the maximum amount of liberty and freedom under the law with the best guidelines provided for everyone to follow. There's absolutely no reason that parks or beaches should be closed.
Brevard	General	Yes reopen the State!!
Lee	General	It should be gradual and if people abuse the freedom, be able to shut down again. Also, of course, test availability is foremost. Medically trained people should write the guidelines for each type of business, etc and do spot inspections to look for compliance.

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Clay	Food	I actually have a couple things. First why have Food Stamp Limits not been waived for raised during this time. Yes we are worked my, however I have 2 teenager athletes who are now home all day long and eat. They are no longer getting their Breakfast and Lunch options at school and know no one has thought that people's grocery bills have doubled. I am working from home and having my kids doing online schooling has caused my electricity bill to increase. These are added expenses to our normal bills that we are still required to pay. Another area of concern is my office building has 900 to 1,000 people when fully staffed. Having that many people in a building so close together is not safe. Employees sit in open cubicles. People never stay home when they are sick as advised because of lack of time. So they bring any and all sickness to the building. About 1/3 of the staff are over 65 or have health concerns. Please do not have employers send the workers back to the office if they are able to continue working from home. I see nothing good coming from people returning to crowded office buildings.
Pinellas	General	I have 2 children in school and have concerns regarding sending children back to school next school year with the risk of exposure for my children and the school faculty/staff/bus drives/etc. Online school is not ideal, but please give thought to how we can best protect our school communities and continue effective learning. I worry that the state will be reopened too soon and that we will regress and see an increase in COVID-19 infections if we aren't careful. I understand that it will be quite sometime before there's a vaccine for this, but our health is important and we must figure out how to SAFETY reopen the state, yet not cause a relapse of infections. SAFETY FIRST, please.
Orange	Professional Services	As much as I would love for our salon to be up and running, serving our wonderful community. I would rather wait to make sure it's as safe as possible for my staff, their families and the clients that to come to get pampered And get their spirits lifted while getting their hair done. I would never want my business to be part of a problem by spreading a very contagious virus. So if that means to stay closed for another few weeks, I choose that rather that putting people's life in danger. However my staff and I are facing some Financial struggles because we have no income coming in to keep up with the necessities of life. So it's is a very hard decision to be made.
Orange	General	If we have a mass surge of people die due to a reopen— it will be all the governments fault for not knowing how to be responsible instead of giving into people who are uneducated I. The subject. You are meant to protect the people, don't let them bully you into people dying.

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Lee	General	After 3 weeks of adhering to the "safer at home" order, where have we really gotten? The majority of people this was order was created to protect ignore it daily. The elderly are out at stores at all hours - not just during their special hours offered by so many retailers. This order had jeopardized the financial well-being of the majority of the state's tax payers, without cause. People can not feed their kids, pay their mortgages, make their car payments, pay their debts because of the fear - NOT because of the facts! Numbers have been outrageously exaggerated to sustain the fear in an attempt to control the people. As more TRUE information is revealed, it is actually better to maintain a normal lifestyle so average/healthy people can build up their immune system - not hide from it. It is time to reopen the state - let the people get back to work, let them get back on their feet financially, let them feed their kids. For those who are afraid, they can CHOOSE to stay home. After all, we all live in a free country. We have the right to choose what we do. For me, I am not afraid and my freedom should not end where someone else's fear begins.
Hillsborough	Healthcare	Orthodontics is different than dentistry because 90% of our work does not produce the aerosols that spread the virus. Our patients are in ACTIVE wires that have been neglected for almost 2 months. Without seeing the orthodontist, these ACTIVE wires can and will cause harm/damage to the teeth and periodontium (gums and bones). Please consider allowing us to open early May with the agreement that we will not do the procedures that cause aerosols (again, only 10% of our procedures). Dentistry should be treated the same as elective, outpatient surgical/medical procedures that Trump said can be allowed under Phase 1. Dentistry is an outpatient, medical procedure.
Sarasota	Food	We should open the economy. I am very concerned for my fellow Florida residents. The longer we are closed and the economy isn't rolling, the worse it is for our morale and wallets. A lot of my friends who are minorities have expressed the financial losses they have suffered due to being shut down. Many minorities work in restaurants, hotels, and entertainment. Keeping the economy closed has a substantial impact of the financial and mental well-being of minorities. I suggest we open in May to help these communities. I recommend we open in two or three phases starting May 1st. This will allow everyone to get back into the "rhythm" of going to work and living their normal lives. A lot of business owners and their employees in my area are suffering greatly, and it is time we help them. Thank you Task Force and God bless.
Sarasota	General	Reopen the state now! Personal responsibility for those at risk. They are able to wear protective measures or they have the right to stay at home. You are not legally allowed to compel the citizens of this country to stop working. We will not stand for it. Open the state immediately and encourage people to use common sense safety measures utilizing their freedom to choose whether to go out or not.

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Hillsborough	General	Please listen to the healthcare professionals and scientists! It is too early to reopen now. We want our children back in school and we want to go back to living without restrictions sooner rather than later, but if we reopen now, all the experts say that it is too soon. You can have rules in place when you reopen, but people will not follow them and we will see an increase in cases again. I understand that people are hurting. I fear for the children and spouses facing abuse and domestic violence. I fear for the people with no food, money, housing,! We need to find a way to help them emotionally, physically and financially without continuing the spread of this virus. FIX THE UNEMPLOYMENT SITUATION!! Provide more financial aid, KEEP people safe and alive. All the restrictions we have in place now will have been for nothing if we open up too soon. Now is too soon. I really hope you listen to the people and not move forward for financial gains only.
Pinellas	Retail	Own a small home decor/furniture consignment and redesigning store. I qualify for no help because I am sole owner, although my consigners greatly rely on their income. I have no statutory employees. So, to have no income except for the stimulus, is frightening as a single woman. Please open small businesses and trust that we will adhere to all social distancing and cleaning stipulations necessary. If there has been no mass viral breakouts stemming from crowded Home Depots and Publixs', I don't foresee problems with a few clients who shop small stores. Thank you for your reasonable management thus far. Valerie-Renovatio Redesigns-largo, Fl.
Pinellas	Professional Services	Dog grooming must be reopened and essential. It is very detrimental to pet health to not be regularly groomed and bathed. It is not just for aesthetics. Skin problems, ear infections, complications from anal glands and a host of other health problems for pets can be catastrophic. Groomers perform an essential service for the care of pets, which was part of the original order. It is unclear why pet grooming is not essential as a part of taking care of pets. Thank you.
Sarasota	Tourism	I work out on Lido Beach at a condominium complex that does short term rentals and I think we should no open short term rentals until at least June 2at as you are getting travelers from all over that are flying in from all over and that will not help control this deadly virus. I understand we have leveled off a bit and opening too soon will defeat the purpose. We need to take our time so we can make sure this is under control and not spread more as so many have lost their lives.
Orange	Technology	Initially, the state should require everyone to wear masks while inside businesses and provide masks to those in need. This will help reduce transmission of the disease while opening businesses. Restaurants and bars (where it'd be necessary to remove a mask) should remain closed until a later phase. There needs to be a steady state-wide decrease in new cases before people start gathering in public. We need fast and widespread testing, even for those without symptoms, so carriers can remain isolated and stop infection.
Broward	General	I think Florida should stay shut down until May 1, then start opening parks, boat ramps, and retail businesses that are capable of operating with strict social distancing. By May 15, if there is a steady downward trend of cases, continue opening businesses.

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Orange	General	When considering reopen please do not allow employees to force people to come back to work because things are reopening. I work for the government and thankfully have the ability to telework in order to stay home with my child whose school aged and out of school for closures. I feel people should be encouraged to stay teleworking as long as they are effective and stay home if they feel safer practicing social distance that way. Thank you
Hernando	General	I, James Dean Brimingham, (a lifelong voting republican) STRONGLY OPPOSE any effort to reopening the state amid the Covid 19 crisis. The leading medical officials has warned that doing so will have reversed all positive gains that have been made and cause needless deaths that could / should have been avoided. Furthermore, it must be stated how deeply troubled I feel by our elected governor's mishandling of this crisis as his decisions have placing short term monitory issues ahead of the long-term health and safety of Floridians.
Broward	General	It has taken China and Italy months to even consider reopening their countries. There is no way basically a month is enough time for us to reopen. Our numbers haven't even started to decrease and even once they start decreasing that's not time to reopen. Until health organizations say it's safe to CONSIDER reopening we shouldn't even THINK about it. Human life needs to come before the economy and if it doesn't nobody in this state government should have their jobs.
Hillsborough	General	Please do not Open Florida until 14 days of steady decline in positive cases and deaths. Our state has had too many Covid 19 deaths consistently.

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Palm Beach	Healthcare	Please please please strongly consider the very high risk of putting dental hygienists back to work in this first phase. Please also specifically be aware of the heavier covid areas like here in palm beach county. Please consider the following. According to a recent chart put out by the World Economic Forum assessing the most at risk professions, and Other articles published by Forbes and Business Insider collecting data from the Occupational Information Network prior to Covid-19, Dental hygienists are the number one at risk for contracting the corona virus. Putting us above respiratory therapists, emergency medical, nurses and doctors whom are all on the very front line. Dentists, and dental assistants are also among the top five most at risk. Among the top five are dental hygienists at number one, dentists, dental lab techs and dental assistants. One of the top reasons we are at such a high risk is due to the amount of aerosols produced during our procedures in both the dental and dental hygiene rooms. Aerosols can linger in the air for up to two hours and can reach a distance of at least 3 feet from the patient. As those aerosols remain suspended, we as practitioners are exposed when we remove our PPE and masks for proper PPE protocol. Not only are we exposed within that two hour window, but the next patient is also exposed leaving no time for proper room sanitation. Additionally, most dental offices are rooms without doors, leading to exposure to the outside hallways. As you well know, in Florida, we live among a large elderly population. Many of our patient base is above 65 and many have pre-existing conditions. Even though we do our best to ensure safe and sanitary environments, the reality is that it is never completely aerosol free. Therefore, even to the best of our ability in assuring patients that our office is safe for them, due to the highly communicable prevalence of this virus, we are unable to guarantee their safety. According to an article on infection control by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) regarding the SARS-Cov-2 causing COVID they quote "The virus has been shown to survive in aerosols for
Pinellas	General	On Monday remove the states Safer at Home Order those who do not have an underlying illness or compromised immune system should still be safe for themselves and shelter at home but everyone else should be allowed to go out and practice social distancing places of religious service and all other business should be allowed to open and follow cdc guidelines Beaches should be open for exercise and also follow cdc guideline Pinellas county commissionars are meeting on tuesday to make a decision on how to go forward and would like to know the governors direction so that they can coordinate with it

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Sarasota	General	Encourage restaurants to use outside seating under tents to increase their capacity while maintaining a social distance between tables. State and Local could relax some parking and other regulations to help. State could perhaps help in locating portable A/C blowers designed for outdoor use. I think a good way to help owners get maximum seating and hire back the most employees. I like the beach openings but waist is the point of keeping the parking lot closed and not allowing people to relax on the beach. State and local could easily limit the parking to help control overcrowding. I've only lived for a year now as full time Fl resident and the only time I seen the beaches packed was on Fourth of July. Emphasize personal hygiene and social distances at all new openings And remind those that are sick and or susceptible to COVID to stay at home.
Lee	Healthcare	My boyfriend was in the ICU for four days, had a nine hour surgery, is STILL in the hospital eight days later and we can't see him. There's also a shortage of morphine pumps, so even though it was requested after his surgery to repair his 47 fractures, he couldn't have one because they're being used to ease the pain of those dying from the virus. Why the FUCK would you think it's time to open back up, you money hungry pieces of SHIT.
Seminole	Technology	It would be good if Florida re-open in phases. First restaurants and state parks could be opened following the CDC recommended social distancing guidelines.
Santa Rosa	Government	OPEN FLORIDA! NO RESTRICTIONS! WE WILL NOT COMPLY! Our founding fathers knew there could be pandemics. The Constitution which is the supreme law of our land guarantees our rights regardless of the situation. Our rights mean more now than ever before. Many of us are willing to engage in civil disobedience. And we will.
Orange	Healthcare	Need open up elective surgery and sample screen at risk patients with comorbitity, let others go back to work with precautions, temperature, mask , etc, those at risk at work give hydroxychloiquine

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Orange	General	In order for the people and economy to get back to normal people need to be outside and moving and making money. The reason this is so drastic is because you all are not on top of the unemployment . WAYYY to many people are out of a job and are not able to get paid because our unemployment is trash. How do you guys expect our economy to get back to normal if everything is closed.People are not going to want to go out to restaurants, bars, nothing with guidelines.. who would want someone serving them with a mask and gloves on that doesn't help anything, and some people have families of more than 10 so what?.. the other 4 people can't join?.. that is not fair. I understand people need to stay clean and make sure businesses stay clean but, we should have been doing all of those things anyway, so what makes the difference now? Because there's a virus going around thats killing people.. the flu kills people every day and the world doesn't shut down for that.. or what about the swine flu, ebola, those were all viruses that killed thousands of people and everyone acted like it didn't matter so, why is this virus putting our world into a recession? This is never gonna go away.. people are still going to get sick years from now.. so what is the plan? Are we just gonna shut down the country any time someone gets sick and have all the people of America act crazy and act like zombies are walking around. We should make sure our country stays clean, like it should have been anyways but, we should not make the whole world suffer over it. Kids are not able to do anything, parents are at home stuck watching them and can't work.. People are going to need to ea, people are going to need medicine, since people are not making money its going to make people commit crimes like a movie. If you guys don't step up your game and either give people money or open our country back up its only going to get worse. People are losing jobs, you have million dollar companies closed not able to make money and putting even more people out of jobs. Now, this wouldn't be so serious if people could at least get unemployment but they can't even get that and they are still responsible for bills that they have, and they have no job to pay for them, how is that fair? ITS NOT. You (The Government) all still have your jobs and are getting paid, and are not realizing or thinking about how much we are all suffering. People can't socialize, cant make money, cant live normally but, you all can?..People can only go so long without being able to do things, the longer we wait the
Manatee	General	I feel that the State should reopen. Social distancing should still be in place.. Business owners should be smart enough to keep their business safe..People will see that the business is safe and will participate. If the business is not safe they will not have customers. Walmart, Target etc are open why can’t others do the same. Let’s not micro manage this country. People are smart and want to get back to normal. It appears that the people who are getting paid are stopping the rest from getting paid. Time to stop. Time to let the people work it out for themselves.It time to stop worrying about the election.It’s time to get back to normal.

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Lake	Food	It makes zero sense to reopen at this point. Ive been in hospitality for 20 years. I love my work and i miss doing my job. But my experience also tells me that we are a major vector for the spread of illness. There is no way to keep us away from bodily fluids. We will carry it on us and bring it home to our families and ultimately our communities. Take out and delivery is working for now. It seems to me that this rush to reopen is more in the interest of the millionaire's and isn't considering those of us who'll actually be doing the work. We're not lazy, we're not looking for hand outs. We deserve to be seen and heard. Many of us are also homecoming our children and that is time consuming and stressful. Please look out for us regular people. Our lives matter and it's time the Florida government takes care of those of us who make the things rich people do possible. Also please look into companies not pay us delivery drivers for mileage and cutting our pay below minimum wage . Companies know we're stuck and we're being taken advantage of. Thank you for your consideration.
Volusia	General	I feel you need to open the beaches parks completely. People need to be able go and sit and read or just get a change of scenery. Start opening up the restaurants too. These owners need to get back to work and start to move on from this shut down. A lot of people haven't gotten their unemployment checks . People need to get back to work . People need to start living again and use common sense. Before this "pandemic" I always cleaned , wiped down and used COMMON sense when it came to Illness . If myself or my family were ill we stayed away from others . You cannot keep the state shutdown it's not good for anyone . I personally will go to restaurants, nail salons etc . If other people feel apprehensive then don't go . I'm ready and I think a lot of people are too !
Leon	General	I am in favor of re-opening the Majority of Florida, except the area of South Fla. That has been hit much harder with the virus. There should be regulations in place such as social distancing and, as needed face mask requirements in venues that people are close in. Restaurants should start out with half capacity, or at least spread out dining seating. With grocery stores, department stores, home shopping stores and many others open all along anyway, it doesn't make sense to leave other businesses out at this point. Thank-you for listening!, Michael Knudson
Pinellas	Recreation	We cannot open until we. have met the Federal guidelines, and then with restrictions

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Hillsborough	Government	We should start immediate removal of all COVID-19 related restrictions. Then organize a tribunal overseen by the Florida Supreme Court. The Governor, and all elected or appointed officials who ordered or supported andy shutdown related order should be immediately arrested and held in pre-trial detention for the capital crime of treason on the basis these orders violated the 1st Amendment protections on freedom of assembly. If found guilty of issuing, supporting, or voting for a shutdown order or related restriction, they should be executed by hanging, electrocution, or firing squad and the execution broadcast for the public. All assets of the guilty should be confiscated, and distributed equally to the residents of Florida, including any life insurance proceeds to ensure their families are subject to the poverty they inflicted on the citizens they betrayed, to serve as a deterrent to future oath breaking by public officials. A new state holiday will be declared on the anniversary of the Governors original shutdown order, to be called "Tyrant's Day". On this day the executions will be broadcast again, so we can all celebrate liberty and justice for all and bask in the glory of these scumbags taking bullets, being fried, and dancing on the end of nooses.
Broward	Professional Services	Open hair and nail salons quickly. Make it based on specific rules everyone has to follow but open them. These people can't earn a living and are starving unless they can work.
St. Lucie	General	We need the complete understanding of covid19. People's have traveled outside of this country and thought they had a simple cold and shortly afterward expired. These people's was working people's and attended church and had families.. (if this virus is as we are lead to believe) the worse is yet to come. People's has a mixture that they are taking to mast certain diseases. (fungal infectious, HIV, Aides, and flu like symptoms). My concern is that for those that do not have excess to these none prescribed meds. Most at risk. And this epidemic will continue to grow and be called another name shortly.. and become more powerful do to the multiple growth and mixture of diseases.. (blood work doesn't not reveal signs nor the presence).. we have been giving a warning! Thanks for helping to keeping us safe.
Miami-Dade	Government	It is not time to open the city!! Deaths are still happening daily from Covid and opening out too soon will cause more deaths. I understand people are hurting and the economy is bad but lives can not be replaced, the other stuff can and will come back.
Brevard	General	I feel like all parks and beaches and parking areas should be opened first. Why? Well, it would give families and individuals and all ages the opportunity to be outdoors together. Monitor the numbers for a week to see if there is an increase in virus totals or possibly a decrease. Into the third day, begin plans to add additional business openings on day 8 if everything continues to go well.

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Lee	Government	It is time to reopen Florida . Our small business is suffering . Our economy is suffering It's time for the people to be able to be free to make their own decisions . I will not forced to test or wear a mask or be tracked We have civil rights and a CONSTITUTION . We did as e were asked . Enough is enough ! The children need to be able to play sports , play freely . It's best to be outside in fresh air , sun and exercise . Not be stick in a house and on a computer or watching television , playing video games . The patents are stressed , the children are stressed . This virus is less dangerous than the flu . We should never ha e shut down for this
Gadsden	General	Please start immediately to reopen in stages. Unemployment cannot support the state...Andy it is woefully behind anyhow. Restaurants, even chains are going under. Let parks and recreation reopen with guidelines to not be in contact...tennis, pickelball, etc should be viable.to be played safely. Allow playgrounds to open...parents should take responsibility for their own children! Allow retail stores to open with proper safety protocols and restaurants. Allow elective surgeries to restart. The healthcare industry is hurting because of this and where will we be as these go under? Layoffs at a hospital should NOT be happening yet they are because of this. Please give us the chance to be responsible for ourselves and to have the chance to survive! Losing jobs also means losing healthcare so that prevents being able to seek care if needed.
Collier	Professional Services	If we are using gloves and wearing a mask plus spraying Lysol on every surface a client touches I would think we should be able to open up the barbershops. Also work by appointment only and limit the amount of barbers and clients in the shop to keep everybody at a safe distance
Broward	Healthcare	I am a pediatric nurse at free standing pediatric hospital. Covid 19 is very low in our population. We maintain a unit for positive patients as needed but usually empty and so is hospital and health care workers have been furloughed. I strongly encourage to look at this population and please let us start elective surgeries and admissions as soon as possible. The nurses are only working 1-2 shifts per week. Please help us we need to be open to take care of our children and chronic kids that have not been coming in. We need to let them know we are open and safe. Please consider us pediatric hospital in Miami. Thank you
Pasco	General	Florida needs to reopen May 1st and just take precautions and adhere to social distancing. Businesses need to take precautions and accommodations. You will still have plenty of people who will still stay home due to their own personal fears. The elderly folks and assisted living facilities should stay locked down.
Broward	Government	The aactions and plans to open our county is non actions of sanity or empathy. If you think that by kissing up to Clorox man is a ticket to your re election you're out of your mind. You make me sick

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St. Johns	Recreation	We own 8 Jacksonville area studios. It's a proven fact that healthier people have a higher resistance to colds and flu and other diseases. As a small business owner, it is imperative to reopen the lifeblood of our economy in Northeast Florida. Our studios represent an important part of getting people healthier during this time and we. Believe with rigorous cleaning and SD guidelines, we can get people back to normal faster and safely.
Duval	Retail	ITS TIME TO OPEN UP THIS STATE!!!! No more of this Bs!!
Pasco	General	I feel that opening back up, gradually with strict guidelines like masks and social distancing, is imperative. Each industry should develop a plan for safe reopening to be reviewed state and adopted as statewide industry minimum standards. Certain high risk people should stay quarantined if they can or be extra diligent when or if they have to go out. This should start asap. Next month wont be any safer. Or the month after that. Until there is a vaccine we wont be safe. But we cant stay closed for a year or more or the economy, food supplies, and ultimately social order would collapse. So, we just have to create a new norm and get on with life.
Broward	General	We should wait till we are able to test anyone with symptoms on same day without long wait. We must have strong measures to prevent imported cases from outside states and tourists. We should ask businesses to allow employees to work from home till end of May. Those jobs that cannot be done from home, should be allowed to come to work starting mid May. This will allow metered opening of the economic activity without undue risk of contagion. Allow Floridians to visit their family members in the state.
Brevard	Healthcare	It is still too soon to start lifting restrictions here in Brevard county.
Flagler	General	Test, test, test. Where are the tests? Until a large percentage of the population has been tested, Florida has no business being open to non-essential businesses and tourism. Keep Floridians safe and stay home. Given our elderly population, we should be one of the last states reopening in the middle of JUNE, not the end of April. Flagler County had their highest day of new positives just the other day. I am afraid that this will not end well if we open too soon.
Palm Beach	Information	Reopening our economy means social exposure that at this time means illness and death for unknown numbers. We can survive and continue to develop strategies and support for our most vulnerable, which over whelmingly include the poor and the elderly, but we should not sacrifice lives being brash and impatient. Take it slow and thoughtfully. We are not ready to reopen. Thank you for reading this. Sue-Rita Goldstein
Escambia	General	O P E N!!! FLORIDA!! Please and thank you 🙏
Collier	Food	My heart goes out to those who have lost their jobs because of the COVID 19. We need to get our state and country back to the roaring economy we had a short few months ago. Safely is the key. Ron Desantis, you're doing a great job so far, keep it up! Open Florida safely as soon as practicable. Forget the nay sayers. They have political reasons for wanting a delay.

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Miami-Dade	General	I work in Long term Care and we still have positive COVID patients and employees. Most people in the community are not following orders of 6ft distance or masks when when around others. A lot of people are taking this as a joke. I believe we need to stay closed for now: No beaches No parks No places with more than 10 people at aa time and everyone still ware masks.
Orange	Tourism	Reopening the Disney Area and tourism. In order to prevent a new outbreak keeping the Tourism closed to Florida residents only!!! This could start off as residents only for a few months and then gradually to open. Orlando and florida is a highly desired vacation state and location, please remember that we live here, work here, and pay taxes here. We want everyone safe including visitors please start small for all of our safety. I moved here a year ago and I am within 5 miles of Disney that is why we moved here. Disney is the best example to follow!! They cared enough to close before the state closed please take their lead!!!
Polk	Food	I'm all for opening up.
Pinellas	General	Before we open the state, we need a much more robust testing program in order for our health officials to be able to control flare ups. We also need to be at a point where most of us have the confidence that going out to eat or shopping isn't likely to get us sick. Opening the economy too early just might push us into a full blown depression, not just a recession. Don't blow it.
Pinellas	Healthcare	Please reopen Florida soon. Patients are in need of proper health care and some are dying at home without the proper treatment or medicines.
Broward	Healthcare	Continue social distancing.
Miami-Dade	Professional Services	i own a beauty salon in coral gables, and i think we should reopen salons and retail store under certain conditions. during crisis there is nothing better than feeling that we look good to put the moral up. Now we have to limit how many clients at the same time based on the space. everyone wearing mask, disinfecting stations and combs, shears and brushes between clients ..not reusing the same robes. having hand sanitizer etc...i's possible to do it in a safe way if everyone respect the protocol
Lee	Food	All servers, technicians, chefs, salespeople, cashiers and patrons wear masks at all times in establishments.. All credit card transactions- no signature needed. Nail salons. All customers wash hands when enter.. Staions and chairs 6 feet apart. plexiglass barriers between technician and client. Hands washed between each manicure and pedicure. Clients bring own polish. Chairs sanitized after each client. Hair salons: masks, chairs 6 feet apart. Gloves fresh with each client, no back and forth with same gloves. Floor swept after each client. All scissors, combs, brushes sanitized after each client. Chairs sanitized after each client Restaurants: all staff and patrons wearing masks. Tables and chairs at least 6 feet apart. Bar patrons 6 feet apart. All chairs and tables sanitized after each patron. Fresh gloves on each waiter delivering food. No shared salt, pepper, ketchup, mustard, sugar, etc.

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Lee	General	To date, the task force's executive committee does not have ANY doctors & the only public health expert is a hospital executive who was not involved in the initial meeting. There remains an ongoing concern about FL contracting a second wave of COVID-19 w/ insufficient testing.
Bay	General	We should reopen as soon as safely possible. We can be safe and keep our awareness up. Social distancing and common sense guidelines would he fine. Our seasonal economy has been wrecked. People who have been furloughed and people who outright lost jobs are still seeking financial help from unemployment. We are looking for whatever work we can but we are thousands of dollars behind in rent, loans, and bills. It might be months before we ever receive it. We are stifling the economy so people can feel safe about other people. We need to worry about ourselves first.
Miami-Dade	Professional Services	Please, open slowly. Any opening needs to be allowed under strict guidelines of social distancing and people wearing mask, as a minimum. Otherwise, authorities should close back beaches (Jacksonville), parks, restaurants, events, any places where people might get together without any regard to current situation. Be careful specially with South Florida. If people do not follow common sense behavior, be ready for a second wave. Do not open yet MIA, nor any South Florida airport, nor any airport in Florida to overseas flights; and if possible, none from the North East, and any other nation's hot spots. No cruise ships yet, keep they docked. Better wait until at least mid May, three more weeks, to see how the curve behave. Regarding unemployment insurance, advertise the progress being made; no one may expect a miracle or a magic nor a quick resolution to such a burden to the system; and opportunistic politicians should refrain from cheap shots meaning this is a time to work all together and not trying to confuse the population (constituents).
Palm Beach	General	I am providing my input about re-opening the state. I would like to see public spaces such as state, county and city parks opened back up as well as beaches and all boat ramps for everyone. I believe beaches should be open to use a each individual sees fit, whether that is sitting on the beach, walking, runnings, surfing, fishing or any other activity. Being able to enjoy the outdoors is essential to staying healthy. If there are people that think it is dangerous or is not good for them, then they can choose to stay home. I would like to see restaurants opened for dining in. I realize it may be decided that tables need to be further away from each other, but at least open them so that some people without a job can get back to work and so that we can enjoy a night out. I think that while there are certainly people that were impacted by the virus, that it was over blown and reported in a way as to instill irrational fear in people. Please get businesses back open and let each of us decide for ourselves if we want to utilize their services.

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Lee	Government	Good evening. I disagree with re- opening our economy at this time. I understand people need to work as do I (I've been furloughed too). However, I don't think people will listen to the social distancing rules as one u re-open our state, people will think all is ok and it will go back to how it was before this mess. I went to Publix today and I was surprised to see people without masks or gloves. This is very dangerous. I think another 2 or 4 weeks would be better and will keep our state safer.
Miami-Dade	Recreation	People jogging should wear face masks. When we run, we breath heavy and droplets exit our mouth with more force and thus can travel longer distances.
Pinellas	General	I am really concerned and against that our state is even considering opening up beginning this coming week. Our state has not shown a decline in cases yet, in fact has not even plateaued yet. My understanding is that the recommendation is 14 consecutive days without an increase in cases before beginning phase one. Looking at the graph on the Florida Health website we have only had 2 consecutive days of lower in new cases, none from lowering overall cases. I know there is concern over the economy but that is not as important as the health and lives of the people. If more people get sick and die that in itself will effect the economy as well. Loss of income can be regained for most but loss of life can not! I have been quarentining since mid March and looking forward to this being over however I do not want a rush to back to an open state which medical/science professionals have said is likely to lead us back to where we were and a great chance it would be worse. Closing the state up a second time I believe would be more difficult to get the community behind especially for those who are only thinking of how it effects them and not others.. We should learn from history and how the Spanish flu surged after safety measures were relaxed too soon. Thank you for helping to keep us healthy and alive
Hillsborough	General	It is time to open Florida. I believe The White House plan would work for Florida and we need to reopen now. It is bad for small businesses and the morale of people to continue the shutdown. The individuals including those in long term care facilities who are in the at risk categories should continue self quarantine measures.
Miami-Dade	General	Greetings, I seriously feel we can NOT continue hurting and setting back all the small businesses,, these businesses are the financial backbone to every community. I understand state/local governments have a responsibility to educate residents however EVERYONE has a responsibility to make sure moving forward they do their part (social distance/option mask/gloves). Seniors and those with medical conditions should stay home, remember there are those residents that will NOT comply no matter what we do. Open the economy and let residents make their own decision, local hospital are at less than 40 percent capacity, more people die of the flu, car accidents, smoking cigarettes and even drown in a pool and the economy doesn't get shut down .. The fear can NOT be bigger than the problem !!

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Miami-Dade	General	The State of Florida should seriously consider the advice of medical professionals as it relates to COVID-19. As the State considers when to start opening up businesses, the amount of people that are infected needs to be taken into consideration as well as the amount of people that may be infected and asymptomatic, but have not been tested. As steps are taken to ensure people are safe, some businesses may be more prone to the spread of it, e.g., nail salons, hair dressers, gyms, etc. Businesses need to take this very seriously and the State should ensure that a level of enforcement is there in order to ensure that the spread of this disease continues to be curbed and is not ignored.
Miami-Dade	Administrative	The Miami-Dade task force developed a safe plan for opening golf courses and the mayor seemed to support it. When will the courses open?
Broward	Healthcare	Governor DeSantis Please do not reopen Florida too soon. Your time table is too soon and a month or so of isolation and decrease in the economy will have been for naught. We will be back where we started and maybe worse. because cases and deaths from the virus are still rising. This is a nasty, terrible virus and it has been proven the only way to contain and get rid of it is keeping places closed,, real social distancing and testing so we know where we are. As it is the virus is needlessly spreading because some people don't follow the rules. Imagine what will happen if The state is opened too early. Please listen to Dr Fauci and other really knowledgeable healthcare people and follow their guidelines. Haven't we had enough death in Florida from this virus and some of them were healthy individuals in their teens, 20's and 30's. Please be non partisan here and care about your constituents by not opening Florida too early. Thank you in advance for saving the people of Florida by waiting.
Seminole	Healthcare	Please open the state, this has gone on too long and our economy needs to open. Staying on lockdown will not make it go away. We have to work our children need some normalcy again. There will be an increase in abuse, child abuse, sexual abuse, hunger loss of homes, cars and businesses. We need to open.
Orange	Transportation	Don't open. No abran
Broward	Education	As an aspiring teacher for the 2020-2021 school year, I think schools should open in August so we can teach our students the correct way. We can hire more teachers for smaller class sizes. We can check the temperature of each employee and student in the morning. Lunch can be eaten in the classroom to avoid big crowds. Outside play can be spaced out by class. Teachers and parents can wear a mask during drop off and pick up. Teachers and students can wear a mask all day if recommended by medical professionals. I want to make a difference in students lives and the best way I can do that is in the classroom. Now if medical officials say the above scenario is not safe then virtual learning should continue. All American lives comes first Thank you!

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Duval	General	Florida is not ready to reopen. SD should still be a way of life. The curve has not been flattened enough. I know businesses are floundering, but life is more important. This is so political right now, but Covid 19 has no boundaries. Please do not continue to make this platform political.
Lee	General	I don't think Florida should reopen soon. People have shown they cannot and do not use common sense. My mother works for a chain of retirement communities and there are times of residents and employees are asymptomatic and testing positive. Only last week we they even able to be tested. I work in county government. Our clients first concern is not health or heygiene. We were being exposed to people who had been exposed before the social distancing guidelines came out. People are concerned only with themselves and display this with their protests.
Hillsborough	Technology	First of all, thanks for the steps you have taken to keep Florida safe. Although I think that it is still too early to open the state, I know that it is something unspeakable and sooner or later it will be done. it must be a very well thought-out measure, and it must be done gradually. despite the fact that cases of COVID 19 are increasing. if the state opens, social distancing measures, meeting in places with less than 10 people must continue for at least a time 3 - 4 months , to avoid crowds and possible contagion, since not everyone will follow the normal ones at the foot of the lyrics. (applicable for all businesses, offices, banks, factories, etc.) The use of mouth covers must be mandatory in places such as supermarkets, pharmacies (today there are many people who do not seem to care about the use of mouth cover up because I have seen a lot of people without using it in publix, home depot etc...) small businesses, stores could open perhaps with a special schedule so that they can create jobs again and the economy would start to move slowly but surely (businesses should not open at the same time, this should be gradually to study if the infected increase or decrease) Finally, I ask that you prioritize the health of all your families, and of our families, health and life must prevail over the economy. Be sensible and make the best decisions. Thank you
Hillsborough	General	The only way to know whether reopening is safe is through adequate testing. Without that data, we're only making half-educated guesses about how safe it would be. The economy needs more certainty than that, and the well-being of every Florida citizen - regardless of political stripe - demands no less than comprehensive testing of every citizen. Our current testing capacity and access to it is a million miles away from being close enough.
Okaloosa	General	I am in favor of opening up our businesses in FL. Folks need to get back to work. It would be nice if we could slow down the influx of tourists, though - at least those from COVID 19 hot spot states. I think beaches should be open to only locals until June. Thank you for the opportunity to give my opinion !
Escambia	General	Open Florida please and thank you!

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Hillsborough	Agriculture	Please take things slowly. I pray you use common sense when trying to turn things back to normal. What's a few more weeks if it saves lives. Also we need more testing whether they have symptoms or not. We have to know where this state stands with who has the virus and who doesn't. Thank you, ELanda Bates
Pasco	General	Committee members, The priority is to keep Floridians safe. I know there is pressure with the economy, but until people believe they can reenter businesses, jobs and communities safely we are not going to have a successful restart. Let's listen first to the medical experts! Let's move slowly and with each successful day/week/month we can accelerate based on evidence that we are safe. Thanks, Dave Seriously, I could not send because of high traffic. This does not happen to me in everyday internet life! It should not happen here! Not impressed!
Pasco	Recreation	I do not believe Florida should be open for recreational purposes such as the beach and bars as it will be impossible to enforce social distancing and could reignite the virus Friday was the highest Spike we had so far and I think it needs to be at least 2 weeks on the downward spiral before even thinking of opening up
Brevard	General	I am very concerned about opening things back up. I don't feel that the brevets county folks have taken this serious or understand all the unknowns. I understand school is out for the year but what about the touch screens that parents use to sign in each day? What about parents walking kids to classes and visiting at lunch? How are we going to protect the office staff, teachers and students? What about buses? lunch room tables? This is not as simple as let's just go back to work. We have to have restrictions and precautions in place. What will those be? You can't even buy Lysol or wipes in the store and you want to open back up? What about PPE for workers that deal with the public? CDC has recommended masks and still a lot of people are NOT using them. How are we going to protect our citizens?
Brevard	Education	Numbers are low in Brevard county. Stores need to open, along with restaurants, using social distancing. People who are at risk or afraid should wear masks. Those who don't want to go out, shouldn't. I work for the school system, and agree with staying closed this year. Many of our students live with older grandparents, and are big carriers of everything. My concern is that many cases of abuse are happening and we don't know about them. We need our state to open up quickly. Many are out of work, and having difficulty getting the unemployment system to work. People are hungry, lonely and depressed. That in itself is a recipe for disaster. Beaches and parks need to open as well. People need to get out in the fresh air, socialize and enjoy the sunshine, being careful in the process. More people die of the flu every year, than this covid-19. Be careful, be safe, be free!

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Broward	General	I am against opening Florida Until end of May too many cases in south Florida and until we have more testing statewide we don't know how many people are asymptotic I don't want to have to quarantine again at a later date Thank you
Miami-Dade	General	The decision when and how to reopen public areas and the economy is a difficult one, and I'm not comfortable with widespread opening because I know how good I've been, but I don't have any information about the person next to me. I think that any public place should require a temperature check before being allowed entry. If it's within the normal limit, they can be allowed in. If it's above the normal limit, they should be denied entry and forced to take a test. This includes ANYONE entering the establishment: employees, contract workers AND customers/guests. This may not be realistic for some places such as parks, etc. so for those areas there should be strict rules and anyone not adhering to these rules should be subject to community service in a COVID unit, at a COVID testing facility, etc. I'm sure these locations could some extra hands.
Orange	General	The financial impact of the coronavirus pandemic is devastating. I'm fortunate enough to be able to work from home, but my husband has been furloughed. Even in light of those facts we feel strongly that you should make the decisions about reopening the state based on the science. The federal government provided a list of criteria our state should satisfy before we move through the phases of reopening. Florida has not met those criteria yet. In my family, we want to see the state reopened, but only when it's safe for us to do so. We've been staying at home to help slow the spread. We've sacrificed a lot over the last month. Please don't reopen too soon and make all our sacrifices for nothing.
Palm Beach	General	Open up all business, making the business owner and the customers responsible for their own behavior as far as their health goes. Definitely open up beaches and golf courses and parks as soon as possible. People with underlying health issues that make them more prone to getting the virus should honker town as long as they have to. The business owner and the Public will figure a safe way to do it. We don't need government holding our hand, just need correct and accurate advice from government.
Lee	Information	I am assuming we will receive notification as to when my husband and I (we are seniors) can take the antibody test, so we know where we stand healthwise. If my assumption is wrong, when and how will we find out? Thank you for this opportunity.

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Duval	Professional Services	Hello, our Florida barber and cosmetology laws are very restrictive when it concerns the ability to do mobile services. Given the recent epidemic I believe it would be in the best interest of the public and the staff of our barbershop if we were allowed to perform services at clients homes. I have always struggled to understand why food trucks have been allowed to do so but our industry is almost entirely banned from performing mobile services except under very strict circumstances. Food trucks are a great risk to public safety then barbers and cosmetologists in my opinion. Please change the law and allow licensed barbers and stylists to perform services at client's homes. Thank you very much.
Brevard	Education	Need to open schools for the new school year. Children need classroom education with their teachers and peers. It will also help the children's mental and social health.
Volusia	Recreation	I would like to see Volusia County beaches open for Seniors to sit Using social distancing Open for sun bathing and sitting watching the ocean and just relax with no restrictions on hours. Thank you
Volusia	Healthcare	Surgeries need to start immediately. Not all surgeries Florida and the Feds are calling elective are truly elective. I have aggressive cancer and my surgery was scheduled for Monday. This was not elective but life saving and it was postponed. These types of surgeries need to begin not just for me, but all the people who are in the same situation as I am. I hope the misguided decision not to perform life saving surgeries did not cause someone to die. Probably would blame the coronavirus not mismanagement.
Palm Beach	General	i would like community pools and beaches open. i have never been 20 feet from someone else at the beach in general. same with pools, people respects personal space in these areas in general. also parks where people can walk. JD for example where you are not near people anyway. Then maybe open up outside seating restaurants only with tables 6 feet apart? and limit total number of people to 50? movies theaters with people sitting 6 feet apart , same total of 50. etc
Sarasota	General	I think it is too soon to open!!! Also we really still do not want tourist here just yet either.. I understand the economy needs help but the economy we will rebuild. Especially in Florida with all the tourists that will definitely be back. If we open too soon it will be a death sentence. We can always make the economy better but you cannot raise the dead. It's bad enough now with people out and about thinking target is essential when it is not.I am scared to go to the grocery store. But I have no choice when I do so. Please think of peoples lives.

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Palm Beach	General	We shouldn't make the mistake of opening up to ealry then will have to suffer even longer. How can we even trust you to open the economy if you guys cant even properly handle paying people unemployment? Workout promlems first before you talk about being reckless and opening the economy to esly. We had every opportunity to sqush this ealry and did nothing. Im a bartender so i am definitely panicking and want thing to go back to normal ASAP. Im missing my birthday do to this. We can't afford to do this wrong and up to quickly. We need to test all workers not with just temperature checks. Testing and countoius testing we need those instant test kits to be available before opening up everything. Everyone coming into the state needs to be tested. You have to do it right most people are against you guys rushing to open the government my suggestion to you test test test and more test. Also fix current problems first. Pay us Unemployment we need it. I would also suggest you be more cautious with us front line works extended are benefits we need more then $275 a week thats pathetic. Because you cant just send us back to early risk are safety because fixing later is harder then fixing it now prevented in this stage is way more important now. Business will come back slow. Also look at models of other countries that are successful in handling covid19 don't be afraid to admit when wrong and take advice. The is reasons other countries aren't opening up now and rushing it because it could back and be much worse because we rushed it
Brevard	General	I want to applaud you for the awesome job you have done for the people of Florida. We breathed a sigh of relief when you beat Gillum, he would have been a horrible governor. Thanks for your commitment to our state. We pray for you daily. As for opening the state, I believe all those at risk should continue to isolate, however, our state and country should go back to work. The media will find fault with whatever happens as they always do when it comes to Republicans. I believe God picked you to lead us at this point in time, knowing you have the wisdom and faith to do the right thing. May God continue to Bless you!
Volusia	General	I feel that it is too early to open our great state. Confirmed cases are still going up and there is a lack of testing people are still afraid to venture out how do you social distancing for stores and beaches? We need to stay closed at least two more weeks until a master plan is developed and presented to the public. The health of our residents should always be first before anything else. I for one will not visit any restaurant or gatherings till at least for two weeks. I also feel social distancing should be enforced better to stop the spread of the virus. Opening the beaches were a joke when they are just loaded with people. Thank you mr governer and I truly hope you do the right thing and not bow to outside pressure or that of big business. Thank you again. Donald Watts

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Palm Beach	Recreation	I think we should start May 1 to open the public parks, private and public golf courses, public and private tennis courts. We all need more outdoor activities and all of those can be run safely. Since the children are not going back to school they desperately need to be able to go to the parks. Social distancing in those outdoor spaces are much better then them playing in the street where there is no oversight. both tennis and golf have PGA and USTA Covid guidelines that keep them safe. The beaches could be opened as long as you have the life guards and park employees monitoring those areas. Also some smaller businesses can be run very safely since few people frequent them at one time. We all need to work towards getting back to what we do. Especially since no one seems to be getting their re-employment payments from the state and many are not able to buy food, pay rent and survive this crisis.
St. Johns	Recreation	I would like to see beaches re-open 24/7 for all recreation and for sitting or lying down by oneself. By increasing the hours available, it should decrease the concentration of people. Walking after dark also seems viable. Thank you.
Duval	Healthcare	Ready to open up florida. As a mental health therapist, clients need to be in a room with a therapist. Virtual is okay but isn't like human contact. Let's open up now.
Brevard	General	Small businesses can put in place strict Protocols that make our businesses safer then the larger corporations. We need to be trusted to care for our customers in a safe manner. Many of us will lose our businesses if you do not open the state. How is this fair to us! We have an intimate relationship with our customers and the most important thing normally to us is keeping our customers safe! How is it safe for people to walk into Grocery stores etc where 100's of people go but not safe to walk into a business who can cater to an individual client at a time. I have sent my protocols to the Governor and written on behalf of my business many times with no response. My business supports 8 families none of which have received any financial help. Keeping people safe is good and can be done without destroying our economy and destroying peoples lives, hopes and dreams. Please Let Us Go Back To Work
Palm Beach	General	Have you forgotten how FAST this disease spread the first time? 1,600 cases March 12 to 609,000 cases April 14 (in one month)! We now have 933,000 cases How many will that be in one month? We have only social distancing as a prevention and by reopening without a cure / vaccine / or PROPER TESTING AND A PLAN is idiotic and puts everyone at serious risk. Although the economy is hurting, we cannot allow so many unnecessary deaths to happen because we want normalcy. Please use caution and wait for the right time. This is not it.
Orange	Professional Services	I believe that opening up hair & nail salons would be possible while maintaining social distancing by opening up every other chair. It's important for these types of businesses to be open, not only for the people who work there to be able to get back to work but also for people to be able to patron those businesses and try to feel better about ourselves and things that are going on because we've been staying home for so long now.

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Seminole	General	Please make wearing a face covering mandatory if people are out in a public space. I know the mask doesn't protect me but protects the others but why would anyone go into a Publix supermarket without a face covering on? those people are putting themselves and their families at risk by working for us. The least we can do is wear a face covering. And as a shopper, I want to be in as safe a place as possible. Face coverings in public areas need to be mandatory for the foreseeable future!
Miami-Dade	General	My recommendation for opening would be that if you want to open parks for example, then the week before, all employees who work in the park industry would get tested with the antibody test; and you can test each industry before opening. This way everyone can get tested and you would be able to get better data on how this virus has spread with people not showing symptoms. We can receive a card that can show status and present to boss or owners. Schools should not open till next school year. All first responders and all industry that have currently been open should also be tested. Social distance and wearing mask in large gathering should continue to apply until a permanent solution is found . Thank you for this opportunity.
Pinellas	Retail	Let me start off by saying we all appreciate all of the hard work and concern our government has for the people they serve. I understand the people in then entire state of Florida are upset-stressed due to fear, uncertainty, and most importantly the financial pressures we are all feeling. I truly believe we have come this far and I feel like we have been VERY successful containing the illness/deaths in Florida (in the beginning I thought we would be hit hard) we need to continue this stay at home effort at a minimum of 2 more weeks! We can all at least do this for our safety and the effort to safe more lives , continue the good work Kim
Clay	General	I don't believe the poll! Everyone I know agrees thst our state needs to be opened up now!
Lee	Education	I think we should listen to scientists and public health officials who are not politically motivated about when to reopen the state. We have an elderly population. Opening the beaches is not a good idea. We should in no way follow Georgia's example or listen to the daily ramblings of Mr Trump. He doesn't respect the leaders of the scientific community and goes off on dangerous tangents. Even in August and September we need to be careful about schools. Children have died, and they also carry Covid-19 to teachers, bus drivers, principals and support staff and then home to grandparents. We need to think about people and support people instead of corporate greed. More needs to be done for those unemployed and the essential workers need to be paid well and they their families should get money if they die. They are not disposable. We will all be watching how this is handled when we go to vote. People before corporate greed. CEO's should not be getting bonuses right now. That money should be going to employees. This is a time for citizens to come together, be safe and care for one another. It's time for the state of Florida to take care of its people the way its people have cared for its state.

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Duval	Administrative	It is terrible mistake to shut down an economy for any type of virus. You can Implement PP and social distancing Karma filtering systems in buildings, and testing instead of taking away everyone's rights even to go to a park which is dumb. SchoolSpeak app open so cases can be monitored and partitions installed if that is necessary between students. This can never happen again
Wakulla	General	Keep the businesses closed at least another month or two.
Palm Beach	Recreation	Please open up golf courses, parks and beaches. We can stay a safe distance from each other and cover our faces.
Collier	General	PLEASE do not open before we meet the criteria for Phase 1 given by Federal medical experts. We are not there yet, 74% of Floridians don't want to reopen until medical experts think it is safe. To get 74% of our state to agree on anything, is a miracle, and should be listened to by businesses. You're risking our lives and very possibly losing all the good we have gotten from staying safe so far. You will be rightly blamed for unnecessary deaths if you don't follow the advice of the medical experts.
Broward	General	I would like for phase 1 to begin in May 1. I believe the opening of parks, beaches, golf courses and boat ramps could be done safely and would provide a valuable outlet for people to look forward to during this time.
Orange	Government	Open the State up NOW! Why is this even up for debate? Our Constitution is clear, there are NO accomodations for the [cough] [cough] open beach PARKING NOW! THE BEACHES ARE NOT OPEN!

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Brevard	Government	I understand how difficult it is right now for our citizens financially due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We have now, unfortunately entered the Coronavirus Era. Our world has had to close attractions, restaurants, forms of travel, schools, malls, and the majority of other small businesses to protect ourselves from this highly fatal virus. This has erased economic opportunity across all continents. Workers and business owners alike provide an invaluable part of the synergy that created circular streams of revenue throughout neighborhoods, towns, cities, counties, and states. Those streams of revenue have now dried up like a desert. Our government stepped in and attempted to provide protection and relief, however, for reasons unknown (which is a travesty, as the American people have a right to know what is going on in OUR government) that relief has not reached many of those that truly need it. Many displaced workers and business owners are financially suffering and need immediate relief, which they cannot receive. They are still receiving invoices for electricity, internet, car payments, etc. This is unacceptable. The unemployment benefits are a joke and Rick Scott should be ashamed of himself for the disgusting view he has toward displaced workers. Without workers to purchase from businesses, there is no circular stream of revenue. Providing financial relief to businesses only creates a one-sided financial scale which will simply turn the economy upside down. Businesses will not have sales if the workers cannot afford to buy products. The virus has not slowed down, in fact, it is mimicking the Spanish flu (1918). I will attach some information from the same reaction from businesses and citizens from the first wave of the Spanish Flu who reacted the same way, sick of being cooped up, loss of income, etc. -refusing social distancing and/or not wearing face masks. This created the second wave which killed many more citizens. This is a grave mistake to even think about reopening anything this soon. I would focus on how to provide financial relief to the citizens during this time, and getting that in order before even thinking of re-opening the state.
Polk	General	In my opinion, this survey was very difficult to find. Therefore, the information you will receive doesn't represent as many people as it could have with an easy access button on your home page. I do not feel that Florida should reopen at this time as the statistical data released by John Hopkins shows the virus is still on the rise within our state.

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Franklin	Education	Florida should begin its opening with elective health procedures and appointments. Medical providers know how to properly sanitize. Maybe excepting dental hygiene and other non-emergency dental procedures since it is very difficult to properly protect against spreading droplets during those procedures. Then move to retail businesses that can control the number of shoppers allowed in at one time. Encourage delivery and contactless pickup whenever possible. Restaurants next, with no parties larger than 6 and reduce number of tables.. Personal services such as hair & nail salons should wait a while and should have strict sanititation and PPE requirements when they do open. Vacation rentals should remain closed until we have reached an appropriate testing benchmark. To prevent the transfer of virus, visitors from areas of known infection should be excluded. Beaches should open with restrictions to prevent loitering. We need to reopen the the tourism industry but we don't need a massive influx of visitors all at once. Some means should be designed to start very slowly with a slow ramping up of out of state visitors. Testing should be ramped up vigorously. Persons unable to work sjould receive financial help and struggling small businesses should receive loans or grants. Please do not rush the reopening. It will cost more in the long run if businesses have to close and reopen more than once.
Duval	General	I'm a small business owner in Jacksonville, my wife is a day care worker and is around a lot of people daily. I have no fears of reopening Florida and see it as a MUST for our mental health and our economy. Let's lead the nation in a common sense reopening of our state!
Lee	General	No one wants to get sick with cova. We need to reopen so no one loose they homes or family. Force wearing mask and social distancing. Re open please
Manatee	Manufacturing	Open the State, with reasonable guidelines.

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Miami-Dade	Healthcare	As a healthcare worker I plead our community to remain close. It is tough as essential workers to decide that those who are unessential workers that require their steady incomes to support their families to stay home. However our general population does not follow distancing guidelines and are unable to properly minimize any potential exposure even with the rules in place. If we go and resume all operations with the hope that the community will follow the rules then we will see the wave of infection and death skyrocket to a level where our hospitals will be so inundated and our poor exhausted medical team will not be able to effectively keep up as it is. The one thing that will surely happen is that once the request to stay home is placed in effect again, the community will not follow those rules which will cause our law enforcement to be at greater vulnerability as they attempt to enforce once again these rules. We see it on the news, on social media and through out the world how the conversations are guided through economy versus life and how our population doubts science and continues to be fueled by hate. How come the medical providers who are actually on the floors seeing what the virus does to a human and how we become a shell of a person in a comatose state with a ventilator supporting us are not the ones being asked to speak up if our state should re-open. We need the ones in the front lines to share their voice, not the administrators and not the ones who do not directly see this. If you want to think about the economy then what economy will you have if you have no one alive to thrive to mobilize it back to normal. We are making a huge mistake thinking to be pro-economy versus pro-life, we all know it is scary because we have never experienced this in our lives. This is almost as we had to approach it is bio-terrorism, don't put our state at such a vulnerable level where we are allowing the "weak" to be killed; the weak is a whole generation and that generation deserves life just like a newborn. We wipe them out but that generation includes MANY of our political figures; it is easier to judge from the comfort of our own home when we don't have to worry about paying the bills because we have enough to support us for a year perhaps. But I don't; I barely have enough to survive for a month and as it is I beg and implore our state to do what is right for the people, which is stay home and wait this out. All around you hear people shout that this is "fake news" and that this isn't real and that the science is not real, and yet our political figures fuel this and
Miami-Dade	General	Open gyms, corona can't stop the gains bro lol
Orange	General	KEEP YOUTH GYMS CLOSED (gymnastics/cheer) have slipped under the radar (Gymnastics/Cheer) gyms - hundreds statewide are set to open as soon as GYMS are given the greenlight to open. PROTECT the PARENTS
Brevard	Recreation	Please open the state parks for overnight camping. Social distancing at these facilities are much better than many apartments or urban areas. Thanks.
Broward	Information	Governor Desantis, We were told two weeks. Its well past that and there still seems to be no plan in place. I understand its hard to plan for uncertainty, however, it is time to let businesses re open. Many are barely going to survive this as it is and with every passing day, it is more unlikely. Opening up does not mean people are going to die. We are all most likely going to contract this at some point regardless of how long it stays shut down. The cure is much worse than the disease already. Prolonging this shutdown will only make things much worse. People need to get back to their lives and provide for their families.

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Orange	Tourism	Hon. Gov. DeSantis, We are closely following your Task Force meetings assigned with reopening the Florida economy. Despite not having a vacation rental industry representative on the Task Force, we would like to respectfully ask that the vacation rental industry be allowed to reopen in May and resume operations in a limited capacity at the very minimum. We are a $31 billion dollar contributor annually to the hospitality economy throughout Florida. Prior to the Covid-19 pandemic our industry was creating 312 jobs per day. Today many of our industry employees are unemployed. We need to get back to work. Vacation rentals have implemented enhanced procedures to clean and sterilize homes using the most advanced techniques following CDC and EPA recommendations. Small businesses like those in the vacation rental industry have suffered enormously over the last 30 days and need to get back to work. Many have applied for CARES Act funding and still have not received approvals for funding and maybe never will. Many small businesses have been shut out of this program. We respectfully ask for you to reopen vacation rentals and allow Floridians the chance to get back to serving guests in the state's premier industry. Sincerely, Rafael Graciano Baldez Neves Property Care & Vendor Management P: 1 321-430-6073 A: 330 Exchange Drive - Unit 10 Orlando, FL 32809 W: www.glasstonegroup.com
Miami-Dade	Education	NO!!!! Lives are more important than money Dead you do not spend
Polk	General	I thinks it's time to reopen the state. Common sense says the longer we stay closed, the longer it takes the state to recover. When stores like Lowe's and Hone Depot can be open, but a non-essential has to stay closed is ridiculous.
Broward	General	Please don't reopen Florida until the medical experts say that it is safe to do so!!
Orange	Healthcare	As a member of the working healthcare community, the possibility of the state reopening its many shops, restaurants and other establishments is a frightening prospect. I worry about the consequences that may occur and affect our young citizens as well as more of our middle aged citizens as they are more likely to want to resume their normal activities. I am sensitive to the fact that our local establishments which allow thousands of our citizens to feed their families and provide shelter are closed....causing surmountable stress and anxiety. For this reason, I am not totally against re-opening. I only ask for simple measures to be implemented, at a minimum, to assist in protecting the public.
Pasco	General	Do not reopen any aspect of Florida for at least another month.

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Osceola	Food	Before opening the economy we need assurances we are safe, we need way more testing. So far we have only tested a small percentage of the state population. We need oversight to isolate, contact trace and monitor the infected. I am more worried about opening too soon and having a rebound of new infections and deaths. It is way too soon to open restaurants, gyms, theaters, and hair salons.
Hendry	General	Please do not begin reopening yet. We are not at a place where enough testing, ppe, and general compliance from individuals warrants the start of reopening. Numbers will vastly begin to increase if we are not continuing to follow the safer at home rules we are under. We've already seen a large increase in our county in the last few weeks, and if rules are lifted, it will only continue to increase. Please give it at least another few weeks to slow the spread more and give our healthcare workers a break before we begin allowing even more non-essential things to open. Movie theaters have never been "essential." It's a luxury at any time, and since we have been watching more tv and streaming than any of us probably ever wanted to, movie theaters are the last thing we need right now. I know the economy and people losing jobs is a serious concern, but a few more weeks will not destroy everything, and the preservation of lives is always more important than money.
Escambia	General	We need to follow the guidelines set by doctors which state that we need to see a 14 day decline in covid cases before we attempt to cautiously open the state.
Lake	General	Reopen
Seminole	General	Let us decide. Open fully up. We didn't elect rulers, kings and queens. Let the frail, elderly, skittish and most at-risk self-quarantine. If a business wants to open, fine. If a business doesn't open, that's fine, too. Let the people decide where to go and what to do.
Volusia	General	I am not wanting to open the economy. I believe it is to risky and way to soon. I have watched as our county has gone up steadily. People are not respecting the 6 foot spacing not properly cleaning. I want to be 100%sure before we rush back to the old way of life. I am to scared and will not go to a gym or hair salon. Please take into consideration those of us who are chronic I'll and struggle with our own health conditions.
Escambia	General	I worry that opening Florida too soon will only increase the # of people infected. Our numbers of those testing positive goes up every day and we don't test that many. I don't plan on going to the beach or anywhere else where people congregate even if you open it up but I still have to go to work and buy groceries so I will be exposed to those who do congregate.
Brevard	Professional Services	I am a licensed hairdresser in the State of Florida Pennsylvania and New Jersey practicing since 1986 I currently work in Volusia County and reside in Brevard County I am 53 years old I've been in this industry for a very long time and I think it is absolutely insane to open a business where there is Hands-On within 12 in of contact of strange public people that could be an extensive anywhere from five minutes to 3 hour appointment in the salon there is no guarantee that they will be free of coronavirus there is no guarantee that we are free of coronavirus and there is no way to completely sanitized the interior of the salon between every single guest at a salon cannot open for one stylist and one guest at a time please do not put us in this position thank you

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Leon	Healthcare	Please do NOT reopen. It's too early. Yes, I understand people need to get back to work. However jobs don't matter if you're dead.
Miami-Dade	Finance	This shutdown Is doing more harm than good. We should have shut down immediately and waited for the facts the facts are A complete shutdown Is not helpful if we quarantine the older population of people that have symptoms and everyone social distances it would be better than the complete shutdown. I've also been furloughed and I don't know how I'm going to pay my bills because the unemployment still hasn't hit my account I urge you to please open up the state.
St. Johns	General	We are NOWHERE near ready to reopen. Sufficient testing is not there, testing that does exist is inconsistent and not always reliable. The nation needs to make mask wearing in public mandatory in the meanwhile. Too many folks out in the store are wearing nOthing...far too many adults wesring masks dragging kids with none. Florida needs to institute manadatory masks...as a start, but if all other states dont follow, goes back to peeing in the pool philosophy. This is just to continue flattening the curve... while the doctors continue to search for more answers and improve testing.....and TREATMENT
St. Johns	General	I personally think that the economy needs to reopen or there at least needs to be some sort of lack or give on the social distancing. Many peoples mental health is suffering, and even if we have to open the economy slowly such as not opening theme parks or giant tourism for the time being then the unemployment rate will go down still and more people will be understanding and able to live peacefully. We cannot live in a bubble for too much longer before the economy collapses further, especially in counties like mine where we do not have excessive numbers.
Pasco	Recreation	Please consider opening the boat ramps throughout the state. Fishing has always deemed an activity that could be partaken in within guidelines during the pandemic. Instead of policing boat ramps with FWC, Sheriff and other LE agencies many boat ramps are just closed. That is leaving many like me to go to ramps that are absolutely overcrowded! I have also seen exactly 1 FWC boat since this pandemic started. Lack of presence of law enforcement is allowing people to stuff 20 people on a pontoon boat. Preventing a bass boat from being on the water does nothing for stopping this pandemic. Thank you, Chris Cardamone, Esq.

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Polk	General	I am 63 yrs old, husband is 72. We have been annual pass holders at both Disney and Universal for 10 years. I want to feel safe leaving my house. I cannot feel that way while knowing asymptomatic people are out and about. For that matter I, myself, could be carrying the virus and not even know it, thus infecting others without meaning to. Note: in 10 years of living in Florida and attending the theme parks regularly, I've only had 3 colds) My daughter-in-law (and son) who is presently living with us and working from home, could be sent back to her workplace, become infected, and bring it home to the rest of us. She is VERY careful when doing OUR errands for us, including mask and hand sanitizer usage. BUT, maybe the rest of her workmates aren't that careful and would be exposed to the virus, thus exposing her, and then her exposing us. Our other son and his wife work at Universal, but are presently working from their apartment. We haven't seen them since their wedding in February : (Our household has been VERY careful and followed all the rules during this time. Our 85+yr old neighbors have NOT. They've shopped at Walmart, had a big family get-together for Easter with hugging/kissing on driveway, AND NEVER WORN MASKS! In the past, we've helped the woman when she fell. Now? The most I can do is call 911 for help for her without coming near her. She may or may not have been exposed to the virus. I have no way of knowing, but don't want to risk my own health. To make me feel safe outside again, EVERYONE should be tested for the virus, even if they aren't showing symptoms. EVERYONE should be required to wear masks out in public (Osceola county backed off on that really fast, and now my MASKED son and daughter-in-law share the grocery store with MANY people not wearing masks or following the requirements of social distancing, up one aisle, down another, etc. I realize there are "amendment rights" that people are claiming in order to defy the new regulations, but SOMEONE has to step up and be willing to enforce the regulations if there's any hope to ever seeing the end of this covid19 crisis. Warnings are not enough for some people. Monetary fines might be. I've heard so many times that this will be the "new norm". Fine. I can adjust to that AFTER regulations are enforced, AFTER everyone has been tested, and/or AFTER some sort of vaccine is
Pinellas	Healthcare	As an essential healthcare related worker in Pinellas county, I am concerned that any mass openings of now closed spaces and non essential businesses will result in another wave of confirmed cases. Until everyone has been tested, there is absolutely no way to actually know what the numbers are and how far we have to go to ACCURATELY flatten the curve. I feel as though a month long (or more) opening approach would be more beneficial. Open an area, monitor it for two weeks and then proceed with caution as to more openings but keep social distancing measures in place throughout the entire process. We have lost too many lives already.
Pasco	Government	Please reopen all businesses so people can go back to work. There are more people unemployed then people who died from the virus or even got sick. More people have overdosed in Pasco County because of the lock down then people who got the virus. The shutdown is more harmful to everyone's long term health. Nothing like having a family to feed and the government telling a person they can't go to work and provide for their wife and kids.

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Polk	General	Florida should open parks and trails and beaches. Businesses should open with guidance for safety. To help the economy I suggest the following: a sales tax holiday for purchases from small businesses. A reduction in property taxes for property owners renting commercial space. A sales tax forgiveness for businesses renting commercial space. Protect the elderly and people living in nursing homes.
Hillsborough	Education	Put Nikki Fried on this task force. To leave Florida's $137 billion agriculture community out of these discussions is a slap in the face to the farmers and consumers who make agriculture the state's second largest industry.
Pinellas	General	They should open beaches to Florida residents only for now. Plus open pools at condos.
Broward	General	Don't reopen South Florida until medical experts say so. We should remain quarantined and social distancing. We have to prevent spread as much as we can.
Broward	Recreation	Closing everything in Florida has made my move here very difficult. As I know that this was not planned by our governor and he held off as long as he can, the state needs to reopen. I am stuck without a valid FL license because I cannot physically fo to the DMV to switch my license. Furthermore, I am a dancer and desperately need to start making an income. I understand it's not the most prestigious area of employment, but it's the only way I can make rent and raise my 7 month old daughter and spend the most time with her. I have no family down here to help me. I really need Florida to reopen so I can establish myself down here. I had to make an emergency move out of NY state when my mom threw me out on the streets just hours before NY went into lockdown. I am now working at a grocery store, but the income I receive is not nearly enough to make ends meet. Dancers are real people and we need our income as well.

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Miami-Dade	Construction	Phase 1 out of state license plates should be stopped by Florida Troopers asked for the address of where they are going to stay and that license plate should be shared with local police so that they can be tracked, those people need to quarantine for 14 days . The date of entry should be entered into police system so when that car is out in the street if the 14 days have not passed they can be stopped and sent to jail. to be past it's peak for the specific county, to re-open following federal guidelines which state a 14 day decline in both deaths and detected infections. Once that has occurred county's can start to let non essential workers open, for office buildings each owner of the building should hire a couple of workers to check temperature of each person entering building. Each store owner, barber shop, restaurant, or what ever type of business has to keep a record of daily temperature checks. Local police should spot check different areas of the county to ensure that this is being done. Fines need to be harsh for those not following . Important, behavioral punishment must be firm if not things will get out of control. Offices spaces, all people need to wear mask and maintain 6 feet distance, if they can't the need to rotate the people who work from home. So one day one group comes in and another different group comes in and on the days individuals can't come in they need to work from home. If a county faces a 2nd increase in cases for more than 7 days they need to shelter in place the population again. In order for this to work testing must continue . Parks or public areas there needs to be supervision of social distancing. Cops need to be on the beaches and enforce 6 feet rules, although extreme all public areas temperatures need to be taken .
Citrus	General	Please follow the Federal guidelines. I want normalcy, but not at a higher risk of a second wave. We're talking about lives here! Thanks for allowing my "two cents."
Miami-Dade	Healthcare	My opinion on opening the state is that we should open up slowly and In away that it can be safe for everyone. It could be done the same way that the stat of Georgia is doing it but at the same time making sure that everyone is wearing face mask and keeping social distance still in place.
Collier	Recreation	People in Collier County have been incredibly responsible about social distancing and deserve to have at the very least the beaches and parks open. At this point it is a matter of mental health for a lot of us. Give us the opportunity to be outside!
St. Johns	Education	We have 4 kids at four different schools and have underlying health issues. Do not open schools until it is extremely unlikely that they will bring home a potentially deadly disease. Only one parent right now has health insurance. Opening the schools before a vaccine is available puts our family of six at extreme risk. Businesses should also remain closed for the foreseeable future unless deemed essential. Businesses need to realize that if everyone is sick or dead that they aren't going to make money. Money from government programs should go to people not corporations and fix the unemployment situation for self employed people. We are very disappointed at how Florida has handled Covid-19.

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Broward	General	1. Offer extra support to essential non profits that deliver services to vulnerable populations 2. Do not rush to re-establishing businesses - life is vital to businesses and you put lives at risk of you rush the process 3. Getting tested is too hard even with all the new testing sites; make it easier for people 4. Think of innovative ways to connect low income folks to telepathy services ongoing to save the industry and government money 5. Understand the process will be like a hurricane demolished our state - how will you financially support citizens to recover - the stimulus dollars will not be enough 6. Prevention dollars are needed for rent and mortgage similar to ones that have been used in the past 7. How will this state prepare for a second wave of covid do not think something like this won't happen again be prepared for the next incident regardless of it is covid or not president. Bush knew preparing for such things are important be willing to show leadership and plan for the next event now 8. Please be forward thinking and don't focus on today when making decisions - think about new ways to create jobs - be prepared to help people find jobs - get industries to support this
Martin	Finance	It is way past time to open up Florida's economy. Let people assess and take their own risks...we should have never been shutdown.
Duval	Government	FIX THE UNEMPLOYMENT WEBSITE BEFORE YOU WORRY ABOUT HOW TO REOPEN SAFELY. NOBODY WILL HAVE ANY MONEY TO SPEND IF YOU DONT GET THE UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS PROCESSED!
Broward	Recreation	County, city, and national parks should be re-opened as they provide integral spaces of recreation, exercise, and adventure for the community. They allow enough areas for safe social-distancing and masks can be optional. I think it's a simple choice. The most financially vulnerable county park employees were furloughed or laid off because of these changes. Some full-timers were able togo in for grounds maintenance but part-time and student employees lost everything and are not guaranteed jobs upon return. If parks were to open again, employees will not be left waiting and wondering what their fate may be and community members will have outdoor areas of recreation and enjoyment again.

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Brevard	General	Before reopening Florida, please make it abundantly clear that you've done so under the advisement of doctors and health officials, not just business owners and politicians. I realize people need to get back to work, but it seems like we'd be asking for trouble to just try to go back to normal. I don't know if I understood the President's phase process exactly right, but I thought numbers had to be going down progressively for a matter of time, and all I've seen is our numbers going up consistently. Florida was slower to close — it doesn't make sense that we should be among the first to reopen. I want to trust your judgment, I want to believe that you have the best interests of your residents in mind. Please consider all options, accept guidance from healthcare professionals, and err on the side of caution.
Pasco	General	1. Reinstate elective surgeries. There are many people that need these surgeries but cannot. 2. Keep out of state tourists out of Florida until later in the year. 3. Open beaches and nonessential businesses in phases according to being able to social distancing measures.
Lee	General	We MUST reopen. I'm a retiree living on social security and a retirement fund. The economy must open up. People can get back to normal at their own risk. I'm 65 and my partner is 70. We stay active and healthy and act responsibly but you have to let people make their own choices.
Duval	General	I feel they're trying to reopen Florida too soon because it should be waited till at least another month because look at all the positive cases we have in Duval county. Now you're saying it's going to be okay to go out and start doing things. The mayor and governor need to give it at least another month or so before we open up anything in Duval county or in the state of Florida.
Brevard	Recreation	I'm in no hurry to open up. I think this virus will be around for quite a while. That being said, I am SOOOOOOOOOOO stumped to the idea of opening beaches for just about everything EXCEPT sunbathing!! I just don't get it!!!!!! Me laying on a blanket by myself (not moving except to turn over) means I will not jog near anyone, will not walk near anyone, will not fish near anyone. It's just me on the blanket. I just don't get it. Can someone explain that to me? Or tell the people on the news, so they can inform the public. Every time i hear a report on tv, I scream "why can't I LAY there by myself?" Thank you! I realize, in the big picture, this is not a major deal. But I'd like to go lay at the beach and just get out of the house.....by myself! Thanks for all you're doing. Take your time opening up. Don't be Georgia!
Palm Beach	Recreation	please open the golf courses in wpb

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Suwannee	Education	Please reopen Florida to curb small businesses from closing and protect children from neglect. As a volunteer guardian ad litem for the 3rd circuit, I have been instructed to not visit my cases until further notice. There are many children that I am concerned about and I cannot verify the safety of thier placements at this time. Many local businesses near me are also permanently closed or very close to going out of business despite upcoming aid. My rural community is very fragile and many people depend on small local business as well as schools to provide food and safety. As we enter the hot weather quickly, illnesses will subside. The deaths in my county have only been individuals that were already elderly with conditions or ill and it is unclear if the virus was even a factor in thier deaths. Please reopen our state, especially outdoor recreation so that we can get back to work and better health outdoors! Thank you, Jessica Frost
Sarasota	Government	Re Open the state. Do the same as the state of Georgia
Seminole	General	Open up non-essential retail and offices first. Allow 50% capacity dining at restaurants. Also, please resume non-essential medical and dental care so we can have things like regular medical checkups, therapy visits, and dental cleanings. We should be able to have small gatherings and see our friends or relatives and such. Protect the vulnerable and those in nursing homes. Also, you may want to try Newsom's idea of allowing restaurants to open and serve meals for seniors in nursing homes. That way the restaurants can stay in business while seniors in nursing homes are taken care of. Also, can you please open the gyms too?
Lee	Food	Please open restaurants up with limited seating the hospitality Industry is being killed and we need to get it back up and going to kickstart more money in local communities for everyone to continue to spend to keep other business going again. Please open Florida
Duval	Healthcare	Desperately need my cataract surgery rescheduled in an outpatient surgery center. Are there any ideas when they may re-open? Thank you, Ruth
Putnam	General	I think it would be stupid to open so early. I feel as if opening before mid May-June would be putting more people at risk
Brevard	General	It is my suggestion to open FL slowly. Start with small businesses which have been hurt the most. Keep distance restrictions in place for now. This seems to be working. I would also start to open restaurants with the same distancing restrictions in place. I would not open Theme parks at this time. You do not want many tourists flocking to vacation and going to theme parks who have not been tested or could be carriers of the virus right now. You have done an excellent job so far on keeping FL virus positives down so far. See how this goes and then proceed to continue to open the state. Great job handling this virus so far.
Orange	Healthcare	Elective surgeries need to resume as soon as possible in May. Our first responders are being laid off. We have the beds, the PPE and test kits.

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Miami-Dade	General	We should let everything open up. With the cdc measures in place. Mask and social distancing for now. Then mask could be taken off leaving social distancing. going for a couple more weeks. we have all gained consciousness with all this. We don't have to be babied. If this keeps on we will be in a whole that it will be extremely hard to get out of.
Pinellas	Management	Im 65....been laid of since March 22. No stimulus check or unemployment yet. Going thru charge cards and getting deeper in the hole. Firmly believe the only way to deal with this is get back to opening up our state. If your old and compromised THEY should quarantine. We as citizens are dying out here and must get back to living our lives again. Feel very sorry for anyone who has suffered thru this sickness....but this safer at home has been long enough. Please get me back to work!! Thank you
Broward	General	I don't think it's a good idea to reopen soon. There are still many cases and we don't want things to get worst instead of getting better.
Sarasota	General	We are concerned that the proposed opening is too soon. While Florida hasn't had the heavy toll NY has had, its population because of age is much more susceptible. We have personally tried to support the restaurant industry by getting takeout and buying gift cards. We know this effort is only a bandaid but to open such establishments now as Georgia plans is just wrong. And yes we both need haircuts but neither of us would even think about getting one should they be allowed to open. Opening the beaches provided there is STRICT enforcement we feel is OK.
Miami-Dade	Retail	This has gone on long enough. Public officials are literally comatose, afraid to do anything. People need to get back to work. Businesses need to re-open with proper sanitation methods. Retail stores, including hair salons and barber shops need to reopen. Restaurants with proper distancing need to reopen. Parks and beaches need to be made accessible once again. We are living in.a virtual police state now. It looks more like the USSR in 1975 than the USA in 2020. Lines to get into food stores; rationing of basic goods. Curfews and the State deciding where you can shop and when. This is very much a Miami problem. The rest of the state has taken a slightly more nuanced approach. Down here in Miami-dade all politicians care about is whether they are getting the most votes by their actions - or lack thereof. The Governor needs to take control here in Miami-Dade. Local officials are ineffective and scared to come out from behind their cameras. As they sit in their palatial homes with large backyards and private swimming pools, the rest of us in one bedroom hovels are literally trapped. But the mayor of Miami or the Mayor of Miami Dade in a one apartment and they'd be a lot quicker to ease restrictions. It's easy to "hunker down in place" when your place is a large private home. We need to follow the example of Sweden - this is what we should have done from the start. (https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-52395866)

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Miami-Dade	General	As long as masks are required and people keep a distance people should go back to work. This sequestration is killing our country and people's ability to work and provide for their families. Florida's unemployment is benefits are dismal. They barely pay for food and some utilities. We are going to have massive homelessness.
Seminole	Recreation	Open our parks and playgrounds. Open the beaches without restrictions. Open public parking. Open it all. We are tired of quarantine. We need to get back to work. Antibody testing continues to show that the death rate is low. This whole thing is a political power grab. Let us free.
Collier	Tourism	Tourism must be reopened! The impact of the shutdown has been devastating to small privately owned businesses. We do not have the capital to stay in business much longer. Short term vacation rentals MUST open for the late spring and summer season so that we can begin to regain lost capital. If beaches and restaurants reopen WITH RESTRICTIONS, Florida will see modest tourism return. Historically, summer tourism does not draw the same number of tourists as spring, so the timing is perfect. If the state remains shut down to tourism much longer, many many small businesses will go under, never being able to recover. It is economic suicide. We realize that many residents are scared, but when you reside in a state in which tourism is the number one source of income and tax revenue, it MUST be allowed to reopen!
Lee	Recreation	Your system crashed on my 1 st attempt, of course. I am a 70 year old athletic, healthy male. I love tennis, fitness classes and walking on Bonita Beach. My 65 year ol girlfriend is similar. The state of Florida has locked down because of a flu l8ke illness that is serious for 1% of the population. The other 99% of the population has been subjected to an extreme sense of fear and anxiety unnecessarily. I have supported local take out restaurants, and those people are scared. I also cannot get a haircut because I am risking my life? I know people who do not want to go back to work because they are collecting $600 per week unemployment, more than they were making when they were working. This is absurd! You are economically ruining the lives and future of many people and the state by continuing this lock down. I do not wear a mask or gloves. Let me decide what level of risk is acceptable for myself. There are enough hospital beds and medical equipment for those people who need it. Reopen the state before you wreck more lives and the state!
Marion	Education	Cancel the school year, K-12, May 1st. Students have completed more than 3/4 of the school year. State testing, teacher evaluations, and closed campus means that there is nothing more to do. Let's move on and not students to the ever changing rules and policies. End the school year on May 1.
Leon	Finance	I feel like in comparison to the rest of the country Florida is way better off than most of the other states in the country and in hopes of lessening the impact on the economy we need to reopen. If we remain closed the devastation to our economy will kill more people than the virus will end up killing.

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Hillsborough	General	I think we should “open” the state if the greater majority of people are not severely affected as indicted by age and/or underlying conditions. However I think better data is needed specific to the older age group and those with underlying conditions. While we know as compared to the general public those folks are more likely to get seriously ill, we need to know what the percentages are specific to those people. For instance of all 60+ individuals tested what percentage got severely ill , how many died? Similarly what are the numbers by underlying conditions? This would help individuals such as myself decide to venture out more or not. I take responsibility for my health and thus if I knew the facts I could better judge appropriate actions.
Manatee	Administrative	My opinion is the State of Florida should open the counties with restrictions for the counties with the least number of cases. The other counties like Manatee, Hillsborough,Miami dade should remain closed. Reason is we need to see more testing in Manatee county. MCRS is charging 125.00 for a test. Also if you open Manatee and childcare totals increase how are we in childcare suppose to remain compliant with CDC 10 in a group setting. We don't need nail shops barbershops tattoo parlors heck we don't even need retail shops for now just the necessities. People are conducting small business from home anyway.
Lee	General	I think we should open the state. There are studies that suggest herd immunity is more important than previously thought. People would like to get back to their jobs, needing their paychecks, paying their bills., etc.
Polk	Recreation	Let's get the parks and business open. I need them open so I dont get laid off. I'm also tired of not being able to go places. I'm working from home but enough is enough.
Broward	Education	I think before we even look at resuming classes, we should ensure every school has been disinfected and well stocked with soap and hand sanitizer throughout the school. They need to develop movement plans to classes and/or rotating schedules throughout the week. The schools today barely clean and soap is usually absent in a regular school yr and this can no longer be accepted.
Manatee	Healthcare	Dont open Florida yet. I am an emergency room nurse practitioner and seeing this first hand. This is not controlled and still out of control in alf and snf. Reopening will be worse in the long run for the state and health of all.
Broward	General	I dont agree to be reopened until medical experts say it is safe to do so. Stay at home needs to be respect. Our lufe it is priority now.
Osceola	General	Please don't open the state yet. A lot of lives are at stake here. We need to see what happens when we do that. Let's not be the guinea pig for this experiment.
Hillsborough	General	I’m in favor of having business’ open up for the public. We now know a lot more on Coronavirus than we did 2 months ago. If there’s a flare up it can be tackled quickly. I have not been economically affected however I know a lot of people who suddenly lost their job. If we trust the grocery stores and home improvement stores to stay open and do it safely we should trust other business’ to do the same. Trust the people!
Marion	General	Open up all public area and banks

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Manatee	Professional Services	First I think it is pretty amazing that you can make a new web site for this but you cannot fix the unemployment sight. You really need to open the state back up before everyone is living on the street and starving because you cannot get them an unemployment check. I know people that have nothing and at this point are thinking of desperate measures to live. They have been in the system since March and still have not received any help at all.
Pinellas	Government	Sirs: I am writing to stand against opening businesses without the Doctors scientifically proven data agreeing with a two week down turn in cases. We Must Test.Test.Test. Please do not put more people at risk.
Pinellas	General	The Safer at Home order has had the intended effect of flattening the curve of COVID cases and should be lifted. Being ordered to further remain at home or for a business to remain closed will do far more harm than good. Much damage has been done both by the virus and the Safer at Home order. It should be now up to the individual adult to decide for themselves if the risk of infection is greater than the need to work, operate their business, or simply go to the beach. There is risk in everything we do. COVID is not going away anytime soon. We cannot continue to stop living for fear of death. Pinellas hospitals are well under capacity and have equipment available to treat those in need. Positive test in Pinellas have stabilized at around 5%. The odds of catching the Corona virus are low and may never happen to a person, however for those now without a job or a business to run the odds of financial ruin are very high. With so many in that situation, crime generally goes up, as do suicides, addictions, and mental health issues. Pinellas has already seen an increase in domestic violence cases. It has been clear to me in making my way around the county that small business owners are ready to open, people are ready to get back the beaches, to the gyms, to regular life. Compliance at the beginning of the order was rarely met with resistance and most stayed home. Now, the traffic on the roadways is nearing normal and people are being more defiant. Some are ready to accept the $500 fine for running their business. They see no other option to maintaining their life. It's time. Please lift the Safer at Home order and let us make our own choices. Respectfully, Scott Collins
Miami-Dade	General	We should NOT open anything yet. We need more time in quarantine.
Alachua	General	Re open on May4th. We have been closed down for too long. We can social distance, we can use common sense and get back to life. Please open Florida!

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Polk	Healthcare	I am a dental hygienist with a low immine systen which puts me very high risk for pneumonia as well as my 2 children at home. My children can't go back to school per their dr due to the risk of contracting the virus. I have noone to watch my kids. I have applied for unemployment over 1.5 months ago and still have not received the first penny. I have been told by my job if i feel insafe to come back or have noone ro watch my kids i will be voluntarily quitting and collect unemployment, not like i have gotten anything from it yet. Not to mention not feeling safe working when patients can come in carriers but asymptomatic yet soread the virus. We prodcue aerosols all day, this means i cant eat lunch in my office because everything is open, i cant even take my mask off in my 8 hour shift to take a drink without exposing myself to the virus due to the aerosols that are in the air. Im asking, begging that you post pone dental hygiene going back. I shouldn't have to choose to pay my bills to not be homeless or take the risk of killing me and my 2 kids because we have weak immune systems. Please help!
Hillsborough	General	I think you should taylor re-opening the State to each general area. I also have been paying attention to the state map and I see that everything that borders on I-95 and I-4 to be the ones that take a little bit longer to open because that's where most of our cases seem to come from. My hope would be that no later than the end of May but my hope would lie that it would be actually the middle of May.
Leon	Healthcare	Dear Governor Desantis, I am appealing to you to try to improve the overall population's immune health using Vitamin D, an inexpensive solution to Covid-19's severity. Please, everyone should be trying to boost their immune system, not just trying to hide from Covid. The most promising and easiest thing to do is increase your Vit D intake either by supplement, or direct sunshine on your skin without sunblock. Vit D will boost your immunity and reduce your likelihood of a respiratory illness like Covid. Vit D is strongly, and inversely correlated with Covid severity. The dark shadowy cities like NYC will be hard hit, because Vit D is made naturally by sunlight hitting your skin without sunblock. Nursing home patients all lack sunshine. California is relatively mildly affected because of sun exposure, despite many Chinese people travel between china and California. Dark skin people are affected severely because they don't make Vit D efficiently, with melanin blocking UVb rays. Italy, Spain, France, have the lowest D levels in their blood tests among European countries. This also explains why flu is a winter phenomenon. Viruses are not afraid of hot weather; rather people have better immune system in summer when they are out in the sun. Vit D allows your body to make cathelicidin, the only protein in your body that actually kills bacteria and viruses. Vit D also suppresses cytokine production, so you don't get a cytokine storm, which is a severe reaction to Covid. So hopefully, you will help us all increase our Vit D levels, and be much more immune by the time a second wave starts. More time sunning at the beaches would help. Florida is the sunshine state, and that is probably the reason it has not been devastated by Sar-CoV2, despite our large population of elderly folks, who fortunately are healthier than other old folks, because they are getting more sun(Vit D) than their northern peers.

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Broward	Healthcare	At this point, it would be beyond unsafe to "reopen the state". Right now, despite what DeSantis and other people in power have claimed, there's no actual way to know whether or not we're flattening the curve because only a small percentage of Florida's population has even been tested to know who has it and who has already healed from it. (Not that that truly means anything as the World Health Organization has shared that we don't know if having the virus cuts down the risk of a secondary infection as people in China and South Korea have left the hospital with a negative result after healing and have shown back up with a new positive result later.) With Florida's huge elderly population and the fact that life itself seems to be an underlying condition, the Florida government needs to act smart and keep at the Shelter At Home orders. If the worry is about Florida's economy - and not, as I suspect after seeing Georgia's governor push for "reopening" places where lower-income and marginalized people work more than anything despite cases in his state risking and how underfunded his state's medical system is - the goal should be to help these businesses at the same time that the state also takes care of their residents who run businesses. As it stands, reopening the state - even with the beaches that you all have already opened with minimal ordinances in place to stop people from being in close quarters - is unsafe. It will eat up all of the gains we have already made thanks to social distancing and cause another wave of cases that we're not prepared for. Right now, we're doing fine. We're at 40% capacity last I heard. However, we need to keep at it. If you want people to work: create contact tracing jobs to keep track of where everyone has been and what their spread has been. Put the USPS to work somehow. Get folks building the field hospitals and preparing the many more hurricane shelters we will need this year - as you can't have us in close contact during the storms as we'll survive a hurricane only to die of COVID-19. "Reopening" Florida is a risk that you all do NOT need to be taking.
Hillsborough	General	As an RN, I understand this virus is problematic. However, I'm more concerned the damage being caused by keeping the economy closed will far surpass any damage caused by the virus itself. Disease is something that occurs in nature and cannot be completely controlled. Long term effects of the closed economy could actually end in more deaths from suicide, abuse, murder, and substance abuse. Not to mention the very real possibility of extensive food shortages and famine.
St. Lucie	Food	We are interested in seeing our restaurants be able yo open using social distancing, our beaches be opened to allow people to have access to our greatest asset, to see parks and boating be open . Most importantly to my husband and I we would like to see d Dental offices open as we have a need for dental work. Thank you for the great job I believe has been done to keep us safe.
Broward	Real Estate	I don't owe a business or anything. I'm just expressing my opinion that we should start to reopen on May: hair stylist, stores, beaches,

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Brevard	Accommodation	Please encourage employers who are reopening their business, to allow elderly and immunocompromised employees to continue working from home. Employers need to be made aware that the virus is not gone and it remains a huge risk for certain individuals. This accommodation must be provided. This accommodation should be encouraged by our government. If an employee has been working from home to stay safe, this must be continued until the medical community says it is safe for those employees to return to company grounds. Employers should not put any at risk employees at an even higher risk at this time. Employers and business owners look to the government for correct safety standards for business operations. This information may seem like common sense however, leaders should not assume that employers take this information into consideration. It should be stated point blank. A timeline should be established to assist with compliance for this accommodation. Even if it is an estimated timeline subject to change. Please state this on television. Make sure that this life saving accommodation is not overlooked, as businesses reopen or return to more "normal" business operations.
Miami-Dade	General	In my opinion, the state can be reopened once there is no increase in those infected and until health professionals decide. because if not in my opinion it will have to be closed again the moment they realize that there are more infections after reopening the state. think carefully and without pressure from the inhabitants I think we have to be aware
Broward	General	Hello, I'm a Florida resident for almost 16 years now. I love this state and I also admire the effort from our local government to keep is safe during this pandemic. I have a suggestion and I hope it will be taken into consideration. As part of the re opening plan, I think the government should strongly encourage companies that have the proper technology to continue to have their employees to work from home. For example, the office where I work at, we have about 20 people plus other people that work in other offices in the same building. There is only 1 small restroom and a small lunch room that can barely fit 5 people. I personally don't fee safe going back to work under such conditions. However, our managers are pressuring us to come back to work in 2 weeks without first providing a safe environment for us. I've had bronchitis before and I have a hard time breathing at times so I follow the guidelines and stay home as much as possible. What are my rights as an employee if I don't feel like that employer is not providing a safe environment for me to work? I need my job and I'm scared to lose it, but I don't feel comfortable going back to an office where I won't be save. I have to chose between my life and my job when I can clearly work from home and be safe. I cannot speak up because I'm afraid that they will use that against me. Any advise?

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Seminole	General	Please keep all nonessential businesses closed until we have the suggested 14 day of consistently declining cases. At a Walmart today, many did not wear masks nor adhere to the six feet distance as recommended by the CDC. Clearly, we are not ready to open anything due to those who do not or will not take proper measures to help minimize the spread of Covid-19.
Pinellas	Retail	I feel we should open beaches immediately. Keep the rules on crowd control and social distancing. Restaurants, should open but with reduced seating, to also meet the same distancing. Retail must open ASAP. Keep the same social distancing and crowd control rules. However, let the economy begin to heal. I also believe , Corona virus cases will increase. Cases will increase regardless, if business and beaches open this week, in a month or in a year.. We must begin to heal quickly or we will have fewer opportunities , because of lack of finances. Thanks. Bj
Volusia	General	It is my understanding that when restaurants open for business the bars will remain closed. Im not i understand the logic behind that decision because restaurants have way more people coming in than bars. Most of the local bars serve food as well. I dont agree with excluding them from being able to reopen at the same time as restaurants so they can provide for theirs families as well. Theres no reason for them not to reopen. They could follow the same guidelines as restaurants and operate at half capacity. Could you please respond? Thank you
Lee	Government	Reopen Florida. ALL Jobs Are ESSENTIAL. People are hurting, especially the poor. Reopen
Pinellas	General	I am a small business owner who has a deemed essential business. We have been able to use proper social distancing and hygiene to stay healthy and still be productive. We need to get our state/country going again. Please, if we can do it I am confident everyone can do this! Make America Great Again!!
Duval	Recreation	Open the Keys to Fla residents.
Polk	General	I think its time to open the beaches up, and the state. People need to get back to work, the ones that don't want it opened up are the ones getting the extra money from unemployment, making more than they did working their jobs. You can go to any "essential" business and the places are crowded with people, think its safer outside at the beach, park etc. etc.
Leon	Education	As a school principal, if it is not safe enough for students, teachers and staff to return to school buildings, our State is not ready to re-open. I am praying we can partake in social distancing long enough within our state and be prepared for school to re-open in August. I am choosing more lives saved over money. People cannot be replaced yet money may be. Let Florida be a leader and not a follower in such uncertain times.

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Okaloosa	General	We should not open the state yet, too many stupid people and tourists will flock the area and cause a flair up in cases again. No one will obey a 6ft rule on the beaches especially in these nice weather days and months. The curve may be slowing but that's because we closed. More interaction between people will cause a spike again. Think about this before jumping back in.
Citrus	Education	I believe trade schools that are associated with the county's k1-12 system should be allowed to reopen as they are relatively small class sizes, and virtual learning doesn't work for this area of education. We are the essential workers of the future. We are able to maintain social distancing easily. We have paid for hands on training which is needed in fields such as welding, automotive, electrical, plumbing, etc. even if you just simply lifted the stay at home ban, we were going to be going to class 8 students at a time and practice social distancing and alternate days with the other 8 students alternating four days a week.
Pinellas	Tourism	before the theme parks reopen, please consider doing a public education campaign to explain to the public how it will be and what changes will be made within the parks
Hillsborough	Professional Services	Hi, Thank for making this portal available to us. My husband and I went to President Trump's rally here in Tampa at the Florida State fair grounds. We voted for President Trump and for Governor Ron DeSantis. We believe these great men will do great things for our country and our state. We are so grateful that you were both elected and we will vote for you both again. In reference to the stay at home order please please we are begging you to lift this order. This has been a brutal experience. We know that it had to be done. But it needs to be over now. It is time to get back to work. I do not want to have to apply for welfare and unemployment. Let's not make the cure worse than the illness. I believe in achieving the American dream through hard work. I started a small cleaning service the last quarter of 2019. I have spent a lot of money to get this up and running. I work very hard and need to be able to continue to pay my bills. My husband and I are both hard working citizens in Hillsborough County. We go out of our way to stay healthy exercise eat right and take supplements daily. We have not had fever and we are not sick. We are ready to reopen this economy and get back to work and continue a normal life as we know it. Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter. We are praying for you and we love you! We know that you will do the right thing. God bless America!

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Broward	Education	I am an educator and a person with an immune deficiency. I am scared. I am afraid you will open schools and the state before we are ready. Right now I am able to work from home. I use canvas, telephone calls , faceTime, WhatsApp and. zoom to communicate with my students. Is it perfect ? NO. But it is safe.If you open schools with out a real plan, we all will continue to get sick and die. Parents send their children every day to school sick. The schools are not cleaned properly every day. We can't wear masks all day when we teach. We can't keep children six feet a part . How will the teachers and other students be protected without a vaccine ? What will we do when children are sent to school sick and are not sent home or parents won't pick them up when they are sick because they are working? What about the parents that give the sick child medicine that hides their fever? A strict plan needs to be in place. Please don't open the schools and state until people are not dying. Please make sure that people like me who have a deficiency will continue to earn a salary . Please make sure that people like me will have an alternate job in the school system so that I can afford health insurance and live , if they cannot work in the classroom because is to dangerous for me at this time. I have been teaching. 33 years. I don't want to have to give up teaching because of a pandemic. I have been healthy with my plasma treatments but, I don't know what will happen to me if you send us back to work during a pandemic. I am scared.
Lee	Healthcare	Spare our elders. Do not re-open the stay at home directives until,there are testing and tracking systems in place and the curve is flat. Require masks in all public places. Get people their unemployment benefits ASAP. Food distribution to families who need it. Do not re-open beaches and parks prematurely. Save lives.
Lafayette	General	Although I am anxious to see the state reopen I am also concerned with the influx of out of state residents that would increase the risk for Floridians. I would like to see the state opened in the initial phase for residents and non-residents currently sheltering in place in Florida. I realize this would continue the negative financial impact for the state but I do think it would give officials time to determine if the state can be opened fully.
Orange	Accommodation	This Covid 19 Pandemic is still very new to us in the United States. Information regarding transimition, and contraction of the virus continues to be unclear resulting in confustion. Frankly, everyone is at risk for this virus as people may not be aware of possible medical condition unless the are seeing/experiencing the syptoms. As a state, we should be very responsible as to how we move forth with opening the state as Florida is a vacation destination for individuals around the word. Given the state is reopened prematurely, many people will be at risk. Please be wise in the haste to open the state. There should be action plans in place for testing as it appears that individuals carrying Covid 19 may be asymptomatic.

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Pinellas	General	I hope that the task force opens up the state fast please don't drag it out over a extended period of time. People need to get back to work and get their lives back together. I still cannot believe that this country and state has shut down over a flu virus that is no where as bad as all the experts said it was going to be. Please open this state back up quickly.
Charlotte	Healthcare	***Dental Hygienist here😊🦷*** PLEASE tell me how I can be safe going back to work at this time??? How do we social distance??? We work inches away from a patients face/mouth. I have no problem going back to work with the PROPER PPE.... BUT HOW DO WE GET THIS??? EVERYTHING IS ON BACKORDER😢 Please consider THIS in your decision Thank you!
Clay	Retail	Please re-open the state. We need to recover. We need to pay our bills. We can reopen and still be smart about it. Wearing masking and keeping at least 6ft from another person. Not shaking hands. We can be smart about it and still go to work and making a living to support our family.
Okaloosa	Tourism	I don't personally see how opening a beach is more important than opening schools. Moreover, this is the large draw which then smaller beach towns will be flooded by out-of-towners and more germs likely coming from other hotspots. There are plenty of people here to live and spend money. Please suspend rentals til June 30 and no non-residents (except military) allowed on our beaches.
Pinellas	General	I believe the key to re open Florida is to rapid test every resident in each county. This is the safest way, since there are symptom less people who have active virus. We definitely don't want to close back down again.
Lake	General	I cannot understand after a month we don't have masks of all kinds for sale everywhere! What an opportunity for a company to make money and offer something the public needs to open back up this company. Online price are crazy high. Masks need to be available everywhere to get this economy up and running. We also need massive antibody testing. Neither of these need to be free just available.
Pasco	General	My family owns a small eye care business and I absolutely disagree with re-opening the state. I do not want to risk my patients or my employees by an irresponsible decision to re-open when cases are still climbing and we will see an even worse second wave. I'd like my child to start VPK this year in a classroom and if we re-open too soon that will NOT happen as we'll have to go back to a full lockdown again for even longer. Trust the medical professionals, not people who are willing to sacrifice a few lives to make a few bucks. By the way, we make more open when the business is open than we do even if we were to be getting our unemployment benefits and I STILL believe that what's best for ALL Floridians is to remain closed. Beaches and churches included.

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Palm Beach	General	It is urgent that we reopen FLORIDA. The most urgent area is HEALTHCARE -- REOPEN ALL ELECTIVE PROCEDURES IMMEDIATELY. Obviously, Doctors and other helath providers need access to PPE. OPEN the Beaches, Parks, Golf Courses, Tennis Courts. All of these wonderful areas can be used while still observing social distancing. Continue as soon as possible with as many other small businesses that can open. Provide suggestions as to how to use services such as barber shops, hair salons etc in the safest way possible. Test for antibodies WIDELY and SOON
Pinellas	Real Estate	Regarding the "Re-Opening" of Florida ... we all want to see things open up and get back to normal, BUT, we all want to be SAFE! As anxious as everyone is to get back to normal, (myself included), let's not be foolish, and jump the gun and end up creating a bigger problem! When the Statistics, and Science, and the Medical Authorities agree it is Safe to re-open while still practicing social distancing ... then i VOTE for that time, and not before! There is nothing more important that life itself, and one life lost is one too many by needlessly re-opening too soon! Stay with the guidelines of the scientists and medical authorities... PLEASE!!! Thank you and stay safe ... Lana McDonald
Hillsborough	Professional Services	I'm the owner of The Barbershop Tampa in Hillsborough County. As a barber or stylist, we are regulated by the Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulations (DBPR) to keep our shops sanitized & disinfected at all times. This also goes for our tools. We clean before, during & after every client. This is something we did prior to the Pandemic and prior to the shutdown. We are ready to get back to work. We may not be considered essential but we are Essential to the workers who are still able to work. Every tool is sanitized prior to usage. We do not have a Union, we do not get paid vacations, we pay for our own insurance & don't have a corporation who will match our 401K. We are unemployed right now & don't qualify for I employment. We're not asking for bank loans or PPP. We're just asking the Governor to allow us to open our businesses. We only allowed one client per barber at a time prior to the shutdown. We take appointments & the next client would wait in their cars and we would call them when we were ready for them but not until after we had cleaned everything throughly. We're just asking to be able to provide for our families again. Liquor stores are essential but a barbershop or hair salon is not. Our establishments are clean at all times or we're fined by the State. Please Governor DeSantis, let us take care of our families the way we love to. Gino Maggio The Barbershop Tampa
Duval	General	Reopen ASAP

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Duval	Healthcare	Let seniors access n95 masks, there are enough supply in the health system, non n95 masks are not really very protective, and seniors are a high risk group
Columbia	Government	Governor DeSantis, I urge All of Florida to remain closed as it has been. The virus has pretty much reached all parts of the state. My spouse and I live in the country by the Ichetucknee Head Springs. It surely will bring much more infection to this area of simple living people. Many cannot read or write or obey the current orders set in place. Some are glad to have the elderly die. Im 61 and my spouse is 67. We both are disabled and have compromised immune systems. Very few people in Fort White wear face coverings or mind the social distancing. My husband has done our every two week shopping and he says each time, not one person adheres to distancing. He talks to the manager and she does tell them to leave the store. I'm being sincere and I am just not ready to get this virus and/ or die. Sincerely, Jack Ferrari
Orange	General	It's time to get back to normal... with some adjustments in place. Wearing masks in public- ok. Eating at restaurants with less tables crammed together- yes! Allowing children to play at a park- absolutely!!!! Let's get our tourism industry going again!!! Let's invite big corporations to Florida to have huge meetings (with chairs set farther apart) to discuss how to make up for lost revenue. Get the events going again!
Manatee	General	I believe the restrictions are very disproportionate on the public and especially the business Community. Let us determine our own fate. Open the State.
Orange	General	We need to start reopening things. The curve has flattened. We need to start getting back to work.
Okaloosa	Recreation	Gov Desantis, Many doctors are coming out saying covid 19 is similar to the flu & the death rate is as such.1 in 6 ppl are now out of work & need to feed their families. i hope that you will begin reopening Florida & lift restrictions as soon as possible! I hope that all restrictions are lifted in our state. Carolyn Schmidt
Palm Beach	General	The restrictions already in place are extreme and are worse than the potential consequences. Many of the businesses that have closed will not reopen and those jobs will be lost. Even hospitals are furloughing employees. The economic consequences of the restrictions will be far worse than the last recession. Most of Florida has had minimal impact of the COVID-19 and the severe restrictions should never have been implemented.
Brevard	General	Even though I am a small business owner, I think it would be irresponsible and reprehensible to open the state back up before a significant vaccine or cure can be scientifically proven and tested for COVID-19. The long-term impacts of opening up the state to soon would be far more devastating than keeping it closed while experts and scientists work to find solutions to this global problem.

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Clay	General	I think it is to early to reopen the economy. Based on the data I have seen a more reasonable time would be May or June. I am a senior citizen and have been at home for most of the last 6 weeks. Wear it's are in danger of the virus. Those who are younger can easily get the virus from the early opening like Georgia and past it on to us. We need to get the economy going but let's be safe and wait a while longer.
Hillsborough	Recreation	Please when you open up recreation open up as much as you can at once. If you do not what ever you open will be swamped. If you open up just the beaches, everyone has been cooped up will hit the beaches all at once. Then I can see it allover the news. We need and want to get out.
Martin	Real Estate	This doctor is confirming what my instincts have told me all along. First, I don't claim to be an expert, but I worked for 30 years in diagnostics, immunology, laboratory and pharmaceutical industry, including having the CDC as one of my major Public Health Clients. I believe my scientific education in chemistry & biology still informs my instincts. The observations from this doctor in California confirm my opinion that the "Shelter In Place" orders were misguided in areas that did not have the high prevalence. Let me clear... taking such drastic actions were beneficial and necessary to get control over the virus in a few hot-spots like NY City. There the virus was spread through the mass transit subway and bus system. #OPENUPAMERICANOW https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gNTHuCOjAy8&feature=share
Bay	Accommodation	Please open short-term rentals back up for business!!! We only own one condo, got denied by insurance for loss of use claim, don't qualify for SBA PPP loan, and while the condo was fully booked up until August, we've been doing nothing but cancelling/fully refunding reservations ever since the shut-down. The condo has been generating bills, but no income. PLEASE?
Miami-Dade	General	Deben abrir cuando todos tengamos los exámenes necesarios sean mucho menos los casos ,es más importante la vida de nosotros que la economía, eso después se ve pero para mi itodos en mi familia y el resto son importantes estoy en contra de abrir hay que esperar mucho mas o serán más lis contagios y muertos POR FAVOR AHORA NO ES EL MOMENTO DE ABRIR

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Charlotte	General	I believe businesses need to be allowed to open. In my household, we have not received a stimulus check, and can't be sure we are getting one. I lost a job working at the local baseball park, and my husband is a barber. He was turned down for unemployment because he is self-employed, and I can't log back in to see why this was a problem. So many problems with his, that I didn't even bother filling anything out for myself. We really don't want handouts, or to find different jobs. How is seeing 15-20 people a day (with precautions and extra cleaning) so much worse than seeing hundreds that are probably not taking many precautions? Those at high risk should continue to stay home. Just let us get back to work and stop building debt because we can't pay bills. FPL and such won't wait indefinitely to be paid.
Brevard	Recreation	Isolation is still important and needs to be adhered to and it is not time to reopen. America has 1/4 of the world's reported cases. We're doing something wrong, period. However for mental health, exercise is also important. I feel the move to open the beaches and parks only if a 2 meter distance continues. Camping was my form of isolation before the Covid-19 and I would like to enjoy that again but the speration rule must continue. God Bless the First Responders and Medical Staff. Let's not burden them any longer than necessary.
Osceola	Government	The health concern and issues that we could face as a state and the damage that opening up this state would cause is something to be truly afraid of. We should focus on HELPING our front line workers helping our hospitals. its only a statistical death that's part of a bigger image until its your family member, aunt, brother or lover that's suffering from a disease which they will die ALONE. imagine being on the wrong side of history with this ? choose life.
Hillsborough	Real Estate	Florida is the place to retire and if this coronovirus is not handled right I guarentee you that you will lose it's reputation for taking care of the elderly. Retirees want to know if our leaders will do the right thing. This means listening to our CDC and our Health Professionals and all first responders that will be risking their lives for the decisions our leaders make. Better to be safe than sorry, 2nd go around may be too late to recover. God bless us all and may he bless our leaders to have faith and the courage to do the right thing for us all.
Duval	Recreation	It's time to use Georgia as a model for Florida. I work at Mayo Clinic. We act as if everyone has Covid but the reality is, we rarely see it. On top of that, we are being furloughed. Nomatter when you reopen the economy, there's likely to be a spike in cases. But it's time. Atleast open the springs and outdoor recreation.

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Alachua	Healthcare	I think it is important that we begin opening up non-essential business. We will see a spike in nee COVID cases; however it will not be catastrophic. The people who are terrified of COVID will still remain at home, but those of us who are aware of the risks will take appropriate measures to keep ourselves safe while in public. We need to stimulate the economy. Most people used stimulus funds to pay bills etc. while that is important we need to spend money on goods, restaurants, etc...
Sarasota	General	Please do not extend the Stay at Home order - open up the economy and let us get back to work. We can continue to follow social distancing guidelines for an additional period of time. If there are hotspots, like Miami, keep the stay at home order in place for that area while the rest of Florida leads opening up the economy.
Marion	General	Absolutely DO NOT open the state of Florida. We will make matters worse. Be a leader for once
Orange	Recreation	I believe that we should open boat ramps, state parks, and the beaches and just enforce social distancing. But native Floridians need to be outdoors, we need to get on the lakes. Keeping social distancing is easy on a boat.
Pasco	Finance	I won't make this long for fear that I will address issues that others will do. It's simple...I'm a school teacher who sees this is an unfortunately ridiculous situation. It's unfortunate that so many have died but it's also sad that this has been tremendously overdramatized. If we stay at this pace, we will have to close our borders every single flu season. Re-open now and give people's jobs back please!
Polk	General	Its time to open the state back up. "Essential" businesses are crowded....seems like it would be safer to be at any outside event over the stores.
Hernando	General	Floridians value personal freedom. I would have local County Health Depts issue ID cards for Floridians who participate in testing for anti bodies. Cards could be used in bars and restaurants for employees and patrons. Dividing seating I to two sections one for card holders and one for non card holders distanced further apart. Purpose would allow those with immunity it to Interact closer then those who choose not to be tested. Can also be issued as part of food server licensing requirements making workers less dangerous to the public. This could be voluntary program that increases capacity in closed environments reducing risk of infection. Think of sporting events where capacity is related to profits or concerts got a card get a better seat. Prerequisites to use public transportation or the airport. Gonna fly get a test, show a card.

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Osceola	General	I'm lucky enough to be able to work from home, but my company has an office that, prior to COVID, I was expected to go to for meetings at least once a week. If you do re-open the state in the next six months, please require that meetings that can be held virtually (pretty much all meetings, IMO) are held virtually. I'm young and healthy - not that that matters all that much - but I love with people with compromised immune systems. If I'm forced to attend a face to face meeting, I'll either lose my job for refusing or potentially put my family member's lives at risk. I'll either become another person on unemployment or end up with family members in the hospital. I don't want to contribute to overloading the system in either of those scenarios. Please also remind companies that can operate via remote work that forcing people to show up face to face unnecessarily could ultimately contribute to higher health insurance premiums for the company and its workers if a COVID outbreak occurs. I also wonder if it opens the company up to lawsuits for putting its workers at risk when they can work more safely and just as effectively at home. Thank you for considering my comments.
Orange	Healthcare	I do not think anyone knows how to contain or cure this yet, everyday seems to be inconsistent from one news channel or publication, so I am a bit reluctant to see an open of the whole state right at this moment. I think it needs to be started with the lowest count of cases in a zip code businesses as a trial but I'm not sure how that would work or if that is feesable according to laws. I'm immunocompromised and when I go out I take precautions wearing a mask, antibacterial wipes etc. however I do see many that are out coughing in public places and not caring for others so being in the mix of it I can truly say we are not as safe as many think or do we even know what the measurement of "safe" is yet? Large crowded areas such as arenas etc I believe should still stay closed a couple weeks or more until we come up with a better platform of treatments. Healthcare workers are on overload and I do know many in these conditions that are exhausted already. I would hope our Governor takes into consideration a slow very slow open and look at each zip code to determine lowest case zips or areas. Unemployment system needs fixed as well... without feeling like people are getting something monetary from all their hard work people will fail - We need a boosted morale in our community where everyone feels they are supported. Please get this system fixed so we feel some sort of normalcy in our lives. I love working and want to get back as well but safety should be priority for all.
Hillsborough	General	I think is a bad idea to reopen. Not until the virus is controlled or theres a vaccine. This would be taking a high risk on loosing many lives. The goverment shouldn't trust the people to behave and maintain social distance.

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Broward	General	I am a small business owner and I am struggling. Truth is as much as I want my business to open back up to make money - I value my life, my families life and my clients lives. I would rather be alive then make money and die. The lockdown should remain in place until the head doctors say that it is safe to reopen. No one wants a second wave. Please think about peoples lives - you can't take money to the grave..... Sincerely, Sheena - Owner of Experience Love Events (Pompano Beach)
Pinellas	General	Not safe to open Florida
Brevard	General	I think we should open next week. We just have to practice distance.
Santa Rosa	General	Reopen Florida. Quarantine is for sick people. Outdoors is good for health!!
Lee	General	Too soon to open in all but a restrictive sense. I do not plan to abandon the stay at home concept for some time.
Pinellas	Recreation	I believe the beaches & their parking lots should be open for exercise & sunbathing. For the most part people will social distance. I would like to see our community pool open in my 55+ neighborhood. Restaurants when you feel the time is right & guidelines to separate tables can be put in place. Face covering should be worn when shopping, etc
Polk	General	We are able to go into Target, Walmart, Lowe's, Publix's and stores of that nature with social distancing. Why are other store not not allowed to open with the same social distancing guidelines in place. Also some beaches are open. Why are all beaches not open with the same guidelines that the ones who are with success. Also why are parks not open. People are doing the correct social distancing guidelines and would continue to do so. This is difficult to understand why we are a state that is not doing anything to help get things open again. Other states that were far worse off then us are beginning to open places again. I am not talking about opening without strict guidelines but there are many things that could be done. Living in Polk county in the most northeastern corner of the county it feels like we are sometimes forgotten about. I see the residents of Jacksonville enjoying the sunshine on the beaches and here we sit in the middle of the state with nothing.
Orange	General	I'm a 66 year old, healthy retiree. While I do agree with the original stay at home order, I think that given the most recent data, we are already past the right time to reopen restaurants, bars and salons etc. I prefer that the government make the data/statistics available to the general population and allow people to indulge at their own risk! I don't need the government to tell me what to do and now that more is known, I resent that my government is still mandating that we all stay home and gathering places need to remain closed. Let us make our own choice and deal with whatever consequences ensue

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Marion	Professional Services	We are ready to open Hair Salon. Will take and screen customers by taking their temp before they can enter. If they have temp they will be turned away. All stations are 10-12 feet away. All stylists we have 3 will be wearing mask and gloves. All stations and chairs will be sanitized after each customer. We have followed the Governor by being closed. There have been others Salons who have stayed open, which has been unfair to us. We will do everything to.be professional to provide safety to all and only allow one customer per stylist at a time. Please help us get our business back open. Thank you
Clay	Education	I am a teacher. I DO want to go back to be with my students. We didn't even get to say goodbye. If we had known March 13th would have been the last day to be with our students, we would have done things a lot differently. That being said...how are we planning to make schools safe for students and staff? Again, I WANT to go back, but what do you plan to assure our safety? I have also heard that you may be cutting funds to education since we have no tourism dollars coming in. I understand that, but why punish teachers? Get rid of those tax breaks you gave to big corporations. Take the money back from the blood sucking charter schools. If you cut our funds, how will we afford PPE for teachers, staff, and students? How will we afford disinfectant? We already struggle with money to pay for supplies now, now since we always cut education funds. I currently pay for my own hand sanitizer and Clorox wipes for my own classroom. If I am fortunate, occasionally a parent will donate, but it is nowhere near what we will need. If we have to let teachers go to save the state money, how are we going to have the small class sizes that would be needed to have some sort of social distancing in place for our students? If you plan to continue with distance learning, you need to help lower income and rural communities with internet connectivity. Just some food for though. Thank you for your consideration.

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Broward	General	Mr Governor, we all know the severity of this virus. With that said it has been proven we could still serve the public with out mass infection. Grocery stores, hardware store, department stores, food delivery, convenient stores and gas stations are all operational. For those services to remain open we practice social distancing and ppe protection. People who have underlying medical issues still choose to remain home. If these services could remain operational without grave consequences then we know other company could do the same. Parks, beaches, restaurants while limiting occupancy, nail salons, hotels with limited occupancy and many other businesses. Doctors offices, dentist offices etc... We as a safe, responsible people can open up our state and get our wage earners back to work rather than condemn them to poverty. Governor DeSantis, PLEASE make this bold strategic move. Concerned, James Stefanu
Marion	General	Open parks and beaches with measured guidelines such as opening, closing times & days; Open restaurants with limited indoor & outdoor seating with spacing guidelines, employee screening, face masks on employees, limited times to allow for hygiene and sanitary measures; Oversight for all pubic venues to ensure protocols followed; Theatre openings not sooner than phase 2 or 3 because of close proximity; Large Dept stores limited days, hours increasing thru phases; Small stores with limited # patrons determined by square footage, limited data&hours increasing thru phases; Spas, nail and hair salons with limited patrons determined by square footage, limited days, hours increasing thru phases; Gyms limited patrons based on sq ft & equipment spaced, face masks on patrons $ employees, sanitizing equip after ea use & heavy cleaning day's end, limited days, hours increasing thru phases. All establishments stringent daily cleaning, testing for all employees and testing of patrons where reasonable and close proximity to others. Schools stay closed until 2020-2021 & consider combo of alternating at school/at home learning to reduce #students on campus, longer days, equipment to detect fevers in students upon entry, masks on students & staff, increase teaching aides for students help, laptops for all students, teach American history to our students in the lower grades to instill pride & understanding of our country's foundation. Thank you for the opportunity to provide public input. God bless Florida's leadership and people in keeping our state safe and well.
St. Johns	General	I don't normally comment directly on public matters but I believe this is so important, not only for the short term but for the longer term health and well being of Floridians. I would respectfully submit that the vast majority of health professionals would strongly recommend that an easing of the restrictions should NOT be pursued at this time. Despite some promising signs that things are starting to get better, we are not yet at the point that we can ease off - if we do, we risk going back to where we were a few weeks ago and the impact may be even worse. I fully understand the economic impact to date and the need to start to begin healing the economy but I would say that a delay of a few more weeks would significantly improve our prospects of controlling the virus.

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Orange	Education	I think gatherings on beaches and in restaurants should be monitored very closely until late June or July. By August, colleges should re open as students rely largely on college for board, food, care facilities, and jobs. It would do more harm than good to close colleges till 2021 and each campus is its own “bubble” in a way. For games, 50% capacity should be practiced, students should be allowed even anti body test taken and masks should be warn. There are over 30 strands so a vaccine will not stop it and we should not be losing out on life when vaccines won’t do much like the flu vaccines. If another outbreak occurs, keep colleges open and limit movement since everyone has already been exposed and going back home would be worse. We can open slowly with precautions. Florida has proven that not that many have been affected compared to NY
Hernando	Food	I feel opening the state up now is way too soon and feel in my gut another even more serious outbreak will occur. I think it should be at least till May 15th . Thank you.
Broward	General	We have no flatten the curve as much. Florida needs to think of public safety 1st. Small Caribbean islands with less than 10 deaths are flattening their curve till end of May. What if businesses reopen n more people get sick then what ???? Numbers need to get less before reopening
Duval	General	I do not agree with a "council" that's been made up of business persons and political donors, but ZERO medical professionals who are directly affected by this virus, and involved in the frontline battle against it. The rush to open the state instead of taking proper precautions and learning from other countries is selfish, petulant, and shows a complete disregard for human lives that WILL be lost if we rush this. The so called "leaders" of this state care more about lining their pockets and tax coffers instead of the safety of their constituents who make up the voters of this state. We WILL remember those who were willing to sacrifice people for profits come November.
Broward	Education	Do not reopen Florida until there is a cure for the coronavirus
Hillsborough	Government	Hi, As a Floridian for my entire life my Husband and I understand the importance of Florida's Economy and reopening Florida. We are concerned about the Health and well being of our most vulnerable which are the Elderly as well as others with Health Issues. As Parents to two Children we were happy with the decision to keep Schools closed until the end of the School Year for 2020 and encourage the State to remain closed until there is a Peak in Covid cases. We do understand the need for Businesses to reopen but at what cost are we willing to allow Businesses to prematurely open up? We pray that the cases stay low and stabilize however if the State of Florida is opened to soon with the Beaches, Restaurants, Hotels and Businesses as well as Parks the outcome could cause there to be a resurgent amount of Covid-19 Cases. Our hope is that the Task Force will consider all options and arguments for opening and for not reopening this soon. Best Regards, Concerned Floridian Family
Lee	Professional Services	KEEP FLORIDA CLOSED. DO NOT OPEN IT PREMATURELY.

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Alachua	General	I think opening up retail and government offices. Should happen and open up most dealerships and repair shops i think this would not to dangerous then later we can look into bars an clubs later
Collier	General	I am writing to express my grave concerns with reopening Florida too soon. Listen to the medical professionals and weigh their input over that from businesses. Reopening too soon will cause a resurgence of cases and our senior population can not afford that! We have been the punchline for reckless decisions and need to error on the side of an abundance of caution!
Palm Beach	Retail	As much as I need to get back to work I don't feel safe to go in to the public I feel it to soon to open the state.
Pasco	General	I worry that if Florida opens too soon then the virus will spike and Florida will have to be shut down again - making all this time we have already spent at home a waste of time. I think we should wait until we can test for Covid 19 antibodies. If cost is an issue then charge those of us who have been able to work from home, I'm glad to pay for my own tests. It may take frequent testing if the virus is still spreading. Thank you, Charlotte Horn
Miami-Dade	General	Do not open ANYTHING and let's keep everyone safe. We can't risk more people getting sick and dying just because some people can't stay home no more. Let's do everything online like we are doing now, admit jobs to do everything in a online way like clinics, etc. Restaurants to do deliveries BUT DO NOT OPEN BEACHES, MALLS OR ANY SOCIAL PLACES. THIS IS A PANDEMIC AND PEOPLE ARE BEING VERY IRRESPONSIBLE.
Miami-Dade	Education	I feel that children should not go back to school until they are guaranteed that they will be safe. At the same time every possible measure must be taken to provide children at risk with food, safe environment at home, proper school support (computers if so required for online access to programs), health care and ongoing monitoring services . Teachers also have to be guaranteed that they will be safe from this virus.
Brevard	Transportation	Open Florida. All jobs are essential!!
Duval	Retail	We need to open the state now. All the data appears to indicate this is very similar to a bad flu year and yet we have devastated the economy. As with any disease we should take precautions but destroying people's livelihoods is not acceptable. All this help is being given to small businesses but it is the large businesses which ultimately employ the majority of the workforce.
Miami-Dade	General	It is imperative that Florida remain closed. According to the Institute of Health & Metrics at UW the earliest we can begin to ease the shutdown is mid June. If we do so earlier, the curve will go right back up with hospitals full and thousands of Florida's residents dying. This would necessitate a new shutdown which would be even worse for the economy. Slow and steady will ensure public safety and generate the best success for the economy. If we rush we will have a lose lose situation.
Volusia	Healthcare	I would advise the task force to take the advice of Health Care Experts in any re opening of our state.. The health and safety of our fellow Floridians should be our first consideration.

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Lee	Professional Services	All Jobs are Essential. People need to go back to work. They need to pay bills. If they wear masks, take employees temp. I think everybody will be fine. Have people coming into the business wear masks. I think opening of beaches and parks was a stupid idea. People need money, so they need to go back to work.
Pinellas	Healthcare	Florida is facing multiple problems related to the COVID-19 pandemic. The embarrassment of the unemployment insurance system collapse is overwhelming a workforce which is unable to access benefits, and the business closures and related impact on our fellow citizens who are unable to pay their bills is bringing turmoil to our State finances. However, nothing could compare to the calamity which would arise from prematurely opening the State while the infection is still actively attacking and out of control. Florida has done so little testing that no reopening could be justified and would be based on pure wishful speculation. The rate of infections (reported just from hospitalizations) and the death rate are not decreasing, and it is the responsibility of government to act reasonably to protect the citizens of Florida. Even a phased reopening has the potential to be catastrophic. This is not the time to guess, no matter how much the financial suffering. As a state which depends on tourism, we cannot risk being identified as a place people go to get sick. We need a cautious, evidence and science based re-entry. We are weeks, if not months, away from that point.
St. Lucie	General	When the majority of citizens have been tested and new cases decline significantly is the right time to re-open. We have not even hit the peak on the current wave. If you open too early and a second wave comes, you will forever be painted with that brush.
Orange	Technology	The entire rest of the world is taking this seriously. The entire WORLD. Except for the US. Everyone else in the world believe in science and the thousands of doctors and people that have devoted their lives to epidemiology and virology that's are telling us this is an unprecedented event and people are dying in droves. Elderly people are people, people with diabetes are people's' parents and friends and members of communities, people with autoimmune disease such as myself are people too and our lives matter. Value the sanctity of life OVER the temper tantrums of adults that can't be bothered to care about the people in their communities. Improve our infrastructure so that small businesses don't go bankrupt and can pay their employees. But for the love of God, look at the science and don't reopen businesses as the death rate continues to increase. You are risking lives, including mine.
Orange	General	Our citizens of United States Of America need to return to work to earn a weekly paycheck that is needed to paid our monthly bills where if we continue to be on lockdown the worst will continue to happen to us for not receiving a paycheck to paid our monthly bills now
Polk	General	Time to start phased opening. Many small businesses, salons & barbershops, restaurants & others can accommodate asking patrons to mask, keeping numbers limited. We need to start expandIng those that can open.

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Orange	General	Our barbershop J&L Barbershop, located at 4945 S Orange blossom Trl unit2 has been closed since 03/26/2020 we are a total of 9 employees nine families eat, pay rent and live of the barbershop we have not received unemployment or the stimulus check and we have bills to pay our bills are still running we vote YES reopen all business
Volusia	Professional Services	I am a cosmetologist of 30 years and an educator in the field. I feel it would be very wrong to open salons of any kind at this point. It will be impossible for us to maintain social distancing with our clients not to mention our back rooms where us stylists gather, eat, keep our belongings etc... people come to us here from all over the country, I believe I caught the virus back in Feb. as all the snow birds from NY and the like came flocking in. As you know not all infected present with symptoms, not always a fever..so clients can not truly be screened. Also, I hate to say, clients want their services done so bad they will actually lie to us about how they are feeling, sad but true!! I feel that the antibody testing will help to know who could return to work, but I am very nervous about the 10 clients a day we will all be dealing with?? There will need to be a lot of planning in place to open salons safely, currently salons are just wanting to whip the doors open and let the people in...not a good plan. Thanks for your time!
Orange	Tourism	I request we do not reopen the state until the CDC seems it safe to do so.
Volusia	General	Don't open too quickly, many people are walking with the virus without symptoms. More testing is NEEDED.
Palm Beach	Healthcare	I have three (3) separate healthcare issues, Nursing Home and ALF protocols, testing protocols, and elective surgeries. First, it is my understanding that it is common procedure for some staff at Senior facilities to work at multiple locations. This practice would appear to increase the risk of staff unknowingly spreading the virus. The recommendation is to limit staff to one facility. Second, it is my understanding that the original recommendations for people who thought they were symptomatic to self-quarantine, and call their doctor. Forty days later, we are testing over 13,000 patients each day. The recommendation is to specifically add the language "and make an appointment to get tested" Third, even though there are elective surgeries that considered medically necessary by the attending surgeon, the hospitals in an abundance of caution are delaying these surgeries. The recommendation is to announce the date to terminate 20-72 as soon as practicable, so that patients and doctors can schedule necessary surgeries to coincide with the termination date.

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Leon	General	Florida's medical system and universities offer the best advice on what to do from a health perspective. As we understand the science, a phased-in approach based on accurate data will significantly decrease suffering and death, and reduce the unfathomable burden that is currently being carried by medical personnel. Please ensure that you follow their guidance as though the well-being of your loved ones is on the line for this horrible disease. We will self-isolate until government offices open. We assume government will follow continuity guidance, which supports the thriving of everyone at all levels. Therefore; our local and Florida spending will be curtailed. Tax dollars will be lost. We trust you will do what is right for all Floridians.
Pasco	Healthcare	As a registered nurse, I have several concerns about re-opening Florida right now. We do not have enough people tested for the virus and we also do not have effective and reliable testing for COVID-19 antibodies. This puts me and many other people at risk for contracting the virus. For example, If I were to have the current antibody test and the result shows I was immune to virus and I treat a patient who has COVID-19 and become infected with the virus because the test said I was immune. That would be devastating. Especially for a nurse like myself with chronic medical conditions that increases the risk for complications. We need to have 70% of the population tested for the virus before reopening the state.
Broward	Construction	I do not support re-opening Florida prematurely. We've seen how dangerous this virus can be with preventative measures in place - This is not the flu. Please extend the stay-at-home order until June 1st at the earliest. Lives are at stake! Economies can bounce back - Some people can't. Testing has been very sparse, and the prevalence of COVID is much worse than the numbers are telling us. It's simply too dangerous to go back to work right now for the majority of people. The risks outweigh the rewards here...72% of Floridians want to follow the President's guidelines on re-opening the state - There's no need to reverse over a month of progress. IF we had isolated properly the first time, perhaps we'd have a flattened curve. It's bad enough we were one of the last states to enact a stay-at-home order, let's not be one of the first to repeal the order...
Osceola	Real Estate	As an employee of an Essential Business we have only 3 people who are coming in to our office. The doors are locked to the Public. We are each in separate offices quite far apart and we make sure to maintain a 6 ft. distance when we need to talk with each other. Other small businesses should be able to do the same thing if they have space to spread themselves far enough from each other. Floridians need to be able to return to work. I am a second generation Floridian and I think we can all make the effort to keep ourselves healthy while also being able to work.

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Okaloosa	General	The testing has not been reliable (studies show up to 30% false negative) or widely available. I personally had to go to the ER five times and get breathing treatments before I was tested. I was told that even though I had all of the symptoms, unless I was on a ventilator or had SG approval from my military base I could not get tested. There are too many people out there that are sick and not getting counted in official numbers due to these variables. Opening up the state before we know more about what we are dealing with could be detrimental to public health and safety. It sucks being quarantined; I've been in quarantine since 22 Mar 2020 but if it keeps other people from getting sick, it is worth it. Please do not reopen before we have more solid scientific information.
Nassau	General	PLEASE OPEN UP and have people go back to work/life!!! Just have the regulation of wearing a mask, washing hands! and taking temperature of all employees. Do all these things until June. It's just another flu....stay safe! Thank you
Lee	Government	Many people are in deep trouble. Having lost their jobs and have worked hard all their lives they are about to loose their homes, transportation, etc. open up jobs. P Rolled must continue wearing masks and social distancing. Here in Lee County we're doing this before the closing. In restaurants people were sitting 6 feet apart. No matter what you decide people will complain but people are willing to work with you. Please consider to open all jobs and restaurants. ALL JOBS ARE ESSENTIAL
Miami-Dade	Government	Floridians should not pressure to reopen regardless they will always protest one way or another. If government officials open prematurely it can cause much more cases and deaths. Please keep Floridians safe even if its from themselves. Dont open yet as it is most have not held proper stay at home rules, imagine without, this is still not near over. Its hard on everone of us, but i vote health and life.. we will recover God is in control even in darkest time. .
Marion	Professional Services	I have a beauty Salon and we are ready to open, we will wear masks and sanitize regularly and I have a touchless thermometer to take customers temps and will not let anyone to enter if it's 100 or more. Safety is our number one priority and will take one client at a time, I only have three stylist that are 10- 12 feet apart and will ensure a clean and safe environment! We only have 150 positive cases in Marion County and customers are ready to get their hair done and will take precautions also. Thank you for taking my input
Pasco	Education	Kurt S. Browning, President of FADSS. Submitted on behalf of the Florida Association of District School Superintendents
Volusia	Real Estate	To open up the economy early is very foolish and will very probably be detrimental in the form of a second wave or resurgence of the virus. I understand everyone' frustration and desire to get the economy moving. But Florida still has not even met the basic recommendations to enter Phase 1 with fourteen (14) consecutive days of dropping cases of the virus. We need to be patient and think rationally. The health and safety of everyone comes first. Remember what caused the necessity of closing the economy. It was the virus. To close the economy for a possible second time would be even more disastrous.

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Brevard	General	I appreciate that Governor DeSantis has stated this must be done in a sensible manner. My opinion is "Live to fight another day". I feel much more testing needs to be done to provide the data required for re-opening decisions. I understand Covid-19 has simultaneously created a severe economic crisis also. However, I feel the economic crisis will be worse if we re-open then subsequently have to close back down again. These are obviously very hard decisions to make. I am grateful for the opportunity to provide comments. Respectfully Submitted, Guy Spring
Citrus	General	Until we have more reliable testing, understanding of how this virus thrives, plenty of PPE for all citizens and even a safe plan to opening up businesses slowly to prevent spikes in the virus and deaths, safety plans must laid out for all to comply. Guidelines for all businesses must be established before just letting businesses open at will.
Bay	General	Please begin to open us back up because we are losing everything.
Manatee	General	Definitely the beaches should be opened for use--Once the tourists/spring breakers were sent home the beaches should have opened for residents. Golfing (targeted sport) was open and beaches should be open for the rest of us. Antibody testing should be available readily to all. Restaurants should open with spaced seating to antibody tested individuals--who are banded.
Miami-Dade	Tourism	Please consider opening hotels . We are ready to sanitize and keep safe distancing for associates and the public alike. We got the tools.
Orange	General	Mr. Governor. I am very surprised that you are actually considering in re opening the state. I don't think it takes a rocket scientist to know that is a horrible idea. A lot of people are complaining that they have lost their jobs but the reality is, there are plenty of places where they are hiring essential workers so honestly and truly , there are jobs out there for those who have lost theirs due to covid-19. How can you even think about re opening the state when daily there a new cases? Even with all the guidelines put in place people still don't follow the rules. There is barely any social distancing, people are going out not doing the "essentials" not wearing masks. I think it's horrible that I feel You care more about money than about people's lives. As of now the Coronavirus in Florida is not contained so why would you want to open the state? More people will get sick and die if you decide to do this. FLORIDA IS NOT READY TO BE RE OPENED! Contain this plague first then gradually re open but right now with cases growing , it is not the time! I will not risk my families lives just because you're afraid to do the right thing!

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Polk	General	Call Texas Governor Abbott for guidance. Apparently, the current committee just wasted a who week and all they could come up with is let's ask confused and stressed masses. You were selected to make decisions that other states seem to have no problem making. Open beaches and parks (and their parking lots) now! Next, give the small retailers the same consideration as the big retailers, then let restaurants prove the have plans as monitored by local governments, then open them too. Quit wringing your hands and make a decision already, and do it now!
Alachua	General	I don't think we're ready to reopen, with cases still coming in and growing still in numbers we're going to hurt our economy more by opening too soon and risking having to shit down again.
Palm Beach	General	I would be comfortable if the State's reopening is done as conservatively as possible. There is too much we don't know about transmission, infection rate, death rate, etc. We have put all this hard work and effort into making things safer and reopening too early could make that all for nothing. I worry about the large part of our society that is older and with preexisting conditions, plus I myself don't want to experience this disease. We will learn from Georgia, but we must also listen to the input of trusted officials and medical experts. My kids and I have been staying home for quite a while and our current routine is starting to feel normal. Once the reopening starts, there should be requirements for masks. Ideally the Governor would put forth a very conservative, slow plan for reopening, with benchmarks along the way, and possible dates, all in keeping with the best advice from medical experts.
Duval	General	Please give all businesses and schools the ability to open at their discretion. Please allow masks to be optional. People can choose to work or stay-home. People can choose to wear a mask or not. The choice is the important thing. This is America- let FREEDOM ring.
Broward	General	Don't reopen until we vaccines and a sufficient tests available for everyone. I don't want to die.
Miami-Dade	Healthcare	In my humble opinion the State should take a decision with out be risking the citizens exposing them to a bounce back to the beginning of the crisis.
Citrus	General	Please do not open Florida yet, it is way too soon! Especially considering what the healthcare workers and first responders are dealing with; my son is a Firefighter on the frontline and we haven't seen him since March 14th and we miss him and the grandkids terribly, but the risk is too great! The idea of opening gyms, hair and nail salons is insane! I'm sure many voters feel as I do that another 3 or 4 weeks is a much better, realistic goal for opening our wonderful state...STAY HOME, STAY SAFE!

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Miami-Dade	Recreation	ALL outdoor recreation and leisure areas and pursuits should be reopened (Beaches, Outdoor pools, boardwalks and the Hollywood Broadwalk, all State and National Parks, etc). Citizens are becoming restless, edgy, angry and depressed. This will lead to non-compliance with existing regulations, violence, crime and severe mental health issues. It's been too long. We need access to more than just narrow city streets. Given the mortality and contagion rates and statistics, few citizens who contract COVID19 become extremely ill and/or succumb to this virus. We are being held hostage in our small spaces, to try and prevent a small minority from becoming infirm. However, it is time that the onus of protection is switched, to those at risk. Anyone elderly and/or with co-morbidities, can choose to take extra precautions, or remain in isolation. The rest of the population can wear masks, when physical distancing is impossible (such as we do now in stores). These openings can be rolled out slowly, with all counties in sync. Once citizens have adjusted to our new 'freedoms', decisions can be made about reopening summer camps, indoor pools and exercise facilities, etc. The longer we wait till we return to 'normal', the harder and more dangerous it will be. Please, let our people go!
Polk	Professional Services	As a hairstylist Who work close contact even with guidelines in place there are some people who refused to obide by them . And in Polk county we are increasing every day . I don't think Salons Should reopen at this time it's not safe for us until we start seeing the decreasing rates of infection per county.
Leon	Government	It is too soon to reopen Florida. We as a state need to look at other countries who eased their restrictions and the results. Per my research every country so far that has tried to open back up has had a resurgence of the virus. I understand the money and livelihoods that are being lost. But at the same time we as HUMAN BEINGS should value HUMAN lives over money. Money can be replaced but lives cannot. With the current spike in cases, no vaccine in the near future and testing being very limited, we need to wait at least until June. At the very earliest to begin this talk again at that time.

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Miami-Dade	General	Hello Governor , I live on Miami Beach , and am currently homeless . Even though I don't have a home , I do have a vote for or against you and your friends . I see it all to well out there . Many businesses are not , going to hurt , but are already hurting . I feel that there can be compromise between people and the safety standards . Let hotels and motels continue to be open again . If you have them a 3rd full or half full , and wearing the mask inside and outside . Besides , I would love to have a real shower , and a real bed again . Me and a friend have rented them to get a break from the street when they were open before . Not everyone homeless is a drunk or drug addict or crazy or going to steal from people . Even homeless people have a right to dignity . Also , I'm a member of aa with almost 3 decades sober . I am also in ga , which is why I'm homeless , because of my gambling . But thanks to ga meetings, I haven't had placed a bet of any kind in over 3 and a half years . I would like to see the 12 step meetings opened up again . They're essential to recovery , if need be , we can wear mask in the meetings . Or have the meetings in the parking lots . To reiterate , I can agree with mask , and social distancing . Please think about it , you asked for people's opinion , just listen to it .
Pinellas	Government	Please do NOT OPEN florida its to soon we have only had less then 30 day of stay home. Other states arecway ahead of us in stay at home. I feel like alot more people will end up sick. Were living this way in stay home and we have adjusted to it some people don't listen it's to early to open back up
Orange	General	I don't think we should open yet. People are complaining and saying those who want to stay home should stay how but open things up...if a lot of people choose to stay home then the businesses that open will have to employees with no one visiting the stores. They will just end up closing again. Stay closed. Stay safe

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Polk	Tourism	first of all let me say opening Orlando needs to be done in stages safely to ensure the virus doesn't spread. Firstly I would open small businesses and restaurants first with a 50% capacity for restaurants with seating 6 feet apart, would also have a person at the door counting guests in all personnel wearing masks and going round constantly to ensure all tables and chairs are wiped down, why because people have been doing stay at home too long and need to get out. Theme parks whilst there is task force in operation the theme parks should now be preparing ready to open, putting things into operation to make sure that when they are ready to open the parks ready for guests, team members should be also brought in lets say two weeks before opening to train in safety measures to keep everybody safe against the virus, and parks should only be at 50% capacity to start with its going to be difficult but if a great deal of thought is put into it can be done. Team members should also have a say in how operations are going to change, that also goes for any business that is going to open after the shutdown. I hope my thoughts and ideas are of use to the people reading this. Thank you
Miami-Dade	General	I don't think we should open the state businesses (especially locations where people gather or there is close contact like restaurants or salons) until we have enough testing where symptomatic and asymptomatic people can get easily tested with results returned quickly (within 48 hours) and tracing of any one diagnosed can be made promptly to prevent the spread. Re-opening the state early will undo all the sacrifice everyone has done for the past month.
Pinellas	Recreation	Please open up apartment communities pools and beaches and small local bingo halls
Santa Rosa	Finance	I believe that it is far past the time for you to remove these illegal orders and let the people of Florida be free citizens again. You never should have put these orders in place from the start and it is beyond time to remove them.
Pinellas	General	Governor DeSantis. ---BTW, I support that which you are now doing and have done since becoming Governor. ---Based on the events of the W Palm Beach shooting and the reaction(s) thereto, I submit that the Pinellas County Sheriff, Bob Gaultieri, is a perfect selection to advise you on any public matters and, in this case, the reopening of the state or not whenever. ---So you will know my background, I am a retired U S Army Colonel. I served 27 1/2 years before being medically retired for permanent physical disability. I graduated from Dartmouth College in 1956 with a BA in Engineering Sciences and followed that with a MS in Mechanical Engineering from the Thayer School of Engineering, Dartmouth College in 1957. I was designated a Regular Army officer upon graduation from Dartmouth, obtaining the same designation as a graduate of the USMA. I served from 1967-1969 in combat during the Vietnam War earning two decorations for valor and a Purple Heart for wounds received. Thank you. Arville L Hickerson, Colonel, U S Army Retired

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Duval	General	We need to re-open the state as soon as possible, with as little restrictions as possible. It has already been proven that the a larger number of people that get the virus have no symptoms. I understand we want to save lives, but there are risk to doing everyday tasks, like driving a car. Anything can happen to anyone at anytime, and we cannot continue on this path. Businesses should be required to incraase their cleaning, disinfecting and sanitation requirements, but there also needs to be personal responsibility. There will be a good number of people that will not feel comfortable going out and they won't, and if someone is concerned about getting sick, they know what precautions they need to take. I along with many people I have spoken with are ready to get back to life, as normal as possible. Let people do the things they enjoy that make life worth living. Thank you for the opportunity for our comments and thank you for listening.
Polk	General	OPEN THE STATE UP!
Leon	Healthcare	I work in healthcare, I am blessed to be working at home. I do want to see businesses across the board begin to open but, safely and in a highly monitored way. I would like to see this happen slowly in phases, while continuing to monitor whether the infection rates climb. I think it's a good idea to require citizens to wear face coverings. I know some feel it violates their constitutional rights but, sometimes we all have to sacrifice for the greater good.
Pinellas	Healthcare	Please keep the stay at home in place for a little longer. I am a senior with medical issues and live alone. Staying home by myself is very lonely but it's better than catching this virus, getting very sick or dying from it. I understand that many people are out of work and need an income. I live on a very limited income myself, but people's health is much more important. Without your health you have nothing.
Seminole	General	Until more aggressive, widespread testing strategy is available, there is no logical reason for this state to consider more widely opening. We have too many at risk populations—elderly, minorities, low income, uninsured—and the risk is too great. As a person who is still waiting for the faulty unemployment system to get it’s act together, I desperately wish to return to work. However, I live with elderly parents and I cannot manage the risk to their care. I implore you to do the right thing—which is to protect our health and wellbeing first and foremost. Already our essential workers are at risk and seeing no end in sight. Let’s not add more to their plates by re-opening too soon.
Miami-Dade	General	PLEASE DO NOT OPEN UNTIL EVERYONE CAN BE TESTED FOR ANTIBODIES AND WE HAVE GOOD DATA. WE WILL BE BACK TO SQUARE ONE IN A WEEK OTHERWISE. IT MAKES NO SENSE! DON'T DO IT. I'M IN THE HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY SO IM GETTING HURT AS MUCH AS ANYONE...BUT ITS NOT WORTH OUR LIVES. DON'T DO IT!

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Hernando	General	Recipe for disaster if you open now. Too soon! As long as cases are climbing, and I don't care where in the state you are, there will only be a second wave. Third wave? 4th? What if you opened a state and no one came. I know that I won't be going out anytime soon with cases climbing, not enough testing, and Covid Marys out there spreading. I also know that until real antibody tests are the mainstream, I will continue to do my business from my house, shop from my house...and forget about any entertainment even if the crowd size is 2. Eat in a restaurant? Are you nuts? Did you now see the restaurant spread map of a Chinese restaurant. Look at what is happening to countries that have already peeked! Resurgence. LEARN FROM THEM! Omg. The mighty dollar is NOT more important than people's lives. Anyone who gets sick or loses their life, if you reopen, that blood is on your hands. I can guarantee that their or their family will NOT be voting for you your next election. Be smart dammit.
Duval	General	Do start opening up Florida for businesses to resume operations this week! Provide some guidelines that are reasonable for restaurants and barbershops/salons and dentistry offices to begin to accommodate customers. After a period of time and based on Florida's experience with the virus, further loosen those guidelines with an eye on eventual resumption of normal business operations by summer.
Pinellas	Healthcare	Postpone non emergency dental care longer then May 8th. You should not consider reopening dental care to full services until June. The risk for dental professionals is very high being over 93% risk factor. Unlike other infectious diseases Covid-19 has no vaccine or cure and healthy people have known to die from it within a short period of time. With other diseases that you can catch from airborne saliva such has hepatitis or the flu, there are vaccines available and treatments to lessen the risk of catching it. Not only risking dental professionals lives but also patients because patients will not be able to wear a mask and the dental rooms are not enclosed in most dental offices leaving airborne particles to travel and infect other patients not being able to wear mask. Please consider postponing non dental emergencies and limit to only dental emergencies. We should not take unnecessary risk in the dental offices. Even with proper ppe gear the risk is too high. We have no way of testing patients before entering the office for covid-19, unlike elective surgeries done in the hospital where they are able to test patients before preforming surgical procedures lessen the risk of transmission.
Palm Beach	General	Beaches and golf courses should never have been closed. Since closure more people are walking on the course than than use to play golf. Golf can be played without breaking a social distance rule.
Broward	General	To whom it may concern: The purpose of closing everything was to avoid overwhelming the healthcare system. The numbers are way lower than originally projected and hospitals aren't in danger of being overwhelmed. At this point its causing much more harm than good for the people Of florida to be out of work and spending any savings they have left. Please reopen our state.
Lee	Food	Be Smart and be cautious because this virus is very tricky for our health care workers and all that are out and about working.

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Palm Beach	General	Youi should not be in a rush to open any county in Florida. People travel throughout the state and will not stay in their city/town only. We need to make sure that every citizen is protected. Many people are still not wearing masks in supermarkets. They are not concerned about anyone, including themselves. Stay the course and only reopen with the curve is at the bottom.
Broward	Tourism	To open things before there is a definite decline in cases and deaths would be a grave mistake and put more of our seniors in danger. Lives do matter.
Broward	General	Just double checking some people say it's not working snd maybe they just didn't know about the asterix * . Thank you for asking public comments that's very good idea and what a decision to make. Good luck and I will support you
Broward	Education	Please don't open up Florida yet cases of COVID 19 are still raising.
Manatee	General	I am a retired 66 year old nurse with a medical condition so I am begging you not to reopen our state Florida. I have been home 6 weeks but willing to stay home to rid thus virus. I am very active with volunteering & church activities but willing to put this on hold for while longer Blessings to you in making thus difficult decision
Palm Beach	General	I think you shouldn't open up the state until there is better testing. I for one will continue to have my food and other necessities delivered to me I won't be going out anytime soon, probably not for a few more months.
Santa Rosa	General	Please open the state. Everyone needs to wear masks and social distance but we are smart enough to do that. This started out to stop the hospitals from being overwhelmed and has morphed into we must eliminate the virus before we open. Governor DeSantis please let us go back to work.
Clay	General	Yes re-open jacksonville the retirement age can stay home . The longer this city stays closed down we will not come back from this our small businesses need to reopen and people need to get back to work but everyone smart person use precautions keep wipes in your car wash hands don't touch face so on ... I have drove to work everyday since then has started. I get fast food I go to gas stations. But I keep sanitizer in my car. I hang out with my friends I continue to live but at our house still are people and I'm alive . It's been long enough I work at Baptist and my work is starting to slow down for health care that's scary .. REOPEN but jacksonville residents need to do it smart....
Duval	General	I do not support reopening any time soon. What good is opening up early because of the economy if more people keep dying that will effect the economy too but at least desantis won't have blood on his hands. People are more important than the economy.
Leon	General	Since walk up free tests are available in Leon County until May 8,, encourage everyone to get tested before returning to their workplace. Results will be available within 72 hours. The site is not accepting my email address. Please send response to marthajanel@yahoo.com Thank you

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Lake	Tourism	Please do not extend the degree for no rentals shall not accept new guests for check-in for the duration of this order, which expires April 30. I would like it to say no new guests from out of state, but in-state residents could travel within the state to rental properties. We have reserved a rental which we had to push to the 1st week of May, hoping we will still be able to go. Being responsible citizens, we would be sheltering in place at the rental house, as we are doing at home, but a change of scenery would be so welcomed. Kind regards, Kim Schaefer Clermont, FL with a rental reserved on Anna Maria Island to hopefully travel to
Sarasota	General	It's too early to open back up!!! And close the beaches back down. Restaurants shouldn't even be open for takeout. Too much risk!!!
Broward	Professional Services	First- thank you for this opportunity to respond! I am comfortable with hair and nail salons opening ASAP if they have social distancing, everyone wears a mask, the chairs are sprayed down with a disinfectant, and the salon takes everyone's temperature including workers and customers. Again, thank you for my seeking our input and keeping us safe!!!
Broward	Finance	I am a self employed Financial planner. I believe it is necessary to open our State and allow each business owner to implement safety opening protocoles. I also feel that the business and it's employees should reserve the right to provide or not provide services to individuals who show signs of being sick, who do not want yo follow protocol, who do not wear masks. We need to be able to count on the Discipline and good judgement of the american people. In my view, we are all essemtial. Our jobs and businesses are all essential to the family that depends on them. We need to open up our state!.
Duval	General	i mean why not try to reopen some business this virus has virus could have been here since january when there was people getting sick and nobody knew what was going on with them if they went to the drs the dr was just calling it upper recessionary infection some people are ready to go back to work. alot of people are ready to go back to work. espiecally single partents they need to get back to work people get mad for single mothers or fathers taking their kids to the stores if they have to go get essteinals but not everyone has family that can help and with day care closes it makes it hard for them lets slowly open things back up people are ready to get back with their normal lives if you still scared to go out still stay home
Lake	Education	All students and employee who have contact with them should be tested before being allowed to return to school. There are many educators and other employees who are older than sixty-five who are at a greater risk of becoming infected. There is no way social distancing can be practiced in a school setting.
Orange	Tourism	Ready to return to Disney World, so let's get it reopened asap!

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Duval	General	We understand the need to start reopening businesses and my husband has been laid off for weeks with no unemployment in sight due to the system failures, which is frustrating. We are hopeful that the task force will smart and reopen slowly starting with most critical places first. Our biggest concern is that there is not adequate testing to ensure going back to work and know that other individuals are not infected or asymptomatic. If there was consistent and readily available testing, our concerns would be less. We won't be going out and using services immediately upon opening as the concerns are too great. PLEASE reopen slowly and wisely so the infection rates don't skyrocket!!
Sarasota	Healthcare	Why are there no medical doctors or healthcare professionals on your task force? This is a health crisis, not an economic crisis. It's not about stimulating the economy, it's about keeping people safe. Without the people, you have no economy . It's not about reopening businesses, it's about making sure people can stay home safely and still pay their bills. With none but CEOs making the decisions, it's abundantly clear what your priorities are. We'll remember being reduced to sacrificial logs on the fires of business when it comes time to vote.
Hillsborough	Professional Services	I am a small business owner in Hillsborough county in Tampa. I own a small salon and have 2 girls that do hair with me. They both have 2 children each and we have been closed for 6 weeks now making it difficult to pay our bills and feed our families. I decided to close my salon a week before the state actually made it mandatory to help flatten the curve and do my part to be safe. I think that if the Following guildlines are put in place we should be able to reopen may 1st. Both stylists and clients must wear a mask. Clean capes for every client. Each stylist can see 1 client at a time while the next client waits in their vehicle till the first leaves the building. Extra time between clients for extra sanitation. Contact less payments when possible. I believe restaurants should continue take out but be allowed to have indoor at 50% and outdoor seating options when possible. Everyone wears a mask when they aren't eating. Thank you for your time.
Polk	General	I would like to say to our state leaders that we must start things back up. I understand this virus will not go away and we will not have a cure till next year but there are to many people that live from pay check to pay check and work two jobs to get by. From small to the biggest business must open. Everyone in public should have to wear a mask to help from spreading the virus and social distancing. This just needs to happen. Thanks
Sarasota	Healthcare	History has been written about pandemics. Take care of the people of Florida. The economy will recover. It's not worth risking lives. The economy has already taken a major hit and it'll be years to recover. Sacrificing lives for business is immoral. The people of Florida did not elect you to barter there lives for money.

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Polk	General	Hello, I am writing to ask you to please open our state back up ASAP. We have not worked for going on 3 weeks now, qualify for everything and have recieved no relief as to date. We prefer to make our own money instead of waiting for the government to hand us some but considering the circumstances our job is non essential and therefore we are home sitting. Its very upsetting seeing the fear people in my community are experiencing from being home watching the news 24/7 and being told death statistics that may or may not be factual. If the states/US does not open soon there is going to be a higher death rate from suicides than covid. People can only be confined, scared and controlled for so long before they mentally lose it. It makes no sense we can be around many people at Publix, Lowes and Walmart but can not go to the small businesses where there are few to no customers And quarantining the healthy makes no sense what so ever. There is a very good youtibe video about covid 19 by Dr. Erickson you really should check out. Thank you for your time. Time to open the country back up.
Sarasota	General	Please do not rush to reopen and drip the stay at home orders etc. I know people are desperate for normalcy but we still have few answers & solutions. The value of human life is so much more important! Please be cautious and prudent and move ahead slowly & judiciously. I worry about all of us not just my family. I have kids that work in hospitals & others in my family with health issues. Everyday we seem to be surprised by more scary information & unknowns related to this virus. Please take human lives more seriously. Not to be a Pollyanna but everything else will resolve itself but we cannot bring back the dead.
Orange	Education	I am concerned that the primary focus of this task force is to serve the interests of large businesses in Florida. I do not see small business represented at all. I also notice a gaping lack of physicians, medical doctors and experts in epidemiology. My profession is in education, and although s hooks will continue distance learning for the remainder of the school year, we need to consider the implications that opening businesses will have on future school openings. I encourage you to add an innovative entrepreneur from a technology field to provide alternative operational strategies for brick and mortar businesses. I would also like to see additional representation from our legislators from every region in Florida.
Palm Beach	Finance	for those people that have lost their jobs or being laid off due to covid, with bills higher than wat unemployment assistance provides.... once the economy reopens, billers need time to pay everything...all bills shouldn't be expected to be paid at one time...grace periods are needed to get everything caught up.. to say to the least😭😭😭😭
Pinellas	General	I have been following guidelines and can continue to do so. In general, I think that what is important is that we isolate individuals who are sick, and immunocompromised due to health or age. I dont think it is correct to isolate everyone. Vaccines are not an answer either because vaccinated people also carry diseases to others. Currently vaccines are cultured on animal tissues which contain viruses themselves. This should be looked into. Due to not alot of testing, they really don't know what they are injecting into people. Handwashing and isolation of sick people is the way to go. And offer assistance to these people, not the entire country. That is not sustainable.

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Miami-Dade	Technology	Florida should fully open for business asap. Implement wear a mask policy for inside and outside. Setup fast testing machines in hotels, Disney, cruise ports and airports. Test everybody that stays at hotels or entering country. Test all passenger before flight in the Dr. Office and they bring a negative result of a test before the flight. This could be done for amusement parks,a convention centers etc. No more shut downs to destroy economy and people jobs. We are smarter than that.
Lake	General	I am a mother of three. 6 years, 4 years and 12months. I'm also a stay at home mom and college student. I think the longer the stay at home order stays in effect and the longer that people stay at home and the longer that schools stay closed, the safer we will be. The slower that the state opens back up the better. I just want to feel safe and keep my babies safe.
Collier	General	My wife and I are retired in our late 70s. We ask that the State re-open as soon as safe BUT with an aggressive ad campaign to encourage Social Distancing, masks etc. The risk as we see it is with the people themselves. We need continuous reminders to save our own lives as ridiculous as that sounds. Let us do it right but do it.
Indian River	General	Be smart. Go by the data. Don't open too early. Social distancing is working. I still think the beaches should be closed till end of May but nope ours are open on Tuesday Please don't let political influence decide things. Every life matters I think Florida blew it a few times letting Ny Nj and Ct flights in early during this. These people were coming her to escape and were not quarantined foe 14 days I personally think keep stay at home till Msy 31 Good luck. No decision is going to be easy Thanks for all the efforts
Palm Beach	General	While I am all for Florida re-opening, I fear it is much too soon. Please consider taking the small steps until a vaccine has been developed, or there are more tests readily available.
Collier	Food	Please DO NOT reopen our State. There are still so many unconfirmed cases of the virus. Our Governor has not made the message clear and forceful enough. There are many people of all ages that go without face coverage or gloves. Now his message to relax the control of the virus will do more harm then when it began.
Pinellas	General	Time to let people get back to work. Social distancing is very important but keeping everything shut down is not a option. I am part of the population that needs to be extra carful but we cannot make the cure worse than viruses.

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Pinellas	General	I am very concerned that if we do not begin opening business soon, we will see many small businesses go completely out of business. Unemployment could last much longer that our ability to help people from public funds. If we go on like this too long, it might take many years to fully recover, and many of the newly unemployed might not find jobs that will pay anywhere near what they were making. This could impact their mental health, family relationships and wellbeing in ways that might not be recoverable. Small business of all kinds are the backbone or our economy, and have never before been so vulnerable. If mandates for opening businesses include requirements for taking as many precautions as practical to keep employees and customers protected from covid-19 as might be considered reasonable, we should consider opening as soon as possible. I am retired and not in business, but I realize the importance of getting our economy restarted, even with the risk of some additional infections. We can not wait for a cure, which could take a year or more.
Walton	Real Estate	Please urge Governor Ron DeSantis NOT to re-open the rental businss in Florida on May 1st! IT IS JUST TOO SOON! We Floridians, full-time residents, do not want an influx of out-of-state strangers, vacationers, and tourists flooding into Florida bringing with them an abundance of germs like the Coronavirus! If we re-open the rentals, we will be in the predictament just like March 1st with all of the spring-breakers invading us and distributing the Virus again, causing more infections, deaths, and the re-closure of Florida. I do want essential business to re-open, in moderation, continuing the social distancing and limited groups of 10 of less. However, the rental business is not essential! In my Walton County, the BCC is re-opening all the beaches, public and private, 24/7, on May 1st, and that as well it TOO SOON! Thank you for your consideration on this Coronavirus matter. Stay safe and well!
Highlands	Government	I feel that until everyone in Florida has had the opportunity to be tested for the coronavirus or Covid 19 the State of Florida should not reopen. There has to be enough tests for every person in Florida to be tested. I know everyone is itching to reopen and get back to the way it was. But don't be in that much of a hurry. I Feel that if the State of Florida opens back up to soon thing will get worse. Then all people who wanted to open up the State of Florida will say why did we open up so soon. This is just my opinion. and I haven't been tested or had any symptoms so far Thank for Asking All Stay Safe, Stay Strong Mr. Daniel OByrne USN Retired

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Broward	General	A terrible idea. It's way too early. Beaches are being opened prematurely and putting tens of thousands Floridians at risk. We need MORE TESTING with published results prior to considering opening the state. We already have far too many cases of coronavirus because of the federal late response and false narratives regarding the true scenario in the US. As a result, Florida was late and the result is far too many deaths. These large numbers could have and should have been prevented. Do not reopen the state of Florida until TRULY safe to do so.
Escambia	General	Would love to see beaches open and nail and hair shops
Volusia	General	Open up the whole state. The damage to the state economy far outweighs any benefit of staying closed. Herd immunity will solve the problem.
Pinellas	General	Unsafe to open Florida. Need to maintain Social Distancing. Terrible risk of exposure to largest senior population in the country. Lives are worth more than money. I am not willing to sacrifice my life or the lives of loved ones for the pursuit of profits. The flood of visitors from elsewhere into Florida to the Visit our many attractions throughout the state will kill untold numbers of state residents. Ultimately - opening too soon will bring this state to its knees as the virus spreads more rapidly, putting the lives of our most vulnerable citizens at risk. We are voters. We will remember the prioritization of money over lives when we return to the voting booth.
St. Lucie	Food	Reopen restaurants with precaution and social distancing
Polk	General	I am a cosmetologist in Florida doing hair for 22 years. I do not think we should go back to work until health professionals say it is safe for our health to do so. I think opening Florida would be a mistake. Please DO NOT OPEN FLORIDA YET! PLEASE WAIT UNTIL HELATH OFFICIALS SAY IT IS SAFE!!
Hillsborough	Healthcare	As a dental hygienist, I personally think opening up dental offices (May 8) , where at a very high exposure rate, is to soon. I think elective procedures, non emergency should still remain postponed. I think if we go back to the “regular” ways, the number of cases will continue to grow significantly.
Lee	General	R.E.-open the stare now we need to get back to work
Madison	General	I believe it would not be in everyone’s interest to open the state at this time. As a Multiple Sclerosis and and auto-immune comprised patient, it is not safe for me to go out into the public to take care of my interest and I feel if things open up to soon might have an prolonged effect if The virus rebounds. I think it would be smarter to wait and continue with social distancing for awhile longer! Thanks for all the hard work the last several weeks and hard decisions that have been made! God bless you all, you are in my prayers for God to give you the Wisdom and guidance needed each day!

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Hillsborough	General	It would be irresponsible and ignorant of history to lift restrictions on social distancing and quarantine at a time when we do not have long-term strategies for preventing the disease, lack even basic hygiene and protective equipment to keep people safe, and are months away from effective treatments and vaccines. This does not go away like a wave of bad weather. It is a communicable disease. There are no rules about who it will affect and how bad it will be for supposedly health people. It is also monstrous to consider elderly people and otherwise vulnerable people an acceptable casualty in this pandemic. If we focus more on a robust plan to buy people time while researchers learn more about the disease and develop options to fight it, we will have a much more comfortable and less lethal ride back to "normality," though many (including me) would argue that the normal of before wasn't working for many vulnerable people already. Studying pandemics of the past yields one answer: we "open" after the distancing measures have been WORKING and they will stop working. The result is needless death. We shouldn't shrug that off because we think it's not going to be us. Especially since there is no guarantee of that.
Brevard	Government	Please, if you are going to start opening up businesses, start with ones that can follow safety guidelines for Corona virus spread. In addition, I think that all citizens that are able to work from home should continue to do so and it should be supported and encouraged by employers. The less physical interractions between people the better.
Broward	Healthcare	I don't think we should be opening state right now, I am a RN and have been out of work since beginning of March because we are not allowed to go into nursing homes. I applied for unemployment and the DEO website is always down when it is my day to apply. Hopefully it'll be up and running accurately soon and I can receive my unemployment benefits
Clay	Healthcare	I'm totally confused as to why the State and Government leaders think it's ok to put people lives in jeopardy. Why didn't they open up all the state and government offices first since they think we should be fine going to the nail salons, tattoo parlor, restaurants, etc.? It's clear that what's more important is money not the public health. I have health problems and I'm considered essential (sacrificial) and can't quarantine. I'm thankful I still have income coming in but the more openings that happen extends the length of time I have to live in fear of contracting the virus or pray that the cure reaches the public before the government kills everyone for money. I have never seen the job I work at in this state which helps me understand why the government is rushing to kill the people. The general public can't get simple supplies to disinfect there homes. My job produces hospital beds and struggle to fine the basic supplies. Where's the cure?

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Nassau	Education	I believe the government has done and overall good job of flattening the curve. Since the goal was to flatten the curve and increase necessary supplies to hospitals, we have met the goal. It is time to open Florida so that people can return to work, take personal responsibility and enjoy the freedom our country stands for. We are not a socialist society. Every person has had a chance to be educated about the dangers of COVID-19. The government has done its job of protecting the citizens and to equip hospitals. It is time to start normal life, not only for the sake of freedom, but for the sake of mental health of all citizens. I work in education and I am concerned about our students. I meet with students and families virtually via video contacts and they are overwhelmed. Our children, and leaders of the future, need to see that we act on logic, not on fear. Start testing for antibodies, look at the data for present studies about antibodies, and OPEN Florida. Continue to support those with conditions that are threatened by COVID-19, but allow the rest of us to return to work.
Putnam	Healthcare	I think we should resume our previous activities/jobs before the covid19 pandemic. Everyone should be required to wear masks . Employers should make sure their employees should wear masks properly or be sent home. Violators will be fined on first and second offense. Third offense should be jail time for putting the community at risk (jail would be a risk for them but it's better than the general public suffering for their risky behaviors). Those who don't want to wear mask should stay at home or get penalized. Social distancing should be observed as much as possible. Parks should be opened but observe social distancing except family groups who lives together. There should be guidelines on homemade masks to maximize protection as much as possible
Broward	Healthcare	I get it; florida relies on tourism. But this virus has been shown to spread at about 1:3 (one person carrying it can affect 3), and now 4 people are carriers, even if they have no symptoms. And now the new three also spread 1:3, meaning 9 additional people are now affected. It doesn't take long for this to become a much larger problem. At this point, the number of new cases has remained relatively steady for about 3 days. That is not enough to make the governors case that the curve had flattened. It is trending that way, but with an incubation period of 14 days, we need more time. That, coupled with uncertainty about *how* to reopen spaces like beaches or theme parks or hotels, complicates this. And it's unclear how many people might actually want to travel here to provide an influx of tourist dollars. If the only people who show up are florida residents then this decision is pointless. I would suggest that things should remain closed for at least mid-May, and we can evaluate again - and consult with health professionals to make the best decision for the future.
Broward	General	Open up rhe state and put rules in place And let people know if not followed there will be consequences I want to get back to work some type of normal

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Leon	Government	Dear Governor: I have grave concern about the premature opening of Florida Beaches and consideration for the premature opening of other non-essential businesses such as bars. I will write only of science and facts. 52,000 Americans have died as of earlier today. COVID 19 travels as much as 38 feet when one is riding a bicycle. (CDC) If the wind is blowing outdoors, it has the same effect as riding a bicycle. Sunlight, Clorox, Lysol cannot kill viral loads inside the human body without killing the one who ingests or injects these chemicals. I witnessed our President ask Dr. Birx to look into this possibility. There is a bar next door to me. It is on the Georgia Florida Border. It is a known haven for drug dealing, motor cycle gangs, driving under the influence, not paying alcohol taxes and the list goes on...Please do not open these non essential businesses. This is operated by a convicted felon who has allowed his daighters and wife to file for the extended unemployment in addition to the Stimulus.COVID 19 does not recognize boundaries. IF one person spreads it....6 weeks later we will return to where we are at this moment in time. It is a difficult decision for some. Protecting human life should not EVER be difficult and should never be considered along with economic impact. God bless the task force and your family Governor.Curtis Bradley Chapman (Toby)
Brevard	Education	Let's open up. If you want to go slow maybe each week open different venues each week. Small owner businesses first.
Palm Beach	General	Open the state. Everyone under 40yrs old with no prior condition. Back to work.
Hillsborough	Government	PLEASE THINK TWICE BEFORE YOU DO THIS , IF SOME OF THE COVID PATIENT ARE STILL TESTING POSITIV AFTER 21 DAYS AND 14 IS NOT WORKING , WE NEED ALITTLE BIT MORE TIME TO DO MORE RESEARCH ON THIS SITUATION ,AND I KNOW YOUR WANT TO DO WHAT IS RIGHT,BUT DO WHAT IS RIGHT AND HELP THE AMERICAN SLEEP BETTER AT NIGHT,BELIEV ME ALOT OF PEOPLE MAY NOT LIKE YOUR DECISION ALL THE TIME ,EVEN ME ,BUT JUST THINK ABOUT THIS,YOU DONT WANT THAT PHONE CALL THAT SOMEONE YOU KNOW, FAMILY OR FRIEND HAS BEING IN CONTACT WITH COVID19 AND DEALING WITH IT IN THE WORSE WAY,I KNOW FOR A FACT WE ALL FEAR WHAT WE DONT UNDERSTAND ,SO IF WE DONT UNDERSTAND IT DONT TAKE THAT CHANCE,PRAY ABOUT IT AND ASK GOD TO GUIDE YOU, AND YES WE MAY NOT BE HAPPY ABOUT YOUR DECISON ALL THE TIME,BUT WE WILL LIVE TO BE MAD ANOTHER DAY AND THATS IMPORTANT TO US ALL . (C-CONSIDER O-OUR V-VOICE I-IN THIS D-DECISION) COVID.

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Miami-Dade	General	Please make sure you implement and can enforce strict measures before you open. I do believe that many businesses can reopen if and only when the following can be enforced: 1) everyone must wear a mask when not at their residence. 2) strict enforcement of the above with civil / criminal citations for not wearing a mask 3) being able to maintain a minimum of 6ft distance 4) no dine in restaurants. There is no safe way to be in public without a mask. 5) schools: all students, staff, and teachers must wear a mask at all times. 6) school lunch ** this is a big worry - school cafeterias are overcrowded - eating lunch mean removing the mask**. A school cafeteria will be a high risk area for rapid spread. Schools need to address the risk of lunch and cafeterias before they can re open. Today, 99% of people are outdoors not wearing a mask. There is no enforcement and without the proper level of strict enforcement re-opening will cause many deaths. To reopen you must mandate masks at all times. Be able to enforce this mandate and be able to deal with non -compliance in a strict manner. Schools need to address the use of masks and risk of cafeteria lunch. Thank you Suzette Siblesz Administrator for independent dialysis facility
Indian River	Government	Please reopen government offices ASAP - construction/new development relies on them as regulators to approve site plans, building permits, inspections etc. the current “state” of affairs is disgraceful, it takes DAYS to get a return call, most undid tins are getting shoved to the back burner. Site plan approvals in many jurisdictions have been out on a TWO month hold till June.
Manatee	General	Population in Manatee County 403,253 (2019) Number of Deaths in Manatee County. 39 (23 of these deaths from TWO nursing homes) These statistics DO NOT justify closing down Manatee county. OPEN UP FLORIDA. WE WANT OUR FREEDOM BACK!!!!!!
Duval	Healthcare	It’s to soon to re- open the State and or Duval County. I work as a dental assistant, we are unable to get all the PPE required to safely see a patient. It is all on back order with no known date of when it may ship. Not to mention we can’t get hand sanitizer to put in our waiting area for patients as they come in. And the requirements keep changing on what we need to have in place to safely see our patients . I wish people were taking this more serious and really seeing what is going on and that this virus did not just show up the past few months and it will not just go away if we ignore it. It should be safety and health first and foremost.

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Orange	General	Opening up the state does little to help the fact that a tourism based economy is going to struggle. One of the key reasons that America is struggling is due to the lack of a solid manufacturing base, due to it being more economically viable to produce goods in China. This could be a great time to give incentives to bring responsible manufacturing to the urban areas of Florida to broaden the economic options in the state. Currently we have backed ourselves into a corner with over reliance on our tourism industry. And unfortunately even if we opened up and invited tourists back in, the numbers will be low for a long time. I doubt that most tourists will want to take the chance of having to quarantine for 14 days once they return home from vacation, so believing that we will be able to quickly go back to where we were is unrealistic. Many people are embracing working from home, and content is needed for those people. From home schooling to training, it could be valuable to have a vocational online education system. The state could hire skilled workers to teach people who are out of work the basics of low skill jobs that they might not have considered. This would pay the teacher and help quickly broaden the skill base of workers. This will be needed to train an army of contact tracers to help keep up with the outbreak. Another option is to allow unemployed people to do community service for a weekly paycheck and food services.
Sarasota	Healthcare	It is impractical and immoral to open the economy in order to save business and not lives. Rebuilding an economy is much easier than rebuilding a life. Your constituents did not elect you to barter with their well-being. There is no politics in sacrificing human lives for money. History has already been written regarding pandemics and how to deal with them. During the 1918 Spanish flu politicians thought about people. People respected them and look to them to take care of them. The rich who have business and are worried about their lifestyles are complaining that we need to re-open business. However, we have not even reached the peak of this pandemic and we should wait until the numbers dwindle to zero. We cannot aggressively contain this virus without being able to reduce the numbers low enough to chase contacts. If we do it any earlier, we risk more Floridians lives. I am not okay with that.
Marion	General	I say slowly very slow open up but with stimulation. Like schools there are to many kids per teacher. Think of some other ways. Restaurant has to be limited in smaller open areas. We are all at risk. Everyone still walks around like nothing is happening and those who need to go out to get food and essentials have to be worry we don't catch anything. I myself is on stage 4 COPD and require oxygen 24 7 and I have no choice but to go out and get things I'm a single parent raising 3 teenagers. I worry that I can easily catch it bring to my kids. So yes slowly slowly open but caution. Thanks

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Broward	Education	We should wait until the testing is available at drs office. And there is a treatment
Orange	General	With more than 1400 cases just in Orange County i think is to early to go back
Volusia	General	We need to open everything back up, even if there are guidelines and restrictions. So many people are out of work, and unable to get unemployment rolling, and businesses are shuttering for good. Families are suffering, and it needs to stop.
Seminole	General	It is not safe to reopen the state so soon. Scientists are still learning new things about the virus every day. How can we as citizens possibly stay safe when we still don't fully understand Covid-19. Until there is mass testing in place, and we know truly what we are up against, we cannot allow our people to put their lives at risk.
Brevard	General	Florida does need to be reopened so people can get back to work and school. I do think it should be done slowly and methodically.
Collier	General	I hope you don't continue with your program to expand opening the state for commerce without approval from your medical advisors. No bars, restaurants, beaches or shopping till the curve is flattened and you get at least two weeks of declines of new cases. Don't continue with your asinine sycophantic cow towing to the hospitality industry while forgetting your responsibility to the safety of your constituents. Families that have lost loved ones from this disaster or who are living in fear of covid 19 won't forget your callous bravado to their losses when election time rolls around.
Duval	General	I support the stay at home. I do not believe your is a time to lift any part of the stay at home/self quarantine. I have coronary artery disease, high blood pressure and COPD. My concern is that I may contact the virus due to returning to my workplace that employs many individuals. 70 plus employees. Many of these people are younger, my age group is mid to later 50s. From my years experience these younger people do not follow even the simplest of directions, rules, regulations etc., Put in place to keep order, sanitation, waste, cleanliness, cross contamination, under control and repeatedly these people have been told time and time again to adhere to these rules and regulations and repeatedly these younger employees just ignore, absolutely do not care, show absolutely no concern, no regard whatsoever. Work this Said o do not feel comfortable, firstly being at work, secondly being out in the general public unless required. Many of these people wonder around aimlessly while at work and do not stay put as they should. So in the public, these people pose a serious risk to me about my community. They to this day do not where PPE, Face masks, gloves etc. I ask that another month thru the month of May tension stay at home. Masks become mandatory, gloves become mandatory both customers and employees alike. Strict regulations and guidelines adhered to with training classes that should be mandatory. Just like food, gloves needed to be changed out every single time a person comes in contact with you etc..... We need strict guidelines to follow to stop the spread of Covid-19.

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Brevard	Recreation	It is my concern that we reopen the state to normal business as soon as possible. I believe that it would be reasonable to allow the individual citizens to make their own choices about when, where, and how often to interact in the general population. Please let our individual freedom and liberty to rule the decisions we make. In addition, I believe that the longer we keep these restrictions in place, the more businesses we will lose and more permanent unemployment we will see. You have my full support to get us back to normal as soon as possible. Thank you for providing me a forum to express my thoughts!
Lake	General	I think you are doing a fantastic job— thank you. Please open up the economy and tell people to be responsible— especially senior citizens— our younger generations need to get on with their lives and financial futures! PS Please run for President in 2024!!!!
Duval	Professional Services	Open the hair salons, barber shops, and nail salons. By appt only, must check in outside, temp taken before coming inside. No more than 10 inside at one time. Masks must be worn by all. When u look good you feel good. People are beginning to not care which leads to depression which can lead to other unhealthy practices. Churches....promote drive in churches until this passes. Restaurants/bars.....consider waiving the penalty for SRX Percentages until they resume normal operations. Designate a day of prayer....once a week.
Hillsborough	General	You have to get childcare going ASAP. That's really hurting a lot of people who could have worked throughout this mess. Thank you.
Flagler	General	Government repartition
Duval	Recreation	It would be really nice if Gyms and Fitness centers could re-open in some capacity. As an avid weight lifter and strength trainer, health and fitness is an essential part of life.
Pinellas	Technology	The lack of testing gives us low confidence in the infection rate or recovery rate in Florida. Regular people can agree that the common sense would be to start with businesses that can reasonable work at a distance. Do not start with personal services like nail and hair salons and gyms. So not open tourist areas that will attract ... Tourists. Let's not be that Florida joke. It would be better to continue too long than to open too soon.
Hillsborough	General	Please do not rush to open Florida. Please wait til the top medical experts say it is safe to do so. If you open too soon, we will be right back to where we started (or worse) in a matter of weeks. It will mean we did all of this for no reason. People were unemployed for no reason. Businesses that closed and will likely never open again, for no reason. Please, don't risk more lives. Be patient. Let's keep Safer-at-Home for a while longer.
Broward	Government	Follow the three phase guidelines set forth by the government.
Duval	General	Open the state and let people think for themselves. Stop looking at just the virus, whilst everything else goes to the wayside. Alcohol sales are way up, glad we kept them open...
Lee	General	I think keeping the quarantine in place is the best option! At least another 2 to 4 weeks

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Hillsborough	General	I work for a transportation company and I hear people from the tri-state area are aching to bring their asymptomatic bodies to flood our beaches and enjoy the warmer, awesome weather. And Georgia has open their state, which they don't have enough beds in the southern parts of the state. I think it would be awesome if people of Georgia flood the northern part of Florida with sick bodies.
Broward	General	There are a number of residents that did not qualify for the stimulus (salary too high) yet are still not able to pay rent. Allowing some companies to open up by June 1 (those with 50 employees or less). If they can space their employees 6+feet apart; wearing masks/face covering; stagger people in the office to allow for coverage but not an office full of people. Allow for very small businesses (nail salons; hair dressers) to open but with the caveat that they can only seat 50% and have to observe social/physical distancing at all times. Some may have to only operate by appointment only and not open to the general public. First wave of beach openings should be residents only (allowing only the 2 adjacent zip codes to access). (i.e, Hollywood Beach open to Hollywood residents only; Surfside beaches to Surfside/Bal Harbour residents only, etc.) Continue curfews. Restaurants with 50% capacity and if they have outdoor seating, they must utilize (weather-dependent). Tax break to businesses who allow employees with children to keep working from home (to help with home schooling).
Palm Beach	Healthcare	Opening now shows total disregard for the health and wellbeing of the citizens of Florida. While I understand that businesses are suffering, opening before this has been resolved is lunacy. It simply enables the state to cut unemployment benefits, minimal as they are, and risk the health and well being of those at risk. DeSantis is showing that he is a tool if the administration in Washington, who have no empathy for the those on the front lines and thise who have been stricken .
Collier	Education	As a former public school teacher and current staff member of a college, I am concerned with the idea that we reopen too quickly. Students might have the option to study online, but I don't have that option when my college reopens. The students that visit my office frequently come in when ill, even as adults. I have a son at home who doesn't make antibodies, so the idea of students who are unaware they have this virus terrifies me. I am not opposed to testing for staff/students before our return. I also understand our economy needs to restart. I just ask for a common-sense approach to protect our citizens as best as possible. Thank you for your consideration!

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Lee	Government	I am extremely concerned that the decision to reopen Florida is being driven by politics and business interests. Why? 1. No medical or science people on your committee. 2. Petty petty petty to exclude the one Democrat elected statewide. 3. We have not had 14 days of decreasing cases/tests. 4. I am a 66 year old state employee with 7 years of service. I don't want to be a statistic in your urge to start up the economy prematurely. 5. Our numbers are not out control because we are physically distancing. Open up too early, we spike. Just be patient. 6. I am teleworking, as is a majority of my Department. Please keep it that way for a while. 7. Your freedom to work and go shopping and get a haircut, etc: how many lives of Floridians is that worth? Really, I would like to know. Assure you I won't be availing myself of whatever you open.
Okaloosa	Tourism	I am a native to Northwest Florida, I have been in vacation rentals for 20+ Years and the company I work for specializes in individual house rentals mainly. In our area Tourism is by far one of the largest employment industries for our area and 1/2 of my families income is driven by tourism. If you all keep Tourism closed during the peak rental time for our area there will be tremendous downfalls for a lot of people. Please we need to Re-Open Florida.
Brevard	Healthcare	Do not reopen yet, just one more month could help flatten the curve even more.

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Orange	Retail	I feel there is not enough testing and not enough known facts about the virus. Without having tough restrictions on where we are allowed to go and where people can gather we are opening up the opportunity for more people to gather and become infected. Tourists from around the country will flock to Florida as soon as they know that shopping centers are open even before we reopen theme parks. Our shopping malls and outlets are also a large tourist attraction for them. Our malls specifically market to tourists from around the US and other countries. We are already seeing tourists here at beaches that are already reopened. These tourists are from states such as Michigan, New York and other states that have high levels of infections. People know that they can come here on vacation already and have disregard for the health of locals here. We need to think about the local community that lives here and how much they'll be affected and or infected by allowing people together in large places. We need to be realistic and prepare for a peak of infection. Locals themselves are not consistently taking this seriously and are going out in public without masKs or protective gear therefore putting others and themself at risk. As soon as people have the OK to venture out they will in the masses and we will see tourists come full force. Retail is a gathering place on a regular day or a rainy weekend. We need to protect the people that work in retail and put their health first. The stay at home order should be in place for additional time to coincide with other states due to tourism. I understand people need to get back to work however this can cause other people their lives. We need to get the economy going but it will rebound if we reopen next week or in 2 months. People will always shop and visitors will always come. Let's not open too early and have a horrible scene with more cases because we jumped the gun! Please protect the health of our locals who work in retail!
Brevard	General	Please keep the Social Distance in effect, drive thru and take out only, and have a stronger mask policy in high traffic areas. We dont know where this is going and think it would be better for another month and we dont want no more fatalities from this virus. Thank you.
Broward	General	Governor DeSantis, I believe it's time to let the citizens of the great state of Florida reclaim their lives. As long as we continue to practice good hygiene and social distancing measures I feel we will be safe. Florida has the best weather in the Country yet we are not able to enjoy our parks, beaches or waterways! For the sake of all Floridians, please allow us to demonstrate that we can be responsible and accountable. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Mary Unterbrink
Pinellas	Professional Services	Open business now

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Lee	General	I recommend phased reopening based upon stringent conditions as there is no no excuse to endanger many Floridian lives with a premature opening due to pressure from a vocal minority. No. 1 There should be a significant decrease in the number of new cases in all counties. No. 2 There must be an ability to immediately test anyone presenting symptoms. No. 3 There must be a statewide contact tracing force in place to quarantine any exposed. No. 4. The first businesses to open should be those with no public contact. No. 5. The next phase would be those with minimal public contact that can safely do so. No. 6 The last ones would be those that have public contact but only after there is no evidence of community spreading.
Palm Beach	General	I believe that we should reopen all businesses and allow people to isolate and trust their judgement on refraining from participation in social distancing as they see fit. I think we should follow Sweden like guidelines.
Osceola	Tourism	Keep closed. 1 more month
Broward	Healthcare	I get it; florida relies on tourism. But this virus has been shown to spread at about 1:3 (one person carrying it can affect 3), and now 4 people are carriers, even if they have no symptoms. And now the new three also spread 1:3, meaning 9 additional people are now affected. It doesn't take long for this to become a much larger problem. At this point, the number of new cases has remained relatively steady for about 3 days. That is not enough to make the governors case that the curve had flattened. It is trending that way, but with an incubation period of 14 days, we need more time. That, coupled with uncertainty about *how* to reopen spaces like beaches or theme parks or hotels, complicates this. And it's unclear how many people might actually want to travel here to provide an influx of tourist dollars. If the only people who show up are florida residents then this decision is pointless. I would suggest that things should remain closed for at least mid-May, and we can evaluate again - and consult with health professionals to make the best decision for the future.

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Martin	General	KEEP UP SOCIAL DISTANCING. Let the ones who want to get back to work get back. It's up to each business to what works for them as the market will show what will work in the long run. Working from home is now HIGHLY suggested if you and your company can. No mandatory mask as people don't know how to wear them. A LOT of emphasis on washing hands AND not sneezing in the elbow but a tissue. If you have to cough please do not cough around others without a tissue in hand. MOST adults have always fallen short on this one. I know because I have always been a germaophobe. The hospitals will need to separate the CO19 from regular hospital beds. Push for more online doctor visits for all. If they need to be seen by the doctor they would like to be able to have a family member with them so they are not pushed into procedures that they don't want or have not had time to think about. No out of US travel at this time. Beaches do a soft open in the morning and an afternoon. See what happens.
Lee	Healthcare	My daughter is a dental hygienist and I am scared to death about her returning to work May 8. Her office is not equipped with sufficient PPE to prevent her from contracting Covid 19. I myself would not have dental work performed unless it was an emergency! Working in a dental office is a very high risk operation and especially in the position of dental hygienist. Please reconsider the return date for dental hygienists, to a much later date, this is a matter of LIFE & DEATH!
Miami-Dade	General	It is imperative that Florida remain closed. According to the Institute of Health & Metrics at UW the earliest we can begin to ease the shutdown is mid June. If we do so earlier, the curve will go right back up with hospitals full and thousands of Florida's residents dying. This would necessitate a new shutdown which would be even worse for the economy. Slow and steady will ensure public safety and generate the best success for the economy. If we rush we will have a lose lose situation.

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Pinellas	Management	My recommendation would be for the task force that is giving recommendations to the governor to consult medical professionals, epidemiologist, medical doctors, laboratory Physicians, and those with experience in dealing with communicable illness before any decisions are made . I would also hope the governor will follow the federal guidelines for the three part reopening strategy..... according to the federal guideline, before phase one can be enacted.. there has to the 14t straight days of lessening cases within the state and current statistics show we are not there yet as of today, April 25th 2020. I would also hope that when the reopening of the state begins, social distancing, gloves, masks will still be required.. please do not make the mistake of reopening too soon only to result in a spike in cases. Thank you very much
Palm Beach	General	The state should not be re-opened at all..stay at home order, to remain in place, until health officials give the all clear. People are afraid. No one is going to go out, anyway, if they dont feel safe. The numbers are getting worse, not better. We havent even reached the peak, yet. Governors need to follow guidelines, put out by White House, to even jump on chart of phase 1, and not just do whatever they want. The health and safety of your citizens is at risk.
Miami-Dade	Transportation	Dont re-open florida until medical experts say it's safe.
Madison	General	I understand the financial impact this crisis is having on people and businesses. If opening small businesses with very stringent screenings and enforced social distancing could help then great. But as a mother of two small children and 36 weeks pregnant with our third, the risks are still far too unknown and great to be getting "back to normal" any time soon. The idea that our economy is more important than saving as many American lives as possible is absolutely sickening. We are a strong nation and we will recover. We just need to be prudent and smart about it.

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Broward	General	I am an 18 year old who has been at home since before the stay-at-home order was in place. I believe that we should reopen again and reopen soon. My concern is that people are being affected more by staying at home than this virus. People are filing for unemployment, are unable to see the doctor because of this virus, and are suffering from mental illness such as anxiety. Take me for example, I have anxiety every day because I am concerned about when we'll reopen and when I can go back to feeling some sense of normalcy. I'm also anxious because I don't have the freedom of going to see a pediatrician if needed like I once did. I understand that this lockdown is in place for our safety and protection. However, we don't have lockdowns for many things such as the flu, cold, heart disease, car accidents, and cancer and yet more people die from those things than the virus. SARS took more lives and was more effective and yet it wasn't as big of a deal as it is now. I understand why this lockdown is in place, to protect us (especially the elderly and sick) and to study this new strand of the coronavirus. However, I believe that life needs to continue and go back to how it was before. In a safe and sanitary manner of course. Our health, both mentally and physically is important as well. Studies have shown that staying at home for too long can cause issues such as mental illnesses, an increase in cardiovascular disease, sleeping problems, and much more. We need to be normal again and we cannot allow a virus to control our lives. Roughly 30,000 people have the virus and roughly 1,000 people have unfortunately passed because of this virus. However, there are 21,480,000 people living in Florida. Those numbers are extremely low. I understand that this is a fast spreading disease. I also understand that you guys are trying to keep us safe and I couldn't thank you enough for your services. However, my input is that we need a sense of normalcy again and it needs to be sooner than later. We also need to reopen public facilities such as pools and tennis courts in order to promote exercise and athletic activity. I am a swimmer and I can say that me not being in a pool and being able to train has taken a huge toll on me, both physically and mentally. Those areas should be open because social distancing can be in place and there isn't much person-to-person contact (having people swim in every other lane or one court open while the one next to it is closed.) To conclude, I am speaking on the behalf of those staying at home and those who are
Pinellas	General	I think all that should matter is everyone's safety. Just because we don't like being stuck at home and its hurting the economy should not outweigh the value of being alive! I'm not a doctor, most of us are not. They should be the ones helping to decide when to re open. We might not like being stuck at home, but I would rather be home than get to go out again and then die or contribute to someone else dying or becoming severely ill. Good luck with this huge decision! Thanks for listening.
Clay	Healthcare	There needs to be measures in place to ensure it is safe to open Florida. With summer approaching our state has an influx of vacationers who could be carriers of the virus.
Union	General	Personally, I think that businesses should open in the opposite way they were closed. Maybe begin at 50% for restaurants and other services. Slowly increase group #'s such as church, movies, night clubs, only if #'s stay good. Continue to recommend social distancing, masks, hand washing, etc. and make people aware that if the numbers begin to go up, we will need to scale back
Flagler	General	Flagler County cannot and will not survive being shut down any further. Our community is one of small town businesses and the owners are devastated. We just recently opened back up after finally having A1A restored from hurricane Matthew. It is time to open!

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Pasco	General	I believe that by ending the quarantine and lock down of non-essential persons and jobs at this time would cause more illness and deaths. Since this seems to be a rolling pandemic, varying in strength from place to place and time to time, I feel that a longer time frame for closure would be prudent and save life's. While many of us are enduring monetary hardship, at least we;re alive. How much of a boost to the economy is necessary to justify the possibility of having more people die?
Lee	General	Here in SW Florida, we have not seen a large number of CV cases. The damage to our economy has been exponentially worse than the health impacts to our citizenry. It's time to reopen. There is no reason to treat all areas or all citizens of Florida the same. One size does not fit all. Whatever restrictions that remain in place after April 30 should be minimal and should be limited to locales (e.g., Miami-Dade, if still appropriate) and demographic groups that are the most susceptible to the virus (e.g., nursing home residents). Waiting for a vaccine that is not likely to appear in the near future or improved availability of testing (when testing is not overly accurate) risks irreparable damage to the economy. Our citizenry has done a good job of maintaining social distancing and otherwise acting responsibly. It's time to trust people to act responsibly.
Miami-Dade	Healthcare	I completely disagree with re-opening Florida due to the obvious reasons of every day we continuously gain more and more cases as the days continue. By encouraging residents in Florida to go back out is irresponsible and completely disregarding the safe and health of everyone. We need to focus on the safety and well-being of everyone instead of focusing on the economy of the state. We need to instill programs of relief instead of just throwing people back to work and risking their safety.
Orange	Healthcare	I do NOT think it's safe to reopen Florida yet. We have increasing numbers of Covid-19 cases and we don't even have enough tests for everyone. We have a shortage of masks, gloves, and antibacterial cleaning supplies. We need to have MORE COVID-19 TESTS, decreasing infection rates, and plentiful protective equipment (masks, gloves, cleaning supplies, sanitizer) BEFORE we can reopen safely. We also need to educate the public on how to wear masks effectively and to stay off the beaches.
Orange	Tourism	I don't think we should open till mid June. Give things more time. I know it's hard but having this disease is harder. I work for a theme park and scared how I am going to feed my family with the unemployment system so messed up but I have family that will help if need be. Getting the disease is worse. Especially for me who is high risk. Please don't open till cases have gone down significantly
Lee	General	Let each person decide for themselves how to conduct their business and conduct their safety. If they choose not to protect themselves it is what it is. If they can shelter in place, they should do so but if they have to work to eat, to feed their family, KEEP their home, or pay their bills, then definitely they are ESSENTIAL.
Broward	Recreation	Please reopen the parks and beaches! Social distancing is required. Fine those who don't comply.

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Miami-Dade	Education	Although I think is still early to think about a reopening for the increase of new infections we observe everyday in Miami Dade, my big concern in the re opening is about childcare. How is gonna work? I have a toddler boy of 2y , his day care is suppose to open the 4th of May , how schools are gonna provide safety to the kids that playing with others and touching always anything can infect each other and bring the virus home? We know checking just the temperature is not enough. Moreover, the guidelines for the first phase of reopening should follow 14 days of no new cases , it doesn't seem to me we want to follow these guidelines , considering also the behavior of many in Miami Beach, walking with no mask , gathering and taking no care, if no strict measures are applied it will be very hard to flatten the curve and have soon those two weeks of no new cases. Thanks for listening to my opinion
Hillsborough	Government	Open everything immediately. The consequences of everything closed down far outweighs any amount of people with viruses. May 1 everything needs to be opened. This is unconstitutional and people need to work.
Palm Beach	Education	Please be very thoughtful in your guidance. I believe we should use the cellphone more to get the word out to more people on a daily text messages to used social distancing at all times along with mask or face covering at all times especially at work or inside should be mandatory. Schools should supply face shields along with mask for staff and students along with require washing hands when they arrive at school or summer camp and temperature should be taken before they enter the building. Along with social distancing. Thank you so much for your time and consideration to these ideas.
Orange	Tourism	I am a travel agent and the majority of what I sell is Disney and Universal. I am requesting that you please open FL back up so that the people of the state can get back to earning a living along with those of us that are in tourism. We need to be able to put food on our table and need FL to open back up so that lives are not ruined. Thank you
Broward	General	OPEN the BEACH I am a 65 year old responsible adult- not a sproing breaker This is rediculous overreach I pay a lot of taxes to live oceanfront my neigghbors and I are going crazy for no reason Open the state now!!
Flagler	General	Open the beaches
Bay	Healthcare	My 12 year daughter is in need of her second ulnar nerve transposition. PLEASE allow orthopedic surgeons to do their jobs and help their patients! Coronavirus patients aren't the only ones suffering. Blocking doctors from helping their patients should end as soon as possible. Thank you for all that you do.

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Palm Beach	General	Thank you for this chance. First let's go slow. Stay at home should be in effect at least another month. As far as restaurants I think they should stay at take out. Social Distancing is still important as is wearing masks. Putting tables 6 feet apart does not allow for how many at a table. If you have a table for 4 there is no way they are social distancing etc. Unless limited to people of same household this will not work. Community Pools.(condos and residentail communities) Allow pools to open, with minimum seating if okay with boards., however continue social distancing both in and out of pool. Beaches, Would like to separate private and public beaches, but not really possible. Beaches open for swimming, walking etc, not for sitting. Again social distances to be enforced, especially at public beaches. Theater and public shows still closed probably until June Hair salons still closed,social distancing impossible. Public Gyms closed, gyms in communities can open but with a limit of no more than 10 people at a time and have to be spread out. Going back to work and opening. If companies can work telacomputing all the better., however if Social distancing is possible allow people back to work. Shops and businesses which can keep social distancing could be opened. All of the above is based on limited use, with urging of staying home for the most part. Also if any change increase in an area.of positive testing, reclose. I agree with the Governor that what is allowed in the northern part of the state, will not necessarily be okay for Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach county. These counties should be allowed to work together and modify the statewide recommendations as necessary, Thank you for the chance to have input in our way of life
Polk	Recreation	Please open up the national forrests. Being surrounded by trees and sun is NOT bad for you. Being locked in your home depressed it. You do not need to quarentine the healthy. Either open it all back up or shut down everything, even stores because more people in a store is more of a health risk than in the woods.
Lee	General	Keep Florida closed! I'm a person with an autoimmune disease and can not leave or be in contact with others. Please keep the state closed until we are healthy.
Broward	General	Please open the beaches and parks immediately. Fresh air and sunshine. Proven repeatedly to curtail the virus.
Seminole	General	To avoid a second wave of infections I would ask that the shelter in place mandate stay in effect until such time that the the body of epidemiological evidence supports a return to non essential interactions.
Miami-Dade	General	DO NOT open

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Brevard	General	Please do not reopen the state yet. On average, 50 people are dying a day here in Florida as a result of Covid-19. I don't know about you, but I consider that unacceptable. The current governor's order isn't being enforced completely, which may be one of the key reasons the numbers keep going up. Non-essential businesses are open on a daily basis. Housing reconstruction and lawn care on the barrier islands are operating as if everything is normal. We need at least another 2-4 weeks of fully implementing the governor's order, with NO beach access, in order to get this under control. Then, we need to do testing for everyone in the state, and tracing where people who are positive have been.
Volusia	General	People NEED TO WORK!!! I work from home, home healthcare, my husband for the county. But people who are not working must go back to work and businesses must open. Me? I just need to sit and relax on the beach again. Please let us sit and relax on our beautiful sandy beaches. That IS something that can be controlled.
Sarasota	General	Until there is a two week decline, no deaths , no new cases, I have no desire to go back to work. I am a bartender and sorry, RICK SCOTT, my life and health is more important than your insulting opion. Who are you to judge anyone!! The risk is to high at this point in time to return to work even on a part time, half capacity schedule. Florida is full of vacationers, snowbirds ... visitors from all over . Why should we be forced to choose between our health or our job! Govenor Desantis, PUT YOUR FOOT DOWN, follow the CDC guidelines ...two weeks no deaths, no new cases throughout the entire state then start talking to us about getting back to work. THANK YOU to all out there keeping us safe and healthy and caring for those that cannot care for themselves, you are all ANGELS. Those of you that want to protest and not follow guidelines step back, look at the harm you can do not only to yourselves and your family members but to your friends, their friends and that stranger who one day may help you. Lets all just RELAX and get through this, please.
Pinellas	Professional Services	Hair salon, don't take my right to work!
Orange	Accommodation	Please, keep those who need accommodation in mind so that we aren't social distancing for years.
Brevard	General	open everything up, now. people are going broke, have no access to any monetary help. the PPP was a joke. unemployment is a joke. and $1200 wont put a dent in any ones financial burden. not sure that desantis should be re-elected. our lives have been ruined.
St. Lucie	General	The White House says it's not time to open up per it's own guidelines.
Orange	General	One NoW!
Walton	General	I think it's too soon to open Florida back up. Governor Desantis made promise to the people who applied for unemployment that they would get an additional 600.00 but that did not happen. Now he wants to put people back to work to soon and watch more people get sick.
Walton	Real Estate	Please let the ban on vacation rentals expire on 4/30. We need to get the revenue stream going again to support ourselves and the local economy. Walton County will follow your lead is my request is to allow rentals to commence May 1. Thank you.

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Palm Beach	General	Dont risk it. Keep everything closed another month.. Better safe than sorry.. People are sick or dying.. There are certain govt OFFICES with people who have Tested positive that have not even been disinfected. STOP THE SPREAD.
Charlotte	Tourism	I am in favor of opening restaurants safely. Especially ones that have outdoor seating. I will wait a bit before dining inside. I am not in favor of theaters opening yet, or large indoor shopping malls. Most of those businesses have web shopping available. They can open after 2 more weeks. I feel retail businesses in “strip” malls could be opened safely. Hair and nail salons can also operate safely. Restaurants are a large part of Florida tourism and are needed.
Brevard	General	Does Florida plan to utilize the federal guidelines for The proposed state gating criteria as a condition for easing restrictions? If not, we insist that be used as a minimum condition . We also insist adherence to whatever restrictions are in place are enforced including civil and criminal penalities.
Collier	General	Governor DeSantis, I want to compliment you on a job well done! My opinion is that you continue to take care of our vulnerable citizens especially in Nursing Homes and LTC facilities, as you have been doing....please keep this up. I believe Florida should be OPENED UP! Of course, when the announcement is made indicate that if any one has reservations about contracting this virus, encourage them to continue to shelter in place. I am not even sure this complete shut-down of our economy was the right thing to have done. The purpose was not to over burden the hospitals....we have accomplished this. I personally am retired. However, I know people need to get back to work for their families security. Please Sir, OPEN UP!
Pasco	Healthcare	We need to follow science and not conspiracy theories about virus such as the bad mistake of buying hydroxychloroquine after being promoted by Trump. Science, facts and the health of residents matter more than political party loyalty. We need to make sure that the amount of positive covid19 cases are very low and hospitalizations are minimal. Testing of every resident iwithout symptoms s key and must be ramped up before considering easing restrictions. Antibody testing is something that must be done to determine exposure for those people, including myself, who suspect they were infected already based on symptoms I had in February. Don't listen to pressed from Trump, you represent the People of Florida including Independent voters like me. Do the right thing for the health of residents. Remember, FACTS and SCIENCE matter.

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Orange	General	A lot has been done to stop the spread of covid19. There won't be a safe point in months. Quarantine has made millions of Americans to lose their jobs and this is not helping the economy, it's destroying it. Florida has to open in faces now. We could be on a new normal where people who are vulnerable can stay home safe but also, helping people to get their jobs back as soon and as safe as possible.
Collier	General	I'm fighting lung cancer and don't believe we should open our state for at least 2 more weeks. We have not reached our peak and I fear it's not safe yet. Thank you
Orange	Education	Florida is not ready to reopen. I would rather stay at home longer now than to reopen and be back to the same place we are in now. The concern is that the cases and deaths keep rising. The scientists are who we should be listening to. Even if businesses and restaurants reopen, I would not go. The scientists say that we should be closed until mid June.
Miami-Dade	Retail	I am in dire need to reopen my business but I consider it's too soon for non essential business to open. In my humble opinion event though it goes against my financial interest, is that stay at home order in Dade-County should be extended at least to the middle of may or until we hit the threshold of 14 consecutive days of declining new cases of Covid 19; it will be the sensitive and safe way of reopening to a healthier and safer future. Otherwise its my opinion that if opening up to soon will do more harm than good. I just hope you all consider the health of all of us Americans before the economy. Economy will recover, lives are more important. Each person live we save by honkering just a little bit longer will be worth more than any amount of money. Respectfully. Jose Lopez
Broward	General	Florida business unless needed by the public, should not open. We do not need spas and tattoos, silly entertainment business, they should not open. Only food, markets restaurants. Doctors, Dentists. Large market chain. Also make more available tests. And each person temperature should be taken as they enter the premises..
Holmes	General	Open up the state and the economy. There are more people suffering financially than by the virus. People are going to change their habits and businesses can have safe practices in place. It is not fair for the big box stores to be open and others not able. Thankfully my professional service area of engineering is able to continue working, but others are not. They need to have the same opportunity to support and provide for themselves and families. Florida needs it and Floridians need it. Thank you for your leadership, professionalism and wisdom on how it has been handled to date. Brian Lemieux, PE

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Duval	Recreation	Organized, social distancing friendly sports for youth (e.g. golf, tennis, baseball, etc.), should be allowed as soon as possible, with the expectation that participants and spectators will maintain recommended social distancing as much as possible. School closures and cancellation of extra-curricular activities have been especially hard for youth and their families. Allowing for healthy, outdoor social activity, including organized team sports that can be played with a high degree of social distancing, should be permitted to promote the physical, emotional, and mental health of our communities, which have taken a huge hit during this difficult time. Potential spread of the virus during organized youth sporting activities can be mitigated by prohibiting sharing of equipment, eliminating traditional game handshakes, encouraging frequent handwashing, and other similar measures.
Palm Beach	Healthcare	Dental professionals produce aerosols when providing treatment for patients which poses a high risk for spread of Covid-19. Dental offices should remain closed until the threat of the virus is considerably lower for the protection of patients, healthcare providers, and their families. If dental offices are to reopen, then it should be mandatory to extend appointment times to allow for thourough sterilization to prevent cross contamination. Patient's must do a preprocedure rinse with peroxide. Air ventilators must be utilized to reduce aersols. No healthcare provider should be expected to work without the proper protective equiptment provided daily. Covid-19 tests should be provided at the dental office prior to each patient's appointment.
Orange	Education	Kids spread germs. Keep schools closed until there is a vaccine.
Manatee	General	We should wait to open Florida .we need to wait until may 15 two weeks will make all the difference. Don't rush now be responsible. Then open parks beaches June first open restaurant. This is my thoughts thank you for giving me a voice
Suwannee	Healthcare	I DO NOT BELIEVE WE SHOULD REOPEN THE STATE. OUR HEALTH AND SAFETY NEEDS TO COME FIRST.

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Miami-Dade	Healthcare	Although I truly understand the need to re-open I feel it is wrong to open up the state so quickly. As the governor and mayor Suarez have said themselves, there are people who have tested positive without any symptoms. These people are going to be going out into the world infecting others. I know of one case in particular that hit very close to home. There is this women that works at one of our more popular warehouse stores that had tested positive. She did not tell anyone for fear of being fired. One of her coworkers (friend of my family) caught covid-19 from working alongside her. Our family friend that caught the virus from this other lady took it home and passed the virus on to her husband. They lived in their own house. Their children are grown adults. The husband had underlying health conditions and ended up in the hospital. They were both tested for the virus and obviously both were positive. They discharged the woman and the husband had to be kept admitted. He died 4 days later. Why did this happen? Because of people who are positive and will not admit to it or it could just as easily been because they simply just didn't know. This poor woman is now home alone and sick without being able to say goodbye to her husband. This is not the first or last case like this. It will continue and provoke a second wave. To all those that say that we are getting taken away our constitutional rights.....no rights have been taken away. We r avoiding deaths. We are trying to preserve the rights of people to stay alive. It's easy to give statistics and talk about them. Don't forget that Behind ever statistic there is a real person suffering or dead.
Orange	General	I am a retired very active senior with chronic bronchitis who lives alone. I have been on a stay at home order now for over a month. I feel like I am on house arrest without the ankle bracelet. Prior to the stay at home order, I visited my Son and Grandchildren twice a week. I have not been able to spend time with my family for over a month now. I want the house arrest to end. We seniors need to have interaction with others. We need social interaction in person and not just on line. Please end this stay at home ordinance and let me see my family. I have a leaky water heater to replace and moldy carpet to replace in my home. I am doing much worse being confined to my home. I agree with the lady the news showed on TV today. She said we all have a appointed time to die. It may be now, it may be later. We don't know the appointed time. Please let's get our lives back.

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Osceola	General	I would like to suggest the opening of small business again. Hair salons, nail salons, massage spas. Ask that they still limit how many people are in a small area at a time but allow them to get back to work. Also doing the same for restaurants and retail stores, opening them back up but limiting the amount of people in the business and then eventually getting back to the norm before. I understand this virus has changed us and things may never be fully the same but we need to get back work and allowing business run again to get back the American dream of Life Liberty and the Pursuit if happiness! Thank you for your time.
Broward	Tourism	Florida should remained closed until at least June. South Florida still carries the majority of the cases. We are in no position to flood our beaches and surrounding areas with large crowds of people. Took China 76 days before they saw results and we are not even close. Keep it closed so we are all safer in the end please.
Broward	Government	Please open the state parks and beaches.
Clay	General	I think it is time to open up Florida in areas where there are few or no Covid-19 cases, or where the curve has flattened. The Governor's update tell us that the curve HAS flattened and we should be in phase 1 of the President's plan. People need to see light at the end of the tunnel and have their morale uplifted by seeing the beginning of the opening. The data shows us that it is not necessary to test everyone, many have had the virus without problems, and the death rate in the country is figured at about 0.1%. We are smart enough to continue to distance ourselves, to wear masks and gloves, and to greatly reduce numbers dealing with businesses as they open at first. I have seen on TV how the businesses in Georgia have done this. Our economy has suffered enough and people need to be, and can be, responsible for themselves. Let us start to return to some form of normal!
Broward	General	Open up. Enough of this. Start opening up!!
Orange	Government	How do we reopen Florida? We don't. We have to wait until we get a handle on this virus and make sure that the numbers are going down not just plateauing. It is very irresponsible to open Florida at this time. I want it open I'm pretty sure you want it open but like any sick child once they feel better they have to still recuperate.
Volusia	General	Follow guidelines of 14 straight days of decreasing Covid19 cases in that county, encourage continued remote working practices through May.
Miami-Dade	General	I think going forward the people need to come first I think we need to be sure on opening too soon please take heed of the medical field suggestions
Brevard	Manufacturing	Open it up people need to feed the children and the unemployment system in Florida stinks

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Broward	General	I have been a Florida resident for 35 years and am employed at Port Everglades, an essential component of the south Florida economy including cruise, cargo and petroleum. Having said that, I believe the great state of Florida with regards to opening back up in the midst of this terrible pandemic should proceed with caution. The economy is extremely important but so is the well being of Florida's citizenry. Please defer to the medical experts on how and when we open for business. Absolutely open in stages but only after many more tests have been done and the positive covid19 rates are trending downward. I dont believe we can put an exact date on re-opening but can base opening on testing results and actual facts. Thank you for the opportunity to share my opinion.
Broward	General	I agree that it needs to be done in phases. There are still uncertainties as to all the symptoms of this virus and there still is not a cure. And right now testing is still not available to all . I agree that employment is very important but what is the importance of a job if we are dead and not able to provide for a family. The last thing we need is a second wave if we are prematurely sent out there. I couldn't live with myself if I ever infected my child or anyone. We need to be able to handle the virus before everyone can return to our regular. So please carefully assess our health before pushing us out for it hit us even worst than it did before. Thank you
Hillsborough	Administrative	Please do not open this state before there is a vaccine and wide spread testing. You have such a large vulnerable population here. You have the elderly, you have Black & Latino communities who we can already see are disproportionately affected. We don't deserve to die because of commerce. I matter! My family matters! My children matter! This virus could kill any of us. I work for a law firm. It's included within the governor's wide portrayal of essential businesses. I don't believe this is an essential business. But I'm not allowed to work from home. I am forced to risk my life to make enough money to survive. If I'm forced to work so that lawsuits move forward then please don't do this to others, please don't reopen barber shops and restaurants etc. ... they hardly deserve this. No one does.
Seminole	Food	I don't think Florida should reopen until we have a safe vaccine. As soon as you reopen the state, the numbers will spike again. It's inevitable with how contagious this is.

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St. Johns	General	I've done a LOT of logical and rational thinking and evaluating of this situation. While I'm nothing more than a contracts manager, I'm an avid researcher and have read and watched information from every source available. With that being said, the best approach in my opinion, I think legislation should be put into place to allow those who are immune compromised or are afraid to go back to work and back to life the ability to collect unemployment for a specified period of time and protection from employers so they don't lose their jobs if they choose to or cannot risk their health and well being. While allowing the rest of the public who chooses and wants to go back to work and back to life to do so. There will be a resurgence of this again no matter what we do and nothing will make it better or worse. But herd immunity is a real thing and the survival rate is far higher than the fatality rate especially for those with healthy immune systems. Isolating and quarantining the healthy will actually weaken and lower their immune systems (basic science) which could cause a larger resurgence if we wait to long to open back up. Not to mention the economical and financial affects this has on the state and the people of the state.
Lake	General	Hello Yes time to reopen . If I can go to work every day yes I am in health care . Time to be normal again . Time to park and go to the beach , shop beside groceries, go to church . This is also good for your mental health and well being ! I have now monitored my news intake since it is so negative on all !!! We need more positive in our lives . Time to live again like we were . People need vacations yes even cruising!!! I have always taking precautions like washing hands sanitizers . I have never sat on top of people at the beach coughed in faces . Flu season will be upon us soon are we to keep shutting down like this ? This isn't good for the mental health also . I believe if people use there common sense we will be fine .Tank you
Duval	Healthcare	I am confident that it is time to reopen our state. We can begin slowly by getting the schools back in session and letting businesses reopen, then add sports and concerts later. This virus has proven to be less deadly than anticipated so I ask you to please consider this request to get back to our normal routines. Thank you !
Martin	Healthcare	I believe Florida is not ready for reopening. We are 8th of 52 states. We are continuing to rise. Louisiana is now 9th and their numbers are stabilizing. If we reopen we will be faced with a second wave of the corona virus. I do not believe martin county is doing enough testing. I also believe some health care clinics are taking advantage of people testing ro see if they have had the virus...$150 per test that costs $33. This is not FDA approved, not covered by insurance. Beaches should not be open.
St. Johns	Recreation	Please allow in the first phase of reopening to allow the gyms to reopen as it would help

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Polk	General	I have custody of 4 small children and do work as a plumber I have worked 3 days total since 3/10/20 I would love to go to work but the health of my kids and everyone else is more important than any amount money even though the kids drive me nuts most of the day I don't want anything to happen to them I am 60yrs. old and worked all my life and I would like to live to see these kids grow up right. we where slow to start this lets not be to fast to start up again for the life of everyone who could get this and not be here to see us do it right its hard but hard makes us stronger in the long run be safe and think of others
Walton	General	My heart breaks for everyone now out of work and those potentially losing their small business, or having it forever impaired. (In addition to those who have had their health impacted and the families who have lost loved ones.) I think the state has to open up immediately, and all citizens must collectively bear the responsibility of doing the right things when it comes to mitigating the risk of further spread. The government has done enough in terms of restrictions and should go no further and should rescind all that are in place. The precedent this governmental response has set is completely unsustainable with respect to future health crises. We have to respond as individual citizens, which means with our liberties come responsibilities, and upon which this country was founded.
Lee	Healthcare	open up everything if you don't want it to be open then stay inside
Broward	General	With all the businesses considered essential, we found that we can safely conduct business. Please Governor DeSantis, lets's open up for business before we are all driven to the depths of poverty and dispair some won't be able to recover from. Thank you
Volusia	General	The shutdown was intended to prevent the hospitals from being overwhelmed and to beef up the PPE supply which has been done. ALL businesses should be allowed to open with the social distancing and proper PPE where necessary. NO Mayor should be allowed to override the Governors decision without his approval.

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Palm Beach	Management	I'm a restaurant manager in a prominent hotel in South Florida. 1) I really think that Florida's reopening process should be looked at on a county-by-county basis. The health care situation and the confirmed case rate in the tri-county area of South Florida does not reflect that of the entire state. I would go so far as to say that it should be done on an even more granular level eventually and move to a city-by-city basis. 2) Our industry needs guidelines. I know that my company will go above and beyond anything expected from us by the state as well as by our guests. HOWEVER, IF THERE ARE NO SAFETY & CLEANLINESS GUIDELINES, THERE WILL BE NO GUESTS. Customers need to feel like when they walk into a space, there are certain rules and health standards that are being followed to ensure their safety. This isn't just for maintaining constant and consistent cleanliness and safety, but it has an incredible psychological impact that would help ease anyone who is wondering whether it's safe to go our again, spend money, and jump-start our economy again. I feel very strongly about this last point. They will not come if you just tell business owners to "figure it out." The public will not trust that and continue to stay home. 3) Look at what NY State announced today about how they'll be rolling out testing. We need more testing. But that's a known fact. Give the public a plan. This helps ease people as well. Start by testing the front line workers just as you have been and giving them priority. But then start with anti-body testing for all health-care workers, police officers, fire fighters, EMTs, first responders, and elderly care workers. Then make Covid-testing available for all people whose occupations require them to interact face-to-face with others: grocery store workers, restaurant and hotel employees, care sale people, gas store clerks, dentists - super important, etc. And then move apply that same prioritization for the anti-body testing to these groups as well.
Sumter	General	Since most of the state park camping sites are not on top of each other,open the parks for camping but if you really believe it is necessary,keep the bath houses closed.
Duval	General	We should be measured and follow the guidance of our health professionals and science. I also believe we should monitor Georgia to see what happens with them before we do anything. Lets be smart about opening Florida for both natives and tourists.
Leon	General	Time to reopen FL. Agree big events not yet. Baseball, golf, other summer sports should have no spectators there; people can watch on tv. Fewer people in restaurants with spacing between tables. It seems odd to me that all small businesses like boutiques, etc were closed because usually only one or 2 people in there at a time even before Covid. Really all stores should have remained open because I can't think of any store I go into such as furniture, mall, appliance, etc that has as many people as grocery stores in Walmart. They should have all stayed open and just limit number of people. Overall, I think DeSantis is doing great job and I urge him to open our economy back up with few restrictions mentioned above. Thank you for your great leadership, Governor!
Brevard	General	Open Florida up.

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Orange	Recreation	We need to open up Orange County. There has been decline in COVID 19 cases in four weeks. This is a tourist town. The parks are out doors and are a happy place. This being locked up listening to media is depressing. We are Americans home of the free. I understand its a pandemic and people are getting sick and dying. We should continue to wash our hands but should have a choice to leave our homes and life is too short to not be able to be happy and enjoy happy places.
Pinellas	General	Let's open Florida back up enough is enough - be careful but be realistic
Lee	General	Florida needs to have Stay at Home order at least another month I would like to know how Jacksonville,Fl opening the beaches affected the Covid-19 cases to increase Now Miami-Dade wants to open!!! That's a real hot spot. Florida needs to be ahead of the game before we start getting people from other states coming for vacation and starting this up again like Spring Break!! The weather is still cook up a North making people antsy since all schools are closed and people out of work but...They are getting their Stimulus check and their unemployment with the extra $600.00 making it possible for them to decided to travel. WE DONT NEED Other states viruses here again to reinfect us. Yes, our economy here is a problem but LIFE AND STAYING ALIVE....is more important KEEP OTHER STATES OUT OF FLORIDA....It's enough that we have people here that don't follow the 6 Foot Social Distancing when out, they beaches in Jacksonville don't seem to be following, WE NEED TO BE KEPT SAFE IN FLORIDA because we have enough people already not following. You really think people coming from other States wii following the 14 day Quarantine when their vacation may only be 2 weeks? Then go home and Self Quarantines? I don't think so. It will get out of hand again.
Brevard	Healthcare	People need to go back to work. I'm a registered nurse who isn't "frontline" and cannot start my job due to low census. I need to pay bills and provide for my family. It's not that difficult to require people wear masks depending on the county so they can safely re enter society. Keep those immunocompromised or elderly home, have everyone go back to work. Schools should resume in the fall as well as colleges. Hospitals have enough beds and PPE for now. Keep a distance from others but don't make people be kept inside. Either way it's a negative. Risk going outside and get sick or stay inside, go manic, potentially commit suicide, no money coming in, homeless.

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Polk	Recreation	Hello Governor Desantis Please open vacation rentals we have a paid vacation for June 1st ending on the 15th on the Bay in a private home in Englewood beach ...The realty company Manasota Key Realty is waiting to hear the release for this to open and all other rentals they handle As a private home we will be at the private pool or on our pontoon boat continued following guidelines. Please open these also! Thank you Debbie Lacy
Palm Beach	General	Hello! I'm a mom of two children. Myself and my daughter have braces on our teeth and we are going without treatment due to the restrictions put in place for Florida. I'm supposed to get my braces off this month and my daughter needs hers tightened. These are not considered "emergencies" however this is our teeth. We did not do this for cosmetic but due to myself and my daughter having a class 3 underbite which affected our teeth and gum care. I would like restrictions loosened for orthodontics and dental care services. This is very important to me and I've talked to other moms whose kids teeth are chipping or they have lost retainers. Please allow them to open even if it means limiting capacity, sanitizing between each client or whatever needs to happen. I think we need to trust all of our healthcare providers to use common sense discretion. I feel that way for other retail outlets too but the dentist and ortho should really be allowed more flexibility. I paid a lot of money to fix mine and my daughters teeth and I don't want that to just go to the wayside overnight. We're all wearing masks and using sanitizers. I think we should open as much as possible with common sense restrictions. Thank you!
Leon	General	Dont flat out just dont. It needs to stay this way a couple more wrrks. Look at China they reopened and a few days in thw cases at the hospital started rolling in double time. We need to keep keep our community safe. As a resident i feel we need to keep it closed a few more weeks.
Pinellas	Healthcare	Governor DeSantis, I implore you to listen to scientists. Listen to experts. This has been a painful time for all of us but social distancing has worked to mitigate the damage of this virus. We cannot take our foot off the gas now. it is too early to return to normal life. Doing so will kill people -- plain and simple. It will overburden our first responders, our nurses, and our doctors. It will also ensure that we end up right back to where we started, with spiking numbers of new COVID-19 cases and a brand new need to shut things down. This will essentially wipe out the gains we made through our collective, tremendous sacrifice over the past several weeks. Do whatever you can to get checks into the hands of the people who cannot work and are hurting, and let's ride this out for as long as it takes until the experts -- not a loud minority of citizens -- decide that opening back up is the right thing to do.

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Brevard	Healthcare	Open up elective surgeries and preventative procedures. If hospitals feel they have enough beds for Covid patients, then let them get back to business . Keep a stay-at-home for elderly or at risk individuals. Masks if one desires. Keep practicing hand hygiene. Let's get back to work. Open public parking at beaches and parks. Open salons, tattoo shops, small businesses that depend on themselves. If the whole goal was to flatten the curve, and the curve has went down, then it worked and now we are educated and have the tools to make informed decisions.
Broward	General	just went by Home Depot. they cut hours, people are packing in like you'd think a hurricane is coming. Extend hours, limit customers. free bus rides in Broward make people ride more, packed in like sardines. yes to elective procedures - hospitals hurting - they use PPE there. I know of a suicide of hospital worker that was laid off. Holy Cross. please tell bosses to tell employees to stay home when sick! People do what they thing the boss wants, not the Gov on TV. the ones that always show up when sick will be afraid to if they hear it from the boss.
Pinellas	Healthcare	Keep Florida closed until people learn how to properly social distant. I went into Walmart two days ago for the first time in six weeks and was shocked by the amount of people not wearing masks and not using social distancing. If you look at the comments about opening the beaches, a lot of people from other states say yes open them because we have plans to visit, raising the of people who are infected and not aware of it coming here. Just open the beaches a few hours a day for now for exercise.
Seminole	Food	Please open our country back up! This feels like a communist government. This is taking away our rights of freedom. It should be our choice if we choose to get sick or not. I have not stopped working since this pandemic and the only caution I've taken at work is gloves. I see more than 100 people a day at the golf course and I have not gotten sick nor has anyone at the golf course. They barely practice social distancing now. We did not close this country when the HIV/AIDS pandemic happened and a lot more people died than. You are only hurting everyone and the economy by staying closed. So please do us all a favor and end this bull crap.

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Lee	General	I believe that Florida should be reopened effective immediately. All jobs are essential and people need to provide for their families. People have worked so hard to be where they are and it's not right that they should lose everything and even go hungry because things have been taken to the extreme. Not to mention- Florida is the slowest in issuing unemployment payments. Maybe if people were getting their money, they wouldn't be so eager to risk their health to work. The benefits have to outweigh the risk. I have two babies and I am a stay at home mom, but my husband lost his full time job and delivers pizza at night. If it wasn't for our food stamps, we would be hungry. He applied for unemployment over a month ago and still hasn't received payment. He will do whatever it takes to make sure our kids don't go hungry. It is a choice and people should have a choice. If they feel safer at home than that's their choice, but people who need to work can wear a face mask to protect themselves. This is not healthy for people's mental health and their welfare.
Orange	General	I think you need to give dates for Reopening to Floridians. People need an end date. Just not knowing is depressing. I understand you are working towards a plan but we have had weeks of uncertainty as to when we can have some sense of normalcy. Please give us something to look forward to even if later we have to tighten things again. People are tired of being locked down with no end in sight.
Broward	Retail	I think businesses should be given the chance to reopen with the restrictions necessary. I own a hair salon and am bleeding money every week trying to keep my staff on payroll. We need to be given the opportunity to make money or else we will never recover from this.
Nassau	General	This shutdown is hurting more people than it is helping. Antibody testing in California and New York have shown that many people had the virus with slight or no symptoms. That means the hospitalization and death rates are very low, similar to the flu. We should get back to normal immediately and let the old and frail self isolate.
Broward	Healthcare	Regarding reopening stores and the stay at home orders - PLEASE DO NOT RUSH INTO THIS - let's be safe. I know people want to go back to work and to be out and about. However, I remember my Mom telling me about the Flu in 1917-1918 - She was a little girl and said that many died and they allowed everyone to go back to life as normal and 3 times the first amount died in the second round. Please, we don't want that to happen. Help keep your people safe. Thank you.
Lake	General	Open May 1.
Marion	General	Since there's a lot of people out and about due to the very large list of "essential" jobs and others just ignoring the stay home order, our cases continue to increase daily. I think the stay home order should be extended. I don't feel we should open anything until our cases start declining and continue to do so then we could start opening things in steps with safety measures in place. It would be great if everyone was tested then those who are sick can be quarantined. Maybe that would safely speed up opening things back up. There are to many vulnerable people in this state and moving to quickly can cost more lives and us a set back in progress. Unlike the GA governor, please put the people before the economy. The economy will bounce back but some people's health may not.

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Lake	General	All businesses are essential. Open all restaurant patios. Open all stores. Require store employees to wear masks. Require shoppers to wear masks inside stores. Covid cases requiring hospitalization should NOT be in our general hospitals. They should be set up in field or temporary hospitals. Our healthcare system and workers should not suffer because of this virus. Entertainers are out of work. Start a fund for gig workers (artists) now. My link is www.helpfloridaartists.com Our livelihoods are gone. We need help. We need outdoor activities. All outdoor recreation should be open with social distancing guidelines. We want to know how many people have recovered.
Sarasota	General	Due to the recent studies which show that COVID 19 is not nearly as deadly as once thought, I believe it is in Florida's best interests to reopen our economy. Florida has already hit it's peak and there is no reason to keep everything closed. People must work in order support their families.
Duval	General	Flip the switch to full on. Time to let's business thrive and people live.
Collier	Professional Services	I hope you can start to relax the government overreach next week. No more stimulus money. We need to get people back to work. Salons should be able to open if they practice safe hygiene and have only one appointment inside at a time. The next one can wait in their car. All outpatient procedures and elective surgeries should resume. Rehab should be encouraged to be at home initially until all the rehab facilities have enough testing. Churches should open and practice social distancing and mask wearing. O0en 5he beaches for walking and small groups. Get restaurants open that can. People need dates to have hope and plan ahead. We cannot wait until there are zero COVID cases. People that are healthy will go out. Those who are compromised will be cautious and wait. We need to be treated like real adults. Give us good info and we will decide. We don't want government overreach.
Miami-Dade	Healthcare	I believe opening up the state in May is too soon. I know a lot of people have to work, but it will put a lot of other people in danger of getting infected. I believe social distancing and staying at home will help end this virus and people just need to be more patient and hopefully this can all end soon. The government needs to help those who do live paycheck to paycheck with suspending electric bill payments and rent for at least 2 more months. If they open up the state then they are guaranteeing a second wave that will hit harder. It will give this virus a chance to mutate and make it even worse.

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Seminole	General	80%-90% of those hospitalized or dying from CoViD are BOTH 65+ and have compromised health pre-conditions. So re-opened Florida should be focused on STRONGLY PROTECTING this defined group with relevant and ENFORCED EXECUTIVE ORDERS, but otherwise allow residents and visitors to VOLUNTARILY adhere to preventative and mitigating measures that are STRONGLY ADVISED and promoted by state health and political authorities. If hospitalizations of CoViD cases begin to increase after this re-opening, then EOs to selectively regulate certain businesses and/or behaviors should be introduced that are tailored with updated data and analysis to reduce hospitalizations.
Broward	Recreation	I think that golf courses are perfect places for not only recreation for most of us, but actually by it's nature, a social distancing sport. How is it any different than Martin County where friends have been golfing the whole time ? As a senior and my fellow players falling into that category too, we are very aware of the consequences of not being diligent about this virus. If the opening shows people disrespecting the rules, either kick them out or close the courses again. We'll never know unless we try. We were all practicing these procedures even before they closed the courses.
Sarasota	Healthcare	I support reopening all businesses in the state with social distancing measures implemented. I am a physical therapist that works in an outpatient clinic within a physicians' group (considered essential). I was furloughed yesterday. If businesses don't reopen soon, there won't be any businesses to go back to, including healthcare businesses.
Escambia	Recreation	1.) I hope that when Escambia County opens their beaches, they will allow seniors and special needs people to use beach chairs since rests are often needed between walks, swimming and fishing. 2.) I feel that restricted hours will cause the density of beach goers to increase during those times, thus putting people into close proximity with each other. 3.) Where applicable, such as the National Seashore or State Park entrances, allow only those with a valid Florida residency ID to enter.
Duval	General	I'm a healthy working 65 yr old female. I just have a simple point to make. I believe the problem is being made worse by closing businesses. The economy has taken a serious hit...its like rubbing salt in the wound. I believe all should be allowed to reopen with strict guidelines. No one wants to get this virus...so it makes sense everyone will take precautions. If businesses practiced the safe distance rule, if the public all wore masks, stayed home if they had any symptoms, I don't think we would be any worse off by allowing businesses to reopen. Let's begin the repair before there is so much damage .....beyond repair. As far as restaurants...if they took temperatures when someone comes in...spaced tables apart...I believe they should also be allowed to reopen. This country was not made to be shut down. I vote reopen everything...period.

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Pasco	Healthcare	I guess over 30,000 positive cases in Florida isn't enough to keep the minimal measures Florida has taken in place. Open the state further and the cases will sky rocket. Yes, all small businesses are suffering including mine but if we are dead we will have no small business to run.
Manatee	General	It's time to open back up and get back to work. Do it in slower phases in the hardest hit areas if that makes people feel better but it's time. Shelter in place was designed to slow the curve for the hospitals, which it's done. There is no reason not to let businesses open back up. The essential stores that have been opened this whole time have not been overwhelmed with illness or death and should be able to be used as a good gauge. Those people have been on the front lines, unprotected, dealing with customers in close proximity with no protection until recently. I'm sure if someone ran the statistics of the numbers of employees exposed to people, by the number of people they were exposed to against how many of those employees became sick, my guess is the numbers would be low. I'm sure if it were an epidemic amount, we would have heard about it on the news. Scientists are proving heat and humidity does slow or kill the virus. We have the best means to implement that at our disposal - our beaches. They need to be re-opened statewide. People should be able to use them, not be locked out of them. If some reasonable restrictions need to be placed, so be it, but open them. The taxpayers do have a right to use what they pay for don't they? If grocery and big box stores have been able to remain open with crowds of people why are the small businesses who have way less customer traffic been essentially discriminated against in not being allowed to keep their businesses open? Just because someone may think a gift shop, barber, hair stylist, clothing store, etc..., is not important to them it is to others, especially the owner trying to make a living. We all have a choice once things open - we either go to them or we don't! For those who are scared they have the option to continue to stay safer at home, away from the world. But those who chose to get back to work and life should also have that choice and right to do so. Is it possible more people will get sick? Of course, but the numbers to date have been no where near what was predicted and is an extremely small percentage of our population. If we had not know about this virus, we would have gone about normal day to day life thinking it was just another flu season strand. The majority of the people who have died from this are people who would have likely died from a cold or flu anyway. I'm not dismissing the value of their lives in any way, shape, form or manner but am merely saying it likely would have been their time anyway from any illness. We need to get our economy working
Pinellas	General	I am in favor of strategically opening the state. If each county could make the decision for their area, I think that's the best. Some counties have very few cases of Covid-19 and others have a lot. There should be some latitude based on what is happening locally. I'm concerned if we do not re-open soon that the damage to small businesses and the economy will be irreparable. Those with concerns can continue to shelter in place - elderly, those at a higher risk etc. Limit large crowds in restaurants, bars, concerts but let them set up with fewer customers but be open.
Charlotte	General	Open up!!! Please at least phase 1

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Hillsborough	Administrative	Current known infection levels in Florida are significantly below 1%, currently sitting at approximately .15% of the population. I find it difficult to justify saddling so many individuals so heavily with the economic and social burdens of isolation, when so few even been verifiably infected at this point. I think it's reasonable to request businesses to make accommodations for at risk individuals and those living with/ having mandatory direct contact with at risk persons until further notice, but I do not think that refusing people's ability to choose to take a health risk by continuing to work is the proper approach given current conditions. Thank you for your time and consideration in this issue.
Lake	General	Our County has been blessed with few cases- none in our town or surrounding towns. We live in a retirement community that has been proactive and have kept us in Independent Living and our neighbors in rehab, assisted living and skilled nursing healthy. That said, many are suffering here in the country with no work. Perhaps you could consider ruling that everyone wears a mask outside their home to avoid infecting others. We should reopen parks so that people can get out. And if I can go to Walmart or Target, consider opening the smaller businesses that are more easily controlled by the owner. Continue lockdown for elderly in institutions and hospitals and please - test everyone ASAP. Thanks
Alachua	General	I think it unwise to open Florida too soon. Testing is no where near what it should be and yet we are still seeing an increase in the number of cases and deaths every day. The numbers may be slowing due to the efforts we have all put forth over the last month, but it will all be for nothing if we get ahead of ourselves and reopen too soon. I think to be safe and avoid a resurgence in coronavirus cases, it would be best for us as a state to wait until it has been deemed safe by public health officials even if that may not be until June or later. We need to be smart and protect the residents of our state above all else. This disease has already taken too many lives. Let's not feed it more. The safer-at-home order is working. Don't end it too soon and erase all the progress we've made. Extending it may not be ideal for some, but it is safer for all of us.
Pasco	General	Open slowly, keep social distancing for everyone until next year. Maintain track of how many people are in stores and keep a limit amound , sliding door at all businesses, provide masks at all public evens,TEST EVERYONE EVEN IF THEY DONT HAVE SYMPTOMS!
Pasco	General	The virus is not going anywhere, the hospitals are ready. If you are in the target group, stay home. If you are not we need to be out and restarting the economy that has been devastated. Its past time to re-open and pay the stupid unemployment

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Sarasota	General	While I am looking very forward to being able to reopen my business, I have not been able to purchase PPE that will be necessary to protect myself and my clients. While I follow all protocol for Florida state law in sanitation I cannot absolutely guarantee the safety of my clients. I may need to have them sign liability waivers as they enter my studio. There's no way to do this job from a distance. Maybe salons should wait a little longer before they are opened. I have cleaning supplies on hand but there is no hand sanitizer to be bought anywhere. Until I can reliably source some sanitizer and face masks I will not feel safe for myself or my clients. I am a sole proprietor who shares a small space with another hairdresser. We definitely could do one client at a time each but it is a very small space.
Hillsborough	Healthcare	Reopening the state of Florida this early will be disastrous for everyone living here. With so many people already laid off and the FLDEO website completely nonfunctional, many of us are left without unemployment benefits and will be forced to decide between the safety of ourselves and our loved ones or our ability to pay rent and buy food. I am not willing to risk the lives of my immunocompromised family members to revitalize the local economy. Our lives are worth more than profits. I implore you to think about all the blood that will be on your hands if you reopen the state before things are under control.
Pinellas	General	While I want nothing more than things opening back up and life going back to normal, I belive it would be a huge mistake to start opening things up. Here in Pinellas it was just announced last week that an assisted living facility has faculty and residents test positive for the virus. If you start opening things up people will do one of two things. They will either flock to these places or they will be responsible and take precautions. It's not a risk worth taking. This isnt the end of the world and things will start going back to normal but right now we just need to grin and bear this situation like we are right now. We will survive this and we will rise stronger than ever just like with anything else we've endured.

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Orange	General	I do not see Personal Services listed which leaves out a very large industry of beauty and spa professionals and cosmetologists so I am selecting a general category. I feel that there should be a phased approach to reopening businesses after we really ramp up testing to get a good grasp on where we are at with the number infected. I feel beaches should remain open only for sports and physical activity, but not lounging, socializing or parking. Sun and salt air is good for health. I feel we should wait the 14 days after we flatten the curve and see a decline. I feel once restaurants allow guests that it should be outdoor seating and tables should be staggered with social distancing protocols. I feel nail salons should be allowed a small number of clientele staggered with appointments and also adhering to social distancing guidelines. Same for spas and salons but workers must have no symptoms, wear masks and gloves, clients should wear masks, and they should have medical grade protocols for cleanliness, sanitation and sterilization. Maybe even an additional training should be rolled out by the board of cosmetology to be passed and inspections should be done for practices with two or more professionals to clear their facility as safe for 1-2 clients at a time or show their setup to adhere to social distancing practices. I feel non-emergency medical should have a phased approach to opening because currently my medical provider can write a script for my labs and I can go have blood drawn, yet he cannot perform a procedure for hormone balancing as much as I need it and even though he has already tested negative for COVID 19. I feel practitioners should be tested before returning to administer treatments. At this point in Orange County which is more densely populated, I think we should extend the lockdown for another two weeks but the state really needs to speed up the unemployment system. I personally have been deemed to make too much money for TANF even though I have had $0 coming in since March 20th when we voluntarily closed our spa as a safety precaution. That money would be used to pay my electric bill and internet while I try other means of online work and my daughter finishes high school virtually.Rent assistance has only been available to those who are 2-3 weeks behind on rent...even though $0 has been coming in since March. So in summary, I feel we need to be extremely cautious and get a handle no how many cases we really have before taking a phased approach to reopening. We
Collier	Real Estate	I believe we had to re-open the economy in a socially distancing responsible manner. I am both a real estate attorney and a landlord, with a few small shopping center. Tenants are closed, and thus cannot pay the rent. I am forced to renegotiate with lenders. This economic breakdown has long tentacles. I believe that the social distancing will not overrun the hospitals and will permit our economy to be rebooted. I urge you to reopen the Economy as soon as possible. While all life is precious, we make decisions on lives and the cost to sustain lives on a daily basis. As long as our hospitals are not overburden, we should do everything possible to reopen our economy. Thank you. Tom

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Hillsborough	Healthcare	I suggest requiring the 6 foot rule continue. businesses where close contact is needed, masks should be worn. Require businesses to continue limiting how many people enter a large area, grocery, retail, doctor's offices and any other venue where there may be too many people in a specific space. ententes employing large numbers of employees and those interacting with the public need to be checked daily for COVID-19 symptoms. something needs to be done to make schools healthy. something needs to be done to protect seniors and those with compromised immune systems.
Seminole	General	Let's get Florida open. Social Distancing recommended. We are killing the economy. Got to stop the insanity.
Marion	General	I think you should start reopening with stores and restaurants. In other words places that people can go and still be able to practice safe social distancing.
Hillsborough	General	The re-opening of Florida in the current climate, with no known cure or halt in the progression of COVID-19, is irresponsible for the public health. Why should we re-open businesses when there is no reason for it to be open other than boredom and amusement. Until the virus is contained, the beaches must be CLOSED and remain on lock-down until things settle. We are still in the process of flattening the curve, and we shouldn't forget it. Healthcare workers are still severely lacking necessary supplies. Re-opening the public would only cause more Corona-related deaths and more hospitalizations, which are already overwhelming. Instead of re-opening Florida, we have to focus on what we can do to stop the virus and to aid people in need until that is done (via supporting healthcare workers, halting rent payments and student debt, providing food for those who have no jobs, etc). There are much bigger priorities at hand that need immediate action. Sincerely, an 18 year old who just wants to live Madeleine Coreen
Martin	Healthcare	No PPE equipment yet released by counties to non emergency health care offices. Please realize, the longer that openings and PPEs are delayed, the greater the political damage inflicted. That would be perhaps undeserved, but it will happen.
Palm Beach	General	Please do not open public places. Do not spread virus
Pasco	General	Our family supports Governor Desantis in reopening our State.
Alachua	Agriculture	I am concerned that Commissioner Fried is not on the committee, as her expertise in agriculture will be vital when it comes to opening up the rural areas of our state. I live in North Central FL, and Ag is vital to our region. It is a shame to see partisan politics get in the way of seeing professionals like Commissioner Fried on this committee.

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Miami-Dade	General	Despite the fact that I have lost a significant portion of my income due to the closure and I'm financially desperate, I feel that it is very important that we follow the science and proper medical advice in order to very safely reopen when the time is right. We're particularly suffering here in Miami-Dade County with the highest number of cases in the state by far. If we open too soon, we'll lose any progress already gained. I'm already concerned about what Georgia's ill-timed reopening is going to do to Florida. Do the testing, do the contact tracing, figure out what is really happening before you risk the health and lives of so many. Please listen to those with actual knowledge at the national and state levels rather than to those with personal political motivations. True leadership is doing what is right for the people as a whole as opposed to what one perceives as right only for one's self.
Pasco	General	I would like for the Task Force to please consider recommending to our Governor that Florida begin the process of opening up all areas of our economy. I am a professional singer/musician and have been working in bars, restaurants and hotels for 27 years. This shut down has had a negative effect on my financial and emotional well being. I am married and have a son and we, like all Floridians affected by this, are struggling to make ends meet. I realize the enormous burden that comes with securing public safety and I do thank the Governor for doing an excellent job during this time. However, I do believe that with the proper precautions and guidance, most businesses should be able to open back up ASAP. Performing in restaurants and bars I have seen first hand what my fellow citizens are going through. I think the service industry, more than most, has suffered tremendous loss and some people may not be able to recover. Please take into consideration all the small businesses that cannot afford to wait another day to reopen. We have to get the Florida economy back up and running or the damages could last for decades to come. Thank you very much for your time.
Okaloosa	General	Please reopen. I feel the negative economic impact is way too high a price for such a small number of people negatively affected by the virus. Keep tabs on nursing homes, make accommodations if possible for schools. These two groups need responsible people to help take care of them. Everyone else needs to take care of themselves in the best way they see fit. They can choose to take wear masks or to stay at home. Put the impetus on the individual instead of locking us all up and destroying the economy of our great state because of fear. You guys are doing a great job. Thank you!!

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Marion	Healthcare	Until we have access to the proper PPEs and the proper protocol to for dental health care providers to provide services, services should be limited. Offices should be opened in phases, dentists should continue to see emergent patients and any patients that can be seen via teledentistry should. Further, with proper PPEs and equipment (HVE, air filtration), dentists should begin seeing patients who have active dental caries (decay). Once PPEs (N95 masks, gowns, face shields) become readily available and equipment to reduce aerosols (HVE systems such as the Relieve HVE system) dental hygiene procedures such as nonsurgical periodontal therapy, periodontal maintenance (supportive periodontal therapy), and dental prophylaxis can then be offered to patients. It needs to be required that as these aerosol creating procedures are performed all above PPEs are used and changed in between patients to prevent cross contamination.
Lake	General	I feel that we do need to begin reopening some of the core components of our economy and new normal life. But that this should be done in graduated steps with protective measures that have already been implemented in some areas to become a standard for those seeking to reopen. Things such as counter barriers between cashiers and customers, servers and patrons. Face Shield use in situations when maintaining the 6 foot Social Distancing may be a challenge, such as salons, barber shops, people stocking shelves, etc. I do believe that any business that comes back online needs to do their best to enforce social distancing as the general population begins to venture and and burn off the pent up frustrations. My personal order of priorities is: 1 Service Business's that are currently closed. 2:Dining establishments being able to offer sit down dining. Need to get the supply chain flowing against to support Florida Farmers and producers of perishable goods.3: Retail that has been considered non essential, Department store's a lot of pent up demandl4:entertainment such as theaters and bars. Lastly tourism and attractions. The life blood of our economy but probably the most challenging to bring back online.
Osceola	Tourism	I think it is too early to relax the shelter in place order. We should have most "face to face" workers tested to be sure there is less COVID19 transmission. If possible regular citizens could get tested to verify they are not transmitting the virus. If we think it is hard now, it will ruin all of this hard work to lose ground and have to return to having to quarentine in place. This sucks now but will definitely be worse to start over again.
Miami-Dade	General	Considero que todos los Floridanos estamos ansiosos por la apertura de los negocios y el regreso a nuestras actividades cotidianas; pero considero que es algo prematuro para la ciudad de Miami, que es la más afectada. Creo que hay mucho temor porque gran cantidad de personas no respetan el distanciamiento social y siguen apareciendo gran cantidad de casos aún y continúan en aumento los fallecimientos. también nos cuestionamos por qué hay negocios abiertos en la calle 8, si no se ha dado el permiso de re-apertura. Esto demuestra que hay indisciplina por parte de la población y eso es necesario controlarlo para que la tarea de re-apertura sea exitosa.

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Sarasota	Finance	Retail health protection hard to be safe do not open for a while
Hillsborough	Finance	We have done a good job staying safe at home. It's time to be safe outside the home and open things up. Simple measures mandating physical distancing where possible and REQUIRING masks be worn when it's not possible will keep us on track. Certain businesses will still need to remain closed or will need to adjust to a new normal like restaurants. But in the end, we have more control over this than we think as long as people do their part.
Palm Beach	General	I believe the economy need to be restarted slowly. Businesses need to get open again, parks, entertainment place and so forth. All testing is does is determine if you have Covid-19, there is no cure yet and may not be for a long time. Besides re-opening the economy again, I believe masks should be mandatory and tested if you have a fever. I know you could not have any symptoms and still have the virus, that's why masks should be mandatory. In places like the beach or restaurants where it's hard to wear masks, social distancing should be mandatory. We can't stay at home forever! Getting back to work finding employment is very important! NON-ESSENTIAL JOBS MATTER TOO and need to open back up!
Orange	General	Time to open back up. Too many people out of work, and the data doesn't hold up enough to restrict our rights as American Citizens.
Broward	General	Please do not remove the stay at home Oder and requirement of masks for Broward, Dade and Palm Beach. We have too many cases due to spring break, cruise ships and tourism. You should consider that businesses can not obtain thermometers, masks and hand sanitizer. There will be no efficient way to police the requirements putting us all at risk. Thanks
Volusia	General	Re-open the state! The whole point of shutting everything down was to flatten the curve. That has happened. We cannot now move the goal posts. We cannot now make "new requirements" for opening things back up. We did what everyone asked, and the curve flattened. In addition, by shutting down what you all call "non-essential" services, you have told millions - MILLIONS - of Floridians that they are not essential. EVERY Floridian is essential to our state and we need them working. Small businesses, big businesses, every business that has been able to weather this so far. OPEN UP THE STATE! ALL OF IT!
Leon	General	Do not open up the state too fast. We need to ensure that there is a significant decrease in the number of cases and an increase in testing. There are still too many people not observing social distancing measures and not wearing masks; which puts Florida's aging workforce and retirees at risk.
Manatee	General	Physical health is very important! HOWEVER MENTAL health is just as important. Open Florida those at risk can stay home. People are going stir crazy sitting at home. We need our life back.

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Volusia	General	Reopen the state this is a virus and won't just disappear might mutate but will be around forever. People need to work, go out have fun, eat at restaurants, be with friends. If they are afraid then individuals can choose to stay at home but the majority of us want our right to live our lives.
Orange	General	Begin opening Florida. The immunocompromised can still stay home and have groceries/food delivered. The rest of us can get back to work so we can put food on the table.
Duval	Government	Is the goal of this shutdown to prevent every citizen from getting sick for any reason, or trying to reduce deaths? It should be to minimize deaths, which has been accomplished weeks ago. When a true death rate, not a padded one, is less than 1% except for old sick people (heart problems, diabetics, obesity, cancer, etc.), like it is now, there should be no restrictions on anyone. I am very disappointed in the Governor and the President in this matter. The cure is hundreds of times worse than the disease, which has proven to be a sham.
Pinellas	General	The state should remain shut down. I think it's common sense that there's still a lot of people at risk. We need to open when there are no longer any cases coming in.
Orange	Accommodation	Regardless of when things start opening up, there will be people who should remain distant so as not to come in contact with people who may be sick or asymptomatic. People who have an auto-immune disease should probably not go back to work. I have Crohn's Disease for which I take a immune-suppressant drug. My concern is that if these people choose to not go back to work right away, they might get fired or loose their unemployment benefits, when they're only trying to not get sick and die. Perhaps there could be a way for them to at least maintain their unemployment benefits?
Manatee	General	While I understand people being afraid, we cannot allow fear to continue to keep our State closed. It is ludicrous to think we can continue to live this way. If those that want all their conveniences while they sit locked inside their home want to continue to "live" that way, they have the freedom to do so. Those of us who are in favor of opening the state back up should also have that freedom. I also would strongly urge that there be no mail in voting. As citizens of the United States we should make going to the poll to cast our vote on voting day, our very top priority and not see it as an inconvenience!!'
Palm Beach	General	I am concerned about clubs and bars, particularly in college towns. I know these kids are dying to get back out there and socialize. I'm afraid that this will bring on another wave where the younger adults will be affected. It would be great if these establishments were to remain closed as long as possible.
Miami-Dade	General	I think we should until mid to end of May to begin reopening

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Palm Beach	General	Human lives are much more important than worrying about US dollars. Yes our country needs to return to a somewhat normal life again but it is way too soon. We are not doing enough testing yet, everyone needs to be tested to see who are carriers thus eliminating further spread. We need treatments available and closer to vaccine before reopening totally again. If you open beaches In one county what's to stop people from other counties from going to those beaches? Are you going to post police officers along the entire beach to prevent this from occurring? Are they going to limit people congregating? As it is people congregate in supermarkets making the continued spread of this virus. Our testing and numbers are not where they need to be before you even think of reopening anything especially not palm beach, broward or Miami dade I myself will not be going out to public places again for a very long time especially not without a mask on. Please be smart before opening up again. Please think of human lives-we've lost way too many already and healthcare workers are already at their maximum potential. If we rise the numbers again and flood hospitals you will lose most of your healthcare workers as they can't handle much more of this. Please don't rely on the president for guidance-do what's right for Florida Thank you
Okeechobee	General	I support re - opening Florida. People are not going to stay home no matter what you do. NON COMPLIANCE is in American value. Seems the only places closed are small businesses, restaurants (dine in) and bars. Everything else is open. During this " SHUTDOWN " IWent to a car dealership, met with friends , gained new opportunities that wouldn't have occurred during normal operations. No matter what , you aren't going to stop commerce. It's the responsibility of each and every individual to protect themselves from COVID. Nobody is forcing people to leave their homes. If they don't feel safe they can stay home.
Seminole	General	Please do not rush opening the state. Please follow the federal guidelines of 14 days of the numbers going down, then a slow phased opening. Please carefully consider the public school if this virus is still around in August. The schools are packed full of kids with no way to social distant.
Indian River	Real Estate	Families are being destroyed. We support you reopening the state of FL. Places like IIndian River and other counties that are more rural should not be treated like Dade. And get the unemployment fixed!!!
Sumter	Finance	Get the unemployment system working correctly FIRST
Hillsborough	General	My husband and I are both disabled and in a high risk category in reference to the virus. He is on oxygen. We were both born in Florida. Yes I would love a haircut & be able to go somewhere besides the grocery. Our children and grandchildren live in Florida too. But our main concern is all of our safety!! I understand how bad the economy has been hit. But want to thank you for taking things slow and really considering everyone's safety and health 1st as you reopen our state. All Our Respect
Seminole	General	Absolutely for the love of everything DO NOT open the state until EVERYONE has been tested OR YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR EVERY DEATH THEREAFTER. Thanks!

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Brevard	General	Shelter at home is working. The curve is flattening...but if we don't continue we will be right back where we started. Then we will have to do it all over again. Please don't rush re-opening. The long term effects of re-opening too soon are potentially devastating!
Pinellas	General	Listen to the scientists and medical experts. If you open things up too soon we will respike and have to do this all over again. It sucks, but its better than my grandparents being killed because you want to save the "economy". People are worth more than money and it sickens me to even think that someone would be more concerned with money than saving lives. "Promote the general welfare" in the bill of rights means to me, making sure people are healthy. Thats in the first damn paragraph of the bill of rights. Do the right thing. Keep everyone at home until actual experts in science and medicine say its safe to stop. Dont listen to people who are more interested in their stocks/businesses. Those who dont care wont care until made to care, and that means they become sick or someone they love dies.
Hillsborough	Recreation	I'm desperate to have the gym back open so I can continue with working out and for stress and overall health and also find out when my daughter can rerun to her gym for competitive cheer as she has dedicated many years to the sport and every day of no practice is a deficit to her overall health and physical endurance! I think people should be responsible for wiping their equipment down and using hand sanitizers as well as common sense . I am also thinking that it would be helpful for people to get back to work and if need be for restaurants and salons etc you could have them operate at half capacity if still considered. I would not think large events like concerts should go on but as a parent to a senior desperately request graduation continue even if you make people leave a seat in between ! Our future youth deserve this and have worked so very hard !!! Thank you
Orange	Information	Microban 24 Multi-Purpose Cleaner Is listed as an approved agent against covid19. What is unique about this product is once you spray and wipe the surface, the product states it keeps the surface 99.99% germ free without having to be reused. This would greatly assist in reopening efforts across the state, if areas where their is a potential for a large gathering this product has the potential to keep commonly touched surfaces virus free.
Manatee	General	Governor DeSantis has done a great job managing this Covid 19 crisis. He thinks logically and has been making great decisions for Florida in spite of how some Floridians feel. I would like to see Florida reopen as soon as possible. We can reopen safely if we all continue to follow the CDC guidelines. Our businesses need to open so our economy can start to return again. If businesses don't want to reopen that is fine, but those businesses that do want to reopen should be given that option. I agree when the Governor states that the more options we have to spread out the fewer people will be congregating in all of the stores that are currently open. We have a greater chance of getting sick in one of these big stores then we do in a smaller business. Thank you.....

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Lee	General	Please reopen small businesses right away. There is no reason that I can go to Home Depot and not be able to go to my local shops. The small business owners will lose their families and livelihoods if they cannot open soon. Open restaurants at 50 to 75% capacity and allow the customers to decide whether or not to go. Allow churches to open and find their own ways to celebrate mass safely. Open the beaches and allow the public to decide if they want to go or not. Open the salons and barbershops. Reopen the malls, we know how to keep ourselves safe. Let large businesses open and let people get back to work. Of course the number of cases of COVID 19 will increase, but that number is not important. Keep a close eye on the hospitalizations. Don't waste time and money on useless rounds of testing. Treat the sick when they need it and move on. I'm over 65 with underlying conditions. I'll take care of myself. Let the rest of young and healthy population get back to their lives. Do it now. Thank you.
Volusia	General	ENOUGH ALREADY!!!!! REOPEN!!!
Hillsborough	Government	It is definitely time to re-open on May 1. I am a responsible adult and am willing to distance from people as well as wear a face mask, but I sincerely think it's time for folks to be able to get back to work if they are healthy and feeling fine. This is beginning to take a serious mental/emotional/economic toll on adults as well as children. We have done our part, it is now time to begin to attempt to get back to normal. Please do not extend the "stay at home" mandate and let us reorganize this Friday, May 1. Thank you for listening. Sincerely, Barbara Myers
Charlotte	General	We have been in our home for over 6 weeks. No outside contact. If you ppen the state we will never be able to go out. We are elderly and have obeyed the quarantine. Why are we going to be punished because of our age. Please think before you act on opening the state
Lee	Tourism	Please open beaches for access. Put time limits, social distancing requirements, whatever is appropriate. But please open up the beaches atleast.
St. Lucie	Recreation	I think re opening too early is incredibly dangerous and irresponsible. No matter how many people are complaining that they want haircuts or massages, reopening before there is a safe way to stop a resurgence of the virus is inconceivable. The state should remain the way it is, curbing the threat of the virus spreading and ensuring the safety of the residents

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Hillsborough	General	We should NOT reopen Florida AT ALL until it has 14 days of declining cases. We have not even flattened. 4/23 numbers spiked and tied with the highest on record! This is NOT good. Keep the status quo until we see a clear and sustained downturn. Making exceptions for counties with low numbers will likely spike them. And it would be harder to close places again than it is to just leave them closed for now. Too many businesses can't do social distancing e.g. hair salons. Once numbers are trending down for 14 days, there should be phased openings, just a few businesses at a time over a period of weeks. Even then, all should be required to wear masks, practice sanitizing measures, do social distancing, limited occupancy, etc. DO NOT MAKE ANY DECISIONS WITHOUT CONSULTING INFECTIOUS DISEASE EXPERTS! Save lives first. Mistakes can be deadly.
Hernando	Transportation	It was prudent to do before we knew, but now we know. OPEN and let us live.
Duval	Wholesale	I think opening up all small business would do better then keeping them closed because so many are hurting and may never come back from this if we dont do something now....people need to work and pay there Bill's not waiting for a stimulus check.....we are putting our country in debt and this was done all wrong....$1200.00 for one family hurting to pay their Bill's is not going to get it when the government is sending money to SSI people who have not lost any money in this crisis...and then families are laughing at the government because they are sitting at home and dont even work and live off child support and the government and have 3 kids at home and they will benefit from the stimulus checks.. they are sitting home saying yeah trump send my check...it is not fair to the families who have lost there jobs or have had there hours cut back..please open the city back up
Pinellas	General	We have done all that you asked and now it is time to give us our lives back. Please start to open the state May1st or earlier. Please trust your people to have common sense. Open all small businesses with some form of safely measure in place. Limit the amount of people, extra cleaning, etc. All businesses and employees matter so they should all be able to open. Open all beaches , at least for exercising. Condo pools as well . They are closed in Pinellas. It is time to get our lives back. We have flattened the curve and it is time to reopen the state.

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Orange	Healthcare	My name is Veronica Boehm and I am a behavior therapy technician. I work directly with children who have various developmental disabilities in the greater Orlando area. I also have asthma, drug allergies to prednisone, and and am being monitored for an autoimmune disorder. To put it bluntly: I could very well die if I contract the coronavirus. I have prepared an advance directive and a living will in the last month for myself, my husband, and my father who is 74 and has a heart condition. In the last few weeks, we have all gone through each stage of grief in relation to how the coronavirus has upended our lives. My career is my life. Not going to work is taxing on my finances and my psyche. However, the very real reality that if I were to contract the coronavirus I could require ICU care is a greater weight on my and my husband's shoulders than missing out on pay. I urge the task force to follow the science and data on the coronavirus. Please listen to local doctors and nurses on best practices. People like me, who are medically fragile, are terrified for our future. We all very much want our lives back in whatever the new normal entails but please don't put me, and others like me, at risk by jumping too quickly into the deep end by reopening the state before the data says it's safe. For me, and others like me, it won't be safe until there is an evidence-based treatment or vaccine.
Charlotte	General	Open back up
Seminole	General	Please reopen the state. Those elderly or at risk can voluntarily stay home and all healthy, willing individuals can go back to work and life. Playgrounds and parks should never have been closed. When the decision was made to close the state it was based on in-accurate death calculations. And although it made sense based on inflated numbers, now that we know the death rates for health people is little more than the flu, it's time to change the course and open the state. People living in a free country have the right to weigh their individual risk and chose their own path. Prolonging the shut down will cause increases in mental illness, suicide, drug abuse and domestic violence. Enough is enough...
Miami-Dade	General	Deberían esperar un poco más, aún es muy prematuro, las muertes no se pueden recuperar

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Hillsborough	Healthcare	I completed masters degree in nursing in the family nurse practitioner program. I am very concerned about the health and wellbeing of the public. I would like a medical evidence and research towards how to safely gather to ensure there is no public health risks of wide spread of this coronavirus. I am concerned that the government should provide relief to all people financially to ease the concerns people have over how to financially survive while following the guidelines. I am concerned people will seek income under the table regardless if there is not assistance available in the form of financial help or some means. I would love to gather with my family mostly such as my parents, brother, niece. I am in no means trying to promote further division but it seems there is a great lacking of the pieces in the government right now and I hope to see relief to everyone. It is a stressful time for many reasons and I wish and pray the health to everyone. I think those protesting in other states have legitimate concerns such as finances and everything they see now without knowing long term or short term relief and that is what we all need in this country is a clear plan both for the public and healthcare providers. With much love and respect to the government and those in a position to help I salute and appreciate the hard work being done. I know there are many dynamic aspects which are being looked at. God bless USA.
Volusia	General	Please do not go from sheltering in place with businesses closed to completely opening everything back up. Even if you ask folks to limit exposure and social distance, of businesses are open, people with poor judgement will continue to make poor decisions and begin to go out in droves again. There needs to be a methodical and enforced step plan. If salons open, there can only be x people at a time. Same with all businesses and public places. We have no idea yet how reintegrating communities will impact the curve yet. We do not need the curve to start another climb. Then we will all be home for much longer. In addition, and this is the most important part. Hygiene and sanitizing products are still impossible to find, as are appropriate face masks. How are folks going to begin to meander about communities when they won't have the tools needed to practice good hygiene and sanitizing. Also, anyone out in public needs to wear a mask. That needs to be mandatory. Happy to discuss this in further detail. Thank you.
Orange	Transportation	I'm concern of the economy relating to the airlines. My husband has been an employee of United Airlines for the last 17 yrs and is turning 65 next month. I'm sur other employees are in similar situations and may be worst. But I'd we dont get Orlando up and running very soon it already appears the the airline will be laying employees off this coming Sept. My husband wanted to continue working for at least the next 4-5 yrs and possibly long health permitting. I've hear many other small business owners are struggling as well. We need to be AMERICANS THE LAND OF THE FREE!!!!!

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Seminole	Information	You can't even solve the unemployment insurance crisis So I have zero confidence that you will come up with a safe and comprehensive plan to open up the state. Until numbers go down and there is a flattening of the curve over a thirty day period we should keep the status quo. Also personal contact businesses like hair and nail salons, massage and tattoo parlors, barbershops should be the last to open. There also needs to be a comprehensive plan on how businesses will be required to clean and disinfect as well as the number of people allowed to be in the facility at one time. Responsible distancing still needs to be required.
Seminole	General	Yes, reopen please. Hospitals are fine, doctors hours have bern cut as well as nurses hours which overloading the hospital system is why we went on a stay at home policy. They never were overloaded, and people are hurting without work. Let the people go bk out for work and entertainment, and let the people be smart about it. People are hurting and keeping businesses shut down has hurt do many lives. Please, talk to real doctors...not those who have not seen a patient in over twenty years such as Dr. Fauci.
Pinellas	General	Please do not be reckless and driven by money and politics. Do NOT open Florida until we have a better handle on this. One model coming out of Univ. of Washington says Florida shouldn't re-open until June 14. If you rush this, our death toll could be huge. Please proceed with caution and protect Floridians.
Hillsborough	General	Please do not be in a rush to open the state back up, this needs to be done safely and systematically. I am a small business owner who sells my chocolates at markets, but the health and safety should comes first. I play ice hockey and go to the gym. Ice hockey we have a little more space between us, but at the gym, when it opens back up,I will be going only likely a month after it opens, and very late at night when the crowds are smaller. Please, please follow the recommendations of the doctors and do this in phases. In Hillsborough County during the Emergency Policy Group Meeting they presented that the numbers have gone down, from 7% to 2% positive of those tested. But in the past week they have tested less people than three weeks ago when they had their peak of testing. The recommendations of opening back up in phases should be followed, Phase 1 of still keep social distancing, and Phase 2 loosening it a bit while still keep groups smaller than 50 people. Stores should be allowed to open, but limit the amount of people allowed in. If that is at 50% capacity or what ever still allows space and distance between patrons/customers.
Orange	General	Please remove all restrictions. Issue voluntary guide lines.
Clay	General	I believe that reopening should be done in stages. I hope we don't follow the Georgia model by opening salons and barbershops and definitely not tattoo shops. I believe you can open outdoor malls, movies if you block off seats, indoor malls if enough sanitation stations for hand cleaning.

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Sarasota	Management	We are not equipped to open FL. Premature opening will ruin chance of a swift economic recovery. There are no quick fixes or escape from this pandemic. We need extremely accessible and sensitive testing and contact tracing before we open. The rules are too Lax and open To interpretation as it is. The virus can not be sequestered that way. People are suffering horribly and dying due to lack of respect for the virulence of SARS CoV-2.
Pinellas	Retail	We need to reopen many of the businesses closed. Right now it appears the big box stores are able to remain open at the expense of the smaller retailers. You can go to Walmart, Lowe's, Home Depot, etc. and get what you need, but can't shop smaller retail like Bealls, Homegoods, etc. Makes no sense. Also, need dog grooming opened as well as hair salons, barbers, and lots of other small businesses. They can most certainly do what the big boxes do with less contact and contact that is known. Please let's begin to reopen the state including the beaches. Thanks!!
Pasco	General	I would like the state of Florida to open back up and allow businesses to safely we open using proper social distancing protocol.
Pasco	Recreation	The cure is becoming worse than the cold. Let those who want to stay home, stay home and the rest of Florida, get back to all aspects of life. work and play! Quarantine is for the sick, not the healthy and the numbers simply do not support a state of lock down like we're in at the moment. Open Florida NOW!!
Collier	General	Has there been a 14-day downward trajectory of documented cases of COVID-19, or a 14-day downward trajectory of positive tests as a percentage of total tests? This is the threshold issue before considering reopening? Decisions must be made on the basis of health and data. Also the statewide Democratic head of Agriculture should be on your task force. It's insane that she isn't. Don't follow Trump. He's wacky.
Palm Beach	General	There have been three studies released this week in Miami, New York, and Los Angeles. They all show that their true fatality rate from coronavirus is no worse than the seasonal flu. The economic damage that the lockdown is causing will be much worse than the disease itself. Open up Florida now! People will be losing their homes and the state will be In an economic decline for years to come.
Miami-Dade	General	I'm not in favor of reopening Florida I think is Vs a big mistake and it will cause more deaths

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Broward	General	(PLEASE REPLACE PREVIOUS INCOMPLETE SUBMISSION). Dear Gov DeSantis thank you for soliciting/considering our advice! -- I believe we need your strong leadership example of kind, gentle encouragement to reinforce/praise how well we "have been working together" and still need to and will continue to work together as we move back to "normal" while trying hard to understand/balance different problems. Many are tired and worn....There are such divergent needs that we need to BALANCE-- many are sick, suffering and dying while many others are very fearful with no funds for family food & shelter (we need to work together in love and not be divided). 1) As for reopening -- we need God's wisdom -- I am a Christian and think churches could/should be opened later on (like some northern states are doing - no economic impact in keeping churches closed). We are not being told we can't worship (many are using God's gift of technology in interim) and we could continue status quo and open later in order to prevent virus spread and help keep others safe -- many churches tend to congregate in close groups when together. 2) I would also suggest that you support any existing bills or propose new legislation to quickly (this year) allow deductions of charitable contributions over/above the standard deduction. It would help greatly and demonstrate that our country encourages charitable giving and caring for the vulnerable (I think it was a big mistake to eliminate this deduction - many non-profits have been struggling since its elimination, especially with the COVID19 crisis). Our country has previously used the tax code to encourage actions that would help our citizens and society in general (example after WWII - mortgage deductions). Prayer that the Lord may grant us all His wisdom, grace, guidance & blessings! In Christ, Donna
Martin	General	My wife and I are 72 and we have no idea why we can not walk on the beach. I know enough not to go with a crowd and I only want to walk and maybe take a quick swim. What is wrong with this and why has this been disallowed and why are the state parks closed? There will be no economy left if your do not start to reopen the economy. Schools are a total mess. I taught Public High School for 12 years (second career) and I think the students have been sacrificed for little gain. How about opening school two weeks early to start a catch up? Get some tests and test people who need to work and who see the public. It is that easy. Why are there not enough tests? Who is hoarding them?If we can build ventilators, we can get tests. You have scared people when you should have told them on a daily basis how many people DO NOT have the virus. There are a lot of older women in my community terrified of leaving their house,. They are hungry literally and try to order but very little comes to them. Get tests and reopen the state.
Volusia	General	Open the state!!!! You are going to sink the economy and make us solely rely on the government! And you closed gyms which is an essential part of mental health and they have cleaning equipment readily available at all times, stop allowing a virus and the sheep of Florida dictate you keeping us closed, it’s a damn flu virus

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Orange	General	I believe that Florida should re-open according to the guidelines put forth from the White House. I also believe that we need input from medical and business leaders. Together, I trust that you can develop a smart plan to protect people and kick start the economy. Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion. Sincerely, Mark Bruno Orlando, FL
Duval	General	1. Keep spacing...but one-way aisles do not help with social distancing in stores. Takes longer to shop & you end up having to go down extra isles, passing by more people than you would have needed to if you were shopping normally. 2. Increase curbside, pickup, and delivery services 3.Prohibit the use of reusable bags 4. No self-service food stations and dining 5. Clean chairs, tables, menus between customers 6. Stores/restaurants should have social distancing reminder signage and announcements 7. Enhanced cleaning protocols 8.Keep some hours for only at risk population 9.Setup hand cleaning stations at high traffic areas like malls & playgrounds 10. Need a safe way to try clothing on at stores 11. Masks when needed in tight enclosed spaces like kitchens. We need to reopen now...
Volusia	General	Omg. Reopen already!!!
Duval	General	don't open too early
Orange	General	I would like for Floridians to stay healthy and alive and prematurely opening the state is going to get people killed on Governor DeSantis' watch. More people will die and it will be primarily his fault. If more effort was put into helping the unemployed and bolstering our health and financial safety nets, many more people wouldn't feel the need to "reopen" everything.
Pasco	General	We cannot open FL until we have a treatment that is effective or we have a vaccine. I am a teacher, there is no safe way to social distance in a classroom no matter how we teach the students to do it. We have to keep in mind that teachers custodians and other personnel have preexisting conditions and opening without a treatment would be detrimental to these folks. I am afraid that if we open, people are going to flock here from other states, spread the disease more and not follow social distance guidelines. I know they aren't now! When I'm grocery shopping people are not mindful of others now. Walmart has become a theme park! Do not open until we have a proven treatment please!!;

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Hillsborough	General	We will not be able to test every individual in this state, not everyone shows any type of symptoms for this virus. The curve has already dropped in Hillsborough county with the hot spots being in Dade and Brevard counties. We have individuals who have yet to receive their stimulus checks and a very small percentage in this state has received unemployment. To keep businesses closed is going to wind up shutting down many small businesses permanently. These individuals are still paying the rent and electric/cable for their businesses plus with zero money coming in, they're also paying for their own apartment rent or mortgage plus all utilities. Allow them to reopen with a start at a smaller occupancy levels, at least that way perhaps they can make some money. We can't stay down like this much longer. Auto loans/rent/mortgage/utilities/food...that income being lost isn't fair to them. Most of our hospitals in this county are sitting with very few patients and even the hospital staff being furloughed.
Pasco	Education	First, i wanted to say THANK YOU for all you have done keeping us safe during this time.. Thank you for keeping the schools closed for the rest of the year. I know it is so hard on the kids and the families, but it is safest. I would love to see a way to watch football (even if we have to watch from home). Now that Brady and Gronk are in Tampa, it would be nice to watch the games. Finally, please find a way to open up hair and nail salons and the Hard Rock Casino- They can turn off some of the machines and remove the chairs, so we will be social distancing. The card games will have to be delayed, but the slot machines would be great to go back to. Thank you so much for doing your best during this rough time. Karen.
Manatee	Professional Services	There are masseusers, hair stylists, nail techs, aestheticians, etc. who operate out if single operator facilities, which allow only 1 customer at a time. These should be opened with recommendations of wearing masks, etc. They are known for cleanliness anyway, and are always cleaning. Having opportunity to improve personal appearance goes a long way in maintaining positive attitudes and outlooks.
Pasco	General	I think its a crazy idea I think if we open back up too soon this shit it's going to hit 100× harder.
Seminole	Healthcare	I was to have a total shoulder Replacement on 03-27-2020 which was canceled 03-23 as it is considered elective . I have been working on getting this done for months R/T tests other treatments and insurance etc. I am having increased pain in right shoulder and due to chronic renal failure am limited to what I can take for pain . I am hoping that elective surger ywill be allowed soon. I know the local hospitals have a plan to deal with this and Corona virus
St. Johns	General	Dear Governor Please be prepared to take your family to any all places of business and entertainment. You show you have full confidence to expose yourself and family to venues you open I will respect your decisions. You open a company like Disney you ate setting off a time bomb of the virus. Travelers will expose your citizens to a possible pandemic off impossible proportions. ...

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Lake	General	Absolutely we need to reopen the state. I personally am blessed to not be financially impacted by this and my son is out of school, but the ramifications of shutting the whole country down is worrisome to say the least. The lives that will be lost b/c of that are very sad. I worry about abuse of all kinds...drug, child abuse, alcohol, domestic. At some point, we have to call it and I think May 1 is a safe time to do so. At the very least, open up the beaches and parks. We should encourage recreation and socializing. Loneliness was rampant even before all of this happened. Now it is just exacerbated. I think the people that are vulnerable can make the call themselves as to whether or not they want to go out but it is time to REOPEN the economy. I know this was uncharted territory and the President/Governors did what they felt they had to do, but again, it's time to call it. People are putting off routine screenings etc. b/c of this too. Not to mention just plain hygiene. I mean who'd have thought that a person in America couldn't even go get a hair cut??? I mean, we'd all be "safer" if we never left our houses (well, in most cases) but that's not living. Risk - benefit....
Orange	Recreation	Please reopen Disney as it's environment is completely open and not enclosed like you stated.
Broward	General	SInce Broward & Miami-Dade were the hardest hit, it is too soon, in general. I think we should wait one more week. Let the other states open and we can see what happens. You could open Golf Courses and Tennis Courts(I don't play either one) where people are not standing next to each other. We need a reliable test where we know that we can trust the results where anyone and everyone can be tested. And we need the results within 24-48 hours. Should be Scientists and Doctors on your Opening Up Committee not just CEOs who are primarily interested in their Bottom Line. No More Deaths due to bad decisions and lack of tests.

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Orange	General	There is no scientific evidence to date that distancing is the answer. When you have state orders to “stay in” for over month, how does this prove the distancing theory. No one is going anywhere. Masks may keep me from spreading droplets on someone and prevents them from spreading droplets on me. Every death has been reported as covid-19 no matter the underlying cause such as diabetes, cancer, obesity and lower immune .The man hit by truck and died from his injuries was counted as a corona death which was very unfair perspective wise. Over 6000 jobs lost for every death and guarantee 6000 people without the means to care for their family that group will exceed more than 1 death. Absolutely no leadership. General Eisenhower sat with troops on D-day and made the decision to invade knowing many would die in order for thousands more to survive. President Truman same thing. Men Women Children would die but many more would be saved. There may be casualties. Someone should study a little economics and mental health issues surrounding this unprecedented decision to continue with isolation and unemployment. I feel I am in unique position, I work for Disney in one of the lowest paid positions in park operations (our retirement jobs) yet we own almost 20,000 shares of the company, putting us in a very unique position of seeing the perspective of both sides. I would like to be appointed to committee Philip Camden 15525 Honeybell Dr Winter Garden Fl 407-973-9399
Hillsborough	General	Dear, Governor, Nothing has changed. We still do not have a vaccine, widespread accurate rapid testing, contact tracing, adequate ppe for healthcare worker or the public, and we don’t know if previous exposure means immunity. All we have is social distancing and the shutdown. To ensure the resilience of our people and businesses, as well as the success of sheltering, the government needs to implement a plan where loans, mortgages, fees, and rent are suspended. People need a basic income to pay for basic necessities, and they need access to healthcare whether it’s covid-19 related or not. What I’ve described is cheaper than say reopening without the precautions listed in the first sentence, getting people sick, causing people to die, orphaning children, ruining businesses, and letting corona take a larger foothold to mutate and stay and greet us every year. Sure reopening might benefit some people’s pocketbooks as there are always people that profiteer in a disaster. Is that who we are?
Polk	General	Please don’t open tell we can test more people. Also tell the rate of the virus hose way down and the death rates goes way down.

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St. Johns	General	Even this site keeps crashing! Please don't open too soon. All of the hard work I've actually closing down the state is done and it would be a shame to reopen too soon and have to shut down again because of an outbreak. It is better to be closed two or three weeks longer than necessary then to open too soon. also I think salons should be the last business to open... I am a hairstylist and I was infected with covid-19 from an asymptomatic client who had just returned from a cruise. lots of elderly women come to the salon and there is no way to social distance when you are working on someone's hair. also all of these things that the government is doing is because of the coronavirus and yet I was actually infected with coronavirus and hospialized and still have not received in 5 weeks a paycheck or a stimulus check and I just think that people that were infected should have been taken care of first.the health department in cdcr had my address and everything and yet you guys still can't get an unemployment check or stimulus check to me! bu acceptable for half a million hard-working Floridians not getting unemployment benefits after 5 1/2 weeks. I'll bet if we took all of the governor's money and didn't pay him and he could see what it would be like to not have any income and to be sick
Seminole	General	As of now, I do feel that it would be best to allow the lock down to expire. I feel that this would be beneficial for small businesses and other economic interests. However, I feel that the government should continue to limit gatherings and continue enforcing social distancing procedures as well as limiting maximum occupancy within businesses and public places. While Florida hospitals may be stable at the moment, completely pulling back restrictions may cause a surge that could overwhelm the health care system. Additionally, I think beaches and other state parks should have limited hours and should be completely closed to the public outside of these specific hours. I feel that by allowing non-essential businesses to re-open, but continuing to enforce proper social distancing measures it can allow Florida to slowly re-open without causing surges in Covid-19 cases.

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Pasco	Professional Services	Hello, Being in upper management for a small business here in Pasco, Florida, I Believe that the safety of the public and my clients are the most important issue when considering re-opening Florida's economy or easing Safer-at-home mitigation. The numbers just don't support re-opening the economy or easing the restrictions. We don't have the testing capacity to test the entire workforce and/or public at this time and our Infection numbers/deaths are still on the rise. Being also in the high risk category and knowing it's nearly impossible to meet the requirements to get tested, I also have a personal stake in this. We are the 8th highest state with infections and in the top ten with fatalities. We need to extend the lockdown because the science from the Taskforce and just from what we are seeing from other states and around the world is that when easing lockdowns most business just aren't equipped to enable proper social distancing or have the means to properly sanitize their locations. We fully don't know how many people are asymptotic or infected and not tested. It's too high of a public health risk and too many unknown variables. I support extending Restrictions till all these requirements can be met for phase one reopening. The economy is taking a major beating but we won't bounce back if our workforce can't maintain their safety. We could also develop a second wave because Floridians moved too quickly to re-open which would overwhelm our healthcare system, cripple our workforce leading to the economy rebounding more slowly which could lead to more fatalities. We all want to re-open but we have to do it right and I believe its too early. Please extent the Safer-at home mitigation past May 1st. Thank you for strongly considering this measure to keep Floridians safe, to keep our workforce strong and healthy so that WHEN they do return to work, we can all continue our focus on making Florida the amazing State that it continues to be.
Lee	Professional Services	I would like whoever is in charge to take into consideration my job as a hairstylist/ nail technician should NOT open right away. I am high risk (asthma), and there just is no way I can keep myself safe at work during this time, I am hands on , spending hours face to face with people, I cannot safely do my job, I am struggling finically, haven't received a stimulus nor unemployment, but I do not want my kids to grow up without a mother because someone NEEDS a haircut, color, or their nails polished. My life is worth more, as well as many others. Please consider putting this type of work towards the end of the phase at least, let's learn from Georgia first. Thank you.
Leon	Healthcare	COVID-19 cases have slowed but they continue to climb. Florida is NOT on top of the situation. We do not have the widespread testing needed to do proper epidemiological tracing and containment of new cases. We cannot open back up responsibly until this is in place. Many people in our state are still not taking precautions like maintaining social distance and wearing masks. Opening up is a signal to these people that everything is "back to normal." A second wave will then assured.
Miami-Dade	General	Yes please reopen Florida, and no more face masks. It is well known than only KN/N 95 masks works agains the virus which is what we are trying to prevent.

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Escambia	General	Governor DeSantis, Please open the state ASAP. Up here in Northwest Florida we have not been as affected by the virus. Like only 11 people have died in Escambia County out of 320,000 people that live here. I know it's sad when anyone dies, but people die in car accidents too, but we don't stop driving. All of life is about a calculated risk. I think we should open Florida back up (at least the Northwest part of it) so people can get back to work and we can get back to having a normal life. We have "flattened the curve" for our health care workers to have time to get more PPE. (My son is a nurse at Baptist hospital and works on the covid-19 floor, so I am grateful for the time for hospitals to stock up on more supplies.) But I think it's time to get back to work and life in general. My daughter is a senior at a Christian school, and she was devastated that she doesn't get to go back to school, and that they are having a "virtual graduation" with only a hope of having something sometime later in the summer to celebrate a real graduation with friends. If people are at risk and want to stay home, they can. If you opened the state, it would not be mandating that anyone go out. Just that the people that want to get back to life can. I believe the majority of people want to get back to life. Thanks for listening to me. Jennifer Willingham
Martin	General	We are not ready in all the state of Florida but Especially in Miami dade county the people never was in quarantine it’s the reason for the numbers in contagious A lot of people loose jobs no matter what happens if open or not
Manatee	General	The reopening should associate with a continuous downward trend of new cases. This should also be based on an increasing amount of testing a and contact tracing. Our State has lots of elderly and reopening too early put those folks in high danger.
Lee	Professional Services	Good afternoon I'm extremely concerned about opening Beauty Salons and Barbershops since we Can't stay 6 ft away from people (social distance) Even with masks the clients would have to take it off or be touching it with their hands while we cut by ears and sideburs we can't trim beards or doing shampoo when they lay down on shampoo bowls they breath almost in our face so please consider when to open The Beauty industry. Thanks .Att. A worried Barber.
Miami-Dade	General	A general opening without the proper test capabilities and capacities will trigger a huge bunch of new cases and deaths. As constituent I want to know what is the government plan(state and local) to do that in a safe way, because recommendations like inject Lysol or Clorox or bleach or get UV enemas aren’t science based nor logical one to be follow by any human being

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Columbia	General	Please re-open Florida as soon as possible for these very important reasons: 1) It was never intended for the lock-downs to stay in place until the virus was completely gone. That is impossible. We simply did this to "slow the spread" and "flatten the curve." This allowed medical personnel time to gather adequate supplies and prepare. And they have done so. We are in a good place right now. We are prepared in case numbers rise again. 2) Florida's economy must get back going. Many people are suffering a worse fate from the financial devastation than they would if they actually had the corona virus. They would recover from that in 10-15 days, while they may never fully recover from the financial devastation that is occuring which affects their families, and their employees families. 3) We must consider people's mental health as well. During this time of isolation and lock down the depression and suicide rates are rapidly increasing. This may be more detrimental than the virus. Violence among families is on the rise as stress and pressures are mounting on individuals. Crimes are also on the rise as people find themselves with idle time or lack of necessities. Not saying this should happen; but it is! We must re-open! Thank you governor for your hard work and conservative approach. I also appreciate you making church services essential. You have used much wisdom in all that you have done in our state.
Pasco	General	Please, please, please, reopen the state.
Volusia	General	OMG ENOUGH ALREADY REOPEN !!!!
St. Johns	General	Seems like any business should be able to open with a reservation system in place controlling the number of customers allowed at one time. The business owner could decide whether customers are healthy enough to come to his business, and when reserving a spot and time, the customer can decide whether he feels safe enough with the safeguards the owner has in place in order to go to the business. Exclusive stores, restaurants and other businesses have operated this way as a normal system and it could be one way to allow things to gradually return to normal. We can't hide inside forever and then expect a virus to suddenly disappear. Once people go back to real life, they are all going to be exposed not just to this problematic virus, but to a host of others that have popped up as well.
Charlotte	General	Please consider keeping the state on ' stay at home ' til mid/late May. It will give us a few more weeks to bottom out and not put anyone in unnecessary danger. When you start up all the businesses we won't have the option to stay home without loosing our jobs. I am 73 and still work by choice. You can't protect me in the workplace but can you protect me from losing my job if I choose to stay home for a few more weeks due to health reasons? Thank you for listening!

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Citrus	General	I believe it is time reopen Florida. It will be a catastrophe to continue this shut down. We need to allow ourselves to work up an immunity to this virus and any other that may occur. That can only happen by subjecting ourselves to each other in a normal way. Masks, gloves and constantly using sanitizing hand wash will come back to bite us. Especially if there is a return of Covid-19. This is not a healthy way to handle this pandemic, contrary to most reports.
Duval	Transportation	I think we should pray about the situation and seek spiritual guidance from above meanwhile take slow steps towards a solution while using SoCal distancing because slow and steady wins the race so let's not be to hasty
Palm Beach	General	I do not feel that we are ready to reopen as of yet. Given the fact that Florida is known for the biggest tourism state is the U.S.A, we are more prone to increasing the virus even more if we open up too soon. Why wold people want to go spend over $100 in entrance fees at parks with this pandemic. I think entertainment is completely not on anyone's minds. People cant even buy toilet paper. I think the last things they are thinking about is going to Disney world and eating out at restaurants. You have to understand there is fear left inside of people, and even if you open up certain places, do you really think people 1. are going to go with fear of being contaminated, and 2. what money are they going to use to buy things- they lost their jobs. I've been laid off and I have no money to go spend at restaurants and Disney World. When I get my checks I want to pay my mortgage, and all my backed up bills I haven't been able to pay. The number of cases are increasing and so is death. The numbers have not come down as the governor has reported. As much as I would want to go back to work, I am scared because I do not feel safe. I feel that society has acted very irresponsible in many ways. I still go to the supermarket and see people with no masks, touching their face, no social distancing. Even the fact that we have a stay-at-home order in place, and the numbers are still going up is very much alarming. I am a medical professional and I am very much aware of the precautions needed to avoid contamination and I still fell society still has not gotten it yet. Unemployment is still an ongoing battle, and we are the worst in the country in receiving any benefits. We need to come up with a better plan on how to fix this issue. I am waiting over a month and I still have yet to get a check from UI. Re-opening right now would be a big mistake.
Hillsborough	General	My vote is to re-open EVERYTHING ASAP. Look at Sweden, or other countries not shutting down, no difference in being quarantined, people are losing $100's a day for nothing. If you are at health risk then take precautions just like anything else we are a good judge of how to stay safe. We don't want or need the government telling us what to do. Please open everything now!

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Collier	Food	Hi my name is Rodney and I work at the Boathouse restaurant in Naples on the Bay. I bartend there and have been there 12 years now. I would like to reopen because of the money I make but I don't think it is wise idea. I know how people are and they will not follow the six feet apart at the bar. we could take away the bar stools but then I wouldn't make any money. I feel like the Governor, who I voted for and like, would be making a mistake reopening to soon. People are already trying to hang around the restaurant and we are just doing to go food. The unemployment not being paid out is really making things extremely worse for us in the industry because we are being forced to allow people to drink and get stupid because we have no money coming in. The unemployment needs to get to the people and then I think they will not be as ready to open. The small businesses need to get there money also. I know people will also flock down here again from other states to get away and that will make it worse again. I don't want to reopen to have to close again or get my family sick because people don't care about anybody but themselves.
Orange	Government	I am very much against reopening the state at this time. I am an attorney. I'm also high risk. I have asthma and have had pneumonia twice and a history of chronic bronchitis. The thought of walking into a courthouse with hundreds of people any one of whom could be carrying this virus, and being exposed to them scares me to death. It only takes ONE person to ultimately infect hundreds if not thousands. This virus probably started with only one or two people having it, and they passed it and from there it is world wide. It is not time to open this state up. We are going to have rebound and end up in a worse situation than now. If we can just wait another couple of months we can kick this thing. But hosting thousands from all over the world in Central and South Florida and reopening tourism, it's insane. Our economy and the health of people in this state will be SO much worse if we reopen now. Let's put our money into our universities in searching for a vaccine, and treatment FIRST.
Broward	General	I would like to see the first stage of Re-opening Florida include opening Beaches, parks and outdoor activities. Or any other place that social distancing can truly be obtained. Even if we do begin to open restaurants, gyms, movies theaters, ext, most of the public will still be hesitant to go and therefore those types of businesses will continue to suffer. Let's observe the number of cases that come about by opening outdoor activities to help make a decision on when and how indoor business should open.
Hillsborough	General	No dangerous.... we don’t know anything about this virus except speculation.
Orange	General	Please take the utmost caution with any action to reopen the state. My wife is in a high risk category for COVID-19 and we can't afford for her to get sick. The state is nowhere near ready to reopen. Reopening the state before we reach the bottom of our curve will cause a second wave that will result in more deaths that could have been preventable. Please do not prioritize the economy over the well being of your citizens.

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Seminole	General	I believe that if people have access to n95 masks and gloves, and if we make it mandatory to use them, we can start reopening businesses with social distancing rules applied. If it's not mandatory, or if there isn't a good supply of masks and gloves, there could potentially be another outbreak, and it would be much harder to close a second time. So, phase one with the right gear, otherwise I vote against it.
Duval	Government	Please reopen the state in as many areas as possible. We own a small business and yes we received a loan but we need to get back up and operating at full capacity. This will not happen if the Governor and Mayors do not officially declare the State officially open. There are so many families that are being hurt with this closure not only financially but mentally as well. I cannot comprehend why it is ok for big box stores to be open with hundreds of people milling around but small mom and pop facilities including restaurants and beauty shops are mandated to be closed. How can you tell me this even makes any rational sense? And the beaches being closed is even stupider. Please let is get back to work
Orange	General	It's time to reopen the state. You can require restaurants/businesses to limit customers but we need to get back to normal. The most at risk should be the ones taking extra precautions not everyone.
Miami-Dade	General	Open Florida, no more face masks, no more social distancing.
Sarasota	Healthcare	I would rather wait longer if necessary, to reopen the State of Fl. If we open too soon we could end up being right back where we started or worse ! I am a senior with an autoimmune disease and can't afford to get this virus! I don't like the quarantine anymore than anyone else, but I would rather be safe than sorry!
Sumter	Government	Please Do Not Open Florida To Soon It is too soon to reopen Florida, the numbers in my area of Sumter Co. Are increasing daily.
Miami-Dade	Recreation	I believe it is time that beaches and pools be re-opened
Palm Beach	Healthcare	I work as a licensed massage therapist and have high risk family members as well as very high risk clients. I am terrified that if we reooen, they will come in andthat i may get exposed by either a client or at the grocery store etc and end up causing death. A lot of death. Or health complications. I work in a small, poorly ventilated room with people coughing, Sneezing, blowing their nose, mouth breathing and talking. We have linited time (5 mins) between clients and have to change out the table and get the next client back. There IS NOT ENOUGH TIME to clean the room properly and there is NO WAY to avoid passing the virus. Mask or no mask. It is too intimate and direct in contact nature.
Collier	General	Reopen our businesses now!!! The mortality rate is way down and the hospitals are not being over run! Reopen now. People at risk or scared can stay home for as long as they want. The rest of us want to live again.
Orange	Food	In phase 1, opening restaurants to 50% capacity, phase 2 at 75% and phase 3 at full capacity.
St. Lucie	General	Stay Closed, Staying Safe!!

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Miami-Dade	General	No estoy de acuerdo abrir todavía. Ya que hacer esto están abriendo la puerta a la muerte a miles de personas. Porque no veo la forma del control en las personas si se habré todo. Esto sería algo que nos llevaría a algo peor de cuando empezamos. No creo todos los Dia hay más contagiados y más muertes. Que pasaría se reabrieran a Miami dade? El doble de contagios y el trole de muertes
Alachua	Information	Open the state back up now. Don't wait and keep it open. We will only get they this with herd amunity. Do it now and let's save our economy. Do let the liberals and people who want to see the economy go to pot drive you decisions. Allow restaurant to open and all business to open now. Come on man this is ridiculous.
Lake	General	Please take your time in opening the economy. I owned and subsequently coached small business owners and understand the anxiety and pain they are going through. We have spent many weeks trying to get ahead of Covid 19 but rushing the return will only extend the pain and inconvenience. I would encourage that the committee develop specific criteria for the businesses to reopen to assure the safety of the public.
Polk	General	Reopening Florida is the best route to go. People need to work and the economy needs to get better. The virus has been here much longer than thought and while people are getting sick and some dying it is not as bad as it’s been made out to be. Businesses are closing, people are going hungry and will lose their homes and vehicles if they cannot work. Please reopen Florida!
Pasco	General	I believe it is time to reopen our state and get people back to work. Be innovative and give Americans our country back. Florida needs to be a leader and allow people the right to work for their livelihood. The longer you allow people to stay in unemployment and collect their funds from the government the harder it will be to get them to go back to work and the greater the lots of businesses and jobs in the state. I went into the Army many years ago and was sent over to Saudi Arabia and Bosnia to liberate people and offer them the right to choose freedom and sadly many of our state leaders are no better than the corrupt leaders of their counties. Governor Desantis please be confident that Floridians are behind you and those that aren't can easily move to one of the states that want to hold their constituents hostage. Thank you.
Orange	General	I think it's far too early to reopen the state. I am currently furloughed from my job and have yet to see any money from unemployment however I would rather give up my paycheck instead of my son's life who is 19 and has been an insulin dependent diabetic since he was 7 months old. I am terrified of him catching the virus.

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Broward	General	All counties should be reopened! This is America, and every single person has constitutional rights and freedoms that have been trampled on far too long!! You did this to us, and it is your responsibility to fix it, and fix it now. You were a coward when you started letting other states and your own Mayors take over actions. Look at all of the cities in and outside of the US that took precautions without extremes such as shutting down businesses and outdoor activities. They fine! They had the same low death rate percentage as anywhere else that freaked out and used "save our healthcare" as a cowardly excuse to push rights-revoking orders on free people. The healthcare system was never and still isn't in jeopardy, so reopen everything. The only reason beaches and park were closed was because the Miami-Dade mayor had to prove his point that Spring Break was over for Florida. Instead of mandating all tourists go home, he jumped the gun and instilled irrelevant fear in everyone. Even though the CDC and Dr. Fauci have repeatedly stated being outside is not an issue, and that beaches are, in fact, one of the safest places people can be outside, you allowed them to be closed. So, reopen all beaches, parks, public areas immediately. The Florida Health Department website has stated that properly treated pools are not an issue, yet ALL private property pools (apartments, condos, etc) are still locked. Why!? Why aren't you doing anything about this? Why should I be forced into social isolation because of the 2% health risks? That is pure discrimination against me and everyone in this state. There will be total anarchy if any form of closure lasts longer than April 30, 2020 at the latest. It is unfathomable to watch citizen's rights be stripped away and businesses be forced to shut down, and it is despicable for any government leader to thank citizens for their cooperation and patience. No one has a choice! Governor, don't you dare thank me for something you forced me to do. And don't you dare allow city Mayors and County Mayors to allow the crime of closures to continue. Lawsuits will happen, and rightfully so. The fear mongering is over. It's time to stop all closures across the board, because in order for
Duval	Administrative	I don’t think you should open the state up now maybe Open Later. We need a better grasp on this pandemic . we wouldn’t want to see many more death once the state is opened to soon. Also, once you do open up consider many people will continue doing what they want like gathering in large groups and not washing their hands. Maybe require everyone to wear gloves along with the mask and practice social distancing . I think many people will die once the state is opened up again unless you have a good handle on all the safe practicing. regarding unemployment give out cash for the first 2 weeks and make sure to collect unemployment application to be processed. Lastly get you a spiritual task force with pastors praying for Florida, governor, mayors, presidents etc. along with the secular task force. Thank you for listening.
Orange	Tourism	Please reopen Disney and Universal as it will help the economy and everything is outside and with wearing masks it helps.
Charlotte	Management	I think we are on the right path. I think to be safe we should wait to re open untill may 8th.in my busness which is sales its just a 100 square foot building.hard to keep 6 ft distance when you have to show and explain products. 1500 square foot building not 100

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Clay	General	Elderly and aged stay home. Open up so we don't destroy our econom . We may not recover for years as it is. This country is obscenely in debt . Purchase safety equipment for all workers dealing with public
Miami-Dade	General	Hay muchas gente contagiadas y si abren se van a contagiar muc has mas
Hillsborough	Healthcare	We do NOT want the state to re-open until EVERY citizen is protected from catching COVID-19. This includes mass testing for the virus, mass antibody testing, more ventilators and N95 masks for ALL citizens - medical personal, first responders, restaurant staff, retail staff, school staff, etc. EVERY LAST PERSON deserves the right to life.
Sarasota	General	It's time to open up. The research and statistics don't match the fear mongering and hype. As more testing is rolled out, it's going to become apparent that this is just another flu strain. As a small business owner, we are being destroyed for nothing. Open up!
Palm Beach	Government	Lets do it safely with some guidance as to masks and social distancing and sanitizer available. I wouldn't open bars and other large public gatherings, but with the proper precautions, I believe that restaurants, stores and offices should be open.
Pinellas	Healthcare	Why is there not one medical advisor (CEO of TGH is not a physician) on the Taskforce nor anyone from agriculture for the state? Not having the guidance of medical experts such as the Surgeon General or Department of Health to aid in opening any business is inappropriate and misdirected. It leads one to think it's not about the people but the money and especially big business. We all want to get back to work safely and without the expertise and emphasis on the medical implications we will be right back where we are again in a short period of time.
Marion	Government	When will DMV be open? Online is not an option for my Drivers License renewal. There can be social distancing at DMV branches, A Grocery store, Liquor store & Dollar Tree are all open in the North Marion County DMV branch location.
Pasco	Construction	Hello, as a resident of Florida and current University of Florida construction student, I will be entering the labor force in the very near future. With the states economy being shut down I am getting increasingly nervous of the impending economic depression. I believe that it is essential we open up the state as quickly as possible to ensure the effects of this depression are less severe. I'm sure many students are in the same boat as me. Although opening up the state early has potential risks, they are risks I'm willing to take to hopefully prevent the cure from being worse then the problem. Along with us I believe it should be an individual right to choose whether or not you should go out, not a mandate to stay at home by the state.
Lee	Healthcare	Non elective dental treatment such as dental prophylaxis should be postponed at least another month. Dental hygienists such as myself are the #1 healthcare provider susceptible to COVIID 19. Until more test results are submitted and the numbers go down we should not be providing treatment. Please for the health of ourselves, our families and our patients postpone dental prophylaxis. Please.

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Collier	General	I believe we should open up by May 15 or sometime after that and we should make it mandatory in this state that all people wear masks !!!!!! When we return our kids to schools they need masks also . I believe that everyone need to remember to sanitize hands whenever they can . But they need to be responsible people and stay 6 feet away . I would make it till the end of year 21 to wear masks and the other precautions . But the people need to get back to work . Flying will have the most difficult time but face masks and keeping hands clean is most important . We must pray and take our chances. Governor DeSantis , you have been during a good job but we have to leave this in God's hands and get people back to work and hope they follow the guidelines because it's their lives that are at stake . Wear Masks!
Lake	General	The way I see it is that this Corona virus is going to be around for a long long time. we should all by now know what we need to do to protect ourselves and others. However there will always be stupid people and you just can't fix that. but the world can not continue to just stop. While I agree that most businesses could be safe to open I do not agree that places like Disney and Sea World and the other attractions where large crowds cannot help but gather should be opened. They should be closed until something better happens with the Corona virus.
Palm Beach	Retail	Reopen Florida. The vulnerable still have the option to stay at home. Let people have more choice and let them use it wisely. Bankrupt companies do not pay taxes.
Broward	General	I do not agree that they reopen and remove the quarantine. We are still in our forties and people act as if nothing, many unnecessary businesses opened and that has caused more spread of the virus. Europe and China if I respect quarantine and here people do what they want and nobody does anything.

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Brevard	General	As of now Florida still shows no clear "14 day progression" downward on the number of positive COVID 19 cases. I urge our government leaders to look beyond political objectives and take careful note of similar situations happening around the world. Take for example Japan and South Korea; they opened up businesses, parks and other areas too quickly and now they have cases spiking. Many of Tokyo's hospitals are at max capacity and the healthcare system is on the verge of collapse. South Korea who had expeditiously flattened their curve, opened up some airports and the virus "flew back in." Florida is not ready to reopen most industries, especially those that involve close contact such as gyms, nail / hair salons, massage, etc... At a bare minimum, the government should require that everyone utilizing or working in public transportation, a store or other essential business wear a mask and limit the number of people allowed in the building or vehicle at one time as well as maintaining social distance. The Air Force base in the local area mandated these measures early on and to this date they have NO documented cases of anyone on base. These measures may seem overly severe and extreme to some, but they work! "Stay at Home" orders should be extended and reevaluated on a bi-monthly basis based on careful analysis of number of cases, hospitalizations and death rate per county per day. Counties such as Dade, Broward, Palm Beach and Orange are still very much on the rise and are nowhere near containing the outbreak. Once a definitive 14 day decrease in these parameters is observed, then consideration can be given to opening up certain industries on a gradual scale. First and foremost, testing needs to increase exponentially and ideally conducted on all persons returning to work on a weekly basis. That way, any "positives" can be quickly identified and thereby locked down and maintained on a much smaller scale. Also masks and social distancing need to be mandatory. In some instances, this may involve resorting to shifts and attendance staggering. Pay close attention to case numbers in Georgia, South Carolina and other states that have already taken measures to reopen. We will
Pinellas	General	Retail, Recreational, and Tourism interests It is vitally important that things start getting opened back up. We are not having hospitals over-run. We CAN NOT let the race to see who can be more careful get out of hand. Water access and beach areas (as well as parks) need to be reopened. Currently the few outdoor places people can go to are significantly more crowded than any place would be if there were more options. My store on St Pete Beach (windsurfing and stand up paddle retail, rental and lessons) can safely function with the precautions that the market will demand (cleanliness, small groups, social distancing) immediately. All we need is to be able to let people know we are open. From what we have seen here locally on a small scale you only have a short window of time to have control over how things open.....people are out and about more and businesses are starting to serve them more, regardless of the governmental restrictions. Things will open back up - you need a relatively quick, clear path or it will happen ad hoc in spite of you.

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Escambia	General	Please reopen everything. It should be up to citizens whether or not they want to risk interacting with others. Right now our livelihoods are all being threatened for the sake of some lives. The deaths are going to be inevitable and we have the capability to treat people. Even if we don't, if people are going out at their own risk then they also risk not being able to get treatment. The greater good would be served by letting people get back to work and live normal lives again. The scope of the mental health and financial crisis far exceeds the number of deaths, and I am sick of the war rhetoric and other scare tactics in the media that will lead to people signing away their liberties.
Lee	General	Use common sense -- learn from others-- enforce what you direct. Specifically, what have we learned from Walmart, Target and grocery stores that can be applied to other retail businesses, like Kohl's. Don't forget to account for human nature. When you open the beaches, there will be a lot of people there initially. Crowds will reduce over time. Establish a hot line for citizens to report flagrant violators.
Osceola	General	Too soon to open! You need to have a life to have a livelihood. It's better to be 6' apart than 6' under! Yes, it's hard economically, but need to slow open safely. We all want some sort of normalcy, but until there is a vaccine, the virus isn't going to disappear. Need more testing,(for virus and antibody), tracking and tracing. Need to listen to health experts above all. People need to be safe and feel safe. Need a plan in place to open smart, not just rush open and then have spike in cases/death. Most experts state models show Florida shouldn't open til June. Please put publix health above all. Also masks should be required everywhere in public.
Duval	General	I hope that our state adheres to the three steps that President Trump suggested. If everything is opened to soon I am concerned that people will not adhere to safe distancing and wearing a mask in public places. I live at the beach and I have witnessed people not adhering to the opening times for the beach. Or just sitting on the beach instead of walking or exercising on the beach. If some people can not obey the simple rules of the beach for everyone's safety that are now in place, than how can we be sure they will adhere to the other rules that will be put into place once the state opens up.
Orange	General	Until health officials announce that it is safe, I do not believe it would be wise to re open Florida business, etc.
Miami-Dade	Recreation	No creó qué abran ya qué hay muchos trabajadores de la salud exponiéndose ellos y sus familias, hasta han perdido sus vidas y hay muchos irresponsables que no se cuidan , yo paciente de Cáncer y si él virus retrocede qué pasaría, ni con él toque de queda las personas están en casa fiestas y más fiestas no creó qué eso sea justó ahora mismo aquí detrás de mi casa un fieston y no importa a esas personas que se exponen, cómo policías, bomberos y otros centras qué están abiertos para abastecerse de comida y otras cosas necesarias
Seminole	Recreation	I believe that Theme Parks and attraction like areas should remain closed because I think we should only really worry about opening really essential businesses, we don't have to worry right now about opening places where people have fun because that is not that important and some of those places can't social distance and a lot of people go to these places which could pose a risk.

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Bay	General	Short and sweet. We need to reopen. Not sure we should have closed. Didn't give ourselves a chance to build immunity. I'm an essential worker so I was lucky enough to keep my job. I know lots of people who need to get back to work. Btw: Florida government needs to be ashamed that our UI system didn't work for all these weeks. For Christ's sake we look like morons. We should be better than that.
Collier	General	We have to be very careful. As a tourist destination, if we open beaches, restaurants etc... too quickly we will live to regret it. We live on the beach and ever since the beaches have been closed we have seen people walking on the beach, sunning themselves and swimming with impunity. Floridians and others will come to Naples to enjoy what they can't have at home. It's a difficult decision to make but it shouldn't be political or even economical. It's all about keeping Neapolitans and others safe. Give it time for the "curve" to flatten. It hasn't happened yet. Look at the numbers and listen to the experts.
Manatee	General	I just wanted to take a moment to thank you for the difficult work and decision making that is required of you during these unfamiliar and uncertain times. I do not envy the positions you are all in. I wish all of you the very best as you move forward to reopen Florida and have faith that you will do what is necessary to get the job done to the best of your abilities.
Broward	General	Let the doctors decide.
Lake	Recreation	Please open State parks, Ocala national forest, and green spaces with restrictions as needed.
Hillsborough	General	Please DO NOT reopen the state until we are fully operational in testing and treating people for this pandemic. We arent close to being prepared for the next wave. While many are hurting financially, its not worth the risk. Instead of funding the big companies that can afford a couple of months of salaries, help the little guys and gals! All first responders should be getting hazard pay and protection from the government and their employers. Nurses being put in units they've never worked is dangerous to the employee and patients.
Leon	Transportation	Personally, I think it is too early to reopen. Florida relies on tourists from other states...think New York, New Jersey, for example. Are we ready for the influx of cases brought in from other states? What about International travel! Are our hospitals fully stocked with PPE, adequate tests, adequate staff? Is contact tracing set up, and ready to go? What mandatory guidelines for businesses have been set up? Can the businesses make a profit while running at 50% capacity, or social distancing? What about hotels? Are they safe to open? What protective measures are to be taken? What about transportation? Buses running, trains, taxis, ride-sharing? Are airports set up to handle large crowds? I thought North Carolina did a good job with seven milestones that have to be completed, to open the state up. Here is the article: https://www.newsobserver.com/news/coronavirus/article242239441.html
Hillsborough	Recreation	Please reopen County and Florida State Parks. The curve has flattened. It's time.

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Miami-Dade	General	Please do NOT reopen this state until there are tests readily available to test for anti bodies. Also, the numbers of actual cases are currently not accurate, the numbers coming from the state do NOT take into consideration the tests being done by private companies. I feel the pressure to open up is based on these misleading numbers and should the governor open up more businesses the infection rates and death rates will soar. Lives should matter.
Manatee	Tourism	Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion. I believe our state should open. We are a community we closed fast so there is no reason we can't open to life as usual. Open the beaches & recreation areas so folk can be outdoors. We are a state of thinkers mixed with an older generation. Yes the older folks are at risk as are folks with pre existing conditions. Heres a thought if you feel at risk stay home just like you would when you are sick. Don't penalize the entire state/nation because a few folks feel they are high risk. Those of us that are out of work have zero income it is crippling many not to mention the depression that comes along with this. Common sense tells me that we cannot make this worse than the original problem. Staying closed is hurting our economy every day we are closed. Yet the government employees are still getting paid so of course why would they want to go back to work us business owners went from 100% to zero overnight! Most of us at risk of losing our lively hood. The assistance that was offered to us through the President all of the business owners that we know in Holmes Beach not a one of us has gotten any aid! We cannot hold on much longer & we are trying to keep our employees on the payroll but with no income with being shut down we don't have much time left, we are down to days and then we will have to layoff all of our staff. Our dear friends that own a Resturant just up the road from us had to layoff 3/4 of his staff and one of his employees had just purchased her first home the week before this all hit. What is that going to do to her credit if she can't pay her way, some of us have tried to help her but all of us are literally out of money. We are not getting any assistance from the government and have never asked in the past but you have crippled all of us told us to close our doors and stay home that is not realistic. How can one survive with no income?? We have always prided ourselves in supporting ourselves and helping others but you have taken that away from us & offered up NO hope! So please tell me how are we to survive? With no hope, no income & no promise of when we can open up again! So how do we stay positive, hopeful & happy around our family members? How do we pay our electric, water, food, mortgages? The USA has fallen & crippled its states & it's tax payers expecting us to be content & listen to what has become a dictatorship of a nation. I am normally a positive glass half full person that sees tons of opportunity in this world but our government our elected government has taken that
Seminole	General	Having 2 children and auto-immune disorder, I am extremely nervous in opening FL back-up. Even if I continue to social distance, if the state is opened back up and my kids expected to return to possibly to summer school/camps and my husband back to work, I worry about their exposure and I worry about it being brought home. My friend who has MS and an asthmatic son are in the same boat. If the state does open up, it should have limitations of the capacity of people that can be in that particular place/venue and continue with the direction of keeping the right amount of space between people. I am very concerned with the opening of the beaches. I understand the longing of people wanting to be outdoors and back to our glorious beaches, but let's be real. Some people just dont respect other people's space or just dont care.

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Miami-Dade	General	Buen trabajo el del gobierno federal que llegaron los 1200 a la cuenta, buen trabajo del Family Children que pusieron los sellos de comida. Muy mal trabajo del Unemploimet como no reabrir si nadie tiene dinero.
Osceola	Recreation	Gradually open up the state
Flagler	Professional Services	Hair Salons Restaurant at distance seating
Lee	General	I know people want to get back to work even though their taking a risk of contracting covid & possibly bring ot back home where other family relatives can catch it because of financial issues. Only 2 put of 10 people whonallied for unemployment benefits & cares act money has actually received money. But i believe May1st is too early. I got hired as an enumerator for the US Census in mid march & my training was delayed obviously because of the situation were in...i checked back on my profile account with them today & it says they aren't going to do field operations until June 1st. If the US Census says June 1st, we should follow that guideline. I've attached a screenshot of them saying this. Cali just rolled out their PUA application site. We need one asap because at least 35%-40% of UI spplicsnts are going to be ineligible and are going to need thst $600 Cares Act money asap & hopefully retroactive...because the landlords are going to want their rent they waived retroactive so thats where a chunk of our Cares Act money is going to. WE NEED HELP ASAP.
Miami-Dade	Recreation	Out door spaces should be reopened in an organized manner. I suggest reopening beaches first for morning exercise ... 7 am - 11 am. If that goes well add the afternoons 5pm - 8pm. Golf courses should be reopened with restrictions. I come in contact with more people walking the streets that I do on a golf course.
Alachua	General	Open Florida!!!!! All jobs are essential, we a ALL need our paycheck...
Orange	General	It would be irresponsable for the government to open any business now. People need to stay home and continue with social distance. Doesn't 53,000 deaths meant anything to you?
Martin	General	Please don't open until this is under control.
Broward	Recreation	I do not think that business and social activities should be reopened until the state is able to administer testing for Covid 19 can be administered to all citizens to determine who is afflicted with the virus (even those with no symptoms) to ensure that with the virus go into quarantine/and or medical care. Retesting would be required a regular basis until a vaccine can be developed. Masks and gloves , and social distancing are essential until a vaccine is developed to protect from the virus. Also, a consistent message, supportive from our leaders is really important to support protective efforts is essential as well, to ensure that people have confidence in safety measures. Experts predict further increased outbreaks in three weeks, if activities are reopened without the testing measures in place. It's so important to continue to be very cautious until more effective protective measures can be put into place, despite the strong urge we all have to get back to the way it was. Human life protection should be the highest priority.

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Miami-Dade	General	Keep miami closed until 2022. And give us our 2K a month as well as legalize marijuana for recreational use. Thank you Sincerely Joanna Rodriguez
Broward	Education	Thank you for collecting feedbacks. I think we should open parks with clear arrangements for social distancing, nature walks can provide relief for all ages. I hope that summer schools will be open to allow parents to work. When the curb is down and only then, restaurants shops and so on. We are staying home with all the difficulties because it's important for us to save lives.
Duval	General	We were to stay at home to stop the overcrowding an rush on The hospitals We have done that We have sacraficed for a few The numbers are way lower (even though exaggerated) Than were expected You cant expect to keep ppl down with no money coming in We need to take care of our families as the state an federal government Can't do it for us. I need to make money now! I have sacraficed enough OPEN OUR STATE PLEASE Before the ppl take it back themselves
Hillsborough	Government	Dear Governor DeSantis, I am a resident of Hillsborough County. It is time for Floridians to get back to work. Throughout the past weeks of COVID restrictions businesses deemed "essential" remained open. Floridians who patronized those businesses voluntarily engaged in social distancing, voluntarily followed CDC guidelines. With these businesses open, sometimes serving hundreds of people at a time, twelve hours a day, seven days a week, we have witnessed COVID numbers falling. The State of South Dakota never mandated a single business closed and are also seeing COVID numbers falling. Every business is essential when families are dependent upon that income for healthy and happy lives. I believe these facts prove that Floridians are responsible people, who love their neighbors, and will CHOOSE to do the right thing. We need our elected representatives to do the right thing; we need our businesses open. We don't want government handouts. We want to get back to work. We want our businesses open now, not later.
Citrus	General	It is too early to open up Florida, we are still growing in cases. I live in Citrus County and we have people that are not staying, not social distancing and not wearing masks. Everyday we have more cases. I have been in my home for two months going on three. I would like to go on vacation with family,but can't risk it. Do something to get us on track to open responsibly

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Sarasota	General	We have been closed too long. In addition there ate so many inconsistencies when choosing to have one store open and nit another. Its not entirely the establishments responsibility to keep me healthy. They can only do so much there are no guarentees If im afraid or high risk i dont go out its as simple as that Open the beachs with parking and allow chairs we can social distance the ocean can help destress. Open up it us time!
Polk	General	Re-Open our state you socialist bastards!
Brevard	Retail	I am 60 years old and I take care of my 90 year old mom. If I choose not to return to work out of fear of infecting my mother if I should get the coronavirus can I still collect unemployment? (Assuming I ever get it?)
Brevard	General	Please remain closed.
Pinellas	General	I'm a die hard conservative but Governor if you open the state up before June 15th you will be branded a monster people will die. Now if you ride the wave and ppl complain about the economy well the economy is down the drain because of this virus that does not fall on you opening the state and people dying does. Be smart I know you are.
Santa Rosa	Healthcare	In the interest of physical and mental health I think it is important to open public spaces such as parks and beaches as well as outdoor recreation. This could be achieved safely with protocols to adhere to social distancing. As an RN working in a regional acute care hospital I realize the risks but also realize that transmitting the virus in open air is less likely. Peer groups and families have quarantined themselves well over the 14 day period. I would like though as a nurse the ability to be tested for COVID after every work period such as a three day work week to protect my family and friends. We live in a fairly affluent area full of nurses and doctors. We put our families at risk every week and cannot safely visit our older parents. It seems imperative that healthcare workers are given access to regular testing.
Marion	General	Good afternoon! I do not believe Florida should re-open just yet. I think it is too soon and we should remain on a lock down for a few more weeks. I think by prolonging opening Florida this will only help contain and flatten the curve of the Corona Virus. I want for nothing more to go back to a normal life, but I also understand everyone needs to do their part in keeping themselves, and their families safe and healthy. Please consider keeping Florida closed and even possibly suggesting curfews. Thank you!
Miami-Dade	General	Opa Locka Mail Processing Facility of Post Office does not do social distancing. They are forcing employees to work where they don't feel comfortable because there is work to be done. But employees are literally all over each other and not everyone wears masks. Is there any way to make it mandatory to wear masks if social distancing cannot happen in an essential job?
Indian River	Tourism	Open Florida! We've done our part! Curve is flattened!
Polk	Information	I believe it's too soon to go back to business as usual...we need more testing and fewer new cases first.

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Osceola	General	We need to stay closed. People are not understanding that their choice to go out in close quarters with other people and spreading infection does not only affect them. Their decision affects everyone else. If we stay closed we can reduce the statistics drastically and actually beat it. If we re-open it could become much worse, more lives will be lost and the pandemic can continue for longer than it should. We've become way too indifferent to mass deaths.
Duval	General	We need to start opening businesses. State parks also need to open. You are out in the open air and 6 feet apart.
Pasco	General	Start reopening with precautions based on localities. Counties should be able to open based on their numbers, not Florida totals. Hotspots should not dictate the entire state's fate.
Duval	Professional Services	Please don't open salons too soon... a lot of the people who have signed the petition for them to open early are clients who want their hair done, not thinking about the safety of the stylists. As a stylist myself, I am hurting financially but prefer safety to be first priority. Stylists are in people's faces and not able to work 6ft away.
Palm Beach	General	Please do not open public places and spread the virus
Lee	General	Dont reopen too early. Not enough testing. Too many cases still coming up every day. Too scary. Thank you Anne Callahan.
Orange	General	I would like to see Phase 1 for reopening start right after the stay at home order is lifter. I'd like to see more rapid results tests, having to wait days isn't helpful because you may need something like milk and then you come into contact with more people right after you took a test. More antibody test sites in central Florida since I'm not allowed to leave Orange County and the nearest antibody site I've heard of us in Brevard county. Open schools normally in the fall, if there is a vaccine for Covid-19, then add that to the list if required vaccinations to start school on day 1, require all adults working in schools to get the vaccine too. Pay unemployment benefits from the date the people lost their jobs...starting with the date you closed things like bars, restaurants, and gyms. These people weren't terrible employees, they work in low paying jobs and the system in place couldn't handle the influx of applications, and just hit "approve" for all the people that lost their jobs from this, stop denying so many cases. I'm jealous because they will get the FL benefit plus $600/week from the feds ands that's more than I make in a week. To pay people from when they were lucky enough to score some voodoo magic and actually file days after they got unemployed is cruel.
Orange	General	Do not open back the State. You have bigger things to worry about, like, I don't know, THOUSANDS OF UNMPLOYED PEOPLE WITHOUT THEIR UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFIT?
Orange	General	Please do not rush to reopen. See article: "San Francisco's 1918 Spanish flu debacle: a crucial lesson for the coronavirus era" https://www.sfchronicle.com/bayarea/article/San-Francisco-s-1918-Spanish-flu-debacle-A-15191518.php Thanks!

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Volusia	Food	I feel restaurants should be able to open in Phase 1... People need to eat.. social distance worked prior to the to go only... I feel chain restaurants should open first or I hop, Perkins, etc.
Bradford	General	I have major concerns about reopening the state. I have been having chemo through all of this and it has been stressful. The thought of opening up scares me because I see that not many people in the general public are taking this seriously. Going to the store for necessities I see so very few people even wearing masks. I read the date in one place May 1st and another recommendation of June 22nd. My vote is June. I am in no hurry to get around the public again due to my medical issues and I work with the public under normal circumstances. Because I know the public, they are not taking it seriously now, so I believe it will be crazy when things open again, which will up the stress and more stress is worse for my health. Thank you for your time.
Orange	Education	My question is, since schools are not re-opening until the fall what about the children that would be in the elementary and middle school summer programs? With parents returning to work what are parents supposed to do with their children. I haven't heard anything about this situation. It's like nobody cares about these children that need a safe place to go. Parents need viable options here.
Miami-Dade	Healthcare	I would love for elective surgeries to be able to start back. My infant daughter surgery has been rescheduled three times.
Sarasota	General	Due to recent numbers and trends I support reopening Florida so people can get back to work
Pasco	Government	Everyone with a solid brain knows that this virus is an election infection. A ploy to stop the Republicans from ever winning another election. Trumps employment rate, the stocks, everything because of failed impeachment. By not fighting against the dems, you are condoning their behavior. Quarantine is for the ill, not the healthy, this is Marshall law or tyranny, which ever you want to call it. It is against our constitutional rights. Mr DeSantis, I grew up in a very highly political family, and watched this type of actions come from the dems...you are not a dumb man, you know what is happening but not fighting it is showing your voters that you are condoning it. The number of deaths are wrong as EVERY death is being blamed on the virus. I belong to a group that the majority or calling out for a new governor next term, they are furious about not being able to live within our God given rights..I sir, had the virus, and as many others are alive and telling the truth. Please consider your voters that put you in your position, because right now they are not happy.
Marion	Recreation	I would like to see parks and rec open. Leagues such as baseball, soccer and other things could keep kids active and keep their lives somewhat normal. This could be done safely by telling parents to space out along the fence and also taking tempatures of all kids prior to practice and games. This is a very trying time for adults and kids alike but the more normal we can make it for kids the easier it will be for them.

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Volusia	General	As a fellow citizen, I hope we can reopen sooner than later with common sense, and safety. I am concerned that safety and security as well as society as a whole will suffer if we do not. I also was wondering if the tests are free for the non insured. Churches should reopen as soon as possible so people will seek spiritual help and guidance. Thank You.
Pinellas	Real Estate	I was hoping that the government could please allow tours or real estate (condominiums, apartments, etc) again. The real estate market is continuing to crash, aggravated by the fact that nobody can view a place in person. It will crash harder if this continues- I know I wouldn't buy a place without looking at it in person. I am against big open houses with many people- but the tours could easily be under ten people, and people could even socially distance during the tours. This would be not very different then being in your own home by yourself, and certainly safer then grocery shopping. And besides- what about the people who need somewhere to go, but don't want to get sucked into a dump? Nobody wants that!
Lee	General	No estoy de acuerdo en abrir la economía porque estamos a un mesde dar la orden de todos en casa y eso no se cumplió todo el mundo está en la calle sin protección porque no hay dónde comprar ningún tipo de des IFEs tante para las manos y cada día hay más casos positivos que pasan de 1000 diarios si abren vamos a tener más de 2000 diario.
Sarasota	General	Open up gyms, coronavirus is a joke
Alachua	General	Open outside activities. Parks, beaches. We need to develop herd immunity and healthy people need to start to be active. Masks mandatory. Keep physical distancing, Resraurants, gyms open with limited people Schools should be open this summer. We need more healthy people tp get infected before fall. Risk individuals stay home
Sumter	General	State should not begin to open till June. I am well aware of economic repercussions, but opening now and then have to close down again because of irresponsible adults would be worse. This decision needs to be made with the input of state and federal medical personnel with the expertise of such matters. Unless law makers can guarantee that social distancing guide lines will be enforced to the letter of the law, then keep the state closed. I see nothing but problems by opening this state now. Thank you

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Marion	Healthcare	I would like to know safety strategies in social gatherings and to know how to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. I would like to know all people are guaranteed financial assistance like the small businesses and employees that work and live paycheck to paycheck. I would like to know how to safely see my children and grandchildren since I am older than 60 years old. I am concerned about the long term plan and how to financially make ends meet for all people. I would like to know for sure there is an understanding that is clear and guaranteed to prevent the spread of this virus so everyone can continue in life with honest knowledge and no political agenda. I hear of those in tip businesses and small business who are working from their homes to cut hair or do house calls which is not safe. I am concerned my own family would be doing this to make enough money to pay their bills. I want the government to help everyone so no one will feel the need to seek alternative options which arent safe to make money. I do not want to see the cases of this virus rise and I do not want to see mistakes made by the government in opening this state causing a rise in cases and more lives lost. I want the government and task force to put the life first right now because we can see other countries who were able to contain this virus that way. It can be tough but a sure way in strict precaution and government help short term otherwise we have a very long term and long drawn out suffering none of us want. Please help the people. No one wants to suffer and no one likes to quarantine and isolate ourself at all but we understand if you can please provide safe measures and knowledge to the people. We all feel very unsure of the government role and government priority sometimes. I thank you all and I appreciate all the hard work being done. I have worked hard my whole life in construction and I am a supervisor. I oversee the work and feel for the people to have an income. I appreciate your concern and all the aspects you are looking at to reopen this wonderful state of Florida in a safe way. Thank you.
Pinellas	Healthcare	Many states are considering how to reopen the economy, including dental practices. As your constituent and a licensed dental hygienist, I am writing to encourage you to reinforce the importance of continuing to follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendation that dental facilities postpone elective procedures, surgeries, and non-urgent dental visits, and prioritize urgent and emergency visits and procedures now and for the coming several weeks. The dental team works in close proximity to the patient and utilizes handpieces that can generate aerosols or tiny particles and droplets from the patient's mouth that remain suspended in the air and pose a risk of infection to the dental team and other patients. I write to alert you to the need for and availability of appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) so dental hygienists and the entire dental team may safely and effectively provide care to patients. Dental offices should be limited to emergency, urgent procedures in accordance with CDC guidance. As you consider next steps in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, please ensure dental hygienists, the entire dental team, their families, and the patients they serve are as safe as can be.

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Brevard	General	I have some concern about reopening to soon. I don't understand if there are people still testing positive for this virus how can Florida or anywhere else open up. Myself and grandson have asthma and have done well by staying home and not going out and about. If it is open then those who carries the virus might infect other people who don't have it. It is a huge concern for me.
Lee	Healthcare	Governor DeSantos. Please do not open dental offices for non emergency dental treatment at this time. The aerosols that are emitted during a dental cleaning are very hard to contain and disinfect between patients. We need a way to encapsulate the aerosols or this terrible virus will continue to spread. I am a Dental Hygienist and desperately want to go back to work. I do not want this virus to continue to spread to my patients and their families.I know I will be protected with proper PPE (if available), but the air I. Our dental treatment areas will be hard to disinfect and I do not want to endanger my patients. Thank you, Beth Irizarry, RDH
Polk	Agriculture	Let people make their own decisions on how to conduct business.
Seminole	General	Please don't open anywhere that people can gather, no indoor businesses. Outdoor cafes, businesses that can provide pick-up/carry-out services & products, etc, ALL WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING & MASKS are acceptable.
Orange	General	Please stop the economic destruction and start opening our businesses. The true data does not support our response. If Texas, Georgia, Tennessee and South Carolina can put together a plan and get moving forward, what is FLA's hold up?
Orange	General	Florida is not ready to b opened at this time especially in light of our numbers increasing. We must all do our part in order to come back stronger than ever.
Miami-Dade	General	Please Do not open yet, until the Dr's who are the ones that know when is the best time to fo it.we already waited for more than a month so I think is better to waiy.
St. Johns	Healthcare	I am a surgical tech and spend several hours a week ensuring a srerike environment is maintained during surgery. Given this I know the importance of proper mask and glove use to reduce the potential for infection rate. This applies to the use of masks in public. As you know non-N95s are used by an individual to protect others from that individuals potential infection. It seems the general public has not been educated on this. I propose a statewide education on proper PPE use and importance to bolster support for its use St John's County alone has a 17% population 65 and older. Add that to the other high risk individuals and we need to do all we can to protect them in the public. We can't just ask them to isolate 24/7. That model is not currently working as some reports may imply. Thank you, Ron Burchett

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Sumter	Professional Services	Please Reopen ASAP on May 1st for all Hair and Nail services. Just make us follow the guidelines of temperature checks. Shields. Masks. Wash hands before services and 6 feet separation. The small businesses need to survive as all of the bigger companies received the PPP and EIDL. We Need to Open.
Brevard	Professional Services	PLEASE have a real conversation with a stylist about his or her wants at this time and how that affect many areas of their lives. *How would we be able to maintain the CDC guidelines of being 6ft away? * I do not agree with the idea to go back and do one client in the entire salon at a time, wearing face masks, face shields, PPE and gloves. Sterilizing/sanitizing between every client. (Yes I believe these glove and possible mask precautions are important when we do go back, but read on) * Who is providing our masks, face shields , PPE and disposable masks for each client? If we are, where are we purchasing them as they're pretty much sold out everywhere and even hospitals aren't stocked with them? What grade of masks are acceptable for us? For clients? If we aren't able to get the masks the petition is demanding we get, and we then can't open our doors, are we still eligible for unemployment relief and any other relief offered to individuals/salons who are unable to work because of COVID19? My guess is no. * My child has severe asthma. My other child has one kidney. My Mother-in-Law is over 65 with some heart issues. Not that I should have to share our health history here, but not every stylist is safe to go and work with people who may not be taking any precautions or are posting pictures and updates with groups of friends, family, and neighbors outside their homes. If I choose not to open my salon suite for one person at a time because of these concerns, will I still be eligible for unemployment or any other offered relief in the future? * If I do cave and go in to do one client at a time so I don't lose my clients, my business, and become unable to make income or receive unemployment aid, my costs will HAVE to go up exponentially. How do I know this? Because my last week of work was one client at a time, with time in between to sterilize every surface, in addition to my tools, and allow to dry. I made around $50 in profit total for an 8 hour day.*My current prices don't sustain the inability to double book and an extra 25 minutes of unpaid time between each person to thoroughly sanitize. That time will have to be calculated and factored in as a cost to you. This also means I will not be able to offer any type of complimentary services until I am fully operational, so if you have won a holiday giveaway it will have to wait, if you use bad products at home and accidentally fade your color or toner in the first week, it will cost to fix and it won't be

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Pinellas	Healthcare	Many states are considering how to reopen the economy, including dental practices. As your constituent and a licensed dental hygienist, I am writing to encourage you to reinforce the importance of continuing to follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendation that dental facilities postpone elective procedures, surgeries, and non-urgent dental visits, and prioritize urgent and emergency visits and procedures now and for the coming several weeks. The dental team works in close proximity to the patient and utilizes handpieces that can generate aerosols or tiny particles and droplets from the patient's mouth that remain suspended in the air and pose a risk of infection to the dental team and other patients. I write to alert you to the need for and availability of appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) so dental hygienists and the entire dental team may safely and effectively provide care to patients. Dental offices should be limited to emergency, urgent procedures in accordance with CDC guidance. As you consider next steps in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, please ensure dental hygienists, the entire dental team, their families, and the patients they serve are as safe as can be.
Collier	General	Way too soon to open - wait until cases are way down please/
Orange	General	Why are retail stores closed. Why can I go to walmart and buy a pair of shoes,but not Foot Locker.Why can I buy clothes at Target, but not Macy's. Why can I buy a computer at Costco, but not Bestbuy. Why can I buy a BBQ grill at Home Depot, but not the store down the street which specializes in grills? What right does the government have to close millions of businesses based on fallacious models. Open everything now.
Wakulla	Food	I am a small business owner in Wakulla County I look all around and there are lines in the gas stations and piles of people in the grocery stores and dont understand the difference in that and dinning in a restaurant. Carry out is only about 20 percent of our sales. We are down 80 percent and can only employee 3 of our 16 employees. At this point our seniors will not have prom, senior trips, last walks or a graduation ceremony. It seems that we could allow the food establishments to reopen so the employees can get back to work. Most of them have not seen or heard from unemployment and we are out of excess funds. I think Floridians are smart enough to know their medical history and take what precautions they need to without being told. We need to get back to work and have faith over fear.
Charlotte	Recreation	I used to work teaching low income and elderly people fitness classes in government buildings. I can no longer do this. I can't get unemployment,but I could pivot to teaching in the outdoors with proper social distancing and support myself again with no help from the government. I would like the ability to do that again. We know from the DHSST's work that this is possible. Could we get guidance on how myself and other fitness professionals could safely do this? Added DHSST paper https://www.scribd.com/doc/456897616

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Broward	Healthcare	Do What The Doctors Tell You! Please follow the professional advice from our country's medical leadership currently advising and doing their best to guide our U.S. Government. And also follow the professional advice from our local medical professionals that guide Broward County and the City of Hollywood. No disrespect intended, but following advice from non-medical personnel may cause confusion, negative effects, and even unintended death to Hollywood residents. To be frank; don't take medical advice from a politician. Be a smart, responsible leadership and protect human life properly via medical professionals' guidance. Thank you and may God bless us all.
Hillsborough	Transportation	Depending on what type of job u do like me I transported disabled ppl to program I have more then 12 ppl in a van so how I'm supposed to have distance on the van
Orange	General	In my opinion, Governor DeSantis, Florida is not yet ready to re-open. We have a large community of elderly individuals in the at-risk group for COVID-19 and I believe, even in areas where a younger, less at-risk population lives, that re-opening activities and businesses where people can congregate will lead to an increase in the virality of this disease. I do, however, believe that the state of Florida can not stay shut down much longer because most of our state thrives on tourism and events. I think staying shut down for the month of May and re-opening on June 1st is a fair and safe compromise for residents of the state, both left-leaning and right-leaning individuals. It's disheartening that even a pandemic is now a partisan issue but I truly believe if we are to keep our communities safe and healthy for the foreseeable future. Thank you for taking the time to ask for our opinions on this matter, and may God bless you.

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Brevard	General	Food establishments should require masks/ face coverings when actually serving food. Not when taking orders but when handling cookin and preping. Social distancing requorements should ne enforced in all workplaces. If not capable the masks should be worn and empoyers to maintain hand sanitizer/ fully stocked hand washing areas in restrooms. General public areas should be restricted to the amount of occupants allowed. Matatical equation can be done using the fire marshals occupancy guidlines. Comprehensive guidence county by county on employees return to work practices after being out sick. Will employers require covid testing? Or can employer make dicisions nased on guidlines. Require theme parks to offer/sell face coverings and gloves for visitors. Careful not to rip people off. Gloves and coverings from home should be allowed. Hand wash stations should be plentiful at the parks also Temperature checks on all inbound flights from out of state. Snow bird policy should be addressed before fall weather. Health department should work with daycare facilities in order to help parents who can not work from home. This maybe more dificult but you could limit number of children and sanitizing schedules of rooms used at the facility.
Hillsborough	General	We have not had a decline we should extend social distance until end of May.
Pinellas	General	Please wait to start reopening Florida until the end of May. Reopening should be done slowly. Require all people to wear masks. Public education should not reopen until the end of the summer, only if data shows that data numbers of COVID have gone way down.
Lee	General	Open up the State!
Citrus	Recreation	Open the Withlacoochee Trail . Ask riders to wear masks, require social distancing.
St. Johns	Food	Would like restaurants to open, maybe until 10pm to help out the food service industry.
Lake	Tourism	It is time to carefully reopen the state. We need our jobs back. Ask people to wear a mask and take temperatures before entering the theme parks, restaurants, hotels, stores, etc... We are all adults and need to be able to make our own decisions. I appreciate the government's attempt to "protect" the people, my family has been home and out of work since March 14th with no unemployment compensation and we have been ready to go back to work. Not trying to be rude or disrespectful, just ready to go back to work to provide for my family.
Orange	Recreation	Please reopen Universal and Disney and it helps the economy and bringing money back to Florida and the pats are outside. Could this happen in May or June as Disney is still allowing people to book stating June.
Palm Beach	Healthcare	Please do NOT open dental offices to elective procedures such as dental cleanings! This is not good without rapid testing. Too dangerous for the dental hygienists!!

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Lee	Recreation	Think through your decision to open businesses, recreational areas, stadiums/arenas with precautions first and foremost. Open eateries slowly with restrictions on the seating and number of patrons allowed. For those who choose not to obey the rules, stiff fines (with no excuses) should be enforced. Prepare a major tv and internet campaign stressing the rules and consequences for not adhering to the laws.
Leon	General	Do not open up the state too fast. We need to ensure that there is a significant decrease in the number of cases and an increase in testing. There are still too many people not observing social distancing measures and not wearing masks; which puts Florida's aging workforce and retirees at risk.
Manatee	Government	I am NOT in favor of opening Florida! It is way too soon and to many lives will be lost. We have come this far and I say we wait until the right time down the road to open. All my neighbors have the same sentiments on this. Do not open Florida!
Miami-Dade	General	Only 1% of the state has COVID19. The whole point of the quarantine was to slow the spread. After a month (month and a half for most).. we have done what we came for and its now time to start opening outdoor activities, including beaches. We also need to save our restaurants and hotels and other small businesses and begin opening up. Those at high risk will need to stay home and keep caution but the rest of the population should be able to get back to work.
Hillsborough	General	I think we are adults and should be able to decide if we want to go to the gym or out to eat and even to a bar. I believe it should be up to the business to decide if they are comfortable opening up or not. I think the public can make up their minds if they will go to those businesses or stay home. I think you should leave it to the public to make up their own minds up and let them decide what and where they want to go. If the public isn't comfortable going to a certain business that business will see that very quickly and have to make the decision to stay open or close. Ultimately if you leave it to the public they will make up there own mods and dictate what businesses should be open.
Miami-Dade	General	I thought this was a portal for providing thoughts on how to reopen the state; however I could only select "general" from the drop down. With that said, U implore you to keep the entire state shut down at least until June 1, 2020. At that time, let's reassess based on testing availability and testing results and data. I know it hurts but too much us at stake to go backwards now. I do not know one single person who is willing to chance going out to hairdressers, nail techs, barbers. Let alone sitting down in restaurants. Do not even think about theaters, malls, concerts or sporting activities. Those will not come back until next year and only if the wurst is behind us. Are you willing to send your family out into the masses. I don't think so. Concentrate on getting people their unemployment checks. Thank you. I hope someone reads this.
Pinellas	Recreation	I feel reopening the parks and beaches may still be premature. Yes, the Spring Breakers are gone, but there are so many Air BNBs around and they people that come to rent come from all around the world. Just a little too scary yet.

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Sarasota	Healthcare	Please don't open things up now. We've gone this far and rushing the reopening so soon will make that in vain. PLEASE!!!
Broward	General	Get Florida back to work! End the shutdown NOW!
Seminole	General	I'm an artist who travel selling her art at art festivals and it's how I supported my family and I need the state to reopen so that I can continue to do so
Volusia	General	Good Afternoon, I definitely think it's time to open some things. I think all state parks and recreational areas are open to the public, including camping. I think most retail stores should open with limitations on people in the stores. Restaurants and Bars should remain closed, along with schools, child care facilities, gyms, movie theaters, spa and hair salons should remain closed 2 additional weeks.
Highlands	Healthcare	No opening should be happening until the number of people getting and dying of Covid-19 is way down for weeks. Who cares about money if your family member or friend could die. I live in Trumpville and I know many people are not serious about this Virus being a serious threat to all of us. My son can't touch or be near his father because his dad has a part time job doing maintenance in a rehabilitation facility. He wears a mask all day and sometimes gloves. He says there have been no cases there yet. Everyone should be wearing masks and it should be mandatory. The President should be modeling it. It's obvious he doesn't believe Covid-19 is a serious problem. I've spoken with three people who think the media has blown it out of proportion. The media hasn't been as strong as the major scientific communities. Goodness, Trump had multiple rallies while the Virus was killing people! Keep businesses, except essential ones, closed. No, Governor DeSantis, WWE and WWF are NOT essential businesses as bowling allies, cosmologists, massage parlour, and restaurants are NOT essential businesses. Keep things closed until a vaccine is found. Don't be stupid. Use rational thought and scientific and medical advice. If school is opened my child will not be in the Covid-19 laden crowd. His life is more important than school. It's a stupid to start school without a vaccine available. Listen mini Trump, I'm not usually a name caller but Trump has taught me well. Please stop thinking about getting money and power for yourself and stop listening to people who don't know how to reason well and do the right thing to keep people ALIVE!
Manatee	Education	We do not think Florida should open on May 1st. Once you do that people will get lazy on stopping the spread. People will feel everything is back to somewhat normal circumstances. It puts people myself included at risk because I have an underlying condition. I feel we should still be doing due diligence with regards to the spread. Lives are more important.
Hillsborough	General	People need to get back to work! Reopen BUT keep social distancing in place...limit capacity on things like restaurants etc. our local small businesses are suffering - some may never recover. Retailers can offer curbside if they choose and also social distance. This can be done if it's done smart and with precaution but we need to start recovering our local economies!

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Osceola	General	Testing of the FL population needs to be done and with quick results so we can figure out who has the virus vs. not. With so many people being asymptomatic or having very mild symptoms how can we know who is spreading it and where without test results? Someone with even mild symptoms may decide not to go to a doctor or get tested for a number of reasons. But now that person could actually be someone with the virus walking around town infecting others! How are we ever going to stop the spread without knowing who is spreading it?! We are just going to keep reinfecting each other. Especially if it is still unknown if one can develop immunity or not. We need to have a decreasing number of new cases for multiple days as well before considering loosing restrictions. We should definitely listen to the medical experts advice! After all, they are the experts on medical/science matters. Once we are able to consider reopening some things, we still need to have some type of restrictions in place. We can't afford to attract guests to our state right now unfortunately. Opening the state for business is certainly going to attract people here from other states. Who doesn't want to come to FL especially if their home state is still under stay at home orders? We already saw that with New Yorkers and others from New Jersey that came running down here to escape their states when they were under stay at home orders first. We don't need to add more people to our already large population especially if they may have the virus and may not have been tested. Agreed that business needs to get back to some sort of new normal as soon as possible. If we loosen restrictions too soon things will just blow up in our face and we'll end up worse off than we are already! We'd end up with even more sick, more dead and a longer period of stay at home orders. And EVEN MORE money lost!
Lee	Healthcare	Thank you for all your efforts. While I'm concerned about the economy I believe that opening up the marketplace in the time of pandemic requires great caution. I would like to see businesses open with stringent guidelines. For example; restaurants open with tables 10 feet apart, servers wearing masks, all staff regularly tested, no close quarters for staff and customers. I know the businesses will suffer but I for one would be willing to pay more to support these accommodations.
Palm Beach	Healthcare	,I strongly believe that Florida should NOT reopen recreational activities and relax our individual vigilance at this time. We have just begun to see the numbers diminish, and it has not been consistent or obvious that we are significantly improving. LIVES MATTER! Take more time, no matter how long and then reopen our beautiful state. People will not come if they are fearful. We will see the economy surge when fear is gone. Our country, our government, help keep people alive and we will never regret the decision. Rosalie Pollak

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Citrus	General	I am an active person, my wife and I love to walk State Park Trails and we are annual members of Disney and Universal. I am having a hard time saying this, but the "stay at home" directives must remain as originally directed by Governor DeSantis. I have personally observed people are not wearing masks nor using gloves while food shopping, they get on lines without proper distancing and they still get together at their homes. The beaches in Florida were terrible last month and required police enforcement, now people meet on islands or sand banks with their boats to party with others. At this time Florida is still too vulnerable in this epidemic and people need to be forced to heed the medical advice and guidelines for this virus.
Orange	General	Thank you for all your efforts, Governor DeSantis. I agree with re-opening in a smart & slow pace; after going through this surreal pandemic & the current life changes. Thus, the Stay-at-home can be lifted (for everyone) & stay that way. A do over would be so much worse, on all levels. As long as Unemployed Floridians are able to receive income (Unemployment & other Assistance); they will be more patient & not be angry.
Brevard	General	I strongly feel the state of Florida should not re-open until there is wide spread testing. We need to know how many have or had the virus.
Hendry	General	My husband and I strongly believe we should open everything back up. Our economy has been decimated for political reasons. The numbers have been all over the board and unreliable. I believe many are just flat out false and exaggerated to push an agenda. Sun kills it and we live in the sunshine state, it's a no brainer. We understand the incredible pressure you must have been under to shut down, but were very disappointed in your decision to do so. OPEN THIS STATE BACK UP!!!!!
Pinellas	Information	https://www.facebook.com/124538510989702/posts/2884967008280158/ Common sense has apparently gone out the window. After reading this, I couldn't agree more. I believe people not only need to be outside not only for their physical health but also for their emotional and mental well-being. It is time. People need to feel some sense of normalcy and return back to work. If not, continuing to keep the economy closed, even for a few more weeks..... I see a state which depends so much on our tourism industry being unable to recover for many many years amongst many other issues of course. It is time to reopen Florida's economy. Elizabeth
Duval	General	I absolutely do not think you should reopen Florida! We are in Jacksonville where the beaches were overrun the first day not only with residents but people who drive from other states. We didn't spend 6 weeks in quarantine to have it tuned by a bad decision.

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St. Johns	Professional Services	I am a tanning salon owner in St. Augustine . I have the cleanest salon in St. Augustine with one of the strictest cleaning guidelines you will find in our area for a tanning salon. Before Covid-19 we were already using hospital grade disinfectants. Our beds our cleaned by myself and trained staff as soon as a customer leaves the room. They HAVE to be cleaned within 12 min or the bed has to go through a very thorough sanitation process. Once we got the notice of covid-19, I increased our diligence in cleaning, implemented the 6 ft social distancing for our customers and staff. I truly believe I can be beneficial to help kill the virus within m y customer base who ran on a regular basis. I will require my staff to wear a mask and we will continue to go above and beyond to give our customers a safe and clean environment to patron. I only have 11 beds total in my salon and each tanning bed is in a separate closed off room. We have never had more than 4 people in our lobby before we closed down for the virus and we will continue to practice social distancing once we can reopen. If that means customers will wait in their cars if there isn't a bed available for them to use, them that's what we will do to ensure everyone's safety. Anything a customer can touch, my staff and I are wiping it down with our disinfectant. For example: counters, key pad, pens, door handles, stools, chairs and the bathroom is cleaned and wiped down after every use. I want to reopen and my customers are reaching out to me daily begging me to open. This also includes nurses and CNAs.
Osceola	Real Estate	I highly agree with reopening the state due to economic loss. I feel that if we continue to remain shut down the economy as a whole will be directly affect in a negative way. Im a realtor and it is a struggle to perform certain services virtually. I do it funny how WWE is considered essential business and real estate not. Reopen the state, its our best shot right now.
Pinellas	General	Please wait to start reopening Florida until the end of May. Reopening should be done slowly. Require all people to wear masks. Public education should not reopen until the end of the summer, only if data shows that data numbers of COVID have gone way down.
Sarasota	General	When you open the State House and County Offices you shouldn't be opening businesses.. Unless you test every person going back to work, you won't see me supporting you in the future. Stop following Trump and listen to your health officials.

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Lee	General	I am one of the fortunate ones. I have been able to keep my job and work from home. Others are not so fortunate, and I worry about our state, our country and our economy. However, I am more concerned about the possibility of lives lost due to COVID-19. It is my opinion that it is too soon to make blanket reopening decisions. We don't have enough data to analyze. We simply don't have enough information at this time. Florida delayed its recommended closures and seems to be rushing to reopen. I think time will tell what the right course of action is, if we can be level-headed about what should be our first priority: the lives of others. I fear a rush to reopen will be detrimental to the lives of so many. Please proceed with utmost caution. Thank you.
Miami-Dade	Transportation	As a Floridan resident I would like to give my opinion but in this moment I am going to write in Spanish because it is my mother tongue. Creo que todos estamos deseando regresar a nuestra vida normal, pero sin el peligro latente del contagio, sobre todo los que hemos sido respetuosos de las orientaciones de las autoridades. Desgraciadamente muchos ciudadanos no hacen lo mismo, por eso creemos que es prematuro aún la re-apertura en el condado de Miami Dade que es el más afectado en el Estado de La Florida. No creo que todo el transporte público tiene las condiciones creadas para el distanciamiento social, específicamente los trolleys que tienen una sola puerta de entrada y salida, muy cercana al driver y gran cantidad de público en ciertos horarios. Gracias por la oportunidad de dar nuestra opinión.
Palm Beach	General	Why are you purposely skewing the number of deaths from covid by disregarding non residents? If someone Anyone dies here in this state from covid THATS to be counted. You are lying to the public to appease trump. You will get more of us killed by opening the state too soon. The next wave is coming. Look up Spanish flu. It didn't end well
Brevard	Healthcare	Opening up dental beyond emergencies is irresponsible to all involved.
Palm Beach	Government	As a task force in deciding on the right decision to relax the rules & re-open the State there is no qualified Epidemiologist or Scientist guiding you. Since this all began we have been consistently lied to & slow to respond due to the POTUS & the GOP calling it a hoax. This I'm sure is responsible for the deaths of our citizens. It is time to put money and politics aside & do what's right for the citizens. Our elected politicians took an oath to protect & represent every citizen. We trust that the right decisions would be made including during a pandemic. The specialists are advising we need rapid reliable mass testing with tracing. We also need a solid supply of PPE to our healthcare workers. Most importantly EDUCATION of the general public on blood borne pathogens and how to not spread any deadly virus. We must remain diligent of keeping isolation in place until we have proper precautions in place!

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Volusia	Tourism	The Honorable Ron Desantis Governor The State of Florida Dear Governor Desantis & Task Force Members I am hereby requesting that you direct FWC to deem the for- hire recreational fishing industry an "essential business. As you know, the for-hire recreational fishing industry in the state of Florida is a vital part of our tourism and local economy. Hundreds of charter and party boat captains have been tied to the dock for the past several weeks and have already missed out on prime fishing days for their customers this early spring season. Making matters worse, these captains -as small business owners- most are not eligible for traditional Unemployment insurance, and for those who have been able to apply for Pandemic Unemployment assistance, their claims are still under review. Similarly they have been unable to-or have been disqualified from (through no fault of their own) - applying for any of the various loan programs available through the Small Business Administration. Simply put, with no income for weeks we risk losing our for- hire recreational fishing industry in the great state of Florida forever if we do not develop a realistic plan to get these boats back on the water. The current model is unsustainable. Starting May 1st is the opening day of Grouper fishing, as you are well aware our fisheries have had many years of regulations that has affected us to no prevail. As many floridians are avid outdoors people, you know that these boats are professionally operated following the highest health and safety standards. Not only are they cleaned thoroughly before during and after each trip, many customers regularly wear gloves while on the water. With respect to our social distancing initiatives which have proven to be successful I am confident our party boat captains which often carry large groups of #50 plus anglers would be willing to temporarily decrease and limit on-board capacity to a much lower number to further insure customer safety. The current guidelines call for 10 passengers including crew but unfortunately this current amount of passengers does not cover expenses including fuel bait and staff. Lastly I know we all care about maintaining mental health and strong family units during these trying times. As the weather continues to get nicer I can think of no better recreational activity than practicing safe fishing in the state of
Miami-Dade	Information	I would like some information on when I can get my hair cut??I don't have long hair. I can't wear a mask when getting a hair cut. I think hair dressers could wear masks and gloves. Also that is so silly the mayor of Dade County stating manicurists should have plexi glass between them and patron. That is total impossible. Massaging hands and arms is relaxing. I only get my nails cleaned up not painted. You can't move around with plexi glass in your face with a small hole it, whole hand is taken care of. Same with toenails. So we have to wait a year to get all of this done? Till there is a vaccine? Manicurists were already wearing gloves and sterilizing instruments . No plexi glass. Also when will the National Guard come to my CCRC for testing will they test independent or only assistant living, skilled nursing and long term care? Who is a carrier could we find out? When will Fairchild and the Zoo reopen? Fairchild does not have crowds. Thank you

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Orange	General	We should not be reopening the state right now. The number of new cases is too high. Opening now to save the economy will only hurt it worse later when we have a resurgence and have to close all over again. Make sure you use healthcare experts as part of the decision making process.
Marion	Healthcare	We need to stay safe, practicing the guidelines set. Dentist offices should be allowed to reopen. They work under sanitary conditions as a rule. As far as all other businesses, I believe if we relax the guidelines, people will return to normal behavior and undo all we have worked so hard achieve.
Lee	General	Don't open until the virus is under control. Protect those of us in charge of protecting the community.
Alachua	General	I am in full support of opening back up businesses. Even if it's with limited capacity.
Broward	Tourism	Our state is dependent upon tourism. We need to slowly open things up and allowing people to go outside. We slowed the curve and it's time for the next steps. Please open the beaches. I see people all over the rest of the country being able to go outside and we have nowhere!!
Manatee	Healthcare	we are not ready to reopen florida. Use the safe system in place, til the numbers of those inflicted with the virus goes way down for a long period of time.
Bay	Government	I am seeking answers to who is responsible and of course who enforces the no short term lease rentals in the state of Florida. Governor has set no short term lease rentals and yet some owners are renting. I live in Long Beach Resort, Panama City Beach, and write down the hall for me we have an owner who has rented the last two weeks. The police of been called and they said they do not enforce this law. Our HOA and Securty are doing the right thing but no one else is. Im told Department of Business and Professional Regulation. are responsible for dealing with these renters who are renting. Please give these people the power to evict these renters. Slapping them on a wrist and warning them does absolutely nothing. I'm just wondering why the governor sets down state laws but does not provide any teeth to enforce them. Total lack of foresight. I am counting on the governor to protect it's citizens. Rich Hoffard
Palm Beach	General	Please don't open the state back up until the doctors and scientists say it's time. We don't want a second wave. That will just make it take longer to get back to some semblance of normalcy. Essential workers need hazard pay right now. Most don't have any other option but to be working right now, and they would stay home and be safer if they could. Since they can't, they should be properly compensated.

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Seminole	General	Dear Governor DeSantis, It's time to let our businesses get back to business. They are so many Floridians who have been devastated financially by this shutdown. I am one of them. Our economy cannot withstand another day of this, let alone another 2 weeks. We can social distance as necessary, but please do not hold our economy hostage for one more second. No one will be forced to go out if they choose not to. They can stay in their homes for as long as long as they want. But please, let the rest of go out and live our lives.
Brevard	Recreation	While I do not believe Florida should rush to open businesses, especially in hospitality, until we have the ability to test a large segment of our population and have protocols in place in businesses to minimize viral transfer, I do believe Florida should reopen its large scale open space public lands for resident day use. People need nature for their mental and physical health. All state paved trails, preserves, and other large scale water management and wildlife management lands with minimal facilities and multiple entry points should be available for day use, along with county natural lands without facilities where crowds may gather.
Hillsborough	Education	Please see the attached file which is a letter addressed to the Governor.
Collier	General	Do not re-open Florida! We are not ready.
Duval	Government	Governor DeSantis, I am amazed how fast our Republic's Civil Liberties have been taken away. I have listened to you, our President, and hundreds of experts about the COVID 19, and all seem to have different opinions on this Virus except; the washing of our hands with soap, and water. I in no way would want to be the family member that had a family member die, and couldn't say their goodbyes but I do feel it is time to re-evaluate the percent of Floridians that are slowly dying do to stress from the overstep of our Civil Liberties given to us by our forefathers in the Bill of Rights. You may soon see more "Vulnerable" individuals. For the economy to run you need healthy individuals to work. Healthy individuals create healthy families. I just had my 69th birthday and am blessed to have been born in to this exceptional country. Please treat us Floridians like the intelligent common sense hardworking people we are. Please read this and rethink opening Florida to the Freedoms due to us. very Respectfully, Linda S. Dyer lindaddyer49@hotmail.com

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Okaloosa	Accommodation	Please wait to open short term vacation rentals. Only 584 of 74,000 have been tested in Walton. We have very small hospitals AND workforce, lots of out of town tourists from hot spots drive to our area & a flare up would be devastating. Also my Musckogee Creek Indian Tribe relatives live in Walton/Holmes/Washington are vulnerable as a race. I clean condo's for a living in Walton/Okaloosa and I can tell you 80% of vacationers do not care about us or our town. Maybe we could wait til May 15th-30th...it would be good to see how having the beaches open goes. Spring Break was HORRID. Residence don't have confidence Walton's 35 case count is even right because they refused to test, so folks are going to Okaloosa/Bay/Escambia. it is unclear if those folks are ACTUALLY being counted in Walton. Like people that work at the Blackwater Jail live in Walton and had issues getting tested. Also I had to clean a condo after people who fled here from Italy.
St. Lucie	Retail	I am a store manager for a nonessential retail store. I do not feel we should open. We can Sanitize shopping carts, credit card pin pads ect but there is not way to sanitize our merchandise. We carry household nonessential goods. The store gets extremely crowded on most days and at this time I do not feel it is safe to be placed in an environment that is nonessential. Grocery store workers are now testing positive for virus why would we risk more lives for nonessential goods? I believe it is just to soon. Thank you .
Hillsborough	Retail	I work for a Bank. I am really nervous about opening the lobbies again. We should at least operate through drive thru only till at least July. There is going to be another round of COVID and I feel it is going to be 10 times worse.
Volusia	Recreation	We need to reopen the state. There needs to balance between safety and the economy. Like trump said, the cure cannot be worse. And right now it is. Let people make their own choices about how to live their life. This is government overreach. I can make the best decision for me. I do not need to government to protect me. If anything, put protections in place to protect people's jobs who cannot return to work because it is too risk for them due to health issues.
Charlotte	Food	Extend the safer at home. As someone who works as a cook. I say that its too early. Better safe than sorry. If people were getting their unemployment checks no one would be pushing for this. I'd hate to see it open up only to be shutdown again when this spikes up. I know its hard not working right now i went from 50 plus hours a week to zero. But if i have to stay home a little longer for this to pass im willing if we rush back to soon and this pops back up all that we have done will be wasted
Lee	General	I think the state of Florida should ease into opening up by sections of the state that have positive tests and deaths decreasing, then opening the more dangerous sections of the state (example- Miami-Dade) later on once their numbers show a downward trend for the better.
Hillsborough	Food	Hell no not yet seting yourself up for failure, lawsuits, and no reelection

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Lee	General	I believe it's time to let the healthy, not-at-risk population return to work and school. Large gatherings for such things as sports, entertainment or amusements should be canceled for to foreseeable future, to be reassessed In the fall. The elderly and at-risk population should continue to shelter in place and should get priority for testing and health resources. FYI, I am a registered nurse. Thanks for letting me voice an opinion.
Collier	Professional Services	Governor You need to ask the FDOH why there is a spike in numbers every Thursday and where those numbers are coming from? If you looked at an overall trend we have been declining in numbers absent the Thursday spikes. So why are we not reopening? In Collier County you are allowing mass unemployment be driven by .15% of cases per population. The number of deaths is even lower at .004%. This is the definition of the cure being worse that the virus. Reopen the State county by county as you have three or four problem counties that are continuing to make the rest of the state suffer. What Industries and how can be driven by your panel of experts but you need to start acting at this point. If you declare it will be another two weeks before we open consider yourself a 1 Term Governor.
Miami-Dade	Healthcare	No estoy de acuerdo en este momento, las personas ahun no han tomado la seriedad de la enfermedad, yo he estado trabajando desde mi casa y ya el lunes tengo que regresar somos 14 personas y cada escritorio está uno pegado al otro, hoy fui al supermercado y vi personas sin máscaras es demasiado riesgo ahun.
Pinellas	Education	Please do not reopen our state until the health EXPERTS say it is safe to do so. I am a mostly healthy 20-something-year-old but fear the havoc that COVID19 could wreak on me, my almost-70-year-old parents, and the medically-fragile students that I teach. If I become ill or worse, I would be unable to support my parents and my students, should they become ill. Because we DO NOT KNOW the status and statistical effect of asymptomatic people yet, it is inappropriate to reopen our state until accessible testing is widespread and can provide health experts better understanding of this status. Please wait until the health experts say it's okay to do so. If people are dying, there's no use to reopen the economy.
Collier	Healthcare	Please proceed with reopening businesses as usual. The harm that is being caused by the lockdown is greater than that of the virus. Allow indivuals to have personal liberty to choose how they would like to live their life. Those that are at risk should be encouraged to continue sheltering in place and antibody testing should be utized with those individuals. Healthcare Director of Operations
Broward	Government	ALL GOVERNMENT OFFICES SHOULD OPEN FIRST AS.A. "DRY RUN." EVERY CAREER SOURCE, DMV, CODE ENFORCEMENT-everything. Do a dry run and then go from there. ALL.STATE REPS.AND SENATORS SHOUKS BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC 8-5 FOR ONE WEEK.. Let everyone come to them personally with concerns and complaints. Then we can go from there.
Alachua	General	Please open back up the economy. We need things to get back to normal.

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Marion	General	We need to stay closed. Let Georgia be the test case. We will need to wait a month to see how Georgia is impacted. Though they need to do a better job on testing, as does Florida. Before we can consider opening we need more testing.
Lake	General	Would like to see the State open up gradually. Testing needs to be ramped up. I feel not enough of the population of Florida has been tested and truthfully I don't even know where to go in Lake County. All places that would draw large crowds should remain closed until more people have been tested and our numbers start to go fine. Also I feel people coming from the hot zones in the country should not be flicking down to Florida at this time. We are a family of 7 and all five of my children are nit working and two is them can't collect a dime because they are self employed. One if them ya divorced and has two little kids so the stress on her is immense. Hospitals should be able to do fine surgeries and people need to feel safe when they go anywhere. More testing less anxiety fur the state to gradually open up. Also if a person was ill earlier with a respiratory where can they be tested to see if they did gVe the virus earlier.
Jefferson	General	It is time to push the decision making down to the local government level based on their progress and response to the virus. The shopping in the big box stores is basically unregulated yet the small businesses in rural areas are shut down. The little stores would provide a much safer atmosphere than the bigger stores, Elderly women need to be able to go to a hair Solon to get their hair and head washed. Many depend on this service for personal hygiene as they can no longer do it theirselves. This can be done by appointment only and time between appointments to snatize theworkmares. The state should support counties and cities but not dictate to them. The elected politicians are the ones who should be held accountable for opening or keeping their areas closed. It makes absolutely no sense to have liquor stores open and othe small businesses closed. People can still stay home if they chose no can social distance . Government is killing the small shop owners who have invested what may be their savings in the hope of doing business only to be treated unfairly bu their government allowing the big guys to sell any thing not just essential items. This is taking these small shops to the end of their capability to survive. The state is diverse and needs to be opened the state pass the decision making responsibility to the local levels to open their businesses and services.

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Leon	General	Opening everything is a must due to no income for everyone. I believe most people will abide by the rules. My concern is all the ones not following recommendations by the Government. Lots of people walking around without mask. Not following the one way lane directions in stores. I also see a lot of people hanging out together & on the water. Which is fine if they all live together. But I see some going to work everyday (which I understand no income) except I have been only going to essential errands & home. I have a 18 year old who lost his job & I am in service industry. We were broken last year due to losing everything after Hurricane Michael. Now we are barely surviving & scared of going back to work & catching this virus. No unemployment response yet for either of us. So if there is a way to charge people who aren't complying or refuse service if they don't comply. That would help. People are panicking because no income. Hopefully funds will come soon before we are homeless. We must work & be responsible for all man kind. Thank you. I know this isn't easy. God bless
Volusia	General	Even though it may not be considered essential, chiropractors and massage therapy is necessary when you have back injuries and or other muscle injuries that are required to stay healthy and active. Liquor stores seem to be necessary but yet medical care to alleviate pain and discomfort is not. Let's start looking at what is essential for health, mental health, and every day quality of life
Hernando	General	Wait for scientists to decide when to reopen the state due to coronavirus. Otherwise, we'll keep spreading it and it'll take longer for this crisis to end.
Miami-Dade	General	The economy has to reopen otherwise we'll be bankrupt soon. However it has to be done escalated and by people keeping safe measures and social distancing.
Pinellas	General	Please do not rush to reopen the state. If you do, lives will be sacrificed all because of money. Our large, vulnerable senior population is at significant risk. Throwing the doors open to travelers beyond our borders will cause the virus to spread dangerously. This is foolish and could cause the state to face overwhelming losses as hospitalizations and deaths increase. If Florida opens too soon, we will all pay a terrible price. As a state this could be crippling for years to come. Save lives. Safer at home.
Lee	General	My thoughts on reopening Florida. I think it is a little soon to open public establishments. Florida is a popular destination state. I fear by opening too soon will attract too many out of state visitors and we will have a new influx of covid 19. Our stores are not stocked with protective items ie; face mask, hand sanitizer, disinfectants, alcohol to make sanitizer. Too many people will have to return back to the working without proper protection. Please consider waiting until every Floridian has proper access to protective measures.
Broward	General	I do not think the stay at home order should be lifted on April 30th for Palm Beach, Broward or Dade county. We will end up being closed longer if we re-open too soon.

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Collier	General	Please re-open Florida! I understand that we had to shut it down because we didn't have enough data. Bur now we do. The data is not substantial enough for closing down the entire economy. In order to resist this virus we have to build herd immunity. Staying home we are only weakening our immune system, exactly the one that we need to strengthen. We can focus our efforts on protecting the weak, but not on weakening the healthy. Thank you very much! Cordially, Cosmina Lemoine
Hillsborough	Healthcare	Hi, I am an RDH in Hillsborough county. My biggest concern is PPE. Do we need an n95 mask? Are level 3 masks sufficient? Do we need face shields or disposable gowns? I think the minimal amount of PPE for this time should be mandated so we are all on the same page. A member of the public should be able to walk into any clinic and see the same level of care during this pandemic. And finally, If we should become ill as a result of working in a high risk environment, I was wondering if this will fall under worker's compensation? I think that is something that should be addressed since in our field many do not have healthcare coverage. Thank you
Pasco	General	Open up Florida all the way! Now!!!
Pinellas	General	I am a college student at Florida State University, and like many of my fellow college students, I am struggling to find a job now that I have been forced out of my school and back home for four months. This is not as much of a suggestion as I do not believe I have the experience necessary to make one, but more of a plea to do your best to open the economy quickly. I must find a job soon to be able to support myself next year, and if the economy remains closed I will not be able to do that. The stay at home order that is in place has also had negative consequences on the mental health of myself and my peers. I understand that it was put in place to flatten the curve, but now that the curve is flattened I do not see a problem with being in public among my friends while wearing a mask and practicing good hygiene.
Pinellas	Recreation	One way to open public libraries and gyms is to designate areas separated by six feet and have people allowed to come in to get/renew books or work at the computers, etc. Gyms can have sign-up sheets where people can sign up for specific equipment, labeled at six feet apart for a half-hour, to be cleaned thoroughly before and after use by the user. Personal service businesses can also open to restricted business using a sign-up method also. All of this until we finally get everyone tested/vaccinated/inoculated with antibody serum, etd.

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Hillsborough	Manufacturing	it essential to go to work nowhere to receive unemployment check and stimulus check over 5th week since everyone got their benefits I get nothing to get food for me social distance work every station skip one and coming to work check temperature and necessary masks during work splitting shift break group 10 depending however many work at companies some can work from home splitting up in warehouse halfway I can't getting benefits at all it risky to waiting for eat healthy worker go work if someone doesn't want work stay home or refused mask send them home follow rules masks and temperature how long out of working and receive no benefits at all for some reason I didn't get nothing while half of Florida people receive no problem no one replied to me
Pinellas	Healthcare	It seems that we have been given the green light to return slowly and safely to normal. One area Is seldom discussed and that it the opening of the Churches. This is very important to many people. The stores are marking the 6 ft. spaces for safety. This plan can also be applied to Churches. They can mark the benches 6 ft. apart. Masks may be used for more protection. Please consider these ideas as a possibility for people to get to Church again and we will be sure to pray for the end of this epidemic. Sencerely, Catherine Mandalinich
Flagler	Education	Please do not re-open Florida until this pandemic is passed. Keep us safe. Our lives are in your hands. Ty
St. Johns	Government	I would rather suffer longer than have a chance of more people dying
Leon	General	Until there is a vaccine, no one is safe from this virus. All reputable health experts say it will continue to work its way through the population until there's a cure. Social distancing is the only way to guarantee that we keep hospitals from being overwhelmed so people can get adequate care. The reason that Florida hasn't been overwhelmed is because distancing is working. Any business that opens before there is a cure is killing people. So far, the rush to reopen is coming from business interests who do not value human life. It's immoral to assign a dollar value on people, which is what the push to prematurely reopen is doing. Our government (in theory) is put in place by citizens and should work for the public good. Considering that the makeup of the reopening committee is so business heavy, it's clear that the Governor is willing to sacrifice human lives to help them make a buck. It's shameful, immoral, and not Christian. This pandemic should make Florida rethink how heavily it relies on tourism to fund everything. Our state is beautiful and people will want to return, but it's going to be a long time. Tourism is too fickle to rely on wholesale. We need to look at more stable sources of tax revenue and start with requiring corporations and large businesses to pay their fair share. If they want to sacrifice our lives for their bottom line, they should have to pay for it.

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Lee	General	I request we open all business on or before may 1. we are now allowing 90% of our population to funnel into a handful of stores. this makes no sense. Are we trying to stop the spread of this virus? we will be locked down until the economy is destroyed..The so called essential workers have found a way to work safely i am sure the rest of us could also . Ninety Eight percent of people infected with this virus either did not know or thought they had a cold. The other two percent had underlying medical conditions which caused in some cases death. If we are to confine anyone it should be only the two percent. We cannot let the cure kill us.
Lake	Professional Services	As a receptionist at a Salon in Windermere, I am begging that you do not open the state. I can put up with meager unemployment benefits, and the non-existent (for me) help from the federal stimulus bill, but I absolutely can not put up with the risks that going back to work at a salon will put me and my family through. I've seen a few reports of the task force calling salons and barbershops low risk businesses to reopen, and I can not stress how untrue that is. Salons may be less risky than Disney, but that doesn't mean they are low risk. I know if you decide to reopen the state, the owner of the salon will reopen, and I will have to choose between my safety and having a job... I would give a lot to not have to make this choice, especially when I know it will effect those aforementioned unemployment benefits and would inevitably leave me with nothing but my health. Please do not reopen the state until we are sure that the worst is long gone.
Pinellas	Government	Sir or Ma'am, there should be no talk about reopening until all emergency responses are completed to include National Guard. If there is a need to have people deployed all over the state that should be a good indicator that we are not ready to open.

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Pinellas	Retail	As a small business owner for nearly 30 years in Florida, my struggles and hard work from scratch with sweat, blood and cancer to arrive to thrive in beauty supply retail store (which is not the same as skincare service or salon, rather it sells retail personal care products on shelves to customers just as Walmart or Walgreen; and the Governor and Pinellas County commissioners ordered my retail store to shut down without any option for curbside or pickup. Inconsistency in decisions made in COVID19 crisis for many retailers are clear: neighboring Hillsborough county with more cases of COVID19 let similar business operate, Pasco county let the similar business have curbside pickup and Jacksonville changed to essential for the same businesses. Economic impact is devastating for me since landlord is not flexible, expenses are still there, suppliers payment is all on hold, and SBA PPP payment assistance, not a dime yet, as we all know... If this forced hold on nonessential retailer as the state categorize goes pass May 1 to unable to open for business, it will bring my business to ground and struggle to survive. I was doing well with business responsibly following the safety measure by masks, gloves, and social distancing with no more than 10 people gathering and even installing clear barriers near register check out counters prior to shut down order. Yes, even small business owners can follow safety measures just as Walmart or Home Depot; Just give us the same leveling options. I am proud veteran, seen the both side of the sector, one receiving pay regardless and the private business only survives when open and working. Respectfully, let small businesses open with same measure you allowed big retail companies - let me support pay to my employees and taxes to the US government, sir.
Hillsborough	Government	It is time for Floridians to get back to work. Throughout the past weeks of COVID restrictions businesses deemed “essential” remained open. Floridians who patronized those businesses voluntarily engaged in social distancing, voluntarily followed CDC guidelines. With these businesses open, sometimes serving hundreds of people at a time, twelve hours a day, seven days a week, we have witnessed COVID numbers falling. The State of South Dakota never mandated a single business closed and are also seeing COVID numbers falling. These facts prove that Floridians are responsible people, who love their neighbors, and will CHOOSE to do the right thing. But we need our elected representatives to do the right thing; we need our businesses open now, not later.
Pinellas	General	I strongly believe Pinellas county & other parts of Florida need to begin reopening. I work at a dental office and since the executive order we have all been furloughed, thankfully we received the PPP funding. Our office can not wait to get back to seeing patients for elective procedures and hygiene cleanings as these lead to 90% of our revenue. Allowing retail stores, restaurants, salons to reopen will help bring our economy back! As citizens we are smart enough to take the health precautions when out in public and will obey social distancing rules! Our goal was to flatten the curve and that is exactly what has happened, time to get back to work & life!

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Broward	General	As a Floridian I am extremely concerned especially with the new information as far as people being Asymptomatic with the active virus. I truly believe this is something that needs a closer look before we take any advances on reopening. I am a Veteran and I have children this new information concerns me very much. Also all the food distributions are mainly Miami, as well as being mid morning I am homeschooling 3 children and a single parent. I cannot leave my children at 2am to get in line. Something needs to be done about this. Please EVERYONE deserves to be treated equally and I feel like I'm out in the cold because I do have children and all the distribution times are during remote learning. I'm trying my best but it seems to benefiting everyone but those that really need it.
Seminole	Recreation	Open publicly pools, parks.
Pinellas	General	Please save lives do not open too soon
Baker	General	I do not believe Florida should open everything but some things such as salons, barbers, and nail could open if they can prove they can keep customers safe and 6ft apart.
Broward	General	First concern is that parks, beaches, public areas are closed. These are areas where people can safely social distance and exercise. Especially for the amount of population. In condos/apartments where you do not have access to green space to be able to exercise. Seems like an overstep of the government when social distancing can easily be observed. Personally, people need to get back to work and do so on a safe way. You cannot cause an insanely high unemployment by closing businesses when the minority of the population has been impacted. 1 in 4 Americans are in a retail related position. We have to get them back to work in some safe capacity. The closure was meant to not overwhelm hospitals, not to completely solve the issue. We have prepared hospitals and not overwhelmed them. The time is now to begin the process of reopening to save the economy and well being of Floridians.

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Lake	General	My family joins the many who believe our society must immediately return our way of life to the pre-COVID era, with some very limited large-group exceptions. Yes, policies should be implemented to minimize COVID-19 widespread loss of life. But, exclusively due to the systemic and prolonged shutdown, there will also be many other: lives lost, business failures, quality of lives decimated, cases of clinical depression, American “visions” abandoned forever, and so many more adverse effects. I state this because it is a fact — and notwithstanding that my wife and I are seniors who some would consider members of a vulnerable group. To truly scientifically (versus arbitrarily) assess any absolutely-necessary exceptions to full reopening now, among other 21st century tools there are artificial intelligence algorithms that can be designed to optimally balance the two competing principles of: (1) minimizing widespread loss of life from COVID-19 and (2) other important — indeed essential— societal goals. Certainly, we can do better in this day and age than the one-dimensional and one-size-fits-all framework we are now under. The imbalance inherent in the present system is further frustrated by the fact that projections have been materially wrong, guidance has been misinformed or mis-communicated, and accountability regarding these missteps has been strikingly absent. In this regard, so many science-based questions have gone unanswered or unasked. Here are just a few: 1) What are the key assumptions of the models, and have they been sensitivity-tested? 2) Have the models been adequately peer-reviewed and retrospectively tested based on the data that have emerged? 3) What are the confidence intervals of the projected model output? 4) Exactly how has the CDC forecasts and decision-making deviated from the model projections and assumptions (before-the-fact), and exactly what was the science-based and medical-based criteria for the direction and magnitude of the deviations?
Osceola	Professional Services	using appropriate safety measures, Salons and barbershops should be allowed to reopen. As a senior, it is difficult for me to wash my own hair and certainly not cut it. If it means one client at a time, that would be oaky and I wouldn't mind paying a higher cost for the service.

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Sarasota	General	Hi, I'm 14 years old, and I go to Booker High School. I lived in Florida for 5 years going on and I love it. I hate to see this town struggle and people fighting over the virus. I am concerned with the way everyone is handling quarantine and how to fight the virus. I know I'm not a medical professional or educator but I think I speak for a lot of kids and adults when I say to please reopen the state. I'm scared I won't be able to go back to school in August and of the vaccine which I've heard people want to put a chip in. I think it's crazy, I know Desantis is a smart man because he's made many decisions that have saved us and I know he'll make the right decision with reopening the state slowly. I hope by July we will have everything opened up. It sounds crazy but I know we can do it. Our country can not survive a quarantine that long we will fall to another and even worse economic depression and that worries me. Rumors of another war don't seem as outlandish as they do now. I want to be able to see my friends and family again, go shopping and go to school. The online schooling is really hard for a lot people because there's just no motivation and it's hard to deal with the different tasks I feel I'm never in control with what I do. Even if it means wearing a mask everywhere I go with limited hours it's still better than nothing. For businesses small and large to flourish again after this economic drought would be impeccable. I know my opinion is probably insignificant but as a teenager living through this it feels like hell and no one is thinking straight. I hope you will consider my opinion and ideas and slowly reopen this beautiful state that more than 20 million people call home. Take care and God bless.
St. Johns	General	Feel it's too soon still to many people sick .
Brevard	Government	Although I may not offer any thoughts on as how the health of the State is, I will offer that if we are in this situation then we need to be patience and await the numbers to become back to pre-situation conditions. Opening the State before we see this happen could only put us in a place that we would have a much a harder time to return. America is built on small business, and I think a lot of people forget this. Those small businesses that will struggle to get out of this now, before we are clean, will have, if they even can, a much harder time returning if this pokes its head out again in 30-90-days. There is a lot of cost needed to re-open, although to use this cost now, only to have to do it again, will probably put most out of business. As far as the governmental agencies, they can continue to work from home, saving a lot of others which may not be able to, e.g., resultants, hair salons, etc. The agencies can continue to work from home without causing others to spread what might return... the small businesses. I commend what the governor has done with closing the state, and ask that he continue this until a time that our numbers are lower than when we started. I know he is in a tight spot, but this is best for not only Florida, but America. We are a tourist state. Open others to come in only increases the possibility of another out break. We need to wait it out! Thank you. Scott

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Orange	Education	I am writing my comments as a healthcare worker who has been treating patients and working at covid-19 testing sites. I am also the parent of a child in first grade. I am disappointed that schools will not be opening in some form, even a couple of weeks. Education and socialization are very important, and what children are receiving at home is inadequate and likely detrimental. School is also the main source of childcare for our family. My husband and I are both essential workers, and it makes it difficult to perform our work duties without childcare. When non-essential workers are able to return to work as well, what will they do for childcare? In order for our economy to start resuming, we need to be sure that options for childcare will be reopening, particularly summer camps, since school will be ending for the academic year. Thank you for reading my comments.
Pinellas	General	Dont open up! People are dying.
Pinellas	Recreation	Please open up public swimming pools for exercise. Lap swimming and training can be done safely in a well maintained, chlorinated pool. The City of St. Petersburg has full time certified,pool operators that keep the pool water quality in pristine condition and exceed health department guidelines. Please allow North Shore Aquatic Complex to reopen with social distancing, lap swimming for youth and adults. It's imperative for mental and physical health. Locker rooms can be restricted and rest rooms can be sanitized adequately between patrons. Lap swimming for all ages is an ESSENTIAL activity. No swim meets for awhile but please open now for exercise!!!
Escambia	Recreation	Need a haircut and go to YMCA and workout and loose these pounds I put on in the last month please
Leon	General	We have had only 2 deaths in Leon County. Let's open up. My husband is laid off and no money coming in. Unemployment is a mess. Not having any money for so many people is worse than the virus. The economy is going down fast and we have surpassed the 2008 recession. It's a necessity. The Dems would never have us open so they can try and hopefully have Trump lose the election. I know we have to wear masks and keep 6 ft. apart. But, we were in Walmart on fri and it was absolutely packed. What difference did this virus affect that business..none. People are trying their best but bottom line OPEN LEON COUNTY.
Hillsborough	Healthcare	As a dental professional, I beg you to extend non urgent dental procedures until at least 6/1. Dentistry is one of the leading occupations who are at a high risk of disease and virus. Currently there is a shortage of proper PPE. Dental professionals can not safely treat non emergency patients at this time. I find it completely irresponsible to do so and complete negligence to dental staff. Everyone needs to get back to work but it must be done in a safe manner. Thank you
Broward	General	It is still NOT safe for the state to reopen. The spread of Covid-19 can not be detected in people who do not present the illness. I do however, feel as though some recreational activities could be accomplished by keeping safe social distance as long as equipment is not commonly used.

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Volusia	Healthcare	IF you want to reopen the state...YOU MUST TEST MORE AGGRESSIVELY for those of us who had symptoms back in late Dec and early Jan. We plan to go to to the volusia county fair grounds on may 4th, but have little faith that they will have testing available . YOU MUST TEST FOR ANTIBODIES. I can tell you where we got it and when... both came down with it a day apart... mine was mild hers was fever chills and respiratory. ONILY place common was LA Fitness... I am O neg she is AB-.....STop testing usually and test for those that believe....along with our health providers that we already have had it.
Pinellas	Professional Services	As an immunocompromised hairdresser, I do not see how we can possibly open and social distance. There is obviously a shortage of all PPE for all medical personnel, so how on do you suggest we protect ourselves when people are literally in our faces all day? Not to mention it's still almost impossible to find sanitizing wipes anywhere. If you open salons up, we all have to pay rent again, which means we have to work whether we would like to or not. I did not beat cancer twice to die of stupid corona. As for the unemployment, did you think maybe you should just approve everyone so that they can at least start getting the federal, and then maybe deal with the state part later? I doubt too many people are trying to scam you for the $275. But if people had the $600 it might give you a little time and breathing room...just a thought...
Leon	General	I would like to see the state wait and see what happens in other the states that are starting to relax restrictions. Take advantage of seeing what does and what doesn't work for them. At the very minimum wait a couple more weeks before opening back up. I would also like to see testing for antibodies since people could have had the COVID19 and not known it.
St. Johns	Healthcare	North Florida ready to open gyms pools hair salons restaurants with distance rules
Brevard	Healthcare	I think we need to allow restaurants to open and let them seat tables 6-9 feet apart and to wash tables, chairs after every customer leaves... the waiters need to wear masks and even gloves and change the gloves after each is served. The other businesses also should be allowed to open with the same consideration.... Banks have been open from the beginning as have food stores and they did not start wearing masks or using shields until recently. So, I think all businesses should be given the same considerations. It is time to allow limited visitors to see patients in nursing homes and hospitals. Again, the visitors should wear masks but patients need their families and should never die alone.... It is time to open up the state and the country but we should all be encouraged to wear masks in closed areas and use hand sanitizer until we are able to wash with soap and water.... thank you. Millie Dunn
Orange	Government	Our county is still going up with cases. I think the beaches should be closed. The theme parks should remain closed . Be stricter on how many people enter the stores I went into a target today for items I needed, no social distancing looked like a regular Saturday afternoon so much people. If we actually practiced the percentage on how many people entered we wouldn't keep having so many cases. We will open soon but no In the next weeks still to soon. Cases have to drop

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Pasco	General	I have a hard time finding disinfectants to purchase for my house, where are these businesses going to get all the disinfectants they need to keep their customers safe after they run out?
Orange	General	Please reopen
Palm Beach	Recreation	Please open public boat ramps and keep sandbars closed. Please open beach access for exercise swimming,surfing, and walking. No group gatherings. Thank you!
Pinellas	Tourism	This is the area that makes our family of 4 feel the least safe. Travel particularly on airplanes where passengers SHARE cabin air Is a real concern. Supporting our local communities should be our main focus.
Wakulla	Government	As a previous Healthcare worker, and a family full of medical doctors and nurses, I feel the peak as yet to come, continuing to keep the state close for few more weeks will not allow the virus to Repeat itself, as we are continuing to see multiple new cases every day I feel as if the human cases will began to rise. We need more of a plan then just this new medicine that has came out, more knowledge on how to prevent the Society from risking themselves and exposing until there are other alternative.
Hillsborough	General	I think all restaurants should be opened. All beaches with limitations. All stores should reopen with limitations. We should get back to normal as soon as possible just with limitations. Clinics should start performing blood test to see who has the antibodies as soon as possible. We probably have more people who have had it and are fine.
Manatee	Food	Hello I write to you as a hospitality worker that has been doing a strict stay at home since I got laid off 3/18 from my restaurant job. I would love to get back to work however I work in a place that has outdoor seating and I am terrified to even go back to work in an outdoor area as well. We have a lot of employees that may have not have practiced stay at home as strict as I have and also I do not want to rush having customers come in that are not as mindful as I have been. Please please wait a few more weeks to open dining areas inside and out. I respect we all have to go back sooner than later but please for those of us that have worked so hard to be careful, mindful and have respect for others by isolating don't put me or anyone else in a situation that can wait a few more weeks. Grocery stores are not as over crowded as once they use to be so it really won't make that much of a difference. Don't forget employees hang around one another when in close outdoor areas as well just keep it closed for everyone's sake. Thank you!! Your doing a great job taking your time keeping us all safe so that we can return even stronger!
Miami-Dade	Healthcare	As a physician working in miami area I'm frankly concerned about the status of many patients going home waiting for semi elective procedures. It's time to open the healthcare for business the way we normally do.
Broward	General	Please open South Florida as soon as possible!!We are retired but have to support our son because he has no income now , please open so Florida ASAP! Thank you!

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Santa Rosa	General	I do not believe that one size fits all. Santa Rosa County. Is made up of a lot of small businesses. The people in this area are hurting. Small non chain restaurants and their employees need relief. Other small businesses in our area need relief. Please open State Parks for camping I can not see how social distancing would be a problem on the campsites. I think this would relieve a lot of mental anguish people are feeling I guess what I am trying to say is open back up our County/our State. We are a nation of free people Most people want to work and live their lives. Not be treated as children on restriction. This is a health crises It should not take our freedoms away. For those that are vulnerable let them do what is necessary to protect themselves. Let the others make their choices according to their lives.
Manatee	General	I call BS on the whole "people need to go to the beach" to get exercise and sunshine. They can open the damn front door and walk outside. Most people in the world don't have access to a beach and they seem to survive. Listen to the scientists - and oh yeah, maybe have someone who specializes in public health on the advisory panel. Stop kissing the ass of the president, Governor. I thought you showed some promise of reaching across the aisle - WRONG! You suck!
Seminole	Recreation	Reopen public pools and parks.
Franklin	General	I support starting the reopening process for the state, however, I believe it needs to be done in careful stages. Begin with the more unaffected counties, allowing stores and restaurants to reopen, adhering to social distancing rules. Require restaurants to operate at limited capacity, with 6 ft between tables. Same with stores. Limit capacity. Require the use of masks in public. Keep the epicenters locked down until their numbers are on the decline.

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Orange	Tourism	Hon. Gov. DeSantis, We are closely following your Task Force meetings assigned with reopening the Florida economy. Despite not having a vacation rental industry representative on the Task Force, we would like to respectfully ask that the vacation rental industry be allowed to reopen in May and resume operations in a limited capacity at the very minimum. We are a $31 billion dollar contributor annually to the hospitality economy throughout Florida. Prior to the Covid-19 pandemic our industry was creating 312 jobs per day. Today many of our industry employees are unemployed. We need to get back to work. Vacation rentals have implemented enhanced procedures to clean and sterilize homes using the most advanced techniques following CDC and EPA recommendations. Small businesses like those in the vacation rental industry have suffered enormously over the last 30 days and need to get back to work. Many have applied for CARES Act funding and still have not received approvals for funding and maybe never will. Many small businesses have been shut out of this program. We respectfully ask for you to reopen vacation rentals and allow Floridians the chance to get back to serving guests in the state's premier industry.
Hillsborough	General	Follow US recommendations for phased opening. Testing should be available for all and special Senior hours must be available until a Covid-19 vaccine is ready for the entire public.
Charlotte	Administrative	I have very little confidence in the governor and his ability to lead Florida. He was slow to accept and to react, and was politically motivated on how to react. His first ambition should be to the residents of Florida.
Leon	General	Please re-open Florida. If people don't want to go anywhere or do anything, they can stay home. The shut-down is a total disaster. The worst is the schools being closed. Kids need to be learning in the structured environment of schools. Kids aren't doing anything except playing outside in groups all day. They might as well be in school together. The state parks need to be open for recreation. Getting sunlight and exercise helps to prevent illness. Opening gyms, restaurants, bars, etc. might not be all that safe, but if someone doesn't want to take that risk, they don't have to. What is going to happen to the State budget if we don't re-open? Let's give people a chance to get back to work. Let us try to get back to a normal existence!!!
Polk	General	Creo que debemos esperar hasta el día 10 de mayo o un poco más es muy temprano para abrir hay que dar por lo menos unas dos semanas más a ver qué pasa con la pandemia ya hay muchos casos en Florida y no nos podemos confiar y entremos en la recurva .

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Sarasota	General	Please OPEN all of the state without additional lockdowns. Do NOT put this on the Mayors!! The Mayors say it is on you and then you say it is on them! PLEASE be the strong Govenor that we put our trust in when w elected you. The residents can make their own personal decisions if they choose to stay at home longer. We do NOT want to continue this "socialist" style of living. Thank you for all you do!!! Best Regards.
Brevard	Professional Services	I think it makes sense to start opening retail businesses and operate them on a limited number of patrons aloud inside. Same for movie theaters and restaurants. Face coverings should be worn by employees and suggested (but not required) by patrons. In regards to office space businesses, they should be required to maintain a certain number of people per square feet (equivalent to staying 15' away from other people). But, if the business is capable of continuing to work remotely, then they should be directed to do so. Any gathering of more than 50 people should not be allowed until June, then it should slowly increase every 3 weeks until we see how things go.
Broward	Professional Services	As a Hairstylist, it is impossible for me to maintain CDC recommendations on social distancing and do my job. I want to caution against letting salons reopen at this time. Especially as my area is highly affected (broward and palm beach where I work) and has a large elderly or at risk population. If you open the salons too soon I guarantee the elderly from this area will flock to the salons and it would become a hot spot for a surge in the spread of this virus. When you consider all the measures we would need to take to even begin to try to keep ourselves and the clients safe. Right now we can not get proper masks to protect ourselves as they are only available to medical proffesional (as they should be) so you would be putting the entire salon professional industry at risk by allowing them to reopen too soon. I believe they should not begin reopening till at least June. Please salons are not like restaurants or other non essential business where you can work and maintain social distancing do NOT group them in with those. I implore you to apply extra precautions with this area of buisness when you choose to let us re open.
Lee	General	OPEN, OPEN, OPEN!!! We are freedom loving Americans who are not willing to have our way of life taken away. We know we can social distance and do whatever, but, open our state, we can follow the rules.

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St. Johns	General	Governor, we do not keep people from cigarettes or other things that are known to cause death or severe illness - we just put a warning label on it and let them make their own choices. This media hyper panic has caused the government to overreach on our constitutional rights, and we need them back. Please reopen the ENTIRE state, and tell people that if they are concerned about their safety, they should take the advised precautions. but stop holding the rest of us hostage, while our finances fail.There are thousands upon thousands of us that have already had this virus and gotten over it prior to the country even knowing that it existed. Herd immunity is much better for our state than hiding out in our homes, letting our economy fail, and thinking that the virus is going to go away while we hide. In addition, closed spaces are much more likely to transmit the virus than going from place to place, especially outside in our sunny state. Plus, the longer we are closed, the more the evil Nancy Pelosi wins in her war on our great President.
Jackson	General	I think we should open back up and have the same rules we have when we go to the grocery stores. Social distancing and masks, washing hands, sanitizer. I'm 66 years old and I'm very careful everywhere I go.
Clay	Information	I FEEL CHURCHES SHOULD BE ABLE TO HOLD SERVICES AS LONG AS THEY PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCE. PEOPLE NEED THIS GUIDANCE DURING THIS TIME!
Orange	Healthcare	Lift ALL restrictions!!! This 'pandemic' is weak and not nearly as bad as the propagandist dictated. Are people getting it and sick? Yes, but not nearly to any levels that require any lockdowns, shutdowns, or curfews. This isn't any worse than the seasonal flu on that level. #ReOpenFlorida !!!
Pinellas	General	Like everyone else, I look forward to things being back to normal. However, I have a son with a respiratory illness and I do not want him to get sick. If we open up too soon we could cause another spike causing us to have to be locked down even longer. If we open up and allow people to gather in large groups too soon it could be bad. We need to think about the people this could kill. I worry about my small business friends. They are having a hard time, however opening too soon could cause more problems for them in the long run. Let's make sure we are in a good place with this, then and only then should we slowly start to do this, with the guidance of professionals who have studied how to do this.
Brevard	Healthcare	I believe the reopening of Florida must coincide with a greatly increased effort to test our State's population for the virus. To reopen without knowing who among us has been infected by CoV-19, isolating those that test positive and returning to work those who have survived the virus (and hopefully are immune) to work would, I believe, leave us open to a resurgence of the pandemic. Additionally, determining those who have had the virus and recovered would provide a source of antibody treatment for those who need help to recover from the illness. We know that social distancing has helped to contain the spread of the virus, so it also seems reasonable to consider opening business that could realistically maintain safe intervals between customers. From what I see from neighboring states, I don't think that beauty shops, barbers, tattoo parlors hardly fit the reasonable distance criteria.

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Volusia	General	I do not think that the restrictions should be lifed on April 30, 2020. There are too many careless people out there that think this whole situation is a joke. They have not stayed at home and they do not work. In and out all day long, touching others, not staying 6 feet apart. I watch the numbers daily in central Florida and they are still climbing. I am sure that they will go up drastically if the restrictions are removed. Too many people only care about themselves. Thank you. /s/ Linda V Marshall Former Health Care Provider
Orange	General	Hoping to fully re-open in 3-4 phases, as quickly and safely as possible. Health and safety is top priority, but the economy is also important. FL can do this!
Broward	General	It's too early to reopen. New cases are still too high. You need to reinforce the lock down as too many people are out and about Luke it's another day in the park. Please wait until June to consider opening any more businesses. We need to get a better handle on the situation
Seminole	Professional Services	We have been handicapped by the closing of our business. The reason is that Seminole county has issues a executive order that you are unable to have a business open and be within 6 feet of a customer. Our business is a hair salon. As you know in this profession that is not achievable. The executive order states that We are unable to open our business until this order is modified or state of emergency lifted. I dont feel that the state of emergency will be lifted anytime soon. We have applied for small business loan thru SBA.gov as soon as the care act was signed. We have now been told my application is not good due to website application process was outdated. I did not find out until 3 weeks later as instructed by SBA.gov by then all the payroll protection funds are gone. I have also filled for unemployment and still not received 1 dollar. I also have not received any stimulus funds. So without any government assistance as promised we are running out of money with a toddler at home. Also the hair business is also required by the health department to sanitize after every client. So you would be safer in my business than the super market, lowes , home depot etc. PLEASE HELP US OPEN OUR BUSINESS
Bay	Education	I believe we should reopen the state. I work for the schools but enough is enough. People need to get back to work and provide for their families and the state will not survive neither will the country if we don't PERIOD!! This making people wear mask is crap. People pass gas and your clothes don't hold it in so what makes you think a mask is going to prevent getting this virus if that is what it is?? It ain't unless you have one of the N95 which the general public does not. We can not contain this no more than the flu or common cold. So you might as well just open the state besides the flu doesn't survive in HOT months! This is Florida it's always 100+ in the shade! I don't believe there is a virus but that is my opinion. Open the state get back to normal. Thank you!!
Sarasota	General	Although I am very eager to get all back to work and resume normal activities, I have strong reservations about opening Florida up too soon. Think we should wait 14 days and evaluate the data. Staying in place a bit longer will save lives.

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Pinellas	General	Start with small businesses , beaches (limit 4 per group) and pools . i would hold off on restaurants and bars and outside events that attract a large crowd .
Polk	General	I hope Florida will extend the stay-at-home order and remain closed longer. I have only gone out in public for essential items (i.e. groceries), and am so frustrated by the number of people that aren't taking the health and safety guidelines seriously. Hardly anyone wears masks, people don't keep an appropriate social distance, etc. I know that our economy is struggling, but if people aren't going to take these basic health and safety directives seriously, it's not safe for Florida to reopen. Please keep us safe and don't reopen Florida.
Broward	Government	Was wondering who Is on the task force from what groups and who was it made up of how many men how many women how diverse is it hopefully Democrats and Republicans just to be fair a little bit of everyone. Hope not all white men in polo, CEO's or friends of Governor only. Just neighborhood people would be fair. I'm think maybe June for phase two, take it slow and we'll see how it goes.
Hernando	General	First I want to say THANK YOU for caring about what Floridan's are feeling!. I feel we DO NOT open Florida at this time.. With the nursing homes still being affected, every day we still have several hundred positive tests, and people need to NOT be selfish at this time. We need to do this right the FIRST TIME because if we don't, we will be in a much bigger crisis if this virus flares up. The government is helping the small businesses with forgivable loans & it is their choice to take it or not!.IF they chose not to participate in the packages the government is putting out, they have no voice to complain. Let me explain the BIGGEST ISSUE we have: My niece, her boyfriend & the boyfriends 17 year old son were tested on April 4th and the positive results came back on April 7th. The Health Dept sent a text every day asking about symptoms(which my niece got very sick). On April 15th they released all of them from isolation because they didn't have symptoms for a few days. My niece has two little boys ages 5 & 8 who had to stay with their father while she was in isolation. The father wanted her to have a negative test before the boys went home. Hernando County Health Dept refused to retest her saying only Healthcare Workers are retested. My niece works in Pasco so she called Pasco & they agreed to test all three of them. On April 21st they all got retested and on April 23rd ALL THREE of them were still positive. After being released on the 15th they were out to all the stores getting things she ran out of or was low on, My niece has asthma & a cough all the time. After coming back positive she called the Governor's office & left a message saying what is happening & how she could of affected several people. NO ONE has yet called her back. I called the CDC myself asking if she was still contagious if she has no fever, I was told they didn't know that answer & they will give it to the directors to contact us. My niece has not had her boys since April 4th, she has had to depend of me to drop things off to her in her driveway,/ All 3 people in that household had done every thing right & STILL is positive. THIS IS A MAJOR PROBLEM & until we can get a handle on RETESTING people to see if they are negative we should not open. I am sure this has happened to several thousand others & being Asymptomatic is one of the biggest things the doctors at the white house talked about almost every briefing!! I think we need to give it until June to reopen & get a handle on testing better. The sports, well I am sorry, that is not a necessity. The beaches I agree

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Osceola	Professional Services	In my humble opinion, I think Florida should re-open in phases. At first any businesses or services that require large gatherings or produce a breeding ground for germs should remain closed (i.e., churches, gyms, events, etc.). During this initial phase, restaurants and bars should be allowed to open, but with reduced capacity following social distancing guidelines and perhaps limiting table sizes to no more than 3. All staff should wear a face mask for protection and must sanitize the tables after each customer and all door handles prone to contact. During the second phase, gyms be allowed open and must implement protocols for sanitization and reduce capacity. I know at my gym they have towels everywhere and people use those after each use. This would need to disappear and instead have individual wipes for people to use to clean off the machines. Also, churches can open and events can occur, but with some of the similar protocols mentioned above.
Indian River	General	Gov. DeSantis, It's time to OPEN Florida for business. No additional delays. Our United States constitution gives people the freedom to work. While I understand your concern for those in critical care situations and how the CCP Virus can affect them, they should remain quarantined. Everyone else should be allowed to move about. I'm concerned about stores like The Fresh Market requiring customers to wear masks- the longer this stay at home order exists the longer our freedoms are eroded. Please give Floridans their freedom to make our own choices. Thank you for all you have done but it's time businesses decided to open or not! It's the American way!
Seminole	General	I would exercise extreme caution in phasing the re-opening. The tourism centers will need particular attention regarding distancing and limiting exposure, however, temperature checks are inaccurate and and just a single indicator of a compromised individual, especially in the wake of prevailing evidence of zero symptom carriers. Additionally, fines should be associated with those individuals who refuse to respect social distancing and PPE guidelines. Their opinion is irrelevant when others lives are at risk. This should be a requirement for re-opening. The parks, concerts, and sporting events all need to be treated equally as the risk of transference is significant.
Leon	General	Time to reopen the businesses. If they observe social distancing. It will be worse if the businesses are not reopend.
Duval	General	I believe we should wait for June 1st to get here and evaluate things at that point.
Indian River	Food	Open it all back up and maintain social distancing guidelines.

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Marion	General	DO NOT REOPEN FLORIDA! I understand the economy is suffering but to reopen too soon would only put more pressure on our already exhausted healthcare system and cause even more deaths. Cases continue to grow everyday and those are only the ones being tested, so many can't get tested until it's too late and they've already infected hundreds or thousands more people. The only time it will be safe and make sense to reopen this state will be when the deaths stop and no new cases occurs for at least two weeks. Nobody I know will risk going into a restaurant or social gathering until we are can see there are no new cases, so businesses will never be able to fully recover anyway...we haven't even peaked yet, so why risk it and open too soon? Why risk even one more life?
Hillsborough	Construction	I believe this is nothing more than a political stunt by the Dems and the media completely overreacting to what is, a really bad flu. The percentages flat DO NOT add up and this is killing the economy for what? I'm going to give you a simple fact, people are going to die every day. It's a fact of life. As a whole, I'm extremely disappointed with the liberals nationally and what they're willing to do to beat Trump. We should ultimately be the most scared of the media in this country.
Broward	General	keep everything closed. Need to stop the spread of COVID
Orange	General	Keep social distancing in place until the level of infections is determined to be at a non-threatening level. We are currently at a likely peak level which means the possibility of contracting the virus is also at peak level. Don't listen to those who would trade lives for dollars.
Flagler	Healthcare	I am an Cardiovascular Technologist working in an outpatient facility. We have definitely felt the impact of this pandemic by patient schedule decrease. Our facility is going over and beyond to adhere to the CDC guidelines and more. All of our technologists have to touch or come face to face with the patients on a daily basis. Our patients are mostly senior based and the response to shutdown has been a positive one. Here in Flagler County our positive cases have increased due to more test sites like Daytona College. From my perspective, it seems like the population who wants to reopen is the middle aged 60 and younger. The Floridans are either running out of or don't have anymore cash flow and bored. I definitely do not want any more outbreaks simply because I don't want to get it but my suggestion would be to open up restaurants with limited hours like you have done with the beaches, things are going well with take out and delivery so keep that as a choice. Nail and hair salons same thing, limited hours. Taking these baby steps back to normal will possibly take the anxiety out of us. I would first look at Georgia's stats in the next few weeks to make any decisions. I feel blessed to have such an Governor who cares about us! God bless! Joelle Dalton

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Broward	General	I believe opening up the state too soon will be devastating. Until there is a vaccination it will not be safe to be out in public. Everyone keeps saying well if you are older or if you have a compromised immune system just stay home. So what happens when you have a family member that you live with that has a compromised immune system and you live with your parents who are in that dangerous age bracket. And myself and my two children live with my parents and sister.....how do I protect my parents and sister when you open up schools without a vaccination. My children then are put at risk of getting Covid-19 and bringing home to our entire family. People are so selfish and only think about being stuck at home. No one understands the situation unless it affects their family.
Lake	General	As a parent of 5 children under the age of 10 and an elderly parent that suffers from end stage renal disease, diabetes and heart failure. My biggest concern is their safety. Many people aren't taking this pandemic serious and choose to go out without any type of facial covering. This is happening even though their are stay at home order and the CDC issued guidelines to wear face coverings. I shutter to think about what things will be like if the stay at home order is lifted. Please let decisions be driven by science and facts. If the state doesn't see a decline is cases, don't lift the order.
Orange	Recreation	Opening up pools. Opening up retail stores. Restaurant openings with a limit of how many people are allowed in with reservations.
Franklin	General	Businesses need the state to provide guidance for each industry and businesses need to be inspected to make sure they are following guidelines. What do cities that have a low infection rate do in light of tourist coming to the area from areas with a high infection rate?
Manatee	Healthcare	Open the state? You've got to be kidding me! My wife and I moved here a year and a half ago from Tenn. I'm 70 yrs old, have GBS (Guillain-Barre Syndrome), have had COVID symptoms for over 6 weeks now, and cant get a test in Manatee County - you have to have a "prescription" here from your doctors! My doctors are back in Nashville - not in Florida (yet)! I cant get a "prescription" to get a COVID test! (Who ever heard of a "prescription" for COVID?) Give me a break! Manatee County has more cases/deaths but no folks being tested! And you want to open the state? PLEASE!
Broward	General	Do not believe the tri county areas of Palm Beach, Broward and Miami Dade are ready to open as yet judging by their numbers. If smaller, less affected counties want to open, I believe they should. I am totally against the large theme parks re opening any time soon. As a retired R.N. with many near and dear to me working in Florida's health care system, I am especially concerned about a second spike of the virus and being unprepared for it. PPE, tests and critical care beds will be needed more than ever, let alone staff. I cringe when I hear masks are being reused and gowns are not available. Floridians also need to remember that we are fast approaching hurricane season. A Cat 4 or 5 storm impacting any part of the state would certainly impede the ability to pandemic fight in that area, giving the opportunity for the virus to reinfect.

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St. Johns	Retail	Freedom is a fundamental right of American citizens. If someone feels like they a part of the vulnerable or have recently tested positive, then as grown up responsible adults, they should not go out in publlc. But you cannot continue to keep everyone locked up in their homes as a fear tactic when only a very small percentage of residents have contracted the virus. Especially when you are very well aware that the virus was in our country as early as last September and people have become ill and recovered without having their entire state shut down. For example , St. Johns county has less than 100 positive results but you shut down an entire county???? Governor Desantis should be leaning into the one and only option he has for fixing his UCB issues. His one option is to get his residents back to work so that they are no longer trying to access the failed Florida UCB site. If you DO NOT treat your residents like grown ass adults and trust them to do the right thing when it comes to conducting themselves appropriately when testing positive or not feeling well, you are going to end up being a one term Governor. None of us need you to our Father. You just need to do your job and improve the livlhiood of your residents. Political suicide the longer you keep things closed!!!
Orange	Recreation	Reopen pools in the area
Broward	General	It's time to re-open the state. I have lost all of my income and it's time. I have abided by all the rules and have sheltered in place since the order went into effect. However look at the stats. Only 0.14% of the entire state has been diagnosed with the disease. I understand the severity of this disease but I also understand my chances of getting it are much less than the government and the media wishes me to believe. Most everyone I know doesn't even know anyone that has it. Time to re-open Florida.
Orange	Finance	We should only begin reopening when we can be reasonably sure of keeping people safe! Just because people are bored at home is not a reason to potentially sacrifice many people. While we cannot wait for a vaccine, we should hold off a bit longer and then begin slowly reopening, watching for the potential of a second peak. Further, we should not open the door to out of state travelers just yet. Begin opening to locals, then regional, then nationwide. Only when things seem safe across the globe should we begin allowing international travelers.

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Seminole	Finance	Mr Desantis, I believe Florida should open. Florida being closed is not only destroying the economy but, will ultimately destroy lives. The loss of life from unemployment in Florida will far exceed the loss of life from the Virus. People and business owners have the right to choose. We should be able to choose (with guidelines in place such as mask wearing) to venture outside, go to work , eat in a restaurant, get a hair cut etc. Business owners have the right to decide to open or not. When Florida Residents are forced to stay inside. In what amounts to a lockdown we have no choice in the matter . Same holds true for a business who can not open. I understand there may be guidelines to follow but, let people have a choice. Have trust in the residents who elected you to make proper hygeine and social distancing decisions. Do not lock us up any longer. This needs to be done swiftly. The consequences far outweight the benefits. Thank you
Lake	Information	As long as corona virus cases and/or deaths exceed the rolling average for 10 days, there should be no public gatherings. Please place public health as a priority above economic recovery. No economic recovery.can overcome a health crisis.
Hillsborough	General	It is time to open the state. Sadly state and federal governments have not keep us fully informed, we need answers to the following questions: 1. Who is getting affected? 2. Where are they getting infected and are they infecting others and where? 3. Restaurants should be allowed to open immediately with precautions. 4. Businesses like gyms need to be tightly regulated to stop the spread. 5. The parks need to open immediately, the disease isn't on the grass and the trees. 6. The majority of deaths are the weak and the elderly, elderly patients in hospice and nursing homes. Their deaths were a forgone conclusion as they are sick and dying to begin with. 7.Are people contacting the disease in supermarkets or the dirty convenience stores? 8. Has all of this been worth it? In the future we may find out it was unnecessary to ruin the American economy. 9. Democrat politicians have been looking for a way to destroy the American system, the American people and our global economy. They may have actually succeeded. 10. Please stop the cover ups and start telling us the truth.
Broward	General	I know we are all going through a difficult time but staying at home and not working is not going to be the solucion.Not everyone can get help from the goverment example checks stimulus check ecx.We have kids and we need to provide for them.Im a mom of 4 and im pregnant im do in 2 months and we havent paid the rent nor utilities for 2 months.My husband cant work because his job is close..he works at the swapshop we need those jobs to be open please.A good way to reopen jobs is for the workers to wear gloves and mask.And let the costumers need to wear masks as well of they want to get service...please open florida is not only me but alot of families need to work.Please
Orange	Food	Reopen restaurants

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Broward	General	I say open up Florida especially if we can't get unemployment under control. People are waiting months to get money so that can live. Let's put the unemployment on the top list to get fix and get people money for food and living. Park,beaches , amusement parks, gyms and moves should stay close for longer. Open the retail stores because they can control the 6 feet district. And put on a mask.
Lee	General	Do the math people that are infected is less than .0001% and the death rate is even lower For the population of Florida Why are we still in this state lockdown? People are hurting businesses are failing lets get back on track and open up the state
Broward	Retail	1) Testing available and a negative result for anyone called to report back to work 2) Employees with highly vulnerable family members should be given the opportunity to delay a return to work order; especially those in "Hot Zones" Perhaps allowing them to go back to work when the county hits the Stage 3 Mark; without penalty. 3) Plexi guards in place at every cashier station to protect customers as well as employees 4) Limit hours of operation to avoid excessive exposure; increase hours in stages based on Covid #'s 5) Traffic control in all stores to limit large crowds from accumulating (ie; perhaps based on square footage (customers as well as employees included) 6) Retailer's must allot time within their hours of operation for cleaning and sanitizing the store Thank you for your consideration, Monica Scott
Pasco	General	I work in the dental field & feel it would be very dangerous to open too soon.Wait it out through May this can not & should not be rushed.
Seminole	Recreation	Open pools and playgrounds in private house complexes
Palm Beach	General	I feel this needs more cures for this instead of opening too soon cuz as soon as a soft opening is made people will just hear get back to normal and effect everyone else.
Pinellas	Government	Please do not open any non essential businesses without a documented and verifiable plan. Leaving the fine details up solely to the business owner without their fear of review or stiff penalty for infringement, could set our state businesses up for needless litigation and subject our residents to more illness. Our tourist attractions should be "at your own riisk". Florida should respect the right for people to choose to patronize those businesses/attractions during this time. But, people should do so assuming all risk withstanding any belief that the business could have done better. But, above all don't open until the State Health Department has honestly disclosed all numbers in every area, pertaining to every person infected with COVID-19. Do not lie.

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Lee	Government	Re-Open FL without limitations Now! As more and more truth pours out in media reports, it is abundantly clear that either the virus came and went, prior to our reaction to it, or there was no health threat at all. Let's assume the virus exists, but hit earlier than we were made aware of its existence. When were we infected, and by what mechanism? Clearly most of the nation, and certainly most of FL, and absolutely all of SWFL, began a rise of fever rates above what we would normally expect from seasonal flu on or around Mar 3rd-7th. We peaked on or around Mar 18-19, and dropped to normal on or around Mar 25-26. Weeks before a mandatory lock down was put into place. I brought this to the attention of Brian Hamman and LC-BOCC on Mar 30, 2 days before FL lock down. And yet still Hamman spread fear to everyone who would listen, and he continued to do so weeks after. Either through negligence, incompetence, or worse, you crashed our entire economy and played into the hands of those who wished harm on us. Now that this has seen the sunlight, so to speak, it is imperative that we go outside, get out of our homes, return to full normal, not "new normal", or "normal-lite". The hoax is over. Not the hoax of a possible virus. I believe there may actually be one. No, the hoax of "crashing the economy will save lives". And that has been proven a hoax, as we now know, and should have known all along; that viruses live indoors for tens of hours, while out in UV sunshine, they live only 2 minutes. The safest place for anyone to have been was on a beach, in FL... the first places you shut down under penalty of arrest. You literally threatened to jail people for exercising their God-given rights. That's the real pandemic (dem-panic)... the attack on the Constitution.
Broward	General	Attached you will find a chart from healthweather.us which shows To whom this may concern, This virus although deadly to some has been a nightmare for the majority. The Majority is the ones who have had it (known or unknown) and the ones that have survived it. We have flattened the curve and that was what this lock down was intended to do. Do I say open movie theaters and gyms, probably not. But there is no difference going to a mall store or another store than the grocery store with a mask on. Make wearing masks mandatory to be places but open parks and beaches and other stuff that is wide open to the public keep "social distancing" but we as a whole need to get back to work back to normalcy. Please and this is the biggest get everyone on the same page and instill some confidence that even if you do get it there's (once numbers are completed) going to be less than a 1% chance that it is fatal. The fear mongering is worse than the virus. This is coming from an "essential worker" who has missed zero days of work and still has a job. Open up, easily confidence or this will be the Greater Depression.
Orange	Retail	Reopen clothing stores

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St. Johns	General	Florida needs to get back to work. Our economy cannot survive this shutdown. Open things back up. We can still use precautions, and people who don't want to venture out or have other medical conditions can stay home. Everyone is aware of the guidelines to keep themselves safe and most people are following those guidelines. This country needs to get back on it's feet again.
Marion	Recreation	Please open recreational parks May 1st so I can be closer to my family to help out with my fiancee's 92 year old mom thank you
Pasco	General	As a Florida resident I would like to see stay at home restriction in place until June 1 2020 or longer if health affiliates deem necessary.
St. Lucie	Healthcare	I am a retired nurse practitioner who believes in science and epidemiology. I am very worried that concerns over our economy will override the very real and present risks from COVID-19. I am in favor of a gradual reopening of businesses but not until we have done more testing and are able to identify area hot spots. As long as our cases continue to climb and for several weeks after leveling off then declining, I feel we should continue stay-at-home except for essential services for health, sanitation, public safety, food and medical/pharmacy businesses. Agriculture businesses should continue with social distancing, including harvests as long as food distribution is guaranteed. This is no time for business as usual for non-essential services, like massage parlors, hair salons, tattoo parlors, cinemas, sports events or bowling alleys. Outdoor recreation should be encouraged, with distancing. And Nikki Fried should be on your task force.
Broward	General	We need to open. Start with parks, beaches and outdoor areas. Then move to restaurants, bars, ect. We have slowed to curve it's time to get back to business.
Orange	General	We should not be reopening the state right now. The number of new cases is too high. Opening now to save the economy will only hurt it worse later when we have a resurgence and have to close all over again. Make sure you use healthcare experts as part of the decision making process.
Collier	General	Open it up. Follow the guidelines Open tennis golf and the beaches. We have done enough
Lee	Recreation	As newer residents of this beautiful state I urge you to open beaches. We have hundreds of miles of them. Spring breakers went home. Now it’s just us residents. We have hundreds of miles of lovely sand. Staying 6’ apart should be no problem. Why not be able to sit and enjoy the weather?. My husband and I are that vulnerable age but are in good shape. We have been good and heeded the Governor’s orders to stay home. Enough is enough. Personal responsibility enters in. If you are uncomfortable going out then stay home. But the rest of us won’t and can’t live in fear.
Pinellas	Recreation	Completely closing the beaches has a downside to the health of Floridians. Many of us who live near beaches use the beaches multiple times a week while never setting down. We use the beaches for walking or running. I would suggest state wide opening of beaches for exercise in the morning and late afternoon and evening. If people feel it should be more restrictive open the beaches to people of the particular county.

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Palm Beach	Healthcare	Florida has been able to keep the cases and deaths of coronavirus at a level that is lower than expected due to closure policies and strategies for social distancing. It is imperative to maintain these now because we do not yet have enough tests, medications Or even PPE. We need to protect each other and the poor, elderly And homeless by maintaining the policies which are successful.
Clay	General	Please reopen the state NOW ! Enough with government hysteria. Time to get back to normal using 'common sense' ! Thank you
Pinellas	Government	When the hurricanes roll into any of our coastal states and people are packed into shelters or escape to other states by car, the virus will spread like wildfire! About that time the flu season will begin and along with it, the CoVid19. That's when the resurgence will occur with a vengeance and all hell will break-out. What preparations are being put in place by our fearless leader, president Trump, or you governor, to protect us? It's way too soon to open everything. This is NOT the time to loosen restrictions. This is a REAL threat! That governor of Georgia should be just as worried. I'm shocked not one word has been mentioned by Trump, the Fed's doctors or you, Governor DeSantis, about this very real scenario. I realize people need to live but so do I! I feel most people haven't got much chance of survival without an effective vaccine. BTW, I'm 73 yrs. old, so I feel I'm doomed and will probably become a victim and die this year because our fearless leader, Trump, did not use common sense right from the beginning. An immediate, world wide travel ban from the first hint of this virus would've certainly been a huge deterrent. Too late now.):
Pasco	Healthcare	We closed the state when there was only 100 cases. Know we want to open the state when we have 31,000? The reason its leveling off is because we closed the state. If we reopen it know the numbers will soar and many people will die. Then we would have to do this all over again only longer. Lets wait at least till May 15 and see what the numbers do. Lawrence.
Volusia	General	I live in Edgewater, Fl. There are a lot of 55+ community in Volusia county and only 2 testing sites, both in Daytona Beach, not one in Edgewater or New Smyrna. I feel there was more testing in Orange County then our county and I think we have over 300,000 people and need to bring the testing to other city's in our county before we tell the elders it's ok to go back out.
Palm Beach	Healthcare	Give our free n95 mask to all residents of Florida. I am willing to pay a reasonable fee but can't find them anywhere. It's time to get things moving with regards to the economy of Florida. Have the resources necessary on standby but open up Palm Beach. Open the courts the police etc. allow small business to open again with restrictions. Georgia and other states have done it. It's now time to allow Florida to her back to work, being in tax dollars and make America great again.

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Leon	Transportation	I think it is time to start reopening the state because I think the economic destruction and loss of jobs is so terrible. There are so many things that are essential and have stayed open without devastation - grocery stores, airports, etc. What is the difference between the infection potential of a grocery store versus a furniture store? So many people are out of work and that is impacting so many more. I think elective surgeries/procedures should open back up immediately for overall health of the citizens. I think schools should reopen to get kids back into healthy learning environments. I think restaurants should be able to reopen at half capacity if they feel comfortable. Salons could reopen with masks. My opinion is that gyms, amusement parks, and major sports events that put people perspiring in very close proximity should probably stay closed. Overall I agree with the President on one thing - the solution can't be worse than the problem. And the shutdown is destroying lives. Please make it stop.
Pinellas	Retail	Absolutely not yet. I own a business and of course want to get back to it but NOT yet. I do not feel our curve has flattened enough and want to shelter in place longer so we don't create another wave. What have we done all this sacrifice for so far if you are willing to open too soon and negate what we have tried to do and protect ourselves and others. We are safe at home DO NOT open yet
St. Lucie	Healthcare	Please check out the assistant living in Vero Beach . My wife works there and they lied to here about how many 19 people that they have. It is Harbor Chase of Vero Beach.. Thank you and keep up the good job God bless y'all
Indian River	General	I certainly understand businesses wanting to reopen and people needing to get back to work. In this area I feel we needed more testing of those when have been exposed everyday while working with the public. There so many places that were late in practicing social distancing. If they decide to reopen certain businesses there has to be important restrictions with spacing. Opening beaches spacing 10 feet apart! If they don't abide by rule shut it down ! I am 69 working from home . I want to go back to work for a company with 1,000 employees, but there is a part of me that makes me scare. They report no employee has had a fever. But what about one who has it without symptoms. The Palm Garden Nursing home has their first resident come down with Covid-19 and my sister 73 is there due to a emergency survey and has infection. My question is how did this resident catch it. I feel we may see fewer case in FL, but I feel it's too soon in this area to fully open! Sorry this is written on an I phone and to forgive me for typos! Pray from the nursing home and all nursing as you know the care is not the same as a hospital,

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Sarasota	Healthcare	I work in a dental office. Our Doctors said we are going to be seeing 40 patients a day and working 10 hour days for 5 days straight. I think all of this is too fast. I fear my life and my kids. I think this needs to slow down. We don't not have what we need for safety. Things are on order and won't be in until sometime in June. I think the economy needs to pick up, I just don't think starting this pandemic all over again is worth it. I'm not. Ok with this
Collier	Professional Services	Yes. I have a small clinical Skin Care business in Naples since 2006. It's a solo practice, so the most people in my office is one client and myself. Being State Licensed the office is inspected every year. My usual protocol for sanitation is using hospital grade disinfectants , one use disposable Supplies, working gloved and with mask. Understand the need for shutting everything down for awhile to get Virus under control. However the distinction between essential and non essential is questionable! Allowing golfing to continue, ,groceries and drug stores having people crowd in is far more dangerous than one client in my office. It is time to open the small service businesses. We missed the best 6 weeks of our seasonal business in Naples. The Fl Unemployment has been a joke. Going in debt is not the answer. Many new businesses will not survive this! Please set your perimeters to keep our state safe and open May 1sr in areas with low number of cases. Thank you Elizabeth Kay Williams
Broward	Healthcare	I don't believe we should reopen our county, Broward, until we have more testing, my county was hit very hard with this virus and the older population is still very scared. The governor should extend the stay at home order for at least another month to protect the elderly. The citizens in Broward deserve to have no fear of foreclosure or removed from their home and the governor should extend that since the unemployment system is such a mess. Large groups should not be able to gather until we understand this virus better. I feel that money is more important than people. I feel that our governor is to worried about what the President thinks instead of the people of Florida.
Orange	General	As a resident, I would like to see the stay at home order extended through May, and longer if public health requires. We are a family of three, working at home when able, and have a toddler. My main concern is my family's health and the sooner we reopen without a lower number/ratio of cases we are worried of having to go through this again near term after a resurgence. I would like to see small community businesses open first as a test run for safety before all businesses are opened, especially the tourist industry. Your consideration is appreciated.

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Palm Beach	Healthcare	I am writing to you in hopes of your support for Dental professionals. Dental hygienists have been left out of the equation in terms of our risk and exposure during the Covid-19 pandemic. Dental Hygienists are the most at risk (#1) professional for exposure.to everything that can be transmitted in aerosols as most of us work without the benefit of an assistant. This causes a major concern with the protection of the dental team as well as our patients. Please consider postponing the opening of elective and NON -URGENT dental treatments such as dental cleanings. as there is no real way to obtain proper air sanitation, currently. There is also no way we can social distance from my patients who are a foot away from me while we work in their mouths. This would release possibly infected microbes, wherein a situation where the majority of carriers are asymptomatic and testing has many false negatives, this can prove to be problematic. Another issue is, that many of us have already had a fight on hands (with our employers) as it pertained to proper level of PPE, with this threat, we need changes to MANDATORY PPE for Dental procedures. Currently, there are no mandates that require DDS to supply specific levels of PPE, and many only supply the minimum regardless of the recommendations based on risk. Please keep this in mind as you hear from DDS across the state. They are understandably concerned for their businesses, but sometimes overlook the fact that we work solo while they are with an assistant which makes their risk lower than ours. I urge you to advocate on our behalf with your fellow senators, and thank you for your consideration
Pinellas	General	We are still seeing new cases daily and people dying daily, how can we even begin to worry about a second wave when the FIRST wave is still happening. You need to take all your energy and FIX THE UNEMPLOYMENT FUBAR and get these people money and food stamps so that they can stay safe at home a little longer until we see the numbers and testing tell us we are in the clear! STOP RENTS and MORTGAGES for 3 months PERIOD! Florida needs to take care of the people, spend your money and energy on FEEDING AND PAYING the ones that can't work for now. We need to have medical and science call the shots with our lives and not let politics and politicians decide. People are still dying every single day, how many more need to die? Small, slow steps and allow people back outdoors for fresh air and sunshine for healthy immune systems, but none of that can happen if you can't pay and feed your own State. If you can't take care of them the FIRST time, what are you going to do if and when you have a SECOND round because you moved to fast?
Monroe	General	Please... Do NOT open the Florida Keys for business. We are working very hard to keep COVID-19 infections to a minimum. We are sacrificing a LOT. Don't ruin it for us!

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St. Johns	General	I applaud our governor for proceeding with caution in reopening the economy. I am a retired nurse with 43 years experience in health care. I would restart jobs that occur in outdoor spaces, starting with agriculture. We need our local food and Florida farmers have suffered enough. I would also use this opportunity to do road and bridge repairs. Construction jobs such as new construction, golf courses, landscaping businesses and such should be safe enough if workers practice social distancing. After a two week period, I would then open factories under certain guidelines as they may need shorter shifts or fewer workers in order to maintain social distance. Some restaurants with spaced seating could also open. Salons and spas for one on one services and NO waiting room. Last to open after numbers have dropped 90% open bars, theatres, churches, and shopping malls. Social distancing and stay at home should remain in effect for at risk populations. Thank you for allowing me to voice my opinion.
Seminole	Retail	Open malls and clothing stores
Brevard	General	I believe it is appropriate and necessary to jump start the economy to be safe and successful. With modern technology, common sense and hygiene, this should be able to happen in short order.
Osceola	General	Please OPEN our businesses and parks! The economic impact threatens to surpass the damage from Coronavirus. It is time to let businesses open, and let people start earning a living. The actual virus numbers have proven that we do not need to live in fear. We can all use caution as we see fit for ourselves.
St. Johns	General	Don't repeat the Spanish Flu scenario. Open when the numbers are down. I think most would prefer to only have to go thru one lock down.
Manatee	General	I'm a hairdresser and I will not feel safe to go back to work if I'm allowed to as of May 1st. There is so many unknown still about this virus, we don't know if you can be reinfected, everyday the time frame for how long the virus can survive on something seems to change which just means we don't know, we don't know how to tell if we are a carrier, and there is no vaccine to protect us again this. There has been so little testing done that our numbers could be substantially larger than we even know. Do some research on the Spanish influenza. We need to learn from their mistakes. People got sick of having to stay home so they went back to their daily life and when the war ended, everyone partied. The second wave is what kill more than 20-50 million people. The same thing can happen if we are released back to our daily life. If you have been in a grocery store on the last week, people are already becoming more relaxed about social distancing, not wearing masks, ect. Peoples lives are more important than the economy. The economy will always return. People won't. And don't try to say "if you don't feel safe, stay home" because sadly that doesn't work. Businesses that open back up will let these people go without pay, basically forcing them to work. People may riot saying the deserve their freedom, they obviously aren't very bright and are selfish. They think they are being oppressed when in reality they are actually just being inconvenienced. Please don't open Florida up until we know more about the actual virus and have a way to fight it better. Lives are more important than the economy!!!!
Gadsden	Healthcare	I think it is too soon.

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Indian River	General	no one in Vero is following the current order!!!! Not enough testing. It would be deadly to open the state.
Lee	Retail	I am a manger in a retail location that is usually single coverage in a very busy outlet mall. I am fearful of what opening to soon might mean to how we help customers. My store is large enough that I can manage the store alone but before my customers would gather in the same section due to best sellers and favorites. How will malls survive now? Will temperatures and masks be required before entrance to each store or the mall in general. Will freedom to walk around be a thing of the past? What are the plans for reopening retail safely and with the employees in mind?
St. Lucie	General	Please don't open the state too soon.
Miami-Dade	Retail	Please keep Miami Dade closed. You can reopen parts of the state that have not been as impacted. However the ports of Miami and Broward and surrounding cities that clearly are impacted MUST remain closed until July 4.
Hillsborough	Construction	Please open our business but in the safest way possible. The cure can't be worse than the disease.
Collier	General	We need to open up and get people back to work. Our grocery stores are opened people need to get on with life keep us closed another month and we the economy will not be regained. I don't think anyone wants to go back to the Great Depression. People dye daily if flus etc and we continue on our daily journey. It's getting overly rated and hyped.....
Leon	General	I disagree with efforts to reopen the state preemptively. Without the opinion of experts in the medical field, of which your committee has none, this discussion is at best ignorant and at worst wholly dangerous for the citizens of Florida. The state needs to allocate these res pieces towards seeking the input of actual medical experts and scientists, because lives are at stake and people are dying.
Orange	General	Governor DeSantis, Florida and Orange County coronavirus deaths have been decreasing now for more than two weeks. Orange County has experienced a total of 30 deaths in it's 1.4 million population, or at a low <22 deaths per million rate. Yet the damage to people's lives in other regards and to the economy can only be described as devastating. Orange County meets and exceeds National and all sensible measures for entering the Phase I economic re-opening. Essentially everyone will eventually be infected by the coronavirus, and there is no shortage or strain on our medical facitlities to provide for them. The sooner we get on with it the greater the number of people who will become immune and allow for herd immunity, plasma transfusions and other positive therapeutics. Please begin the transition of Florida and especially Orange county into Phase I recovery ASAP! Thank you, Bob Jackson

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Palm Beach	Professional Services	I'm I'm sympathetic to the responsibliy your group is carrying right now. While I personally believe it's too soon to open hair salons, I have to prepare for the idea that others don't feel the same way. Unfortunately, in salons it's common for clients come in regardless of sickness. Our services are what helps them to feel better. Considering the asymptomatic nature of covid-19 there is little a temperature check will do. Not hearing any proposed dates, I've been trying to prepare as if we were going to open May 1st . I've had three orders for masks canceled. Barbicide and capes are hard to come by. Even our color is backordered. If salons are unable to get the proper PPE this will not stop them from opening once the green light is given. There are plenty of people walking around with no masks on that believe this is a hoax. They have been going to clients houses without masks doing hair during the lockdown. Those same people will be behind the chair shortly making the same poor decisions and there won't be anyone verifying salons are following the orders. We've had one state board visit in the last 2 years in our salon. I know the department is stretched thin. I don't think I can convince any of you to postpone opening salons. I can ask that you give us ample time to prepare. We cannot source what's needed to properly open our salon in 7 days. Please give us at least a14 day lead time for our opening. That could give us a fighting chance to protect ourselves and our clients. Thank you for your consideration, Beth Harman

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Orange	Professional Services	There will be a new normal, and we will adapt, but we need to give ourselves the chance to do so slowly and methodically. Please first consider the safety of workers and the families they come home to daily. Reopening too fast or reopening the wrong types of businesses would be detrimental to the long term goals. Financial security will not come back overnight, but a measured and slow increase is better than a fast rise and steep fall. A resurgence of the virus would be so much worse than staying home and closed for another month or so. Tourism will rebound if we are methodical and safe. Otherwise, to act rashly would erode any initial gains. We will lose the trust of travelers. Inability to maintain a safe distance, and making direct contact with others will only increase the spread of COVID19. To open up hair and nail salons, massage clinics, spas, movie theaters and gyms/fitness centers of any kind would be foolish and dangerous. Too much shared equipment, too much direct contact. And when those businesses do eventually open, the layout and rules would have to be vastly different than they were before. Outdoor spaces like parks could be ok, for solo exercise or fishing etc, if there was personnel to assure social distancing rules were followed. Group sports should wait longer as well, because wearing masks while playing something like soccer or football in the Florida heat would be dangerous. Retail spaces, malls, schools, stadiums, bowling alleys, pool halls, etc etc should wait to open longer as well. Curbside service seems like a possible option for retail, from online orders people could pick up. Could there be a FastPass kind of situation for a while, to borrow from Disney. Certain time slots assigned or reserved for pick up? Take the time to do one thing well, then move on to the next. Please don't try to open up too many things at once. Clarity and control will actually make things happen better and faster.
Hillsborough	Recreation	Florida's state parks and their RV sites should re-open to Florida residents first. This would allow those whose taxes paid for the parks and their upkeep to enjoy them and it would also discourage people from other states hit worse with coronavirus from traveling to Florida and setting up for long-term RV residency and possibly spread the virus. The ReserveAmerica site could easily be set to accept only Florida resident reservations through the end of the year.
Marion	Healthcare	My daughter is on the frontline as an ICU Nurse -Ocala . I am also on the frontline as a Publix customer service associate. Please be diligent & cautious when you make a decision to open up the state of Florida's economy & in All areas!!! There is too much at risk due to the people that DO NOT follow your recommendations of "staying at Home", and social distancing when going out. I respectfully & sincerely believe it is WAY too soon!! Thank you for your consideration in my request!
Volusia	General	If everyone is mandated to use a mask, and they become available first of all, I believe businesses can open back up. Ease it with a limit of occupants. No masks, longer shutdown.
Volusia	Government	Having 4 autoimmune diseases, lung and heart abd 65 . Please don't open things to fast You've been doing a great job thus Far let's continue . I'm very fearful of what's to come if it's all open to soon .

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Duval	Healthcare	I do not believe it is yet time to reopen the state. We may have seen the curve begin to flatten however, there are still many people infected who do and do not show symptoms. Once the state is reopened and everything goes back to normal, we will see a major spike in positive tests that will surpass the numbers currently being shown. This will result in more deaths, overcrowded hospitals, and not enough medical staff to respond to the surge in COVID patients. I believe we should have at least one more month (until the end of may) at the very least, in order to further flatten the curve on the virus and prevent more positive test results. The state of Florida should also introduce some sort of stimulus fund for it's residents since many of us have lost either all or some of our income since this begun. It will help us recover a little bit and hold us out for a little longer until everything goes back to normal.
Seminole	Healthcare	With regards to the re-opening of the state during the pandemic, I am vehemently opposed to it. Don't get me wrong, my husband is a small (unessential) business owner, and it would financially behoove us to re-open; however, I worked for an assisted living community. Thank god, we have had no positive cases or concern at the moment, but I'm worried that with a reopening, my residents would be out in danger of more easily contracting COVID-19. Additionally, my parents, for whom I am the primary source of assistance, are over the age of 65 with serious pre-existing conditions. To me, a life cannot be outweighed by financial game. I understand the implications of a terrible economy but no life is worth losing for financial gain. Please, enforce social distancing as it has been for an extended period of time. This is the chance for our politicians to put the physical well-being of others before financial gain.
Hillsborough	General	We need to trust our professional doctors and scientists in regards to managing the COVID-19 and re-opening. Let's do what's RIGHT and not what's easy for the sake of our WHOLE country and not just selected individuals. If we do this right the first time we can avoid it happening again. Let's not screw it up.
Sarasota	General	Open Florida. Allow individual businesses to decide whether to reopen or not. We agreed to stay home to give our healthcare system the ability to care for those who need care. The healthcare system is now furloughing workers as well as some being close to closing due to the restrictions placed on them. This virus has NOT turned out to be the massive killer we thought it would be. We live in the USA. Give us back our freedoms!
Volusia	Healthcare	We need to see a real trend down on new cases. We need more pcr and anybody testing. We need to protect vulnerable populations, like nursing homes. I think we are not ready yet but once the above is met we should do in phases every couple of weeks and reevaluate. Have no hesitation in stepping b as co if not going in the right direction. Suggest everyone to wear s mask if outside.

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Brevard	Healthcare	I would just hate to see the State open to early and our Covid-19 numbers and deaths continue to rise. Both my husband and I are essential workers, he in manufacturing of fibers to make masks, and myself a LPN who is currently on medical leave. I have left my home 3 times since 3/16/2020, for my post op visits. My husband works long hours to continue with production. You can definitely tell that people have not been obeying the governors' safe at home orders. The traffic hasn't changed that much. Our restaurants/healthcare/salons/tattoo parlors are all abiding by the orders. It's more like people just out joy riding and visiting friends. So afraid if everything is reopened too quickly, Governor Desantis will end up having to order another shut down because people just cannot follow the orders correctly. We are so very proud and honored to have Governor Desantis leading our state!!
Nassau	Healthcare	Hire is CNAs who can not get a job because we are over 50 to take temperatures at every business. Once tested, you are given a ID that needs to be renewed every year or sooner if you see a doctor.
Okaloosa	Finance	Open everything. If someone is medically compromised, urgently suggest that they continue to stay home. Nobody gets quarantined when they're healthy, never have before, because it simply makes NO sense. WE THE PEOPLE know exactly what this was, and history will eventually judge the bad actors accordingly, and those who used common sense (like the Governor of Georgia) as such. Look at Sweden, as an example! Do the right thing!!
Sumter	General	Everything needs to open slowly. Schools, and bars and clubs and places like Disney/ Busch Gardens etc should stay closed to stop the introduction of new carriers. As well as Cruises staying closed. We don't want to add to our problem with more illnesses. But people must go back to work, we are a nation of workers and our families rely on that paycheck. Unemployment needs to pay up to those owed. In public ALL should wear masks and practice proper hygiene and social distancing. God bless us all and God bless our President Donald Trump.
Volusia	General	Please extend the stay-at-home order for the state of FL because we are a state with so many senior citizens. Please keep us safe. With the theme parks and most hotels not opening to tourists for awhile it is possible to keep us safely at home if our governor orders an extension. Thank you!
Seminole	Healthcare	While I understand the importance of rebuilding the economy and resuming normal lives, I think any talk of reopening the state at this point is premature. Public health experts warn that premature steps towards reopening can result in even greater loss of lives and drains on resources. I strongly urge the task force to consider following the directives of experts in the field and make an effort to recruit these professionals to the committee. I am appalled that this task force does not have any members that are trained medical doctors or public health experts. We are more likely to regret moving too quickly than being overly cautious. Announce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. And in this case there is no cure!

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Pinellas	Tourism	Please do not try opening Florida too soon. Pinellas county sheriff stated it would be like stopping a 10 day prescription after 3 days. Many medical professionals have stated this as well. It is a public risk considering we don't even have sufficient testing to know who all has the virus. Despite what the state decides me and my children will be staying home for May, we wouldn't return to school this semester even if they opened them. It's simply not safe. Please don't do what Georgia has done and open salons and gyms which are the dirtiest places with so much contact.
Miami-Dade	Healthcare	As a health care worker (RN) we don't even have the supplies to take care of the patients. We are not able to obtain any N95, masks, Clorox, Lysol or any supply to prevent and protect are families. Our priority should be to restock supply and little by little reopen again. It's not fair for all those heroes that are out there taking care of all the patients that they don't even have the proper PPE to take care of the patients and themselves. A rush with out proper supplies will reflect in a couple of weeks with a higher rate of people contracting the virus.
Collier	General	Open up Florida please ....
Seminole	Recreation	Please open the public pools and parks.
Lee	General	Please open FL back up and open the parks, tennis courts, bike trails and every business, we are all adults and can handle taking care of ourselves.
Marion	Professional Services	Personal services like barbers and salons could open but only patrons who wear face masks could be serviced. I think schools should remain closed for the rest of the school year. Restaurants with open air or outside seating could open again social distancing with tables placed 6 ft apart.
Lee	General	Reopening businesses would be incrdibly irresponsible at this point.More needs to be done for those who are now out of work. At this point in time most businesses cannot open without exposing themselves to liability and negligence claims. We need more information regarding immunity and a possible vaccine, perhaps just an effective treatment before we risk more lives.
Hillsborough	General	REOPEN ASAP! We need to save our economy and jobs. The impact to our economy, food supply, and more is going to kill a lot more people than this virus.

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Broward	General	I would like to strongly suggest that as the state of Florida is opened again, that it would continue to be mandatory for all individuals to continue to wear Face masks in public wherever they go, and to keep social distancing. I think Restaurants should keep the heighten condition of cleaning maintained, even as they begin to be opened again. I think places like salon's, barber shops, and small store's, should Have the workers, and clients continue to wear masks. Seating in restaurants should be More spread apart, at least for 3 more months. A hand sanitizer machine should be at entry ways of public places for people to use. Announcements should be made regularly for people to stop hoarding. Products like Mask's, Hand sanitizer, toilet paper, should stop Being hoarded, and made easily available again! I still can't find these products! The media Needs to stop capitalizing on fear regarding covid-19. Listen to the medical personnel, but When we do open again, and it really needs to be soon. Everyone, in every industry should Continue to wear mask's and wash hands frequently for 3-6 months!! Our economy needs to be up and running again!! But, safety is very important, too! Thank you for this opportunity to To express my thoughts!
Orange	General	I do not believe we should open yet. We need to be going down in cases for a while to show it is on a down swing.
Orange	General	I feel that in order for Florida to begin to reopen, we should follow the criteria laid out by the President. If Florida has not shown a downward trend of new cases for 14 consecutive days, how can we begin to think that we can safely start to reopen if we still don't have control of the virus?
Osceola	Management	We need to reopen the economy, sooner, meaning before the economic consequences, unemployment, shuttered businesses and depressed population cause more harm. We can speculate about a possible Covid-19 resurgence however it is just speculation and guestimates have been overstated by a factor of 10. There are severe health consequences of poverty, unemployment and delayed healthcare. These consequences include the loss of life through depression, suicide and poverty itself. Poverty kills. For those that are at high risk or afraid or believe it is too early to return to normal, they can choose to isolate themselves and we can call them heroes. The rest of us need to get back to work.
Orange	Healthcare	As excited as I am to get everyone back to work, I am sincerely worried about falling into an endless cycle of "alright everyone have at it! Back to normal!" Followed by "oops! Too soon! Back inside everyone!" Rinse and repeat. It's like not finishing your course of antibiotics because you feel better after 2 days. PLEASE FINISH THE ANTIBIOTICS! Don't let everyone rush back to normal too soon!

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Palm Beach	Professional Services	1st and foremost it would be more prudent to get people some money by getting their unemployment claims out and maybe the economy would not be so angry. I have not seen a check and applied on March 18th to day's date is April 25th . The site is yet again down until monday. Status never changes when i check. Active but nothing. As a Cosmetologists who works one on one, doing hair color, cuts, nails, pedicures in a small salon, I spend hours with a client in very close quarters, social distancing is not an option! And the person sitting next to them. A face mask can not be wore and color or cut hair?! I would like someone to tell me how I am supposed to go back to work and handle this sort of environment and not be overly exposed or carry something home. Already with restrictions in place people do not listen in palm beach. They do as they please. Face covering is an option to them. It should be required no matter what outside the home, especially inside stores and enforced at the doors! Definitely lower the number of people in buildings. True, not fake vigorous cleaning should be being done. I see lazy people who dont do so. Most definitely the self entitled palm beaches is NOT ready to follow rules. Slow opening should be in place! I have an underlying condition, I live with 4 ppl, 2 people who are elderly, One with underlying conditions, as well as a child in day care whos parent is an essential worker. We have been fine so far with no symptoms but believe we may have had an exposure back in February with weird symptoms but do not have now nor qualify for any testing as if now to know if we are some of the asymptomatic people. We have been doing our part as best as we can and leave our home as little as possible.
Collier	General	We need to start reopening. Too many people with NO money since our unemployment website has failed us.
Brevard	General	The particular area of Brevard county has thousands of retired military and civil service employees due to the proximity of Kennedy Space Center, Cape Canaveral Air Force Station, Patrick AFB, etc. Why not utilize a ready-made workforce with years of federal experience in opening back-up the state of Florida? With minimal training, this workforce could help the state in a myriad of areas. Patrick AFB already has an active program entitled Project Emeritus that supports volunteers over many different disciplines at Patrick. It would be very easy to support a 'state operated satellite" office in whatever area is needed for the state to be re-opened. For example, it took six tries re-submitting this form to be accepted. Software Engineers are abundant due to work being performed at the above mentioned locations.
Hillsborough	Healthcare	Please continue the stay at home order. If we own the state we are guaranteed another huge coronavirus wave.

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Manatee	Professional Services	As a new small business owner, this pandemic has taken a major toll on my finances as my business opened its doors to the community 4.5 weeks prior to the stay at home order. Not only am I losing money by not having my business open, which is a salon, I also did not qualify for any assistance as my business was “too new” to show revenue. A long with the business, my personal income didn’t get approved for unemployment as I’m self-employed and didn’t seem to qualify. I’m a single mother and run my household alone off of my income only, as their father has been absent for the last 10 years. I am struggling to put food on my table as my bills at my business are still to be paid for, along with my financial responsibility in my personal life at home. Opening up businesses in Florida, with restrictions in place, will allow me and my family to survive this pandemic. I do think that our social distancing should be kept in place for as long as needed to prevent the spread, but it’s not fair to let small businesses drowned in the process! How is it okay to allow beaches and boat ramps to open back up, where hundred of people gather, but not my salon of 5 employees and a minimum of 10 people in the room at one time. Please re-open up businesses that do not have a gathering of many customers. My business is essential because it is essential to my families financial survival in this world.
Broward	Construction	I think that room essential businesses need to open with mask. Mask is the key. Are; theatres any indoor or even outdoor large crowds should stay closed, bars and pool halls do. It need to be open there are over 100 people on league night.. we need to get the economy going.there needs to be consequences for people that don’t follow the rules
Nassau	Management	Make sure health and science issues are part of any reopening plan.
St. Johns	General	Before Florida reopens our state, we should increase testing the majority of our state's population to determine what are infection rate truly is and be sure we have met the government's coronavirus guidelines for reopening.
Pinellas	Recreation	Opening the beaches to residents would be so helpful for not only our physical health but also mental health. Walking along the beaches and or swimming is so beneficial. I don't know why pools are grouped in with the beaches??? It would seem that opening beaches in conjunction with state parks like Honeymoon Island or Ft. DeSoto might be easier, as you must pay to get into the park - therefore more of a restriction on number of people on the beach would be able to be determined while paying. The park could be closed when the designated number of people reaches capacity. A question that you might think about is would wearing facemasks be required when on the beach? Social distancing SHOULD continue to be in place!!! Face masks when out in public as well.
Hillsborough	Healthcare	Open up. Get back to work. Focus on economy. Get jobs back. Revenue back. Test for antibodies against C-19. Know whose rules out whose rules in and needs to use the extra precautions. Enough. Too many people suffering financially and will be in ruins as a result of this shit down.

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Hillsborough	General	I do not believe we should reopen the state right now at all. It is too soon. In fact, opening the state will decrease my confidence going to local businesses. I am less likely to order take out, etc. If schools are closed for the remainder of the school year, businesses need to stay closed to.
Miami-Dade	Administrative	Open up the small businesses and stores. Make sure all patrons wear masc and we have to maintain social distancing . Restaurant will need to be open but only a few patrons allowed at one time. The stores should offer gloves and hand sanitizers If possible.
Polk	Healthcare	As a healthcare worker it is important to me that emphasis on wearing masks when out in public. For workers and people just being out in public. I also am concerned about schools reopening as a mom who has had a lot of kids go through the public school system here I can say school buses are overcrowded and many kids are sharing a seat and social distancing would be impossible . Schools in general would not be able to sustain social distancing as they are very overcrowded. Possibly allowing virtual learning to continue and maybe sending kids to school one or two days a week on a rotating basis? So only maybe a fourth of the kids are actually at the school on a given day? But very strict social distancing would need to be in place and I am afraid a lot of young people would not be able to sustain it especially because they would have to wear a mask and for young children this is very difficult if not impossible. I believe an emphasis on virtual learning with small group in person activities would work best . I also believe not enough attention has been focused on home health care and the protocols for having nursing and physical therapy going in to assisted living facilities and homes since these are usually people of a vulnerable age .

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Santa Rosa	Real Estate	Governor DeSantis, your rush to re-open shows a complete disregard for the lives of Florida resident and visitors. You are alienating, infecting, and killing the people who got you elected. Much of the population are elderly, have underlying conditions and/or immunocompromised. Reopening will force people at greatest risk to make an impossible choice, go to work knowing you may very will be infected and die or stay home with no pay and no unemployment since they cannot guarantee their availability and accept work. How can you put a price on a persons life? How many people have to die for the economy? Only a fraction of the population has been tested. How can you make a plan when you do not have all the information? Most likely this virus has been in the US for longer than originally thought and many more are or were infected, making the death rate lower, however, those percentages are only numbers. Each number represents an entire life, that person had family, friends, loved ones who now have to grieve and bury the dead with no way to have funerals, no way to say goodbye. I find it difficult to understand, or relate when these people are reduced to numbers on a screen, so I think of it this way: currently the death toll for our state is 1055. Imagine in the course of less than 2 months, 1055 houses being empty because the resident has died. Break it down by community, look at Miami, Broward county, where the death tolls are the highest. How can you tell the loved ones their family members lives meant nothing? Money and economy are useless when you are dead. If you want to save the economy, if you want to save the people who are out of work and have no money for food, expand the unemployment benefits, create a larger workforce to help process these unemployment claims. Urge ALL mortgage companies to suspend payments – offer tax incentives, do whatever it takes to keep people at home until we know more, because there is no way to make a careful, thought out and knowledgeable decision when you do not have all the information. The economy can be fixed, but the people who die cannot be replaced.
Clay	General	Re-open the entire state. To elaborate, ‘opening’ the state does not mandate businesses have to re-open, but it allows them the option to. At this point, everyone knows the risks of going out in public and potentially being exposed. Everyone also understands the risks of driving, which kills thousands too. Allow the people the OPTION to work or socialize. Those that want to remain sequestered away have the freedom to do so. This is about so many things from individuals being able to feed their families to freedom. I know numerous people who have yet to be able to submit an unemployment application despite attempting to do so multiple times a day for WEEKS. Furthermore, reopen all public lands and parks. That land is for the people. Period. Lastly, stripping people of their rights is totalitarian and should not and can not stand in this country.

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Miami-Dade	Real Estate	The areas of interest, from an economic standpoint, you can't have one and not the other. From a safety standpoint, you can't restrict one area and not the other. If you open real estate, and not tourism, what's the point? A lot of people's income depends on tourism. They're not able to qualify for loans without their places of work such as parks, restaurants, hotels being operational anyway. And with schools and daycare facilities being closed, the mobility of most parents have been reduced to nearly zero. Let's say all restaurants are allowed to revert back to normal operations. A lot of laid off workers are going to be called back of course. But how are they supposed to leave a 6 year old home with no supervision. The callback of course hinge on the willingness of Floridians to put theirselves at risk with so many cases on the rise. For the economy to work, you need all sectors activated. They all depend on each other. And until a cute or treatment is found, it would be disastrous to give the greenlight for lifting the current restrictions in place.
Palm Beach	Food	Open us back up! I'm in the hospitality industry and we have already missed high season. This is killing us!!!!! No reason to continue staying closed. This is outrageous.
Broward	General	Please slowly re open only. Do not rush. The goal should be to avoid a fall resurgence if opened too quickly all will be for nothing.
Orange	General	Open the ecenomy ASAP!!!!!
Okeechobee	Professional Services	Hair salon and barber shops. They are known for cleaniness.
Lake	General	I am concerned that there has not been enough testing done in the state. I live in an area where people live and commute to work at Disney or Universal and fear that they are in the same stores I am in. I am 74 years old and have health issues, I don't want to get this virus.
Seminole	General	Don’t reopen sooner then we need to. Listen to the scientific evidence and pay attention to the numbers. If we reopen this will be another Spanish flu and millions will die.
Monroe	General	All jobs are "essential". Let people go back to work so they can take care of their families. I personally have not stopped working due to the fact that apparently I am essential, but a lot of my friends and neighbors don't know how they're going to pay their bills and afford their homes. It should be left to the individual as to whether or not they should leave their house.
Collier	General	I need a haircut! I do not believe salons should be open at this time. I miss my friends! I do not believe bars/restaurants should be open at this time. I sometimes think I’m having a “meltdown “. I’ll survive! Do what’s best! Not what’s wanted!
Bay	Retail	To whom it may concern I own a retail store in pier Park on Panama City Beach Florida which is a Simon mall property And Simon is not forgiving our rent for every month we are closed so we need the economy back open before we get a Evicted so we can open back our business
Hillsborough	General	Nope, fuck no, hell no.
Charlotte	Healthcare	The governor should not be involved with encouraging, promoting, and hoarding unproven drugs. What a waste!

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Hillsborough	Healthcare	At this time we are only testing those with symptoms, what about all the people with no symptoms but are positive for corinavirus? Test everyone before opening anything, people are most contagious 24 hours prior to symptoms. You are setting us up for more deaths just for the sake of those people screaming their rights have been taken by sheltering at home. Well it's my right to not be exposed to this virus because you wanted to go out. I am a nurse and I risk it every day to help my patients, but I do not want to risk getting sick because you did not want to be told to stay home.
Miami-Dade	Transportation	Governor, Thank You for the task force to re-open the state! we are in desperate need to re-open the state, our families are running out of savings/credit cards. we need to be able to pay rent and buy food.! PLEASE LETS GET BACK TO WORK!!!
Leon	Healthcare	I'm an X-ray tech at a hospital and I haven't been able to work in 6 weeks due to elective procedures and surgeries being cancelled/postponed and the hospital making cuts as a result.
Hillsborough	Information	I am a resident of Hillsborough County. It is time for Floridians to get back to work. Throughout the past weeks of COVID restrictions businesses deemed "essential" remained open. Floridians who patronized those businesses voluntarily engaged in social distancing, voluntarily followed CDC guidelines. With these businesses open, sometimes serving hundreds of people at a time, twelve hours a day, seven days a week, we have witnessed COVID numbers falling. The State of South Dakota never mandated a single business closed and are also seeing COVID numbers falling. Every business is essential when families are dependent upon that income for healthy and happy lives. I believe these facts prove that Floridians are responsible people, who love their neighbors, and will CHOOSE to do the right thing. But we need our elected representatives to do the right thing; we need our businesses open. We don't want government handouts. We want to get back to work. We want our businesses open now, not later.
Martin	General	We need to open back up.
Pinellas	Education	I think Florida should lead the way with a blended school model. So many high school students that I teach (mostly struggling learners) are being very successful with the online model. It is not for everyone, and I think it would be nice to have blended education. With offering an opportunity for more high school-aged kids to stay home and teachers to stay home so we do not overpack the schools next school year. Teachers have been frustrated about for over loaded class sizes for many years. this may be a viable solution. I do believe Governor DeSantis is very much progressive on education and I support him fully. I know he will find a way to make people safe in this new reality we all are facing. As far as opening up businesses, unfortunately he is doing the best he can by waiting. I do think more testing is needed to make people feel more confident going into their local businesses. Also, if people think the governor should remember that the people who are not getting their unemployment are going to be in a dire situation very soon. Thanks for listening. Kristin

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Walton	General	As Walton County commissioners are on the verge of FULLY opening the beaches, we plead with Governor DeSantis to extend the ban on short term rentals. If that is lifted we WILL be overrun with visitors from neighboring states. After all, the beach is the primary reason they all come. All locals have done a great job adhering to the stay in place order & the other requirements. Our own health & safety will be immediately jeopardized with a huge influx of visitors. This needs to be a gradual ramp up so data can be collected & analyzed. If the floodgates of visitors opens the consequences could be devastating, & would truly undermine the tremendous effort every Walton County resident has put in to minimize the impact of this terrible virus. Sincerely, Garry Hedges
Brevard	Manufacturing	I want Florida to stay closed until mid June at minimum.
Highlands	Recreation	I think it would be good to open state parks and campgrounds. Safe distancing could easily be done in the outdoors and in campgrounds..
Lake	Tourism	Do not open yet. Reopening now would be a really bad move. For one, it would state that Florida is more concerned with money than health, which would not be good for the tourist industry moving forward. Also, perhaps we should FIX THE UNEMPLOYMENT SYSTEM and actually make sure people get their payments before we do anything else.
Pinellas	Healthcare	I am a healthcare worker at a major hospital. We have daily shortages of PPE for all our patient care. We are at risk of infection when we are needed the most. Opening Florida, bringing a flood of uncontrolled visitors to Florida from around the world, will only magnify the daily challenges to life that we face. Please - for the sake of our residents and our first responders, please do not reopen Florida. We are not prepared for the loss of life and disaster to our economy that opening too early will cause. Help us. Keep us at home and safe.
Broward	Healthcare	Being a retired health practitioner it is extremely foolish to remove ocial distancing. To open up the state without adequate thorough covid 19 testing only invites a firestorm of resurgence and more tragic deaths. what ever is decided to open must be enforced with 6 foot distancing, masks for all both customers and owners. Continuous cleaning and all possible actions to prevent a resurgence of the virus as well as its cause and effect to the economy.
Miami-Dade	General	I strongly think that everything need to start be normal. Make mandatory the used of face mask, keeping physical space and follow the guidelines(washing hands,etc)The movies theaters can open living space in between seats, restaurants making more space between tables, this are some ideas .. Being careful and common senses. Thank you for your work, have a great day

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Leon	General	Don’t reopen yet. Keep up the social distancing. Make people mask in public. Stop following trumps lead. Be a leader. Let other states open and wait to see them get overwhelmed. Be cautious, extend the safer at home order by at least two weeks, of the other states don’t see a spike and you think our situation is under control reopen in segments. Start in rural areas. Areas that have peaked. Then move to address other areas like broward and miami
Lake	Tourism	Antibody test for 10% of the population, Germany is doing a great program that could be used here based on zip code. Same time positive negative test Increase unemployment to $400 a week to help middle class during the pandemic Start opening process on May 15 with two week intervals
Hillsborough	Healthcare	Please let doctors do procedures! I am in pain and cannot see my doctor for an in office injection!
Martin	Recreation	We need to open our open spaces especially our beaches. It’s very easy to use the beaches and accomplish social distancing. And it’s outside and we are now getting more information that being outside amongst people is far safer than being inside with people (say in a supermarket). Second we need to take the counties out of it. The county officials don’t have the cowrites and the data that the federal and state governments have. That causes their decisions to be made in an overly conservative manner. They don’t want to get sued because someone dies based upon them not enacting overly strict rules. I would like to see the state give the counties very little latitude in adopting more onerous rules. And golf courses should be open. It’s ludicrous for them not to be. You won’t die from covid 19 if standing too close to a fellow golfer. You are going to die from a club head striking you in the head! It’s time we make proactive decisions for the benefit of 95 plus percent of our people. If we need to quarantine the remainder let’s do that!
Broward	General	Open areas which are very open like parks, golf courses, beach boardwalk for fresh air and walking only. Listen to the science and their recommendations. Money can't buy lives.

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Escambia	General	As a Manager at Publix Supermarkets, I beg and plead to you to extend, and actually enforce the stay at home order. Our cases are not on a decline, and our community has not followed, nor taken seriously any one the recommendations made by the CDC. Each day our retail associates, who were labeled as “essential”, are spit at, threatened, and completely disrespected by customers everyday who were supposed to be at home. We consistently have customers approach our associates, unmasked, violating the 6 foot social distancing. They purposely walk down the wrong way of our one way directional aisles. They curse at associates, some of which are 16 or 17 years old, for simply asking them to maintain their distance. I recently was threatened by a gentleman that said he was going home to get his gun to blow my brains out, and had to press charges. All this is happening because the community is not staying at home. They are not shopping for essential items, but rather for beer, or lottery tickets, or their one meal for the night, treating this as if it has been a month long vacation. We do this everyday, for a community that does care for our lives, or stop to think about how much they are putting “essential workers” lives at risk. We are not heroes, this title belongs to the hard working medical workers, law enforcement, and first aid responders. We do not need or desire recognition, as most grocery chains have slapped us in the face with a quarter raise hazard pay, reminding us we are not essential, and that that’s how much they value our lives. Instead we ask to keep us safe. We are a vital service, but each day, more and more retail workers face the very hard choice of serving the community, or protecting their own lives from citizens who are not taking this seriously. Keep the beaches closed. Extend the stay at home order. Don’t give tourists a reason to flock to our county and further jeopardize the lives of your constituents. Until we are all actually in this together, we stand as citizens that are only concerned for ourselves. Until Floridians realize this, and follow instructions, we are a poor decision away from becoming a breeding ground for this virus. Do the right thing. Be smart. Be safe. Protect me. Please.
Polk	Education	Keep schools closed until testing, treatment and tracing is in place (and accessible) to all school board employees, students and their families. Have a sensible plan in place for screening students once schools reopen. Allow the local districts the flexibility to determine how social distancing can be implemented at all grade levels. Give families and employees who are at higher risk of contracting corona virus the opportunity and means to distance learn and work. Keep CoVid personnel measures (re: days off for illness of an employee, caring for a family member and compensation during this time)in effect. Relax attendance policies for students directly impacted by CoVid. Finally, remain willing to either keep schools closed or close them again, should a second, third or fourth wave hit (particularly during influenza season. ***Provide PPE (masks at least) and disinfectant for employees and masks for students ****

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Miami-Dade	General	Governor DeSantis, I appreciate the initiative and your interest in knowing what the residents of Florida think about reopening our State. I would like to offer my opinion and I think that many people will feel identified with my situation. Four months ago I became a mom for the first time. You can imagine my fear in these difficult times that we are all experiencing. I don't think opening our state is the most convenient decision right now. We still do not have a vaccine and we do not have enough information about this virus that is plaguing humanity. Many people are not yet aware of the seriousness of this situation and this affects us all. Thank you for your time. Respectfully, Dayana Lopez
St. Johns	General	I'd like to start off by saying that even the discussion of a re-opening this early in a pandemic is so incredibly idiotic I'm actually not surprised our governor is contemplating this. The president of the United States clearly shows no remorse, and apparently no responsibility, for the hundreds of thousands and predictably millions of American families who will never recover from losing a loved one. This is not fair. I believe that 100% of the American population better approve on a reopening instead of some ignorant politicians deciding how many people should die before we learn that this is not something to underestimate. We don't even have a vaccine. My answer is NO. Two months is not safe enough. I speak for the safety of myself, my family, my friends, and my country. And no one should be allowed to decide their fate for them. I appreciate this submission website, and I hope to God that you will consider my feedback. Thank you.
Broward	General	Please start allowing condos to open their pools again & allow certain businesses to open with limitations. If anything there should be an order in place that advises elderly people and people with compromised immune systems to stay home. Also, the masks NEED TO GO!! It's awful and people are miserable. This is no way to live and this is not America. We are all jailed inside of our homes or forced to wear masks in public. I voted for DeSantis and Trump and I have faith that you will open up Florida this week! Also please do something about all of the homeless people in Pompano Beach- they are violent and on drugs along A1A and US1 and probably infected with COVID-19. Rex Harden does NOTHING. Thank You & God Bless
Broward	Government	It's hard to believe that the governor of the state would say he's not in any hurry to open the state. What are we going to wait for the state to be so far into a depression it will be years to recover. No matter when you decide to open the virus will be with us for ever. OPEN THE STATE.
Hendry	General	Hon. Gov. DeSantis: Please re-open the great State of FL now. It's time to re-open all of FL. The shut down was based on misinformation and lies. Please don't continue this unconstitutional insanity. Small business and our rural areas can't take much more. Respectfully, R Zimmerly LaBelle, FL 33935

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Pinellas	General	I believe that it is too soon to open the State at this time. There are not enough safety precautions to prevent, or even limit, another outbreak. The medical world has not yet figured out all of the components of the virus. They are just now discovering that COVID-19 is affecting all of the organs and has been known to cause blood clots in 30-40 year olds. Opening up now, even if it's just for Floridians and no outsiders, will be detrimental to the health, wellbeing and lives of all Floridians. With an extended period of those infected being a symptomatic we could end up decimating the population within a couple of years. At the same time, Floridians need to be paid Unemployment without having to Job Hunt, as that would defeat the purpose of Safer-at-Home. Other States such as Michigan and Wisconsin have waived this, and so should Florida. You can reduce requirements, cannot added them.
Pinellas	General	I understand the desire to get things open again. That decision should be made with direct input from infectious disease professionals, health care professionals, and epidemiologists. They cannot play second-fiddle to the interests of the private sector. There is no scenario where re-opening Florida is done with the acceptance that thousands could die, because people "need the economy to go." That is a horrifying thought.
Alachua	Transportation	I feel that Florida should be opening up for business. We have learned a lot about how to protect ourselves. Everyone is getting beyond stircrazy! Please open the restaurants and the bars so that folks may have extra activities to enjoy. I used to drive for Uber and Lyft in Gainesville. Since it is a college town it was helpful in supplimenting my income. I , like many other folks really want things to return to normal. I too do not have enough to pay my bills. Falling behind on payments was not my goal! Still not received any stimulus check. I really want to be able to go back to work so that I pay get my bills paid. Please let Florida open for business! Thank you.
Miami-Dade	General	Please open as quickly as possible. All of this Coronavirus stuff is just lies and fear mongering. People need to get back to work and we need to get back to enjoying our lives.
Lake	General	no do not reopen the market.
Lee	General	In order to open any type of SERVICE industry job that has immediate contact with customers I believe ALL staff should be required to wear a face mask when conducting business. Sales, Cashier, food service, cosmetology, spas, car dealerships, florists, Mom & Pop stores, etc. should have mandatory face masks on while conducting business open to the public until the infection numbers have reached significant decreases throughout the state. Safety to decrease transmission must be the most important priority. Social distancing with no covering to the face will not stop the transmission of germs. People must feel protected when they go out of their homes in order to conduct business with the public.
Hillsborough	Healthcare	Please do not reopen the state yet, it's too soon. We will see a spike in illness as people patron their regular establishments, escpecially the beach. Testing is still scarce and what will happen when more people need tests. Please wait till July to reopen if we are on the predicted downswing then.

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Martin	Education	Closing schools for the rest of the school year was a wise decision. Not only for the students but for all the rest of us that work with schools and students. In reopening Florida, please consider each county separately and what would be safe...and what activities would attract hundreds of people placing everyone at risk. Yes, economy is important but a second and larger outbreak would be devastating. It is fine line err on the side of safety. Do not sway because of politics or economy. Weigh medical facts and see that although not as expected our numbers are still rising even with the shelter in place. My family is my safety would appreciate if you consider our health and well being as you consider you own family.
Orange	General	We absolutely should not be opening the state up yet. Until we have the resources in hand to help with the the second wave of the virus, which WILL happen and, as other similar pandemics in the past will be worsened by the extended separation encouraging friends and families to come together once full lock downs are over. Attempting to restart the economy at the cost of Floridian lives would be short sighted at the best of times.
Broward	Recreation	I feel very strongly that we should not open things up until the professional medical people say it safe and then we should follow their guidelines. I am a swim coach and would love to get back to work, but I am 65 and my wife is also and has breast cancer and diabetes and I don't want to kill her.
Manatee	General	Yes start the state and its economy back up, paying close attention to assisted living and nursing homes. We the People will take care of the rest Rich Dinan
Leon	General	I haven't been able to work in 2 months due to restaurants closing down due to the coronavirus quarantine guidelines.
Volusia	Education	I think that you and your team are doing an amazing job in a very uncertain and evolving time. I would like to Thank you For erring on the side of caution and keeping our schools closed and protecting all stakeholders. I urge you to stay the course and side with caution as we begin this process of reopening.
Bay	Real Estate	I own condos in Panama City Beach, FL. I rent my condos myself. March through September are the busiest months for our rentals. These months are usually what pays our bills for the year. If Florida isn't opened soon, people will be losing the investments back to the mortgage companies.
Brevard	Recreation	Open parks/ beaches outdoor activities
Broward	General	If you want my vote, don't rush to reopen. We can't take a round 2 of this. Be safe. Our residents lives and public health are what matter most.
Pinellas	General	Florida needs to reopen! The small businesses are hurting, some beyond repair. The shut down is doing far more damage than the virus. Those who are fearful or high risk can stay home if they chose but the majority of us want our god given freedom back.
Palm Beach	Real Estate	People are struggling to pay rent!! Let them work!!
Polk	Recreation	Please OPEN ALL beaches, state parks, restaurants, and all retail shops immediately. This virus has been way blown out of proportion and we have destroyed Florida's economy. OPEN FLORIDA IMMEDIATELY!!

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Duval	General	We should not open anything until the amount of infections each day decline. I don't see the point of reopening so soon. You are putting peoples lives at risk so that someone can go out to eat or get a hair cut. It's first world problems. Give us the necessities. Besides that, I don't vote to reopen until we actually have this under control and the rate of new infections decline. Thank you.
Polk	Finance	I was never polled or even received an email asking for my opinion. There is no link on your government web site front page even asking for residents' opinions. I am all for reopening Florida with restrictions of social distancing and facial masks in confined areas where 6 feet cannot be maintained. I think there needs to sworn statements from service providers that their employees are practicing safe disinfectant practices and will not work if they have any symptoms. In addition the 5 min tests should be given to those in restaurants handling plates and glasses or cooking handling food
Broward	Recreation	We own 2 martial arts school that have been in business since 1988. We must reopen before it is too late to save. This is the only income for our family and we can not or do not want to depend on others. I have provided a list of things we put into effect [prior to closing as well as things we can do upon reopening. 1.First and force most keep families informed at all times in regards to safety procedures put into place.Most are supportive when kept informed. People want to contribute to positive efforts to make a difference. 2.Check temperatures upon arrival. 3.All students wear masks in class. 4. Students 6 feet apart. 5. Limit number of students in class. 6. All students wash hands upon arrival. (We had an associate escort students(children) 1 x1 to bathroom to wash hands while singing ABCs) 7. Teen/ Adult students can train outside 6 feet apart verses indoor training for places with outdoor property.(Our students love to train outside) 8.Only students in building. Parents can observe child through Facebook Live in the comfort in their vehicles(Our parents had no problem doing this.) 9.Along with students in class practicing all of the above , Facebook Live or Zoom class can coincide for those whom are vulnerable or not yet ready to attend in person. 10.Students can wash hands again upon exiting class. 11. The only equipment to be used is the personal equipment of each student. 12. Disinfect school daily through out the day if necessary. This can work. We have the right to reopen. Who is essential depends on who is asked this question? My family is essential, my business is essential our students are essential and our community is essential. We must be fair. We The People must have a choice.
Lake	General	Open May 1st.

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St. Johns	General	I think Florida needs at least another month of stay at home. If mortgage companies and car payments can be suspended for a month plus utilities. Then just add the suspended payment on the back end of the loan. With utilities spread the one month over the next twelve months of bills equally. We need to protect the people. I am essential and I am okay with that. As we know people will not follow proper guidelines if you open up now.
Duval	General	It is too soon to open the state or relax stay at home orders. Pay out the unemployment claims. All of the people I know have been furloughed or working from home. We shouldn't be risking lives to avoid an economic slowdown. Ensure the safety of Floridians lives first. Most people would rather we extend stay at home orders for a little bit longer so we don't have to do this again in the fall or winter and have more economic losses.
Miami-Dade	Healthcare	We should NOT open MIAMI dade county yet. My mom is a nurse and is putting herself at risk everyday. This is a ridiculous question!!!!!!!
Orange	General	Keep the state closed until doctors say it's safe to open.
Miami-Dade	General	Opening too soon may likely have the virus to appear again. As a senior I have been in my home for seven weeks without leaving and understand the reason. Those people who think it is a joke need to look at the numbers of people who have been infected and died. Maybe they don't know someone who has been sick or died but at least think about all the people who have put their lives aside to save people they don't even know. Opening slowly is the way to go. Not theaters but open air parks. Not totally open grocery stores but limited number at a time. Doctors free to open offices for elective procedures but space patients apart so no one is waiting in a waiting room with others. But most of all make sure everyone wears a mask when with others. ....no exceptions
Lee	Real Estate	We need you to open up the state of florida. This is going on too long and the people of Florida want to go back to work. There are many wearing masks and I think that this will be was going to be. If we had to do something for the ones not wearing then that that is what we have to do. Open up salons and barbershops they can go by appointments. They are always cleaning their products. We have start somewhere. This is ridiculous. We cannot worry about the next pandemic. . Well never leave the house start opening up now and be the leader you are meant to be Thank you Lou and Judy Simonetti
Flagler	General	In my opinion not opening Florida as soon as possible will ruin businesses, lives and families. If it is deemed safe to go to Walmart and publix with caution then just about every business can be opened this way. Majority of the people saying to wait did not have 100% of their income taken away. In my opinion this is a major overreach. How do you expect people to survive? Businesses are already closing down. This is an extreme overreaction given the scope of things. most people recover, it is not as huge as people make it out to be in my opinion is fear mongering. Keeping Florida closed will cause FAR more damage to the people than this virus!!

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Palm Beach	General	I think you should reopen state now at least parks golf and beaches for residents. We are very capable and have been social distancing for awhile now. The large majority who have not already gotten the virus will not die if we do get it so no need to quarantine the healthy, doesn't make sense now that we have seen the data.fyi I am in the risky set because of my age but I know how to take care of myself.i also think the media have done a major disservice to the people and just scaring them .I would hope we would see more common sense from both our politicians and scientific community!,
Lee	Government	Do not reopen ! It is too soon, and we will only get shut right back down. It's too soon!
Suwannee	Professional Services	Do not open hair salon, nail salons, tattoo shop, massages, gyms as there is no safe way to social distance.
Pinellas	Government	Open up the State! The economy is going under! The people of Florida NEED to work! The sunshine is good for us! Let the sick stay home. Our business will close for good if you don't open up our economy! We want to work we don't want printed money that will cause sky high inflation! We're counting on our Republican Governor to not turn Florida into a Socialist state!!
Miami-Dade	General	I believe it is important to keep the court houses, beaches, and the entertainment business closed as these are areas where people will congregate and will be difficult to contain. However activities like boating (without sand bars) nail salons (with plexiglass), and nature preserves (with a max capacity) should start to slowly open back up. Floridians need some sense of normalcy without the opportunity to infect others
Lee	General	Hello, I would like to urge Governor Desantis to extend the stay at home at order and not to lift it at the end of April as suggested. These measures are working but all that work will be undone if the order is lifted too early. To keep all Floridians, safe, the order should stay in place until we are sure we can control the virus. Thank You
Lee	General	The state should have never been closed in the first place, but I understand why they did it with the outlandish data they were presented with. But now that we have current data and we see the mortality rate is much much lower than they projected, it is time to open. The economy had been destroyed and people's lives have been destroyed because instead of just quarantining the sick and at risk population, they have quarantined everyone. Locking everyone in their homes for months makes no sense medically. Our immune systems are weakening as we shelter ourselves from all the bacteria and viruses that our immune system needs to strengthen itself. It just doesn't make sense. Herd immunity is the only way to control viruses when there is no vaccine! And closing outdoor areas like beaches and parks is also not in line with science. You have less chance of getting sick in the warm sunshine outside than being stuck inside. Open ASAP and save our country before it's too late. If we wait too long we will never come back from this.
Escambia	General	Do not open up yet! It is still too soon and we have too many elderly and we don't know enough about how many cases there really are here yet!!!

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Palm Beach	Food	Like to see places that offer outdoor eating get to open, ,getting parks, beaches open as well. ,and if all goes well,open more and more each week.
Broward	Management	Utilize information provided by professional medical epidemic experts to open the economy not political cronies.
Palm Beach	Healthcare	The opening of the business is a function of control of the virus. The first step is testing of all types of persons in a given region. The nonsymptomatic and presymtomatic must be tested in addition to those with symptoms in order to understand the depth of the virus. A reasonable sample should be used in each region. After that testing is done, the national guidelines set by the Trump administration can be followed. The quicker testing is done, the quicker a safe opening will occur. In the absence of sufficient testing, there is a great likelihood of a second shutdown. A second shutdown will be more devastating than the first as it will erode public confidence in pursuing consumption to levels that insure long term recession.
Citrus	General	I think we should wait. Our numbers go up then down then back up. Until they are going down, and staying down then we are still at a very serious risk. Thank you Please stay shut down.
Lake	Healthcare	The "Stay At Home" was based on inaccurate information feed into a model that proved to be consistently incorrect and unreliable. As a result, 26 million people have lost their jobs, children have not be able to go to school, events canceled and to top it off no one has been able to get needed preventive health and dental care. The tyrannical government has taken away our rights to decide what is best for ourselves, family and business. Quarantining the well as well as the vulnerable is completely irrational and harmful to our health and well being. Common sense has completely disappeared and has been replaced by fear and irrational, contrary nonsense. ENOUGH. Time to wake up, Governor DeSantis and return freedom and liberty to the people you were elected to represent.
Miami-Dade	General	Necesitamos tener más pruebas para tener elementos reales para determinar lo peligroso de es levantar la cuarentena. Recordemos que son más valiosas las vidas humanas que las ganancias y cargos que obtendrán al reabrir los negocios.
Seminole	Professional Services	While I'm one of the small businesses greatly affected by the shutdown, I'm concerned that if we reopen too soon, we'll be back in the same situation in a few months. We can't go through this again. Please err on the side if caution.

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Polk	Professional Services	I am a hairdresser and I just want to make you aware of how close we work with the customers. We are in their face to wash and style their hair. Blow dryers are making everything fly around in the room, they sneeze and cough and hairspray picks up everything and we breathe all this. Plus, our customers love us and they love to hug and give us a kiss and they hold our hands. Nothing makes them feel any better than their hair looking good and they have missed us. It is so scary out in the public, please don't open the salons yet. Customers will come even if they are sick. We deal with that on a daily basics even when there is no virus. The virus makes it so much more dangerous. Yes I miss them and they all look awful right now , but don't take a chance with our lives just to give a haircut or style!
Orange	General	I think non essential retail and restaurants should reopen with social distancing measures in place on May 1. I am not opposed to nail or hair salons including spas opening either. Again with measures put in place. I think in a couple of weeks gyms should be allowed to open. People need to be able to get back to work. Our numbers have flattened and yes there will be new cases but people should be able to make their own decision what is best for them. Mental health is also very important. Coved-19 is not going away but we cannot hide for 18 months for a vaccine. That is not healthy.
Broward	Education	Please don't re-open now. First make sure that the State is actually helping Floridians in unemployment condition. It has been said that a majority of those without paycheck has not even being approved to receive unemployment assistance. Please help them immediately. That should be your priority. Opening beaches, parks, commercial places without a proven successful treatment or vaccine will only bring a second wave of COVID-19 stronger than the first one. Half of the re-open task force must consist of medical doctors. I understand Business men are visionaries who move the economy but science should say the last word. It is a virus that we are fighting and we need science to help us to defeat it. We need test for each Floridian (even the "healthy" ones) Please make tests available to each Floridian. It would be safe to open only when a treatment has been found or when every single Floridian can be tested. Thanks for your work! May God be with you and guide you through all of this! Respectfully, Gladys Cantillo
Orange	General	Please open the Beaches AND the Beach Parking lots. Of course with Social Distancing, for Sun Bathing, swimming. FOR FLORIDA RESIDENTS ONLY!!!!!!! I don't think that we are ready or the country is ready for the tourists to come back yet. Hopefully soon, but not yet tor the tourists. Thanks

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Pinellas	General	It’s time to open this place up. I have three grown children that have jobs on the beach with children they have no income. They filed for unemployment they have not gotten any money at all from the government. It’s time to let everyone go back to work. If you can be careful enough to go to the grocery store You can certainly be careful enough to go to work and make a living. I think you need to read a little more on the doctors that are helping Trump both of them have been helping the Democratic Party and our Democrats. Everybody’s doing everything they can to get rid of Trump.It’s time let’s open it up so our families can make a living. Can’t you see what these two doctors are doing doesn’t take a rocket scientist. When you hit done
St. Johns	General	Thank you for taking public opinion on this important community issue. In regards to re-opening, I'd like to suggest that you keep the rule/guideline that we have in Jacksonville that states "If you can work from home you must" indefinitely. I am an IT worker at CSX headquarters in downtown Jacksonville and as an IT worker, we already routinely worked from home several days a week and we can do our entire job from home with no loss of service to our internal customers or external customers. We have done exactly that through the shelter in place orders. The company goes by state and local guidelines, so if that rule were removed, they would very likely ask that people return to the office just because that is the guideline, when there is no reason to place anyone at undue risk by having them be in the office vs safe at home. The idea that we may have to return to the office soon for no particular reason just adds undue stress and concern for our health. As far as opening things up in general, I strongly believe we should err on the side of caution and take our time. If certain businesses like hair dressers or restaurants can open up safely with distancing and health as priority one, then we have no problem with that. In those cases people have a choice whether they feel safe visiting such establishments. We would likely avoid doing so until a reliable vaccine is available, but we are trying to do our part currently by supporting local businesses through take-out, touch-free pickup services and anything we can do to keep the economy going. Health and safety is our top priority and continuing to require people that can work from to do so indefinitely would go a long way towards keeping a big portion of our economy safe, without any negative effects. Thanks for your time!

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Gadsden	Recreation	I do not think it is safe to re-open the state yet. We should continue to stay at home in order to flatten the curve. Phase in businesses slowly, but require implementation of social distancing within the establishment, For example, everyone needs a haircut by now. Allow the hair salons to operate with only 10 people total in the facility. We should NOT be congregating in large numbers, so I'd say keep the churches closed, the malls closed, and other events, such as sports or concerts where people congregate en mass. Continue to stress the importance of continuing teleworking, especially for state employees, universities, etc., where large groups of people must work. Telecommuting has proven to be successful and should be considered as the new norm. The state could save money by reducing the amount of office space that is required to house a full staff. One area you could start reopening is the state park system. As long as the parks are not inundated with people, it would be good for folks to be able to enjoy some outdoor activities without putting themselves at risk. Being able to walk a trail in the woods would be such a reprieve st this point in our lives. Please consider the well-being and health of all Floridians first and foremost before opening the floodgates. We do not need a second wave of the Coronavirus to wipe out part of our great state.
Pasco	Information	Re-open Florida task force: Please Do Not Open up for health reasons. To many people are NOT following the safety rules Gov DeSantis created. Example problems with customers at stores and nobody enforcing 6' rules. (Walmart Ridge Rd) Safety everyone wear masks not to Spread virus! I would like start opening up AFTER people follow Rules.... period I am not interested in starting over because of people Not Following Directions! Thank You for listening to my concerns :-)
Brevard	Food	Hello, just wanted to provide an opinion on the reopen topic since your offering the public to weigh in. I feel like just from what I am hearing and seeing around and about, for some areas if restaurants feel like they can resume business safely with following social distancing guidelines, then they should be allowed to do so. Maybe not everywhere, but in many areas it seems like they could get back to a small start. Big chains may be a little different as they are larger with needing more staff etc, but I am thinking more local locations and local run restaurants which provide just as many important jobs and are good for the economy as the big ones. Basically how they operated before being fully closed. Certain seating capacity limit, spreading people out, and all the cleaning measures etc. If some do not want to or cant then they don't have to reopen yet, but for those that think they have the ability to do so and want to get some cash flowing, it may be a good way to get some back to a degree, slowly but surely. Thank you
Pinellas	Tourism	I am losing $500 a day on rental income this is my sole source of income how can you justify closing down everything for the flu? People are responsible we don't need government making decisions for us they only get in the way versus help.

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Broward	Retail	I would like to see Hobby type stores be re-classified as essential businesses. I don't mind staying home but many of us have hobbies to which we need to replenish supplies such as paints and brushes and so forth.
Miami-Dade	Healthcare	As an employee of a senior living company who's been working from home for the last month, I don't see how any "stay at home" order can be changed or ease until a much more massive number of tests will be conducted. The state of Florida must see a constant decrease in the number of new positive Covid-19 patients for at least 14 days AND be able to test any person that enters any senior living community before any changes can be made.
Orange	Tourism	As much as this pandemic is hurting our economy and business, I don't think re-opening the state this early will solve the problem - we were one of the later states to go into quarantine and not enough safety was practiced, keeping the beaches open too long probably spread the virus massively. We need at least another few weeks if not a full month to really counteract it in my opinion. Besides, even if we open everything up and open the parks and invite everyone back, doesn't mean they will come. The rest of the world is still in various stages of recovery and travel will not resume as normal for another month at minimum, if not more.. opening Florida early will not get everything back to normal, and only risks making the situation worse.
Pinellas	General	If you don't open up the beaches the hotels the restaurants and all the other businesses they're all sensual people work at all of them. It's time to open this up put people back to work or there ain't gonna be any work to put people back to if you guys ain't smart enough to figure that out you don't belong in Tallahassee or Washington. If you can put 100 people in a grocery store you can put people on the beach this is the most ridiculous thing that I've Ever seen in my life. Open this place back up so I can buy toilet paper, among other essential items general staff at Genesis general he had that little arrow in that space in the same genera ever seen in my life. Open this place back up so I can buy toilet paper, among other essential items. Dr. Fauci and Berks are only interested in the virus. they could care less about the economy. If Trump and the governors don't wake up there will be no economy. And don't forget both of those doctors are Democrats. THINK ABOUT IT. They don't want the economy to be good because they don't want Trump reelected. Can't believe you people can't see that
Lake	General	Open the state, maintain social distancing, advise the elderly and those with co-morbidities to stay at home and remind people that just because the state is open does NOT mean you have to go out. If you want to stay at home stay at home!!! Keep nursing homes secure and allow non corona patients in hospitals to have visitors that are escorted to and from patient rooms. Thank you

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Pinellas	General	There is nothing that leads me to believe you know how to open Florida safely, or will follow any practical guidelines experts give you. You are a Trump ass-kissing Republican who will simply do what Trump says, no matter how insane. We know that you believe that starving--and I mean literally starving--unemployed workers by blocking unemployment benefits will get these desperate workers to want you to open Florida back up faster because they will be dying to work. And, hey, if they stage protests to open up Florida fast, that's even better for you, right? It's like having workers do your bidding for FREE. And that will make you look good to Trump, to whom you owe your career. But, some of these people will actually end up dying, because prematurely opening the state will result in a new surge of infections. But, you know that already. You just want to impress your master-in-chief. Good luck in 2022, you horrible excuse for a governor. PS: You use BOTH elastic bands when you put on a face mask.
Lake	General	Hello, I believe it is time to reopen . I am in healthcare, we need to get back to normal, to park at the beach , play at the beach, shop beside groceries, go to church. People need back to work, normal again. I have been working through all this. i have been monitoring myself watching the news, to much negative with media !!! Using common sense,. When we go to the beach we never sat close to other people any way. You also need to think of people mental health through this . People need to go back to work, back to there normal. Flu Season will be here before you know it, will we shut down, stop living, certain people work all the time while others will not ? Lets have vacations, go out to eat, play at the beach, need to let us park there to ! People do have common sense . Think of every one's mental health we need to go on back to the normal ! Thank You !
Broward	Healthcare	My Mom is 89, I'm in my 60's. My son is in his 20's. Opening up Anything u til there is widespread testing ore knowledge of the virus' immunity is a death sentence to all.
Okaloosa	Food	Please open all Florida beaches and businesses to full capacity ASAP. I own 2 restaurants on the FL Panhandle (beach areas). I employ a staff of about 50. We had to shut down completely because they The pick up/to go model just does not work for us , especially since they closed the beaches and condo rentals, which chased off all of the tourists. We lost lots of money trying take out/to go. Little to no customers. Staying closed much longer could cause us to shut down permanently.

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Broward	Food	Good Afternoon Governor: I'm very happy of the decisions you going to re-open the State. But its a good chances people who didn't have the virus before will have 99% chances to get it by return to work to early. For instance ME who have diabetes and cholesterol those underlined people more at risk because we have low immune system. I'm working in the food industry a lot of people Come and goes you dealing with sick customers and non sick Customers in that case what can we do to protect our children Who left at home. I can't effort to get sick or my children's and we need to pay our bills too. In my opinion best thing is to spray the whole country and re- open the less harm places. Everyone still have to keep 6ft apart and ware mask and gloves. I thinking food place for public should re- open with a very special precautions by last week of MAY. Thank you for the hard works you being doing for our Country. God Bless
Okaloosa	General	Florida is a large state with wide demographics. Commissioners can make responsible decisions for their counties. I own a small bakery and know many other business owners. The fine print on the grants will turn most of this into loans. Many of us do not meet the criteria of 75% of income needing to go to payroll. Business loans from people having the dream to start businesses in the thriving economy, equipment, maintenance all needs to be taken care of to employee the employees. I'm the 3rd in my family to run the bakery which has operated since 1970. We have 4 hospitals in my county. This past week we had 6 hospitalizations at one point. Last week there was 7 at another time I checked. Weve had about 30 total, with less then 200 cases, and this was after not closing our beaches until the end of March. Please allow us to work and prepare ourselves for a possible 2nd shelter in place this winter.

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Collier	Accommodation	As a full time resident of Collier County who has lived here for many years, I find it absolutely appalling that this epidemic has become completely political and not serving the best interests of the local residents. We need to put politics aside and protect our citizens. This epidemic has everyone completely on edge and we need to protect the local population (most of which are elderly and are at major risk) from this deadly virus. Reopening our state, beaches, parks, and other popular gathering locations, we are not only inviting people to congregate but also to come from all over the country to visit. This would be putting millions of service and hospitality workers at risk who have to deal with the public (including myself) and risk exposure to COVID-19. As a vacation rental manager, it is almost impossible to check in and service incoming guests, maintenance requests, provide housekeeping, etc to these individuals without coming into close contact with them. All of those who decide to electively travel to Florida clearly have no regard for the local population and could care less what risk they pose to people who live here by coming to visit. You know these individuals who are traveling here do not follow any social distancing guidelines where they are from, if they are eager to travel all around as soon as possible. The missed revenue that everyone is concerned about is nothing compared to the cost we will incur from irresponsible people coming to our state and spreading this virus to all of our local citizens, many of whom are prone to serious health risks. As a father with a wife and two small children at home, I ask that you please take this into consideration to protect us until things become more stable and we begin to see a significant drop in the curve. If I bring this virus home from work and my wife and I get extremely sick, what are we supposed to do? Who will take care of our children knowing that they risk being exposed to COVID-19 from them? What would you do in this situation? I understand that quarantining at home is not enjoyable or fun for many people and everyone is getting restless. However, what is this small sacrifice to prevent the rampant spread of this disease in our local community? I am very grateful of you for giving us the opportunity to provide feedback on this issue and I want to thank you for taking the constituents' opinions into consideration. I sincerely hope you keep the local, full-time population's safety in mind when you make your final decision.
Pinellas	General	Many peop!e are wondering if opening summer camps is a.good idea? What is the risk of having all of the kids back together and potential spread of this virus?
Sarasota	Retail	Retail stores in Florida should be selling face masks . None are available at grocery or retail stores. If we can buy them easily, more people will wear them. At least for those who feel safer with a mask or want to wear one, it be nice to easily buy one at stores like Walmart, Target, CVS, Sams, Walgreens etc.
Duval	Education	Opening up the state too soon will be the biggest mistake ever made. Tourists will be terrified to come here unless they feel it is safe. Listen to the experts. Not the president.
Hillsborough	Tourism	My vote is to re-open EVERYTHING ASAP. Look at Sweden, or other countries not shutting down, no difference in being quarantined, people are losing 100's a day for nothing. If you are at health risk then take precautions just like anything else we are a good judge of how to stay safe. We don't want or need the government telling us what to do. Please open everything now

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St. Johns	Professional Services	Hello! I appreciate the daily press conferences and this gesture of collecting public comments. I am absolutely in favor of a measured, data-based plan to re-open our state. Researchers and health officials are learning enough about this virus -- how it infects people, how it survives outside the human body, and how we can protect ourselves -- that we should be able to figure out a way to re-open safely. I am confident that Floridians will be able to follow whatever guidelines they are given. Equal with the virulence factor, there's a psychological component to this pandemic. It's very important to give people some semblance of a timeline. The federal guidelines that outline phases 1, 2, and 3 are extremely helpful in this regard. We need to know there's a light at the end of the tunnel. The "better" we behave (in terms of following the guidelines), the faster we can get back to normal. We need these hopeful messages, along with the statistical updates. In contrast, if you fearmonger and don't give people any idea of when social distancing could end, you more are more likely to 1) ignite skepticism and resentment toward the government and 2) trigger those who are prone to pessimism to behave irrationally, perhaps intentionally stifling the economic recovery. A drawn-out economic recession will make this entire situation triply worse. Just give people specific scenarios and explain how they should proceed. Outlining procedures for close-contact situations -- for example, hair salons, nail salons, day spas, dentist offices, orthodontists, physical therapists -- will be particularly important. There's so much good that has come from this situation. I sincerely hope that we can adopt a national (or even just a Florida-wide) remembrance of April 2020 each year going forward. Let's call it "The 15-Day Pause." We can use two weeks each spring to spend more time working from home, practicing school from home, driving less, traveling less, and re-familiarizing ourselves with the protocols we need to use in situations like this. Something similar to COVID-19 is bound to happen in the future. I hope we'll be more prepared, as a society, the next time it occurs. We need to be able to keep calm and carry on. Our national security depends on it.
Brevard	Tourism	Based on new findings, the number of cases is drastically higher and the number of deaths is lower, so the mortality rate is significantly lower. No worse than the flu. The drama is created . Stop buying onto it and let all of Florida carry on as they were in December.
Duval	General	As a teacher & a mom, this has been very tough. We have watched the numbers & cases etc. We have seen the now decline. April 30th is right around the corner. Please open us back up. If the northern counties are ready, which it really seems we are, let's do this. We weren't meant to live like this. Please open up soon so we can get back to friends, life, & church. Please!!

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Osceola	General	Dear Re-Open Florida Task Force; I am one of the many Furloughed workers here in central Florida. I share many of the same concerns as others for my health but those concerns seem abstract as they are only numbers and news articles to me at this point. My very real concern is my lack of income. I have very real bills and a very limited source of income in reemployment assistance. Reemployment assistance is limited in its pay out and limited in its duration. The federal government's supplemental is also limited in its duration. At the end of July, all these programs will have reached their set dates of expiration, during which tens of thousands of people will be looking for jobs while local businesses will still be suffering from a lack of demand. The number of unemployed individuals dwarfs the number of confirmed infected cases in Florida. The media and the governing bodies have done a great job in creating fear so that people will abide by the social distancing requirements. I believe desperation will begin to override fear when adequate public assistance starts to wane. I strongly believe the economic concerns are going to quickly overtake the health concerns in the near future. I humbly ask that the task Force take into consideration how to get the maximum amount of people back to work and how to undo some of the fear people have with the social distancing. I do not believe businesses will bring back employees in mass if there are no customers to go along with them. Sincerely Logan

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Orange	General	I'm a college student in Orlando who's out of work. The school I was an after-school counselor at through OCPS, obviously, closed. My second job at Disney - which I just started - also is shut down. My rent is $846 a month. I was paid $87 a week from Disney, just enough to cover groceries and medication, until I was furloughed. I have yet to receive unemployment money, and because I'm a dependent, I never received one of the $1,200 stimulus checks. Despite this, I do NOT want Florida to reopen. Our state is the epitome of tourism. My job and my city relies on tourism. If Florida is to reopen, our entire city is at risk. I have asthma, so I'm doubly at risk. If Disney reopens along with Florida, I won't be able to return to work without potentially risking my life. Not knowing who comes into my state, and more importantly my city, means I'll have to continue staying indoors. It's not worth it to reopen until we're safe. My dad is a mail carrier for the USPS. He's a medically retired veteran and is almost 60. He works 6 days a week. Every day, he goes home to my mom who is also almost 60, and is considered at-risk by the CDC like me and my dad. My whole family is at risk if this state reopens. It shouldn't happen. Our economy will bounce back eventually, but the lives lost will not. If anything, reopening now and risking those lives may even make our economy worse in the long-run if we have people dying at rates even higher than now and then have to close AGAIN. It's not worth it. It shouldn't ever be. This is something that will be in the history books students like the kids I watch will read one day in their classes, and hopefully they'll be saying we did the right thing and stayed closed.
Pasco	Healthcare	I'm an executive with a national healthcare company that specializes in an area of disease recognition called Risk Adjustment. To shut down our country the way it has been shut down, with the numbers & information provided is/was mind boggling. Our state and country should be open immediately. This virus impacts only a small %, yet the reaction has set us all back many years, some will never recover financially. I beg of you to not tread on our freedoms and the fabric of our financial model, capitalism. We are getting to a point that Patriots are going to rise up and take them back. We are stronger together and I voted for our governor because he aligned with these values. I hope you will consider relooking at our current situation and how misaligned that is versus the platform you ran on. I appreciate your consideration and hope you will help us get our state and country back to work!
Pinellas	General	Remove the order to shelter in place and have a dedicated task force to encourage shelter in place for the elderly and overly concerned immunocompromised populace. The majority can decide for themselves the when, where, what, when and how to live their lives. Those who are weak and concerned about their health should take the necessary precautions to protect themselves. If the weak and overly concerned need assistance we can maybe have a dedicated task force to help them continue with the their own shelter in place. The rest of society should be encouraged to get back to being a productive one.

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Charlotte	Food	My husband and I believe that waiting until the middle to end of May would be beneficial for the state of Florida to open restaurants. Take out and curbside has been working for restaurants that have the ability to. There are too many people that don't care about the coronavirus or how dangerous it is...until it is...these careless and/or uninformed people are not a good mix in the relaxed state of Florida
Pasco	General	The state needs more testing both for COVID and the Antibodies testing before the state can open. We need more public health officials providing input based on the testing data.
Santa Rosa	General	We are already used to social distancing in essential businesses. Home Depot, Lowe's, Feed and seed stores, gas stations and more are some good examples of places we social distance now. Other businesses could use same practices, adapting according to their type of business. Sonny s BBQ is doing drive up service at this time. Why couldn't they allow a capacity number of people(based on social distancing) that want sit down service to come in and wait staff deliver tray of food to table and let patron distribute it at their table. At retail store like Bealls outlet control capacity by counting customers in and then subtracting those that leave (Our Home Depot is doing this with great success)social distancing can be accomplished in almost all businesses. When dealing with schools it is probably not a good idea. You are always going to have those that will cause problems with whatever plans you devise. The question is should we abandon trying to reopen our economy because some will not comply with the rules? NO! Where we can, move forward.
Hillsborough	General	We need to follow the Georgia Governors lead and allow any business to open if they so choose. It has already been proven in California, other states and around the world that the only way to address this virus is through herd immunity. This virus just like the Flu, the Cold and HIV will never have a vaccine to prevent it. But, because it has been proven time and time again, that HydroChloroquin does work when the illness is not severe and works when combined with Zpac and zinc in serious cases there is a way to treat and survive the CoronaVirus. Therefore, it is obvious that the only members of the population that need to be in a controlled environment are the elderly, infirm and others who suffer from debiliating diseases. So, follow Georgia's lead and OPEN UP FLORIDA FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE POPULATION THAT IS HEALTHY ENOUGH TO WEATHER AND SURVIVE THIS VIRUS.

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Pasco	General	Gov. DeSantis, Please be cautious about opening the state. Do your homework. Know the facts and make the best decision for the state. Do not let each county make their decision which will cause chaos within the state. Govern on the side of caution. Is our state at its peak yet? Wait at least two weeks after this to see how the numbers move, hopefully in a downward spiral. Then begin to slowly open parks,, some businesses, and medical opportunities. Hold off on restaurants until social distancing can be achieved there. Continue to get out the word that a second wave of this virus could hit us if we're not careful and continue to social distance, wash hands, and not congregate in large crowds. As a Republican voter, I'm counting on you to take the sensible and cautious action.
Duval	Healthcare	I am a clinical laboratory scientist. I understand the problem. I see it. However, at some point, the remedy is worse than the illness. Covid patients are coming to the hospitals for help, but all other health care is essentially at a stand still. Healthcare professionals are losing hours, jobs, pay differentials....and in an ER, it put any patient at risk because the staff is a skeleton crew. In addition, my husband is a retired marine with a small business. We cannot self sustain that business much longer being closed. We have yet to hear from any lender for any government aid so I assume we are on our own. I would hate to be forced into bankruptcy by government mandate. Particularly since it's such a non standardized ruling. It's a very subjective rule currently as to what businesses are considered essential and allowed to be open. I can go to Home Depot or WalMart and see a large gathering of people but cannot attend church or go to a hairdresser where there is generally never more than 3 people at any given time. At some point, the general public has to be aware and take responsibility and precautions to safeguard their own health. The covid numbers are going to increase any time the restrictions are lifted, if it's today, next week, next month, 2 months...because there will be an increase in public mobility. People have to safeguard their own health and decide themselves. The world can't close forever because people need to work to live. Take precautions and get back to life. The government can't support us all forever.
Miami-Dade	Management	don't open until medical and scientists say we are ready to open. Don't rush it and potentially have or encourage a second wave.
Lafayette	General	Open up and let personal responsibility kick in,

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Volusia	General	The state needs a slow opening such as requiring anyone in public with in 6 feet of another to be wearing a mask . Example restaurant, bars reduce the capacity to fall whiten Business need to be accountable to require customer and employee to follow guideline .Should they not comply with this they will need to shut down . Increase testing site with test that can tell if a person has ,had ,or is immune to this virus . Reduce the additional $600.00 per person receiving unemployment. Have employer reduce employee rate and use money reduce to add to employee rate to go back to work .Employee will receive two separate checks . Personal protection in hospital go back to laundry employees scrubs in house ! Monitor for 30 days with regular results public informed by weekly .
Brevard	General	When there is comments from the Governor in his re-opening thoughts such as "I'm in no rush", and other comments that express plans it does not appear that input is really wanted as the path is already set and ignores the fact that the unemployment request process is still in shambles. Get down in the weeds (the people) and learn how people are suffering from no income and no clear end in sight to obtain income while they are staring at bills for May and beyond. "I'm in no rush" appears to be the motto for the unemployment system. Wrong attitude expressed to the people. Lots of politicians are losing my vote if they run for another term; I will not forget. The numbers outside of south Florida don't dictate that the entire state should still be closed. OPEN it up!!!!!!!! Hey, and just like the unemployment system, it doesn't work the first XXXX times you try to submit comments.....
Orange	General	Governor, it is past time to open up the great state of Florida. In the last some-odd 30 days, less than 10% of deaths in Florida have been related to COVID-19. We are past the peak. We have flattened the curve. It is time to let people get back to work and allow them to provide for their families. Respectfully, David Ferrell P.S. I have tried submitting this twice now, and have received an error: We are experiencing higher than usual traffic. Please try submitting this form again. If the problem continues we recommend submitting again later, or contacting the owner of this form for assistance.

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Pinellas	General	At first we were flying blind about the coronavirus but we no longer are. The intent of the shutdown was to prevent overrunning medical resources. Florida succeeded. The goal posts must not be moved and It is time to start reopening the state. FL has about 3.3% of all cases in the US - unlike NYC metro area that has over 50% of all cases in the US. Pinellas has 2.2% of all cases in FL and none of the cases in the nursing homes in Pinellas were due to social distancing issues by the public. Time to stop the one size fits all solution that is devastating people's lives and livelihoods. Americans are the best in the world of multi-tasking - we can continue to mitigate, protect the vulnerable, continue testing including antibody testing, continue working on treatments and vaccine trials, reopen businesses and public spaces and stop punishing everyone and healthy people. It is time to deal with this pandemic like we have in the past - protect the vulnerable and isolate the sick. No Commander goes into battle with only one General. There are more stakeholders than just the medical modelers, who continue to be wrong, that must be heard. Actual data now reflects the virus has been circulating in the US since at least mid-January and perhaps longer. The economic devastation resulting from the shutdown must stop. We need the parks, beaches and public spaces reopened as Sunshine and fresh air is necessary for both mental and physical wellbeing. The flu season is over and hospitals are sitting with so much excess capacity they are losing money. Small businesses must be reopened.I feel safer going to my hair salon where the same lady has been cutting my hair for over 30 years than going into Walmart or Publix. The cure is now becoming worse than the disease as unemployment skyrockets and businesses forced to close through no fault of their own may never reopen. At this point, it is not the role of government to decide the risk acceptance for everyone. The government must trust that the vast majority take personal responsibility seriously. And Trust is a 2 way street. Americans have the right to decide for ourselves our own risk acceptance. Liberty must be preserved over tyranny, impoverishment and serfdom. The emergency to prevent the over run of hospitals and medical resources is over. We are no longer flying blind. Those with paychecks cannot continue telling those who lost their paychecks they cannot go back to work.Time to Reopen Florida Now! Thank you.

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Orange	General	I request that guidance be formally provided that clarifies that neighborhood (HOA) swimming pools can be immediately re-opened for lap swimming and exercise purposes. Specifically, I live in a Homeowners Association (HOA) that has a very large community swimming pool with multiple lap swimming lanes, each of which are at least 6 feet apart. Lap swimming is about the only effective exercise that I can do, since it is a non-impact form of exercise. Our pool has been closed for over a month, and my physical conditioning and overall health have declined over this period of time. I have done extensive research, and have not found any federal, state, or local mandates requiring that neighborhood swimming pools be closed, other than maintaining social distancing. The Board of Directors (BOD) of our HOA closed our pool, because of the state mandate to close gyms. Although we have a separate fitness center, which I agree needed to be closed at the time, our HOA BOD has extended the vague requirement to close gyms to also apply to outdoor swimming pools. I strongly support and practice social distancing, but I see no reason to prevent me from lap swimming, where I am submerged in chlorinated water and separated by at least 6 feet from the next closest lane and person. In the absence of being able to swim, I have instead been doing long daily walks throughout our community, and I have observed 100% compliance with other walkers practicing social distancing. We have all seen the traumatic impacts of this virus over the last month. We don't need mindless, dictatorial requirements to mandate basic safety. Although this may seem to be a trivial issue to some people, it is very important to my overall physical conditioning and health. Therefore, until my HOA community pool is re-opened, I will NOT spend any money in our state or local economies, and you will not collect one penny of sales tax from me. In summary, please provide specific guidance that clarifies that community swimming pools can be re-opened for exercise purposes. Until this is done, anything and everything else that the state or local governments allow to re-open will not be patronized by me.
Indian River	General	Thank you all for your hard work. Comments below. Enough is enough. I no longer understand how the government is willing to sacrifice millions of lives for a few thousand. You have two choices 1. Open everything back and maybe a thousand people die. 2. Keep everything closed and sacrifice millions of lives knowing starvation is a long slow painful death. Not to mention depression, foreclosures, etc etc. Reopen the state already! Respectfully, Laura Peacock
St. Johns	Recreation	Open up as much as possible. The data that is being used to make the decision to stay shut down is faulty and our economy is suffering. If you need to, do a random sampling of people across the state to see who has antibodies. I'm sure you will find many more people have actually had the virus and do the mortality rate is much less than you are assuming. Put restrictions or suggest restrictions for people who have a comirbid condition like diabetes or cancer or elderly. Everyone should assume their own risk.

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Broward	General	I really cannot believe DiSantis is even considering re-opening Florida. He needs to stop being a pansy for 45. It's disgusting tosee him acting like a puppet for 45 when there are lives at stake. People are dying at an alarming rate and the only advice they can give as they send us all back to work is to drink some disinfectant.Or, better yet....inject ourselves with it! We have an unhinged person running our country who knows nothing about government, and even less about it medicine. Can we not see that the main goal for 45 and all of his puppets, is not about the health crisis our country is suffering from, but the state of his financial affairs. Disgusting...just disgusting?!!
Miami-Dade	General	no creo sea apropiado aun abrir , en muchas ciudades los casos siguen en aumento . Tambien entiendo que otras coudades tienen pocos casos pero creo mas bien que debemos esperar un poco mas . Dios les de sabiduria .
Orange	General	Please open the state!
Lake	General	I think it's time to begin opening up the economy, at least in the parts of the state that don't have high numbers of cases and deaths. I don't think large events should be allowed yet, such as sports, concerts, or theme parks. However, situations in which social distancing is possible should be opened, like retail stores. This is no different than going to the grocery store. I think that testing should be increased, in order to determine the asymptomatic people and allow for contact tracing. I don't want more people to get sick or die, but people as rest really struggling financially. The stimulus money from the federal government isn't going to last very long, and the unemployment system is a mess. People need a way to safely earn income again.
Sarasota	General	NO - I feel it's to soon to Open the state to all businesses. We are still trying to get people to distance and wear a face mask. Opening up should be done slowly with limitations applied. I am just as anxious to get things to whatever the new normal holds. I would like to go back to my normal life, go out to eat, get back to work, take vacations etc. At the same time I don't want to be another statistic because we were so anxious to reopen.. We need far more testing available before any consideration.
Sarasota	Real Estate	I am completely for opening asap. Protect the elderly and the compromised and let everyone else get back to it. If someone doesnt feel safe returning to their job then an additional grace period should be given to protect there job. Just because an establishment is open doesnt mean you have to go into it.

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Miami-Dade	Technology	Floridians will die in record numbers if we don't let real science lead our decision making process. Asymptomatic carriers are a big threat and allowing people to believe the virus threat is behind us will backfire spectacularly with the a wave of infections. Our hospitals and medical staff need a break and can't be running near capacity on an ongoing basis. Businesses that require close contact such as restaurants, bars, salons, sporting events, concerts, etc.. cannot be allowed to reopen as normal. Restaurants should be able to sell food for take out and delivery as long as new internal protocols are put in place. Warehouses with low employee density can operate safely with thoughtful strategies. We need to keep up the same grocery store protocols: 100% mask requirements, sanitization practices, limit of people in the store at the time, partitions between cashiers and customers, marked 6' waiting line spacing. Please don't let special interest groups or political pressure override common sense. My wife has cancer and her treatment is already impacted by the rapid spread of Covid and the resulting stress on our medical system. Every person who gets sick needlessly takes up vital resources of other people in need of medical care.
Miami-Dade	Education	I think that florida should indeed open up because 99% of these kids are not doing online learning ....some of them are falling asleep at the computers...and others aren't doing it at all....i think its best to reopen schools to get these kids back to place of education the right way ....kids and college students are losing out on alot of activity and graduations they really have they hearts on walking on stages and being around their friends .....so i really think school should reopen

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Leon	General	OPEN the state!!!! And get unemployment completely paid to everyone that is due compensation. Take off the blinders and realize that staying closed will create a whole host of new crises. Homelessness for one, especially since ourUC rate is ridiculously low and short term - and of course the system is designed to not pay anything. Look at the number of corona virus cases, and then look at how many are unemployed. I saw elsewhere that for each death we have 600 people out of a job. Soon those people will be starving on the streets. Rioting, looting, etc. most of those people have also lost their health insurance. Soon they will run out of their prescriptions, and I'm sure some will die because of it. Suicide rates will rise. Domestic violence is already increasing - including child abuse. Seems like the "health advisors" can only see the virus and the deaths it could cause. Is one life more valuable than another?"! Do only the rich matter? The "essential workers"? The people who have been put out of their jobs should matter too. Their families should matter too. It seems that they have been mostly forgotten. They will soon start to die - and not of the virus. It's bad enough that you haven't cared enough to make sure they at least have their paltry $275 a week, but the Feds already gave FL the $600 per week they're supposed to be getting - and the state apparently doesn't want to pay that out either. When will these people start to matter? When you find their bodies in the street? When they are panhandling at your front door? Yes - there will be more lives lost to the virus, but that will happen no matter what you do. It isn't going away until we have "herd immunity " - which can only happen when enough people get the virus and develop natural immunity, or a vaccine or cure is developed. That could take years. Let people go back to work. People at higher risk can choose to stay home. We can all use common sense - like washing hands and avoiding sick people. But we cannot sustain what we're doing. It's not working anyway. And it won't unless we lock everyone up for a month or so with zero access outside their homes, other than to go to ge hospital it they're sick. Even that won't work long term. The virus is here to stay. Just like the flu. And testing is NOT the answer. Text negative today, catch the virus an hour later. We can't text everyone every day, so quit telling people we just need more testing. That's just $$ wasted. And hey,
Pinellas	General	Start opening with areas with lower records of infection. Counties with higher numbers go last. Also monitor and if people are ignoring the basic safety rules shut that county down for 30 days and have them work way back to opening. Without life there can be no business for anyone. Do like how have protected our young by keeping schools closed until fall.
Pinellas	General	I don't think the state should be reopened till we have a decrease of cases and deaths for at least 14 or more days. I also think that there needs to be testing available to everyone . I think that if we rush into everything reopening there will be more cases and deaths, and the healthcare system will be overrun.

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Collier	Recreation	I would like to see our parks, preserves, beaches, Zoos, public gardens, and other outdoor recreation locations open to the public. This will give us a wonderful sense of getting back to normal, relieve stress, and provide places to exercise, reflect, and relax. All of outdoor locations should have clear cleaning, distancing, crowd control, and visitor contact protocols to follow that will help their staff and visitors feel safe. They may need help with additional cleaning supplies, masks for staff, etc. I am also concerned about liability issues with volunteers who work with these organizations. Most volunteers fall into the 65+ age group. While an organization's staff must follow new rules and protocols, volunteers may be less attentive to new standards.
Miami-Dade	General	Thank you for the opportunity to comment. To summarize my position, I believe we are beyond the period of a reasonable shutdown in Miami Dade. Understanding the extraordinary circumstances, asking residents to remain at home for over 4 weeks is NOT consistent with our basic rights as citizens, nor is it the proper approach to balance Covid 19 with mental health, economic, and social damage caused by a shutdown. I understand the need for the initial shutdown in order to provide time to build hospital capacity and slow down infection rates. WE ARE THERE. We are well beyond the peak of new cases, have sufficient hospital capacity, and understand how basic social distancing can reduce spread. SO, at this point, just as it was the obligation of politicians to protect human life, it is now the obligation of our leaders to face the reality that Covid will not simply disappear. That means we should gradually re-open, in order to release our population from a home-bound confinement that is irreconcilable with basic liberties. To allow our doctors to serve their patients, who need heart procedures, MRIs, and physical therapy. To allow our children, who have been staring at school screens 5 hours a day, to go out side and get some air. To allow our small business owners, who provide so much of our employment and basic services, to open and save their life's work. We CAN do this in the context of effective safety measures, including masks, distance, gloves, and hand sanitizer. We CAN do this carefully while making sure we retain sufficient hospital capacity to care for the sick. In closing, I would ask our leaders to be mindful of the innumerable unintended consequences of this shutdown, which go beyond massive unemployment, interrupted educations, and the infringement of basic rights. It is not natural to keep millions of people in their home against their free will, and it is incumbent upon our leaders to exercise flexibility, creativity, and courage that it will require to restore our freedom.
Flagler	General	I am a hairstylist eager to get back to work but I also Need it safe enough for my sons daycare to reopen or else I wont Be able to go to work. My husband is an essential employee. We want the state to open, but safely. So please before making any choices consider if it’s safe enough. Do we think it is? No. But we only can be closed for so long.

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Hillsborough	Healthcare	Due to the lower number of positive Covid-19 cases and deaths in Florida, I believe it is time to start opening our economy back up and let citizens get back to work. The Florida Unemployment program is been a failure to hundreds of thousands of Florida residents and they need to be able to get back to work to feed their families and pay bills. I believe it would be good to still protect our vulnerable population - elderly and immune compromised - by advising those people to still shelter in place. However, the rest of the population should be able to slowly return to work and get our economy on the road to recovery.
Lee	Government	My job allows me to work from home, which has been amazing since my kids are not in school. When thinking of reopening, you should allow those workers that have been working from home successfully to continue. If their employer has no objection. Please take into consideration that you closed down schools and not all of us have the money for daycare. The goal should be to keep those that can work and function from home at home and only reopen the businesses that cannot afford remote work.
Orange	General	Please open everything back up.
Miami-Dade	Healthcare	I totally disagree that you open the places, because is your open the virus is going to spread further. Second the government do not you have taken fumigation measures to kill the virus. The test is only for person present síntomas. The health is more important than your blessed economy.
Clay	General	Dear Governor DeSantis and Task Force Members, I am writing to respectfully demand that you reopen Florida's economy when the stay-at-home order expires on 4/30/2020. The purpose of the order was to flatten the curve and the current data proves this has been achieved. Additionally, the evidence that is emerging daily supports that a significant percentage of Americans have likely already had and/or been exposed to the virus, many even before any of the shut downs. Furthermore, the evidence now points to a mortality rate that is equivalent to that of the flu, which does not warrant violation of our constitutional rights. As such, all businesses and beaches should be opened with restrictions only on those who are vulnerable or exhibiting symptoms, consistent with guidelines for seasonal influenza. As President Trump has said, the cure cannot be worse than the illness and at this point, it very much is worse. It has become apparent that those pushing for continued quarantines are interested only in a political agenda and not what's best for our country, our state, or our citizens. Thank you. Michelle Weigand
Pinellas	General	Do not reduce current restrictions until a full plan is in place that has been put together by doctors, public health experts, epidemiologists, and other health experts. There is no vaccine and no cure. Please invite a nonpartisan group together to also work on the economic future of the state. Talk with the Ag Commissioner. Find ways for Florida's PPE to not get intercepted. If we have no consistent PPE, safeguards, and accessible healthcare if we still get sick then we can not open in a manner that would be beneficial to the citizens of Florida.

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Pasco	General	The state should make policies regarding safety before reopening: Workers should have the ability to call off work if sick. Examples of policy would be that there needs to be an on-call staff member OR staffing service, for each shift that requires the business to function. Employees should not be forced to come in sick due to lack of coverage. There also needs to be a certain number of paid sick days by the employer, so the employee has an opportunity to get tested and return if cleared. There needs to be clear directives of when to call off work, such as a fever, a new cough or breathing problem that is not related to a prior medical condition, a household member or very close contact being diagnosed with Covid-19, etc. The government should provide an add-on to its state medicaid programs that allows for those who test positive to have 2 weeks of some type of pay to cover essential bills (with requests for extensions due to complications). Employers who have numerous employees with Covid-19 (a percent of some type) should have a way to apply for state assistance as well. We need to make it practical and economical to allow sick days. For schools and childcare facilities, kids need to be protected. When both parents work, kids are often pushed into school when sick. This isn't fair or right. If a child is sick, at least one household adult parent should have the same ability and responsibility to call out sick to care for their child/children. School nurses should have that contact info and ability to quarantine student and require physician note or 2 week health suspension with suggested isolation upon certain criteria. Childcare facilities should have the same. Elder-care facilities and special needs facilities and residential facilities should have the same except instead of a guardian, they should have a hospital that they can go to to await test results while in quarantine. Prisons should have an area dedicated to such an area as well.
Pinellas	Professional Services	Please let salons reopen
Brevard	General	There was not a choice for "bars" above in the areas of interest section. I am a local bar owner in melbourne, florida. I have owned my business Cheers 2 U Bar & Drive Thru Package since 2007. My plan was to put a manager in place to be able to take time off now that my husband and I are older and ready to retire. Unless we can re- open soon i am very concerned that with the current economy & so many people out of work, that my dream to retire from here on is not happening any time soon. I just feel that noone really thinks about bars and bar owners. we are a local bar and our customers are like family & friends. We would not do anything to put them in jeopardy. we have cleaned & disinfected every surface. I feel if restaurants can open back up and use social distancing, why can't we? If we have to be closed much longer i'm not sure we will survive. We will put out hand sanitizer & abude by all rules. i hope we can re- open soon. scary times for all.
Hillsborough	General	Florida should reopen not everyone stays home anyways If u take precautions every one will get through this but people need to get back to work already family's like mine need to work or we can't servive some family's haven't Even received unemployment yet or stimulus payment reopen florida now

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Broward	Healthcare	My concerns are mainly the spread and management of this virus. I manage an optometrist office 37 employees including doctors. My daughter works in the medical field also here in Broward. My mother has Pulmonary Hypertension, Diabetes, High Blood pressure and Heart disease. Everyday I discuss with patients why we are unable to schedule their routine eye exams, some understand but most really do not appreciate the danger of this situation for themselves, staff and our families. I don't see the cases dropping sharply, we are not ready to reopen at this time. More testing needs to be available, more knowledge about the people with antibodies. Please continue to help us stay safe.Dont give in to lobbying pressure to reopen South Florida too quickly! Thank you!
Santa Rosa	General	Please don't open the state too early. Projections from the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation state is will be safe to start the process in June. As a household with several immune compromised individuals, I beg you not to open our state.
Hernando	Government	Mr. Governor, I am a registered voter and part of a 7000 member group called Open Florida. We are asking you to step up and end this lock down now. We need to have our small businesses back open and our places of employment back functioning. You support us now and we will support you in the next election. Do the right thing. Lead from facts not fear. Responsibility Submitted , Thomas Curcio
Hillsborough	General	I think more testing needs to be done before this is considered. As a person who has been denied the opportunity to be tested several times, I don't think there's an accurate assessment of how many people are infected.
Seminole	General	Open now
Leon	Retail	I think we are opening too soon. If we can open non essential retail busks was I think we should still be closed and do curb side or online deliveries only. The malls should remained closed during phase 1 but we should still be able to go in our stores and do online orders and curbside pickups.. just until cases go down.
Sarasota	Administrative	I noticed that the Re-open Florida task force does not have (m)any healthcare/medical people on it. This is an administrative mistake and will not lead to a good product if we are trying to reopen businesses in a safe and prudent manner. If you to to restart the economy safely you must have the input of the healthcare providers and the business community.
Polk	General	Why cut the parachute when we are still in the air? Our class numbers per day are still climbing so opening everything will result in more deaths and closing again. Just dumb to even ask.

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Orange	Tourism	I have been in 2-3 Publix groceries this past week. No one wants this state opened up! Those of us that work in essential jobs are extremely concerned about this PANDEMIC. The loss of a job is a huge concern of course for the millions across the country that are suddenly unemployed, through no fault of their own. These Publix employees thanked me for wearing a mask. Then they all offered their own opinion and concern for their safety, unsolicited. Plz don't open up this state! The numbers are still climbing!!
Lee	Real Estate	As a senior citizen and a part time realtor, I am well aware of the need to open the economy. The news media is not factual and I don't believe all the information is accurate regarding the virus. Business needs to open safely asap before it is too late for economic recovery. We can do more testing, for the virus and for antibodies, use distancing, and common sense.
Volusia	Professional Services	Need to be able to work , appliance repair and home services. No PPP funds , lost all my employees , no stimulus check. , need to generate any kind of funds to stay open !
Lee	Transportation	Please reopen our state as many people's lives depend on providing gor themselves and their family's. While this virus is a serious issue. I believe the economic impacts are far more serious.
Hernando	Healthcare	The state is not ready to open. I personally work on healthcare and the cases and deaths keep growing. It is too soon to open
Bay	Accommodation	Please re-open short-term rentals. We're dependent on this industry on the Emerald Coast.
Pinellas	General	I believe all businesses should open following social distancing. Make should be optional. People at risk always have the option to stay home.
Pasco	Government	I don't think it's time to open Florida state yet there is 2 waves of this pandemic. We should not rush into this
Broward	Healthcare	I will listen to the Health expert/scientist as to when businesses should re-open. I do believe doctors should do elective surgeries again because the spread is under control and we will not need all the hospital rooms and PPE. Thank you.
St. Johns	Professional Services	Please start to reopen. I stil haven't gotten unemployment of any kind (filed March 15) and haven't gotten stimulus check yet. I need to go back to work!
Alachua	General	Please re-open in areas that have declining percentages. Alachua county has declining cases for over 2 weeks. The only spikes have been in nursing homes. Opening up outdoor dining, nail/hair salons, childcare/summer camp programs so we can begin the path back to normalcy. Being quarantined at home while our county averages 4 new cases a day seems too restrictive. Mental health of citizens is equivalent to physical health and long term restrictive stay at home orders should be limited to high risk areas.

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Collier	Healthcare	Do not open up quickly. Watch the other idiots opening too quickly. Don't open up to make up for your epic failure re unemployment. Fix the system and pay people. If you blow it, no one will come here next year and you can kiss that revenue, and your job, goodbye. When you open, enforcement is key. Numbers go up, don't ignore it like you did this year. Stop playing catch up. Be smart for once. Have little faith in FL gov ability to handle this carefully and based on science. Ignore what that idiot Trump and protesters say - they are clearly fools. Inject disinfectant! How irresponsible and dangerous. He is not anyone to model, as you have throughout. It's clearly becoming a losing proposition. Be your own man. Do not forget us older and less healthy people. We need to stay at home through all phases (if you even have the sense to follow the guidelines) and need protection like telehealth to protect us from going to medical buildings full of possible disease when we don't need to. Have a real plan. Stop endangering the people of FL. No one I know - even Trumpers - feel confident in FL gov. That says a lot from deep red Collier.
Polk	General	On the topic of reopening Florida I think a lesson needs to be taken out of our history books, we all studied history some more than others but what we do know is when the Spanish flu hit cities and states were also shut down, what happened to the ones who reopened to soon is that their second wave of the virus was worse than the first yet for the people who remained with a strict lockdown policy either didn't have a second wave or a very mild form. I as a hairstylist in the state and with my job I can not follow the 6ft guidance while dealing with clients. As much as I desperately need to get back to work since the unemployment system is such a failure I don't want to be forced to go back while it isn't safe and deal with the issues already coming out of Georgia when it comes to liability. Thank you for your time
Lee	General	Agressive testing, contact tracing, and containment is necessary to prevent a resurgence in new cases. We will not be leaving our home to resume normal consumer behavior until Florida contains this virus, even if that means 2 years.
St. Johns	Construction	We did our part, we flattened the curve. Unless you lied to us, time to open up!
Hillsborough	Education	Please listen to the Scientist. This isn't about Right or Left. Just saving lives. If the scientists say "Stay closed".....then please listen.
Sarasota	General	I believe schools, beaches , movie theater, chucks cheese, bowling ally's , churches etc should remained closed because of large gatherings. If other small businesses open there should be restrictions such as,; must wear mask and hand sanitizer should be available upon entering. Restaurants should remain as our take-out only.
Osceola	Technology	Do not fully re-open business in Florida. Wait until new cases have dropped for several consecutive weeks. When we do re-open, do it in phases with significant precautions against large gatherings. Seek the advice of qualified experts in pandemic response above the advice of business leaders and politicians.

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Indian River	General	I don't feel like we have waited long enough yet. I understand we all need to get back to work and get the economy up and running but I feel our health is more important. We will all eventually get back to a new normal, but I think a few more weeks would be a smarter choice.
Polk	General	I believe we should open the state up to save our economy and people's lives. I also believe we should wear a mask until this virus is under control.
Broward	Government	Dear Governor, Do not reopen Florida until the proper amount of testing has been put in place, the contact tracers have been put in place to track the virus course, and the infections are stable and in a downward trend. Please do not fall for the false choice of the economy over life. If you are in the so called 'party of life' then the choice should be life. Please make decision based on the science and the health experts. If a disastrous second wave of virus hits, then there will be no economy to save. Let's get if right the first time. Best regards,
Leon	Food	I honestly feel that it is far too soon to attempt to reopen the state. Health officials suggest that we have not fully hit our peak, we don't meet the CDC requirements for number of cases in a two-week period and reopening the state prematurely will force those most vulnerable to choose between returning to a job that might not be safe and keeping that job. I think that mirroring Governor Kemp and the state of Georgia is a very bad move for the state of Florida. I am a small business owner, of a food service establishment that greatly depends on the economy getting back to "normal" and I would rather suffer the hardship of no income for my business than risk my community getting devastatingly sick with this horrible virus.
Duval	General	Please wait until numbers stop growing this fast and until more testing is available. Please do not place economy on top of health, $$$ on top of human lives. A fast re-opening will bring the numbers back up...and remember those numbers are human beings... they could be your relatives
Brevard	Professional Services	Hair salons: could open if there are only a few in the shop at a time. Employee and customer can both wear masks. When coloring hair, gloves are worn by the hairdresser. Hair is washed in warm water and shampoo. Nail salons: technicians routinely wear masks; clients can wear masks. Hands are washed before polish application. Limit number of persons in the shop. Nail equipment is sterilized routinely.
Orange	General	Please open the gyms up
Orange	Finance	Please open everything back up.
Orange	Tourism	While we are getting there we aren't there yet. Why risk everyone early and have to do this all over again just cause people are getting stir crazy. Let's do things right and listen to health officials and not people who are home who sick of staying there.

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Broward	General	Regarding the opening of the economy, the state of Florida should not wait and see what other states due but rather, they should advise the knowledge and recommendations of scientists, researchers, doctors, and the first responders. This is not a situation in which the Florida government should make on their own. Please listen to the guidance of those in the medical field as well as those in the scientific community who understand the situation on a more scientific level who can predict how safe it will be to begin opening up our state.
Miami-Dade	General	Please donstatewide testing before opening the state. I have a 62 year old mom and we live with her. My husband works at Aventura Mall and I am scared that we may unknowingly give her the virus if the mall should open. We lost our dad to cancer in December; we do not want to lose our mom. Thank you.
Miami-Dade	General	We should NOT re-open any public venues until we have increased testing by 300%, increased PPE and ventilator inventory (already in hospitals) by 200%, and have plans of treatment approved and ready to initiate (plasma/anti-body treatment and/or stem cell therapy). Miami Dade County (with more than 10,000 infections) should be a lesson for the entire state of Florida. In the middle of a pandemic we allowed public events to move forward,(such as Miami International Boat Show, Festival of Lights, etc.) despite the warnings and potential danger. Granted the information received from the White House Administration was faulty (if not misleading), but we now see how dangerous Covid 19 is and can be for everyone. Do not relax your guard or there will be a resurgence in late Summer or early Fall 2020 - and if this occurs any excuses or apologies given will fall on deaf ears. The protestors seeking an early re-opening, brandishing military weapons in a public setting, must NOT be allowed to bully the government into making a wrong decision.
Leon	General	First I think it's odd that you have no drop down to comment on public safety. I hope that this task force understands that the lives of Floridians should be more important than their jobs. More Americans have now died from COVID-19 than in the Vietnam War. Our leadership needs to listen to medical leaders now not business leaders. Banks should be giving the unemployed a grace period on their payments not expecting them in 3 months all at once; tack them on at the end of the loan period. This will help to stabilize our economy in Florida. Show leadership and stop having everyone laugh at the state.
Broward	Professional Services	Business needs to reopen with responsible limits. Law offices and other professionals offices should be open. Retail should open with responsible limits. Even schools should reopen perhaps with stagard schedules. We need to plan as if this will continue for at least a year and figure out ways to conduct our daily life activities.

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Orange	Tourism	Tourism is essential, not just in Florida but the entire world. We must be brave enough to understand we cannot eliminate death. The top 10 causes of death in Fl claim over 200,000 each year. So we must understand death and disease is a part of life. Open FL and those who are high risk or choose to stay home can and should. Personal hygiene is the best step against the virus, so allow businesses or theme parks to open with handwashing or sanitizing stations. Allow the individual to decide whether to participate in activities. Government should not make decisions for businesses but rather provide information and let them decide.
Seminole	General	It isn't safe to reopen Florida at the time. The population has barely enforced the 6 feet rule and masks are not worn by the major population. Workers going back to work are being forced to put money over their own and families safety. Masks when outside and 6 ft distance has to be enforced. Rent and other bills that people are not able to pay at the time should be not be forloughed but instead forgivin.
Palm Beach	Recreation	Hello, I live in boca raton, I feel the beaches need to reopen like the rest of the states beaches. If we can run on the sidewalk, let us run on the beach. We'll keep our social distancing, for our sanity, please open the beaches. Cheyne cottrell
Seminole	Tourism	The State needs to reopen as soon as possible. We should not be killing the economy and everything that we have gained to slow the spread any more. We have done a good job at mitigation but now comes the time to reopen and bring back what makes Florida great, our tourism industry! We should not be loosing everything we have in order to hope that we slow this virus down. We can not stay closed forever, there is simply not enough money to support everyone. The lock down is now getting rediculous and needs to end so we can get back to our lives.
Hillsborough	Professional Services	This is a comment regarding private hair salon suites. As a licensed cosmetologist we already abide by the Industry health, sanitation, and safety requirements on a regular basis, with the viral pandemic those standards will definitely become elevated. I work in a private salon suite with no more than 2 clients at at time when I can easily work on one at a time if required to do so moving forward. Adding additional time in between clients for extra cleaning and Sanitation is also completely doable. All combs and tools are either sprayed with disinfectant spray or submerged in wet sanitizer (Barbacide), capes and towels are laundered regularly after one use, chairs, handles, and surfaces are wiped down with disinfectant wipes, soap and tissues are available for clients, and gloves are worn for every on contact service provided. I understand with my profession that I cannot maintain the 6 foot social distancing rule but I feel with my industry standards and even with added reasonable requirements such as providers wearing masks, we can provide a safe and healthy working environment for our clients. Please consider opening private salon suites sooner than later.

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Hillsborough	Education	I would like the state to move forward slowly (months) First continue with the task force which I do feel should have an ad hoc committee of medical and psychiatric doctors with a weighted say in the decision making. This committee work should take a month or longer to plan a move to open. I do think caution is important. It is working now because we are social distancing and staying at home. Until a vaccine is available and/or a drug to cure I feel we should move slowly back to a new normal. Please follow the medical experts. You see people out protesting to move quickly but remember a greater majority of us you cannot see or hear because we are staying at home and trying to our best to flatten the curve and allow testing to get more available and accurate and medical knowledge to catch up
Lake	General	I say the state should reopen as soon as possible with the current guidelines in place. It is especially important to get Disney and Universal back open, as once those giant employers are back up and running, the rest of the dominoes will fall in a very good way. Rather than "stay six feet apart", I think it would be better to have mandatory temperature checks at entrances to parks and big stores -- those who have fevers, no admittance. This will be a much more easy to enforce action to take as opposed to constantly trying to make sure folks are six feet apart, something that's even impossible to do in the local Publix. Bottom line, we all know what is working and what is not working with COVID-19. We are all conscious of it now. Instead of masks and six-feet apart -- which not everyone has the same tools for and is too difficult to enforce -- have mandatory temperature checks similar to mandatory security checks at the parks and airports. You have a fever, you go home, plain and simple. I realize this is not a cure-all and some will object, but I think at this point we have to get up and running. In February and March we did not understand. It's April, and everyone gets what needs to be done now. Thank you.
Broward	Government	We are all concerned about the economy. Mostly I am concerned about human lives at stake. We can use the federal funds to help feed people until it is been deemed safe by the health professionals. Take your time and get the proper tools and tests we need to move forward. My son's gf is a nurse treating patients without proper PPE. Lets save people in order for the economy to matter...from a Floridian of 48 years. Thank you

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Hillsborough	General	I don't think this should be a priority to be opening any places. I think the focus should be in helping those with the virus and helping with getting your people the people who voted for you some money. Some places should remain close to stop the spread of the virus. People should understand how bad this virus is because it mutate.maybe I think you governor senator etc have not had a close family member die from this virus. Maybe if a close member of your family does maybe you would understand how important is to help keep the people your people at home and get them benefits to pay their bills and get food so so many of your people your voters won't be dieing. Right now opening Florida should not be an issue or in your thoughts. The well being of your people your voters the ones that helped put you and your family where you are nice and comfortable, they should be your priority. Get them working unemployment website and get them their money benefit fast. We American citizen should be all in this together but we American tax payer citizen are not. Again think about your people the voters. This virus mutate if things are opening and people are out there more then usual guess what will continue to happen...your people the American tax payer citizens who helped you live in a comfrey home which your family does not need to be worried about when that check is coming or when will a unemployment website will be update or even a federal check will come in....we the American will suffer more more. So again rethink your priority. Focus on what really matters. Help us stay at home help us pay our bills and food. Help pass the no rent or mortgage bill for up to 6 months untill all this is under control that way we can stay home stay safe and help prevent the spread of this deadly virus..I do have family member who have dies from this and the worse is you can not even visit them all you get is their ashes.god help you and all of us. Use your heads. That's why we voted for you governor
Pasco	General	You have to think about everyone not just a handful of people at the end of the day people are going to get it and that's it you can't keep us locked in our houses is becoming completely ridiculous open app people need to get back to work people need to get out of their houses you are causing severe amount a mental illnesses and mental distress that's going to start with people committing suicide and they're going to have a high rate of suicide because of this just start opening stuff up you can social distance going to a movie theater you could social distance going to a bowling alley just open stuff up

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Charlotte	Food	I work at a golf course as a beverage cart attendant and a server. I have been unemployed there since March 21. I applied for unemployment shortly after and my application is still pending. I am hesitant to go back to work yet. I personally think it's too soon. If my employer asks me to come back I don't feel like I have any choice but to do so. In my area our season has ended prematurely. Summers are difficult in this business. Add to that the fact that many people are short on money and some are hesitant to go out even if you give the ok. If I go back to work I'm afraid that I will be making next to nothing. Most of my income is tips. So essentially I feel like I'm putting myself and others at risk for very little return. Also I am concerned that if you open the state too early it would be very difficult to shut it back down again if it's determined that it was a mistake. I think that would be worse than erring on the side of caution. If my employer had to shut back down again I would have to start the unemployment process all over again which would be a nightmare. I would like you to wait a little longer but whatever you decide I wish you would give us an answer one wY or the other soon. It's hard living with the uncertainty and not being able to plan for the next couple of weeks.
Volusia	Tourism	I agree with the plan to open tourism to residents first. Open by June 1st
Orange	Healthcare	I work as a massage therapist. Opening the state now would not do any good except higher cases. Everybody wants the state to open,but fail to realize that things will not be back to normal for a few years. You can just go places like you wanted to before. Dont open the state because people want you too,do it when its right.
Lake	General	The state of Florida has come no where near hospital capacity through the entirety of this farce. Meanwhile, unemployment has been slow to meet the demand of Floridians forced out of work, and families are hemorrhaging funds and some are going hungry. Open the state, let us go back to work, save the money on UI which the state cannot, in reality, afford, and salvage the economy that was doing so well before the government succumbed to panic.
Broward	General	NO, I do not think that is is the correct time just yet to re-open the State of Florida to business interests of any kind particularly at the expense of everyday citizen. We have come a long way, with just a little still way to go ..... why in heavens name chance a a potential escalation if the present timing is later found to have been wrong. This is not a crap-shoot ..... timing is everything ..... and then we all must live with the consequences ....
Broward	Education	People that want to get back to work should be able to do so. I think you should open up north Florida and work your way down. I think Orlando and up should start to see businesses back open. Restaurants and bars that have outside patios and restrict the amount of people in each establishment. There have been more suicide deaths because of depression from not working then the coronavirus deaths.
Polk	Education	I am a teacher about to move to S Florida and begin a new job for upcoming school year. Does Governor Disantis see reopening school in August as a strong possibility?

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Brevard	Healthcare	We need our hospitals and outpatient clinics running at sustainable capacities. PSA's from health officials on the use of masks, gloves (not wearing them to touch everything), and hygiene will go a long way in keeping everybody safe and increasing public trust in the measures. There are clear misconceptions of how viruses spread and what protective measures work versus what protective measures can exacerbate the problem or provide a dangerous sense of confidence. Antibody testing for healthcare providers needs to be readily available and mandated. I've noticed many grocery stores having self-service food where patrons can touch the utensils without them being cleaned between uses. These buffet-style areas must be serviced by a worker or shut down. Condiment stations/trays and menus at restaurants need to be disinfected thoroughly between patrons or switched to disposable methods. Door handles and bathroom sinks in facilities need to have disinfectant wipes, alcohol gel, or another way of sanitizing or avoiding use of the handles. Thank you, Alex Barabas MD
Volusia	Healthcare	DO NOT REOPEN! It's not yet safe. We have been doing a good job of staying home, please continue until we have enough tests or a vaccine in place. If you have to open, please do it slowly. I know I won't be going out unnecessarily. Hopefully other Floridians will do the same. Please social distance, wash your hands, and don't drink bleach!
Pinellas	Management	I would like to see the state opening up May 1, Beauty and Barber shops, Beaches, using Jacksonville as a model for beaches, shops and stores and shopping centers, limiting the number of shoppers at a time and limiting hours they are allowed to be open , we all know what this virus does to us if we catch it and are capable of making out own decisions as to how best to get on with our lives to avoid it as best we can. Schools should be opened in late August, allowing parents to make decisions if their children should attend or be home schooled. Churches should be opened and people allowed to attend but in small numbers and using the distancing rules we now are used to. Neighborhood pools should be allowed to open for small numbers and distancing rules should apply. We all understand how this virus affects us and none of us want to catch it or spread it but we have to be able to continue to live our lives, doing whats necessary .
Polk	General	It is too soon to fully reopen. The reduction in cases shows social distancing is working. Should Florida reopen, it should occur in stages and all businesses that are open to the public should be mandated to reduce capacity. Those who are able to continue telecommuting should do so. Florida needs to evaluate how many parents will be able to return to work with the amount of daycares and summer programs that are closed. The state needs to make sure all businesses that reopen have reasonable access to PPE for their employees and it must be enforced. Florida will also need to increase availability for testing and we need faster turn around times for results.

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Lee	Tourism	As a fishing guide in southwest Florida I've learned to deal with adversity from day one,.There have been oil spills,hurricanes and a red tide event but nothing can compare to the economic damage caused by the closing of our state with this occurring during peak tourist season when we make most of our income.I understand that some believe it was necessary to prevent major loss of life but unfortunately I believe the economic damage will be far greater due to the timing.So now we are at a point where it is time to move forward with the re opening of our state,not everyone will agree with this but if we are to begin the road to recovery it needs to start now.I agree with your idea on promoting tourism within the state,it has to begin within,we need to start with our parks and beaches,not opening just a few but all preventing overloads in certain areas.Also needed is advertising to promote tourism within our state.We need to get people back to work at restaurants,hotels and other attractions starting small and working our way back to a healthy economic situation.After the BP oil spill the state had a tremendous advertising campaign that brought money back into the state when most thought it would take years.We spend billions a year on summer vacations with our families and if we could advertise the many activities in our state outside of large theme parks we could create an economic impact in the immediate future instead of years from now.As early as June we could see the beginning of economic activity in our communities and although not what we see during a good year it would be a good start. Captain Michael Avinon
Marion	General	We have had zero cases in our zip code. Would like to see all hair salons, nail salons, restaurants, vets, dog groomers, etc.vopen using social distancing. Have all workers' wearing face masks & gloves & limit occupancy to 10 or less. All patrons to wear face masks & gloves where possible. Let 55+ communities open clubhouses, restaurants & pools to members where they have had zero cases. Again use social distancing, mask & gloves where appropriate.
Orange	Recreation	I don't think places like Walt Disney World, Universal Studios, and the outlet malls should be reopened until late summer/early fall at the earliest. These places see an incredibly high amount of international tourists and could easily be the cause of a second wave of the pandemic. I also don't think businesses should reopen when the state's stay-at-home order expires on April 30th. I believe this is too soon and could very likely undo all of our efforts and sacrifices made to slow the spread.

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Marion	General	Sir, I request that you absolutely take your time and at the very least follow the White House guidelines for re-opening. Please be aware that around the world where areas opened too early, there has been a 2nd wave of COVID-19. As an active senior in the OTOW community, my neighbors are all at risk, as am I. It is the responsible thing to wait until there is more statewide testing available, as this disease is invisible. I cannot go to a store or a restaurant for a long time, as I am vulnerable. Everytime my husband goes to the store, I worry that either or both of us will get sick. If I get sick, I will probably die, due to pre-exsisting conditions. I am most content to wait longer and to see the curve flatten a lot in Marion County and in FL. Our state is all connected and if we don't feed the virus, it WILL die. SO please BE SLOW, BE WISE, KEEP US SAFE, since we have no way of knowing who can pass the infection along to us. Gov. Kemp was wrong and I bet he will see a resurgance of the virus. Let's be smart in FL and WAIT, WAIT, WAIT to very slowly open, erring on the side of caution to keep Floridians well. Many thanks, stay well.

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Miami-Dade	General	I can't believe that the government has to ask the people if they agree to open the state when the scientifics are saying that is we open the state is going to be 10 times worse than now.I seriously can not believe what am seeing and listening "A Governor asking the people who don't know anything about Medicine if they think if we can open the state when the numbers are increasing day by day,so he do not listen the scientifics which are the ones who knows about it ".And in the other side we have a President that is recommended to applied injections with desinfectan (the doctor was sitting in front of him was looking at him very scary).I ask myself "are these politicians serious ",if anything happens to my family,specially my 3 kids some one of these people are going to be guilty for that and for sure is going to be accused for murder.They just care the money,not the people.God bless America and save our lifes cause we can not count on the government.This is really disgusting.Gobernor if you want open the state and I sure you that is less than a week millions are going to be infected and millions are going todie and you are going to be the responsable for that.Remember that the President clean his hands like Poncio Pilatus and put the responsibility on the Governors because he knows what is going to happens and then he will put the finger in all of you guys.Be smart do not open till the scientifics give you the green light because they are the ones who really know what is going on.The CORONAVIRUS have not friends.I really ask you from the bottom of my heart "DO NOT OPEN THE STATE" or thousands of Americans are going to die for your mistakes.GOD BLESS AMERICA FOREVER.I hope that you take the right decision if not you will not be in peace with yourself the rest of your life.You have kids like me,seat and think in our people and our country.Is not enough money in the world that can pay for a human life.I expect that God be with you and make you take the correct decisions,Thank you very much,we will see you in the next elections.
Pasco	General	Please use science and not politics when making decisions that affect all Floridians.
Charlotte	General	Please do not open the state too soon. Until you have definitive proof that the cases are on the down swing, you're putting lives at risk. Once you open too early, you'll start at the beginning again. Plus, you're inviting tourists to Florida who will bring more citrus with them. And Governor, you seem to forget SWFL. You've been to a lot of places, but not here. We vote too. Don't forget that.
Pinellas	Food	Hello, great idea on this web site. My biggest concern would front line workers in the food and beverage industry (waiters, waitress, cooks, bar tenders, etc). Pleases implement mandatory face masks (at the owners expense) until we find a cure or vaccine for the corona, virus. If we want to see this industry (restaurants, Bars, etc) to thrive again, this in my option is a no brainier. Really appreciate the chance to voice my option. Again thank you for letting us give our input. Brett Yeates (Pinellas Native)

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Hillsborough	Retail	I own a small clothing boutique .. it will be great if small business like mine could open soon with all sanitation precautions and only one customer at a time ... Germany is opening small business that are about 800 sq ft . In my case I just opened before all this virus happened and I can't afford to be paying rent with no customers .. Also online sales are more difficult now because we are competing with more aggressive big stores that also have the physical stores closed ... I know that the local people would like to shop and support ...
Santa Rosa	Recreation	It has been a very difficult time for me. I'm sure it has been a more difficult time for my fellow Floridians in South Florkda where I was born and raised. I currently work in public transit in Santa Rosa County. Trust me when I say it has become a very stressful job. What I will say is there is no such thing as social distancing on on bus no matter how much you regulate the number of passengers which very few wear facial coverings. In our count the number of cases are low. And when you subtract the numbers in the Blackwater Prison and the folks in long term care facilities the number amongst the local populace is below 100. I am a retired veteran and a member and officer of our American Legion Post. What I ask you to consider when reopening our county is you consider those who visit veterans posts on a regular basis. Veterans posts consider themselves to be family. And for some of us it is our only opportunity to interact with others. I understand that we may be considered a bar where social distancing may be difficult. I will again say we are family and some of us need that regular interaction amongst others veterans to maintain our mental health. I know for a fact that members of my post who are concerned about social distancing in a facility such as ours will stay away as they see needed. I ask you to make special considerations for veterans post when you look at reopening bars. We are so much more than just a bar. Some of us including me rely on being able to interact with other veterans. Thank you for your time and consideration.
Orange	General	DO NOT OPEN FLORIDA YET! The number of US cases is almost at 1 million and the number of Florida cases has increased. It has not plateaud for a significant consecutive amount of days. Spiking sporadically. Living your life how you want is not more important than others having a life at all.
Brevard	Healthcare	We, as dental professionals (especially dental hygienists) , should not and cannot work as long as Covid19 is still prevalent. We create aerosols that linger in the air and will put us and our patients at risk. We have no standard of care set and are unable to purchase PPE. Please consider extending the date of dental opening until those two things are in place - a standard of care and proper PPE. THANK YOU!

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Lee	General	We need to reopen for peoples mental health. The kids have lost a lot and miss friends and sports. Most that want to stay closed are collecting more money on unemployment than those of us who are essential workers. We bust our butt everyday just so everyone else can degrade us and say stay home. We need to get back to nature. Limit visitors coming in still but we need outlets. Let small businesses open and maybe big business 50% or 75% dine in with limited hours. You've done a great job. Since everyone received their checks they are all out in the stores now. I delivery groceries in addition to my full time job and I've seen all the people now going out. Please reopen with limited visitors. Kids need their graduations. Our school superintendent even changed the kids from block schedules to 7 period days until we fought him on it.he did this during a pandemic because no one was paying attention. He said he will postpone for a year and take some input but it will happen. These are the things that happen when no one is looking.
Miami-Dade	General	First - The task force must be reconstituted to include workers, consumer rights people, unions, first responders, doctors and epidemiologists. It should also be bipartisan. There is no such think as non partisan or non political in any of this, so let's be transparent and include democrats in the task force. Second - Pay people their checks ASAP, expand unemployment to include more workers, and increase the amount paid and the number of weeks. Third - DO NOT OPEN YET. Wait until the curve has reversed, cases are consistently diminishing and test is widely available. Fourth - Offer full transparency about the response, with documentation, to any independent investigative effort, by the media, the legislature or the public. FULL TRANSPARENCY Very Important: There are millions of Floridians ready to fight with all our strength and conviction to hold the governor accountable for any preventable death.
Franklin	General	We need our restaurants opened this is our way of making a living for our families.I have been laid off since all this started I have just about begged for help and got nothing.Hell no unemployment no stimulas.On top of all that no school so my little 385in food stamps don't last long.I have my 11year old son Ryan Langley that lives with me and 6 grandkids.This has definitely been hard on all of us.Please we just want our lives back.
Leon	General	Please follow the recommendations of scientists. Until we've had two weeks of dropping cases with WIDESPREAD testing (well beyond our current testing numbers) and everyone wearing masks, please don't open the state. While we all *want* things to open up, we want to do it smartly and not invalidate all the work we've already done by staying home. Don't cause a huge jump in cases by opening too quickly and without appropriate steps in place. A smart opening process that follows the steps outlined by scientists is best for Florida. Don't be short-sighted please.

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Orange	Finance	Every single person in the Florida state government (reps, Senators and Governor alike) should be spending 100% of their time awake getting the unemployed paid. Love DeSantis, but this is a disastrous fail.
Sarasota	General	If we're not going to be able to pay timely unemployment to our citizens, then we need to allow them to get back to work. Open with recommendations on how to practice safe day-to-day activities. A failure of our state government to assist with timely unemployment shouldn't be met with another failure in disallowing those impacted to responsibly get back to work. Georgia is in the same situation as Florida (inability to process timely unemployment checks) and have found a way to get willing citizens back into the workforce.
Lee	General	Enough sheltering in place - Please RE-OPEN Florida!
Broward	General	I believe large free standing stores could open BUT follow guidelines that are proven. Stores like Home Depot have door monitors that allow only a few people at a time controlled by the exit of people from store. This model Is in practice at target ,wal mart . I think this model could be put into play at stores like Dicks Sports, Best Buy, even tj max or Ross Again free standing stores only no malls etc.And stores would require a door monitor and all shoppers have face coverings and The number of shoppers would be limited to square footage of shopping area of store. This is following the plan in place for large stores that are open now Thanks
Collier	General	According to the CDC website, 80% of Covid-19 deaths occur with people 65 and older and another 18% occur with those aged from 55 to 64. I propose that businesses be allowed to open since most of the workers are not at significant risk of dying. Measures could still be put in place for the working population such as working from home, social distancing, re-design of the workplace, etc. Those 65 and older, who do not need to work, can continue to stay-at-home as much as possible and take precautions when going out for food shopping, etc. This approach would allow our economy to re-start while substantially reducing the risk of people dying. Over the course of time it is hoped that herd immunity would occur and/or antiviral drugs and vaccines could be developed. This approach should also not increase the load on our front line workers and facilities.

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Duval	General	I think this lock down has been long enough we should open things slowly starting May 1. I need work and its been 6 weeks and no unemployment money coming in yet as i have been completely let go from my job. This Florida unemployment has been a joke and caused me a lot of stress and crying. Beaches should be open all day with groups of 4 people only and 6 ft apart. Hairdressers and barbers should open May 5 gyms should be last as they are dirty and people do not always clean up after each other. Small business should open then as well allowing only a few people in at a time with social distancing.
Volusia	Finance	Time to re-open and unlock Florida. Some guidelines for social distancing are fine. We have been operating as an essential business and our clients and visitors all have been sensible as to social distancing. All have been understanding and considerate of others.
Broward	Healthcare	Please do not be foolish enough to open all businesses. Parks would be ok if the number of people permitted into the park would be restricted. And any business that is opened must be able to practice social distancing AND must they enforce it or face serious consequences including, but not limited to, closure for at least 60 days
Miami-Dade	General	My hope is that we can open beaches and other recreational places while still having social distancing rules in order if possible. I think this should happen first because the outdoors are not an enclosed space.
Walton	General	Proceed with caution! Relatively few cases in northwest Florida, but it could change quickly if millions of tourist flood the area from hot spots. Initial openings must be very conservative.
Seminole	General	Re-open Florida... God gave us the ability to develop antibodies to these things. We have the RIGHT to make our own decisions for our own selves and families as to when and where we will re-emerge into the public places.
Miami-Dade	Healthcare	Dental offices need to open. Dental care can not be closed. Many emergencies happen because of dentists closed. Please open Dental offices soon
Volusia	General	Please open our community. Citizens are suffering with business closures, unemployment and face tremendous losses. The models have all been incorrect and we as a society cannot survive. Place resources to help vulnerable population and monitor emergency room and doctors office reports to manage conditions. We loose 200,000 people to car accidents annually do we stop driving? We closed our economy and endured significant economic injury to eliminate overrunning our hospitals and reduce death. What were the projections? What were our goals? We met and exceeded these goals! Our society is at risk of socialism with government control of our movement, ability to earn income, withholding much needed loans, stimulus, unemployment and more. We are not a socialist society...yet. Democrats actions of suppression are about making the election for more government control and we are suffering.
Duval	Management	I believe hair salons can be reopened safely by having people wear masks, having 6 ft between chairs, sanitizing everything. I have never felt as safe as I did at my salon in early April before it closed. And, these people can not work from home. In the

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Pinellas	General	No to early to open. If comes back because we opened to early it will be catastrophic for the economy.
Hillsborough	General	Open outdoor areas like beach walking, zoo, parks for trails & play area for kids, fishing, boating. Mandate everyone wears masks, gloves or sanitizer & 6' distancing or not allowed in the areas.. We need something to do with kids. Hair salons. 1 customer at a time. Mandatory face masks & gloves, disposable capes. Chair & equipment must be sanitized between customers. Open drive in movies and food orders brought to car or bring own snacks. Restaurants with outside dining patios. They said humidity & heat kills virus outdoors in a minute. Well we are in high humidity rainy season & hot out. We need to get this economy going and things to do with families to prevent bigger problems. Also elective surgeries & oven dental offices again limit patients & all staff must wear masks & gloves & sanitizer chairs. I need some dental work done fillings & crown that can't wait much longer. Please
Palm Beach	General	To whom it may concern at the re-open Florida task force, I am a resident of South Florida for over 15 years, I and my family ask that you only re-open up Florida in a safe, scientific manner during this extremely dangerous contagious COVID-19 pandemic. My entire family, which includes four generations, all live, work and have flourished in South Florida for over 40 years. Being a Registered Nurse and an intricate part of our South Florida community, I am very well aware that everyone wants to return as soon as possible to be an active part of their past daily lives. Whether it be going back to work, school, attending a gym, playing in the parks or at the beaches there are different Life altering risks now. Together, collectively we can smartly be re-introduced back to our south Florida lifestyles with carefully thought out actions & plans to enhance our safety and well being. Very truly yours, Karen

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Miami-Dade	Construction	As a small business owner My input is to reduce the long-term economic effects closing longer will have on local economy. In order for PPP to work, the city must open retail so consumers can spend. They would also need to be back at work which allows them to have an income to spend on products like mine. Open the retail sector first and create a temporary capacity limit similar to the ones issued by local fire department. Reduce the capacity for first week or two to 50% of normal inside the building which must include employees in that count. Have the businesses register online and pay a small administrative fee (50$) to process the “early opening “certificate”. This signage MUST be placed at entrance of retail location and enforced by business owner or there is a fine imposed on the business. After week two, you can increase capacity level to 75% and then after week 4 increase to 100% (back to normal) while abiding to rules (masks, gloves if needed and distancing. You can then require local municipalities to use their personnel to drive by and report on business abiding. This can be done by local zoning departments which are authorized to issue fines for other matters. Every retail location MUST provide patrons with masks and sanitizing stations in order to open early or face fine by local municipalities. After three violations, business is ordered to shut until 100% reopen status for entire city. Please open the local economy soon. My customers are not purchasing anything as they are unsure of future. You will have a larger problem down the road. Also the PPP will be wasted as we paid salaries but had no customers. We will be forced to lay off come week 9 when PPP is either forgiven or asked to pay back. Thank you and I hope to hear from you and/ or Mayor Carlos Gimenez.
Pinellas	General	There are too many things to list, we need to put the State of Florida back to work this is financial devastation. For farmers the restaurants the small businesses we can't just keep printing money and hope it will go away we need to stand up and face it maybe keep some restrictions in effect masks and gloves and high-risk areas
Polk	General	Florida should not reopen until this virus is under control. With hundreds of new cases each day even with the state closed the rate of infected will only increase if people are able to return to their lives as if no virus is present.
Duval	General	No, not yet...it’s just TOO soon Period!
Volusia	Management	Here is what you do Ron, you hold a Corona virus update press conference. During the press conference you tell the citizens of Florida that the time has come. As of May fourth all business can and will be reopening. Some precautionary guidelines may be put in place. If you still feel the need for your own peace of mind to continue to stay at home, please do. If for your own peace of mind you still want to wear a mask in public, go ahead. We should still try to social distance to a point. You are now free to move about the state. You are now free to go shopping, dining, beaching, visiting. Go to your local bars and businesses. Live your life again. Thank you for your patience and cooperation at this time. Have a nice day.

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Orange	General	It's a little past 7pm on a Saturday and I've just returned home from a walk along the main road near my home. Normally thriving businesses sat with empty parking lots. One drive-thru had 2 cars waiting; another had none but a hopeful sandwich-board sign encouraging visitors. The always bustling bowling alley was a ghost town and the only activity at Starbucks was a lone employee wiping a picnic table next to a vacant parking lot. To see my community like this is breaking my heart. Having said that, I want us to be safe and proceed with caution. Having said THAT, My job is in tourism and I worry over how long it will be before we can get back to work. I don't envy your task, but I have faith in your ability to find a proper path. Take care and thank you.
St. Johns	General	I am NOT comfortable with reopening businesses yet. My concerns are the lack of concern or understanding of the possibility to the spread in those that have no clue they have it. So many immunity compromised and elderly adults in Fl, its a big risk. If we start opening up more than you have, we will have an influx of out of staters that are carriers. We still dont have enpugh groceries and cleaning or sanitizing supplies for residents, it will put a higher strain on our supplies and food. People seem to take this as a vacation with total disregard for the seriousness of the spread. If you do start opening restaurants, it woukd need to be strictly outdoor, open air seating, and would need more than 6 ft between. No groups, limit to couples or singles to start. Maybe places with large outdoor space to allow families up to 5, seated away from others. I dont know the answers, or know whats best, but really feel a few more weeks or even a month would be a safer choice before beginning. Thank you for putting us first.
Orange	General	We need to be cautious in reopening businesses so we dont have another community spread. I think we should wait until probably June to be safe. Please consider carefully public health before reopening.
Pinellas	Administrative	Please know that it only takes one person to spread this disease to many of us. Just one. Again, many of us can be infected by one person. One person can infected me. One person can infect you. One person can infect my family. It only takes one person. Now, I hear the complaints from folks who have never been asked to give more of themselves than they have before. They are usually young, self centered and are looking to sooth their souls with human contact events, errands and jobs. We, as a whole, are better than the few whiners. We, as a whole, can flatten the curve. We, as a whole, can create a better Florida. If we open too soon, we may be back here in July or August, with the complainers well armed with, 'See, nothing happened to me, so let me do what I want.' You are better than the few. You have been given the chance to create wellness and a hopeful future. You can make this a cluster freak or a long stroll on a summer night. Your choice, but please choose wisely.

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Hillsborough	General	To “re-open” the state of Florida at this time is must plain criminal. Inviting a second wave of the virus is to put the importance of peoples lives behind the all mighty dollar. As a veteran and a health care professional, I truly believe that the science will prove itself and that you are playing Russian roulette with a fully loaded weapon. Gambling peoples lives, if you believe the fools in the White House or the Governors mansion. Relax the unemployment regulations and open the checkbook to do what is right by the people of the State. People are hurting in this state, hurting from the virus that is killing their family, friends and neighbors. Opening the tourism, beaches and business’s too soon is only going to increase that hurt. People of this State are also hurting do to the lack of financial support the Americans should expect from their government. The Lack of Leadership in this state is killing people and will continue to do so until someone steps up and does what is right and just for the people.
Sarasota	Tourism	We have flatten the curve. Now is the time to reopen. Americans want to go back to work!!
Clay	General	Based on the testing that has been ongoing and the decline in fatalities I believe that it is time to re-open the state, possibly in stages, but starting immediately. We need to be realistic enough to say that trying to prevent any further spread or deaths is unrealistic. We wouldn't think of shutting down for any of the other terrible, fatal problems in our country. Continued shutdowns have the potential to take us to a place far worse than the Covid19 will ever take us.
Polk	Professional Services	Governor Desantis, while I understand people are frightened of this virus, it has proven to be no lord either invasive than the flu virus we endure annually. Why are we continuing to sacrifice our economy because of people who choose to price in fear? We all need to get back to work! Although I am considered essential, I recognize the risks we face if we co time to keep our state shuttered. We will not survive. The rind to public health is far greater if unemployment grows and we sink into a deep recession. Let's get back to work and make Florida the vacation destination it was meant to be!
Volusia	General	Let us go back to our lives. We are adults. If people are scared they can stay home. Numbers are inflated and media is a joke regarding this entire situation. bu this logic we should be shutting down every flu season.
Brevard	Professional Services	Please open salons and government offices such as social security

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Palm Beach	General	To whom it may concern, I believe what President Trump said. The cure can not be worse than the disease. Also as a nurse I am seeing doctors and nurse being laid off and very few covid patients in the hospitals. Most of us will develop herd immunity if we open up. If we stay shelter in place it will prolong things. Once we have most people out of work for much longer our business will not recover. And we will not have a country. I believe China needs to pay! This is the third virus from China. We need an investigation into this matter. America was made to be open and I feel this is a violation of our rights in the name of safety. If people don't want to go out then they can stay home. The rest of us want to be free to live our lives. Quarantine the sick but not the healthy. Open Florida up! Robert Kerns
Broward	General	Please keep the state shut down as much as possible until the scientists say that it is safe to do so. Follow the advise of the experts.
Orange	Healthcare	Reopen Florida and the country -- watch this in full and realize what a mistake shutdown was: https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.youtube.com%2Fwatch%3Fv%3DxfLVxx_IBLU%26feature%3Dshare%26fbclid%3DIwAR20g4Xe19yfmtj1aRi1Qu6iHEiJIN-l6lMyzv65Vg36NO7N7Ok6B-MtYUg&h=AT1ANa2z5wnjs8Oviv6TwCjoZdx7T-6uYj83hd0C_pi-65N-2CQ9Xb_4ACOvEzBg5FtmyAJ4NQBeDDrLJMzYjdpI5oDS-eyHsDuSgYdK4KNQP3FBdXcfRn057efq8ssVX9azIg2cMMHHPJM

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Pinellas	General	Bottom line, we need to reopen immediately. Not in a month. Not in a week. Not tomorrow. Immediately. The conversation of lockdowns transitioned from "flattening the curve" to "until the virus is gone". Getting rid of the virus was NEVER the point of the lockdowns. The lockdowns were to flatten the curve and prevent our hospitals from overloading. We've already done that, the curve has been flattened. Our numbers were nowhere near the grim projections we were given before lockdowns. At this point, there are no valid excuses for keeping people out of work and confined in their homes. Certain "polls" state 3/4 of us support lockdowns and/or believe it is "too soon" to reopen anything, but those polls are only of a few hundred people that no one knows anything about and is therefore not truly reflective of the state's constituents and the overwhelming desire to return to normalcy, and should not be used to make the decisions. There should not be an accepted consensus of spending months in lockdown until a vaccine is found, because effective vaccines can take at least one year to develop, and people cannot legally be confined to their homes for such an excessive amount of time. Reopening our state, and by proxy our nation, should not be contingent on projected models that have consistently been exaggerated or outright wrong, but rather on common sense and personal responsibility. Those who are truly afraid or vulnerable should be the ones staying at home and in quarantine. The rest of us need to get back to our normal routines ASAP. As we can all see, some elected officials are already taking advantage of the pandemic to deprive us of our constitutional rights. Another day of lockdown is already too much. Our rights do not end where your fear begins, and I strongly urge the Task Force to reject the notion of keeping us confined any further and reject the naysayers who believe we should all be curled up in a ball of fear in the privacy of our homes for months without end. I urge the task force to immediately begin reopening our businesses, transportation, and public places so that our economy can begin the tough but necessary steps to rebuild and undo the damage caused by COVID-19.
Hillsborough	General	You must NOT reopen the state! Do not fall victim to the crowd who is complaining about mild inconveniences. The majority of the people calling to reopen do not want it open for their economic benefit, they want it open so they can go about their "normal life" for their hair dresser or to eat inside a restaurant, which will put everyone at risk. I pray and hope that the governor and his team have educated themselves about the implications of what will happen if the state were to reopen. Yes, the hospitals are not overwhelmed at the moment, but it is because he made the correct choice to close down earlier this month. If the schools are closed for safety, why should anything non-essential be open? It is the time to be cautious, instead of risking the lives of all Floridians. Because even if one does not die because of COVID, they are left with possible long-term harm, plus things we don't even know yet. I am begging, please keep the state of Florida closed, please.
Sarasota	General	Too early to open up. Putting too many people at risk. Do it right the first time or it will be worse if we have to do a lockdown again!

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Bay	Food	My husband and I own a family diner in Panama City Beach, Florida and this is our sole income for our family. We attempted take out only however our business relies heavily on the tourism industry. We really need these summer months in order to get through the winter months when we are slow. In order for us to pay the winter bills we have to make the money in these summer months to do that. With no income right now even with the Payroll Protection Loan if we do not get open in May we will be in this same situation come June. This is a very hard time for everyone but I believe we could open up at least 50% like we did before we had to close. If everyone working needs to wear mask we can do that if we need to use paper menus and utensils we can do that also. We are willing to do anything at this point to get our doors open. Thanks so much for letting us have an opinion on this matter.
Collier	Healthcare	Please reopen outpatient surgery centers for elective procedures as soon as possible.
Hillsborough	General	Will it be opening in the am or pm.... so I know when to walk my dog?
Pinellas	General	I do not think Florida should re-open until the Covid cases stop climbing. If opened too soon more people will get it and then we will be back to square one. I am one of the fortunate ones still working as essential. I don't like the quarantine but feel it is necessary. Just my opinion.
Seminole	Healthcare	Please do not reopen until June, numbers are not going down. It is not worth it. People are dying due to the virus as we speak.
Leon	General	PLEASE OPEN THE CHURCHES, GOVERNOR. WE NEED TO BE IN OUR CHURCHES. I CAN GO WITHOUT A HAIRCUT AND THE GYM. IT'S THE CHURCH I WANT OPEN.
Lee	General	My opinion too early to open sw. Fl. We hav not went the. 14 days of decline as recommended by doctors of fed. Gov. In fact this area has see a increase,in cases. If Fl is opened now. We will see a spike increase and many more deaths. How many more deaths must we hav to get so cld. Economists back?? The season is over here for retired who bring in the. $$$ if we still hav virus start of next season retired will not come back. Then no $$ Like you want. Open now no business because people out of work what$ they hav will keep To survive... every year this time people who work in service area cry no business..all we will Get is spike in virus..our season is over.also why are we letting thousands come to Fl from hot spots new York will go down in cases we will go up. These are not retired people coming in will not go to restaurants bars etc. will stay in grandmas condo and go to groc store I even if they still come to get out of hot spots. I hav lived on this small island over 60 years. And seen it go down . People walk beach now no respect for law or others. Here short time leave virus here and leave Please keep Fl closed. To rid us of virus. Then open up follow what doctors hav said to do. It's working so continue til gone then people retired with $$ will come back.. THANK. YOU!!
Sumter	Healthcare	Please do not open dental offices yet. It is a very dangerous profession due to the aerosols. We are all very nervous and scared that work in this profession.

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Palm Beach	General	Wearing masks / face coverings should be mandatory for everyone in any public place. If that had been done from the get go along with mass cleaning we probably could have stayed opened and our people would not be hurting for money and it would have been better for the economy. Also unemployment benefits process is a joke. Thank god myself and my husband are essential workers. Unfortunately my daughter who is supposed to graduate from FSU has 2 jobs both there and at home and they were both closed down. Now we are responsible for paying her car and rent. She has not heard back or received anything from unemployment.
Flagler	General	How to re-open Florida--open the damn beaches enough for me to take my chair, my little cooler and a good book, BY MYSELF, to one of Flagler (or St. John's, or Volusia's) beautiful beaches, so I can take a dip in the surf and then sit in peace and quiet and read, and catch some rays. This is not hard, the beach is HUGE. Hint: if I'm by myself, I am by definition "socially distant" from other people. I can "go in the ocean", why do I have to get out of the ocean and immediately "move on" to walking or leaving or whatever, why can't I be "stationary" on a damn beach chair? Why on earth do people have to constantly be moving to be on the beach, in order to enjoy it? Nobody has ever declared "sunbathing" to be bad for people. Being outside is said to be good for humans as well, of course while maintaining a 'distance. Also, there has to be thought put into opening up pubs for bands pretty soon, there's a whole lot of "gig economy" with musicians that are almost destitute at this point. This closure has almost completely slain "live popular music" as we all have known it for over half a century now. Why not *start* there by allowing pubs with an outside stage to open up and serve their usual fare and allow bands to play? That way, some "gig economy" people are working again, and we're all OUTSIDE, which--again--is better for us all.
Seminole	General	I think it's time to reopen FL, the economy needs it. People are suffering not only financially but mentally, spiritually. Life needs to begin again. I can' say this virus should have never shut the country down the way it did. Everyone is living in fear that the media has placed in us. Open up Florida!!!!
Hillsborough	Tourism	Even though I lost my job in March and still waiting for stimulus check and unemployment money, I don't think we should open everything right now but I do believe that at least the beaches should open. We need to get out of the house and enjoy the beach. After all, that's what drew most of us to Florida. If we can grocery shop or go to a gas station then why can't we go the the beach. I have never had to be close to anyone at the beach in the past and I certainly wouldn't be close to anyone now. The beaches are big areas and I don't think anyone would catch COVID-19 at a beach. People spread out. Your way closer to people in Walmart than at a beach. Please consider opening our beaches.

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Pinellas	General	If the state really wants to reopen then it must mandate that everyone wear masks when around other people outside the home. That applies especially for all food service, preparing and handling employees and all employees in public retail from 7-11 to Publix to Olive Garden to government employees to the banks to the Armored Car carriers to UPS and to the Post Office and to all the customers patronizing those places. The only places I can't see being allowed to reopen are eat in restaurants since there is no way to eat with a mask on. If the state mandates that then the number of cases of Covid 19 will dwindle down to almost nothing in time. P.S. The state will have to get off its ass and find a way to make decent quality washable and reusable masks available for purchase by the public to make this work.
Lee	Recreation	SHOULD OPEN PARKS, BEACHES, GOLF COURSES, OUTDOOR RESTAURANTS
Broward	Technology	Www.answerquestIT.com - as CEO of A recruiting firm, all I do is help find jobs for people. I have been doing this for 20 years and can help considerably I feel. PLEASE call me, I really want to help...cure > disease
Broward	General	It is too soon to ease Shelter In Place restrictions. The positive Coronavirus test results are decreasing because of these restrictions and I firmly feel that we will have a rebound in cases if we don't keep the restrictions on for a longer period of time.
Pinellas	Government	We should start relaxing the shelter-in-place/safer-at-home order with the Governor's office. The next group would be the legislature. This would then be followed all other branches of government. All government workers that did not work from home before the order will be required to return to work. This would start with the Governor. No restrictions would be placed on visitors to these offices other than the 6 feet of social distancing. Once this has been accomplished and there has been no rise in Covid19 related cases for a period of two weeks then other aspects of the economy can be reopened. Of course this would be predicated on the Governor doing this in a "safe" method when the time is appropriate.
Alachua	Education	Not enough immunity/antibodies built up in the majority of our population yet. Review the Spanish Influenza pandemic- even higher death rate the second time around than the first wave of deaths. If we open up so soon, deaths will double. Until there's a vaccine - we stay home! Listen to the CDC, flu season coupled with Coronavirus will be devastating. Stay home!
Pasco	Food	In the rollout, are we looking at doing a phase approach based on % of occupancy based on fire code? Since, we need to start up the service industry, and rollout a similar concept for department stores. Some areas might have a lower % based on current active cases.

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Escambia	Education	I am a teacher, and I am very concerned about the reopening of schools in the fall. I feel there needs to be state-wide guidance about how to minimize spread in our schools that districts will be expected to follow. While students may not be at risk of getting seriously ill, they can pass it to teachers and other employees, many of whom are in high risk age groups with accompanying comorbidities and to their families at home. 1. How will students/staff be screened to make sure that they are not entering school buildings sick with covid or as asymptomatic carriers? This may need to take place daily when spread is occuring in a community. 2. What protocols will be put in place to make minimize risk of spread in classrooms and other high density situations like lunch rooms and class changes in crowded hallways? 3. Many school systems already outsource cleaning to the cheapest bidder which means that cleaning is minimally done with the fewest staff possible. More rigorous cleaning protocols will be needed along with the funding and possibly supplies to accomplish this. What is your plan for keeping schools sanitary? 4. What accommodations can be made for students and teachers in relation to testing and school grades when large numbers of absences affecting learning can be expected for both students and staff? Students will lose learning opportunities in both cases. Thank you for the opportunity to express my concerns.
Hillsborough	General	Please reopen as soon as possible. Are Great State cannot afford to keep closed and ruin our economy. We have enough hospital beds if more people contract COVID 19 . I am unemployed right now. I believe more harm will come to our residents if we go into a economic depression. Save the sick and save the healthy at the same time . Thank you. We need to work and flourish!
Escambia	General	Open everything
Marion	General	I don’t think it should reopen yet or will have a resurgence of virus outbreak
Collier	General	It is too early and to risky to let our guard down and reopen Florida. Social distancing initiatives have been very successful let us not get complacent and regress to the point where Covid-19 infections rebound and we need to start over again. The human risks are much too high. We can’t afford to watch and endure a New York City like catastrophe here in Florida. There are those that will want to reopen the state to save jobs and the economy. If we weigh the value of lives versus the economy there is no question that we have to protect lives. I am a retired healthcare professional that has seen too much illness and death throughout my career, trust me when I say that this killer virus is not to be fooled with. It is a devastating illness and a horrible way to die. Do not put money ahead of people’s lives. This is not the American way. People come first.

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Orange	General	I urge as many businesses and companies to open as soon as possible it can safely. Florida is very lucky to have only 4 deaths per 100,000 while over 20 states have more than that. It might have something to do with our warmer climate and the rainy season will soon be here to thwart the virus. California whose population is more than ours had less of a death rate per 100,000. The virus gets worse as the population ages so urge those over 65 particularly with underlying health issues or obesity to still stay at home as much as possible. Florida is a very large diverse state with most of north Florida and even Tallahassee not affected more than the common season of influenza. I used to live in Panama City and I feel for those up there now having to stay at home for very little reason. I also feel the original death numbers were grossly exaggerated and indeed the "experts" keep revising those numbers down. With the treatments (hydroxychloroquin) and others, I say let the population at least go to the governments Phase I on May 1 if not sooner. Keep up with the treatments as the cases come up. We know a lot more about the virus than we did 6 weeks ago so open up the state to save our economy. Thank you to those of you who read my opinion.
Broward	General	We have a 200 seat restaurant located on fort lauderdale beach. we have been in this location for 21 years. If we don't open soon we will be out of business. I suggest reduced indoor seating and sepanded space for outdoor seating. We have already purchased gloves, masks and a dozen infrared thermometers so we can take the temperature of every employee and every customer entering the restaurant. no abnormal temperatures will be allowed in the restaurant. COME ON WE NEED HELP
Duval	General	I say do it step by sterp get handicap buses up and running, will call opened back up at UF Shands, Doctors too. Also hair sloons, eating places too but if they donot obeybrules shut them d own. Told our peak April 25 to may 7
Palm Beach	Recreation	It's time to open the state and the beaches. So many of us haven't gotten any unemployment and have no income since the state shut down. We need to be able to work and provide for our families.

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Sarasota	General	1.)Please make it mandatory to wear a face mask in public places for the entire State of Florida until further notice. Employers should be providing face masks and gloves to their employees. I see too many people not taking this seriously here in Venice. 2.)Limit the number of people in grocery stores and eventually non essential stores as they open. Have them put the deli ticket stands out front and when your # is called you can go inside. I think we're ready for non essential store to open with guidelines. 3.)Open our beaches allowing parking to vehicles with Flordia tags only. 4.)Continue carry out, delivery and drive thru only service for food. That has been working out well. Our Outback Steakhouse in Venice has a great system that others should mirror for takeout. 5.) As much as I need a haircut and a pedicure we are not ready for that yet, but when we are the stylist should have masks and face shields and so should we as guests. Limit the number of guests based on square footage. Appointments only no walk ins.
Miami-Dade	Recreation	As the owner of a small business (Pilates studio) I am concerned about a premature reopening of business. If it is not based on medical readiness, more than likely we will be back in the same place (or worse) and forced to close again quickly when things inevitably flare up again. When we do reopen, it becomes my responsibility to keep my clients and staff safe when they are in my studio. Until we have both more testing and more guidance on HOW we can safely reopen, the risk does not seem worth it.
Pinellas	General	Test

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Charlotte	Food	You Need to open up Restaurants and Casinos, they are not only the Life Line of Florida but the Hospitality Industry. I have Been In the Industry Since 1971 and threw the years has seen many Flu's , Virus's, Etc Come and go. I have work threw it all, even through we have a high population of elderly here. I believe that you need to be, a Hell of lot striker with Nursing/elder care facilities and the food and vitamins you give these people so this dont happen again and Give them fresh fruits ,vegetables,meats not prepared foods. If you do your own research on the FDA,CDC,WHO, and bunch others you will see that Americans Especially The older population dont get fresh from farm Foods that has the natural vitamins and minerals in there foods, just process and additives added to the foods.This has Health risk Compromise on there health and Immune System. I have Mush research in Natural Foods and (Monsonto) Chemical Foods. This Has A Major factor on the immune system and health. As For the Economy Florida Survives on Tourism Which is Our Restaurants & Casinos first, then retails, amusement parks , and so on. Restaurants and Casinos should be the 1st to open not what you have on the list otherwise. If you Need Help Or Advise or anything Else, I Have 50 years In the Industry. I Can Help, if Needed. Thank You For your time, Cheryl
Seminole	General	I think opening up Florida to soon is a big mistake, it will of put all our efforts of being on lock down the past few months in vain. There needs to be a systematic system or a model of other areas who are having success that we can follow. I don't think opening up is all of a sudden going to get the economy up and running, people will still be in fear of going out into the public. As a business owner, I'm not expecting to have record breaking days once we open, it's not realistic. All those business owners starving for business doesn't necessarily guarantee they will be booming once Florida is open. People will still be hesitant. The risk of further spreading the virus is still very real, and very prevalent opening too soon is risky. We need more tests, more areas to model that have or are showing signs of improvement. We are not there yet. We need to continue to isolate ourselves, practice social distancing, and keep learning from our healthcare experts, scientists, and model communities that are showing success. My fear is that opening to soon will cause further chaos and a pandemic that will further slip out of our control. This is a long term investment in our communities one that will pay dividends once we beat this virus, now not the time to relax our efforts!

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Broward	General	I think everyone in the state should be tested before schools reopen, people goes back to work, planes start flying regularly, before things start going back to some form of normalcy. What will happen when employers open up and people goes back to work and we end up with a breakout will people sue their employers. What about children with illness going back to school, how can they be protected? Will there be a law for us to ware mask to every public place. People are not being paid or making enough money to stay afloat. Can lenders push few months mortgage payment to the end? Do you think enough people are going to go back to the way things were to Sustain the economy? Please make testing sites available in each city at more than one location. Please also think about health workers and their families. Also, wearing masks will that be a way a live going into public places including school?
Martin	Government	C
Martin	Healthcare	Please reopen our state back up!! You cannot shut don't the world because of a so called virus!! More people die from cancer, the flu, suicide, etc People are out of jobs. Vaccines do not help viruses! Do not let Bill Gates and Fauci decide what's best for us. People need to get back to work to survive. Do not let the Dems destroy our country!! Please Governor De Santis help us and our economy. We are not afraid. YHWH is our shield and our protection!
Broward	Education	Why don't you fix the unemployment website? Also why are you asking the publics opinion? The public is stupid. Ask a doctor, better yet a team of doctors, then some economists and then the people that have to do the work. Your wishwashy way of leading got us into trouble in the first place because you toadied up to Trump in the first place.
Sarasota	Healthcare	We are in our late 70's and living on social security, our pensions and our investments .. The shutdown has impacted us mentally, socially and economically..we cannot live long enough to ever recover...stop this madness immediately and open up the Florida economy before everything that we have worked for all our working lives disappears. We support President Trump and Hope Governor DeSantis follows his lead to open up our economy pronto. To delay will be even more devastating! Some additional Floridians may unfortunately die, but many more will live another day and prosper!
Okaloosa	General	I live in Okaloosa County in the panhandle. As of today, out of a estimated population in the county of over 210,000 we have 145 cases and a total of only 25 hospitalizations. We need to reopen the panhandle. This is totally overblown and we need to get back to business.
Pasco	General	Why are there no doctors or scientists on Youree open Florida team. This is something you need to make a very informed decision on our lives and our businesses. Instead of chalk this team with only Republican small business owners first off what about the Democrats what about the independence and what about the doctors and scientists who are working their asses off to give you accurate information you won't even review it seems you're a pathetic excuse for a governor to just make sure your good ole boy network makes the call on opening the state.

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Orange	General	I think we should err on the cautious side. There's no way I'd go out to eat in a restaurant or go to a gym till after the second wave of covid passes. I really would like to see Orange County require everyone to wear a mask when inside a public place till after the second wave passes. It seems pointless to take people's temperatures at Disney and screening of employees in the restaurant industry if someone is asymptomatic. Restaurant employees would have to be screened by a health official daily which I highly doubt people would actually do. Slow to reopen is better. But I feel we should continue to social distance for a while. And please require everyone to wear a mask in public. I'm really concerned about the second wave. I'm a student at UCF and am a bartender and I'm having high anxiety about possibly having to go back this year. I don't even feel like opening back up businesses is suddenly going to make everything better. It's still going to take time and this is all going to happen again in a second wave. We need more test kits of many varieties.
Polk	Retail	Exercise is good for depression. When it's too hot outside, I like to walk the mall. Retail therapy (shopping) is also a great tool for depression. Open all beaches. People like to walk and get vitamin D. It's also good for COVID 19. Swimming is great exercise. Restaurants could spread tables out to social distance. It will lighten the crowd at the grocery store.
Polk	General	SLOW AMD STEADY! Do NOT rush to reopen this state, it's not worth it. You also should have included Nikki Fried on your task force, she is an important part of the state government .
Seminole	General	As unenforceable as the stay at home order has proven to be, I believe we should just get back to business as usual, with provisions in place to enforce social distancing until this pandemic is completely under control. I really don't see the need for a stay at home order that seemingly doesn't apply to anyone. It only works on the basis of an honor system that places too much trust in the masses.
Okeechobee	Education	Please allow private schools to return. We are smaller and can keep class size down Open up summer camp
Volusia	General	There will be no real opening of the economy until people feel they will be safe. The only way to make sure Floridians and visitors are safe is testing, testing, testing....and with the testing must come tracking and tracing. Those who are found to be positive with COVID -19 can be isolated and the virus will not have liberty to spread as it is doing now. As more testing is being done, the positive cases are increasing as are the deaths. These statistics certainly do not make people feel safe to resume a more normal life. The "safer at home" should be left in place until at least the middle of May. We need to bring the contagion and death numbers down.

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Hillsborough	General	Please do not open anything until there is a sustained and substantial down trend of case numbers and deaths! It is irresponsible otherwise! Even the administration's guidelines said phase one needed a 14 day downward trend of case numbers. Our numbers are still rising, and that is with limited, at best, testing. We need substantially more testing, and then look at the data to see what areas might have a chance of opening without a rise in numbers. Please be smart about this. It is not a one size fits all. Do the right thing. That is protecting lives! Also, be sure the unemployment benefits are getting to the people who have applied!
Lee	General	Re open it and let people work
Hillsborough	General	Thank you for taking the time to ask what the public thinkable about re-opening Florida. First I feel like this process needs to be slow, calculated and very clear. So we as the public can plan and know what is expected. I feel on the most basic level that as a citizen being out away from my home I feel most confident in being safe when I have on a mask and others around me have on masks. I follow other cdc guidelines by washing hands and trying to stay 6 feet from others. With opening certain businesses I feel like it would be prudent to have everyone wearing masks and checking temperatures and having access to hand sanitizer. I would feel safely confident for small businesses to open first like salons, and other smaller establishments. See how that goes give it time to see if compliance with wearing masks will work. If rates of infection doesn't climb after a time of several weeks then roll into larger businesses and churches. With the stick orders for people to wear masks. It is going to take you as our leaders to enforce measures like wearing masks to keep us safe while reopening Florida. I see it as the safest way. People don't like wearing seatbelts but they save lives.
Marion	General	This lockdown has gone on long enough. I understand why you did it, but did anyone ever take the time and stop and think about the adverse effects of it. I am a service connected veteran who has been trying to get care at the VA facility in The Villages. We cannot get a face to face appointment with our doctors, or xrays and other procedures to prevent pain and suffering on us. How many in this state will maybe die, not from the virus, but from the orders you instituted. Great way to treat us. Again, I understand at the time what you did, but you did not think in advance, how much suffering other veterans are experiencing. I now will have to experience a a lot of pain in my body, until the VA can get caught up with their scheduling. Open this state and country back up, and get it back on track.

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Polk	General	Kind regards, Governor Ron Desantis, I am a citizen of this great country and a resident of Florida. First of all, thank you very much for taking the time to listen to your people, the same people who have put their faith and trust to represent you well. In my humble opinion and of course, ignoring perhaps a large amount of information that would be crucial to be more exact, I dare say that I believe that although the continuity and growth of our economy is important, if the vaccine or some scientific method to eradicate the virus in our city. I believe that our Florida should not be completely reopened, because the virus can take hold and take many more lives than it has claimed so far. It is time to grow. To put life first and not money, I think it is time to fearlessly represent the interests of the peoples and defend them by their representatives. The biggest engine of any economy is people, which is the most valuable thing. I believe that when leaders make their people feel safe and happy. people will defend and support him until the last moment, the greatness of a state is in the attitude, commitment and security of its people. Believe me you will see great things happen in Florida if you make the right decision. we are not a social number, we are beings with all the power that this encompasses. please there will be no florida wait a little longer to have a better health guarantee for your city. The economy is recovering, lives are not. Great leaders become the message, not the messenger. they are always the verb never the noun. Thank you very much, God bless you and God bless the United States --- --- --- Saludos cordiales, gobernador Ron Desantis, soy ciudadano de este gran país y residente de Florida. En primer lugar, muchas gracias por tomarse el tiempo para escuchar a su gente, las mismas personas que han depositado su fe y confianza para representarlo bien. En mi humilde opinión y por supuesto, ignorando quizás una gran cantidad de información que sería crucial para ser más exacto, me atrevo a decir que creo que aunque la continuidad y el crecimiento de nuestra economía es importante, si no está garantizada la vacuna o algún método

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Lee	General	We need to Get these people back to work . Enough is enough , If you are afraid of Covid 19 stay home , keep away from others and continue to live in fear . I can not continue to sit back and watch the people I love and know losing everything they have and own and love to protect the same people that say to stay home but continue to live as nothing has changed. I'm sorry but ENOUGH IS ENOUGH !!! . If you have underlying health issues , are of elder age or don't feel safe being around other people then stay home . Do as you have demanded others to do . Let The Country get back to work and our lives .. Why has the freedom to make that choice to been taken from Us by the government Why ? Because of a Virus that they still can't seem to tell us the truth about ?? We have allowed this to go on long enough . How can we sit back and watch OUR COUNTRY , OUR FREEDOM and OUR LIVES be destroyed ??? Wear a mask , keep a safe distance and if your sick stay home !!! But let the rest of the people do what we need to do to get back on our feet . Start the path to recovery . WE CAN NOT and WILL NOT SURVIVE another month BEING BULLIED ,, CONTROLLED and MANIPULATED BY THE GOVERNMENT ,that's PUTTING OUR COUNTRY INTO POVERTY and being told " thisIs the right thing to do " as we continue to NOT receive the help they promised and still don't have a solution to how or when help will come . ALL to cover thier their asses for what they have done . Show me true facts , numbers and proof that Justifies. What they have done , cause the false accusations , false Covid 19 death number and false. Assumptions of how many people had covid19 and the true deaths actually caused by Covid 19 . And I guarantee you will be sickened that our country has been crippled and devastated. For a virus that was no different than the annual flu that kills just as many if not more people every year .. RE- OPEN FLORIDA SO WE CANT START THAT PATH TO RECOVERY , STOP THE FINANCIAL DEVASTATION THAT WILL KILL MORE PEOPLE AND LIVELY-HOOD THAN THIS COVID19 EVER IMAGINED !!
Brevard	General	Florida is not ready to reopen. We are still having areas where COViD-19 cases are increasing. Opening the state under this circumstance would produce a even higher public health emergency as well as economic break down. I would follow the suggestions from out public health experts and the models they provide. It is the best we can do.
Volusia	General	Opening back up the state parks with admission by appointment only limit the number of admits., Id auction of the admits for the first month the pristine parks with wildlife wandering is a prize, Recoup lost income,, donate to a food bank, do whatever you need to do to make it better. You could auction a day at the park I know I'd bid a hundred. It's actually a once in s lifetime opportunity
Polk	Wholesale	Reopen our state for business. If you sit on this any longer the Trump base WILL leave you and we will NOT vote for you again. Your inaction on this has been noted and it is extremely disappointing your unwillingness to provide any guidance. I expected to hear something from you after Trump presented his plan for reopening our economy. You have said and done NOTHING. A task force. Really? That's all we have had from you. Be the leader we voted for and open our state.

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Orange	Tourism	Open the STATE! Everything before Florida is out of business, let cruise lines sail with restrictions on age and limited Guest. Also open theme parks and resorts also with limited guest.
Hillsborough	General	The reopening of the state is extremely important for a number of reasons. The pandemic has brought awareness and people will be forever impacted. For the better or worse is entirely up to the individual. We live in the greatest country in the world. What makes us great is our freedom and capitalism. Both have been stripped during this event. We face far bigger threats ahead if they are not restored to the American people.
Hillsborough	Education	Please DO NOT loosen restrictions until testing, tracking and isolation measures are available for all FL residents, inclusive of non-symptomatic individuals. This is the only way to stop the spread and avoid a resurgence of virus cases. Suffering through this again is not an option. You have once chance to get this right and will be held to account for your decisions. Make the right decision for the longterm health of the citizens. Failure to do this will be the failure of your government.
Miami-Dade	General	As a immuno compromised person with a child that is also compromised. I feel that there needs to be strict oversight on any opennings that are accompanied by stringent fines before openning. We have to hold businesses and residents alike resposible for ensuring that they do not put others in danger. Even with the required masks in place, every week when I go food shopping I see some one without a mask and/or not respecting social distancing because there are no consequences to force them to obey the rules.
Miami-Dade	General	I think pools in small communities should be opened asap. We live in a small 10 unit community and we had a system to use the pool area. One unit at a time. The pool is not only a source of exercise, but a source of mental relief.
Nassau	General	Yes I think we should open back up. So people can get back to work. And vist family and they can take their kids to the parks and have fun. And some can go and vist family in other states to
Pinellas	Healthcare	PLEASE, PLEASE don't open up Fl. till after the number of cases of the Corona virus is considerably lower day after day. Our lives are more important than the economics of delaying a few weeks for the virus to lessen its impact on Floridians!
Lee	General	Open everything!!! Get back to work!! Allow Florida to recover and recreate the economic boom it was experiencing before COVID19.
Palm Beach	General	There is NO WAY we should be relaxing the stay at home orders yet. Way too many people are currently violating them, and we are still getting almost 1,000 new cases per day. Cannot yet get antibody tests that are reliable on any type of scale. Took m,y assistant 3 weeks to get a test for COVID despite 101 degree fever and cough. 5 days now and still no results.

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Orange	General	Do not "open" the State back up. This is bigger then businesses making money. People are dying. Whole families are being wiped out, people can't pay for things because the of the stupid unemployment website. Hospitals need more supplies. None of that can be fixed by allowing people to go out and start being reckless. The current order doesn't even really close things down. There is a new normal and we can't just flip a switch and have everything go back to how it was.
Collier	General	I think only essential businesses should open. Masks should be mandatory when out of your house. Beaches should be open with masks and no sitting. Oh, and the beaches should be returned to the public. Not the wet sand line, but the high water line whether it's wet or dry. Disgusting what Scott did with the beaches.
Charlotte	Healthcare	Sending this input via email to Governor Ron DeSantis. Attempted to send Task Force to Re-open Florida.....but the web site is not accepting giving message that site having high traffic and to try again later. After numerous attempts decided to still send my input to Governor DeSantis: GovernorRon.Desantis@eog.myflorida.com As follows....Immediately restart up and perform all medical surgeries both elective and essential surgeries. Surgeries in both hospital inpatient and out-patient be performed first on our most vulnerable patients being seniors. Ensure that all medical professionals and medical facilities have the needed protective safety gear. Do not allow any further delay to prevent conditions and illness from happening or getting worse . The seniors are entitled for this help and protection.
Marion	General	It's a bad idea to open the state when the positives cases still emerging. Testing is essential, testing should be available to every person regardless if the person is experiencing symptoms. Its the only way to know the magnitude of the pandemic. Stop comparing statistic with others states. Focus on our state and coordinate with our neighbors states. The state is not ready, if the state open the numbers are going to spike, Floridians will perish. Better safe than thought and prayers.
Pasco	General	I have a elder Grandmother and grandfather who has prosate cancer. I am 7 month pregnant and I don't need a new born getting this virus. Nobody takes this seriously. Re opening florida is too soon.
Pasco	General	Please do not open the state up. I know that there are people without jobs but I honestly feel we should have the safe at home till June 1st. We are over 30,500 cases and I'm sorry it will continue to rise. One month is not long enough. Keep the state, beaches, and parks closed. We want everyone to be healthy. Kids can't go back to school and therefore keep it all closed.

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Volusia	Tourism	I have heard from more than a few acquaintances that they are heading to Florida on April 30th for vacation from out of state. Considering Disney has not opened and when they do it is on a limited basis, Universal is closed until May 31st, the beaches are limited at this time, restaurants will be also limited...where are these people going exactly? Just what we do not need, people from out of state bringing the virus with them so they can vacation when we have not been out of the house for weeks per Gov DeSantis Executive Order. I ask that you please consider Florida first, extend the executive order on vacation rentals for another month until we get the state back together. Thank you
Manatee	General	As a healthcare worker, I believe if you open up business and beaches to full or semi full capacity it can trigger a second wave of this virus. Are numbers are still going up and yes we are stabilizing but not enough to open or lessen the restrictions yet. I believe we should look and reevaluate the issue every two weeks rather then by month. I understand we are a tourist state and that is how we make our money but I also do not want to keep seeing people sick or die from this virus because people don't u detest and the importance at this time to social distance and limit there outing for a short period of time until all this dies down. Thanks for everything you and your committee are doing for us and be safe . Be smart on your decision , think of the people's health and well being. We are American and we will bounce back stronger
Pinellas	Healthcare	Until we are able to have free and widespread testing and contact tracing for COVID-19, we simply cannot afford to risk re-opening the state. Especially here in Pinellas County where we have so many seniors and so many Coronavirus cases. Our curve is anything but flat and declining. Now is not the time to lift the Stay at Home Orders. We need for our leaders to consider providing direct payments to every adult making less than $75,000 per year until this pandemic is finished. Perhaps $2k/mo per person for the duration. Rather than this nonsense of doing PPP loans get rid of the bureacracy. That $1200 one-time check won't go far, whenever it arrives.
Sarasota	Healthcare	I work in community mental health. I have seen first hand the impact that COVID-19 and the stay-at-home home orders have had on individuals and families. The top concern I hear is hear is for the health of themselves or a loved one. What feels like this mass pressure to reopen has created further anxiety. Please consider extending social distancing guidelines. There will be a negative impact on people's mental health by reopening at tthis time. There is a bigger picture here than just the virus versus the economy.

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Broward	General	You should keep all non essential businesses CLOSED. We have a lot of elderly here. My opinion, don't open until at least 5.31.2020. Keep beaches to residents ONLY as well as parks and recreation. You need to disavow the president who is killing your own people with his iignorance. Wake up and do the right thing for the people that voted for you.
Sumter	General	It's to soon to open up this state with all the seniors
Sarasota	General	I support reopening Florida with 1. Compliance with state/federal distance guidelines 2. Continued testing and monitoring
Broward	Finance	Have accrued forbearance payments instead automatically deferred to the end of the loan (no penalties). Lease payments should use security deposits and last month payments to offset losses. Do not count furloughs or temporary loss of employment against a loan applicant's work history if they had a good work history previously and regained employment.
Broward	General	Please listen to the scientists and go slowly and cautiously on reopening South Florida. We are doing our part in staying home to flatten the curve. Please do your part in protecting the public, especially our elderly. Thank you for your time.
Hillsborough	General	As an elementary school teacher and a mother of two children with autism, lockdown has been a challenge on many levels. The daily effects are seen in meltdowns and increased tantrums for my children. I also have immense concern for my students who are not always in the best of situations at home. I worry about their safety and their emotional well-being during this time. I implore you to please reopen schools in the fall not only to prevent academic regression but to ensure that students are in a safe situation. I also request that they Hillsborough County trail system be reopened soon. This has been a tremendous strain having even the trailheads closed. As my two children with special needs need an outlet to exercise and be in nature. Opening trails even with bathrooms still closed would help families to have a much-needed break and and help mental health status to improve. Thank you for your time and consideration.
Broward	Finance	We have already sacrificed one month and on our way to flattening the curve. I don't want to go backwards and risk more Covid19 cases or deaths. I think we should be prudent in reopening. Curbside pick up is a great idea for retail businesses. Hair and nail salons along with tattoo parlors should wait until testing is readily available. We are not ready for dine in options yet. Working from home has worked in many businesses. In larger businesses maybe have half the staff trade off working at the office (one week on, in week off) so there is not such a large concentration on people. Continue testing.

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Polk	General	Mr. Governor, Please DO NOT re-open the state of Florida. I fear for my safety and the safety of our community. Please have patience and allow time for a vaccine to be developed and distributed. Show us all that no one is disposable and give us all a fighting chance to survive. I hope that your family and yourself are healthy and safe. Sincerely, Sandra A concerned citizen of Polk County Florida.
Hillsborough	General	OPEN ALL OF FLORIDA (RESTUARANTS, BEACHES, RETAIL), IMMEDIATELY. WE ARE LOOSING THOUSANDS OF JOBS AND IT IS EFFECTING MENTAL HEALTH.
Orange	General	With no vaccine near us at the moment, my concern is the health of Floridians. I believe that if we open popular areas where many congregate and interact, we could see catastrophic spikes in infection. As someone as high risk, I am incredibly thankful that my work has let me WFH but I also understand the economy must open up at some point. I really encourage that we do limited openings if anything. If it was up to me, I'd keep us on lockdown for longer until we see a dwindling in infections.
Broward	Education	Florida should be re-opened slowly, and according to the number of infected people with COVID-19, as it changes. First, state parks and beaches should be opened. The curfews and the stay at home order should be lifted, as well. The second stage, presuming a decrease in the number of infected, is to open businesses, abiding by the rules of social distancing, as established by cities. Finally, after the danger of the infection is no longer present, restaurants, bars and coffee shops, together with public events, should be reinstated into business. Re-opening the state, especially Miami-Dade and Broward counties immediately, would result in a worsening of the pandemic. However, state parks and beaches may function with social distancing as the first step. Businesses should re-open only after a decreasing trend in the infection after that.
Pinellas	General	I think reopening should be paced. Slowly if need be. Scientists and Drs. keep speaking of a second wave, if that a possibility I think we would be better if we were poised to pull back short reigns versus have tried to completely reopen and start with an entire shut down again. Other states are reopening, take a little time and observe what happens there. We are far better safe then sorry. The economy is devastated, we own a small restaurant. Will we survive this? That remains to be seen. But we're already in trouble, something good should come of it, like lives saved.
Lee	General	please start this economy towards full recovery by allowing business to open.
Orange	General	Please do not open florida yet, especially schools. They will find a medicine or vaccine soon. Let's wait until October and see what happens. Thank you.

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Hillsborough	General	I have 3 teenage girls. One has a compromised respiratory system. As a parent, I feel it is too soon to open the state up. If we do it should start very small. I also feel we have had no where near enough testing yet.
Charlotte	General	Beaches are opening here, we are trilled and excited. Restaurants should open, limit the amount of people inside for now. Stadiums maybe a bit later. I also wan to point out that the older folks that at a higher risk should keep social distancing. A vaccine if any will not be available for a year or two, what are we going to do in the mean time? Not LIVE? Bankrupt the State, the business by keeping the economy locked up, keeping us locked up? It just does not work that way. We are human beings not animals. It is time to move our state forward and start reopening little by little. Older folks most likely will need to be more careful. I want to start testing everyone that will be better than imposing more lock downs. Thank you Raquel
Franklin	Food	Please do not reopen too soon. We are not ready. It would be irresponsible and cause a larger problem. I looked at a model that said June 14th for relaxing the restrictions. I am good with this if things are moving in the right direction.
Orange	General	Even with the current measures in place, the number of coronavirus counts has continued to grow at an alarming rate. It is much too early to relax the strictures; doing so would endanger lives.
Miami-Dade	Retail	We need to face this situation as it will be with us for a long time. Society needs to be responsible for following the guidelines and using common sense. The longer we wait to re-open the bigger the social damage will be. We have seen very low death ratio and we know the elders are the one mainly at risk. Lets protect them and hope they understand their high chances of sickness. We were asked to close to flattened the curve, not to extinguish the virus, which it is not possible. To give hospital the chance to safe more people. I think the federal, state and local government were not prepare initially and that is the reason we had to disrupt our normalcy. Time to open, make some money so we can continue fighting this devil. Be smart about the business that can open, reduce the occupancy , and keep a curfew in place . We need to WORK, no need to party at this time. OPEN UP so business owners like my wife and I have a chance to keep our dreams alive, we will make sure to follow guidelines and protect our community. Let’s bring the USA spirit back!
Broward	Healthcare	Reopen Florida now. The science has been very wrong on the impact and danger. We are NOT New York City. If Home Depot and Publix are safe si are other businesses. We need to work. Beaches and sunshine are healthy. We can manage the minimal risk. This is America. Thank you, Timothy J Cleary

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Palm Beach	General	REOPEN NOW. The cure can't be worse than the disease. 22,000,000 population with 1056 deaths, coded as corona deaths, do not warrant further closure. Open now. With LIMITED RESTRICTIONS. You said yourself, we have sufficient hospital capacity. I supported you in your election. Now support us by starting this economy up. Don't do it halfway. The numbers don't support it. Open now. I am an airline pilot and a U.S. Navy pilot veteran.
Palm Beach	Tourism	It's time for the US to get back in business! Florida is one of the top tourist destinations with a magnitude of attraction coming from Europe. We are grown adults, and if there are people that want to stay sheltered in place until the end of time, they can, but those of us who are ready to get back to work, traveling, and a normal life should NOT be prohibited from doing so. It's not anyone's responsibility to take care of me should I choose to take a so-called "risk" and get back in action! Sweden chose to leave it up to their citizens and they have reportedly done well. Please allow Florida to get back to being the paradise of the US and allow all travel to resume! Advising citizens to be cautious of their own health is sufficient at this time.
Pasco	Recreation	I was wondering if we would be able to open gyms that hold classes in open spaces (i.e. warehouses with open bay doors) and limit the amount of people who attend the class (capped off at 10). I realize the problems with traditional gym settings, but would hope you take this into consideration.
Polk	Government	Please end the lockdown/stay -home-order/quarantine (call it what you will)! Don't keep moving the goalposts!!! The goal was to "bend the curve," not wait until the virus disappears and we are all dependent on government assistance. My family, friends, and neighbors are going broke. Hospitals are basically empty and I have elective surgery (bulging disc in my back) that needs to be performed but I can't get it. Sometimes I can barely walk it hurts so bad. The virus is not as lethal as it was supposed to have been, there is a certain amount of risk we all accept just in daily living, and it should be left to free, informed citizens to make their choice as to how much exposure to others they want to take. If someone doesn't want to go to a restaurant or hair salon, fine. If they want to wear a mask in public, fine. But don't take my Constitutional Rights away from me. END THE LOCKDOWN NOW!!!!
Volusia	Tourism	I work for one of the major theme parks. We are ready and willing to reopen while maintaining a safe, and clean environment for our guests. We need to get the state into phase one to allow the economy to begin moving again.
Pinellas	Healthcare	do not reopen state until covid numbers have been on a 14 day downward trend. We need to be safe

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Alachua	General	This is a very informative briefing with a doctor from California. It includes data on Covid and also some of the secondary effects being in lockdown has had. We can not remain in lockdown forever (or even 18 m until a vaccine). Shelter in place was to slow spread that hospitals could prepare and not be overwhelmed and hospitals are prepared and if anything they are underwhelmed. Many throw up the photo of the Spanish flu with side walks packed for a parade; as soon as someone mentions reopening. This is not what many people mean by reopening. The theme parks may take longer and huge arenas shouldn't be filled to started with. Those with high risk conditions should initially continue shelter in place for 2 weeks (or more) longer https://youtu.be/xfLVxx_lBLU
Duval	General	Please open the economy. Enough is enough. People needs to get back to work, and Florida needs the revenue.
Escambia	Healthcare	Don't be trump foolish , it will cost you in the next election. Don't go on tv and put the mask on totally wrong; it only shows your insincerity. Use CDC guidance before opening state, not the lumps drivel...
Collier	Tourism	You can not have the entire country under lock down it is in American and DeSantis I will not vote for you in future open up Florida people need to be responsible for their on actions stop treating people like they have no common sense the sad part is they probably do not have any. But people will always do stupid things. Because something g is open that does not mean you have to do it. It is a persons right to make decisions for themselves people need to be cleaner anyway i think this is a political stunt to get president trump out of office I will vote for trump in the election
Lee	General	Open Florida now, we want to go back to work
Brevard	General	I say open everything up and let the chips fall where they may. The south has the worst healthcare and overall health of any region in the country, so it probably won't go well. But we do have the most Trump voters so I'm sure it will make 'Merika great again. Let everyone get what they deserve from their leaders. Fortunately I'm not elderly, overweight, or otherwise in a high-risk group. Good luck. Our governor and president have already shown that's all they rely on. it's sad but seriously, our leaders should start a comedy improv troup. Oh, and don't use this as an excuse to roll back environmental regulations and start doing shady payouts to your business cronies. We're watching....closely. Ken

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Okaloosa	Government	Open up the dang state already. This is way over stepping our constitutional rights over a dumb virus that isn't even real. Yall know this yet you keep scaring the american people and we are over it. I am not one of the 70% you claim wants florida shut down. I am one of the 30% who is over this crap and wants to go back to work. So please open up the state already.
Indian River	Professional Services	Re-open beaches with restrictions. Walk, swimming, surfing, going to/from beach ok. No laying out, congregating, umbrellas, blanks etc. But please let us take a walk on the beach within family, same household groups. Strongly believe that this is one of the safer ways people can get out in the sun and fresh air with extremely low risk of contact with the Covid virus!
Pinellas	General	do not reopen state until covid numbers have been on a 14 day downward trend. We need to be safe
St. Johns	General	I am a 68 year old State employee at the Florida School for the Deaf and Blind. I hope you will phase in the older at risk employees last in opening up the State. If necessary, perhaps a furlough for a few additional weeks. I also would like to be virus tested by my employer before returning to my work place. Thank you Governor for all you do for us.
Lee	General	Reopen Florida. People should continue to practice social distancing. People need to get back to work.
Lee	Recreation	We believe for the safety of the island of Boca grande and the home owners the beaches need to continue to stay closed, the average age of each home owner on this island is 70 plus years old. Exposing the elderly to this virus would be deadly. The homeowners walk the beaches for their health and ride bikes on the bike path daily risking the thousands back would be deadly. Also, the environment is at risk to as well as the rip tide has been dangerous. The island needs to stay safe for the best of the elderly. Thank you. Kathy
Bay	Accommodation	I would like to see testing to track who has it and who doesn't have it I believe I had it back in January so I would surely show an antibody but if everyone could get tested it would ease the mind of the public before opening

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Pinellas	General	I don't usually involve myself in these kinds of things, but honestly my family and most of the people we communicate with think this lockdown is ridiculous. Open the beaches and the pools, open the restaurants and keep a limited capacity if necessary, allow all businesses to reopen again. Allow others to earn an income rather than be dependent on the scraps thrown to them in the form of a stimulus. The longer this goes on, the more angry people are going to get. There is already a political divide but this event will polarize Floridians even more. In the process, law enforcement and the government in general will be viewed as a contributor to the restriction of rights rather than the entities that protect and serve. The police officers will suffer the brunt of it and that is not acceptable. At this point, others LOVE to publicly shame and it has beaten into everyone's brains. Allow the lifeblood of this state (tourism) to come back to life and set guidelines for people to follow. For about 25% of the population, they can't wait to call someone else out on bad behavior. Others that are afraid for their own lives or overly concerned about someone around them...they should maintain the stay-at-home. It seems very simple and common sense...but mass hysteria and the media blitz every moment of the day has diminished common sense approaches!
Taylor	Food	No buffets should be open Restaurants should still be every other table. If buffets or salad bars are open every one must wear gloves Hair stylist should wear masks Churches every other row closed if reopened and everyone 6 feet apart
Osceola	Professional Services	I believe the social distancing has helped and will continue to help. We need to continue social isolation for a little while longer to prevent spread and reinfection.
Hillsborough	Administrative	I understand the need to act prudently and cautiously in regard to everyone's safety, but I also understand the great need for people to get back to work again, so Id love to see the Safe at Home restriction lifted.

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Broward	Finance	Please for the love of god rely on the morals that were instilled in you as a young boy. You're the governor for a purpose; that you are capable of both empathy and reason. I doubt you were ever taught that human life was worth less than the economy. I understand you have an enormous amount of pressure on you, and you handle it well. I hope you're a fan of batman, becauase you should do as his wisest advisor said in times of unprecedented turmoil: endure it. They'll hate you for it, but that's the point. You can do the right thing by waiting. You'll be saving thousands of lives by waiting even an extra month. You're a politician, not a scientist. I'm sure your advisors are the best the state and fed can offer, so listen to them. Stay true to your moral compass. Do not let it be corrupted by the pressures of those that (like me) own a business and are facing financial hardship because of it. We will live. Reopening too early is the equivalent of euthenizing those inevitable victims yourself. The preventable spread of this largely unknown virus could lead to a much worse fate than a staggered economy. Florida is a state that can endure. Disney World will reopen. Miami, Orlando, Ft Lauderdale and the many other cities in this great state will normalize, but it's up to you to use the power invested to you by people like me in a responsible way. Money doesn't matter after you've lost those whom you're responsible for. And you are responsible for our safety. Look inside yourself. Do you truly believe wealth is more precious than life itself? I beg you; until we know why people in their 20's, 30's and older are have strokes after contracting COVID 19, or how many asymptotic carriers there are - endure. It's what batman would do. And it's what you should do. The money will begin to flow in again...it's inevitable, just like the deaths that will be on your conscious if you crumble to the pressures of the rich who have never had to sacrifice. Not now, not ever. Respectfully A concerned Florida business owner.
Duval	General	Open up now while we still have a country to open. This is getting ridiculous. Let the medical people deal with this virus. We are not children or idiots. Wr will follow all the safety precautions. It will take this country 20 years to recover from this debaucle. .
DeSoto	General	Please reopen the State of Florida as soon as possible. The existing executive orders can be allowed to expire on their own effectively causing a two phase reopening.
Duval	Government	Please open irs offices asap. The irs is holding ppls tax refunds due to identity check. With the offices being closed no one can verify their identity so the irs continues to hold refunds and it also seems to be holding up stimulus payments for ppl like me who can't verify their identity. I am lucky enough to be an essential worker so I sit have money coming in but I still need my money from the irs times are hard enough without the government holding funds from hard working Americans!!
Palm Beach	Real Estate	I do NOT think Florida should reopen at this time. Money does not compare to health and safety. We need to get some control of how Covid 19 is spread before we risk lives.Watching it spread in real time is NOT the experiment we want or need.

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Indian River	General	I believe the state should begin the process of opening slowly effective May 1. Allow businesses to open while maintaining the same social distancing and sanitary precautions that all other essential businesses have been observing. People need to get back to work. Businesses need patrons to visit the establishments so they can employ and pay their staff. The financial food chain needs to get going again. People with health concerns should continue to shelter in place whenever possible. Washing hands, sanitizing and wearing masks should also continue. Let's get people back to work! .
Lee	Accommodation	I am in the hospitality industry. I am an entertainer. My server friends and bartenders are not only roughing it, they are going stir crazy. You're talking about a segment of the population that are largely introverts who are holed up deprived not only of their lifestyle, but of what they love to do. Please open up with as least restrictions as possible.
Pasco	Recreation	Please consider opening outdoor recreation soon. This is a low risk option. Parks, trails beaches, camp sites, boat rentals and other venues where social distancing is very easy. people who frequent these places are usually trying to get exercise and would likely comply with health guidelines. We went boating and County Sheriff boats patrolled the islands to keep people from walking on them; this is wasteful and unnecessary.
Duval	General	People that are able to work from work and have been doing so without problem since this started should continue to work from home for a much longer period. I believe this will help the transition because they are still contributing to the economy and sustaining the need to flatten the curve while giving people who are out of work a chance to get back on their feet. My company has been talking about phasing people back to the office based on age and their pre-existing conditions but I don't think that should be the only factor. If the shelter in place in lifted, please at the very least continue to make work from home mandatory for those that are able to do so.
Polk	Healthcare	It is critical that we take our time and follow the most prudent advice of scientists regarding the lifting of restrictions and restoration of non-essential business. Florida's numbers of Covid 19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths continue to grow. These numbers could have been lower except for your delay, Governor, in implementing the stay at home restrictions. As it is, your allowing for church gatherings has most likely resulted in sickening if not killing Floridians. My husband is a healthcare professional at the largest skilled nursing facility in Polk County and my son and Sheriff's Deputy. They cannot stay home. Restricting person to person contact in normal business and social interactions greatly reduces the likelihood of them contracting the virus, bringing it to others in their workplace and bringing it home to our family. Follow prudent medical professional's advice.

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Brevard	General	Being an "essential" employee, I have to continue to work every week. However, our employer has required us to go to night shift. While this normally wouldn't bother me, I have a pregnant girlfriend and her son at home that I also need to take care of. I took off work last week to meet her for the sonogram of our child and was informed that I wouldn't be allowed in. My first child and I was denied because of the governments reaction to this virus. This state needs to re open so my family and I can go back to a normal life. Also, a lot of people in my area are members of gyms. Before the shut down, extra measures were taken to keep equipment clean and everything was running smoothly until the state government decided to strip ALL of us of our rights. Im a healthy individual with no underlying conditions who maintains a healthy lifestyle. Since you took my rights away for the minority of people, how about you force them to adopt my healthy lifestyle to keep them from getting ill. Open the gyms, open the doctors office, and open the state. Its ours.
Orange	Retail	Please open the state back up!
Lee	General	We all are aware of the risk, even when we get in a car we may die. take prudent precautions and move forward. We cannot stay hold up and treated as hostages by people afraid of their own shadows. Lets get on with life, God only knows when my number is up. I know what precautions to take Thank You now lets get on with life and back to work. A 68 Y.O. Vet and twice a cancer survivor and Vietnam vet.
Sarasota	Government	Open our state back up now! The whole point of the quarantine was to (supposedly) “flatten the curve” so that we didn’t overwhelm our hospitals. Check! Now open back up. You had no right to shut down our state to begin with. This is total government overreach, stripping us of our constitutional rights. People need to get back to work! Now! You are going to have a much bigger problem on your hands than you did with the virus. Your “solution” is worse than the problem. The REAL numbers (the ones the MSM won’t report on) are showing this virus to be no worse than the flu. If people are still scared to go out, then they can CHOOSE to stay home. It’s their right to do that. Stop making HEALTHY people stay home.
Lake	Technology	Please use the existing good data from the CDC regarding true Covid-19 numbers and death rates. There is no reason to destroy the health and lives of people throughout the state for a virus that statically similar to the annual flu season. This is a ridiculous situation when allowed to continue and the proposed restrictions on restaurants and businesses will simply cause more to shutdown and close up because the cost of running the business will not be offset by a maximum of 50% of the necessary revenue. The tax base in Florida and the rest of the country is going to be significantly impacted in an exponential way with everyday these baseless restrictions continue. I hope that we can recover as a State and as a Country but if we keep following the foolishness, we’ll ensure that we won’t. Again, if anyone is actually reading this, please look at the real data and extrapolate the true death rates.
Broward	General	If none of us are getting tested, how can we trust opening up the state, I am sure there are a lot of a symptomatic people that could spread the virus, what are you going to do to prevent it?

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Lake	General	Please follow the recommendations of health professionals. Do not open the state based on ranting Facebook groups and group-thinks.
Miami-Dade	General	Mr. De Santis, I respectfully, as an American Citizen, ask you to please re-open Florida. I feel the desperate need of Floridian people to go out and continue, as before the pandemic, to provide for themselves and their families. Although, Covid has affected many people around the globe, and my heart goes out to those families, it's time for us to rise up and fight this battle differently. Through the use of our most advanced medical technology and hard work, and most importantly, through our closeness to one another. The strongest vaccine to rid of this virus will be our closeness to one another vs. our distancing. Distancing will never make the US stronger, but will make us weaker. Closeness will make us happier and happy people have stronger immune systems, have the ability to come up with creative ideas and solutions, and in general happy people will have a great positive impact in our society. Even the strongest virus will have to bow down its knee when all of us pour out into Churches to praise God for our freedom and the ability to worship together with Thanksgiving for our beautiful country. Thank you for your consideration. God bless you and your family and God bless the United States of America. United in Jesus we will succeed and we choose to start moving forward right away. Best regards, Jenny Vargas
Brevard	Healthcare	Reopening FL now is a deadly train wreck in the making. The only way we can ensure the safety of our elderly and immune compromised is to stay home and self isolate. My job as a Chiropractor is not doable from a distance and can't be done maintaining 6 ft distances.

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Pinellas	General	Without a massive increase in available testing, and full contact tracing, it is entirely too soon to "re-open" Florida. Opening before at least mid May, or ideally, May 31, risks another outbreak in the state and a spike in cases and dead. As it stands, only 320,000 floridians have been tested, out of the 21 million residents. That's less than 2%. Currently, the only way to get tested is to already be sick (or have traveled to a "hot zone", or with a doctor's note), when we know that the incubation period is up to 14 days. (see Tampa Bay Times link below for reference). Moreover, Florida is one of only 10 states with over 1000 dead. Only New York City has a higher per capita death rate than Florida, even California and Texas rank lower. To put this in perspective, there are 4636 dead in China, out over 1 Billion people. The state of Florida has fully 25% the number of dead as *all of China*. Too much remains unknown about the virus - do anitbodies mean immunity? Why does it present so many varied symptoms? As of this date (April 25, 2020) there is no cure, no treatment, and no known immunity. Please listen to the advice of *every* frontline medical professional, doctor, immunologist, and virologist, who has even a modicum of experience with this disease.... It's too soon. Thank you for your consideration. https://www.tampabay.com/news/health/2020/04/24/florida-one-of-only-10-states-to-pass-1000-coronavirus-deaths/
Hillsborough	General	I believe the governor is doing a great job. I do think we should open the state over a 30 day period.

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Pinellas	Professional Services	While focusing on the safety of our state in the process of re-opening businesses, I ask to please consider that all markets and industries. are extremely dynamic in the sense that not all busineses operate the same way. Compared to store fronts, I work from home. I am a private dog grooming business. I operate from with no other staff but myself owner and professional stylist. I am a licensed, registered, insured, and certified business just like any other standing salon only with no foot traffic. Dog grooming is one of the industries that is essential but hasn't been considered one even though dogs and pets are deemed as family in the US. Dog grooming and vet centers work as a team to keep pets with severe skin issues for example under control. If we really focus on the safety of others, please look into the fact that some salons can re-open and offer services following strict guidelines. My concern is on the health of pets that suffer from conditions that cant be neglected. I had thought of maybe if some pet salons are allowed in each neighborhood, then people would have availability to the service. Although it would be a disadvantage for many shops, taking less appointments in a day and only grooming the pets that really need grooming is also an option. Before I got shut down, I was doing free pick up and deliveries with a mask and gloves on. I would pick pets up and have their owners hand me the leash with minimum contact, I was accepting payments through cash apps to avoid contact, I disinfected leashes and collars, disinfect in between each dog, and deep disinfecting at the end of each day. I was also not allowing anybody inside my shop. I have potential clients calling my business everyday asking if I am opened and they don't understand why I am not since unlike an active grooming shop I am not public. there are many home groomers that could be opened right now delivering safe services to pets in need. Please consider home based businesses as we are low- risk with the advantage of no foot traffic. instructions could be given over the phone and the only contact is grabbing and returning the dog to it's owner which consists of handing off a leash.
Hillsborough	General	Too soon.
Duval	Professional Services	NO! IM A COSMETOLOGIST!! WE ALREADY DONT GET ANY TYPE OF NEWSLETTER/MAGAZINE/EMAIL FROM THE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGY. THIS FIELD HAD DECLINED TREMENDOUS OVER THE YEARS. WHO WILL PURCHASE SAFETY SUPPLIES IN A FIELD OVERRAN BY FRANCHISE WHO ARE NOT REQUIRED TO EVEN HAVE A LICENSE TO OPEN??? THEY HAVE LOW WAGES, BO MANAGEMENT TIER, AND ALREADY ARGUE WITH EMPLOYEES FOR WASHING I I THEIR HANDS IN BETWEEN CLIENTS. BE HONEST ABOUT THE FIELD. DONT SEND COSMETOLOGIST BACK OUT TO DO HAIR UNPREPARED. GOD BLESS YOU
Orange	Food	Do not reopen until virus cases have gone way down. Open in reverse of previous for sure, with long delays on moving between steps to prevent having to close again. The worst possible thing economically is to have to close again if we reopen too early or too quickly. That'll kill confidence and then, once open again, no one will come.
Volusia	Food	We need the restaurants to reopen. With out them we have no hope of getting our state backup and running. You see even if you want the people in Florida to do staycations. With out a place to eat and place to sleep you have no chance. The way things were before shut down would seem ok to me 50 percent capacity and 6 feet between tables .

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Collier	Education	I am an Educator, and I feel there needs to be a system in place that will allow EVERY teacher, parent and student to be tested BEFORE they can return to school, and that will allow them to be REGULARLY tested, since a vaccine is currently unavailable. The reason I say this is because testing, right now, is limited to essential workers or those who have doctor notes. Also, since teachers care for elderly parents, and have elderly spouses, and children live with elderly grandparents, it's ESSENTIAL to have methods to catch ill children/teachers/parents with mild symptoms before they infect everyone AND to figure out how to deal with asymptomatic children/teachers/parents since it can take up to 14 days for them to show symptoms. I also believe teachers shouldn't have to use sick days to stay home and recover, nor should they have to take unpaid leave because, if that's the case, many will still come to school ill because they can't afford to stay home nor do they have the days in their bank. That would be a terrible decision for everyone involved, but it's reality. On the same line, children who are ill and are staying should also not be penalized for being absent 14 days in a row or more, and parents have to be required to keep them home and not send them to school sick (like they currently always do) because they have to go to work.
Alachua	General	My business (small law firm) is suffering greatly with current shelter in place orders. Nevertheless, I am not in favor of re-opening all businesses. I jread an article about Hokkeido (not sure I have spelling correct), Japan which had a second wave of virus infections worse than the first after reopening too soon. Let's learn from them. I'm reading about younger and middle-aged people dying of strokes caused by the virus. I'm seeing that younger people do not understand the value and requirement of social distancing, as their usual feelings of immortality overcome any common sense. My concern is that you will have half (or some percentage) of people going to work, to movies, to restaurants, to shopping malls, etc..The other half will stay home. People in both groups are going to get sick, but those in the first group are going to spread the virus much more quickly and end up with a much greater spike in infections and deaths. Let's be smart, let's learn from the actions and mistakes of those in other countries and states. And let's give doctors and scientists the time they need to study this virus and develop treatments and vaccines.

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Seminole	Retail	In a very short period, the coronavirus pandemic has darkened much of the United States' economy. Unlike prior economic downturns, market forces are not driving it, rather we are forcing a hard stop to much of American life. Some industries have been particularly hard hit. For example, brick-and-mortar retailers of products deemed "non-essential" have been forced to close by various state-issued executive orders over the past few weeks. Because of the distinction between "essential" and "non-essential" products, the hardships inflicted on businesses have not been equal – or intended. For example, in the furniture industry, big-box retailers like Walmart, Costco and Target have been allowed to sell furniture throughout the pandemic because they also sell other products such as medications, food, and hardware. Similarly, e-commerce retailers, like Wayfair and Amazon, are continuing to sell and deliver furniture because they have deemed themselves part of the essential e-commerce infrastructure. Yet, brick-and-mortar furniture stores that provide service and value to our local communities have been forced to close. This approach – which unintentionally allowed some businesses to sell furniture, but not others – is threatening the viability of thousands of local furniture stores that employ hundreds of thousands of Americans, like our 40 year old, Longwood based family business. At the very same time, this crisis is causing families to quarantine together, forcing people to work from home, while children study at home and college students finish semesters from home. Families are finding that they need furniture that will allow them to live and work comfortably and productively in their new home-bound realities. Some may find that they need specialized furniture, such as "lift chairs" that assist the elderly or infirm to be get in and out of chairs or electric beds. As a result, we believe that household furniture should be considered an essential product, and Slone Brothers Furniture should be permitted to operate consistent with CDC guidelines. The
Indian River	Education	Open up college workforce programs that require face to face interactions such as Police, Fire, and EMS academies. These academies are essential in adding more essential workers to departments already low on people.
Escambia	General	I would prefer social distancing last into the second week of June. One can't deny that the positive results keep climbing in FL. Most of the people in Pensacola act like. nothing is wrong anyway. Stores are open that shouldn't be and when you go into Publix on 9th ave people do not keep their distance. It's like they never got there notice or they don't care. I left because the mgmt there isn't making people adhere to the guidelines.

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Seminole	General	To whom it may concern: In regards to reopening Florida it is my opinion people are going to do what they want to do and people will get very desperate. Small businesses like mine are struggling to stay alive, and people need to get back to work. Even if people are only able to work part time it would be something. I think strong recommendations for social distancing and even mandatory face masks in public, would help slow the spread. A disclosure that your proceeding at your own risk and leave it to people to make there own choices. Wide spread testing would be helpful regardless of insurance coverage. Governor DeSantis your doing an amazing job, and no one could ever imagine the stress you are going through in this time! I just wanted to thank you for your continued efforts to keep our state running and keeping everyone safe.
Palm Beach	Government	We the people of Florida are imploring you, Governor Desantis, to re open our businesses. Allow us to return to work. Open all of our beaches, parks and libraries. Many of us are hurting economically and struggling to feed our families. You need a population that produces, not one you have to spend all of the state's money on to support. We want to work, we want our constitutional rights restored. Many of us put our faith in and feel we are being let down. We will not be voting you back in if you continue to trample our rights and ignore our pleas.

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Sarasota	General	We need to open up Florida, a very big percent of this state is aged and responsible, we are not children that need to be told what to do, when to do, and how to do it, that closely resembles a socialist state! I understand Covid19, I have watch all news programs including BBC NEWS, FRANCE NEWS, FOX NEWS, CBS NEWS, CNBC NEWS, HLN NEWS, besides goggling info, I understand the repercussions of opening up the state both ways, the good and the bad, I went from a fear monger, to careful, smart, diligent, and respectful. I have worked throughout this time, I have been blessed, except for 2 weeks I did take off with my employers approval, I think because stress was playing a factor in my health, now I went back to work today, and I was very appreciative of that blessing to be able to do so. What I most realized today, it felt good not to be stuck at home, emotionally, spiritually, and financially. It was almost liberating. I feel if we hold out too long giving our freedoms back to the people, there will be PTSD involved, if it has not already been installed into many Americans, the lesson has been learned, we know social distancing, we know to wear masks, we know to wash hands, this is the flu, a dangerous one, there may be some that push back on the guidelines, but now with the tools we have been given, we know what to look for and we move away from them. I want my freedom back, I want to go to the beach by myself and just sit and listen to the surf , it is relaxing for the body and soul, if someone comes too close, I will move, it is as simple as that, but not giving me that right is another story at this point. I also work in a health profession that was closed down due to Covid19, but thank God I work in a warehouse also and they were good enough to keep me on, but feel bad when my patients ask for help, and I explain we are closed. The lessons have been learned now let’s put them into practice, and make America strong again PLEASE! Thank you for listening, Sincerely ME
Leon	General	With as wide and as deadly this virus is i think that things should remain closed. Just cause things might be looking up doesn't mean things are all better. Just like when you get a cold you rush it and think your better your really not and you relapse.we rush this thing and get people back around everybody else maybe we will have a relapse. Maybe this time it's worse. I know people want to get back to normal. But no need to rush it and not at the expense of harming others. We just need to be patient. And let this thing run it's course.
Manatee	Food	Last thing we need is to re open too quickly. Let the doctors and scientists lead us in this difficult time. I’m a restaurant manager and would be making more if we were back open. But the well being of everyone, like my cancer patient father, is more important . We are in this together.

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Hendry	General	I live in Hendry County and work in Lee County. I see no less people out and about (in either county) due to the "stay at home" order. There are so many "essential workers" being exposed to all the people who are supposedly sheltering at home, yet we see no substantial increase in COVID cases. In my opinion, people are being cautious in their ways, and we need to open everything back up ASAP!! Enough charities and other services are available to help those who do not feel safe going out. The rest of us are ready to get back to whatever normal will be. I do feel that statewide antibody testing would help ease the minds of many. I am an essential worker (law enforcement), and my immediate household consists of only essential workers (pharmacy tech, mechanic, and farmer), and my daughter works in the COVID unit at NCH in Naples (lives in Collier County). For what my opinion is worth, please Re-open Florida and let people decide what to do as individuals.
Lake	Professional Services	Everything should be allowed to open now, leaving the decision to individual businesses whether or as to whether or not they're ready with the proper safety equipment and protocols set forth by federal and state officials. Especially in counties and cities with low infection rates.
Orange	Government	I vote no. Focus should be placed on making unemployed whole again. If that's by fixing the unemployment system or having the federal government continue checks to everyone, that's first or foremost. Opening the state won't guarantee anyone a job...corporations are greedy. They get a bail out, they send jobs overseas, they find tax shelters and loopholes to pay less. The common man/woman is getting hammered while everyone is focused on corporations. I vote no on opening the state. Take care of the residents, make them whole and then worry about the businesses.
Washington	General	No. It's too early. We just gave away a ton of money... The SBA loans alone avg. out to approximately $10,000 each For every person that works for a small business. (according to 2019 stats) Of course none of my kids (3 working) or I benefited at all from this. We each got the $1200...what 10% of what we paid in this year back. Even without any assistance none of us feel it is time to go back to normal. It's time to let all the people that have been living off of our hard work and taxes to step up. They got loans that will supposedly be forgiven from our tax $$. Let them pay salaries with it until we know for sure what this thing is doing. If not it will have all been for naught. Just a giant tax giveaway to the upperclass and a bunch of deaths that you will be responsible for.

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Broward	Healthcare	I don't feel as if we have seen a steady decline in cases - maybe there still isn't enough testing going on. I don't feel as if the decline has been a for a solid two weeks and if we open it should be with the requirement of everyone still having to wear masks in public and stores / restaurants shouldn't be able to open to full capacity. I feel like opening too early would ruin all the progress we have made. Would make more sense to me to be mid May.
Palm Beach	Government	Open parks and beaches: Vitamin D from the sun, ocean air and water are natural ways to boost our immune systems. People with or without families need to get fresh air by going to places like the park and beach, especially if they don't have backyards. We need to utilize parks and open spaces again. We pay taxes for these facilities to be open and we want them open now. It is imperative to physical and mental health to have public spaces open and available. Suicide and vitamin deficiency is just as if not more important health issue. Re-open restaurants with reservations: We're facing an economic depression and making this country and our citizens more vulnerable to China's influence and takeover. We've been self sufficient before and are fully capable of doing that again. What is happening with our Florida farmers and their produce rotting in the fields is a disgrace. Instead of the produce rotting, it needs to be sent out to the local restaurants, homeless and domestic violence shelters, welfare recipients, etc. Are we going to start facing food shortages because of all this? Restore local businesses: We need our businesses to open up immediately. There are many out of work, struggling to feed their families, make rent, pay their mortgages, and some small business don't qualify for the loans that they were promised. Stop 5G Infrastructure We can see the impact this pandemic is having on all of us as the internet offers us many opportunities for communication, exploration and collaboration, however, in many homes it brings with it an unseen problem: exposure to radio-frequency microwave radiation (wireless radiation) that is emitted from all wireless devices, including laptops, tablets, game consoles and smartphones. One of the many reasons to halt the deployment of the 5G wireless network is because there have not been any health studies on the 30GHz to 300GHz radio frequencies on human (or any life form) health. The FCC has not conducted any safety studies on such high frequencies and the affects of millimeter-wave small cell antennas. In comparison, 4G is around 8GHz. There is a significant difference
Pinellas	General	I left a comment to not reopen until safe but wanted to include that we need lots of testing.

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Duval	General	Please Re- open the state for all our sakes. My husband and I have been working continuously but so many others have suffered more by not working. Susceptible people will stay at home and healthy or asymptomatic can bounce back. Slow and steady reopening will help us get back on our feet. The beaches are safer, everyone has room to spread out. Make masks mandatory in areas of higher susceptible, hotspots, lock downs for nursing homes, schools, malls, sporting events, etc. People can still practice social distancing, 6 feet apart, and washing hands. The numbers don't warrant keeping everything shut down longer, could be doing more harm than good. I also beg you please make diagnosis testing and antibody testing available for everyone in the state. That's the only way we can know who has or had it. Thanks for this opportunity to share my humble opinion. Thanks for keeping everyone's safety your number one precious priority.
Brevard	General	We need to lift the stay at home order and let people get back to work! Unemployment isn't coming through so how can you expect people to not want to get back to work. If you are scared stay home!
DeSoto	General	Open the State of Florida, you're making the people sicker by keeping it closed.
Lee	General	OPEN THE STATE.!!!! I believe that the residents of Florida have enough common sense to do what is best for them and their family. Sure we may have a few more cases of covid, but I am confident in our healthcare system to manage them. Open up the state with the social distance codicil. it is obvious that our unemployment system is failing and people need to pay their bills. If we wait much longer than the original May 1st order I feel that we will not be the same tourist state for a long time. Also, our people will have a harder time recovering financially. Let's show the world that Florida can get back to business and do it right! Once again, OPEN FOR BUSINESS!!!!. Parks. Beaches. Trails. Launches. Restaurants, medical, retail and service industries. And all the others not listed. I'm willing to talk to anyone at anytime.. please feel free to call. And of course thank you for your commitment to this committee.(task force).

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Orange	Management	I request that guidance be formally provided that clarifies that neighborhood (HOA) swimming pools can be immediately re-opened for lap swimming and exercise purposes. Specifically, I live in a Homeowners Association (HOA) that has a very large community swimming pool with multiple lap swimming lanes, each of which are at least 6 feet apart. Lap swimming is about the only effective exercise that I can do, since it is a non-impact form of exercise. Our pool has been closed for over a month, and my physical conditioning and overall health have declined over this period of time. I have done extensive research, and have not found any federal, state, or local mandates requiring that neighborhood swimming pools be closed, other than maintaining social distancing. The Board of Directors (BOD) of our HOA closed our pool, because of the state mandate to close gyms. Although we have a separate fitness center, which I agree needed to be closed at the time, our HOA BOD has extended the vague requirement to close gyms to also apply to outdoor swimming pools. I strongly support and practice social distancing, but I see no reason to prevent me from lap swimming, where I am submerged in chlorinated water and separated by at least 6 feet from the next closest lane and person. In the absence of being able to swim, I have instead been doing long daily walks throughout our community, and I have observed 100% compliance with other walkers practicing social distancing. We have all seen the traumatic impacts of this virus over the last month. We don't need mindless, dictatorial requirements to mandate basic safety. Although this may seem to be a trivial issue to some people, it is very important to my overall physical conditioning and health. Therefore, until my HOA community pool is re-opened, I will NOT spend any money in our state or local economies, and you will not collect one penny of sales tax from me. In summary, please provide specific guidance that clarifies that community swimming pools can be re-opened for exercise purposes. Until this is done, anything and everything else that the state or local governments allow to re-open will not be patronized by me.
Lee	Recreation	Dear Governor DeSantis, I would like to make a comment with regard to opening the beaches in Lee County. My husband and I just moved here from Maryland and one of our favorite things to do is to take long walks on the beautiful beaches in Lee County. We see no reason why these beaches should not be open during this time. The Lee County beaches, such as Bonita Beach and Lover's Key are rarely crowded with lots of people. Please reconsider opening our beaches soon so we can at least enjoy the beauty of amazing sunsets while we exercise and try to stay healthy! Thank you for your consideration!

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Palm Beach	Tourism	I am eager to return to normal. However I am very very grateful and appreciative for the strong measures we have taken to slow the spread. I am glad to see we are being very detailed in our measures to reopen safely. I hope any pressure from protests to open too fast are ignored until the data supports that it is safe to do so. I am begging that our unemployment system be fixed. We cannot wait for these benefits any longer. I submitted March 19th and it is April 25th and I have not received a penny in assistance from Florida. We need a system overhaul and I refuse to give up and wait for my job to reopen and lose these precious weeks of income. We will keep fighting. I'd like to see social distancing measures in place and some sort of order that will have consequences for those who do not want to follow. I am very afraid of individuals who do not see the point of social distancing and will not respect the boundaries of those who do. I have already been harassed for wearing a mask in the grocery store and it makes me nervous to go back in public. I hope it will be required that all food service workers wear masks. Thank you for your time.
Polk	Food	My thoughts on re-opening Florida: Restaurants, coffee shops, and similiar businesses should be allowed to open soon, as long as they maintain social distancing with their table spacing. All tables should hold containers of sanitizing wipes so customers can wipe their own tables upon entering. Wait staff should wear masks. People need to get out and socialize. Bars and clubs should remain closed for at least 30 more days. You can keep people apart in restaurants, but not in bars or clubs. Small manufacturing businesses can be re-opened with social distancing, becoming a model for larger businesses not less than 14 days later. Houses of Worship can be re-opened on the weekend of May 15-16, maintaining social distancing. (Ushers or other persons to count people entering, maintain 6 feet between seated people, in every other row of pews or chairs.) Services allowed to broadcast over low frequency to vehicles in parking lots, parked in every other space. I realize there are other people besides the above who need to open their businesses and put employees back to work, but I figure this is a good start. Police should randomly monitor these situations as their time permits, with person in charge of the venue given a first offense warning, second offense close the venue for that day, third offense a fine to be determined by someone much smarter and politically attuned than I am. Thank You to whoever might finds the time to read this and forward it to the proper people. Walt L.
Orange	General	As a Disney employee, I understand the economic impact more than most, however I must encourage caution in reopening the economy in Florida. Please be careful opening too fast as a relapse is more detrimental than anything that could be imagined. I think some nonessential business could be reopened, but I caution in reopening any business that may reopen the pandemic concerns. I am willing to do what s necessary to ensure no further outbreaks of the virus to ensure we are all safe. I love this state and the people in it. So please take an extra precaution to ensure this ie everything we can do.
Putnam	Retail	I work in retail an it is way too soon to release people freely into the public.

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Miami-Dade	General	I feel we need to work towards opening areas where people have lost their jobs such as restaurants, hair and nail salons retail stores. Have workers wear masks limit people to half the capacity. Many are families are struggling and our economy is slowly dying. Those that can work from home fully should continue to do so. Elderly should continue to stay in as much as possible
Citrus	Recreation	Exercise is important and the Rails-to-Trails being closed is keeping a lot of people from getting safe exercise. We would love to see it back open ASAP.
Duval	Transportation	We should be able to open everything up except large crowd venues like theaters and concerts or Disney . We can social distance.
Orange	Healthcare	Open the State. Asap
Charlotte	Professional Services	I work doing laser on clients abd body treatments, it is non essential , j am concerned about being in close contact with my clients as well as going to restaurants, functions and other events right now! I think its too soon to opren our state! All of the tourists will be back and who knows what they will be bringing to us! Please rethink for our safety
Polk	Professional Services	I own a small business. I do massages nails and facial services. Even though this is a burden for most small businesses, I think we need more time needs to pass before we reopen. I know for myself, I need to gather more necessary items like masks ect to keep my clients and myself safe. These are things that are difficult to find right now. I was denied unemployment and have not received any sba grant money. The unemployment is a total mess. Too soon to open non essential businesses at this time!!
Indian River	General	I do not favor the reopening of Florida at this time.
Manatee	General	This crisis has been over blown. Healthy people should never have been required to stay home. This quarantine needs to end now. There are numerous ways to boost the immune system. We should focus on helping people become more healthy. Focusing on eating habits, exercise and vitamin supplements. Not pharmaceuticals. Stop killing the Florida economy! Reopen NOW!
Miami-Dade	General	I feel we need to work towards opening areas where people have lost their jobs such as restaurants, hair and nail salons retail stores. Have workers wear masks limit people to half the capacity. Many are families are struggling and our economy is slowly dying. Those that can work from home fully should continue to do so. Elderly should continue to stay in as much as possible
Broward	General	Follow the science and data! This lunacy has to end now. Open the beaches and let every single business owner open if they choose to. If people want to stay in lockdown, let them.
St. Lucie	Healthcare	Please be sure that all Healthcare facilities have appropriate PPE Please OPEN VISITATION in hospitals for at least 1 person especially to those in Critical Care Units, for both non covid and covid patients. Its heartbreaking that patients are dying alone and love ones can't be there. This can cause medical issues in survivors such as Tackosubo. Since SLC continues to have rise in covid cases with minimal tesing, not sure we are ready to reopen everything.

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Escambia	General	I do not think it is safe to open the state back up. We have only been shut down for 1 month.....thats NOT LONG ENOUGH at all to help stop the spread because look how quickly it travels.....look how many cases we have gone up since the state shut down.....so i hope nobody thinks the numbers will go down if we opened the state back up so soon. Me and my family will be in the house either way.....good luck....stay safe and god bless
Leon	General	To the Re-Open Florida Task Force, The social distancing guidelines that Florida has been practicing have been helping to prevent our State's healthcare system from becoming overwhelmed. However, reopening the State now would only negate the work that we have done so far to reduce the spread of COVID-19. I would urge you to consider extending the current protections put in place by the Governor to keep our citizens safe and healthy. While we are all looking forward to a time when these measures will not be necessary, we are not there yet. Thank you for considering the well-being of our State and its people.
Indian River	General	Please open up the state. Please. Let the healthy, willing people work and if people choose to stay home and continue to do what they are doing. But give us the choice. Please. I haven't gotten my unemployment yet. Haven't gotten business application approved yet. I have two kids. My husband is laid off. I'm laid off. All I want to do is go back to work. Please.
Sumter	General	I think it's too soon to re-open. That being said, I do not feel that it is too soon to plan to re-open. We do not know enough about this virus currently to re-open yet. I feel that it is likely to cause more deaths that did not have to be. I have been lucky...I am healthy and working still. A lot of others are not as fortunate. I would like to see the unemployment system in better working order for them to stay afloat during this time.
Miami-Dade	General	Florida SHOULD NOT and I repeat SHOULD NOT RE OPEN until this pandemic is no longer a risk as much as it is right now. In fact I don't think we're closed enough, people should not be allowed to leave their houses PERIOD!!! Floridians are continuously being reckless and going out everyday and without protection. This will never end if we continue with this ignorance. There are seniors like me who lost their Senior year because of covid 19 and we would like to at least go to college on campus and not online. People need to get back to human interaction, this isn't healthy and in order to return to this safely WE MUST CLOSE DOWN FLORIDA PERMANENTLY AND SERIOUSLY. We should follow these procedures until new cases stop arising. As a future voter, I will have my voice heard and will be able to gather hundreds of people who will agree with my views and opinions and will only vote for people willing to end this sooner rather than later.
Sarasota	Recreation	I am an avid walker and bike rider, and love all recreational options Florida has to offer. However the spread of COVID-19 should be our utmost concern and we should have a logical and medically suggested amount of time to allow sufficient calming of the virus spread. It is not critical that we be able to lay on the beaches, that is a privilege. Please hold on opening our state until the medical professionals guidance directs us so.

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Brevard	General	Please refer to history, the Spanish Flu in particular. We are not ready to reopen so soon. Thank you for closing the schools for the remainder of the year.
Lee	General	Florida and Lee County have done a great job monitoring COVID-19 and instituting smart policies to keep its residents safe. Looking at the data and how well Lee County and Florida are going in comparison with other counties and states, it's time to phase in a loosening of stay at home restrictions. I am essential worker, so I have not been unemployed. Considering the percentage of our population in the hospitality industry, they need to get back to work as soon as possible. I was at a price club today stocking up on food and I was amazed at how many people were there. No restrictions on the numbers going in. No restrictions on wearing masks. I don't think that's fair to our hospitality workers
Broward	General	If we look at the testing volume and compare it to the number of positive cases we see that the testing capacity has been relative constant while number of cases is rising linearly. If we had enough testing we could be exponential and we are most certainly not near the top. Reopening will make sure thousands more die at your hands.
Miami-Dade	General	feel we need to work towards opening areas where people have lost their jobs such as restaurants, hair and nail salons retail stores. Have workers wear masks limit people to half the capacity. Many are families are struggling and our economy is slowly dying. Those that can work from home fully should continue to do so. Elderly should continue to stay in as much as possible
Lake	Tourism	Please reopen the state, we want our jobs back. Ask people to wear a mask as they go out, take temperatures of guests entering theme parks. We have been unemployed since March 14th and have yet to receive unemployment money. We just want to go back to work. Please do not implement insane tests and restrictions to return to work. We are adults and can make our own decisions, please respect our freedoms.
Hillsborough	General	If im going to continue to work for the same pay while the unemployed are getting paid 600 to stay home then the state needs to re open. This is a free country if we want to go out in public thats on us. Those that want to stay home let them stay home.
Hillsborough	Recreation	All outside recreation should open. Parks, beaches, tennis courts, pickleball courts, skate parks,
Hernando	General	Please do not open the state too quickly. Put safety first.
Broward	Government	In my opinion things should stay as they are until a cure is invented. From what I see the number of people testing positive has not stopped. If things go back to normal it will get worse and many more will loose their lifes. Also every single person in Florida needs to be tested that is the only way we're going to get ahead of this pandemic.
Seminole	General	I believe its still too early to open beaches and theme parks etc. Businesses need to be opened but recreational sites not yet.
Orange	Healthcare	Re-opening Florida before we've had time to "flatten the curve" is dangerous and will put citizens lives in jeopardy. It's irresponsible and puts public health at risk. Florida needs to heed advice and guidance from the World Health Organization and medical professionals and remain in a Stay at Home order.

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Miami-Dade	General	We absolutely must NOT open up the state until we have a significant flattening of the curve, and at least two weeks of decreasing cases and deaths. Doing so would only serve to facilitate a resurgence of the virus and an even longer shut down. I am in a high risk category and fresco it is currently absolutely unsafe to return to business as usual. We must continue to sacrifice now in order to beat this.
Santa Rosa	General	Every day beyond April 30th where our state is locked down because of COVID is 💯 The responsibility of FL state elected officials. At that point, every business that suffers, every mortgage that must be foreclosed on, every suicide as a result of the mental stress the state is placing on everyone, the officials need to own that as there soul responsibility. Every delay in opening the local economy needs to be heavily questioned by those it impacts. We can no longer allow our freedom to enjoy the beaches in which we pay taxes on, enjoy the freedom to go to work and make a decent living, and most importantly enjoy the freedom to come together and celebrate activities and people we love. #openflorida
Collier	Recreation	Please open the gyms! It's easy to keep a distance and helps keep us healthier.
Manatee	Professional Services	Please follow opening procedures ONLY when it is deemed safe by public health experts. Let's do this RIGHT the first time. I am a small business owner that REALLY wants to go back to work, but only when it's safe to do so. I also have a daughter with asthma and a grandmother that is very high risk health-wise. I will not put their safety in jeopardy so that I can work.
DeSoto	Finance	At a minimum, I would expect that we should continue with a shelter in place or safer at home order until the state has had 14 straight days of reduction in Covid 19 cases. I think that large gatherings should be banned indefinitely until better treatment options or a vaccine are made available. Increased testing continues to be a necessity. Those who can work from home should continue to do so, and social distancing should be mandatory when outside the home. None of these are easy choices, and they all have consequences, but a rapid reopening that fuels new infections could lead us right back to a shelter order if we do not properly plan.
Lee	Manufacturing	Breweries currently have the same designation as nightclubs, however, most often we operate more like a restaurant -- with a supporting food truck onsite. I hope that you will consider letting breweries open with limited capacity (no standing room only, tables pulled apart, etc) at the same time as restaurants rather than having us wait to open with dance/nightclubs.
Orange	General	Re-open now!!!
St. Johns	Professional Services	There is no reason to rush the opening of the state of Florida. I would feel that an impulsive decision such as this would be laying the constituents of Florida at the feet of those looking to just push this through. We would become collateral damage for political enhancements. Nearly all involved in public health say rushing this is deadly. We must take the opinion of knowledgeable and practiced professionals over hearsay best guess responses.

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Sarasota	General	DON'T OPEN YET! Our state runs on tourism, but tourism brings illness. Let's get our people as stable as possible before the tourists come back. I suggest staying closed until May 31. I'd rather do the time now - than have to do this all over again later in the year.
Sumter	Recreation	Please open small businesses, gyms, and recreational areas . People may keep safe distances in them and maintain their own and others safety.. Open Churches too, as people who wish to go can safely sit apart. Thanks
Orange	Tourism	We need to reopen FL every actual data point I'm looking shows covid is no worse then the FLU. Worldwide we have 200k deaths while the flu has between 250k-650k deaths per year and thats with a vaccine. We should let people choose what they feel comfortable with. Advise those at high risk to continue to stay home and reopen with some basic rules in place. Wash hands, don't come to work if your sick, check for temperatures, social distancing, etc. We need increased testing and positive results should be placed in at home quarantine, but let those that are healthy out and let us make our own choices.
Pinellas	General	I work as a makeup artist I don't feel it's safe going back to work at this time.
Jefferson	General	Several things come to mind.... Fast and accurate testing that ties to a full-scale, statewide testing and contact tracing system which is linked to an effective quarantine-and-treatment system. Allow businesses with minimal contact to open with guidelines. A florist comes to mind. Open up elective surgeries that do not require an overnight start and that occur outside of hospitals to start back up.
Okaloosa	Tourism	Good evening, Me and my husband owe a home in Destin. We rent it as a vacation rental in order to be able to pay the mortgage and other expenses as my husband and I had to move out of state for work and his salary dropped. Having to pay the rent and the mortgage, we need the income from the vacation rental. Renting the home we guarantee that maintenance people, cleaners, management personnel etc have direct jobs, and this is not counting the indirect ones (all the business that depend on tourism mere in destin, which are almost all). Since the vacation rentals were cancelled, we have experienced a big loss and it will be even worse if vacation rentals continue to be blocked. It is discriminatory that hotels are open and receiving customers, that have to share spaces with other customers, but we cannot receive any. Our home sits in a private closed community, with no neighbors around, with no shared facilities, and SAFE TO QUARANTINE. People booked the home knowing that the beaches, shops and restaurants were closed but the rental prohibition extension forced us to cancel. Please reopen the vacation rentals, at least the ones that can guarantee a safe environment, like ours. Thank you

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St. Johns	General	I want all Floridians to be healthy and safe. With that said, we can not sit by ideally as the economy dies and peoples futures are changed forever. People should be able to steady return to work and normal life even with Covid still present. Let's face it, we aren't going to see Covid disappear and we can't live in fear, inside our homes until there is a vaccine or advanced drug treatment. Let who have a higher risk tolerance go outside and those who are fearful (for many valid reasons) stay inside. People will generally follow better hygiene and distancing methods to prevent from getting sick after all of this. The state should not mandate what private citizens can and cannot do when it comes down to simple civil liberties. Unless we are prepared to sit and wait in our homes for a cure or vaccine, even if it takes a year + we need to open things up. If we waited another month or two what would be the difference? Covid cases will still appear and critics will say we opened to early. You can't make everyone happy, but giving the CHOICE to people to live and risk as they see fit is what should happen.
Palm Beach	General	Just was the grocery stores and box stores have managed to operate with minimal -yes minimal- employee sickness, we CAN do the same in a more open state. I considered Palm Beach County with 1.5 million residents visiting Publix, Whole Foods, Trader Joe's, Walmart, Target and more with few Employee cases reported . These companies didn't provide employees protection until a few weeks ago. We can do the same for many other retail stores, salons, and more Open our state. Open our outdoor spaces.
St. Johns	General	Enough already. The data proves this is less deadly than the seasonal flu. People are watching Ron and will remember at election time. It is time to bury our dead, care for our sick and get back to work. Someday I want an explanation for our beaches only being open from 6am to noon????? This is simply little tyrant behavior. I also think it is time to investigate the grocery stores for playing games with the toilet paper. This simply keeps the panic going. Maybe that is your wish Ron.
Seminole	Professional Services	I would like to see the state opened back up very soon. Especially, hair salons,barber shops and for people like myself in the state, The Hair Club. As a client of the hair club myself and other clients rely on the professional stylists there to maintain the hair systems that are applied. After two months of not being able to have appointments to have my hair cleaned, and reapplied, my hair system is extremely gooey from the adhesives used to apply it to my scalp. It is barely staying on my head. At the Hair Club they always use gloves and sanitize their equipment, their stations, which are in separate rooms,(client and stylist only in the room). The only thing that would be necessary for further protection would be for both client and stylist were to wear masks. Please, Mr. Governor, at least let hair salons, barbershops, and the Hair Club be allowed to open immediately. Thank you, Andrew Goodman

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Broward	General	I have been home home come Monday 8 weeks and I am not complaining if it's going to keep me and my family safe. I do understand that people is eager to get back to their normal lives but not to rush it. Let's make sure that it is safe for us to go back out there and not be fearful because for someone like me who lives with Asthma I am very fearful. I vote open up June 1 2010
Duval	Recreation	We need to treat people like adults. Open the state back up and let us social distance, wash our hands, wear masks, etc, if we want. Those who don't want to open back up can stay home. We need to focus our efforts and resources on protecting the vulnerable. The rest of us should accept personal responsibility for our actions. Secondarily, the virus has a half-life of 18-hours indoors. That drops to 3 minutes in the sunlight. Why on earth are we restricting any outdoor recreation? Open the beaches, open the playgrounds, open the golf courses, open the tennis courts. People are much safer outside than inside. Review this study: https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2020.04.04.20053058v1 Outdoor transmission of the virus is practically impossible. So why are we locking people indoors?
Hernando	General	I think Florida should be open in a very very slow way, the beaches should be allowed open for walking only, not for swimming or sun bathing and there has to be strict measures in place to make sure this happens because a awful lot of people do not keep the social distancing rule, the parks open for the children to run around but not play grounds with slides etc, sport games for now without fans be televised, I do not think hair salons should open (and believe me I need my hair cut) its just to much close contact at the moment also the same with nail salons and Tattoo parlors, we need to see the cases drop more first, clothes shops with social distancing in place could open, restaurants with outside dining with a limited number sitting apart, but not inside dining, I feel the hotels and tourist industry could open in small phases, and I feel for now wearing a mask in public places should be a must. I am 68 years old, I have MS and have been in lock down for two months now and I still feel Florida needs to wait
Leon	Healthcare	My wife and I are interventional cardiologist at CRMC in Tallahassee. We would love to assist in reopening Florida safety.
Santa Rosa	General	I am all for keeping the state closed if unemploymemt and the extra $600 were available. Since they are not we need to re-open Florida. Families that live paycheck to paycheck are now 7 to 8 weeks with no income. If we do open, open it all back up. Fix unemployment and you wouldn't have the problems your having. Also, raise it higher than $275. What an embarrassment. My Father made more on unemployment in the 1970s.

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Palm Beach	General	I am an educator with a PhD in microbiology. I also have healthcare experience as a foreign physician. My main concern is how to open the economy in a safe and effective manner. There is still a lot we don't know about this virus and the disease it causes, but we can't let that freeze our economy. However, one thing we don't want to do for sure is to open the State in an unsafe manner. Doing so will backfire, lead to many more cases, lack of public trust and confidence, thus resulting in the worst economy collapse ever. I have studied SarsCov2 and COVID19 extensively (please fell free to request copy of sources). I would suggest the following: 1. Assure a minimum 6 feet distance between workers and customers. This can be achieved by limiting the number of individuals physically present at a given time in the premises (could be compensated by increasing hours of operation). 2. Mandatory nose and mouth covering in public. Obvious short-term exemptions: dental patients, swimmers, etc.) 3. One-way circulation in sidewalks, parks, beaches and other public areas. 4. Widespread hand-sanitizing stations in open areas and buildings. 5. Shoe sole sanitation stations in hospitals. Would extend it to entrance of other buildings. CDC is publishing soon on this. 6. Increase educational campaigns. The more people learn about how to prevent infection the more they will see these measures as an effort to keep them safe and not as unnecessary restrictions. 7. Make educational campaigns accessible to non-English speaking individuals. 8. Make use of the wonderful resources we have in Florida: Vitamin C rich oranges and Vitamin D sun exposure. Although not a cure themselves, they provide for a healthier immune system. A healthy Florida will lead to many more people wanting to come to a State that is rich in those two important infection-fighting resources.
Broward	Food	We should not open large public spaces until testing is available to ALL, not just those exhibiting symptoms. Bars should stay closed along with concerts and sporting events with large capacity. Restaurants could be open at reduced capacity, if they can space and social distance. Beaches and Parks could open in Mid-May, as long as no large gatherings are permitted. Keeping it to 10 or less for gatherings.
Leon	General	This virus is going to get worse before it gets better. There will be an increase of cases of positive for covid19. There is no point in what we have already done if you allow things to go back to normal. Money is not always as important that the health of your friends and family.
Duval	General	This has been so hard on all of us. We have been watching the numbers closely. It really looks like the northern counties at least can open up now. So let's do this! We were not meant to live like this. I believe people will be careful because we want to get back to life. We want to see family & friends. We want to go to church. April 30th isn't far away. Please open us back up!!

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Okaloosa	General	STOP THE INSANITY! It is time to reopen the Florida. An honest review of the facts makes it very clear that Covid-19 does not pose anything even close to a pandemic-level threat to Floridians, citizens of the other states of the union, or the citizens of any other countries across the world. Even with the inflated numbers medical personnel have been asked to report, the Covid-19 numbers aren't even one-fourth of the CDC's numbers for the annual flu! Let's admit this grave threat to humanity turned out to be naught and get back to our lives!
Broward	Healthcare	Do Not Re-open Florida before June. Please be very careful in the opening up of the State while 100's of people are still dying . Please make your decisions based on the CDC, science and medical fact only. Err on the side of caution to protect the most people. Thank you.
Hillsborough	General	My husband and I own a private fitness studio. People are concerned about their health and well being, and working out promotes positivity and less stress in our lives. We can practice social distancing while being able to provide a service to those that would like it. We have masks, gloves, and sanitizer to wash down equipment in between clients. We did this prior to the non essential shut down. We didn't wear masks and gloves, but have always washed down equipment. This is not like going to a gym where there are 100 people in it, and many do not clean the equipment after they use it. If a person feels comfortable to open for people, and the people want to come we don't have a concern. We will ask people that are sick to not come in to our business and if anyone has come in to contact with a Covid 19 individual to reschedule appointments after a 14 day time frame. This was posted on our doors prior to the shut down as well. Personally we will continue to practice social distancing in all matters, and will not be a part of large crowds for some time. We vacationed at least 3 times a year by plane, but this year we don't know if this will be possible and can only hope. Thank you for providing this area to provide feedback.
Broward	General	I look forward to the reopening but would like to see it reopen slow as I would prefer going couple weeks in quarantine than having a relapse and messing up the entire summer. I am afraid that people would go wild at which time we could lose people and the hospitals be impacted again. As a senior citizens I do not intend to rush out until the month of June, will limit my contacts, and that is my advice to all Seniors and to all with underlining issues regardless of the age. Thank you for giving me a chance to voice my concern.

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Orange	General	Hello Governor Desantis or team, as a resident in Orange County we are mostly forgotten as we are approaching 1400 cases. The topics I see is mainly in south Florida. We are being affected to, but for the sake of the safety of everyone well being, I recommend you extend the stay at home order until May 15. This allows for more preparation and discussion within each community. Looking at Thursday and Friday Covid cases level began to rise again surpassing 1000 or almost 1000, and even 60 deaths reported in a day. If you choose to extend the stay at home order 15 days more (May 15), please keep gyms, schools, parks and other nonessential things close and even restaurants unless there willing to allow outside eating more than 6 feet apart from everyone. I hope you recommend these suggestions and take Florida on a more safer path.
Osceola	Government	Reopening the State should be very simple: let everything reopen with the state's guidance being quite simple: maintain 6 foot spacing as practically as possible; encourage citizens to continue updated hygienic recommendations; encourage businesses to continue updated hygienic recommendations throughout their human contact areas. People are resourceful and ingenious at times--trust them to do the right thing(s). Businesses ARE people too: let them do the right things. Government NEVER gets things right so ask people to do the right thing rather than mandate the same. The overwhelming majority of people involved WILL GET THIS RIGHT. Thank you for your time & consideration.

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Alachua	General	"The Florida statute (381.00315) governing public health emergencies defines isolation for 'an individual who is reasonably believed to be infected.' There is no provision for isolating the entire population. The statute also requires 'rules to specify the conditions and procedures for imposing and releasing an isolation' (emphasis added). Furthermore, the statute only authorizes isolation and quarantine for 'communicable diseases that have significant morbidity,' which we now know is not true for COVID-19." (Quote from my April 17 column; link provided below) The Governor and county commissioners have violated their oaths of office by trampling the rights of Florida citizens for no legitimate reason. Even if they did have the authority, the data do not support a complete lockdown of the state as I've been arguing since April 3: https://alachuachronicle.com/refusal-to-reopen-economy-exposes-real-agenda/ https://alachuachronicle.com/sweden-is-showing-that-the-destructive-lockdowns-were-unnecessary/ https://alachuachronicle.com/paying-the-price/ https://alachuachronicle.com/there-doesnt-seem-to-be-a-plan-is-that-intentional/ https://alachuachronicle.com/opinion-panic-ensures-bad-public-policy/ There is no reason the entire state should be treated the same as Dade and Broward Counties. Open everything now. Do not allow local authorities to impose stronger measures. COVID-19 poses almost no threat to healthy people under 65 (with no medical issues). Allow citizens and business owners to judge for themselves. Businesses can make their own accommodations to cater to paranoid customers who fear COVID-19, but they should not be required. The one thing the state government can do to help reopen is to ensure businesses cannot be sued for COVID-19 cases that will happen once people emerge from their quarantines, which prevented herd immunity.
Hillsborough	General	Start to open the states & cities economy May 1st following the Federal Governments three phasing recommendations. We have to start to go back to normalcy. We are Americans and can walk and chew gum at the same time. Open up May 1st please!
Broward	Government	Do not reopen Florida it's not safe.
Bay	Transportation	I think something similar to what Georgia is doing but maybe not the nail and hair salons. Restaurants, movie theaters and some retail should be able to open with restrictions in all but south Florida.
Highlands	General	The thought of opening up Florida to allow more idiots who are non-compliant in is just scary. Heck, the morons here can't get it through their own heads this result in their death. We are not dealing with geniuses here! People actually are getting together for parties...SMH. I am content to save myself by steering clear of the common sensibility challenged.

Miami-Dade	General	If more testing is performed and businesses can use Plexiglas, masks, gloves and maintain waiting areas within the 6 feet, than yes. The State of Florida needs to keep a close watch on the numbers after two weeks and we all should be tested for the antibodies as soon as possible to have a true base line. We do not want to flood our first res-ponders or hospitals. Our respiratory therapists, personal asst. therapists, doctors and nurses need PPE as they do not have enough.
St. Johns	Education	Please make sure to add TEACHERS and other school based employees to your task force for education. There truly should be representation from ALL districts. I am a Dean of Students for St. John's County and would be more than happy to volunteer my time to come to Tallahassee and assist.
Osceola	General	PPE (mask) and distancing requirements (with consequences) need to be in place for any level of opening. Close face-to-face contact businesses should be the last to open, not first.
Volusia	General	Please, do not open yet! It's to soon! Thank you for allowing us to put are input.
Brevard	Retail	Please re-open retail stores we can safely shop in Publix observing social distancing we can do the same in Department stores and boutiques. It has been long enough open the stores!!
Santa Rosa	Real Estate	First to begin with my opinion is that most counties r not the same I think the beaches should open n let ppl in that r less than 10 Second. The governor is doing nothing to help the self employed. I have a daughter in law that has 2 kids n n cannot even get assistance She is a new to the job realtor n does not make much She is considered self employed. Why is it that ppl r pushing for illegals to get the unemployment n my daughter in law is struggling to feed her kids. Can't even at this point pay her car note. Please help the ppl like her. She is struggling. Some ppl r getting so depressed. Help the self employed please governor. Ppl want to go back to work to support their families. This is ridiculous.
Citrus	Healthcare	To whom it may concern, Reopening Dentists offices prior to a decline in the virus is dangerous to the health of the whole community. Dentistry requires the use of high-speed Dental instruments that create aerosols that cannot be controlled. This will cause the hygienist, the dental assistants, and the dentist to become sick and carriers of the virus. On top of bringing this virus home to our family we will also unknowingly be giving it to our patients. Our offices are unable to get the proper PPE n95 masks. We must have proper PPE before we even think about seeing the public. Dentistry should only be seeing emergency patients until June. The sacrifice we have all made has worked. Let's not destroy all the good by opening to quickly and unprepared. William Temme RDH

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Broward	Food	Restaurants and bars should not be open till this is under complete control!!! delivers n takeout is fine. I work in the industry and would really prefer not to be exposed to people with covid-19 regardless of how dangerous or not it is I seriously hope you take that into consideration because it is a cesspool of germs
Hillsborough	General	As long as it's safe to re open things should re open slowly. For businesses that allow work from home options that should continue until further notice because their is not enough workspace in most offices to have all employees safely social distance. Mask should be made mandatory until the spread slows. The one thing alot of people are afraid of is if we all go back outside without things contained death rates and more cases will increase causing us to do an even tighter lockdown.
Brevard	General	Please reopen the state immediately. I feel like a vocal minority is promoting these lockdowns and they aren't based in science. We need to protect our vulnerable and build up immunity in the healthy. We can't let our businesses fail. We can violate people's rights.
Miami-Dade	General	I think it would be very irresponsible to open at this time because this virus is not a joke and is only getting worse. Please do not open yet until it is safe to do so. Thank you
Seminole	General	I think we should listen to medical experts not economists when it comes to a pandemic. I believe it is too soon to "re-open" the state.
Orange	Real Estate	It doesn't make sense reopen right now especially without having concrete proof that the people will be safe. This is a global emergency and it should be treated as such..the people do not feel safe to go anywhere..there needs to be clarity on exactly where we are within the state..we dont want to open prematurely and have another waive of COVID19..the economy will not thrive if people do not feel safe
Brevard	General	Please open May 1! I'm all for keeping some guidelines to percent of fire code for locations or even some distance but we should NOT be under stay at home as May 1. If people have a problem or are worried they can stay home. Please open ASAP. Our family depends on the money. My husbands hours cut at hospital because no elective procedures. It's awful. My daughter is a waitress and because they give her take out orders she doesn't get unemployment but it's not enough to pay rent, insurance, groceries etc. We beg of you!!
Palm Beach	Government	DO NOT open up the beaches and start business again while there is no flattening of the curve for 14 days. Don't open us up to more illness and death.
Seminole	Finance	Please fix unemployment (Connect). I know people that have filed 7 weeks ago and still do not know the status of their claim. Disney employees will probably get checks because they were ushered thru system, NOT RIGHT! Florida will not open up until people that lost or furloughed because of virus receive help. Governor said DIsney employees will not skip anyone that made claim before them, but that seems what is going to happen. Also, rest of nation is getting federal unemployment, while some are still waiting for State of Florida to approve them. Please fix ASAP Governor.

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Flagler	Professional Services	Dear Governor, I am a licensed cosmetologist in Palm Coast, FL. I am writing with concern on where cosmetologists stand in the phases as we are not essential. We are with some clients for several hours for their needs and literally touching them/in contact with them. Wearing gloves while cutting women's hair is nearly impossible, all the while performing the haircut properly. We are in our clients faces while cutting their bangs, and coloring/highlighting etc... We are literally not even 1 foot away, while performing services on our clients. It is impossible to safely practice social distancing. I can't wait to go back to work because I love what I do, but I also don't want to have to do this quarantine all over again because of the possibility of coming back to work too soon as we are not essential. I appreciate your time and wish you well. I hope you & your team take this into consideration. Sincerely, Ashley Lupi
Brevard	Tourism	If our state is opened too soon, there will be an influx of people coming to Florida to get away. This will increase our exposure to the coronavirus.
Duval	Retail	I hope that the governor lifts restrictions of gyms and dining rooms. I think you can easily do social distancing at these places. Salons as well. I know a lot of people who work in these areas, and are really struggling.
Broward	General	Please, do NOT, under any circumstances, re-open the State of Florida until it is the SMART action to take. Thank you! Furthermore, it appears as though the Public Feedback website is having the same technological issues as is the Florida Re=employment, DEO website, as I am unable to submit my input! See message below! 'We are experiencing higher than usual traffic. Please try submitting this form again. If the problem continues we recommend submitting again later, or contacting the owner of this form for assistance.'
Collier	General	I would like to suggest a trial opening for about three weeks, with strict monitoring by health departments. This would allow those of us who have been trapped here in Florida the opportunity to get back home, which might help to reduce the case load here. If the rest areas on the highways are carefully disinfected and those of us on the road wear masks and gloves when we are using public bathrooms, and we observe social distancing, it seems like this would benefit everyone. If the caseload stays stable, then the state could continue on. You probably wouldn't see an increase for a month from the opening, right? If thousands of people leave, your numbers could even improve.

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Broward	General	The COVID-19 positive numbers are rising in my community. We are not ready for re-opening for business. Seriously, we must test people before thinking about re-opening.
Orange	Tourism	I think it would be better if we held off u til the end of May to begin re-opening the state of Florida. Then, slowly re-open it
Orange	General	Governor DeSantis you must reopen the state,including the theme parks as soon as possible,the economic situation can still be saved,this state survives on tourism,without it it is dead and many residents will suffer greatly.I understand the stay at home order to flatten the curve,however given that the situation at the hospitals is not as dire as it could have been and that infections have dropped it's time for you to save the state by reopening the economy.You said it yourself if people are at Costco buying toilet paper during the lockdown why can't they safely eat at a restaurant or visit a theme park,as long as people do it safely I don't see why we are risking losing our livelihood,unemployment is as broken as broken gets,people will start losing their homes and the ability to feed their families,all for what,the truth is the final outcome of the virus will be a vaccine or 70-90% herd immunity,people have died and more will die but please reopen the economy,aside from the virus how many will be crippled with the anxiety,stress and depression of the situation because you're not opening the state,do..n't make the situation worse than it is,reopening our businesses,restaurants,hotels and theme parks with safety is the solution,do what needs to be done,those who are susceptible to getting sick,elderly or those with pre existing conditions know they can't be out and about like others,but come May 1st we need to start moving forward.
Palm Beach	General	DO NOT,OPEN THE STATE. LEAVE THE RESTRICTIONS IN PLACE. THEREMHASNT BEEN NEWRLY ENOUGHMTESTING DONE YET M
Palm Beach	General	It’s too early to open the State, particularly because there’s not enough testing! I live close to the beach. People are not responsible enough to social distance on the beach! I have seen it first hand. Just wait until we have a steady decrease in cases. Better to stay in a bit longer so that we avoid another shut down in the fall!!!
Palm Beach	Real Estate	In the middle of a war one makes the necessary sacrifices and does not say I don't like this any more. We must pull together and do what is hard but right. Nobody is happy to suffer financially, but we must put it second now.
Broward	General	Wait at least another 2 weeks. Let's get this behind us safely and then open our economy
Indian River	Retail	Being in retail sales, we work directly with customers and at cash.This puts us in harm's way . I have underlying conditions that make me afraid yo go back too soon. Another 2-3 weeks and I will be more comfortable returning to work.

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Lee	General	As much as I don't like everything shutdown, I do believe we need to stay shut until the curve comes down over a sustained time. It's sad that we didn't jump on this earlier, but we are where we are now. Let the science and doctors be our guide. I'm thinking long term here, big picture. We need to protect lives and health first. The economy will come back. Our tourist season is over anyway. Open spaces, such as beaches, hiking and biking areas should open... with reasonable distancing. My business is hurting, but I don't want to die and certainly don't want my loved ones to die. I'll take the financial hit now, for a safer next year.
St. Johns	Transportation	Let's do this. I see everyone going out anyway. This was a major over kill by the liberal media. Let's just allow people in the high risk situation stay quarantined. Our economy can not take much more of this.
Palm Beach	Information	You have a committee of 98 Republicans and 2 Democrats who collectively earn in the billions each year and have access to every scrap of information asking a bunch of people who have expressed their opinion to a major pollster, on their way to the nearest, loudest bar how you should proceed. If we open up, what is the probability of kicking off a new round of victims? What is the probability if we stay closed? How many businesses will go under and the unemployment rate go up if we stay closed? If we open up? Where is the money coming from to finance the handouts? How much further into debt is the U.S, going? How can we possibly pay down the debt? Any notion of how long till we get vaccinated? Is our military dangerously depleted by the virus? Lot of questions few of us know the answer to. Give it your best shot and don't look back.
Martin	General	PLEASE END THE SHUTDOWN.
St. Johns	Government	Please don't open too fast. My husband and I are both state employees. I am a juvenile probation officer. He is a crime scene investigator. We have four children at home. Two of us have asthma. I think that opening the parks and beaches and outside things first would be best. Allow sunshine and swimming and excercise. Even perhaps the gyms. I think jobs like ours that require human contact with people who don't usually take very good care of their hygienic needs or practice law abiding behaviors or medical suggestions will put us at a greater risk if we need to start seeing them face to face again already. Start with the outside things and move into smaller business like hair and nails and local restaurant chains. Or require masks in stores etc. thank you.
Hillsborough	General	Please open I have a job I don't have no income coming In because my job is closed
Palm Beach	General	Until an easy to use, readily available and reliable test for Covid comes on line to distinguish between the infected and not, we need to maintain this lockdown. Florida cannot afford to risk its future as a tourism mecca by rushing to judgement now. Polls indicate that the majority of residents are not ready to risk their lives for the sake of livelihoods.

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Duval	Retail	Stores should be allowed to open. Someone coming in and purchasing clothing or home goods, is no different than risks from shopping at the grocery store. We are city of almost 1,000,000 people, and 18 deaths. If 1000 people have the virus, that means 999,000 do not. The odds are in our favor. Let's get the economy started again!
Sarasota	General	It's time to begin opening. Many have not received stimulus check yet or received unemployment. Money is running out for them. Bill's are due. Food needs to be bought. Their jobs are essential for their families.
Orange	Healthcare	We are still discovering new aspects of and issues caused by the SARS-Cov2 virus. Any attempt to re-open the state in a wholesale manner will result in a surge of infections that will not only put the elderly and infirm at risk, but also the young and healthy, as indicated by the recent discovery of Covid-19 related strokes in young people. No re-opening should occur until the number of new cases begins to decrease. Then, any re-opening should be carried out in a cautious, methodical and staged approach in consultation with medical professionals. Re-opening of small businesses in small facilities will allow the beginnings of economic recovery while allowing the monitoring of new cases and tracing of their path of contagion.
Hillsborough	General	I think there is now an acceptable risk for limited re-opening of the state. While social distancing is still critical, I think 50% occupancy of restaurants and bars is reasonable. The effect of re-opening efforts by places like Georgia should be monitored carefully with a carefully controlled reaction to the effect. I am concerned for the general publics mental and financial state while in effective isolation. As a society we need to get accustomed to a new normal for the next year or two. I think the time is right to begin that education.
Marion	General	I am the owner of a sports bar in Ocala Florida. We serve less than 10% food so we have been closed up tight since St Patricks Day - Good day to choose Mr Desantis - NOT! So far I have not received a dime from the Govt., none of my employees have gotten any unemployment benefit so we feel like we have no chance of surviving through this. I need to re-open and generate some cash flow otherwise my business is finished! So what is the plan for Bars? Is there one? I doubt it very much. Are we going to have to socially distance people in a bar? How the hell are we going to do that? Are you going to reduce our occupancy? (And BTW in my backward county there is no requirement for me to have a certified occupancy certificate.) And if you try to reduce occupancy then should you not also mandate that Landlords should accept a reduced rent, because my income is going to be reduced proportionately? Have you even thought about any of this? It doesn't appear so to me. All I see is the federal Govt. now telling States that it's their responsibility to set the policy, and then we get a totally fragmented response not only from States but even from local Counties. This whole thing is falling apart, and I have zero confidence that this can be handled safely and appropriately. Give us some firm State wide procedures to follow, don't tread water and allow county people to sit on their fine leather chairs and talk about it ad nauseam. We need leadership like Andrew Cuomo has exhibited daily in New York. Right now I don't see this in Florida.

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Duval	General	OPEN UP THE ENTIRE STATE BEFORE WE GO BANKRUPT. GET PEOPLE BACK TO WORK NOW. THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE COMPROMISED IMMUNE SYSTEMS NEED TO BE THE ONES STAYING HOME. PEOPLE CAN DECIDE FOR THEMSELVES WHERE THEY ARE COMFORTABLE GOING OUT IN PUBLIC. JUST LIKE SWIM AT YOUR OWN RISK NO LIFEGUARDS ON DUTY. LET PEOPLE DECIDE FOR THEMSELVES BUT TELL THEM THEY CANNOT SUE ANYONE IF THE CONTRACT COVID-19. LIVES ARE BEING DESTROYED BY THE CURRENT SHUT DOWN POLICY. WHERE ARE THE STATISTICS OF SUICIDE, DRUG AND ALCOHOL ADDICTIONS, DOMESTIC ABUSE, VIOLENT CRIMES, AND NOT TO MENTION PEOPLE WITH HEALTH CONDITIONS WHO HAVE HAD TO HAVE SURGERIES PUT ON HOLD. AT THIS POINT THE CURE IS WORSE THAN THE DISEASE.
Seminole	General	Wouldnt be safe to reopen, theirs no treatment or vaccine all that will happen is the virus will spread until the entire state is infected.
Highlands	General	The numbers are NOT going down as our officials said so I say another 30 days as we are now...No reason for the banks to be closed,except for Fridays there are not a crown in these lobbys so they need to reopen and police their own crowds....Our police units need to step up like NEVER before to make sure people are adhearing to the rules and the road ways are safe....This is something that the state Law Enforcement has FAILED at terribley for many years..We kill way more that this virus every year because of a severe lacking in this area...If you don't have a Florida I D then you CANNOT be on our beaches!!!!
Orange	Accommodation	Community pools need to be re-opened for lap swimming. This is important for good health.
Hillsborough	Government	It’s embarrassing to see our Governor kowtowing to the most unethical, foolish, lying & lacking leader we could possibly experience in the highest office in America. We’re not ready to open the city’s of Florida until there’s a better way to test and treat the virus. We just don’t have it. If people are dead, what about the economy will matter? He’s only concerned about the money!

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Pinellas	General	Please do not consider opening Florida back up for business or beaches just yet. This should not be considered until the entire state has shows a downward slope of at least 14 days. It doesn't matter if some areas have less than others. The state as a whole must show the number of positive Covid-19 cases going down comsistently before we should even think of repopening anything. Very little is known about this virus and although I understand the economic impact is very difficult for businenes, families and individuals, but until we really have a strong handle on things, it's not worth taking the risk. We don't have a true understanding of how many people are infected because we are not testing enough. How can you come up with a solid plan to reopen when you don't really know what you're working with? So many people have really tried to help flatten the curve, and that is apparently working, that doesn't mean that it's safe to stop doing the things that helped make that happen. Money is not worth more than people's lives and wellbeing. People are going to suffer either way, but less people getting sick means less hell to pay later. If we reopen too early, there is a significant possibility that the numbers will rise dramatically and the spike we were trying to avoid will occur. This is an extremely difficult time, and I understand that people need to make money, keep their businesses, keep the economy going, but please I beg of you, don't make any hasty decisions. Please make sure that you are listening to qualified medical advisors more so than the businesses, the money, etc. This is tough for a lot of people, but it's a pandemic... it's not an easy thing to go through. Keeping people alive and keeping the hospitals and front like workers protected with the proper PPE and protected from an unnecessary spike in cases should be your main priority. Testing, testing, testing, contact tracing, keep people at home and please make the right choice for the protection and well being of all. Do not open for the sake of big money. Lives matter more than money.
Seminole	General	This shutdown cannot go on any longer, people need to be able to go back to work and earn a living. Masks, hand washing and social distancing are advisable and probably should have been what was done from the start of this rather than the shut down and the result would most likely have been very similar. It is being done in grocery stores, convenience stores, gas stations, Walmart, Sam's, Costco, car dealers, Michael's, real estate offices and chiropractors offices to name just some of the businesses allowed to stay open. I understand the need to protect the more vulnerable but at what point was personal responsibility replaced by big government taking over? If we were not prepared for a major virus as a state and country who's responsibility was that? What have our elected officials been doing all these years that this has been a real possibility? Time for government to step back from shutting things down and starting to be ready for a possible flare up with enough PPE and hospital beds to handle it.

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Osceola	Retail	Dear Florida Task Force, I am sharing my concern regarding with opening the businesses in Florida. I currently watch Gov. Desantis' briefing about opening restaurants and themes parks; however, I have not heard any comments or ideas about retail industries opening up. I work in retail and there has not been any word about opening the retail industries in Florida. Retail is as important as restaurants and theme parks. People in the retail industries is as affected as other businesses; therefore, retail stores should not be excluded from opening up again. Although, I feel it is way too early to consider easing on the restrictions since there are still a number of cases increasing in Florida, checking temperatures prior to entering the businesses is essential. All businesses planning to re-open should be provided all the necessities in order to keep people safe; social distancing should also remain in place. Thank you...
Orange	Professional Services	I do not that Salon should not open right away. There is no way to self distance from cutting hair with the six feet guidelines. Is not safe for the stylist or for the customer.
Pasco	General	Would love to see us reopen restaurants and all service industry jobs.... perhaps with restrictions similar to those when this entire thing began.... limit amount of people in stores, restaurants can serve but every other table to keep some distance, etc. People can determine if they want to risk going to these places or hiring these businesses for services. Others can choose not to and can stay home. This gives us more choice and the ability to work but keeps a few restrictions in place. Thiss cant be the new normal and we can't possibly stay like this until it's "completely safe". That may never happen.....

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Miami-Dade	Healthcare	I am a healthcare worker. As much as I would love to have life return to some semblance of normal, caution needs to be taken. Testing has to be be inreased...not just for the symptomatic. Also testing sntibodies...those two will help determine how close we are to herd immunity. Please, please, please don't allow all these comic cons go on...there is no way social distancing is going to work. I know these are big revenue makers for most part, but way too dangerous...at least for right now. Indoor concerts no way! Maybe outdoor events - small - can be phased in sooner than indoor ones, but it's just too soon for right now. The only restaurants I see remotely opening are those who can offer outdoor dining and even then with tables prudently separated from each othet. People can't eat with a mask on. I can see some businesses where masks stay on and proper ventilation may be able to open as long as limitations made on how many can be in the business. Again no rush but where ever it's possible to get some people back to work, it will at least bring some hope. Each County is different but have to be careful...where one County may reopen more things, others will travel there, so keep that in mind....like New Yorkers came to Mismi/Florida, same can happen with South Floridians traveling to another County and unintentionally spread the virus. I guess the point is, don't rush, consider all options carefully and be aware of upcoming events in your State that draw large crowds.
Martin	Recreation	Please consider reopening the state parks for camping, hiking and cycling. RV enthusiasts can social distance in their own camper . Thank you
Brevard	General	Reopen Florida fully now. Stay at home orders and the restrictions on business are unconstitutional.

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Orange	General	I beg of you to please end the COVID-19 stay home orders and open up all businesses on May 1. The prevalence of COVID-19 cases and deaths in Florida are very low on a percentage basis. We only have 31,000 cases in Florida out of a population of 21.5 million which is only 0.14% and we've only had 1,055 deaths in Florida which is only 0.005% of the population of Florida. Every death is tragic, but we just weigh the costs, risks, and benefits of the COVID-19 containment strategy. According to a recent Stanford study the death rate for COVID-19 is between 0.2 to 0.3% of those infected which places it on par with a bad flu season. The Stanford study showed that a large percentage of the population has already been infected with COVID-19 and had no symptoms. These people are not being counted in the COVID-19 statistics and when they are factored in, the death rate drops significantly down to 0.2 to 0.3% not the 2 to 3% being reported by dividing COVID-19 deaths by the number of reported cases from positive tests. Millions of Florida residents have lost their jobs and thousands of small businesses are going bankrupt due to the stay home order and businesses shutdowns and this is only after a month and half. We need a new strategy that gets people back to work and gets businesses open while protecting those in high risk groups such the the elderly and those with certain pre-existing medical conditions. For the rest of us, the risk of death is extremely low and on par with the regular flu. To date no child age under age 19 has died in the United States from COVID-19, even though thousands of teens and children age 19 and under have been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the U.S. With a 0% death rate among teens and children, why are we continuing to keep public schools and public universities shutdown. Teachers and staff can wear masks and those in high risks groups can stay home on a leave of absence. Same for businesses. We need to get Florida business back open. According to the a Stanford study people under age 65 without high risk medical conditions, have a very low death rate for COVID-19.
Polk	Recreation	I would be worried about the large number for people going to the amusement parks. That is a densely populated area not following social distancing. The parks would be more worried about profits not personal safety. They would say otherwise but it's all about the dollar to them.
Palm Beach	Information	I read in the Palm Beach Post Newspaper yesterday (Friday April 24) that 11 people had died in our county (Palm Beach County) of Coneravirus. HOWEVER I did not read in the newspaper of how many people had applied for unemployment benefits on the same day! THIS IS ONLY FUELING FEAR....AND IT MUST STOP IN MY OPINION. PLEASE MAKE THE FEAR STOP....I IMPLORE YOU! I am not afraid of being around others in the stores that I frequent but I an afraid of the FEAR that is being spread into our communities via the media!
Clay	Healthcare	Please do not re open the state. As a healthcare worker, this is a recipe for disaster!!!

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Suwannee	General	It is too early to be reopening Florida. As someone with asthma and a weak immune system, I will not have the option to stay home and protect myself. As soon as my job is able to be opened, my boss will expect me there regardless or I will be fired and ineligible to receive unemployment as it could classified as refusal to come to work. Please stop being selfish and put the lives of your people before money.
Orange	General	Opening the state would be a huge mistake! We need to be following facts and the facts say that re-opening would be deadly and attribute to an even deadlier second wave of COVID-19. I know we all want to get back to work, but the economy won't recover overnight and it'll take even longer to recover the longer that COVID-19 is around. Please do the right thing, keep the lockdowns in place.
Volusia	General	I believe face masks should be mandatory for everyone outside their home now through the month of May ,especially as businesses reopen. Special precautions need to be taken at bars and restaurants, sick people go there because " they are tired of being at home" and they want to see their friends. If we can't make the patrons wear PPE then the workers have to. Whatever is decided upon please make face masks mandatory at the very least for the workers at any given workplace, probably gloves too. You have to make it mandatory or they won't do it. I am just now seeing the majority of workers in Walmart, Publix, Home Depot wear masks and gloves, maybe because of the workers testing positive and even deaths in these stores in other areas.
Orange	Accommodation	Reopen community pools for lap swimming.
St. Lucie	Education	SLOW OPEN ONCE TESTING IS WIDELY AVAILABLE: With direct WHO guidance and county coordination. Medical input must be real time and vital to staying opened. People should be prepared to freeze if spread increase.
Miami-Dade	General	Florida in specific my county of residence, Miami-Dade County should not reopen public areas in any way shape or form. On the contrary Florida as a state should take initiative to protect its citizens as its first and foremost priority and close everything once and for all for at least a month in order to stop the spread of COVID-19. Although businesses will suffer the health and lives of many are at risk including those of health care workers which should be deemed more important. Many floridians in my county are not taking the stay at home order seriously and are continuing to go out and put their lives and those of who they live with in danger. A mandatory stay at home order along with shutting down the state should prevent the further spread of COVID-19 and is the fastest way for everything to return to normal as soon as possible. As a high school senior who has had their last year of high school taken away from them and now possibly their freshmen year in college it is not fair for our lives to continue to pass before our eyes and miss all the events I along with my class have awaited years to attend. As an active citizen and voter I will make sure my voice gets heard and those with ideas to reopen for business and economic purposes do not continue to hold a position in power.

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Pinellas	General	Don’t open before June. If the models and science suggest distancing then continue to follow the science. Let other states open and see how they do for a few weeks. People don’t have confidence to go out to restaurants, bars, salons, etc. so businesses will suffer if they open. You have to figure out how to instill confidence before you reopen. Either there has to be very few new cases each day (less than 10) or there has to be testing available to anyone who wants one symptoms or not.
St. Lucie	General	Keeping Florida closed is ludicrous! If the fatality rate was as high as we were told, 3/4 of essential employees, would be dead. The numbers are not accurate and the fear tactics are ways of controlling the state. People are still shopping in enclosed businesses, WalMart, Publix, Target etc.. as normal. There is no reason to keep things closed. If someone doesn't feel safe, they are free to stay home. This is a virus, they have been around forever, we will have to live with it, there will be fatalities, yes, but unfortunately viruses kill people every year. The death rate does not justify sinking Florida's economy. The cases will go up, because yes, people will be positive, and we've seen, many will carry on, with little to no side effects.
Clay	Government	Governor Desantis, please reopen Florida sooner than later. The shutdown was only supposed to keep our hospitals from getting overrun. It was never designed to rid of us of the virus completely. In fact if you examine the original flattening the curve chart you will see the mitigation actually made the virus stick around longer in the population.Extending the shutdown will not make a difference in the virus ,it will run its course no matter what,but extending the shutdown will hurt our citizens and small businesses and farmers....Its already destroying peoples lives.
Hernando	Recreation	Hello and thank you for your assistance during this troubling time in the world. I am a small business owner of a roller skating rink in Hernando County, Fl. The business name is Locomo and I was wondering what phase will we be considered to resume business in. Our capacity is 508 customers and know that we will be opening with way LESS than that amount. I read your concerns with movie theatres but was curious what the protocol will be for roller skating since it is a moving sport. Thanks for your time and assistance.
Duval	Food	Restaurant should be allowed to open. People who don’t want to go to restaurants will stay home. We are being served already with to go orders and our statistics are not increasing with new viruses. We are city of A Million people. With 1000 cases and only 18 deaths, that means 999,000 people are not sick. The odds are in our favor. Let’s get our Connery back on track

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Walton	Accommodation	Dear Governor DeSantis, Please reopen short term vacation rentals. I am a homeowner and taxpayer in the State Of Florida (Walton County). Over the past years I have owned a vacation rental condo in the Destin area. The closing down of short term vacation rentals has created a financial hardship for me. Over the years I have paid thousands in property tax and thousands more in tourist development tax through my property management company. I respectfully ask that you reopen the short term vacation rental business at the beginning of May. Thank you, Kent Pafford
Lee	Recreation	I wasn't sure if the correct area of interest would be recreation or education. It's both for me, and I'm sure serves many purposes across the community. Please consider opening the public libraries as soon as possible. A first step/partial reopening could allow for reserving books online, picking them up on the hold shelf, self-check-out. Social distancing could be easily accommodated, and this would also get folks back to work. For kids homeschooling, this could also provide extra resources and a respite for parents. An hour in the library researching or exploring a topic while observing social distancing and wearing a mask might be a great added home schooling tool. Thanks for your considering.
Collier	General	Open in stages starting with beaches and parks. Limit gatherings. Second phase businesses, restaurants and bars limit size of gatherings. Any new cases of the illness we should go back to square one. Closely and effective monitoring and testing should be provided. Start at June 1.
Duval	General	Please open the state, and specifically Jacksonville, as soon as possible and by that I mean May 1st. The virus is not as serious as it’s made out to be, and it makes ZERO sense to destroy the economy state wide and locally for something so absolutely ridiculous. It is causing more pain and suffering that any virus could ever do. Thank you.
Palm Beach	General	Just a comment, We are NOT ready to open the economy again. Stay at home order should be extended at least until the end of May.
Pinellas	Healthcare	I would like to keep the dental offices closed until it is really safe to be in close contact with the patients. Keeping in mind that we as hygienists are in absolute close contact with patients. We can’t isolate completely the areas that we’re going to work on. Even though we all need to get back to work, we can have a very high number of professionals infected. As a united state, dental offices should be reopen for other than emergencies once we have enough testing material available and PPE resources. Thanks for taking the time to review and taking into consideration our opinions.

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Miami-Dade	General	Hi, We think that in our building Carillon, you should let the swimming pools to open as it was before the complete lockdown. The staff were having mask and gloves and were installing the residents on the long chairs with cleans towels and social distance. Don't forget that it is hot humid and full of sunshine. The beach can also be open in the same way. Social distance is important and the staff were installing at the beach all the chairs at more than 6 feet from each other. People respect the guidelines and follow them very well. The staff was following it very well before the complete lockdown and stay at home order. The hair salon can be operate the same way. We can have the restaurant or at least corner store at the hotel reopen too, with the staff wearing gloves and masks and again making social distancing. We have to live and older population or fragile populations can stay home if they want. That is again their choices. Not everybody has to stay lockdown as the economy has to run, otherwise we go to the biggest disaster ever. By the way, I got sick for 2 weeks end of January and I am sure that I had Covid 19 with all the symptoms. I will do the antibodies test when available, but this disease was certainly already here this winter and everybody was living normal without knowing it and nobody died in my building of it, even the older residents..... Thanks.
Volusia	Healthcare	I believe we need to stay closed st least another 6 weeks until the curve is at the bottom. I know many who have had the virus - some faired better than others. As a health care provider I am afraid if we open to soon there will be another wave and more lives lost. Many drs and nurses have died and they should not have died in vain
Leon	General	Do NOT reopen this state!!! The coronavirus is still spreading in this state and people are dying!!! Listen to the scientists and medical professionals and not big business!!! I want to go out and do fun things like I used to, as does everyone else. But I'm not willing to risk my life or the lives of those I love!!! I'm ready and willing to stay home to make sure that curve gets flattened!! DO RIGHT BY THE CITIZENS OF FLORIDA.....KEEP IT CLOSED!!!!!
Pinellas	Finance	You need to reopen the state as soon as possible. So many people are suffering from the economic side effects from this. Not to mention the psychological side effects from this. The economy and our sanity can only handle so much. My husband and I are out of jobs. We have 4 kids and our priority is money for rent and food, everything else is not a priority. This economy and the people can only take so much before we lose it all. More people die from cancer, car accidents and abortion than this virus and yet people don't take those as seriously as this. Why??? We are trading lives for lives and I've had enough. Give us our freedoms back now!

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Manatee	Recreation	To The Re-open Florida Task Force, Thank you for your service, and for reading many of the public's concerns. Mine may seem silly our stupid but with entertainment options low due to social distancing problems. I'm surprised that they are not allowing the Ruskin Family drive-in movie theater to say open. It is a place where you could actively socially distance in your closed car and still maintaining a resemblance of normalcy. It would also help people who feel trapped in there homes have a place to go and feel relatively safe. Thank you again for your service. Sincerely, Martin Armstrong The Ruskin family Drive-In is located at: 5011 US-41, Ruskin, FL 33572
Miami-Dade	General	Florida should be reopened when it is safe to do so. Not while the number of people getting infected are still rising. Reopening would be putting more people's lives at risk. If people want to work they should go get an essential job. There are many people hiring. Reopening the state at this time would be making things worse.
Miami-Dade	General	The stupidest thing Florida can do right now is reopen, Florida's Coronavirus numbers are still going up. If we reopen we are just risking for a lot more people to get contaminated and causing a greater spike.
Miami-Dade	General	Please open the state slowly. Enforce social distancing as much as possible. Don't open beaches yet, movie theaters, malls until people follow the six feet apart guideline. Parks are ok to open but as long as we prevent having large groups too close. Restaurants should open slowly but limiting the amount of people and practicing social distancing. Perhaps encourage early reservations to have ahead count. Thanks.
St. Johns	Professional Services	Please open restaurants, hair and nail salons with guidelines and precautions.
Lee	Healthcare	I would like to see a safe reopening of businesses. I think each business needs to have a plan in place of how they will practice crowd control, and infection control. I don't believe it's necessary to test everyone before they go back to work. The majority of people currently working have not been tested.
Orange	Food	Opening needs to be done with caution. State/ city parks and beaches should remain close to prevent gathering of people. Restaurants should stay at take out only for time being and should be eased into half capacity measures etc when the time is appropriate. If we are to lift any stay at home measure a curfew should be in place to prevent and large gatherings/parties. Face mask should be required in industries that require customer interaction as well as constant employee interaction. However we return to normal I feel doing so slowly and with caution will be better over all.
Pinellas	Healthcare	We need to reopen the state immediately. Those that are over can 65 continue to stay home if they do not feel safe. The rest of us should continue social distancing and wearing masks. The stare has to reopen soon. It's wrecking the economy.
Pinellas	General	its too early. we need more testing first. please keep us safe and get the testing materials in place with enough tests and enough testing material throughout the state..

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Palm Beach	Recreation	Open the beaches & the psrks immediately. People need exercise & fresh air. It's healthy physically and emotionally. People are smart enough to distance themselves from non family members in an outdoor environment. We don't need a totalitarian nanny state to over protect us. The parks & beaches belong to the tax payers of Florida, and are not the private domain of governments. Tape off and secure playgrounds if needed, but open spaces need to be free of government overreach. Logically human exhalation in an outdoor breezy environment, particularily in bright sunshine will both disperse carona molecules & kill them quickly with UV rays. Contrast the great outdoors with a closed environment of a supermarket without UV lighting and the combined accumulation of thousands of shopper's breaths, where's the A/C filtration systems are not designed to filter & destroy tiny airborne molecules, and you can see that it's probably 100x more dangerous in the supermarket than it is going for a run in the park. The nation needs to spend billions of dollars ramping up the ability for hundreds of millions of covid tests and snti-body tests. Then we would know who needs to isolate and who can be out and about. Facilitate that Governor & you free Florida.
Manatee	General	As much as I'd like to return to work and feel stability, I only want Florida to re-open when the majority of medical professionals and scientists say we should. If we re-open too soon, it is the belief of doctors and scientists we will see another surge later on this year and may have to do an open-close-open-close situation. I'd rather stay closed until: 1) we see a decline or plateau in new cases of COVID-19 for 14 days 2) we have enough testing centers with a quick turnaround of results When we re-open, I believe: •we need to continue physical distancing guidelines and wearing of masks until there is a vaccine •large scale events need to continue to be cancelled until there is a vaccine
Pinellas	General	No, do not open yet. The population of seniors and otherwise health compromised residents is too large. A job lost will be regained at some point. Hurricanes and fires destroy homes and communities but they can be rebuilt over time. A life lost can never be recovered.
Flagler	General	We r not ready to reopen. Positive cases have not declined. Some counties in panhandlers with very little testing at 19% or above positive cases. Death rate still climbing. Do not put myself or my coworkers at risk by opening to soon. Not enough testing per capita.
St. Lucie	General	I would like to see public beaches and passive recreation open but with stipulations. As an oceanfront resident, I witnessed a great deal of responsibility by a few beachgoers. It would be important to see some sort if policing to prevent large grouosnor contact sports being played. If rules were enforced then our resources could be enjoyed by residents. In terms of general opening, I am in favor of doing so once testing is available and tracking is accurate and effective. I would rather not risk a spike in cases by opening too soo .

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Broward	General	Until ALL people can respect social distance and wear masks when they leave their homes, we are not ready. People are coming in contact everywhere I go especially the grocery store. Most people do the distance dance while walking, but there are still too many people that do not even try to move. There has to be a mandatory message of mask wearing at all times and people need to better understand how to wear the mask. They need to understand that taking the mask on and off puts them in danger. I constantly see people wear a mask, pull it down to scratch, then put it back up. These events happened after the people in question were touching surfaces interacting with other people. These are just a few of the examples that I think show how we will continue to spread the disease until we all get better at what we need to do.
Orange	General	I currently believe that it would be unwise to reopen the state amidst the ongoing pandemic. Doing so will put Florida citizens at great risk to their health, and will lead to a continuation of the pandemic beyond the range predicted under shutdown conditions. Reopening the state, based on financial greed, would be irresponsible, and speak volumes to voters about the character of the governor if he were to sign such an action.
Orange	General	There should be "TESTING" State, County, City, and Rural Testing. The Plan must ensure all PEOPLE of this State is SAFE!!!!! Especially ALL PEOPLE.
Alachua	Professional Services	Please open restaurants, nail and hair salons using guidelines and precautions.
Orange	General	Listen to the experts, the scientists, the doctors, and the epidemiology community, Florida's case numbers and deaths are still rising. As Dr. Anthony Fauci says, it's up to the virus, not to us. We don't have enough capacity to test or to do contact tracing.These are key. Fix the unemployment website, supply health care workers and other Essen personnel with needed PPE, & procure tests and ways to do tracing. I'm tired of staying home. But right now it's a necessity for my own good and the good of the community. Follow the science, please.
Lake	Healthcare	1- Florida needs to provide FREE testing for ALL citizens before reopening the state. 2- Successfully completed all 3 phases of the guidelines to reopen states for 14 days each!
Lee	General	I do not think it is smart to reopen shopping retails of such. We still need this virus to be more contained and I believe if we reopen businesses, we will see a lot more people infected, getting seriously ill, and more deaths. Please do not open. I am a student and a retail worker and I am scared to have this virus as well as bringing it home to my immune compromised mother.
Palm Beach	Recreation	I recommend we open all outdoor recreation first and all at the same time. I recommend keeping beach parking closed but opening the beaches. Also opening all parks, golf, tennis, boat ramps, etc. If cases dont spike then begin opening businesses that have only a few people at a time i.e. dentists, doctors, hairdressers. As well as restaurants for outside dining only. Thank you

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Orange	General	I request that guidance be formally provided that clarifies that neighborhood (HOA) swimming pools can be immediately re-opened for lap swimming and exercise purposes. Specifically, I live in a Homeowners Association (HOA) that has a very large community swimming pool with multiple lap swimming lanes, each of which are at least 6 feet apart. Lap swimming is about the only effective exercise that I can do, since it is a non-impact form of exercise. Our pool has been closed for over a month, and my physical conditioning and overall health have declined over this period of time. I have done extensive research, and have not found any federal, state, or local mandates requiring that neighborhood swimming pools be closed, other than maintaining social distancing. The Board of Directors (BOD) of our HOA closed our pool, because of the state mandate to close gyms. Although we have a separate fitness center, which I agree needed to be closed at the time, our HOA BOD has extended the vague requirement to close gyms to also apply to outdoor swimming pools. I strongly support and practice social distancing, but I see no reason to prevent me from lap swimming, where I am submerged in chlorinated water and separated by at least 6 feet from the next closest lane and person. In the absence of being able to swim, I have instead been doing long daily walks throughout our community, and I have observed 100% compliance with other walkers practicing social distancing. We have all seen the traumatic impacts of this virus over the last month. We don't need mindless, dictatorial requirements to mandate basic safety. Although this may seem to be a trivial issue to some people, it is very important to my overall physical conditioning and health. Therefore, until my HOA community pool is re-opened, I will NOT spend any money in our state or local economies, and you will not collect one penny of sales tax from me. In summary, please provide specific guidance that clarifies that community swimming pools can be re-opened for exercise purposes. Until this is done, anything and everything else that the state or local governments allow to re-open will not be patronized by me.
Polk	General	Hello my name is Diane and I live in Polk County and I would have to say I agree with 2/3 of the citizens of Florida that we should remain closed. President Trump is an expert businessman, Governor DeSantis is an expert politician, I believe we should listen to the experts in the medical field and go along with their recommendation I'm not closing until the second week of June. They are experts in the field and they know more then we do and they know more than what they are probably saying. It is so much better to be safe than sorry, I understand that the economy needs to come back but in all honesty the dead do not shop. As you know Florida has a high number I've senior citizens that need your protection . Please do not close until June. Thank you
Duval	General	Please re- open the state and schools!!
Broward	General	It is too too early to reopen the state. More testing needs to be done and the numbers need to reduce before reopening. This is especially in South Florida.
Clay	Healthcare	As a healthcare worker and a concerned family member I have parents health that are high risk I think reopening Florida will just deplete breaking the curve was all about.but more local businesses need higher support financially. That most definitely needs to be not overlooked , stop putting us in a position where we have to choose money our lives of those we love. The American people need more help! #DoNotReopenFlorida #help local and American businesses!!!

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Duval	Healthcare	I am a resident of Duval county for 16 years and work in healthcare in the office setting. In my position, I am unable to work from home. As we know the virus is still taking a toll on the lives of many and I am afraid of it. I feel that a month to stay at home for the virus to pass may not be enough. This is not like the flu to pass in a week or two and then back to work again. A person who recovers from Covid-19 can test positive again and infect others unknowingly. Staying at home is the way to control and reduce the chance of contracting it from persons who do not have symptoms but have the virus. The person may even have symptoms but is afraid of going to the hospital therefore spreading it in the air. Once everyone is back in close quarters, breathing the same air, touching the same surfaces and communicating with each other, the possibility for transmission from asymptomatic staff is high. I don't want to die! The president has said one death is too many. We need to be absolutely sure the virus has run its course with no new hospital admissions or deaths before Florida can open confidently again. From what I have seen on the news and read about, a person can feel symptoms today, be in the hospital within 24 hours be put on a ventilator and die within days. The risk is too high to send us out too soon. I know the economy needs to be functioning again. We need strong healthy persons to make this possible! If they are asked to return to full work capacity, we are going right back to high pandemic mode again. Yes, we can wear a mask, but how are we to stay 6 feet away from an office full of staff possible? Please allow Florida to stay at home another month to ensure we are safe and the hospital admission numbers for Covid-19 are slim to none. Thank you.
Lee	General	As a small business owner and an RN ... OPEN UP!
St. Lucie	General	In my opinion as a Florida native is this, there is no reason to reopen at this time too much is still unknown about the virus our season is over and we are heading into summer and hurricane season how devastating would it be to reopen too early have another wave of infection with possible hurricanes coming in with everything they bring? I can't imagine a shelter in place order in August while having to choose between shelter in place and evacuation from a storm . Mass casualties would be prominent in all areas . The month of June would probably be a safer bet to start the reopening phases. Reopening too soon would be something that would take us decades to overcome the damage financially and honestly nationally it would damage our state, our brand and our tourism because how as a state could we be trusted to put health over dollars? Thank you

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Pinellas	Education	We have closed our schools, parents are home...if you open everything up, how many children ages 0-18 will have to be left home alone or make parents chose between going back to work or leaving their kids home?? Things should stay closed and cut off travelers through the school year! We saw spring break beaches and pools, opening them Up would be a repeat! We have managed this virus BECAUSE of the stay at home order! It's not fair to tell those at risk to stay at home but allow everyone else not taking it seriously to put themselves at risk then visit ESSENTIAL places the vulnerable have to go to!
Hillsborough	General	I have elderly parents, children of my own and I work in the public sector. Florida needs to take very slow, calibrated steps to reopen. The public needs to take precautions such as wearing masks while in public to protect all. The key is to open one sector at a time and give days/weeks before opening another. We do not know what is to come and taking a slow progression is the right choice for all citizens. We need to keep all citizens safe and most importantly the elderly! No one wants to stay home and everyone wants to get back to the normal way of life but this is has to be a process. And a slow process at that! I do not want things opening up quickly with little thought. Keeping everyone safe is top priority. Citizens will respect direction and are looking to leaders for that guidance. Personally, I will continue to distance myself and my family, stay home, wear masks and social distance for the near future. I will not jeopardize the health of my family just to go out!!! And I think most people feel this way. Please take the reopening process seriously as lives are at stake.
Palm Beach	Professional Services	I think small businesses are hurting now more than ever. No one was prepared for this. I have not met anyone that got anything from the sba or get anything from PPP. I'm a barbershop owner and have been closed since mid March. If you open in May and allow barbershops to open we will do everything in our power to ensure people are safe. The people that don't feel safe should stay home. No one is forcing anyone to get haircuts. But don't punish the people willing to take all the precautions. Every day we stay closed is another day we have to suffer. We have families and we are hurting.
Orange	Retail	Please re open the state as quickly as possible. So Many of us are out of work and we don't know when we will see unemployment and even with unemployed it's not enough. We need to get back to work.
Polk	General	Open Florida ASAP!! I feel there are different agendas going on in our country as we deal with the Coronavirus and the decisions hasn't been for the people's best interest. Our country has forced everyone to suffer over this virus and therefore it is causing our economy to fail. I'm scare of what this will do for my future and even more important my children's future. Life can go on just like it does during our flu season. People with immune compromised systems can take extra precautions when the virus is on the rise. We need to build herd immunity and we can't do that being locked up in our homes. We need sunshine and exercise and we can't do that when we are not allowed to go to parks, beaches, lakes and walking trails. These things can build our immune system up to fight these viruses. Please open up our state and let's get back to life.

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Osceola	Education	Please require all K-12 schools to offer all virtual or hybrid virtual—in person (so kids stay socially distant and hygiene maintained) Families could sign up for various options so families who can keep their kids home (full or part time) could free up space for kids whose parents can't due to work commitment. Maybe schools could have different tracks. Or some type of creative scheduling . My son gets sick very easily and I worry about him back in groups. I wish there was a way he could stay full or part time virtual with his current school to decrease risk until a vaccine exists.
Broward	General	Please work to open state as soon as you can. I am an RN and I am more scared of financial implications than the virus. Thank you.
Highlands	Education	I am a professional and mother of a college student, high school senior and middle schooler. Fortunately my husband and I have been able to continue working. What I have seen is those that have not been working and "sheltering" are scared those of us who are working are DONE. We no longer buy into this narrative that everyone is going to die. We agreed to shut down to keep from overrunning the hospital. That fear was proven to not be a factor now it appears that the media has the country convinced we can't have school or restaurants or life until there are no cases because of fear. PLEASE GET THE SHOW ON THE ROAD. Open the state. I expect to have my kids in college AT UCF AND FLORIDA SOUTHERN in the fall. Not online. My middle school daughter wants to do volleyball this summer. I expect that is possible by June 1st . Continuing the fear narrative is ridiculous.
Pinellas	General	OPEN US UP! It is time to re-open Florida business. I feel continuing the lock down will continue to cause more damage than good. I worry about my job, availability of everyday necessities, my child's social growth, and the mental health of my family and myself. Simple things such as my son, playing with a friend, my wife and I going to the gym for mental and physical breaks, have been taken away from us. I could go on and on about all the issues I see with a continued lock down. We cannot live our lives based on fear, we should have the opportunity to make decisions for ourselves and take necessary precautions upon ourselves. Please begin lifting restrictions ASAP!!!
Duval	General	Multiple reports and findings show that this nationwide house arrest was useless and the numbers are dropping. People need to eat and pay bills. OPEN NOW!!! Not later, not in a day or a week, NOW!!!!
Seminole	Healthcare	Two things: Do not harm citizens of Florida to appease your master, Trump. Pay people their unemployment. They paid into it, they should be able to use it. An influx of cash will help the economy.

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Alachua	Recreation	I believe outdoor activity should be opened, such as pools at Villas and apartments as well as fresh Springs and canoeing. The beaches should be open all day to help with congestion. All of this is outside and us FL residents need to be able to do things and get fresh air without feeling confined to our homes. I also believe this will help everybody stay positive and calm during this trying time. I believe reopening things is absolutely the right thing to start doing.
Palm Beach	Healthcare	I understand that there are those who wish to create a panic, especially those who have a vested interest in promoting pharmacological remedies. I understand that the CDC has issued guidelines to report "COVID 19 related" deaths, even without proper testing. It is important to understand that it is normal for a healthy individual, when in contact with a virus, to respond with its' immune system to create an antibody. The newly released Stanford University study demonstrated that much of the population already was exposed to the virus and developed an antibody. This is called "herd immunity." Top scientists, like Dr. Shiva Ayyadurai of MIT have demonstrated that most of the fatalities are among those with weakened immune systems or who have co-morbidities. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E6FyDSuTDCM The Bakersfield California doctors Erickson and Massihi pointed out that "social isolation" prevents the Public from developing immunity and is also related to far more dangerous results like domestic violence, suicide and other mental issues. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=er-azTkTjP0 The Corona virus has a lower fatality rate than the seasonal flu. We also know that Dr. Fauci and Dr. Birx are connected to the Bill & Melinda Gates. Dr. Fauci owns a patent to GP 120, fundamental to Corona Virus https://patents.justia.com/inventor/anthony-s-fauci The Gates Foundation, which funded the Pirbright Institute, owns the Patent to the COVID 19 vaccine. It is well known that Bill Gates is no friend to humanity and has even been thrown out of India because of the horrible consequences his vaccinations had on the children there. I believe I had COVID-19 back in February 2020 and took extra rest. I am 74 years old. Please listen to Dr. Shiva Ayyadurai, Dr. Rashid Buttar, Dr Judy Mikovits, and others. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y_T_L-lwmBM I hate to say it, but this is just another attempt to harm the country by traitors who have close financial and ideological connections to foreign unfriendly powers.
Hillsborough	General	1. Use scientific and medical evidence to advise and guide the process of re-opening. 2. Consider phasing in the opening of restaurants and bars by first allowing them to open with reduced occupancy rules and wider separation of tables. 3. Because some parts of the state have been very heavily impacted by the virus and other parts much less so, consider a regional approach to re-opening. 4. Keep the Task Force in operation for at least a year to monitor the status of the pandemic. 5. Finally, thank you to the members of the Task Force for the hard work you are doing under very difficult circumstances.

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Gulf	General	The people keeping things closed, should go without pay. Then they can be as Laissez-faire about reopening as they want. Those people not getting paid arE DESPERATE for the economy to open up again! Your going to start having suicide deaths from lonilness and sooo many without income. The economy is being ruined. It's not worth it!! OPEN UP.
Lee	Recreation	Please open the beaches practicing social distancing with being no more than 10 and 6 feet apart to begin with. We should be able to sit on the beach with our umbrella. We are not in a closed room. There is data that shows exposure to the sun may help defeat the virus
Hillsborough	Government	Please support Floridians by opening Florida and getting us back on track to normalcy. Please protect us from the outside forces that we all know are controlling the show. Ron Desantis, I think you are doing an amazing job. Please stay strong for us.
Seminole	General	1. Counties and municipalities should have some control over this process. The needs of an urban area are very different than the needs of a rural farming community. 2. Open up our beaches and parks. Science has shown that this virus is much more likely to spread indoors, with very few cases worldwide where the virus spread from person to person while outdoors. 3. Keep large meetings and assemblies closed for the foreseeable future. If a meeting has to take place it should take place outside. 4. Let smaller, boutique gyms open. These are often owned by individuals who need to be open to survive. Class sizes can be kept to 10 people or less. Think boot camps, cycle gyms, Orange Theory, Crossfit, Barre, etc. 5. Let our restaurants in areas with few cases start opening up. Maybe Miami needs a few more weeks, but if a county of 500k only has 300 cases maybe they should be allowed to open up for business. 6. Get our kids back in school. 7. Recommend our elderly and high risk citizens continue social distancing until a vaccine is available or we have reached a safe level of herd immunity.
Gadsden	General	Open as indicated by health officials of the decline in cases.
Pinellas	General	The state should open, cautiously, maintaining the social distancing guidelines we've been using. As it is now, people are congregating at places that are still open, and it's nearly impossible to maintain safe distances. Lpwe's was a madhouse today. People need to get back to work. That said, employers should not penalize high risk employees who choose to stay home to stay healthy.
Pinellas	General	Clearwater Beach

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Hillsborough	General	Please do not “re-open" Florida yet. You did the right thing putting the stay at home orders in place. It's working! The infection rate is decreasing because people are staying home. But testing still isn't where it needs to be. Only a little over 1% of Florida's population has been tested. In addition, there is no vaccine and no treatment for COVID-19 yet. Reopening now is like taking off your parachute mid free-fall because it's already slowed you down. Reopening is going to put countless lives at risk and risk overwhelming our health care system, even with "social distancing" recommendations. If we reopen now we are going to risk a resurgence in infections and an increase in deaths from the virus. Losing workers and customers is bad for the economy. There is no "good" option for the economy right now. But there is a good option for public health: continue enforcing the stay at home orders. People are safer at home, plain and simple. I would like to pose a few questions to consider: Why risk opening now, when we do not have the infrastructure to test and treat COVID-19? At a time like this isn’t it best to err on the side of caution, to put human lives and public health first? If in a month from now there is a significant surge in infections and deaths, how will you feel about making the decision to "reopen" the economy now? How will we manage if our health care system is flooded with COVID-19 cases? My desperate plea is to extend the stay at home orders. Human lives are at risk right now. Human beings, my family, my friends, they're worth so much more than any amount of money. We must protect our citizens. Yes, economic insecurity is a real threat. But that is why we need social safety nets at a time like this. Rather than re-opening the economy now and risking human lives, it makes more sense to put more energy toward increasing testing and fixing our unemployment system so that people who are out of work can get the funds they need to ride out this crisis.
Lee	Retail	COVID-19 is not going away any time soon. Re-opening the I feel we need to reopen all retail stores to help the Florida's economy bounce back.
Martin	Recreation	When you open the beaches, please allow seniors 70 years old or older to take their chair to the beach. We want to sit at the beach to get sun, ocean breeze and watch the waves. We do not want to exercise at the beach, we can walk around the block to exercise.
Osceola	Construction	I do not think the state should open yet. The virus is still deadly and numbers are still rising. If a potential second wave comes it will be worse than now and alot more people will die. I know it is a money issue because everyone wants to see cash flow coming into fl. Is it worth to sacrifice alot more lifes?
Hillsborough	General	Please do not open the state back up until we have sufficient testing completed and have had several days with no new cases. My concern is that if we reopen and allow people from other states in that we will have a second wave that will kill more people. It will be hard for a lot of us, but I think in the long run, we will be better due to staying closed.
Hillsborough	General	Do not reopen until the rates of infection , and deaths. and hospitalization are down, i.e. days without the same. Lives are more important than economy.

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Polk	Tourism	Gov Cuomo said it best, the cure ISNT worse than the disease. The disease is death. Period. We have not just ourselves to be concerned about, but also our neighbors. We do have a high population of older folks and many people moved here due to the nice weather who have health issues. Unlike some of the other states, opening up also means welcoming in people from all over. My livelihood is solely tourism. With no help from the state unemployment, and no assistance from the Fed Govt, I've had to permanently close my location, because the commercial landlord gave me a 3 day notice for being 2 weeks late on rent. I've been in this business for 31 years. I am sad and mad. But, what is the alternative? I take care of my 83 yr old mother, and for me, there is no alternative. We are staying home. We need to wait until someone comes up with a safer and honest answer. Otherwise we are just asking for trouble.....for death. We've come this far, we need to hang on and keep the course. We are not ready to reopen, we never really shut down like we should have, but it helped. Let's wait at home and see how the other states manage reopening. And when we do, do it slowly and please don't let tourism come back to life for awhile, we need to take care of Floridians first.
Pinellas	General	Before y'all Re-open Florida please require the health care, first responders and all places considered essential to be tested for Covid19 free of charge.
Palm Beach	Recreation	open golf courses outside is good for you take out the rakes and ball washer one person per cart no caddie
Seminole	Retail	June 1st would be ideal to open retail. We are nervous about taking the virus home to our spouse and kids. I would be more comfortable interacting with clients in retail in June.

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St. Johns	Tourism	I encourage an immediate open for all but the most high-risk venues! 1/4 of my annual income as an instructor and private field study guide for history students in Florida has been lost in just these few weeks because the virus hit during my peak season. I appreciate Governor DeSantis's efforts to limit the "lockdown" as much as possible and to wait as long as he could. He was right! We still have better results than most, even with that conservative approach. Now, however, the "cure" has become worse than the disease and it appears that much of the modeling data provided to Florida to shape our response was erroneous. I encourage an IMMEDIATE and full reversal of course with very limited "phasing." Any phases should be moved through quickly as testing shows that Covid-19 is much like seasonal flu. There's just no justification for the continued lockdown. Sincerely, Laura Caruso History Educational Services
Brevard	Food	We need more public aid, otherwise when you reopen the businesses nobody is going to be able to afford to go to them. From unemployment, to the stimulus check delays, the majority of consumers can't spend right now without some form of rent or bill forgiveness.
Columbia	General	YES!!! Open the State. While I remain cautious about this virus, I am more afraid that NOT opening will cause untold negative consequences for thousands of people as well as thousands of businesses.
Marion	Government	Open the State. This has been ridiculous. The virus has a 98% survival rate. I cannot believe the hoopla surrounding this nonsense. Survival of the fittest. If you are old/sick, stay home. We dont need the government to tell us the obvious. If we want to live our lives in public, let us!
Orange	Construction	Opening the state and risking death is not appealing. From a simple economic cost, losing a percentage of the population is a permanent loss of GDP, as opposed to a temporary one of shelter in place. One can easily see the payback period—it's a far better investment than any stock or bond—so why are we debating it like it isn't? On a more emotional level, I'd rather live with my parents and family in one room in one house, than not have them—at any price. My grandparents grew up dirt floor poor, without our luxuries—if they can do it, we can too. The Florida crackers were a tough people.
Orange	General	State needs to reopen for economy.
Brevard	Healthcare	Please do not re open Florida. It's to soon and the virus will continue to spread. Wait at least 60-90 days then seen where Florida stands.
St. Johns	General	Please reopen SLOWLY, beginning with open spaces whilst enforcing social distancing. Then perhaps reopen restaurants to dine in, but with social distance and limits. It MUST be a slow open or the flattened curve will spike.

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Palm Beach	General	Since medical experts have determined that social distancing has helped curb the spread of the virus I urge you to hold off opening up public places. It is obvious many people do not take this seriously and it will cause a resurgence which is unnecessary.
Palm Beach	Healthcare	Please reopen for business I work at the va medical center and the clinics should reopen to our vets. We should continue prescreening as it has being at the entrance taking every guest or employees temperature. Please help us and reopen the estate. We love governor DeSantis. Thank you for your love for Florida. Thank you Mr President Trump for your love for Americans Please reopen Florida!!!
Seminole	General	Yes I believe that necessary businesses should start reopening,for our economy,our employees,and our residents. Such as Doctor's Office's,Lab's. Also Mechanic Shop's. Beauty Salon's,and Barber Shop's. Restaurant's Also For Dine In I think we have all learned a lot about taking precaution's,and people need to get some kind of normalcy back in our live's. Thank you,Connie Fisher
Miami-Dade	Government	This is my personal opinion. I think is time to open everything up again taking this preventive method into consideration. Keeping a safe distance from each other. To wear a face mask every time you go out in the public. All business should be able to provide hand sanitizer to the public, desinfect all common and most frequent areas of contact with public. Also limit the amount of people allowed to enter a business base on the square footage of the location or business. I think is time to open up. People are in desperate need and struggling financially.
Hillsborough	Healthcare	I own several medical centers focusing on seniors, and have been following the crisis closely from a clinical perspective in addition we collaborate with USF. Do not open the state, we are not ready, nothing clinically has changed. Before considering opening every man woman and child needs to have access to masks at a retail level, every drug store and supermarket needs to have them in stock on their shelves, once that is accomplished and antibody testing is available also in mass quantities then start reopening.
Seminole	Recreation	Please proceed slowly. Bars, events venues, festivals, public places like beaches should not be opened for recreational events. Social distancing cannot be enforced. I would like to see non essential stores, libraries, barbers and beauty shops open. All persons in public should be required to wear a face mask. All public places should limit the number of people per square foot.
Duval	Tourism	Hotels should not be re opened, with close proximity other guest and the closed environment of the hotel it’s a Petri dish of potential viruses. Why put hospitality workers in an un safe environment? From front desk employees, housekeepers, maintance workers, and food service. Floridians do not have extra income to blow on hotel stays at this time in their life when they can’t put food on their tables.

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Orange	General	TOTALLY DISAGREED WITH GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS SINCE HE IS PLANNING TO REOPEN THE FIRST WEEK OF MAY, HE HAS TO WAIT AT LEAST ANOTHER 30 DAYS TO FLATTEN THE CURVE AND COMPLETE MOST OF THE TESTS, ACTUALLY SHOULD BE DONE 150 TESTS DOR EACH 100,000 PEOPLE AND THEY ARE DOING ONLY 45 OR 50..... TO AVOID OUTBREAKS OF THIS SUPER CONTAGIOUS AND SUPER LETHAL VIRUS DESANTIS SHOUL NOT HURRY AND INSTEAD SHOULD WAIT FOR THE GREEN LIGHT OF SCIENTIFIC AUTHORITIES WITH DR FAUCI AND DE BIRX HEADING OTHERWISE IF ANOTHER OUTBREAK COMES WILL BE HIS FAULT AND DEVASTATING
Pinellas	General	I get that people want to go to beaches, and bars, and have their hair cut and their nails done, but if we can just wait until we have no more cases (while maintaining regular testing!), I believe we will be better equipped to handle the second wave. We currently don't know whether people can develop immunity to covid-19, so there is a large chance that those who survived one case may be killed by a second, or they may carry it to their loved ones, mistakenly believing that they can no longer pass it on. Please, please wait to re-open Florida.
Lee	General	Put all nonessential workers back to work. They need the money now. They have families to support. Hair Salons, Barber Shops., they need help. They can wear masks, gloves, also the customers can where masks.
Collier	Healthcare	As a healthcare professional, I understand public safety is at the forefront. However, we cannot shut down the entire economy forever. The tourism industry and small business will be destroyed, if they aren't already. On that note, precautions should be recommended to everyone and those that don't follow them, will naturally suffer the consequences. Everyone will be affected by COVID19. Our hospitals in Collier county not even close to typical capacity. Our ERs have few patients. We need to re open and we need to all continue careful interaction and common sense. If you're sick, stay home. If you're elderly or have risk factors, stay home. Everyone else, carry on and wash your hands. Thank you for your time and attention.
Lake	General	I think if people use common sense stay apart, use face masks for a period of time, wash their hands!!! Start with a small amount of people, slow and steady!!! I agree people that are compromised stay home until they say it's safe!!! It's time to start getting the economy back
Orange	Retail	I believe the state should reopen with some restricts. First would limit access to nursing homes and other places that older people congregate. The second would keep limiting concerts, audiences at sporting events and other large gathering. We need to prepare for the general election with booths further apart. Also we should have additional free testing sites available to avoid a hot spot of covid19 from appearing. Overall though all nonessential bunessness should be able to reopen with small restrictions. Parks and beaches should be completely reopened. Restaurants should be put at 50% compactly. Non essential retailers should be allowed to reopen along with manufacturing. I still think limiting travel into the state is a good idea and like I said lots of testing to avoid a hot spot or outbreak especcial in nursing homes or other areas with a lot of high risk people.

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Manatee	General	Dear Governor Ron DeSantis, I want to strongly encourage you to open the state of Florida. Science and experience proves that isolation is not healthy, either for our immune systems, which others say they are concerned about, and for our mental health. Not to mention the livelihood of our families. People need to feel like there is a reason why they are here. A reason they are gifted to wake up alive each day. A desire to provide for their family the way we are suppose to. Shutting down our state has not served to help in any of the important areas of our lives. Making people who are healthy stay in isolation makes no common sense. Making people who are sickly or have compromised immune systems stay in isolation does. PLEASE OPEN UP THE STATE OF FLORIDA! Our lives and livelihood depend on it. Thank you and I am praying for wisdom for you to truly understand what would be the right thing to do. Sincerely, Susan Arnold
Orange	General	We need to open up all businesses in Florida now. People are losing their livelihoods and many businesses are already doomed. Many people cannot last another week or another month without work. Florida's unemployment system has failed and people are starving. The immunocompromised and elderly should isolate. People will wear masks if needed in shops and around crowds. People will keep distance from each other. Ultimately this is a constitutional issue. You cannot arrest people for going to church or for going out in crowds. This is America and people have a choice. Many will open whether you say it's ok if not- otherwise they will lose everything.
Palm Beach	General	You are going to be accountable for the decisions made now. The lack of discernment regarding what the "science" is based on is criminal. Public officials are going to pay dearly for locking down 22 million healthy Floridians for a month. Financial crippling of the economy and financial violence. This is not how any pandemic in the history of the world has been handled. The suspiciously "new rules" for aerosol viral nuclei are beyond silly. I can honestly say this because I have checked the science. You will be asked "What are these rules based on? Show me." Open Florida up and let healthy people function. If people are sick, there are better ways to handle upper respiratory infections. The news and government will be ignored when they cry wolf one too many times. The population will rise up and take over.

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Hillsborough	Professional Services	I am a licensed cosmetologist and I am independent self employed individual. To dat I have no received and support that was to be available to the small business and self employed. I currently lease a loft Salon Lofts where we have 20 plus individual licensed professionals in the beauty industry working as independent businesses under one roof. Prior to the shut down on 3/27/2020 we did not have all of those individual business owners including the salon loft organization following the proper protocol for Covid-19. There is no way we can social distance while serving our clients so as hard as it for me financially I worry about the reopening of salons for several reasons 1 who is going to hold loft owners and loft landlords (salon lofts) accountable if you reopen salons in the 1st. 2- and most importantly when will be get our protocol from the cdc and or Florida health department for servicing clients? 3- most of us either can't find everything we need "sanitizers Cleaning product masks gloves face shields ect to be able to keep ourselves and clients save. This also opens a huge liability on us as small businesses if it is traced back to the common community of the loft setting that alone could close our doors forever. These are just some of the things as a business owner we are carrying with little to no financial support. This not an easy decision to make for you as our elected officials or us as business owners. Thank you for your time.
Santa Rosa	Healthcare	There needs to be more emphasis on how dental offices in Florida are going to reopen and be able to provide a safe atmosphere for patients, providers, and administrative personnel. Although, I am sure the CDC and the American Dental Association will have input on the guidelines to reopen, the state should ensure dental clinics are ready to reopen safely and have the proper PPE available to do so. We cannot afford to lose one more life to this highly contagious disease. The dental career field produces large amounts of droplets and aerosols. The first priority should be to ensure all dentists, dental assistants, hygienists, and administrative personnel have access to N95 masks. You may ask why administrative personnel. Unless patients are being treated in negative pressure rooms there will be droplets and aerosols in the air throughout the building. Think about 2-5 dentists working in one small building office along with 4-5 hygienists as well. These clinics will be a breeding ground for transmission of the virus until we have a safe and effective vaccine. The current dental office my family and I use, is designed with a somewhat open-bay concept with no doors in the hygienist area. This is a rather small building with 2 dentists and 4 hygienists all working on patients at the same time. My plea to the Task Force is to please not let routine dental procedures begin again until we can be absolutely certain we can do it in a safe manner. The dental world needs to be more in the spotlight, since it is one of the most exposed career fields since providers, assistants, and hygienists are working inches away from the mouth for 8-9 hours a day. Thank you for tackling the huge challenge you have ahead of you, and for allowing the citizens of Florida to provide input to the Task Force to reopen our great state of Florida.

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Collier	Recreation	I own a mobile swim school, it is so important that kids learn to be water safe. Especially in Florida! We really need to be included in the guidance for re-opening. Our school closed early in an effort to keep all of our swimmers safe. However, swim schools are common in FL, please include us in your re-opening plan. Our school has ordered temperature guns (no contact) for checks before each class, hats with full face shields and we already have a great cleaning system. We are counting on your guidance to help us know when it is safe to implement our new plans and start teaching again. Thank you!
Leon	General	Yes, reopen the state. Let people make their own choice.
Miami-Dade	Manufacturing	Dont open.
Orange	General	Guidelines of the federal government state there has to be a decline in cases, increase in testing, and contact tracing. Follow the guidelines.
Broward	Retail	It would be a horrible idea to reopen non essential businesses like malls and stores. Please do not be greedy and think of the health of the people that work there and voted for you. I think more time should pass so that we can reopen safely.
Orange	General	Please don't re open. It's too early, we should wait it out a little longer. If theres no health, there's no economy. Without people none of this matters. Also, we shouldn't be paying rent since we are all (or most of us) out of jobs. I'm runnning out of funds. Thank you
Charlotte	Healthcare	I think it is important to expand testing to plan this re-opening and to control the upcoming outbreaks.
Leon	General	The infection rates and death toll are relatively low because social distancing and self-immolation are working. Reopening before things are fully under control, against the advice of doctors, scientists, and epidemiologists will lead to more infections and more unnecessary deaths. This illness has severe consequences, including long-lasting side-effects, in many of those who contract it, including children. Children who may survive, but have a high chance of then infecting and killing their parents and grandparents. That you are seriously placing your idea of economic success over human lives stupid at best and psychopathic at worst. Keep things closed.
Indian River	General	I have a bachelor's degree in forensic science I emailed CDC regarding a common sense issue about ventilators...I used a car analogy. I still believe the ventilator is what's killing people see my example.. Pretend your lungs are a cars radiator hose that is 80% clogged with gummy residue. You drive around slow it works but is still clogged . You head out on the highway mash the gas pedal you force more fluid through that 8o% restricted hose now it gets overwhelmed and what it bursts .the same way the alveoli are in your lungs and bronchial tubes. They put you in the ventilator and your lungs are taxed .like as if you are that radiator hose and your lungs cannot handle that extra pressure. And the results are devistating.. so I think they need to be easier on the pressure and if possible just use old school oxygen in the nose as long ass possible . Or earlier ventilator before the lungs get over taxed..just my theory..Also as far as reopening why not the old store slogans with a twist .NO shirts No shoes no masks . No service .everyone should have on masks to enter a buisness until we have this under control

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Hillsborough	General	Do not reopen anything.
Leon	Education	As much as I ache for local businesses, and am trying to spend as much money as I can on them instead of out of state corporate interests, it is pre-mature to broadly re-open Florida. There are many talking points regarding COVID-19 but the one I'd like to take a moment to focus on is "It's no worse than the flu" and there are a few things that make that preposterous. - Recently COVID-19's death count surpassed 2019's flu death count, WITH all the precautions in place. Were we business as normal we would undoubtedly have blown by it. - Annual "flu" death counts ignore that there are multiple strains of seasonal flu and are generally a combined total, while this is only one ailment. We need to stay closed and you need to be hounding our government representatives like senators Rick Scott, Marco Rubio and my rep Al Lawson, to fight for relief for America's WORKERS and SMALL, LOCALLY OWNED businesses. The amount of many being passed out to prop up the stock market could have been used to stagger 20-50 THOUSAND dollars of relief PER TAXPAYER. No, we don't actually need nearly that much, but the ridiculous gap between support for taxpayers vs. support for corrupt businesses is disgusting.
Broward	Recreation	Gyms, beaches, parks, Ramps should open. I also believe that setting only a timeframe for the beaches will make people run to the beaches for those hours. When beaches open they should just open without a timeframe. People need to exercise. I am someone who goes to the gym everyday for not only my physical health but mental. People are becoming lazy and depressed which will result in more issues down the line.
Leon	General	Please do not re-open the state so hastily. COVID-19 is a serious issue, and re-opening the state prior to most estimates of peaks is irresponsible. Businesses and the economy can be rebuilt, but lives are irreplaceable. Please do not endanger millions of people for short term gain.
Hillsborough	Manufacturing	When we had less confirmed cases we shut down the state. Now that we have more were going to reopen without having any significant advances on how to combat this virus.
Leon	General	The heartbeat of our state is not business. Our most valued resource is people. We and businesses are more resilient than you think. Common people can handle challenges. The wealthy might fear the unknown. The people will prevail if provided the safety to required to protect their health. I urge our elected officials to make sound decisions based on what is best for the people of Florida, not the businesses.

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Brevard	General	We do need to reopen, but it needs to be done slowly and under advisement of the health professionals. All models don't show us peaking here until the beginning or the middle of June. The worst thing world be to try to do too much and we overload our hospitals and people die unnecessarily. We would have to shut down again and that would be more devastating to us all than the first shutdown. The second worst thing would be to reopen too soon and businesses open but then face having to shut down again because there are not enough customers. For every one person yelling to open everything up, there are many more sitting quietly and hoping you will do the right thing. Any reopening should be slow and under the advisement of health officials. Outdoor activities first, they're lower risk with everyone not breathing recirculated air. Once a small step has taken place, we need to watch and wait. It would be more traumatic to everyone if we take one step forward then two steps back because we rushed things. You can't rush a virus. This is hard on us all but would be even more difficult if we face another shutdown because we rushed things.
Broward	Healthcare	As far as PPE we need more of it there's a shortage providing gowns, masks and gloves. It necessary and there is a shortage. There also needs to be more people in hospitals to care for these covid-19 patients, nurses ,doctors, paramedics and tech all aspects; Also firefighters and cops. They should all be getting Hazard pay until this pandemic has ended. All the students whom are studying to be in all and any Medical field or front line need to have their programs open at all colleges and universities. Their Hands-On internships have been halted due to this pandemic, so we need to figure out a way for them to accomplish their academics and get on the front line as soon as possible. I only recommend that we open the state of Florida if we can safely protect all the citizens. I don't care how long the social distancing and stay at home orders last.
Hillsborough	Government	You are doing a great job Governor. My family and I believe in you. Please get us back to normal as soon as you can! Don't let the outside forces, like the media, prevent you from doing the right thing, and opening the state. I think we did a great job on our initial reaction, but not that we know it isn't as deadly as we once thought we need to get back to the way things were before they were to late. More people will suffer the longer we are on lock down and can't socialize with others in our society. Please keep up the good fight, we have your back, and open Florida wide open again!
Pasco	General	When we are in unprecedented times and faced with the unknown the masses let fear rule. With that said, historically speaking I believe it is of utmost importance to heed the words of the medical community. While it's true that this disease is not easily predictable, it has been proven throughout time pandemics have come in waves. Most Floridians are educated enough to understand this possibility and call upon our government, who were placed in their positions by the people and for the people, to use caution when deciding our fates. I urge you to err on this side of caution. Please DO NOT rush to re-open our state.

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Palm Beach	Recreation	Please open the beaches back up. I live in a tiny apartment, the leasing office closed the pool and took away the chairs. We do not have a patio or balcony. We are STUCK INSIDE. The beach was all we had.
Palm Beach	Education	Vocational and Career Training schools must be re-opened quickly. The masses of displaced unemployed workers now require re-training in programs that are short term in duration and lead to professional licensure. Rather than incentive citizens to remain home unemployed, funds should be redeployed and invested in Post secondary Vocational Programs , especially in hard hit Palm Beach/Broward/and Dade county.
Orange	General	Please consider reopening the state. I have been out of work for nearly two months now as a gig worker, I am barely making it off of my savings, and even with the stimulus package I do not have much more money left to keep going as the sole provider with a family of 5. I am a gig worker, I have field for unemployment just like the rest of us and I have not only heard nothing, received no unemployment benefits, or federal benefits. I desperately need work and unfortunately that will not begin to trickle in until the state opens. I also have two children with disabilities who due to all of this are no longer able to receive their needed therapies to help them improve their quality of life. I understand that these are scary times, and that people are unsure of what to do, but I say if you as a responsible adult understand the risks and are willing to accept the risks involve then you should be free to go back to as much of a normal life as possible and for those that are afraid, which is also fine, they should be allowed to continue staying at home and keeping distances. It should be a matter of personal choice and taking personal responsibility for our own personal actions.
Broward	Retail	I work in retail furniture sales and it is a hardship not being able to work. Social distancing has been difficult but if we rush into opening South Florida before we are ready it has all ne for nothing. I have a frail 85 year old mother and fear the tragic consequences of her and others face when contracting such a savage virus. We need to put our health over economy and politics. We need to do this the right way. Right now there are just too many uncertainties.
St. Johns	Healthcare	Please reconsider lifting the order. I am a RN and I'm working around the clock with my colleagues to fight this virus. We have not seen the worst of it yet. I know people are losing money, jobs, and so many other things but your health and the health of every other Floridian is the most important thing here. Let's not have a situation like other states and this thing gets out of control. Let stay under the order for a few more weeks to get this under control.

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Collier	General	Please Re-open Florida! The numbers of people affected is extremely low. The consequences of shutting down the economy are far worst than the consequences of a seasonal virus. What are we going to do in October when the cold weather comes back. We can start opening the parks and beaches. We have to open the schools so kids can strengthen their immune system in order to build herd immunity. Thank you, Sebastien Lemoine
Brevard	Professional Services	Hair salons should be the absolute last business to open. As a hairdresser we cannot stand 6 ft from our clients. It takes a minimum of 20 minutes to apply a single color to a guests head, and that's going very fast. We stand inches from our clients to cut hair or do color on them, would you want to stand inches from someone who is breathing on you who could be sick? Gloves and masks will not protect us, and changing PPE between guests will only add to the expense of running a business. It is too dangerous to ask us to risk our health just to cut someone's hair or color their roots. People want haircuts and color, they don't NEED them. Our clients lie to us all the time when we ask if they are sick, and taking their temperature is pointless if the virus takes 2 weeks to show symptoms. So i ask you, to protect my fellow stylists and put us last.
Leon	General	I do not think it is safe yet to re-open Florida. We are 8th in the country with Covid-19 infections and those numbers need to stop going up before the state can safely open back up. If opened too soon, we will see the numbers of residents with the infection skyrocket.
Volusia	Healthcare	Please restart elective surgery and joint replacements. Many people are suffering with debilitating pain.
Pasco	General	Poverty kills. We need a plan to open our economy and put people back to work. We have damaged ourselves in just about every factor from economy to infrastructure to students. While a single death is not acceptable, the long term effects of this shutdown will kill many, many more than the virus. The government needs to get out in front of this in a structured, organized way before the citizens of our country conduct their own random opening of the economy. Let's go!!!!
Pinellas	General	Florida has more cases than 42 other states, and should not reopen until June 8th or later per official guidelines: http://www.healthdata.org/covid/updates Opening prior to June 8th would jeopardize our health. Please do not do this. More deaths = less votes.

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Duval	General	I am very concerned about re-opening without strict limitations or guidelines. I have seen a drop in people following guidelines over the last week or so in Duval county as our numbers have shown improvement. I'm concerned that when the stay at home order expires, people will resume life as normal and we will see a resurgence in the virus. One of the areas I'm particularly concerned about are places of worship. While I agree that worship centers should be allowed to continue meeting, I think it is imperative that the government put parameters on the number of people allowed to be in attendance, how far apart they should be, if they need to wear masks, etc. Most places of worship can be someone's biggest exposure risk for the entire week so setting up guidelines will be crucial to ensure the virus does not spread. Thank you.
Volusia	Professional Services	I am a hairstylist in Volusia county. My only comment is that I don't believe it is safe and/or healthy for stylists to be performing services at this time. I have read other states requirements for reopening salons and believe that if we are at a place where we are having to follow so many protection protocols then why are they re opening. It doesn't seem safe. We are too closely working with individuals and there is almost know way of being able to definitively assure we are not spreading or contracting COVID-19. Almost all of the fellow stylists I have spoken to or seen make comments agree. It is more clients putting vanity over our and their health and safety. We are not essential. As much as I would love to return to work and be able to service my clients, I do not want to put my pocketbook over my own health and the health of my six year old son.
Leon	General	If the state is reopened with: no readily available proven treatment, no increased testing, and no steady supplies of protective equipment for healthcare workers I WILL SUE YOU
Hendry	General	This state should not lift restrictions . Or in Miami and that area there should be more restrictions because of the rise in cases .
Seminole	Recreation	Open public pools in gated neighborhoods
Lee	General	If we screw this up we do get a second chance but it will be costly.LIves, time, and money! Please take the time and precautions needed to do this right. Like cutting lumber, "measure twice cut once" ! Please take the extra time to reach significant testing levels and decreased positive tests. Retired Ft Myers Fire Chief of Operations Randal Jones
Seminole	General	I think it would be foolish to open up early considering the fact that schools are closed and daycares are still suffering. I think we should wait until late May to open up and see what happens in other states first. I think we need to think about opening up places that could help as a retrieve from the chaos like beaches and state parks first ....gyms and barbers should be last to open up and it should be done in phases to see how things are going not all at once..

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Pinellas	Retail	I am 30 years old. My husband is 32. We live with my grandmother, who is 95. As a result of Covid-19 we have become her full time caregivers, as our household is completely locked down to anyone from the outside. I was laid off from my full time Retail Manager position at the Aveda Institute Tampa Bay, a cosmetology school, on 3/20. I was contacted to see about coming back to work with a hopeful return date of 5/4, but this is just too soon. I don't feel that it would be safe for me to return to work, interacting with my coworkers, students, and guests, and care for my grandmother without possible exposure to Covid-19. The virus would be deadly for her because of her high risk. Therefore, I find myself in a position of having to turn down returning to my career of 5 years, or remain at home where I can keep my family safe. I implore governor DeSantis to hold off on reopening businesses until we have seen 14 days of reduced cases, with widespread testing available for those who may have been exposed to the virus in the workplace.
Orange	General	Guidelines of the federal government state there has to be a decline in cases, increase in testing, and contact tracing. Follow the guidelines.
Palm Beach	General	I am a member of Loxahatchee country club a private community and am 76 years old and feel that Golf is essential for my health and mental wellness. We will follow all the guidelines for social distancing please allow us to open. Thank you
Miami-Dade	Healthcare	Its not time to reopen Florida state. When every one is asking what you prefer first our answer is HEALTH. So please let people keep safe home. Economy is in second order.
Orange	Government	It's still too soon to think about reopening the state. If we reopen to soon, people will start to become complacent, thinking the virus is completely gone and we'll end up with a second wave of this thing and it will take even longer to get back to normal. If we hold out until the number of cases is either in the single digits or non existent and stays that way for several weeks, we will be much better off in the long run.
Brevard	General	Florida should remain mostly closed until a testing capacity of at least 50,000 tests/day statewide is achieved, and contact tracing has reached an adequate level.
Bay	Tourism	Keep the tourists out and ban vacation rentals until at least June 1st. They will come in and go to grocery stores and beaches and spread the virus, causing a sooner second wave. Please keep them out and extend the travel ban. Allow the residents to attend the beaches.
Duval	General	Stay closed as long as we need to be.
Duval	Healthcare	I think we should remain closed through at least the middle of May. I do think that dental/orthodontic offices as well as other medical offices that are closed should be allowed to reopen and resume caring for patients. However all other nonessential businesses should remain closed - especially gyms, tattoo shops, and massage parlors where the risk of contamination remains high.
Polk	Recreation	I'm writing this asking for you to allow people to access our beaches and county parks. These are places where we can enjoy the outdoors . Obviously, being outdoors is beneficial mentally, emotionally, and physically. It is the total opposite of a confined space, which is where the majority of cases are contracted.

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Brevard	General	Hey there, I feel this is like asking the students if they should have recess or study more. Also, most of the public are not scientists, economists, doctors, healthcare administrators. That being said, we have about 24% of Brevard's population is 65 or over, proper precautions need to be put in place to protect the most vulnerable. With workers going back to work, will they have the necessary PPE? Are you going to mandate if the business is open, that proper PPE gear or masks need to be worn? Ensure that each establishment has hand sanitizer for everyone coming in and leaving the facility? Are you going to limit the number of people allowed in an establishment. If there place of business opens, yet they do not feel comfortable going back or can't due to childcare or caring for an older person, they can't claim unemployment. The opening of businesses should be like a dial, not a switch. The beaches have been steadily increasing with traffic. Traffic on the roads is steadily increasing. Hospitals are starting to do elective surgeries. Let's see how that goes first.
Pasco	General	By all means you should NOT re-open FL at this time. ALL the science and lessons learned thus far say we need tight lock-down until testing is ubiquitous, a plan for contract tracing is in place and our healthcare worker have ample supplies. DeSantis, you are a disgusting, evil and profoundly stupid Trump sycophant. Reopening at this point is a truly & thoroughly idiotic idea! Obviously you fascistic, soulless, lying Republicans care nothing about good governance (since you don't believe in the concept of government), but I had no idea how little you care about human life or the greater good. I just wish the virus could help us purge you and your dangerous ilk from our society. Republicans are a cancer on the democracy and planet ... literally.

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Seminole	Healthcare	I am a dentist in the Orlando area. We have such a huge issues with treating our patients....way more than hairdressers, tattoo artists, etc. Yet not one person has even mentioned our careers. We work 12-18 inches from peoples mouths and create aerosols with almost every procedure. So of course I don't believe that it's safe to go back to work without the ability to have our patients tested and with the assurances that we aren't putting ourselves, our families and co-workers at risk. But I have a bigger issue...In today's world, many of us work for larger companies and are employees. Yet because many of us make more than $99K, we have no income coming in at all and aren't eligible for any type of relief or financial assistance. This is really tough for dentists (and many other healthcare professionals - dermatologists, optometrists, etc) who have recently graduated within maybe the last 2-10 years. Because we have student loans (Not all loans are federal loans - non-federal loans aren't waived!!) and many have purchased homes, so now have mortgages. What a lot of people don't realize is how far in debt we are coming out of school...easily $150K-500K especially if we have specialized. Student loans, do not cover all expenses in school. Most of us have large credit card debt coming out too because we are on a very fixed income in school too. But it's not only recent grads in this situation. Life happens and sometimes situations just get difficult. I've been off work for six weeks, and per the guidelines, we aren't returning until after May 8th at the earliest. We are the people that are struggling too that everyone forgot. So no, I don't think it's safe to work again yet. But we might not have any choice but to go back to a VERY dangerous situation, because there is no possible way for us to maintain social distancing. But we have bills to pay and have to live too. Thank you for asking For and taking our input. Sincerely, Beth Cherry, DMD, MS
Orange	Tourism	Please considered the long term implications shutting down the economy/tourism will have on Orange and Osceola counties. The longer the shutdown the more likely business will not reopen and furloughs will turn into layoffs. With unemployment only being 12 weeks in this sate if theme-parks do not open by July and workers do not get back to work the economical fallout will be huge. Growing up in Michigan I have firsthand seen what happens when an industry collapses (automotive). Climbing out of that hole is long and painful. Many communities never fully recover and the population begins to fall. As I do not take the seriousness of the pandemic lightly, it needs to be understood that the stay at home order was only to buy more time for hospitals. We have done that and must move from mitigation to containment. If not, the future could be very dim for Florida.
Orange	Tourism	I hope you can get disney open by June 1st because the food and wine festival at Epcot is in the fall and a lot of people are booked for the trip
Lake	General	Please do not rush to re-open our state too soon. We need to have much more testing and a report of the results before my 80 year old husband and I will feel comfortable leaving the safety of our home.

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Sarasota	Professional Services	I'm a Hairdresser, I have NO Income, NO Unemployment, NO Stimulus!! I AM am Eligible for Full Florida Unemployment, Born in the USA And have a gold star on my drivers license. I have been employed at JCPenneys for 15yrs, as with most of my coworkers with NO Unemployment. Unemployment has asked me to verify my identity after a month, and I am still pending. My husband tried to HAND deliver my information to the capital building and DEO after a 5 1/2 hrs drive, one way, and NO ONE would take IT! There are Two choices her PAY ME MY UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIM, or REOPEN THE ECONOMY NOW. This has cost me well over $1000.00 in interest Alone This Month. We are Now OUT OF MONEY!
Palm Beach	Healthcare	Do not rush to reopen the State until we know more about the level of infection in Florida. Florida needs to test everyone that wants a test whether they have insurance or not. Without this information you're inviting a second wave of infection. The Stae of Florida needs to stand with the people of Forida and not with the Chamber of Commerce.
Lee	Professional Services	I own a salon. PLEASE let us open. We can not survive much longer. If you don't let us open we will loose everything. We can do it safely. The cure can not be worse than the virus! Don't let the Democrats win!
Miami-Dade	Information	I am 72 yrs old I know we have to reopen soon even as the infections still are going up. I am scared I don't want to end up on ventilator and death. Saying that I feel safer if we could get real good masked for the elderly and people with conditions heart disease, diabetes, high Blood pressure, compromised immune system. I think all service workers should also get masked. I would like the criteria to be admitted to hospital for Covid infection be more relaxed, instead of on deaths door , age and compromised systems be a major factor. A lot of the deaths have been people come in and sent home get sicker then have to go on a ventilator and die. Can A person be admitted with the criteria covid and then age and health problems keep a few days to see if they will get worse or better. This is what scares me the most getting sick but not on deaths door sent home coming back with double pneumonia and going on a ventilator. When there are treatments like plasma and stem cell are available will help in the reopening and feeling somewhat confident I will live if I get this virus. We need to feel confident in the masks protecting us is that KN-95 just as good and available for the public to buy.
Okaloosa	Professional Services	I am a hairstylist. We have a very small salon and were working just fine being across the room from one another, screening our clients for symptoms and wearing protective face masks. NONE of us contracted ANYTHING and a lot of our clientele are military who travel. We're responsible professionals who are TRAINED to SANITIZE AND DISINFECT as part of our MANDATED routine between EACH CLIENT. Northwest Florida has the LEAST amount of cases and we have done EVERYTHING you've asked of us. It's time for us to go back to work! And yes, I applied as we were instructed, hell EVERYONE I know in my field applied for the grants, loans and unemployment. We've been completely left out! US and our FAMILIES are suffering! Please let us GO BACK and continue to practice the safety of our health the way we're trained and LICENSED to do!

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Miami-Dade	Professional Services	Statistics show that Miami-Dade county and the city of Miami, in particular, have a significant larger number of Covid-19 positives and deaths. As such, this county and city should not be compared with lesser affected counties and cities in Florida. The re-opening of business for Miami-Dade county should be extended and completed in several phases, commencing with small business openings, continued social distancing, small number of people gathered. Schools and universities in this county and city should also remain closed for a continued period of time. Miami-Dade should be the last county in Florida to be re-opened for business and recreation, as supported by the numbers and statistics.
Polk	General	When considering reopening the state, please consider that my family is just as important as yours. So, if you're willing to open the state, please be willing to open the state house for visitors and be willing to be out in the public, just as I will need to be. Please also utilize the many scientists that we have in our magnificent state to assist you in making decisions that will affect all of us.
Collier	Healthcare	Please do NOT open the state of Florida too early and put all of us, especially our healthcare workers at risk for Covid-19. With our demographic being on the more vulnerable side of the curve, we risk more cases and more deaths to this horrible pandemic. Don't be irresponsible and don't play politics with our lives and the lives of our fellow citizens.
Leon	Government	Please keep everything closed until the 1st of June. It appears that social distancing is working, but local and state offices need to continue working from home to make certain that the workforce does not become affected.
St. Johns	General	1. Yes it is an unprecedented virus but the fallout of an economic crisis and mental health crisis and human dignity and self determination crisis is so devastating to all . 2. The greatest fallout is in the homes within the at risk neighborhoods and the working poor, I know of one home where the grandmother is home sitting 17 grandkids who cannot go to school or daycare. I know there is very little virtual school work happening in so many other homes too. School should reopen June1 and let the kids go back to school giving working parents a break. 3. Hospitals and clinics must reopen. My Father is an at risk suicidal patient of the UF Shands and he cannot go in for his regular scheduled ECT treatments . He is one of thousands of people suffering during this time of closings.
Pasco	Recreation	Open the beach for sunbathing!! Experts originally said back in late February that the “virus” did not do well with heat. They back pedaled on that to instill and listen to “doctors” with false agendas ... now miraculously the virus gets killed by sunlight!!! Even if we have to stay in groups of 10 or less we need to be able to get outside!!! Nothing helps heal the body and mind like the sun, the salt air and the sea breeze. Makes no sense to open parks but not beaches. And everything else for that matter!! If this virus really spread the way they claimed it did, everyone who works at the grocery store, Home Depot and Walmart would all be sick but they are not!!! Stop the fear before the suicide rate starts going up markedly over this ... families are stressed out and kids need to be able to get out and play!!!

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Duval	General	Do not open everything back up! You are trading lives for dollars. People are too stupid for their own good, you have to have restrictions in place so we don't all get ourselves killed.
Broward	General	I believe we are not ready for reopening our statesjust yrer mainly Palm Beach, Broward and Miami counties. Thank you.
St. Johns	Professional Services	How are nail technicians and hair dressers supposed to do social disiciting ?!?! Even with all of the ppe in the world. They touch people for a living. . .
Hillsborough	General	Please DO NOT reopen our state yet. It is much too soon. There are still way too many deaths from this pandemic. I know that so many people are hurting financially, but this situation could get even worse than it is right now. Think carefully, Governor DeSantis, before making a decision that could cost more lives. Thank you.
Palm Beach	General	we need to re open
Broward	Healthcare	I would like to see businesses that have successfully implemented a work from home model continue to operate as such until the risk of coronavirus lessens.
Pasco	General	TEST TEST TEST! We can make a hidden enemy seen if put all our focus on test. Antibody testing. You can open business but people won't go to business if they don't feel safe. The testing HAS to be fixed.
Hillsborough	Recreation	Please open our Beaches and parks, for walking and swimming. Also open the zoo . I think we should have a mandatory face mask order. People will feel better wearing a face mask if it is mandatory , at work ,at the zoo , Grocery store,
Hillsborough	Healthcare	Please follow the guidelines set forth by the White House. Before reopening Florida we need to test the public on a large scale and demonstrate that our case numbers and deaths are declining. Currently we have not done this! We are not testing on a large scale and our numbers are climbing! Once we can demonstrate we have met the criteria for the first gate then we can begin to open some sectors of the economy as the White House outlined in their phased approach. Be careful governor we have a high population of elderly in this state!
Seminole	Recreation	The state has to be opened in the safest way possible . Should it reopen yet? Not until we have this in better contro. There has to be enforcement of the precautions we take to ensure everyone's safety. People are not taking this as a serious concern.
Broward	General	County should wait until mid May, then open slowly.
Broward	General	I just ask that we follow the 14 day decline prior to opening anything. We have averaged 9-10,000 tests per day. Yesterday was the first day we had an increase in testing (approximately 19,000). I know people who still can't get tested even with symptoms. We had a surge in cases on 4/23 as well as deaths. Broward was on a steady decline with 86 reported positive cases on 4/22 then surged to 177 on 4/23. That wasn't due to more testing. This shows we are not ready to safely reopen.

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Hillsborough	Healthcare	I believe non essential procedures should be allowed again. I've got a big issue with my eye and was supposed to have gone to St. Luke's doctor that specializes in my type of eye problem. The longer I wait the worse it may get and could that mean a loss of vision. Also, I hear the hospitals rely on non essential surgeries to pay their bills. This said, I think most people know to wear a mask and practice social distancing. In the doctors office or hospitals they will need to take extra preventive measures as well. We're playing chicken between our economy and a virus. Who's going to win.
Volusia	General	Please follow current CDC guidelines and DO NOT re-open dental practices for non emergency procedures. The dental field is one of the highest risk professions for infection per the CDC and ADA. These offices can not get the amount of proper equipment needed to safely perform these procedures. The workers are working in very close quarters in people's mouths and using drills etc that create aerosols that will spread the virus quickly in close quarters. My wife is terrified of going back to work as she knows she will have to decide between working without the proper safety equipment or losing her job permanently. I attached a copy of the current guidelines Thank You
Broward	Government	I think we need to wait at least through the month of May. Our numbers are still increasing. The testing sights in south Florida are still packed. I think if we reopen we will have even bigger problems and more people getting this virus. Please give us more time to stay at home and let's try to get this virus from continuing reaching more and more people
Manatee	Healthcare	Where are the test sites in Manatee county
Volusia	Healthcare	I think we should decide when it time to open up the businesses and not the politician. When one says that Lysol can be injected or other such products to cure the virus I have to wonder- I wouldn't believe anything they say
Leon	General	I strongly support the Governor in moving forward with reopening the state. The restaurant industry should be allowed to return to business and put the businesses in a position to serve their communities. My granddaughter is a server in a local restaurant and was furloughed a month ago. She was so proud to be able to support herself and live independently. Now she has no income and what little savings she had is gone. She is just one out of thousands in Florida impacted. To get back to work gives back the pride and independence so many need. I believe it can be done responsibly without risking the health and safety of others. We the public have learned the valuable lessons of social distancing and wearing masks, and for those at greater risk they must choose to stay home. I understand that there are risks with any disease but poverty kills people as well.

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Orange	General	Please reopen gyms! I need a place to release stress and my gym has already discussed how to implement social distancing.
Duval	General	I would recommend places that allow smoking and/or vaping: poolhalls, bars, night clubs and casinos to be the very last to be re-open. If the establishment agrees and sign agreement (Posted at entrance of establishments) to be smoke/vape free would be allowed to open earlier. Violation of this agreement would carry immediate shutdown and not allowed to reopen for at least 3 months from date smoking/vaping would normally be allowed.
Orange	Government	I think until the entirety of the country (and possibly global) has a hold on the COViD outbreak it would be irresponsible to reopen as we are a tourist destination that brings in people from all over the world not just the country and makes us a potential hotspot for outbreak just like the problem in Miami and New York but at an even larger scale. We depend on tourism and to risk the lives of both the workers and tourists would be a horrible mistake that would cost us not only the trust of our visitors but possible lives. To open any sooner than globally responsible would be irresponsible and negligent.
Lee	General	Covid 19- Until there has been adequate testing and contact tracing, this virus will continue to spread especially as more people disregard safety measures. Keep thing closed until it is safe. It is already too ripe an environment for continued spread. Listen to the scientists and medical experts, not the politicians.
Flagler	General	We need to focus on the long term effect of what small businesses, family restaurants, and overall economic struggles we Floridians will continue to face and have worsen if we don't start opening restaurants, schools, and essential establishments soon. To say only grocery stores and pharmacies are "essential", I hope those who have children now struggling with "learning" at home will disagree. Our education, life savings, freedom to assemble have been taken from us in hopes of prolonging the lives of those who would already be at risk from the flu. These senseless orders need to stop, for they are hurting businesses, children, and any financial security Floridians once had.
Pasco	Retail	I don't think enough testing has been done in areas besides metro. Ppl are not social distancing in my county. I am for opening the state's IF it is safe to do so and not for profit reasons.
Lee	General	PLEASE GO SLOW. ABIDE BY ALL MEDICAL, RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH GUIDELINES AND RECOMMENDATIONS. The "protestors" demanding opening businesses etc. now are in fact EXTREMELY FEW IN NUMBER, only a VERY TINY portion of the larger Florida citizenry. ALWAYS place public health and safety above general economic concerns, ALWAYS. Otherwise there may be a sizable flight out of the state, thus wrecking property values and the state's general economy.

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Palm Beach	Administrative	With schools closed and not staffed update needed for storm shelters procedures in case of hurricanes We also need local supplies of masks impossible to buy Open golf, beaches only after we peak a how control over infection growth
Orange	Education	Please do not open the state until we have reached a comfortable rate of testing and following up. People are out and about without even knowing they are infected and may never show symptoms while killing everyone around them. Testing and follow up should be mandatory especially if you work with the public. All supermarkets and food handlers should be the first ones tested.
Orange	General	Governor I've been watching this scenario unfold, I think you understand the need to reopen the state. However, as with most governmental issues, we have a small elite, who feel that they're anointed with divine wisdom. This "elite", and supposed experts want to dictate policies that will change America as we know it. Sir, I know by it's hard to take a stand, but the stakes are immense. Honestly, with our economy producing very little, combined with the federal government printing oodles of money, something has to give. For the sake of our nation, let Florida get back to work!
Palm Beach	Healthcare	Let's learn from the mistakes of others (China) and not rush to relax the "stay at home" restrictions. It's better continue the restrictions for shorter period of time now, than to expose people to the virus and to continue the sickness, deaths and economic impact long term. Slow and steady wins the race!
Brevard	Professional Services	I read the requirements Barbers and Cosmetology Salons have to follow in GA to reopen. This is very good info that can be followed by salons in Fl. Where I go, this is already done before this virus started. Hairdressers have the most washed hands of anyone. Take temps when client arrives. 1 client at a time. Masks, gloves, etc. My nail tech has always followed heavy sanitary cleaning. Every time the pedicure chair is used, it is cleaned with bleach. Bleach is run through the jets every time and soaks for a required amount of time. Each client has their own bag of files, etc. Everything is sterilized. she wears a mask and gloves, plexiglass shield if warranted. It can be done. Some women have medical reasons they need hair done for them. I'm one of many. Please open them soon.
Osceola	Tourism	Keep the state closed. More people will die, and I don't want to be one of them!!!!
Broward	General	CDC guidelines should be strictly followed. Reopening should be done so as to protect the jobs of elderly workers and workers with pre-existing medical conditions which make them more vulnerable. Those who need a bit more time to feel comfortable in returning to the workplace should get it. Personal care business which require the employee to touch the customer like barbers, hair dressers and nail salons should be phased in last, and masks should be required for workers and patrons.
Brevard	Professional Services	I work in a Salon. I'm not comfortable going back to work now.

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Flagler	General	I had eloquently expressed my thoughts on opening the state. It was a clear explanation why we should not rush to open. I tried to submit and was told that due to "high volume response" I should try later. Waited, tried 3 more times and then everything I wrote was gone. So please allow me again to say please wait. We have adjusted. Yes we are struggling financially. But to open now when we as a state still struggle to test a broad spectrum of our citizens as well as have the knowledge to aggressively treat an ever evolving virus is just not what I feel would be best for the citizens of Florida. We are a social state. The majority of our citizens earn their living from some part of the service industry. A large majority of my family as well as friends base their income on restaurants, resorts, bars but that's Florida. But to put them back out there with the attitude of well, we'll see what happens is reckless and unneeded. So I'm asking Governor DeSantis to please lean on the side of caution. Yes, people will be irate to still be out of work but that will pale in comparison to the lasting effects of human loss.
Miami-Dade	Recreation	Parks, gyms, restaurants and movies should open ASAP for our sanity !
Miami-Dade	General	I think that salons/spas/barbershops could open with certain restrictions.
Orange	Government	I truly believe that the state should wait on reopening. As long as you have new cases, you have the potential to have another significant wave of this virus which will mean more sick people and deaths. IMHO, you should err on the side of caution. Money is great, but lives are greater.

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Hillsborough	General	People are not taking this COVID19 seriously. My neighbor's dad (who lives in the same community we live in) was diagnosed with COVID19 (he was sent home with double pneumonia and underlying co-modities. He was sent home with Azithromycin and hydroxychloroquine. My neighbor was told that if she was taking care of her dad that she would need to move in with him and self quarantine in seperate rooms of the house (Her husband is in a very high risk due to heart problems). The health department stated that she would then have to self quarantine another 14 days after taking care her dad. 1 week in she came back home to be with her husband going back and forth to care for her dad. In addition both continued as if they were not exposed to someone with COVID and went to Lowes, Publix, etc. I see numbers going up and do not feel that people are taking this safer at home seriously. We have elderly people that live in our community and they just don't get it - they congregate (30+) at our park sitting arms length from each other without the proper PPE. We recently had to have our car jumped and the roadside assistance person did not have a mask on nor did he care about respecting the 6 foot distance. We've received deliveries where the delivery person isn't wearing a mask or respects social distancing (allows people to come up and have conversations without respecting the social distancing). I understand the need to get back to some type of normalcy- whatever that will be moving forward, however I feel that with numbers still increasing we are not going in the right direction (decreasing the spread) and I seriously fear a second wave of spread if we don't stress the importance of everyone adhering to social distancing. I feel we need to know who has COVID, who has the antibody so we have a marker of where we stand. I feel uneasy that this is an ever changing environment where the COVID findings change from day to day. The primary goal should be the safety of all people and communities. I don't believe we are at a point where we are ready to open yet. I know that there are several people as well as myself that feel we are not ready/prepared to get back to norm and are not comfortable going to a movie theatre, stores, or any function that involves people. Not to mention a work place that houses multiple companies in one building and shared restrooms - how can we be safe in this environment when we don't know who is carrying or has this virus.
Pinellas	Education	Closing off the economy is damaging the lives of many. Forcing businesses to go bankrupt and allowing people to lose money.
Hillsborough	General	I am not sure who are members of this "task Force". However I hope and pray it is an eclectic members who include citizens from various professionals (legal, law enforcement, hospital, essential worker, religious,mental health, transportation,education) these are citizens who make up a diverse community . I suggest before discussing opening up our state we need to ensure we don't have any loose ends or pending task that have not been addressed. I was born and raised in Florida. I graduated from Florida State University. I am a Florida License Mental Health Counselor and Certified Addiction Professional. I am employed at a local hospital system in Tampa Florida.I suggest we provide mental health services to persons and their families who were diagnosed with COVID 19. I would also like to nominate myself on being on this or any future task force .. I think the Task Force should be organized and continue for at least the next year.
Lee	General	I believe Florida should stay closed till the middle of May. We still have people dying everyday. Our numbers just started going down.

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Lee	General	Please reopen Florida! Start with beaches, all parks, salons, dining. Open Disney even if just to Florida residents. People can protect selves while out. We need to get Florida working. Open schools as of 5/31 so kids can start summer activities! Yhank you!
Broward	Recreation	I believe you should reopen the land entrance to the everglades, located at atlantic ave and the sawgrass hwy. in broward county.. my wife and I love to go fishing there. while several people use that access, they do not congrgate there...people hike fish and bike, and view wildlife. there is many many more people hiking and biking along A1A in ft Lauderdale, coconut creek, Boca Raton, Delray beach ect than use the land access. This is a wilderness area not a crowded Walmart or Publix parking lot.
Columbia	General	In Columbia County we have 47 cases and 0 deaths. I think this should be taken into consideration when opening our businesses and activities to the public. If we are not in an area of extreme cases, we should be able to move along much further in the phases than South Florida or other areas. This is taking a toll on my children psychologically who are 14 and 6 who have been limited to only very few activities on the 1/4 acre we live on. They would love to be able to have their sports and other activities back. Their whole life came to a standstill in mid March. It would be nice to be able to take them to the state parks, float down the itchetucknee, etc.

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Duval	General	Thank you very much for inviting us to give feedback. In general my opinion is that there is no reason to keep the economy closed any further. There is more and more evidence coming up that the death rate of this virus is a fraction of what we thought. It's probably less, than 0.5%. We can't keep ruining people's livelihood because of something that's essentially a bad flu. What I personally wish could reopen are libraries, schools, and USCIS offices. Libraries because people don't come close to each other anyways. It's a place where social distancing was a thing even before Covid-19. Schools, because if people want to go back to work they need childcare. The virus is not dangerous to kids, let them build up immunity while they can do it without any real risk. I really wish USCIS could reopen again. I've been waiting for my green card for 1.5 years now. My interview was scheduled for the 9th of April. Now I have to wait for who knows how long and it's really upsetting to have to put my life on hold for years. But I really think that all businesses should just open up again. This situation is ruining people's lives for no real reason. Yes, the number of cases will start growing faster than before. But it's true no matter how long do we wait, as long as there is no vaccine. And that will take a really long time if that ever happens. There is no guarantee that there will ever be a vaccine. There is no vaccine for SARS-1, HIV, or Hepatitis C. This situation is hurting the poorest people the most,not just in the US, but everywhere else too. It's not sustainable anymore.
Palm Beach	General	South Florida should not reopen yet. This virus is still spreading and will hurt the vulnerable. My father works for the government and they are prepping employees to reopen. Masks and gloves will not stop the virus. Right now I am able to work from home but if we reopen I will be forced to go back to work with no where for my children (preexisting conditions) to go. The 2/3 FMLA pay is not survivable and I would make more money on unemployment. So many people will die if we reopen to soon and will be completely the governments fault. Save our families!
Seminole	Professional Services	I do not think it is smart to reopen just yet. Please listen to the scientific facts.
Pinellas	General	Open following the set 3 phase plan suggested by the president.
Manatee	Healthcare	I think beaches and parks could be re opened with contined social distancing. Also walmart resume it's normal hours wth continued behavioral modifications
Lee	Food	Keep restaurant closed. China is already getting its 2nd wave and Singapore is already getting its 2nd wave if you reopen to much to fast we are going to get in the same mess and it’s going to kill more people so please just give it more time . Restaurant can continue to do Togo if people really want the restaurant food .
Miami-Dade	Education	Please whatever you do , DO NOT OPEN SCHOOLS, adults know how to wear a mask or take precaution, but children is very hard , specially small children, Do no open schools !!!!
Broward	General	I think we should continue as we are until at least mid May. I would love to get my hair and nails done as much as anyone but it is not worth the risk. I miss seeing friends and family but as are numbers are still going up I find it very irresponsible to open things back up too soon.

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Lee	General	Hello, Start by ensuring we have an ample supply of WHO approved hand sanitizer. Every business must have a gallon on hand at all times. If this means we have distilleries making etoh from the corn farmers are throwing away, so be it. Regular replenishment of sanitizer is a must. 100% mandatory face coverings to go out in public. Many unemployed people could be trained to provide basic enforcement. Every idea must be thrown out, regardless of how draconian. This is the scrum of a lifetime and we al have a part in securing our future. Warm regards, Dave
Hernando	General	Do not reopen florida. My 3 year old son has respiratory issues and I am fearful of the world reopening this early think about someone other than yourself and think of families.
Palm Beach	Food	Now that it has been proven that heat, humidity, and UV sunlight greatly impacts the virus life span, let's start to open up public spaces. As long as social distancing can be maintained I think it is important to let people get out into beautiful Florida open spaces. I also think that much like social distancing measures are the new normal at retail stores and grocery chains, other outlets like restaurants can have simular guidelines. Thank you
Broward	General	When doctors say it safe June would be good enough time for testing to be done
Pinellas	General	Please reopen everything, including bars and stripe clubs because I REALLY NEED to go back to work. I can't live like this anymore. This is getting ridiculous and I want my life and job back.
Hillsborough	Healthcare	I am a small business owner, in the entertainment industry. My company has seen 100% revenue reduction for the rest of the year. Despite the pain we are experiencing, I don't believe we should open the state (or any other state) up for business, even in limited ways. Until we have a robust, nationwide contact tracing system and rigorous, widespread antibody testing, with proof that having antibodies confers immunity, we should continue to shelter in place.
Charlotte	General	Testing and tracking along with individual responsibility is key to getting through this pandemic. Until the testing protocol is in place 100% and there is a means to establish tracking of known cases and establishing who they were in contact with certainy, we might be able to stay ahead of the spread. Opening too soon is a walk into failure.
Palm Beach	Healthcare	Open Medicare Insurance offices.Seniors need help in this crisis. They are scared and want consultation.

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Pinellas	Education	I am a high school senior and I've been made aware that my freshman year of college is now in the question of being cancelled. The government and this virus took away so many last memories I will never get to have and now my first college experience. The restrictions need to be lifted before a lot of children begin committing suicide and become depressed.
Polk	Government	Mr. Governor, Please DO NOT re-open the state of Florida. I fear for my safety and the safety of our community. Please have patience and allow for a vaccine to be developed and distributed. Show us all that no one is disposable and give us all a fighting chance to survive. I hope that your family and yourself are healthy and safe. Warm Regards, Sandra A concerned citizen of Polk County Florida
Pinellas	General	Until we have adequate testing throughout the state of Florida and able to track, isolate and provide care, we should not and cannot open this state to a resurgence of this deadly virus.
Leon	Government	The task force is made up of CEOs and corporation owners. I think these people will only have making money in mind when deciding when to open the State. Why didn't the Governor include anyone from the medical field or the dept of Agriculture and Consumer Ser to serve on the task force. I don't feel like the well being of the people are represented with the existing task force.
Orange	General	I am in favor of allowing all businesses, including libraries, museums, theaters, etc, to begin reopening under appropriate safety guidelines, such as social distancing, increased cleaning/sanitation procedures, along with the recommendation that employees & customers wear masks inside stores. Set reasonable limits on large gatherings. Those establishments serving food/drinks offering dine-in service should limit capacity to create more space between customers, perhaps creating more outside seating. I would apply these rules to theme & amusement parks also. We need many more people tested, including readily accessible antibody testing. People are hurting, Florida needs to get back to work & life. Thank you.
Pasco	General	We need to have our government officials to start this economy. People are loosing their futures so the cure is getting worse than the virus. Restaurants need to be open and tourists need to cone back asap or Florida will be in a depression withis 3 months. Open Florida now PLEASE.
Duval	General	Open it up balls to the wall f this virus it is media driven cover your ass bs

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Palm Beach	Government	Governor, while you devote vast amounts of time and resources into reopening the state's economy, millions of the constituents you represent are starving and without funds that were guaranteed to them by right. I won't go back to work until you give me a guarantee that I won't be evicted from my home, and I'll be made whole for all the potential money I could have made due to YOUR order to shut down the state. Regards, Reuben Isaacson
Miami-Dade	Recreation	Parks, gyms, restaurants, churches, movies need to reopen for the healthy ASAP for our sanity
Broward	General	Reopen small businesses And retail first Do not open beaches
Pinellas	Tourism	Please get our beaches open for locals and tourists. The area has been devastated by shut down of beaches, hotels, hotel pools, and loss of visitors. We are responsible adults and can maintain social distancing, and sanitize ourselves. We can work, and play safely. No need for a Nanny State to rob our freedoms and destroy our local economy. Restaurants are going under, We need to get open again. ASAP!
Volusia	General	I would like more testing - including anti-body testing- before opening everything back up. I am / I do not feel safe yet and will not go out to dinner or to the theme parks for a long time. I lost a relative to the 1918 pandemic in PA and do not trust voices clamoring for opening everything up. I just don't and I feel bad for business, including my own, but my life is worth more as are those who I love. Period.
Lee	Government	I actually edited it ... I'll spare the lengthy message. My suggestion is simple. We can sacrifice 90 days now, or pay dearly later. Is 90 days much to ask for human lives? We can and WILL bring the economy back. However, you cannot bring back a head of household, a mother, father, grandparent, spouse, son, daughter, etc. Such a loss WILL FOREVER change lives. Please don't place the mighty dollar before human lives. If you ease up too soon, this WILL come back to bite us. April - May - June followed by a slow, well informed phasing to reopen establishments. Anything sooner, and time will let you know if you made the right decisions. Every action has a reaction. I pray you make the right one. God bless.
Volusia	Government	I know that it is portent for people to get back to work but we are still seeing an increase in cases and not everyone has been tested. It is crucial that everyone gets tested and more or less see what those numbers are. I think it is too early to reopen!

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Lee	Healthcare	My concerns are opening up elective services, especially dental. Dental procedures produces aerosols that can stay suspended upwards of 3 hours. Hygienist are at the highest risk as they see 8+ patients a day and are inches from a patients face. There are not enough measures in place for these offices to open. The PPE's are backordered for months. Many of these patients come in sick normally because they feel they "just have a cold" or they are "almost over it". I had many patients in January-March coming in sick after having traveled all over. That poses a risk to everyone in the office including other patients and their families. I feel like there should be special attention paid to the field of dentistry.
Hillsborough	General	I feel that rushing reopening carries the risk of the virus spreading like wildfire and having to lockdown all over again. I would prefer continuing on the way we have through April until it is safe to reopen over having to do this all over again because of rushing and potentially risking more lives.
Duval	General	Follow the best medical advice and also use the Institute figures and dates for easing the distancing restrictions. Let wisdom prevail from the medical community to deal with a serious health issue and crisis. Why any need to rush? Let us not have a resurgence of cases when we ease on social distancing and contact too soon.
Palm Beach	General	Open us up! People vulnerable to the virus should still keep distance, but the rest of us need to get back to living our lives. The medical experts always bring the doom and gloom and always are on the side of over-caution, which is not necessarily best. People want to get back to some kind of normal. We just heard the other day that uv rays kill the virus and we are the sunshine state, open the parks, beaches and playgrounds at a minimum. Studies in New York show 20% of 3000 tested have already had the virus...and obviously they survived it. Lethality rate of the virus is far less than we are being led to believe by the fakestream media.
Pasco	Management	We need to open Florida. It should have never been closed. I would forgo my unemployment if I could get back to work. I have not gotten any monies yet, but would be happy not to. I believe 1 death is too many, but, crashing the economy will do much more harm and cause more health issues including mental health.
Duval	General	Just open everything back up. Too many people are out of work. Make businesses set special hours for the elderly, people with pre existing conditions or are otherwise disinclined to go near other people. This has gone on long enough and is causing far too much harm to our economy, societal norms and way of life. Waiting for a vaccine that may or may not work is untenable. Humans are social creatures that have survived for thousands of years with far greater adversity that Corona.
Pasco	Food	Please have all workers tested for virus before allowing them to open their business especially restaurants. Also have them be required to wear protective gear and check temperature daily before working. Have regulation in place for workers and still have social distancing for those planning to eat at these places. Would like to see business open sooner than later.

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Hillsborough	General	People are not taking this COVID19 seriously. My neighbor's dad (who lives in the same community we live in) was diagnosed with COVID19 (he was sent home with double pneumonia and underlying co-modities. He was sent home with Azithromycin and hydroxychloroquine. My neighbor was told that if she was taking care of her dad that she would need to move in with him and self quarantine in seperate rooms of the house (Her husband is in a very high risk due to heart problems). The health department stated that she would then have to self quarantine another 14 days after taking care her dad. 1 week in she came back home to be with her husband going back and forth to care for her dad. In addition both continued as if they were not exposed to someone with COVID and went to Lowes, Publix, etc. I see numbers going up and do not feel that people are taking this safer at home seriously. We have elderly people that live in our community and they just don't get it - they congregate (30+) at our park sitting arms length from each other without the proper PPE. We recently had to have our car jumped and the roadside assistance person did not have a mask on nor did he care about respecting the 6 foot distance. We've received deliveries where the delivery person isn't wearing a mask or respects social distancing (allows people to come up and have conversations without respecting the social distancing). I understand the need to get back to some type of normalcy- whatever that will be moving forward, however I feel that with numbers still increasing we are not going in the right direction (decreasing the spread) and I seriously fear a second wave of spread if we don't stress the importance of everyone adhering to social distancing. I feel we need to know who has COVID, who has the antibody so we have a marker of where we stand. I feel uneasy that this is an ever changing environment where the COVID findings change from day to day. The primary goal should be the safety of all people and communities. I don't believe we are at a point where we are ready to open yet. I know that there are several people as well as myself that feel we are not ready/prepared to get back to norm and are not comfortable going to a movie theatre, stores, or any function that involves people. Not to mention a work place that houses multiple companies in one building and shared restrooms - how can we be safe in this environment when we don't know who is carrying or has this virus.
St. Johns	General	We were told to do this to flatten the curve and give hospitals a chance to not be over run. The hospitals are empty and the curve is flat. Now it seems to be about control. You can't keep people from getting sick. This was not the reason we were given. Now it has morphed into this tyrannical confinement order. Stop the madness. Open Florida tomorrow and let the people make their choices. After all this used to be America. And if you think the party trying to nullify the 2016 election, then investigated our President for 2 years, then impeaching him for looking too hard at corruption, is above using this for political gain, think again. This is not about us anymore. It's about government limiting our freedoms and we are sick of it.
Pinellas	General	Please don't reopen before at least mid May, preferably end of May

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Seminole	General	Hello Task Force! The health/medical reporting is overkill. We've had a GREAT education, repetitively, on how a pandemic affects these areas for the last couple months now that it's beginning to become classified as grumbling. **We need to hear encouraging (ongoing & comprehensive) news on next steps. This WE KNOW: MANY people need to get back to work, it's a disaster most Floridians are suffering. We understand the repercussions. 'INEXPERIENCED' QUESTION: what if the majority of businesses open in the State (except bars, sports arenas & maybe another industry you deem to remain closed) Statewide Order curfew (except those working during curfew), social distancing & mandatory masks. **This way people can get back to work for a few weeks. Perhaps, maybe, the demonstrators wouldn't demonstrate if they could at least work.
Escambia	General	Please LISTEN to the medical/infectious control experts! They kinda know a little something. DO NOT do like the idiot so-called governor of Georgia did. Re-open Florida thoughtfully and carefully. Do not rush just because elected officials want it or people ask for it. Take your time and do it right. Everyone's lives depend on it. We've lost too many lives already because elected officials in Florida acted out of complete and utter stupidity. They are murderers in my opinion. I do not intend to be a name on a gravestone.
St. Johns	General	Florida should remain “closed” for another 30 days. The only thing that should be reopened are the beaches for recreation and exercise.
Pinellas	General	I think we should be slow to open the counties and the state. Especially counties where demographics show more susceptible or higher rates of infection. My county has a lot of older constituents—myself included. You may think that the older generation can just stay home and have things delivered That breaks down when the delivery person is contagious but not tested or diagnosed. They’re in that two day to two week period before they are feeling sick but could be contagious. In additionWe don’t know if, like many other viruses, COVID-19 will mutate .I understand the economic issues but in the long run one cannot enjoy improved economic state if one is ill or God forbid deceased.
Citrus	Recreation	Open up the beaches for scuba divers
Seminole	Healthcare	To early to open up. Need to see a significant decline in positive cases and deaths. The curve needs to drop, not just flatten. After peak decline should reach at least 50% before phase 1 begins. This virus is not going away easily and it would be irresponsible to think it will.

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Hillsborough	Administrative	I am a retired NASA scientist & engineer (KSC) and while my degrees in Math/Physics and Aerospace are not medical, I do have an ability for numerical analysis. I have studied the graphical nature of the Johns Hopkins data from various countries, states, my local county (Hillsborough) and even zip codes. In addition, I have made observations of the daily lives of people in my area. What I have seen is not encouraging. The threat of COVID-19 in Florida will last well into 2021 and longer if not handled properly. What I recommend is neither continued current quarantine efforts nor completely opening the state, but a compromise. One truly encouraging effort was performed during the Toronto outbreak of SARS in 2003. The containment endeavor was heroic, albeit on a much smaller scale than the current pandemic. Their concentrated efforts were on exposed individuals, which is too granular to be part of a statewide effort at this point. County wide quarantine is also too wide an application to be effective. However, from what I have observed, it may be possible to isolate individual zip codes. This may be more manageable from a state perspective. These are my suggestions for your consideration in opening the state for business: -Statistically analyze each zip code for COVID-19 trends. -For those zip code with no increase in cases, allow them to open for all businesses. -For those zip code with an increase in cases, close them down completely for one week. -All closed zip code areas should have streets blocked, police patrolled, and people home. -Mandate use of masks for all people in all public areas for a minimum of two weeks -Mandate use of masks for business employees serving the public until further notice. -Individuals traveling into the state should have their temperature measured. -Hotels should restrict all communal areas. -Beaches can open with a minimum of 10-20 feet between groups.
Miami-Dade	General	I don’t think is a good idea to reopen the business at this point We should wait longer to make it safe for everyone .
Volusia	Construction	OPEN THE STATE YOU TYRANTS! The lockdown is ridiculous. Tell those in charge to get off their power trip and let people manage their liberties. The hospitals aren’t overflowing (which was the reason for this in the first place) so let’s get on with life. Waiting for a cure is abusive and stupid.
St. Lucie	General	I'm comfortable with safely opening the Florida economy. We can't go much longer. The country is headed for bankruptcy, so please consider lifting the lockdown order by May 1. Thank you. We all need to be able to get out of our houses and go somewhere other than the grocery store. Let's take the partisan dynamics out of the decision-making. We should all be able to use our common sense to keep ourselves safe with a gradual re-opening in Florida.

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Hillsborough	Administrative	Governor DeSantis, Thank you for being a truly great Governor! We really appreciate everything you're doing but PLEASE OPEN FLORIDA - ALL OF IT! Here are my suggestions: 1. For anyone that is fearful of catching the virus or is in a high risk category, give them the choice to remain home and do what they feel is right for their situation. 2. For anyone that wishes to go back to work, it should be their choice and they accept whatever risks are associated with their decision The above two suggestions cover all scenarios easily by giving the people the right to make a decision that is appropriate for their situation. For the people that wish to remain home, they can stay on whatever aid they require if they are entitled to receive such aid (unemployment, etc). Hopefully, many of these people are able to work from home and will still be independent of government aid... For the rest of the people - they can't wait any longer. It's time. Please don't let the pressure from the fear mongering nut cases impact your decision. We know "you got this!" Thanks for everything you do. Much respect, Ken Jones 727.510.1624
Osceola	Healthcare	I feel the State needs to stay closed longer.
Okeechobee	General	Please dont re open... Keep us safe at home. I think more should close, i think the numbers are going to increase once reopening. I have children with asthma and i Fear for their life. I have elderly parents and I hear for them. I fear That this is nowhere near being over and I fear reopening will make it worse.
Manatee	General	GOVERNOR DESANTIS IS DOING A GREAT JOB. NO NEED TO BE HASTY IN OPENING PUBLIC SPACES AS LONG AS THE NO. OF DEATHS CONTINUE TO RISE. MORE TESTING IS NEEDED.
Lee	Healthcare	Reopen the economy without delay and as fully as possible. This is the greatest scam ever perpetrated in world history and you fell for it. We need to get back to work fully and immediately before we permanently destroy our economy and our world. Poverty kills far more people than viruses each year. There's not enough money in the world to bailout every person, business, municipality, and state. There will be severe economic repercussions if we just continuing to print money and run up debt in perpetuity. Doing the right thing will take courage and won't be popular but the future of humanity is at stake if you don't act now. Do the right thing, let us get back to living.

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Hillsborough	General	I would like to see all the parks , beaches , retail & restaurants open May 1. Even if everything opened up May 1 , people will only slowly go back to normal life. The more people see life is going back to normal , the more people will begin to go to the dentist & doctor again . People are afraid to go to the doctor even if they aren't well. My husband, a pediatrician, business is down by 1/3. A couple weeks ago he had a patient that had to be admitted to the hospital because the parents were afraid of the coronavirus & delayed bringing their child in to his office. A hospitalization might could have been avoided if they had brought their child in sooner. The sooner things open up & people feel like we are on the road to normal , everyone benefits & people begin to take care of the things they have put on hold, most importantly their health. There is no way to count the numbers of cases where people didn't seek medical help because they were afraid to go to the doctor or hospital that led to serious consequences. Please get people back to work. It benefits everyone.
Lee	Real Estate	My interest is all. If people choose to stay home because they have fears then that should be their choice. It's beyond evident that there is more to this COVID-19 than meets the eye here sir. Based on the amount of evidence that we have it is completely unreasonable to expect assistance to continue to stay in a quarantined situation which is far more detrimental to peoples health mental health financial health not even to mention the fact that the economy has been crushed. Governor Desantis- I know you want to do the right thing I know that this is campaign season but this is about America. People can choose to wear masks and gloves and whatever they need to do to feel okay we can continue to practice social distance thing or whatever other stuff we have to do open the city of Fort Meyers Cape Coral open Lee County thank you sir
Hillsborough	Healthcare	Please do not reopen until we see a considerable decrease on the amount of people confirmed with the Coronavirus in the State of Florida. I believe if we can extend the stay at home until 6/1/2020 hopefully, by then it will decrease. Thank you for your consideration, Lillian Gonzalez
Alachua	General	Fl needs to reopen schools for summer school. Need to reopen restaurants and use the distance method and have patrons make reservations. By keeping ppl at home you are lowering their immune system so that when they are allowed back out they will be easier compromised.
Broward	General	It is way way too soon to open the state back up. We need to wait until the actual medical experts tell us it is safe so that it isn't prolonged and we don't have a second wave.
Hillsborough	General	Please don't open the state of Florida at this time. We have had such a limited amount of testing done that the numbers can't be correct. I think opening the state at this time would cause mass spread of the Covid 19 virus. We need to have an iron tight plan in place before this is done.

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Seminole	Education	As an educator I am genuinely concerned at the risk of spread in my classroom. While young people may be at less risk of extreme consequences they are not immune to them. Just as well I and my colleagues are at greater risk if they bring in the virus and spread it to us. In addition their families at home are at risk if one student gives it to another. It would be greatly irresponsible to put so many people at risk. While I understand many people are also suffering financially there are steps the federal and stars governments could have (could still) help while not also putting our population at greater risk. The unemployment debacle here in Florida has been a national embarrassment as have the initial steps taken by the governor. It can be assured that the response to this pandemic will heavily influence how I will be voting. Please do what is right for the people of the state and nation. It is my strong belief that a hasty reopening of the state is not in the people's best interest.
Orange	General	I would recommend opening back up outdoor activity venues - such as beaches, parks, etc. -- restricting group sizes to 5 or less people - safe distances of 6 ft from others - 7 - 7p daily. That should give enough of a group size to accommodate families with children, extended family while providing a safe environment that has minimum risk (UV light/heat kills virus on surfaces) - this could be done as a first phase. Provided that phase doesn't prove a spike in infections within 3 weeks, I would roll out another tier of services such as elective procedures (chiropractic adjustments, acupuncture treatments, massage, hair dressers, - provided appropriate PPE measures are taken). Provided there is not a spike in infections within 3 weeks of opening up the second tier of elective services I would recommend opening restaurants, theaters, work out centers, etc. with spacing considerations. That again would need to be tested for another 3 weeks to see if there is a spike of infections or if it stays flat-lined. The tricky part is figuring out what goes in each tier - I'm certain I've overlooked many industries that could be woven into the fabric of the 3 tiered approach. I think that we have to get this right - our State relies heavily on travelers coming in and spending money at theme parks, resort stays, excursions, etc. If we open up too fast then we have a major problem that will affect many people for years to come. You guys are in my prayers as you try to make the right decisions on our behalf. Thank you for your consideration.
Brevard	Food	As much as I would love to open up our restaurant and serve customers I don't think it's time yet. If I still have to wear a mask for safety and limit the amount of guest I would just like to continue doing to-go only. It's keeps all our employees safe and protected for right now.
Pinellas	Retail	I'm a bar owner and patiently awaiting reopening! How can our UI website still be such a disaster? My 9 year old grandson could have this fixed by now!

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Miami-Dade	General	Masks are very hard to wear in the heat especially those that have asthma or you may run into the problem of heat strokes. Please do not enforce them at theme parks like Disney. I've overheard there is talk about making everyone wear masks... it's not realistic especially with kids. Also- open business that operate with few people at a time... ex: my hairstylist, she works on her own at my salon suite and it's literally her and myself.
Hillsborough	General	I am a Small business franchise owner here in Hillsborough Co. At least one of my members was hospitalized with COVID19. Her daughter and sons also visit my gym. I have an underlying heart condition as well as a pulmonary issue. I am tremendously worried that with the lack of testing in our county that the virus will enter my establishment. We work hard to clean and are known for our cleanliness but no gym can all of a sudden stop the spread with how members move and touch and sweat over everything at all times. We have no windows and no sunlight. Most gyms are the same. Seeing that testing increased the positive tests, if the Citrus Park area was tested I'm concerned we will see an up tick and those folks will spread the virus to all of us who have properly quarantined for safety purposes. I'd really like to see more testing and smaller establishments open first to see if larger places like mine can open without being part of a new spread. Will there be legal ramifications if someone claims they caught COVID in a gym? Please open small to big to factually gain data and be able to control that data for the greater good!
Hillsborough	General	To truly consider rolling back current safety measures, increased and open access to testing is needed. The extent of the disease and who is affected cannot be understood without open and widespread testing to get a statistically relevant understanding of the actual infection rate. Continued and regular testing should also be a key part of any reopening operations to understand how measures being implemented are changing the infection rate. We are at a critical stage in this pandemic and we should not proceed with changing current policies without having a system to monitor and determine if we are putting the population at risk.
Nassau	Healthcare	PLEASE DO NOT REOPEN FLORIDA YET. Social distancing - a rather blunt force approach - has been the only thing that has worked well in reducing COVID-19 infection rates. Given that the ability to monitor (test for) the virus is insufficient at this time, social distancing remains the only viable way of controlling infection spread. When either cases are showing a strong and persistent decline OR there is the ability to proactively test and contact trace would be an appropriate time to "reopen" the State of Florida. Not before.
Nassau	General	We feel that the only way to feel SAFE, which is the only way to get the economy truly going again, is to follow the reopening guidelines set out by the CDC. That means FLORIDA needs to test, test, test! Both for current infections, but reliable tests to know if you have had it and can now go back to normal. As a teacher working with distance learning, BRAVO, you did the right thing about keeping schools closed until summer!

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St. Johns	Recreation	Please open the beaches full time and everyone can still continue to social distance. Please allow businesses to open and restaurants but enforce a maximum number of people using social distancing and take their temperatures before they enter. Perhaps open restaurants with outdoor tables first. Open retail establishments as well but have requirements in place with regards to the virus. I vote to Re open Floirida but safely.
Wakulla	Government	As someone who takes a medication which makes me severely immunocompromised, I think it would be wise to wait a couple.more weeks to re-open Florida . Florida just started doing more testing which should give a clearer picture of where we really are. I also think masks or face coverings should be mandatory in public places for at least a few weeks. My husband is a Type 1 diabetic and my mom has stage 4 COPD. Any extra precautions the Governor can mandate for a few weeks would be greatly appreciated.
Pasco	General	There are now reports that those infected with the coronavirus previously are not immune and can get it again. This combined with the fact that we will not have a vaccine for the foreseeable future likely means that all were doing is delaying the inevitable. We can't keep the economy closed forever to run from a virus or even for the 12 months they said best case scenario for a vaccine gives me the opinion that we need to open the economy now altogether before we have a huge outbreak and an almost dead economy. People will be suffering both ways if we don't reopen if we just go to straight reopening we can make it just one. No steps can be taken that will make anyone safer from this in the long run till we have a vaccine. Thanks for your time in reading and taking my opinions into consideration. Also desperate people do desperate things so in the long run keeping stuff closed will result in more crime including violent crime to obtain stuff from those who are still employed increased homelessness (though thats not a crime) etc.
Orange	Transportation	The state needs to stay closed as long as epidemiologists and doctors say it does. This is a health decision. Not an economic one. Opening up the state is just a cruel way to throw thousands off unemployment. Stop playing games and keep the state closed until this pandemic is over. People’s lives depend on it.
Hillsborough	Healthcare	I believe we should open FL when it is safe for every one and we have access to more texting. I am worried because we don't have access to antibody testing yet in our state and we don't gave a clear idea of how virulent covid19 really is Other area I am concerned about is a second peak. We don't know enough about this virus to bank on the fact that the worst is over we don't know. I don't think some people know the danger they are putting themselves into I still see people shopping for groceries with children crawling all over the floor. I understand that the money is not coming in but if you get sick it will be worst.
Broward	Education	I am not in support of reopening Broward county. I am concerned about our elderly and those who could possibly be affected by the virus. I am in favor of doing what it takes to keep our communities safe. We will always be able to rebuild the economy but we are NOT able to rebuild lives taken from the virus.

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Orange	Education	I would really prefer if businesses didn't open yet. I understand the impact it's having in the economy yet medical professionals and scientists are overwhelmingly opposing this idea. I would prefer to listen to those who have dedicated their life to science and medicine on these issues rather than politicians who have little to no understanding of how viruses and infections work. If Florida fully reopens people from outside of state will come to our beaches and other areas possibly bringing more cases with them. I don't feel that's fair to the citizens of Florida who are doing their best to social distance. Please don't reopen our businesses without the go ahead from actual scientists and doctors. Please compile a panel or committee of doctors, scientists and economists to come up with a plan for when it would be best for the population. Thank you.
St. Johns	General	Please don't open up businesses yet. Too many people are sick and don't know it and not enough tests are available.
Okaloosa	General	I am a mother and grandmother who is concerned for the health of of state and the people who live here year round. I feel if we open up to fast we will be hurting our state. Our business are feeling it for sure but if we all get sick and die then we have done nothing for anybody. Are number are still going up so that right there should tell you that we are still not ready to allow our state to open up for guests to come visit. We still can't go to the stores and get what we need for just the Florida residents what will happen when you open us us up? Also people have issues with social distanting instead they want to fight. I think that California lockdown was was the best way cause there number went down but it didn't seem to work here cause people went out and just messed around at Walmart and tennis court baseball court's so that really didn't stop any thing
Broward	General	reopen everything. people are trained in social distancing and from what I've seen, they are very well behaved and respecting it. having closed beaches and parks was a stupid idea....people are never close to strangers in those places (except during spring break).
Orange	General	If people can congregate in walmarts, costocs, target, home depot, lowes and publix they are smart enough to follow same principles in other businesses (that are dying and may never recover). If not, they can choose to stay home. Allow businesses to reopen - they will police themselves for both their employees and their customers - restaurants with outdoor seating/distancing, salons that can schedule customers with physical distancing all without undo regulations that they cannot meet because thermometers aren't available (unless the State can provide them)....the economy of Florida is too important to ignore and we have done an excellent job with 22M people and only 1000 deaths (70% lower than model projections).

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Volusia	Education	As an employee at a Florida college, I worry that reopening public venues, such as colleges, will cause a second wave of COVID 19. People often think of colleges as places for young, healthy people. However, there are many students and employees who are immuno-compromised. There are tight spaces in classrooms and student affairs offices where masks will not be affective. Please consider the safety of Floridians and don't open too soon!
Miami-Dade	General	This is the state of Florida it needs to open back up people need to take precautions wear mask when in public for the next few months but the economy needs to start up The cure can't be worse than the disease
Orange	General	Our area is not ready to be open. Visitors from around the world with who knows what kind of germs could gain access into theme parks which are not equipped to scan for viruses. It's not all about the money.
Volusia	Tourism	We need more testing and antibody testing statewide especially in Volusia where it has been limited to little or none. It should be mandatory for people to wear masks in public we don't know who is asymtomatic. Too soon to open up our state, tourism and small businesses wil come back. Besides who has money for shopping and tourism we are lucky we have food on our tables!! $1200 is nothing and most used it to feed their families, unemployment payments aren't happening fast enough to help the people survive. School should NOT Resume till next yeat. Mandatory masks. More testing!! Do not open yet peoples lives are at risk and not just the elderly!!
Pasco	General	I am in favor of reopening the economy. The vulnerable and sick should take extra precautions but the rest of us want to get back to work. Thanks
Alachua	General	We should not open the state for at least another month. Socal distancing is working. We do not have the virus under control. Opening now would be several steps backwards. Please please wait another 3-4 weeks
Miami-Dade	Retail	Malls business should open first before beachs with limited times 10-6 With social distance
Broward	Administrative	I think it's a decision we will regret if Florida opens up. Think about the outbreak in 1918 it came back even worst than the first outbreak. I have 100% faith in Dr Fauci predictions that we're going to have another outbreak in the Fall. Also people are still sick and dying daily. Hair, nails, restaurant s opening is not worth my family's life. If this happens the only place folks are going to wear their new hair dos and nails is in a Casket.
Orange	General	I believe the stay at home order needs to be lifted. I met a Carney today who was out of a job. There are many people like this that get by on very little income and now that has been taken away from them. Individuals should be able to decide the risks they are willing to take weighed against the possible consequences. Sometimes you need to take your kids to the park before you lose your mind, and sometimes you need to go to work tomorrow because if you don't, your kids won't be able to eat. America is about the freedom to be.

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Orange	General	I feel its time to open Florida with 4 weeks of decreasing cases. Lets open the economy and save jobs. We can practice social distancing inside all businesses and take prudent and sensible care. As long as the hospitals have availability we can help anyone who might get sick. That was the whole point of the complete global shutdown. Lets get started and save the economy using common sense and safe practices.
Volusia	General	With a note from the doctor allow high risk and high risk dependents to stay home with they jobs protected on unemployment or furlough. Make masks mandatory in public places, continue with 6ft apart, and have businesses continue to run with 50% capacity. There is no reason Florida can't open up with these precautions.
Orange	General	As a Floridian who works in hospitality, please DO NOT open Orange County too early. WDW and Universal do not have to open before June 1. I do not want to die, or my family to die, because people want to go to a theme park. PLEASE.
Broward	General	Because parks are closed, I am seeing families walking and biking in the streets, children playing in the streets and I feel this is dangerous due to traffic. In other states, parks and green spaces are not closed. It is easy to practice social distancing in the open green spaces of our parks and beaches. Fresh air and exercise are important for our health. I hope that parks and beaches will be among the first things that reopen.
Manatee	General	Let's get back to work! Incredibly disproportionate fear is bankrupting our country. The deaths are regrettable. The deaths from influenza are regrettable. The deaths from car accidents, cancer, heart disease, drug overdoses are also truly sad. We didn't close down the country for these serious problems. Let's proceed with caution. Now.
Seminole	Recreation	Beaches that are self sanitizing and wide open spaces and national parks where people can hike in the wide open outdoors would be a huge boost for people's mental/emotional health which seems more pressing at this point in quarantine before we hear of more abuse/suicide/etc. People can safely get outside breathe fresh air and obtain some vitamin D to boost their immune system. Please consider lifting the bans for those areas. Thanks for the consideration! ♡
Orange	General	Gov. DeSantis please open the state,businesses,restaurants,hotels,theme parks are needed,if anything keep Miami Dade on a weekly delay as it's the only area that has extensive cases but the rest of the state is ready.

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Brevard	Agriculture	To whome it may concern..i have watch this world transformed herself into somthing new without our help lives has been changed drastically and no one person has an answer as i looked around no one are taking this pandemic seriously. We are all a part of this and it seams no end is in sight peoples are loosing control because our government has no solid knowledge of when ,what,or how sure you will have people disagree with you no matter what decision being made someone will rebel against, its to soon as long as people are dysfunctional in their behavior toward others by not respecting other people we are all in this together its sad people risk their lives and their families lives to help us and the majority of us wont wear a mask.i know we all look silly but its ok better to be safe than sorry.that governor in Georgia and other state unless they know something we dont keep it closed,until we learn how to utilize everything we have in finding a cure something are bigger than the eyes can see people have no idea life is greater when we all come together for the good of humankind. THERE IS NO BLAME I BELIEVE WHATEVER HAPPENS ARE ALWAYS MENT TO HAPPEN.the things that are opening up are not that important you consider how important is one life being taken to soon because someone wanted to go mingling with other to soon i know all should stand tall plant,pray and enjoy your families medical care we need ,agricultural yes..this is not that hard you and all the rest of our public officials has to do what is right and keep us safe in spite of what other may think.i could go on and on but I'll give others time to express just mabe we could help shed a little light.God Bless
Duval	General	Life has never been and never will be 100% safe. In fact, when can we ever extrapolate a safe percentage? Take away the term "COVID19," just look at the numbers, and you should be scratching your head as to why we killed the economy the way we have. It is clear there has been an extreme overreaction and if we do not correct it fast, there will be little to return to. There is a saying "sometimes one must cut off a finger to save a hand." In this case, we are cutting off a hand to save a finger! We need to get back to business regardless of what the so-called experts are guessing because, guess what, another flu season is just around the corner. There will be another flu season after that as well. Somehow we let this morph into a panic not pandemic. And we won't even go into this ridiculous deficit spending on all levels - that will prove to be more harmful than this virus. Shame on the people who have let political expediency get in the way of common sense. Let's get back to work - government people should realize that unemployed cannot continue to pay taxes and then the gravy train will crash. Let's get back to work, end the insanity! Have felt this way since the beginning.

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Palm Beach	General	I want SCIENCE and SCIENTISTS AND MEDICAL JUDGEMENT to guide the reopening of our state. As one of the many senior citizens of the state, I am fearful for the well-being of my husband, mother and me if we do this too early and in a reckless manner. DO NOT take Georgia's lead and open businesses that in no way can operate with social distancing in place. Bowling alleys, nail salons, barber shops etc. CANNOT maintain at least 6 feet between people and function. BE SMART and wait until our COVID-19 cases hves decreased substantially and there is much more testing available and contact tracing is in place. We do not need a second wave of this pandemic sweeping our state filled with those most vulnerable people. PLEASE BE SMART and follow the guidelines of the medical experts.
Manatee	Recreation	It's time to open FL. Our state can not survive economically this way. People need to go back to work, to provide for their families. Taking away their livelihood and telling them they have to stay home can not continue. The goal was to flatten the curve, that has been accomplished. Now it's time to get back to business.
Osceola	General	Do not feel safe returning to work in an enclosed environment such as a shopping mall until the amount of cases have decreased and we have flattened the curve . Leaving the decision to top health care advisors . I think stay at home orders should still be in place until we are in the clear and minimal exposure to the virus . We would like our unemployment checks though . None of my household has received any unemployment thus far .
Manatee	Healthcare	Dear Gov. DeSantis, As a provider of dental healthcare in Manatee County, I feel that we are prepared to reopen our offices safely. As a practitioner with over 20 years of experience, I feel prepared to deliver safe, essential care to my patients by May 9. I feel that the ability to test patients and employees for CoVid19 would be a big benefit to my patients as well as the local medical community by both reducing the workload for the medical community and intercepting incidences of exposure. As an office that has followed your guidelines, I request the designation of essential medical personnel so that I may order and provide to my support team the proper personal protective equipment that will continue to ensure the highest measure of safety to my patients. Professionally yours, Tiffany Boyd, DMD
Broward	Recreation	Reopen pools in private condominium
Pinellas	General	Please open up some sectors of our economy. Slowly. With strict guidelines. And please please open the beaches. We need that venue to get out and walk, sit and exercise. The beaches are large enough that we can do that and still abide by social distancing.
Pinellas	Management	Florida needs to reopen there is way to many people out of work. Florida unemployment is a mess. Reopen Florida
Broward	General	Should have never been shut down the annual premature death rate for broward county residents has averaged between 300-400 per every 100,000 each year!!! Considering Browards population is over 1.9 million people... that's a lot.. also palm beach and martin counties which btw don't enforce mask wearing has far less cases than broward and dade although very close geographically.. open up now!! Before anarchy begins

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Sarasota	General	Open FL up just like normal, the research shows we have been way over cautious. Let's us common sense by not being around those most vulnerable and let's get this economy moving again.
Volusia	General	I feel retail stores and restaurants need re-opened with sone social distancing. The state needs to open up to allow people to return to work! Beaches also need re-opened to allow sunbathing, swimming , and exercising.
Leon	General	We need to get businesses open as soon as safely possible. However we should adhere to the guidelines that President Trump announced earlier. Once the first gate is reached, we should get as many small businesses open as possible. If this takes all citizens wearing masks, so be it. If by wearing masks, social distancing, limiting customers in the stores, and increased sanitizing actions will allow us to reopen, let's do so. However as a Senior, my plan is to continue to limit my activities to only essential things, so that I can be safe. Even if we can reopen the stores and shops, large crowds should still be restricted. Schools and our colleges and universities should remain closed, and conduct distance learning until a vaccine, or other medical treatment is available. Take care, and be safe and well, and thank you for giving Floridians a voice in this decision.
St. Johns	Healthcare	It is prudent to open elective medical and dental services. We can not postpone ongoing care to all our patients without causing harm to them.
Seminole	Tourism	Please allow most businesses to open as of Friday May 1st. All businesses that do not have large (50 or more) numbers of people gathered at any given time. Please keep theme parks closed until July 1st. DO NOT allow the theme parks to open until July 1st!
Seminole	General	I don't believe it is a good idea to re open the state. Everyday we are learning something new about the virus and if we open too soon, the consequences will be undoubtedly worse than if we wait longer. I do believe that a lot of people are in a bad situation because of the economy and so the state government needs to be better about taking care of those who are affected financially.
Marion	General	Florida should be allowed to open small businesses, restaurants, etc, in phases. Maybe 25% capacity, then 50, then 75 to see how the numbers of cases rise. People are are in fear of resuming normal activities should be allowed to stay home and quarantined. I do not feel that quarantining everyone is wise because it is depressing and that along with anxiety of not working or receiving enough money to pay bills can lead to other problems, such as suicides. The people who are more at risk souls continue social distancing and let the rest of the people go on with their lives.

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Orange	Professional Services	To whom it may concern, I am writing with great concerns in regards to the possible reopening of spas at this time. As an aesthetician (facial specialist) I do not feel that it is safe to resume services that require direct person to person contact so soon. I would like to share some information on what our services entail so that it may be considered when discussing the reopening of businesses in our industry. Lumping services such as facials, massages, and eyelash extensions with hair services would be a HUGE mistake that will undoubtedly contribute to a spike of new cases. Some things to consider that you may or may not be aware of: - During a facial treatment, the FACE to FACE distance between the client and the aesthetician is only about 12-15 inches. That's it! Add steam and the germs we breath out between each other further spreads in the treatment room. - While the aesthetician can and should be wearing a mask, it is impossible for a client to wear a mask while receiving a facial service, which is performed with the aestheticians hands. - Facial and massage services typically consist of 60 minutes of direct person to person, skin to skin contact. - Medical aestheticians who work in medical spas and doctors offices usually wear gloves for the duration of the service, however MOST aestheticians who work in salon spas and chain spas do not. I have worked in this industry for 15 years. Colds, stomach flus, and viruses spread through these spa settings unbelievably fast. A client comes in, the aesthetician or massage therapist provides a service to them, the service provider gets sick, the other coworkers get sick, and we take it home to our children and families. Even with the best sanitation practices in place, this is a very common occurrence in our industry. From November 2019 to February 2020, for example, the spa I worked for was hit with three waves of sickness. It would be a huge mistake to overlook spa services as hotbeds for spreading COVID19 throughout our community.

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Palm Beach	Education	Mr DeSantis, You did the right thing by keeping the schools closed. I am a teacher of deaf and hearing impaired young children in the public schools and it is not possible for them to social distance. I also live in a 55 and over community and now that you and president trump have begun to talk about opening up the country prematurely everyone thinks they now have a license to begin having gatherings of over 10 people. Wine and cheese parties for the last two weeks have been occurring in front of my house!! The management company says they answer to the board of the homeowners association. The president of the board is at ending the gathering and says “let’s just see how it goes!” I was told to call the police and a lovely Sargent Johnson in Delray Beach told me no one would come out to Villa Borghese! Said no gathering s is not a law and they wouldnt even encourage people not to gather. We need a strong decisive government to keep people safe. This pandemic is not a joke. Testing is only now becoming available And I for one believe I had the virus back in February. No antibody testing is available My doctor sent me to an urgent care center and when I called they did not have any antibody tests. Please do NOT open up our state as all our hard work will be for naught. Thanks for asking for our input. Sincerely, Lynn Brown
Pinellas	General	Dear Governor and Task Force, Thank you Governor Desantis for the tireless dedication and hardwork you are doing for the residents of Florida. Thank you to the other officials helping with this situation. I would like to share my thoughts with you about re-opening of the State. I want to be constructive here so I will offer my reasons and tangible suggestions. I believe that at some point the entire economy will be open, so opening in phases is practical, but the phases must be more than just "baby steps" back. They should allow everyone to get back to at least 75% of their normal lives, while officials work out the finetuning of specific areas that are a little more involved or complicated, whatever those areas are. It is not right to have the public wait around for the authorities to catch-up. If an individual is fearful or concerned about going out at this time, then they have the right to just stay home. It's basically that simple. Most all areas should be opened on May 1st, (with limited exclusions) and give Florida residents the option to weigh the risk and decide for themselves and their children. Afterall, isn't that what we do everyday when we leave our homes. No one tells us that we better stay home instead of driving on the road because there are no guarentees that we won't be injured in an accident. Things need to be normal again. The closing was done quickly, and we all cooperated very well with the authorities (Floridians yielded well to all the warnings, compared to some other states) and in turn, you should re-open just as quickly! Good luck!

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Leon	General	As to when to re-open the Florida economy: DON'T listen to business representatives DON'T listen to politicians DON'T listen to your relatives DON'T listen to news commentators and most of all DON'T listen to that idiot in the White House DO listen to the best experts in epidemiology and public health. Failure to do so will get millions of us killed. An economy can be rebuilt. Dead people can't.
Levy	General	I would request for there to be very clear guidelines for churches and worship venues. If possible, please provide a guideline that regulates people per sq. ft. This will help churches guide how many services they need to have based upon the sq. footage of their worship centers. It seems there wasn't a working group that was detailed with such guidelines. I understand the government's desire to avoid an intrusion into church. But, I think some hard guidelines alongside some helpful suggestions (no bulletins as to avoid person to person contact, offering boxes rather than "passing the plate) would be very beneficial to Florida churches and worship venues.
Collier	General	Please consider exempting specified categories of Floridians from continuing stay at home orders. Stay at home orders should continue only for the most vulnerable. Exemptions should apply to (1) individuals without a history of lung disease who routinely engage in daily aerobic exercise (anti-oxidants are produced that shield the vast majority from severe effects or death from COVID-19) (2) individuals who test positive for Coronavirus antibodies (they are either immune or beat it once, and if infected again, are extremely likely to beat it again. Other exemption categories should be considered based on such characteristics as age. Companies should be allowed to reopen, including without limitation sports teams, and given the resources to test their employees so that they can take appropriate steps to shield their employee from infected individuals.
Lake	Finance	Do not open until we have 14 consecutive days of declining cases.

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Manatee	Healthcare	My career of 30+ years encompasses environmental and public health management working at EPA in both Washington, DC and their laboratories. During that time, I have worked closely with and supervised a staff consisting of both epidemiologists and medical professionals . While they are experts in their respective fields, neither are expert in the economic and societal impacts their risk assessment activities have on the public. Rather, their focus is generally on what and how to study viral epidemics as opposed to managing epidemics. To state the obvious, albeit not of the level of impact Covid19 causes, we all deal with and manage risk as an every day activity. We balance and accept a certain level of risk just as government now must do. Reliance solely on science can only lead to decision paralysis as there is never enough safety for science to accept. Yet we live our lives contently and relatively safely. The science of risk assessment must be balanced with both economic and societal concerns. These not not mutually exclusive considerations. We can do both - open our economy cautiously while managing and addressing any subsequent resulting impact(s).
Seminole	Manufacturing	We have plenty of hospital capacity, "flatten the curve" worked. Let's get back to work. Open gyms and state parks now.
Broward	General	I have lived and worked in Florida fro over 30 years as a Registered Nurse. The facts of the day and of the latest days needs to be addressed same time every day by TV and radio. If we miss the update we do not get full details in the news People need to be held accountable and fined if that’s what it takes to make them pay attention People need to be able to report concerns without reprisals Employer’s need to be accountable and keep their staff safe. Many will put themselves in jeopardy to make money for their families and then we are back to square one Thank you Margaret
Polk	General	Open up the State of Florida on May 1st. slowly. Require all Floridians to wear a mask when entering grocery stores, retail stores, Nail salons, movie theaters, hair salons, pet salons etc..Allow elective surgeries immediately. People are in pain and suffering and need their surgeries performed. Social distancing is a must for any businesses that will be allowed to open. Make it mandatory at least through the month of May and longer if the numbers continue to rise. People have to hold themselves accountable to follow the guidelines. They know the risk and they need to take measures to protect themselves and others.
Hernando	General	I am in favor of slow opening of Florida’s economy. However; I don’t understand however the logic in keeping everything shut down if the reasoning was to flatten the curve. If the curve is flatten out then I am not understanding why it’s still necessary to keep everything locked down?

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Hillsborough	General	It is not time to reopen. Is very important stay at home until the curve of contagies and deaths be lower and stable and find the vaccine No es tiempo de abrir. Es muy importante mantenerse en casa y mantener la distancia hasta que la curva de contagiados y muertes disminuya considerablemente o se encuentre la vacuna o la medicina que la contrarrestre.
Brevard	General	Please do not reopen our state or even our country, yet. Until our country is showing large numbers numbers (decreasing by the thousands each day for weeks) we cannot afford these chances to be taken. We can come back from an economic crisis, we cannot return from the grave.
Collier	General	Dear Governor DeSantis and members of the task force. I am a long-term resident of the state of Florida, a resident since 1973 , voting in every election since I turned 18 in1968. I urge you to open up and restart the Florida economy as expeditiously as possible. We need to return to normalcy, not any "new normal", which is a progressive or liberals way of saying that the people have less liberty, less freedom and less rights than before. With the recognition that you have knowledgeable people advising you, I am fully confident you will make the right decision to re-open and restart the Florida economy to allow people to return to work, to restore their mental health, and to return to normalcy, and as noted, not a freedom and liberty restricted and government controlled "new normal". As articulately stated by a columnist Avik Roy in the Wall Street Journal on Saturday, April 25, 2020 "it's not true that the only way to improve public health is by shutting down the economy and the only way to improve the economy is by sacrificing public health". Also, as stated by Avik Roy "we need to escape from the false dichotomy which insists that the only way to improve public health is by shutting down the economy in the only way to improve the economy is by sacrificing public health." And further ".....It's essential for the US to move rapidly away from an unrealistic checklist of public health milestones..."; and most importantly "instead of thinking of creative ways to force people to stay home, we should think hard every day about how to bring more people back to work." I urge you to disregard what I perceive to be the false science of the CovidActNow group of Democrat activists that has a political agenda and was wildly exaggeratedly inaccurate in it's forecasts of the spread of COVID-19. I also urge you to reject the progressive, socialist concepts that would deprive Floridians of their rights liberties and freedoms. I appreciate you and your group having faith in the intelligence and strength of the people Florida to do the right thing. Reopening our economy will allow us to remain free and independent. Sincerely Anthony P. Pires, Jr.
Osceola	General	Opening up the state would be a terrible decision. There are many vulnerable citizens over the age of 65 here, including my parents. The governor and mayors in this state have a duty to make proper decisions regarding ALL citizens. It is not just about money and the economy. There must be a logical AND emotional decision. Many will fall ill and die and blood will be on your hands. Make the right decision. Pour funding into our hospitals and make sure that your citizens are being well taken care of. Do the right thing. We vote you all into office and we won't forget the actions that were taken during these trying times and we will take it into account next election.

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Seminole	General	We must tread with utmost caution regarding opening Florida back up. It will come back to bite us if we proceed too quickly. We must follow the guidelines of the CDC and medical experts. This decision cannot be based on politics, but medical and scientific data. Public safety should not be jeopardized. Thank you.
Broward	Education	I would like to know what the plan is for working parents. If we have to go back to work in our offices rather than working from home, what are we supposed to do with our elementary aged children. Most families are two income these days and most employers are not flexible when it comes to working from home, flexible hours, etc.
Manatee	Construction	I feel with only 830 cases and 74 deaths in Sarasota and Manatee counties shutting down business and life is ridiculous! I also feel that being a sole proprietor and a lot slower business with only unemployment coming in which is spotty and confusing that with people home business will not thrive. Let's get back to living and not being in fear of a virus that isn't super prevalent in our hot state?!
Miami-Dade	General	Please re-open Florida now. The damage you are causing to our financial lives and mental well being is far more than the risks if we catch COVID. We are never going to get this perfect but we can balance getting back to life while protecting those that are more vulnerable to complications with this virus. Please do not delay any further.
Pasco	Healthcare	Pleaseeeee open up the fertility clinics. I'm up against time with my age and low egg quality. I don't have much time to waste
St. Johns	Healthcare	As a healthcare worker I feel that opening Florida back up right now is going to make matters worse. If you think things are bad now just wait and see what happens and all the lives that will be taken from Covid 19. It will spread like wildfire. I feel like we need to stay closed until June 1 at least. We need to see what happens to Georgia in the next few weeks and then make an educated decision.
Orange	Healthcare	As a dental hygienist, please require all dental offices to provide staff face shields and N95-level masks to lower risk of infection. Allow us to be tested for Covid once per week. Thank you!
Miami-Dade	General	Please open Florida ASAP. The economy is way too important to let thus go another day. I vote republican because I value my rights. Florida has fine enough. Now we must assume some risk and get Americans back to work. Let's allow Florida to be an example of how we can do this quickly and in a smart way. People at risk can choose to stay home. The rest of us want to get back to living!

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Pinellas	Recreation	We are very hopeful and very much need beaches to be reopened. We have a small business renting umbrellas and chairs on beaches. March through May are the months where we typically bring in the large majority of our annual revenue and we have been absolutely devastated by the beach closures. Previous years saw impact due to hurricanes and red tide, and we were hoping to rebound this year :(We understand that the spring breakers were grossly violating social distancing protocols and risking the health of our population; however, much time has passed and the public is much more aware of how to distance. Given that beaches are an outdoor space where people typically distance themselves (outside of spring break crowds), we are truly hopeful that beach reopenings are part of the first phase - and not just limited hours for exercise. Our workers will take every necessary precaution!
Broward	General	Open the state and stop playing to the Democrats or would you prefer we drive to Georgia? I need to work and Georgia is open.
Collier	Healthcare	Please open up all essential businesses. You can limit the number of people or have everyone wear face masks. Those who are immuno-compromised or elderly should stay home. We need more testing to help people feel safe.
Volusia	Education	If there were ever institutions that were specifically designed to help the spread of communicable diseases, it is our universities and K12 public schools. Do not resume "normal activity" until it can be determined that we are safe to do so. The very same people who seem healthy are the ones who will continue to spread COVID 19 for the next several months. Proceed with caution in your endeavor to reopen the state.
Sarasota	General	If the economy is not opened as quickly as possible, there will be irrevocable damage done to Florida for the next decade. There is strong evidence that the virus does not thrive in sunny, hot and humid locations. There are ample safeguards in place to protect our most vulnerable. There is heightened awareness of the need to maintain social distance. All retailers should be opened immediately esp. in counties such as Sarasota. There is no logical difference between a Walmart with a furniture department and a furniture store. If anything, the latter will have a lower traffic count. Doing a prolonged re-opening does not accomplish anything. It will take time to get supply chains re-established, and to do a piecemeal opening will only confuse and complicate the process. The economy is sick and needs to be treated right now! I own a boutique consulting firm serving a wide variety of industries, and I can attest that the biggest obstacle our clients face is the lack of certainty and direction about re-start. Harvard Business School MBA, Finance 1974

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Collier	General	It seems wise, based on the experience of other countries and our own growth curves, that we reopen in phases, and not until cases have leveled in our county. Retail businesses need infection and crowd control plans. Collection for testing needs to be available at drug stores by appointment. Antibody testing should be available by home kit. High touch businesses like beauty salons, etc need to start with spaced appts, using masks and gloves, taking staff temps daily. The point isn't only to keep up with hospital beds but to minimize suffering for all.
Seminole	Professional Services	Hello I feel that it's time for Florida to open . Our businesses need the chance to make a living. The restaurants can open safely with limits on capacity., etc. the salon owners can allow limited patrons in the shops, ask patrons questions regarding travel, sickness , extra sanitation and I'm sure they would be willing to wear masks , anything to be able to work! And as a resident of Florida I sure would like the opportunity to enjoy a nice meal at a restaurant and just the basics , like having my hair done! Another point is, if anyone is not comfortable going out and doing anything then they can stay home. But for us who want to do the simple things , please open up Florida Thank you for your time, Marcia Salas.
Columbia	Professional Services	Open businesses and make it mandatory that people wear mask in public. If restaurants open the employees wear mask and set families 6-8 feet away from other tables. Have hand sanitizer on all tables. All businesses practice social distancing.
Orange	General	Yall really want us to die huh?
Lee	General	Please follow data and listen to medical experts about reopening the state. My husband is a cancer patient and Cahill afford to be exposed to the virus. We have spent nearly 2 months in quarantine and would not like to see things opened prematurely.
Lee	Professional Services	My suggestion is to not open hair salons and barber shops for at least another month. We are too close to people when doing their hair. It will put so many people at risk.
Leon	General	Safety first Floridians. As a retired state employee of 12 years, it is hard for me to understand how responsible citizens haven't increased their savings accounts Annually. I know that many live check to check but one must live within ones means. Open the stores that don't require head on contact with an employee. I really need a haircut though and wonder how these politicians are getting one. With regard to mail in ballots, come on folks we can't even find all the mail in ballots we get now. And under the proposed pmail in system, I can vote for my mother, father, sister, brother...you can see where I am going with this. If you go to Publix and Home Depot, you can certainly go to a church to vote!!!
Seminole	Healthcare	Reopening should only begin after curve flattens and line is 50% in decline . Anything else would be irresponsible.

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Hillsborough	General	I think that we should re open in the same manner in which we closed down....In stages. I do not think that we are entirely ready to do so at this point as we are still experiencing the spread of the virus.I think we should keep things as they are now and re visit this re opening on May 15th. The last thing we need is to open this to soon and have it back fire on us. We most certainly don't want to have to go thru this again. In the mean time we need to plan on how to re open.On site testing seems to be an excellent option. Regardless of where you are , where you go, ….before you enter any building for whatever reason, you need to be tested at the door. With that in mind we need a uniform (CDC and FDA) approved system in place for testing that may be utilized for all. We need to assure the American public that it is safe to move around again asap to get our economy , and our country moving in a positive direction.
Miami-Dade	General	At this time I feel that reopening the state before we can conduct up to 750,000 tests a day, per CDC recommendations as well as health-care professional recommendations is a grand mistake. While the economy does indeed affect me, and my career as a mental health provider, I do not feel that we should place more value on the economy than that of human lives. I have elderly family members, immunocompromised family and friends, and others whom I do not want to lose nor risk them catching COVID19.
Martin	General	Give people choices. If the don't feel safe yet going out, let them stay home with job-protection guarantees. If a person is ready and NEEDS to work, let them!!!
Brevard	Administrative	Over 65 with underlying health issues. Do not consider lifting the stay at home ban.
Pasco	Retail	IF you reopen the state and businesses please look to the medical world for insight . This is not over. Florida cannot even abide by social distancing rules on the beach or while golfin . Yes this is hurting our economy and our small business, but the bigger issue is if we reopen full steam can the medical world handle an influx of cases? Set firm guidelines for businesses to reopen and penalties for those that violate. We still cannot get the grocery stores fully stocked yet, imagine what would happen if we have a bigger impact after this?
Orange	General	Please don't reopen State. It too soon. Too much risky. If you want to reopen, make a new law: " Everyone must wear a facemask"

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Brevard	Professional Services	I have been a licensed hairdresser for 23 years in Florida. I have always implemented the cleaning and sanitizing protocols to keep my clients safe. Every two years we have to be recertified in order to maintain our cosmetology licenses. Although it isn't possible to socially distance ourselves from our clients we can greatly reduce the probability of infection by practicing the standards set in place by DBPR and Barbicide. These include frequent hand washing, sanitizing stations between clients, Not double booking in order to achieve the proper time intervals for disinfection to occur, not reusing any cloth smocks or capes, Removal of any items used to be disinfected before next use, using neck strips on each client, implementing touch free payment methods, maintaining 6 feet between stations , disinfecting shampoo bowls between clients and making sure they wash their hands prior to services. In addition to these we can implement wearing of masks by stylists and taking temperatures of everyone who enters salon. Those who present with any level of fever will be turned away- including employees. Discontinued service of coffee and snacks, removal of products for sale in Order to eliminate cross contamination between clients. it is my sincere belief that we all are anxious to return to work but want to do it with the utmost level of safety and protection of ourselves and our clients. Clients want to get their beauty services done but are hesitant at the same time. It is our job to instill confidence in our clients and the general public that we are not Vectors of this virus. It is possible to provide services and not transmit if we are hyper diligent in our approach.
Polk	Information	Please open up Florida I votes for you because I trusted that you would up the constitution. However you are not doing that more people will die from the affects of the economy due to you forcing them to close businesses then this stupid virus. Floridians are done if you do not open us up by May 1st we will be out in the streets. You need to remember you work for us we dont work for you. Please do what's right and open us up now. Joanne Allen
Broward	General	So far as reopening the state, please do it in steps and with adequate additional testing in place so that any effects can be quickly measured, allowing for fast response, whether it's to continue reopening or to slow it down. Adequate testing which has been absent thus far, is a must for this phase. We need to get the economy going again and quickly but please, consistent with common sense and safety.
Broward	Recreation	People are struggling and it is time to allow businesses to reopen. Masks are mandatory now so it is safe to allow people to go back to work. There is no cure or vaccine anytime soon so we need to just modify our behavior to be safe and let people get back to work.
Orange	General	My biggest fear is you will open up too soon. Please be smart and wait until we have a 14 day decline of positive tests. It just makes sense. You all are on this task force for a reason, you have shown that you can make good decisions. Please make a good decision now. Don't make this decision based on money. It really is about life and death.

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Orange	Healthcare	I believe Florida can start to reopen gradually at the end of the current stay-at-home order (May 8). I also believe that the more-infected south Florida counties should stay locked down until at least June 1. Movie theaters and restaurants need to create some sort of social-distancing measures. and outdoor activities should also be allowed with some distancing measures. Churches also need to follow the same type of distancing guidelines.
Leon	General	Until there is a vaccine, no one is safe from this virus. All reputable health experts say it will continue to work its way through the population until there's a cure. Social distancing is the only way to guarantee that we keep hospitals from being overwhelmed so people can get adequate care. The reason that Florida hasn't been overwhelmed is because distancing is working. Any business that opens before there is a cure is killing people. So far, the rush to reopen is coming from business interests who do not value human life. It's immoral to assign a dollar value on people, which is what the push to prematurely reopen is doing. Our government (in theory) is put in place by citizens and should work for the public good. Considering that the makeup of the reopening committee is so business heavy, it's clear that the Governor is willing to sacrifice human lives to help them make a buck. It's shameful, immoral, and not Christian. This pandemic should make Florida rethink how heavily it relies on tourism to fund everything. Our state is beautiful and people will want to return, but it's going to be a long time. Tourism is too fickle to rely on wholesale. We need to look at more stable sources of tax revenue and start with requiring corporations and large businesses to pay their fair share. If they want to sacrifice our lives for their bottom line, they should have to pay for it.
Brevard	General	I feel like our current government cares more about money than people. I live near the beach and still can't believe how long it took for them to issue stay at home orders, while kids from all over wereon our beaches spreading covid around. I'm so worried our state will open too soon and we will get a bunch of new cases. We have a lot of high risk people in the state, you should think about them. I work in a call center (Radial Inc) and am lucky to be working from home. They are very unhappy about it and keep threatening to close down our shift. They don't like paying for the IT support for us to work at home. As soon as the stay at home orders are lifted, they will make us go back to work in the building. I'm very afraid to go back to work in the building. We share headsets and computers between the different shifts. Radials idea of sanitizing is to ask people to wipe down their desks. Every year the flu spreads through like wildfire and everyone gets it. Covid will be no different. Sure I would love to go to Disney World again (I'm a passholder), but I don't think it's worth my life if the state opens too soon.

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Alachua	General	Please wait to Re-open. With great sadness and personal sacrifice, I must urge you NOT to abandon the statewide safety measures that have started to flatten the curve of the Novel Coronavirus in Florida. If we reopen too soon we will likely see another spike of cases and deaths, possibly worse than the first wave (as with the Spanish Flu's course, after the initial signs of improvement, they celebrated and returned to normal and the death toll in the second wave was tragic and preventable.) We have to do better this time. We have to be patient and steadfast. Being away from work and my patients (I'm a therapeutic massage therapist) as well as my friends and family is heartbreaking and the financial struggle is frightening. I understand the sacrifice that keeping safety measures in place means. But I believe it's worth it to save lives. Maybe it will be mine, or my mother's, or my immune compromised fiancé's. Or someone you love. Or you. My grandmother died last week of lung failure. We don't know if she had the virus, because there are simply not enough tests in Florida. And the fact that testing is so limited should worry you. Please wait. For more information, for us to learn more about what we are dealing with. Even young, otherwise healthy people are dying (horribly) from this. We don't even really understand this disease. The more that we learn about it the more dangerous and confounding it seems. Wait for testing and research. Please just wait.
Putnam	General	I believe we are rushing to open up the state to soon , I believe we should wait until the Covid 19 has a vaccine to prevent it. Because in my county are case continue to increase every day. And in other county their case keep increasing every day. Once you open stuff up it's going to get worse than it is now. Because are government waited to shut stuff down are case have sky rocketed and since stuff like beach in Jacksonville have started to open are case keep rising. So I request you take a long look at everything before rushing to open stuff because we haven't beat this yet.
Escambia	Government	I work for the department of homeland security in Pensacola, FL. I think based off the data I have been working with and also the cyber attacks we are dealing with as a result of this virus that it is simply too early to ease social distancing measures. When it does become time to do so I think it should be slow and gradual.
Seminole	Healthcare	Do not open the state until we have at least 2 weeks with no fatalities
Palm Beach	Recreation	Surfing and golf should be an approved sport during these times. There is never contact with another human and social distancing is practiced even before pandemic. To allow cycling, joggers, bikers in groups it contradicts the guidelines. Please approve surfing and other ocean related activities/exercises like Standup Paddleboarding, swimming, surfing, diving, fishing. Golfing is being practiced in many other counties.

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Broward	Government	I feel that the closing of the boat ramps was an over reach and unnecessarily for the current situation. Law enforcement could have just as easily enforced a ban on the sandbars, islands, and rafting up. Closing the boat ramps discriminates against those blue collar boat owners that dont own a million dollar property on the water. Those who can afford to live on the water have complete access. Also, what justifies the closing of the Everglades boat ramps? No one goes out there to raft up. Fishing has been mentioned so many times as an acceptable activity during these times yet you limit it greatly. I also fail to see how it is in accordance with the constitution to have a checkpoint for the Florida Keys. I understand that these are difficult times but you have sworn to uphold that sacred document. Please do so. Thank you.
Hernando	General	Approximately 1,500 tests performed in a county of approximately 200,000 residents. Respectfully, it's too early to reopen without more testing. I would have no confiidence in returning to places of business, recreation, etc without widespread county testing.
Miami-Dade	General	I feel that wearing a mask in all public places needs to be mandatory .Mask must cover nose and mouth as many do not wear it that way.. NO MASK, NO SERVICE. Encouraging goes only so far with the renegades. When schools open, the masks should continue, maybe with fun themes. Counties that still have high number of new cases should not reopen yet. I believe Mayor Gimenez is handling it well. Tattoo parlors are not essential and i would think those people would spend their money in a wiser way. Tattoo operators need to find a gig for now.
Miami-Dade	General	This cure is worse than the disease. Cut our losses - it's been a mistake from day one. I hear from a reliable source that there's been an 800% spike in suicides and overdoses and billions lost for every week of shutdown - not to mention now trillions borrowed against our children's futures. The economy is on a ventilator because the media pressured politicians to put us into a coma "for our own good". This has not been good for us. The mere act of being put on a ventilator has put our lives in jeopardy, and the longer we remain on this ventilator, the lower our chances of ever recovering. The unintended consequences of shutting down the world economy already far outweigh whatever benefits anyone was hoping to achieve. Time for the egg-head academics to go back to playing war games with pretend lives and pretend money. We are counting on you to lead, ignoring the idiots whose flawed judgement persuaded them to vote for the degenerate gubernatorial candidate over you.
Orange	General	I understand everyone is hurting economically, but there will be no economy to speak of if there are mass deaths. It is far too soon to think about re-opening the state. There is no safe way to do so. There is no evidence that prior COVID infection confers any type of immunity, long lasting or otherwise. It is far too dangerous to open the states at this time. We don't want to be embarrassed by a double peak of infections! Florida is a laughingstock, and with good reason this time. Please do the sensible thing for once!

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Pinellas	Retail	Dear Governor Please Open up small businesses right away as many of them are going to shut permanently due to lack of funds many have still not received any aide from SBA you can't take down a country for a pandemic just have people who are scared to go out stay at home
Lake	Tourism	The extended lock down is causing tremendous harm to the vast majority of people. While the virus is real, we must look into alternatives over shutting down 90% of all commerce. Look to Sweden as an example and lets look to the greater good.
Hillsborough	General	Put Agriculture Commissioner Fried on the Re-Open Florida Task Force.
Miami-Dade	General	We operate a family-owned business in operation in South Florida that began in 1934. Our children are now the fourth generation in the business. We are dealers and distributors of warehouse equipment (pallet rack, shelving, conveyors, etc.). It gives us an excellent view of Florida business economics (more warehouse activity = more business activity and vice versa). Florida needs to be reopened but on a safe, orderly basis. This, to us, means mass testing, social distancing, educating the public on safety measures and using plain common sense. Once we can develop a pattern of virus reduction we can begin the reopening process. We must follow the guidelines established by the legitimate medical community. This is not something to be orchestrated by political maneuvering. ALL lives matter!!
Polk	Healthcare	The lease is up at my fitness center at the end of June. Myself and my team were doing amazing and we're on our way to our best month since we opening 10 months ago (which was still $1,000 under what we need to be making to make this journey worth it). That being said I do not have the funds to keep it open after this time off. We have had multiple cancellations since the stay at home order was put in place. We just want to get back to the American dream. My wife and I both own our own business and unfortunately neither of them are considered "essential" by the gov standards. We miss work! We miss being around people and we miss paying our bills on time and not living in fear of what may happen if we don't. I thank you and our gov for putting precautions into action, but it's time to make this state bubble again. Please and thank you from all the small "non essential" business owners in FLA.
Hernando	General	I am a 77 year old Republican male who hopes you WILL NOT OPEN the state back up until this virus has had time to completely run it's course. The fear is, we'll have to go through it all again. Thank you
Seminole	Tourism	I feel that May 15 for restaurants at limited capacity. Sport can start training May 1 and possibly go without fans until June. Theme parks open sometime in June. With limited capacity. Theaters open June 1 at limited capacity, Look at number of cases on June 1 to see if can open restaurants fully and if safe to start having crowds at sporting events. July, everything back open unless there was a spike again in June.

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Hillsborough	General	I am in support of opening Florida due to the current state of our economy. As a professional working within the Tampa market for talent acquisition and HR, I have witnessed firsthand the impacts the shutdown and Safer At Home initiatives has had on unemployment at large. The longer we, as a community, keep "non-essential" businesses closed, the more companies - both large firms, such as PwC and Raymond James, and small Mom and Pop shops, such as our local bakeries/delis and curio shops, are going to be affected, forced to furlough or lay-off employees, and potentially close their businesses for good. The longer this shutdown goes on, the more likely people within our communities will struggle to feed their families, afford housing, and decrease local spending.
Duval	General	What are the criteria being used to determine when to reopen? What is the % of the population that will have to be tested in order to reopen? How many ventilators are in Florida? How many more are needed to reopen? Who is on the reopen task force and what are their qualifications? Are there any poor people on the task force? Are there any minorities on the task force? How many of the task force have commercial interest in reopening the state and how do we know they do not have a conflict of interest? How many doctors are on the task force? What kind of doctors? How are the medical schools in Florida participating in the task force?
Lake	Government	By what authority have you shut down the state and an overwhelming number of businesses? You as government officials are public servants (actually mini kings and queens lording yourselves over the people) and you are allowing the media to twist and ignore the real virus data and terrorize the populace into becoming subservient and acquiescing to your “will.” You know the facts and the death rate and real numbers and instead of lifting bans and calming the people you are Rahm Emmanuel-ing it to “NEVER WASTE A CRISIS.” You have no constitutional basis to shut the country down and should be held accountable for your Big Brother style actions. Now that you as elected officials are able to manipulate voters by promising to give us “bread and circuses” you have sealed America’s fate and as a result started our nations decline. Many nations much larger in scope than America have come and gone, perhaps this is the beginning of the end of us as a Nation. It is highly unlikely the masses will wake up. What a tragedy. I highly doubt you will respond to this but if you do tell me how I’m wrong, PLEASE.
Orange	General	Please just listen to the advice of the medical professionals and only reopen once they say it is safe to.
Bay	General	I am for a slow and measured approach at opening up our economy. I think the vacation rental ban should remain in place through summer. Restaurants can open with safeguards in place other businesses can reopen staggered and limit travel from known hotspots. However I do believe more testing is needed and most certainly the antibody testing needs to pick up quickly to find out true numbers of infection.

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Jackson	General	Please open Florida asap. So many people are struggling financially and people are going to lose their small businesses if they can open soon. People who already have problems with anxiety and depression are really suffering because of the circumstances. We in northwest Florida have not seen as many cases and it has not been widespread. People with underlying conditions should definitely be extra cautious but our economy and people's livelihood can not withstand a delay in reopening. We miss worshiping with our church family too. Gives us some of our ways of life back soon please.
St. Lucie	General	I think ever social destine and the stay at hone order should and will be lifted at the end of this month. And everything should reopen.
Seminole	General	Please reopen and let people get back to work! Public places like parks and libraries should also be open for use. I also don't see why retail and restaurants can't reopen (considering Target, Home Depot and other "essential" stores are) so long as they adhere to social distancing and capacity limits for awhile.
Hernando	General	Approximately 1,500 tests performed in a county of approximately 200,000 residents. Respectfully, it's too early to reopen without more testing. I would have no confiidence in returning to places of business, recreation, etc without widespread county testing.
Martin	Transportation	Please open Florida! My company that employs over 500 people is not eligible for any stimulus packages. We are trying our best not to lay anyone off, but in order to do that we need business and air travel to open back up. People will end up dying from complications from not having the financial means to pay for food, healthcare, rx and housing....not to mention indirectly deaths due to depression and domestic violence. Please, I beg you to give individuals the rights they have to make decisions to return to work and a sense of normalcy, or choose to stay home if they prefer. Thank You!

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Collier	Healthcare	I am 65 years old with multiple underlying conditions and live in Naples Florida. During the governor's briefings of the issues with this virus in Florida I have been EXTREMELY FRUSTRATED that most of the testing and resources have been veered toward the East Coast and Orange County area and northern Florida. Here in Naples,Florida, we have a very elderly population and have snowbirds here during the virus season with people not only from all parts of the US but from all parts of the world. Whenever the governor speaks in his briefings, I have not heard him mention Coller or Lee County, NOT ONCE!!! Testing here is been virtually non existent, no way for anyone to know how many people here are infected and spreading it to others. Yes maybe our population is not as high as the East Coast, however, everything is relative. and we needed to have testing, testing, testing and contact tracing here in Collier county 2 months ago. The numbers here are DEFINITELY not reflective of the amount of people infected, on top of that, we have one of the states worst hospital systems, NCH (or as the annual resident's here call it "N"EVER "C"OME "H"OME). WE NEED TO BE RECOGNIZED AND HAVE THE SAME AMOUNT OF TESTING DONE HERE, OR MAYBE YOU DON'T WANT THE NUMBERS GOING UP! IT SEEMS TO ME AND OTHER'S, THAT YOU ARE FOLLOWING SOMEONE ELSE'S WISHES, WHICH JUST MAKE YOU LOOK LIKE A PUPPET, GROW A PAIR, AND REALIZE EVEN JUST 1 LIFE LOST, WAS TOO MUCH. OR MAYBE, YOU REALIZE YOU'RE ACTIONS MAKE YOU A 1 TERM GOVONOR. YOU DID NOT PUT STAY IN PLACE ORDER UNTILL APR 1,YOUR REASON, AND I QUOTE YOU "THE PRESIDENT DID NOT TELL ME TO"!! YOU SHOULD ONLY BE LISTENING TO DR'S AND SCIENTISTS RIGHT NOW!!!
Palm Beach	Retail	I work at Saks Fifth Ave in Boca Raton and have been furloughed since April 5th. Even though I want to get back to work I'm concerned about opening too soon. The last week any time I've been out for essential activities, people are no longer taking things serious and they aren't being careful with masks and social distancing. I'm afraid if we open too soon, they won't follow guidelines and everything we've done will be for nothing.
Hillsborough	General	1) please consider the effect shutdown has on elective "non-essential" surgeries. Many people are suffering because they are told their surgery is not considered essential. We need to start some surgeries again for the people who really need it! The hospitals are wide open, with the deceasing cases these people should not be left to suffer in pain or put off their treatment any longer. 2) Please open the state parks! Put a maximum cap on number of people. Use law enforcement to remind people to social distance. We can enjoy Florida's beautiful natural springs and beaches if people act wisely and social distance. 3) policies must protect public health overall, but the threat of this disease is more than death and overloading the hospitals. People are unemployed and need to start making a living again to support themselves and their families. We can live without concerts and crowds, but we must start trying to live with this disease and accept that it is going to cause some death. People need to start living again.

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Broward	General	open up business starting may 1. Its really not that serious, wearing masks is pointless. Elderly people or at risk should just be given an optional stay-home-order. Everyone else will be perfectly fine.
Pasco	General	I believe it's time to allow the electorate to make educated decisions as to when and how far they feel safe venturing back into social situations. After weeks of isolation listening to supposed experts fail to agree on much, let the individual be free to assume the liability of their actions. A lot of the updated information appears to indicate that a large percentage of those infected with Covid 19 have mild or no symptoms.
Polk	Recreation	Opening the gyms will be a great start for Florida.
Leon	General	I believe Florida should stay closed until mid May to allow for additional time for the virus to die on any surfaces. Additionally to allow time for those that are sick to stay quarantined & heal, so that they are not continually passing the virus on to others. Children at home and teachers working from home should be allowed to continue working from home until the next school term since school ends in a month. I am currently unemployed and the sooner things get back to normal, the sooner the job market will pick up again.
Sarasota	Accommodation	I feel when need To give the isolation issue more time. My daughter is a server How of work for 7 weeks Still trying to collect unemployment She is called back to the restaurant There probably won't be enough customers for her to have tips that she can live on Plus now she will not be eligible for unemployment And she has been without money for 2 months She has 2 young children at home and 1 has a long issue
Seminole	Healthcare	As already proven, Florida residents are only following the rules when forced. It would be a mistake to open up again too soon. We need to wait.
Hernando	General	Approximately 1,500 tests performed in a county of approximately 200,000 residents. Respectfully, it’s too early to reopen without more testing. I would have no confiidence in returning to places of business, recreation, etc without widespread county testing.

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Broward	General	I do not believe that Florida should reopen right now. We need more information about the true number of people that are infected. My biggest concern is about people not following social distancing guidelines. My family and I have quarantined since the first case was announced in Broward county. My husband is the only one who goes out for essentials. The only thing the rest of us do is go for walks. Each time we do, we encounter plenty of people, and most of them are not wearing masks and are not following social distancing guidelines. We have taught our children to move out of the way when someone is coming, because people are perfectly willing to come within 6 feet of us. This concerns me, even as it pertains to the reopening of places like parks. I work in an office full of cubicles and I am afraid of returning there because I don't want to put my life or the lives of my family members in jeopardy. We don't visit our family who lives nearby just to be cautious. I urge you to follow the recommendations of health officials as we attempt to reopen our state. We just aren't there yet. I understand completely the need to make money and take care of our families. I have been deeply impacted by this pandemic. But we should not have to risk our lives to do it. I don't want to die. I don't want to lose the people I love. We are all at risk because we don't know how this virus will treat us. I see other states making foolish decisions in the effort to restart the economy. In a few weeks we will see what their experiment has wrought. Please don't experiment with the lives of Floridians. I urge you to follow public health guidelines and wait. For the sake of our families.
Manatee	Food	Continue to self quarantine the elderly and high risk. Make sure hospitals and health care facilities are ready for any spike. Pay special attention to nursing homes and nursing home staff.
Pinellas	Healthcare	At this point, to open the State of Florida would be increasing the number of covid 19 cases and deaths in two weeks Once open it will be more difficult to close it back down Please keep the state closed until the new cases decrease to single digits
Brevard	Education	Please do NOT reopen until there is more testing for all people and not just those who are are showing symptoms. Do not put workers at risk.
Sarasota	General	REOPEN NOW!!!! WE ARE DYING ECONOMICALLY!
Orange	General	I want to express my support for a FULL and immediate reopening of the entire state of Florida and the restoration of all civil liberties to our residents. Liberty and safety are not mutually exclusive. Florida's citizens are capable of self-government. We are capable of using common sense. I appreciate your prolonged resistance to "shut down" and your gut instinct to keep things as "open" as possible. You can boldly "stand in the gap" right now by making reasonable recommendations and releasing local governments to regulate themselves. For 64 of the 67 counties, coronavirus is a manageable issue and those should be freed up immediately with "hot spot" counties maintaining heavier measures at the discretion of their leadership. Now is the time to re-open Florida.

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Palm Beach	Recreation	PLEASE OPEN UP THE BEACHES AND THE PARKS. THESE SEEM TO BE THE LEAST LIKELY PLACES TO SPREAD THE VIRUS. THIS WILL ALSO IMPROVE MORAL IN THE STATE TREMENDOUSLY.
Miami-Dade	General	I believe it is too early to re-open South Florida especially Miami-Dade County. Perhaps in June depending on the numbers and testing some areas can re-open. I don't believe parks and other recreation areas are essential at this time.
Broward	General	I think it is way too early to lift restrictions and stay at home orders in South Florida and other highly populated areas. The virus is most certainly NOT under control because there are still positive cases being reported on a daily basis. And those are just cases reported for individuals being tested. There are hundreds of thousands of people who are not, and have not, been tested. This means you really have NO idea of the actual number of positive cases there were and are. If you open, people are not going to follow social distancing or wear masks. This has already been proven because there are peoplge now who aren't following mandatory facial covering orders, including at retail and food establishments employees even though it is mandatory. It would only be worse, no protection for at risk people, if restrictions are lifted and establishments are allowed to open. There are not enough police to enforce even partial restrictions that you might consider implementing. These are the facts. I am happy to discuss my thoughts.
Charlotte	General	We need to start opening up for people that need to work.
Manatee	Education	Is it possible to offer Florida Teaching Certification testing online/remote? There maybe a need for an influx of new certified teachers once schools reopen. Offering online testing can get many seeking certification ahead of the game and ready to go when schools reopen. Pearson offers remote testing services for several tests can this method be offered for the teacher certifications?
Manatee	Healthcare	Covid 19 - Reopen Florida Immediately lift the restrictions on healthcare professionals so we can get back to work tomorrow. We are licensed by the Department of Health so we already adhere to higher hygiene standards than many other offices/facilities. We care about our client/patients well being. Please allow us to adjust our own practices and procedures to further limit any potential risk. The main problem I see in most workplaces are the lack of employer paid sick days. Illness continues to spread because workers are no longer given paid sick time, like I had 25 years ago (6 days). Most people now live paycheck to paycheck and can't afford to take any unpaid time off. How would you get employers to pay people to stay home when they are sick?

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Marion	General	This is a repost: my original submission was posted under Manufacturing in error when it should have been posted under General. It seems to me that any plan to reopen the state should be based on the science and medical experts. While everyone may have an opinion, the reopening needs to be done in an orderly and thoughtful manner based on science and not lay opinion. The launch page of this portal writes " public feedback will be a critical component of the Task Force's final report to Governor Ron DeSantis", and that concerns me. The public feedback is nothing more than opinions some of which may be informed and others uninformed and based purely on individuals' wants. Social distancing and stay at home actions have slowed the progress of the virus. We have nothing else at this point with which to battle it. It seems we should continue with what has been working and heed the opinions of the experts. At the very least, we should follow the federal plan. Certain areas of the state have already diverged from the federal plan which I think is unwise. Our plan needs to be implemented uniformly. The virus does not respect county borders so our response to it needs to be a coordinated effort not a patchwork of rules for different counties (and states for that matter). Our economy will never thrive if Florida's, as well as the country's, populations are decimated by this disease. As outlined in the federal guidelines, it's the disease's downward progression that should take the lead as to reopening plans and not public opinion. As I understand it, this portal was just launched and some of the subcommittees are going to have to render a recommendation this weekend. How can these subcommittees rely heavily on opinions posted to a portal that only has a day or so for people to learn about it and respond? Seems that whatever the prevailing opinion that is posted here will not be a true, honest and representative cross section of opinions given the small window of time people have to learn about the portal and respond to it which will consequently limit the number of responses that you'll get. The same applies to the task forces' recommendation given that this portal will have been up less than a week before they render their recommendation. And, again, whatever is written here is just public OPINION.
Pinellas	General	Please do not consider opening the state to increased activity until we have adequate testing available and a clear decrease in the number of coronavirus cases statewide. To do so will cost additional lives. No loss of life is acceptable, especially when you have the power to prevent it. I urge you to consider which of your loved ones is worth sacrificing for financial security.
Orange	Education	Open up the state strategically. Miami Dade needs to be the focus. Ensure all hospitals do not furlough nurses and staff due to this. Allow all Retail establishments To open but only allow 50% of Capacity /patrons in at a time time. Keep the state closed to visitors from current hot spots - nyc etc.
Miami-Dade	General	I do not agree that the economy opens, wait a few more Wells. Thanks
Manatee	General	Open. Open. Open! Thank you. I am finished pandering to Crazy people. The cure was worse than the sickness.

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Pasco	General	Please lift these restrictions. Most neighborhoods are NOT following them anyway (I am typing this as 15 of my neighbors congregate in a driveway across the street and no one has masks or is social distancing). The intent was to flatten the curve to avoid over-taxing the hospitals and medical providers, not eliminate it forever or completely - people are forgetting that. You've flattened the curve, so time to get back to real life so people can earn a living. The state will go bankrupt and there's people who are collecting unemployment who were NOT even working before this began! The state cannot afford to continue writing blank checks (nor can the federal government).
Leon	Government	I think that the government needs to make sure that we have the Virus under control before we open up all businesses and send people back to work. I think we need to pay most attention to what the doctors, nurses, and scientists are saying and not as much attention to the few protesters who have been vocal but by far the minority regarding re-opening everything now. Imagine having a computer virus on one of your computers at work and not making sure that you stop that virus before it spreads to all your other computers. How much more important are people than computers???
Lee	General	Please OPEN our economy ... real doctors are reporting low numbers not unusual to typical flu season. Real doctors are telling us that our immune system needs exposure to every day activity to stay strong. This is a hoax and killing our economy, starving poor families, increasing suicide, domestic violence, child abuse are FAR more important than less than a 3% (actually less than a 1%) death rate. Fearful people can stay home. But this is a virus of fear not facts. Watch this: https://youtu.be/xfLVxx_IBLU Thank you for giving us an opportunity to contribute. Gov De Santis you are in our prayers every day. Thank you for all you do!

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Broward	Healthcare	As a physician here in Broward, I am very concerned about our timeline in opening up. I am grateful you are asking the general public about what to do, but I urge you to listen to your healthcare professionals in the state and from The WHO and CDC. I actually thought Presidents Trump's guidelines for reopening were reasonable, allowing for a two week downtrend in cases. However, we are not there yet!!! In fact, we have hardly hit our plateau. Regardless, opening up will likely result in at least a small peak in cases. We need to be prepared for this with appropriate testing locations and appropriate provider PPE. We need to do everything we can to protect our healthcare providers- they are not disposable. At a minimum, it takes 7 years to train a physician after college. Finally, our frontline workers, in addition to healthcare workers- everyone that is forward facing to the public - needs additional protections. You should also prepare to protect their families if they die in the line of duty- i.e.: doing their regular jobs. Unfortunately this list of essential personnel/ frontline workers is very long. If you are able to provide protection for healthcare providers and compensation and family protection for all essential personnel, have increased your testing (optimally with at least readily available antibody testing) and local PPE production, then you should slowly reopen. I still believe that large gatherings should be prohibited and that dining in restaurants should still be prohibited and that wearing a mask EVERYWHERE at all times should be enforced at least until a vaccine or treatment (that works) is readily available. Masks will only work if everyone wears them, but they can curb the spread of virus if everyone wears them. Thank you.
Duval	Healthcare	I think it's too early to open. We should go a longer period before new cases are being diagnosed. Get medical, hospital opinions.
Osceola	Tourism	I feel that based on the current data curves a division of the state into 3 divisions: north, central, and south which would in turn fall into the 3 levels of release. The north would hit tier 1 release first, then two weeks later when it hit tier 2 central would go tier 1. As the north hit tier 3, central would be tier 2 and south would be tier 1. The next stage would be central at tier 3 and south at tier 2 with the final stage would put the south at tier 3. As a focus on central as that is where I live I could see us being in tier 1 mid may and tier 2 June 1 with tier 3 for possible July 1. As an educator I am concerned about the prolonged lack of tourism and what it will mean to the economy of central Florida for the remainder of 2020. We need strong social rules such as the 6 foot rule, wearing a mask, and taking temperatures when entering crowded spaces like theme parks or stadiums. It has to be that the public has the right to make a decision for themselves. Socialization is a cornerstone of our community and I truly fear for the mental welfare of several members of society if we do not allow for a return to societal norms.

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Lee	Retail	At this moment we are losing both our small businesses and the lost of product with no help from the government..no income no house no car no food no money for insurance ect ext
Alachua	General	Please don't require people to wear masks to be out in public. Re-breathing your own carbon monoxide is harmful. Also, tmany measures I see in place now seem great at face value but the next step makes no sense and puts you at risk of exposure. IT, plexi-glass at the registers only in front of the cashier, but then you have to move to the right of that plexi-glass to pay and there's no covering. Almost every measure I see in place is like this. It's ridiculous. We should have never been locked down in the first place.
Broward	General	I would rather look at four walls than the inside of a coffin. Please take your time and consider how much impact opening too early would have. People will get sick and people will die if we re-open too early. We need a lot more testing before we open up shops and restaurants with close contact. My hair is turning white, but I'd buy a box of hair dye and do it myself, before I would risk going to a beauty shop!
Palm Beach	General	Recently 4 separate antibody tests conducted across the nation have been conducted to gauge how much of the population has been exposed to COVID 19. All found high levels of virus saturation leading to a revision of the mortality figures based on WHO projections of around 3.4% downwards to .05% or less. These much lower figures are consistent with the common flu's types of disorders that combined take around 160k Americans per year. These results are consistent with mortality figures seen around the world and in our own country -- whether a lockdown is in effect or not. This makes the antibody studies the best possible science to rely upon and vastly superior to the science that was relied on to institute the lockdown -- which was sold as a way to prevent millions of deaths, was based on bad data and deeply flawed assumptions. The Antibody tests also indicate that a lockdown won't matter as the virus has so saturated the population already, it is futile to try and protect everyone. Furthermore, just as we have seen in Sweden and well as in states that did not lockdown, there appears to be no substantial difference in results when locking down or not. The only thing that matters is protecting the very small minority of people who are vulnerable. Fortunately, it is also very easy to identify vulnerable populations due to age and existing conditions they likely have – allowing our communities ample opportunity to provide them with the attention they need. Also mandating everyone to surrender their rights will do more harm than good. We as a civilized society allow people to make decisions for themselves that may lead to self-harm, because we value freedom. The logic behind preventing people to go to church or assemble for a protest could be used to disenfranchise gay men because of the high rates of transmission of STD's in their communities. What is to stop a future government from using a fake concern for public health to disenfranchise any group it chooses? What good is the right to speech if you cannot gather? How can you have a speedy trial if the courts are closed? What is the right to an education if the schools are closed? How can you

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Alachua	Healthcare	Where are the tests? Without accessible and rapid testing, detection and containment of the coronavirus is impossible. With enough testing, we could safely reopen Florida. That is not the reality...Where are the tests??? Put Florida's people first. Get testing in place before reopening Florida.
Pinellas	Education	As a teacher, I have many concerns regarding the opening of schools in August. Florida is not safe to return to school buildings that soon. I have read many scenarios from other states regarding split days, split weeks, limiting class size, etc. This does not work in elementary schools at all. Families send sick children. The young children do not keep their distance from each other or adults. The schools are not well cleaned as there are always custodial shortages. And not once do they mention the safety of the teachers in all this. I am 61 with moderate asthma. I have to help care for my 87 year old mother. There is already a teacher shortage and starting back to soon will just add to it, as many teachers simply cannot or will not take that risk. All of these scenarios to make it safer for children to return that soon do not protect the adults involved at all. I think it would be best to continue digital learning (which is working great in our Pinellas district) through December at least. That will take us through the possible second wave. Also, please protect our pensions and not consider filing bankruptcy. Some of us have worked all of our lives for those meager pensions. Getting the unemployment situation corrected as soon as possible will put money in people's hands that currently have nothing coming in. Slowly, slowly reopen step by step but most certainly not until at least June 1st. Not here in Florida, most certainly not in Tampa Bay. The safety and health of all people, young and old alike, must absolutely be first priority. Thank you.
Okaloosa	General	It is much to early to open. Florida is #8 in the states with the most cases.We just went over 30,000 cases. The cases are going up not down. We need to protect our elderly and our healthcare workers. People are not taking this serious in Nwf, half the people don't wear masks and carry on like it's just another day. Please protect the people instead of putting us at greater risk.

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Escambia	Healthcare	Hello, I am a Medical Laboratory Technologist of more than 20 years experience. It seems to me that any consideration for 'opening' for any state must follow careful guidelines that accounts for safety first and keeping careful watch on the continued spread of the novel COVID19 virus. Let science be your guide here. Institutions such as eat in restaurants may open but only at no more than half seating capacity in order to spread out occupants and certain venues such as a salad bars and self serve shall remain closed until we have determined to have achieved a desirable level of 'herd' immunity...that determination should be based on testing. We need more data as to how many Floridians already have antibodies to COVID19 and develop a paradigm based on statistical data collected for each county of the state of Florida. This data can be utilized as a guide to aid in determining what can be opened and where. Institutions such as gyms and fitness centers must adhere to even more stringent guidelines due to the nature of proximity of patrons to each other, the equipment used, and the availability and willingness of patrons to use the antiviral wipes and the personal hygiene of the patrons factor into this as well. Facial masks/coverings must be required for all grocery stores while still implementing social distancing. It is my recommendation that all shopping carts are wiped down after each use. Barber shops and salons must require all employees and patrons to wear a mask/facial covering and wipe down all chairs and surfaces between each customer. Beaches can reopen as so long as there is a reasonable means to enforcing social distancing for the remainder of this pandemic. I recommend that any public restrooms be cleaned frequently and signs posted to remind the public to wash hands properly and clean up after themselves.
Osceola	Healthcare	I do not believe restrictions should be lifted at this time. Public safety is far more important than hair cuts and dining out. I am immunocompromised and it is a struggle to keep those around me safe with the current restrictions in place. Removing them and reopening central florida is not only reckless it is dangerous.
Hernando	General	Approximately 1,500 tests performed in a county of approximately 200,000 residents. Respectfully, it’s too early to reopen without more testing. I would have no confiidence in returning to places of business, recreation, etc without widespread county testing.

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Hillsborough	Food	My husband is a server in a high end restaurant in Tampa (Hillsborough county) and since being laid off has been taking care of our 2 young children since schools are closed and I am working full time. I understand that we have never been through a Health crisis like this before but I would like you to consider the fact that sending certain employees back to work without the proper child care will create a hardship on many families. I am also concerned that by him going to back to work there is increased risk for our family to get the Coronavirus, unless people have the confidence to go into restaurants that the risk of him having to go in will not be worth it because no one will be dining and he will not be making the money he made prior to this health crisis because he cannot have the same amount of tables now that they have to be 6 feet apart. Also gloves are not a good option bc they can't Change them for every interaction with each table. It just seems unrealistic. I am all for getting the economy in FL moving in the right direction and feel like you have done a great job in your decision making and I would encourage you to continue the take out option in restaurants For awhile longer and get other industries that have less contact up and running sooner.
Orange	General	Open Florida!
Lee	General	The act of reopening the state to free-for-all business is too soon. People are still contracting the Covid-19 virus, and not enough people are being tested for it. For as much as I would love to see my friends in their stores and boutiques again, I do not want them being sick because of it. Stop holding up the relief checks for the small retail owners, forget about the large chain stores and restaurants. Get help to the people that really need it, not the super rich that line your reelection bank account.
Sarasota	Retail	We need to be very careful with retail in general. Florida gets so many tourists who spend their time (and money) shopping. They will be bringing undiagnosed viruses with them from all over the world. That is true for everything, but retail is hard to change. How can you keep people safe? I know it's boring to be at home, but for those of us who work retail (and have been closed recently,) it's very scary to think about having to deal with all the changes, attitudes, germs & stress. We have families we have been trying to keep safe for the last 6+ weeks & now if everything is reopened, it's possible it was all for nothing as it is too early & too many will get sick. Restaurants opening for in house dining will be just as bad if not worse as those buildings are much smaller than many retail stores. Please keep most businesses closed at least thru May...then look at very slow, very strict rules when the doors open. So that there are 1000s less who will get sick &/or die. And please listen to the doctors, not just the business people worried about the bottom line. Thank you.

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Indian River	General	Dear Governor Desantis and others, First of all, I want to thank you for this opportunity for my voice to be heard. Not only am I a citizen of this fine state, but also a business owner. I own MRG Partners Inc., doing business as Heavenly Cleaning operating in Indian River County. I have paid very close attention to the events concerning this pandemic. Despite the criticism that I have read concerning this historical time, I will say this. No one was prepared for this event. I will admit, like most of us, those of you who are in charge are learning as time goes along. I want to commend all of you for the time and effort you are putting into this situation. Within 3 weeks of the time that the Governor decided to put us in quarantine, I was already feeling the effects of this. My business was in decline by a minimum of 75%. My thoughts on rather my business should be considered essential is not the issue here. My customers, like most Floridians, are the elderly. They were canceling our services to protect themselves and I get it. Thankfully I have been in business long enough to handle this even if it lasts a few months. My heart does go out to those that are not as fortunate. With that being said, I do have faith in the economy to restore itself. Because I believe in the American people and their resolve. This is uncharted territory for all of us. But my thoughts on reopening the state are as such. First of all, we need to extend the deadline. We need to show a downward trend for 14 consecutive days at least. With the results that came out on the 23rd of April, this is not it. I also oppose allowing some counties to open when others can't. That is opening a can of worms. I know the county just south of me, St Lucie has a lot of their citizens that commute to Palm Beach county which we know is a hotbed. Another factor to consider is this. We do not have a proven cure for this virus nor a proven vaccine.
St. Johns	Healthcare	The idea was to flatten the curve so the medical system could respond. As long as we can keep the curve managed and the medical system can respond that is the original stated goal. We simply are not going to be able to wait this out. Plus looking at the actual mortality numbers out of NY and considering what the antibody tests show is the probable actual infection rate, it would appear that is it much less lethal. That being said, we do need to allow for at risk persons to be able to quarantine. Meanwhile, open with masks, limit gatherings, and moderate social distancing for the rest of us. The people will die fear mantra...news flash, people will die as they do in auto accidents, cancer, suicide, etc. You can manage risk, you will never eliminate it. Add testing capacity without a doctors order and start antibody testing.
Orange	Healthcare	I have several auto immune diseases that are hereditary, as such I am very susceptible to catching viruses. Please re-open Florida very slowly! There will be a second peak if we don't wait until this virus is not just slowing down but has stopped. If a second round of this virus is worse the second time as predicted it will only be because we re-opened too soon. Save the lives of all Floridians I curing those of us in danger of catching Covid 19 easily. Thank you, Diana Hopkins

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Walton	Tourism	We love our beaches and our tourists; however, opening short term rental up so soon will be a disaster. Our community is very small and cannot handle the influx of tourists that short term rentals will allow. Please consider extending the short term rental ban so that we can enjoy our beaches with low risk.
Volusia	Government	I think Florida should reopen, I can't we my mother in law in assisted living, can't go to the beach, unable to go to church, many out of work. The Covid Numbers are way less than the flu and we never closed for that. Parents are stressed from home schooling. We need to get back to normal. The testing sites seem empty, the hospitals are managed fine.
Palm Beach	General	Delay reopen ing until curve flattens more. Too dangerous right now how effective is the economy going to be if number or worker are reduced because of an upsurge in deaths we are far too close to Miami
Polk	General	Do not open up yet. Fix the unemployment payment issue which would give people what they need on a immediate basis. This will buy time for health officials to come up with a treatment/shot to treat the disease. Florida is filled with retirees and people with auto Immune illness who have moved here for health reasons. Economies can be rebuilt but Lost lives cannot. Nonessential personnel should stay home.
Pinellas	Technology	It is vital to reopen Florida inmediatly. Is necessary contemplate a balance between safety and survival. This situation is destroying the economy of the people. People need and has the right to work and provide for their families. We need to take care of the people of the risk group. And allow the rest of us to work and play and to acquire he necessary immunity to be ready for the next winter season. That immunity is the only guaranty that this situation will not come again. Thank you
Hernando	General	Approximately 1,500 tests have been performed in a county of approximately 200,000 residents. Respectfully, it's too early to reopen without more testing. I would have no confiidence in returning to places of business, recreation, etc without widespread county testing.
Orange	Real Estate	I am fearfull to go back toly job that is in a gymnasium. Of course we have to make payments.
Seminole	Professional Services	I work as a hairdresser and there is no safe way to do hair while standing the 6feet distance. Just wearing cloth or paper masks is not enough to protect us while standing on top of people. We would have to be in a full medical gown with a plastic face shield and where do we get these protective gear? It is not safe to reopen us 1st according to the presidents phasing system we should be one of the last to open not one of the 1st.

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Pinellas	General	How well you be ensuring our safety when we return to work? Especially considering many of us have taken pay cuts. You'd like us to risk sickness,death, and long term effects for reduced salaries? Will you advise companies who's employees dont need to be in office to perform their job to continue to work from home? How will asymptomatic people be screened? How would I ride elevator to my work floor while practicing social distancing? Our elevators are stuffed shoulder to shoulder every morning and evening. Will companies have access to health professional to make guidelines for returning to work ?
Broward	Healthcare	I think it's very important to open healthcare offices such as doctors and dentists I believe we should all wear face masks and social distance but our healthcare is extremely important. Not all important reasons to go to drs and dentists are emergencies yet they are extremely important to our health Also not every health or dental issue can be addressed virtually If appointments are made with time in between each one there should be no problem doing this. If people come too early they could be asked to wait outside till their appt time. so there are not a lot of people in the waiting area I have never been to a dr or dentist that didn't have private rooms for their patients being seen I would like to see everything begin to open per the presidents guidelines so we can try to get back to a "normal" life but in a structured way so we can get our economy going again soon Thanks for letting me give my input ! Good luck opening our wonderful state
Orange	Transportation	Open Florida!
Pinellas	Retail	Please open up small businesses! Many of them will permanently shut if they do not open up May 1st as was promised by the government.
Manatee	Construction	Until we have tested 80% of residents, the state should remain closed.
Pinellas	Retail	Thank you for your efforts, your hard work, and your commitment to keep our communities safe. Both my husband and I have been unable to work since late March. No work means no income in our household. Our efforts with the unemployment website have been unsuccessful- no response to our submissions. We NEED to go back to work. We want to do it safely. Please ease restrictions on retail, restaurants, gyms, etc. sooner rather than later. We are happy to abide by all new safety measures. We need to get back to generating income for our family.
Hillsborough	Recreation	Will there be any support for event hall at night clubs? Seems that this will be the last to open. Will there be extra help financially for the business and staff due to the fact we will have to open in phase 3? I don't even see "hospitality" for areas of interest?? John Santoro The Ritz Ybor

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Lee	General	Please re-open Florida. NPR reported a few days ago that we should be watching for positive tests vs. total tested to be at or below 10% -- if you follow our cumulative testing, Florida (unlike states like Michigan and NY) our cumulative positives vs. cumulative total tests have barely been above 10% the entire time. I also listened intently to the Governor's press conference on 4/24 and noted what he said at about the 9 minute mark -- that the total positives have been skewed due to people who have been tested multiple times and have tested positive multiple times -- this means the data is skewed. Please get antibody tests into the state so that a broad number of people can be tested like in areas of CA, Boston and NY that have shown that more people have already had this than are currently being tested -- therefore making the death rate less than being reported. But, bottom line please re-open Florida!!
Orange	General	I do not think the state should reopen until health officials say it is safe. They are medical doctors that I believe God set in place with the knowledge and wisdom needed to lead us in a healthy way when it comes to sicknesses. Please please I am begging you please allow time for a cure before allowing the state to open with a potential set back. Please consider the health of people instead of capitalism. Let's all love and appreciate people lives and not put them at risk to fail or even loose their life. I pray God's will be done.
Miami-Dade	General	I do not agree that the economy opens. Because is very soon now. Thanks
Lee	Recreation	Open up everything! If need be put restaurants on 50% capacity for 2 weeks then all open. Then hire the people in Sweden to take over. Lol. Open up the beaches and parks for sure. Sunlight is a good natural defense
Broward	Healthcare	Open Florida back up! W"not all in this together' as we're being brainwashed by the commercials. To quarantine is draconian and a push towards government control. People who believe it's too soon to open are free to stay at home. They don't have to allow anyone inside. Testing does nothing because you will test positive for covid19 if you've ever had the flu or have vaccination for flu. When you have a baby, the first thing it does is put it's hand in it's mouth, taking in germs and potential viruses/bacteria. That's when the baby's body starts making antibodies naturally and building immunity as it grows. You wouldn't put the baby in a plastic bubble to live and you shouldn't mandatory quarantine us either. Isolation lowers the immunity and the ability to build antibodies by non-exposure. China wants to dominate the world and have a one world order. With mandatory vaccines that Bill Gates is pushing it's an agenda to insert everyone with a microchip, this an ability to control you. Dr Fauci should be locked up for breaking the law in 2015 after then President Obama stopped him for his research and study of virulent strains from bats in human tissues. Obama said if the superbug was leaked it had the potential to become Lethal. So in 2015, Dr Fauci took our taxpayer money and outsourced the research to China. Wake up America!

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Suwannee	Healthcare	Hello. First I want to thank you for leading our state. I can imagine that when you won, you never imagined this was what you had signed up for. But here we are. Now, regarding the opening of our state... I am a Florida born resident who loves our state. I am a Registered nurse for 20 years, serving in the Emergency room for over 10 years. We serve a rural and poor community who depends on our little hospital. And of course, I view the reopening through the eyes of a healthcare provider. We MUST reopen when ALL hospital employees have enough PPE to not have to reuse, or skimp out on N95s. We MUST wait until we have enough testing kits to test any and all people who need them. In the ER, we must test for Covid as easily and promptly as we test for the flu, with results done within the hospital and given to patients within 30 minutes. THIS is essential to be able to open and properly isolate those who are positive. Nurses and Doctors are risking their lives for others. They are risking the lives of their families for their community. Lets keep that in mind when we hear people whining and complaining because they want to reopen right away and "do the things they want to do" only thinking about themselves. The economy will grow in a better more consistent growth if the reopening is done in the healthiest way-- strengthening healthcare.... because at the end of the day... who is going to take care of the sick?
Charlotte	Healthcare	I'm for reopening the state ASAP, our economy and small businesses desperately need to get back to work.
Indian River	Tourism	Open Florida
Sarasota	Healthcare	Do not open the state for Another month. I'm a healthcare worker and we Are at risk everyday and people are coming to The dr more Because they are Bored
Orange	General	The idea of shutting everything down was to "Slow the Spread". Not eradicate the virus. We definitely slowed the spread and people and businesses are hurting. Just wear a mask if it's required or makes you feel better, wash your hands, dont touchyour face, and wash your hands. It's simple. This whole "stay at home" crusade has definitely gotten out of hand and so many people are suffering. Suffering from more than the virus itself. Look at the local police reports. They are full of attempted suicide, domestic abuse, rape, and domestic disturbance calls. So many people are suffering psychologically and financially. It's not worth keeping things closed. Please open our community.
Brevard	General	I am a 58 year old woman with underlying health issues. My husband is able to work from home. We have only picked up nprescriptions and have not left our home since March 10th. We would like to see a statewide mandatory mask requirement! A PSA on how to wear a mask.. Protection is essential.

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Monroe	Healthcare	Governor Ron DeSantis and Florida COVID-19 Task Force on reopening Florida. First, I want to say thank you in advance for reading my concerns. I am a Florida Licensed Dental Hygienist in Key West. I have been in dentistry since 1984 and went through the HIV/Aids epidemic here; I felt safe with what I was doing at that time to protect myself, office and clients, but this virus is so different that on daily basis new findings are coming out. Are we ready? I am concerned for dental treatment in general. I understand that by delaying dental elective care, such as cleaning, perio maintenance, etc, can progress to more periodontium destruction and cause more harm. I don't want that at all. As Dental Hygiene care, we do create a lot of aerosols. Even if we don't use the Ultrasonic units- Piezo or Magnetorestrictive units, we do polish and rinse periodically throughout our treatment. I for one am very anxious to get back to work, but in a safe manner for both myself, our team and essentially our clients. I do have proper PPE available and purchased other equipment to minimize aerosol transmission, but I do feel that we don't have enough information on how safe these can be. I see people in hospital setting wearing full gowns (hazmat suits) we don't have these and only besides N95 masks, disposable gowns, face shields, disposable hats; is that enough? We would screen our clients and questions asked to ensure they haven't been exposed, including taking temperatures, having them wait in their car prior to coming in the office (no one in the waiting room) and in office disinfection for them for hands, etc. but what about the asymptomatic population, is that enough? I believe before we open, I would feel comfortable in having all of the dental community obtain antibody testing and for us to be able to test clients prior to treatment to assure they are not communicable. Maybe in the future or soon talk about it, we will all have to have AIIR systems in place, only this will assure no transmittable diseases may pass. Final note: please consider prior to opening dental practices for elective care, especially dental hygiene, that FDA and ADA have a protocol for dentist to follow and must adhere to it, including
Pinellas	Retail	Should keep enclosed environments restricted to so many people at a time with definite mask required. Face mask required
Hillsborough	Professional Services	I support the reopening of our state ASAP. While i am not personally affected by the unemployment, it pains me to see the increasing amount of hard working Floridians out of work. Let’s get Florida back out to work with guidelines to stay home if sick or immunocompromised.
Polk	General	I feel we should reopen the state slowly and with caution. Slowly open more furniture stores (RentACenter Type) maybe more businesses with lobbies that remain closed. No out of state tourism. Still keep social distancing at All businesses and any outside activities or recreational activities proceed but limited to small groups only of 5 or less. Maybe summer will drop the spread. But we need to be prepared to lockdown Florida if and when the very first case hits in the fall or winter season. Thanks for your time and God bless America
Miami-Dade	General	I think it is too early to open the city.Everyday with have cases. My family and I dont feel safe is the state open.Life is more important than the economy.Please open when it’s safe for everybody. We don’t want to die.

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Broward	General	I concur with the majority of Floridians that we would like to Re-Open Florida during the Month of May, 2020. However, it should be labeled Conditional Re-Opening. Specific Conditions must be in place prior to, during and continuous. Such as: Guidelines: Wearing Face Mask outside of the home; in offices, businesses, and any space wherein you can reasonably expect to come within 6ft of another individual Self Quarantining if you are experiencing flu-like symptoms An On-line Physician Hotline for Individuals to discuss symptoms with a medical professional A Hotline set up to for reporting businesses that violate the guidelines A Hotline set up to for individuals to report any activity in violation of the guidelines Reduced Business hours (All businesses close by 8PM Free Test Available in mass quantities At least one member from each household receives Free test during the Month of May and June
Seminole	General	Please open up now. No restrictions. Thank you.
Orange	Healthcare	Stop putting us at risk. This surge of new cases was because of the beaches opening and people thinking that things are back to normal. Essential workers are now at more risk. What are you going to do when all non-medical essential workers strike because you don't care about us? We're prepared to sit this out for months already. TP, food, things to do, cash in hand... when we go... who is going to train these new hires. Shut down Florida for two weeks. If you would have done this early we would have a handle on this a month ago. But now Florida is once again a joke. The whole world is waiting for the dumb toddler to come back inside so we can get this cross country "grounding' over with but no... Florida has to be an embarrassment and we can't start the clock on healing. You owe essential workers big time because we're over here keeping the peace on the daily.
Duval	Information	Now is not the time to reopen Florida. There is not even a vaccine at this time. Reopening could cause a worst out break of this virus with people to comfortable.
Broward	Recreation	As an Olympian who chose South Florida to prepare for the next Tokyo Olympic Games I'd like to see parks and sports facilities such as the Coral Springs Sportsplex back open. Off course we'd need to adapt to the new reality and have some better control to maximum occupation and interaction guided by the latest social distancing guidelines, but I still believe sports and recreation can play a big role on the mental aspect recovering from the effects of the quarantine and social isolation. Bruno Fratus, 2x Olympic Swimmer from Brazil, currently number 3 in the world and 4x Worlds medalist.
Marion	Management	PLEASE Don't open until we (state) reach, at the minimum, the 14 day downslope on Infections. To Open ANYTHING earlier is putting ALL of us in jeopardy of a Relapse in Infection Spread.

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Orange	Healthcare	I am 71 with asthma, HBP and disabling arthritis. When the mobile Covid testing came to my area I called for an appointment but was told that all appointments were already taken. If I wanted to she said I could go to the convention center. That is an hour away. So not only have I not been tested but no one I know has either. The actual number of cases is probably not all that accurate. People are not getting testing. So I am staying home and away from people. Please be prudence when reopening the state. I know unemployed people are hurting but I want to feel safe.before I venture out. Also, I never received that $1200 check and have no idea if I ever will! Thank you for listening.
Seminole	General	I am a 45 year old father of two school aged children, proud republican, and a tax paying contributing member of society. I also am one of approximately 34.2 million people in the U.S. that suffers from diabetes. There is a big emphasis on how Covid19 affects the elderly and rightfully so considering they have the most negative outcomes. Unfortunately, historically little emphasis has been put on those of all ages with countless medical conditions like diabetes that also make them susceptible to Covid19. The prospect of our children having to go back to school is frightening considering children can be a vector of transmission. It was a relief to hear that schools would remain closed for the remaining school year. I hope this decision is not reversed due to reopening efforts putting a lot of us in harms way. Also recall that non N-95 rated face coverings do not completely protect wearers from the virus, and therefore are not a substitution for the six feet social distancing measures. Opening up businesses such as nail salons, tattoo parlors, gyms, and theatres etc. that break social distancing measures by design without the use of proper protection as has been done by some of our neighboring states at this stage is a mistake.
Clay	General	I live in Northeast Florida for less than 2 years. My family and I are transplants from Long Island, NY. Having many friends and relatives from Long Island, as well as counties within the realm of New York City, I definitely think this should be done very slowly. New York has been hit very hard, and I believed Florida looked to New York and what was going on there in order to sort of get a jump on our reaction to the Covid 19 virus. I think Governor Desantis and his staff have done a great job.But I definitely feel that the health of our citizens should outweigh the economic effects of our people. True, the economy needs to open, but slow and steady wins the race

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Hillsborough	General	We all understand that life must go on , but let's do it responsibly so that we all have lives to live . I believe reopening in a slow steady pace in the same fashion that we shutdown is the safest & most effective way to proceed. Re open businesses that can accommodate outdoor seating in limited capacity, no large group gatherings , keep theaters, arenas, shopping malls closed. Stores that don't carry essential needs can be reopened with limited capacity & social distancing guidelines just as the essential stores have been functioning . As a hairstylist while I agree I need to be paid I also don't feel that the environment I work in is safe without extreme restrictions not only for my safety but my customers which I can guarantee will not make stylists nor customers happy to deal with, which in turn I feel like people will start cutting corners and when someone gets sick we as stylists will be to blame. It will go from us being told we are essential to being we are part of the problem. One person could literally make it so difficult for us all .and all it would take would be one lawsuit to severely damage an already suffering business . I feel waiting a little longer to open would be best option . Regardless like Dr. Barsoum stated " just because you can do something , does not mean you should."
Osceola	General	Reopen Florida now. All of it. Compromised and sick people can take precautions...wear masks etc but let the rest of us go back to work and whatever else we choose to do. I'm more likely to die in my car and you should now that!!! You are not my baby sitter. REOPEN FLORIDA NOW.
Collier	Technology	I am an Apple Certified Support Professional that provides assistance to Apple computer users in Naples Florida. I have been doing remote support since this crisis began, this is keeping myself and my clients safe. I would not want this stay at home policy to end until we are sure that the threat is gone and the second wave is not on the way. We cannot afford to lose anymore lives by carelessly opening public places before it is safe.
St. Lucie	General	If any Governor of ANY State attempts to re-open and/or takes any actions not meeting the CDC Guidelines for COVID-19, SHOULD NOT be eligible to receive ANY assistance money through the US Government or its agencies. If any Mayor, City Commissioner or governing agency attempts to re-open and/or takes any actions not meeting the CDC Guidelines for COVID-19, SHOULD NOT be eligible to receive ANY assistance money through their State or any US Government or its agencies.
Lake	Government	Mr Governor, please reopen our state . I know you will do it in a responsible way . Our economy is suffering people are suffering and want to get back to work . Thank you sincerely, Ruth C Messare
Seminole	Healthcare	I agree we should open up, but it must be in a rational, science-based manner and include a drastic increase in testing for infections and antibodies. We can't go forever like this, but we must wait until the curve is not only flattened but decreasing so we can phase in reopening. Then we should reopen in stages with appropriate safety in place to limit infections and keep them under control while protecting our most vulnerable citizens.

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Hillsborough	Healthcare	As a healthcare provider holding an advanced degree in a medical field, I am appalled that we are considering reopening wide swaths of our previously normal society. As a small business owner who is going through an extremely uncertain financial period of life as a result of the pandemic, I understand the serious effort to stem the economic collapse we're seeing and give people a chance to get back to work. That said, this needs to be done under the following circumstances: 1. We need to wait until current measures have the spread of the virus on the ropes - declining case numbers for 14 days. Once that occurs, the risk of spread is low enough that we can move on to number 2. 2. "Re-opening" implies that we go back to what was. The reality we must face, starting with this next phase of the pandemic, is that many facets of our normal social life can not go back to their previous normal. Having people regularly enter environments where they stand shoulder to shoulder breathing down each other's necks will give too great an opportunity for the virus to re-enter a rapid growth phase instead of being forced to remain in a smoldering existence. Strict regulations need to be placed on businesses to adhere to distancing guidelines and protective measures and the regulations need to be enforced. Want to stay open? Follow the rules.
Marion	Recreation	Let me start off by saying thank you for all you have done to keep us safe. But at this time, I feel it's time to re open this great state. I am the manager of Anytime Firness on Baseline rd in Ocala FL. We pride ourselves on our customer service and cleanliness. Weeks before shutdown, we were cleaning every hour to make sure everyone felt safe. A lot of our members would like to get back to the healthy place. Working out is something to help fight covid 19. As we all know, most deaths have come from 65 and older with 88% having 1 or two underlying illnesses. Obesity and diabetes are the most common underlying illnesses. Working out helps prevent this. I am asking to ease open up our health clubs. Thank you. As I tell all my members, stay safe by staying healthy
Palm Beach	General	It is too soon to reopen Florida. Especially the hard hit counties. Opening up beaches is a big mistake. People will travel from county to county going to beaches golf course etc spreading the virus. It is too soon to lift stay at home order. The numbers do not support opening. Stay locked down help people financially. Test more. Please put people first. The more people out and about the farther the virus will travel threatening all of us. We need to go another 3 to 8 weeks before we re visit opening in stages. Restaraunt seating cannot happen yet. Please please protect the people of FL.

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Palm Beach	Healthcare	My main concern is that due to the current concern with the Corona-virus, many other, often serious, health issues are being ignored. I completed treatment for cancer last year. I am supposed to be seen by my "team" every 3 months. My appointments have been cancelled, not once, but twice because of this pandemic. I understand the need to protect people who are currently in treatment, it does not ease my concern for my own health and well-being. I worry, not only for myself, but for so many people who are going undiagnosed and untreated. In many situations, time lost can make a huge difference between life and death. For some of us, we have bigger worries than catching this virus. Please take this into consideration. People should be able to assess the risk for themselves and do what they feel they need to do to protect themselves and their families. Please Open Florida Now. Thank you.
Leon	General	Open up the businesses. The impact to our economy will last years. The longer we are closed the more negative impacts this quarantine will cause. Should have been like sweden and stay open.
Hillsborough	General	I think we need to wait another few weeks to flatten the curve further and get better prepared with testing before re-opening businesses.
Orange	General	Please note the following concerns: 1) Restaurant seating is too close, i.e., Briar Patch in Winter Park and Columbia Restaurant in Celebration; servers cannot even walk between tables; local government should reduce the capacity per square footage; 2) Allow all elective surgeries at this time; people are in pain and need surgery; 3) Allow all outdoor activities at this time stressing social distancing; 3) Open all retail; grocery stores are more dangerous than retail shops; 4) Open all small businesses; 5) Require businesses that service senior citizens to wear masks; 6) Strongly advocate for anyone with an underlying health condition conducive to COVID to wear a mask when in public indefinitely; all physicians should promote this precaution; 7) Continue indefinitely with public service announcement information about hand washing and social distancing as a constant reminder until a vaccine is developed; after the vaccine is developed then aggressively promote the vaccine; 8) If masks are required, business owners need to buy their own and not ask government to provide them; 9) Better manage nursing home and assisted living facilities to report COVID cases; fine them if they do not report cases (a key and only clinical employee at my mother-in-law ALF came down with COVID and no one advised us until three weeks after she was hospitalized; this is a small business with only six residents; require all nursing homes and ALFs to have a written plan and submit it to the Department of Health addressing if key clinical personnel cannot work who will cover the clinical care of residents - especially needed for small facilities with six residents); require hospitals and physicians to report anyone with COVID to the health department similar to what has been done in the past for sexual transmitted diseases. Note: The vast majority of New York City deaths were senior citizens with serious underlying health conditions. The entire economy of Florida should open and focus on precautionary measures for that age group and not penalize everyone who is trying to earn a living.

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Orange	General	Florida should remain closed as their is already a recent increase in cases and there is no vaccine to protect others, especially those with andy underlying conditions. Our lives are more important than the economy.
Osceola	General	I really don't think it's at best interest to open Florida . We should give it another month. We have been quarantined for a couple months where lots of people did not do so but I Think in the month of April there were more people doing things they were suppose to do So why not wait another month and see how it goes. If we rush into this situation it's outcome maybe not what we are looking for and the last couple months would of been wasted. You are putting all of the work that the healthcare industry have accomplished just to open up and send them more. They can only take so much also. Please do not rush this situation. Yes we all would like to get out there but not to have wasted the time We stayed Quarantined. Common sense for the safety of our communities to many people have died such a terrible and unnecessary death . Stay safe, stay home and keep your families safe no one should have to lose a loved one to this virus and yet they have .
Pasco	General	Please start phase 1 then every two weeks open more. Need to open asap. We are going to be in the great depression. More people die from proverty. If you dont get things back up soon. I will not vote for you next term. Your killing us.
Orange	Real Estate	We run an international real estate, property management, rentals and mortgages company of 22 years. Our business has been severely affected by the restrictions. Please reopen the economy. Most sensible people now will continue the social distancing procedures now in any event as we all want to be careful but we need to reopen our economy soon to preserve our business and keep our American staff on.
Alachua	General	I don't believe it's safe to re-open Florida because that's what others are doing. People are still dying from this virus.We value money over people lives. The people who are on the frontline sacrificing their lives and withering time away from their own families and for what, just for us to be in the same place two weeks from now because we couldn't wait. It's so easy to follow, but it takes courage to led by example and go the right thing.
Hernando	Government	I don't believe that Florida should be opened so quickly. I feel we need to wait until June 1st. The reason why everything looks like it is heading in the right direction is due to being closed. There are people not taking this serious. If we open to soon we are going to see a lot more cases and deaths. Please take this into account.
Miami-Dade	Professional Services	Nail, waxing, and hair salons should not open during the pandemic. We should not open since there is no medication or vaccine for COVID-19. We cannot install plexiglass at the manicure, pedicure, and waxing stations for we have to see well to do our job. We cannot stay 6 feet apart since we have to be near other people to do our services. People would get infected more. The best decision is to keep social distancing and follow the stay at home orders until the health experts find a way to eradicate the virus.

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Orange	General	I do not feel safe for the state to reopen and to come back to my office job without proper testing. I do not think it would be safe to reopen until there still are cases in NY and CA. Stay at home order should be extended.
Hillsborough	Transportation	Follow medical advice and open slowly. Stay essential only for several more weeks
Volusia	General	As a small Business owner please open ASAP. Keep Maintain social distancing masks or scarf. Small Business can do it. They are enterprising people and will come up with the right solutions for their individual situation. DO NOT MAKE OVER BEARING HARD RULES. I have personally seen Lowes Home Depot Walmart full of people it has not been a disaster. The public are doing the right things keeping distance and wearing mask if they have them. I believe they will continue if you ask them. Please get us open. ASAP Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak John Willams
Orange	Healthcare	I am a licensed massage therapist who is concerned with opening our profession up to early. We are directly touching clients, multiple clients each day. We are not essential at this point and should be opening once this pandemic is over. If a client comes in, who isn't showing symptoms but has the virus or a client who is lying about being sick (which happens because they just want a massage and don't care about who they get sick) and we touch them than we are spreading that to every single client after that. If we see six clients a night, that's now six people who can potentially be carrying the virus back to their home, work etc. We made an oath to do no harm. I will stand by that oath. Opening up in May would be a mistake.
Seminole	General	Give the stay at home order another 2 weeks or until the end of May if needed. If you open too soon, the past 30+days will have been a waste. There are many not social distancing and not taking it seriously and they will out the rest of us at risk. Stop listening the Trump and lead your state b

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Alachua	General	WE MUST OPEN FLORIDA AND GET BACK TO WORK! As a small business owner who just relocated to Florida, and watching the local small businesses struggling to stay a float, we need to get back to work before it is too late and there is no work to go back to! I think that the business owners who have worked hard their entire life, provided for their families, and the local community, paid taxes; are responsible enough on how to properly re-open their businesses and put in place the safe guards for all customers. If you are older, if you have some health issues, if you are or become sick, if you can and don't want to go out or even if you can work from home, then may be you should stay home, but for everyone else we need to do our part and get back to work ASAP! If you can go to the grocery store, pharmacy, gas station, eat takeout from the very restaurants that you all closed, I think we can get a hair cut, go to the beach and out to eat without it causing any issues. Yes there may be some problems along the way, just like when you decided to shut down the state, but we have overcome them and will do the same with any new problems that may occur. Please open the state up and end this stay at home order immediately, so we can all get back to our lives and make up for we have lost due to the many irresponsible decisions that have been made. This country has seen these virus outbreaks in the past and never have we ever needed to do something as crazy as this. Please help us before it is to late! Thanks
Hillsborough	Healthcare	Elective procedures
Miami-Dade	General	A lot of people are still getting sick they should open anything, I think they are just opening cause they fill pressure from the president, but the safety from the residents the lives of people are more important then economic problems, the money its not going to bring you the lives of people who died.
Hillsborough	Professional Services	I think it is vital that we reopen businesses. We need those at risk to continue sheltering at home and Florida needs to be able to get back to work and function. Covid 19 is here to stay but our economy and businesses will not be. We must keep calm and carry on. Please open Florida.
Orange	Tourism	Let make Florida great again
Lake	Government	While I do not support a mass reopening at once, I do believe we could start working on opening up certain areas such as Government offices, Outpatient MOB’s, State Parks & Beaches.
Lee	General	The current virus response should have been allowed to go as with previous contagious diseases: the scared people stay home, lose there jobs; the sick people get sick pay, vacation pay or time off without pay. Life continues nearly normal for all others. It is time to remove all government imposed 'emergency' restrictions.

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Lake	General	I believe we shouldn't reopen the state just to reopen the state . Sometimes I think like you guys do not understand the severity of this virus. And if we do reopen we should know to have measures in place for the people's security. Economy is one thing and the safety and health of the people is another. Fix the broken unemployment system and change the outdated right to work law that does not work on behalf of the working class people, this state has transformed throughout the years and is no longer just a retiree Haven or a tourist state but also a growing working class state and it is a shame to see how the cost of living rises while salaries are below a living wage here in the state of Florida. For once do something right for the people of our state.
Polk	General	until I see a consistent downward trend in cases I don't agree to reopen the state
Miami-Dade	General	I think before the state of Florida should open up. Everyone in the state needs to be tested. Kits can be sent to all home viaa Drone. Or kits can be mailed to households. I thinks it very important that everyone be tested. Once everyone has been tested and cleared of the virus it would be safe to reopen the State! Until this is done I think it is a disaster waiting to blow up!!!! I think if we should take these measures very seriously and you will have a better handle on preventing the spread. We must also continue to do social distancing for quite a while
Miami-Dade	Recreation	I do not agree that they open the county because I am in the part where they are most infected, I am an asthmatic person and I am afraid for my life, Thank you
Orange	Healthcare	I lost a job and had to file unemployment due to the Coronavirus outbreak. My now former employer didn't make it safe for us enough within the work environment. I am a caregiver of a disabled relative who has MS (multiple sclerosis) and has NO immune system. I worked for a retail pharmacy's call center that didn't practice social distancing on the production floor. They offered for working at home but I would have to pay for the Internet service and I wasn't offered an increase in salary. Since I relied on public transportation to commute to work for 90 minutes to 2 hours, my relative is now sick with the Coronavirus. I had to decide whether to compromise her health or do what I could to protect both of us. Re-opening the state NOW is NOT a good thing and is VERY counterproductive. Funds are depleted due to bills and I have no idea of how I'll pay the rent for May and still looking for work.
Broward	General	Do not open Florida yet it’s too early and too dangerous please we don’t need people to die

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Flagler	General	I believe that it is time to re open Florida and the rest of the Country. We are losing job's very fast and we need to allow them to open before we don't have any left to open. We have stayed in long enough. The chance of dying from this virus is very low if your not already fighting a preexisting condition. Use common sense and open our county now. People can't afford to not work. The government can't afford to keep bailing us out. People are already suffering financially and if we keep going on like this people will start losing homes and cars. We can't allow this to happen. The outcome if you don't reopen our state and country now will be more catastrophic than the virus. Stop scaring people with the numbers dead, how about focus on how many have it and are fine. You will see alot of unnecessary damage if people can't go back to work. It's already showing, domestic violence and child abuse, suicide and murders are higher than normal and will get worse the more people that can't pay their Bill's, all the time being quarantined in houses is just a time bomb. So please for everyone's sake, open Florida back up and people need to use common sense.
Broward	General	Re abrir ??? Es una locura en estos momentos solo en la Florida ay más de 30 mil personas con el virus y 1.055 muertos. Soy madre soltera hace más de 1 mes que estoy sin trabajo, necesito mucho trabajar pero soy consciente que no quiero terminar en hospital, y no quiero ver a mi hijo que se me lo lleven por un virus. Debería. De poner cuarentena por 14 días obligatorio con multas para las personas que no lo respeten ,y ahí después que bajen los contagios poder reabir.Uds piensan en reabrir cuando los infectados cada vez van en aumento. Deberían de cuidar más al ciudadano y no pensar tanto en el dinero. El dinero se recupera la vida no. Por favor haga. algo para ayudar a que las personas respeten la cuarentena así podemos de apoco salir adelante.
St. Johns	General	Though it is an inconvenience, I think it is unwise to reopen restaurants/barber shops/movie theaters etc while this pandemic continues to rage, and no vaccine or cure has been developed. Florida especially has a high population of residents that are vulnerable to COVID-19, not just the elderly but immunocompromized people like diabetics and asthmatics. It is not worth the risk to sacrifice tens of thousands of lives just so our richer citizens can profit off our labor. We need more ventilators, and while I know Governor DeSantis would never criticize our shithead president, it is very telling that he would rather preserve his reputation with a man who holds no regard for anyone besides himself than take the president to task for his poor handling of this health crisis. The economy is not the real concern: it is human lives. Florida itself could allocate tourism dollars into providing stimulus checks for citizens.
Palm Beach	General	Please lift some of the restrictions as safely as possible so we can get back to work. I Ihave not seen the stimulus check yet nor do I qualify for unemployment or a small business loan. I am broke and can not pay my bills rent or buy food. This has become a dire situation and if we can not go back to work soon a lot of people will be homeless and financially ruined including myself. I can only hang on for another couple weeks like this at best.

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Orange	Retail	Why open back up when people health is at risk look in retail they try on clothes they sweat that's nasty they touch everything it's plenty of people in the store Jesus think about tgat
Broward	Professional Services	I am a solo practitioner lawyer with two employees. I closed down from April 7 through April 22 because one of the employees woke up sick the morning of April 5 and did not get tested for COVID-19 until April 25. Although I am sure she has it (and three full weeks later she is still sick) that technical uncertainty led me to conclude closing was the only option available to me. My other employee and I have felt fine all along and she returned Thursday, April 23. I went to my office every day and did whatever had to be done to keep my tiny law practice going. I did my work, I did clerical work, I did bookkeeping, I took out the trash. It has been very stressful because in addition to all that I promised to pay both regardless of whether or not they came to work (I can do that now thanks to the PPP, which I successfully navigated under the most stressful of circumstances). So you probably think I am pushing to reopen small businesses! But no, I worked too hard for what has seemed an eternity doing the responsible thing to now just change course, backtrack, and jeopardize or undo what I accomplished so far. I still have one sick employee, starting week #4 of her illness. That is probably symbolic of the state of our state. We cannot possibly be ready. I have no idea if my other employee and I have the disease and we were exposed to my third employee on April 3- two days before she got sick. How do we know we are not endangering each other or others? We are working- behind a locked door because I cannot let my clients and defendants in the door! We need to be tested to see where we stand. My landlord won't allow my sick employee back to the office complex without seeing her doctor's note approving her return to work. I cannot find the disinfectants I want despite visiting two, three, four, five stores each day. Publix food shelves were not even full today. My hair is a mess because my salon is closed!!!! THIS IS NOT WHAT I CALL READY!!! I DON'T WANT MY HARD WORK TO BE FOR NAUGHT! Let's do the job- a complete job- the right way.
Polk	Education	Education, healthcare, retail, restaurants, bar shops, hair solons, government, & churches too. These are essential for people who are hurting and are willing to go out and not able to work.. American will not have any jobs, or economic in another two to three weeks. There will be no recover. I am register voter of Florida , I support you but you should support your voters too.
Sarasota	Recreation	Open the beaches to ALL Sarasota County residents. Only use one entrance to the public beach parking lots and limit it to whatever number will be safe. Check for Sarasota County ID at the entrance. We live here 12 months as year for a reason. We are committed to the community. I am a teacher and my husband is a plumber. We need the beach to relieve stress and have a place for our 7-year-old son to play. The beach is part of kid lives. Schools are closed, our neighborhood pool is closed. We need the beaches to spread out and get some sun for our mental health. Open to Residents ONLY!

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Hillsborough	General	Please reconsider opening Florida, there are to many people that can and will die due to this virus. My recommendation should you decide to reopen is to strait with the small businesses and then possibly the larger ones after the small businesses have made it with no new infections. I'm hoping you are tracking the virus in the various county's and considering which ones you should reopen, thank you for being cautious with everyone in our state. All lives matter. Kathy Mahoney 4/25/2020
Broward	General	It is time to open up. People are starving and have to wait hours in lines to get free food. Lawn services, golf courses, tennis, gyms, camp grounds, sporting goods stores, and elective surgery should start ASAP with guidance on the protective measures individuals should take. We are purposely destroing our economy. There must be counties that can open now. It is time that individuals must be responsible for themselves the State can't be mother and father to everyone.
Hernando	General	Approximately 1,500 tests have been performed in a county of approximately 200,000 residents. Respectfully, it's too early to reopen without more testing. I would have no confiidence in returning to places of business, recreation, etc without widespread county testing.
Broward	Technology	The State should start opening up at the beginning of May keeping social distance guidance for the different types of businesses. Parks and recreational areas also should open. Thanks.
Miami-Dade	Healthcare	I don't think we are ready to reopen and lift any curfews. People are still getting sick the virus keeps spreading. Miami Dade needed a total shut down for at le East 45 days if that would have been done things would already would have been back to normal. Your after money for the state and you've lost more by not shutting it down. This is only getting worst because of irresponsibility. We are concerned for our children and family members. I'm pretty sure congress and their families are safe at home while we are struggling with all this crap going on.
Clay	Healthcare	Please do not reopen FL. I am a registered nurse and it is imperative that we continue to shelter at home and keep Floridians safe. This virus is highly contagious. You have no idea what it is like to see people struggling to fight this virus or to watch patients take their last breath alone with no family present and only medical staff present.
Hillsborough	General	Please don't reopen the state. My husband is a retired Sergeant with Hillsborough county sheriff's office and is now working security in the er at our local hospital....we are not anywhere near reopening. It is just going to get worse, I would wait until June 1st and reevaluate. I have had one close friend already die from this. It is not worth it to rush it.
Hernando	Administrative	Please do not reopen. It's too risky until we know how to fight it. My family and I are uninsured and cannot afford to be sick. My 8yrs old has two heart conditions. She won't survive if we bring it home to her.

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Sumter	General	If our state cannot acquire all the testing needed to guarantee the safety of all Floridians then how can we be sure of not starting this all over? In the area I live.....very few people TRULY practice social distancing as prescribed. I want our state to open. I want our beaches to open. I want our tourism back as strong as ever. 1- we need to focus on getting unemployment applications completed so people can feed their children and pay their bills. We need to help these people fine the means to survive. 2 - focus on acquiring tests. 3 - only reference data and science for reopening our state. I would like to believe we could do all the above at the same time...but multitasking seems to be a forgotten art. Leadership prepares us for difficult situations and this is most definitely difficult times. And we seem to continue to struggle and blame everyone else for any deficiencies. It's not the time for politics. Again.... not the time for politics. We need real leadership....not tail wagging politics! Let's all do our jobs for the betterment of Florida and for our country.
Broward	General	As a single parent of a high school student , I am most concerned that we open are State safely and that we do it long term and not short-term. I would like every resident to be able to have a home test sent to them and be able to take the test for their symptoms or not. Then we will know, if there is a curve or it is been flattened to be able to make the best decisions. May God bless you.
Orange	General	I am more worried about the health and well being of everyone versus the economy. Ues the economy is very important but if we do not focus on health first we will be back where we started. I for one will not be going anywhere. Even if businesses are open. I am too scared. I voted for Ron DeSantis and I hope he considers health over money. I definitely will not be going to a restaurant anytime soon. If one person goes to a restaurant and the server waits on them then takes the virus to another table and then another. Menus are touched etc. You can put in place rules all you want but doesn't mean someone is going to do it. Wipe down every menu? Every ketchup bottle. Wash their hands. I do not trust other people. I have seen people be very careful and I have seen people do stupid things these last several weeks. I feel its careless and negligent to reopen with so much that is unknown about this virus. I have a baby and I want to make my family is safe.

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Collier	General	I am not in favor of reopening the state until widespread testing for Covid 19 and antibodies are available and we can be assured that we have the medical and emergency resources available to support a health crisis. Our population is similar to New York and we have the highest elderly population in the country. Slow phases of reopening would be better long term. Otherwise, we will destroy any chance of tourism for 2021.
Broward	Tourism	We need to reopen ASAP! We are not able to get unemployment, so please reopen South Florida! You are definitely not getting my vote this time around if you keep South Florida closed.
Sarasota	Recreation	Open the beaches to ALL Sarasota County residents. Only use one entrance to the public beach parking lots and limit it to whatever number will be safe. Check for Sarasota County ID at the entrance. We live here 12 months as year for a reason. We are committed to the community. I am a teacher and my husband is a plumber. We need the beach to relieve stress and have a place for our 7-year-old son to play. The beach is part of kid lives. Schools are closed, our neighborhood pool is closed. We need the beaches to spread out and get some sun for our mental health. Open to Residents ONLY!
Marion	General	I think everyone should be able to get tested, so that way we have a true count of how many people test positive, especially before everyone heads back to work.
Polk	Tourism	As someone who works in central Florida's tourism industry, you'd assume I want the state to open as quickly as possible. No matter how stressful this furlough has been, I will always realize how much more stressful this has to be for people affected by COVID-19 personally. Reopening our state too quickly will result in a spike, the loss of thousands more. We have to be smart and we have to turn to medical opinions in these times, not the opinions of politicians and people that have special interest in the stock market. Human lives matter. We can pull through this if government is willing to take care of its people in these trying times. We have to work together and we have to do whats best, even if it means hunkering down for a little longer. I beg the governor to listen to the doctors warning of a spike, the ones warning we need to use great caution when considering re-opening.
Marion	Food	I do not think it is a good idea to open the state back up while we still have people dieing. I have a boyfriend, 48, with asthma and I am scared to death to go anywhere for fear of him catching something please we need to wait at least another month.

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Broward	General	I believe Florida is no where near where it should be to re-opening. In fact, there are many business that fall under the category of "essential" such as BODY SHOPS, that are in fact, NON-ESSENTIAL; regulations are NOT being enforced in public places; I see people jogging along EVERYDAY as if it was a 3-day weekend along Turnberry path in Aventura, FL. and several other places. People running and walking without shirts and in skimpy clothes splashing sweat and spit all around them with no regards to anyone. THIS IS RIDICULOUS! We are dying!!! while police cars sit by in their cars. I see people in supermarkets with masks hanging on their chins laughing and speaking out loud spreading their spit to everyone they pass next to with no regards to social distancing. THIS IS INSANE!! There needs to be enforcement. PLEASE, PLEASE consider large fines to people who are not wearing masks and practicing reasonable hygiene and social distancing in public. FORGET ABOUT OPENING SCHOOLS. THAT IS CRAZY!!! Children are at risk too!! They may have much slimmer chances of dying, but they have higher chances of spreading to teachers, administrators, janitors, siblings, friends, parents, grandparents. THIS IS INSANE! FORGET ABOUT OPENING BUSINESS THAT REQUIRE CLOSE CONTACT. We have not even peaked!! To even CONSIDER opening, makes people think politicians are being paid off by big businesses. What other reason could their be? Why else would ANYONE want to gamble with LIVES, unless they are being paid off? There is no other reasonable explanation and people are fully aware of that. I pay taxes I volunteer I mentor I'm young I'm healthy I have a mother I have a conscience I vote.
Lee	Retail	You have to trust people. If I feel I am at risk then I am not going to a restaurant or retail outlet that is packed. If I do, I would request a seat away from people and I would sit in a booth furthest away from the nearest person. People cannot live in fear. This is really not much different than 9/11 except that we are succumbing to fear. I would propose for the first 2-3 weeks of May that restaurants open at 50% capacity. Put half the chairs up. You have to handle the waits that could happen. Until rainy season, people waiting can wait outside. Encourage call ahead or reservations. Move to 75% for the following 2-3 weeks if things are going well. Open full after that period if things are looking good. Retail is similar. Close contact jobs like massage/nail/hair are no different. In those cases, the staff should wear a mask and gloves (where able). Have masks available for customers. Trust me, customers who want to wear a mask will bring one and where it if they done feel comfortable. Trust people...

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Lee	General	I think you should start opening with the less chance of death residents. If they have underlying conditions they should stay home. That's diabetics, asthmatics, morbidly obese people. The companies they work for should make it simple for them to work from home. If they are in a business that cannot be worked from home then they go first in line for remote jobs. These are the ones that will take trainings to help with the unemployment applications and the PPP program matters. And the private sector should be mandated to create work from home positions. This can be every industry. All the call center positions that were outsourced to other countries should be subsidized to bring them back to the US in a new work from home set up. Any call center should be mandated to be from home and then mandated to add positions that will be partly subsidized. It could be a tax credit per employee. Also companies like Facebook, Google, Yahoo and Apple should have to hire certain amount of employees. A percentage from home and a percentage from the able to work on site people. Such huge companies will not have subsidies. They can take the economic hit. If they refuse, higher taxes, required donations, salaries caps. If they refuse the IRS will get into their books and bank accounts and control things and use some of the money to help pay for the crisis. Any money used by these companies to help the country can be credited in they're taxes. It will start on 2030 and the full amount will be credited in an annual portion for the next 30 years. Then the government and the private sector will have to hire at least 10% of their work force from "the list" of high risk people. If they are over 65, they should stay home and if they are not retired they will be added to the list and actually prioritized. If they are retired they have to stay at home. If they prove they need to have a part time job they will be added to the list. Outside the rule should be 10 feet instead of 6. Restaurants can only serve a tiny amount of tables on site based on the size of the business. No more than 10 should be together any where. And 10 feet apart. The masks rule stays. Then there should be a lottery based on social security number to start testing the whole population. Daily. Of course if they have symptoms or believe they were in contact with an infected person then they will be tested. All tests should be free to the population. Hospital systems, Insurance Companies, County Government, City Government, State Government and Federal Government will pay
Hillsborough	General	ITS TOO EARLY TO REOPEN THE STATE. The opening of gyms, sit in restaurants, movie theaters, and area where people will be in enclosed spaces should be limited to only a few people and very spread out. To reopen gyms, there should be MINIMAL new cases because the spreading of germs and sweat. Since a lot of people are asymptomatic, it still brings a lot of risk to reopen too early and IT. IS. TOO. EARLY. Yes the economy is suffering but until we realize if people with antibodies are immune or if there is an easier way to prevent the spread we shouldn't completely reopen. It runs the risk of a second wave, which could be worse than the first and puts many more lives at stake. The reopening will bring in tourists who could also have the virus and spread more.
Manatee	General	Please do not open our state before we're ready. Make sure we have adequate testing & a way to handle new cases of COVID-19 before we start allowing gatherings. Fix the unemployment stern - ESPECIALLY for 1099 workers! Most of us who file as contractors are out of work completely. We are all waiting on our $600 /week unemployment funds to start getting paid until we can get back to work. Please keep our safety as your first priority.

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Osceola	General	Ok first of all asking what state? This is supposed to b for florida resident asking about reopening. Anyway, I thank governor for all his efforts! I think we should reopen state and let the environmental situation let people breath. We cannot as people do compare to 1812???? What no internet no one knows anything. I believe we should open our magical state and people will be responsible and slowly we we prevail. Life as they say is too short so we need to embrace our amazing Osceola County life!
Brevard	General	We are demanding that you re-open our state without mandates. I'm getting a petition together this is not right and something sinister is going on. I'm going in looking at everyone's government page for each state and found out that Michigan pass a bill for funding in response to coronavirus back in 2019 June 2019.!! This is nothing but a ploy before election time and we're not having it. Our constitutional rights of been taken away. I cannot wait for phase 3 and phase 4 to go back to work. I work in two different night clubs and we need to re-open without mandates. I've done my research the numbers are wrong anyone that died of coronavirus it was just the flu but they died of pre-existing conditions. Everyone knows it I have driven by I have gone in the hospitals are dead nurses are getting laid off. There are doctors and nurses coming out all over the Internet saying that they were told to put that on a death certificate because he get $13,000 for each person diagnosed with Covid and 30 something thousand dollars for each ventilator. Last I checked our constitution was supposed to protect our prosperity as well. We are going to get a petition together and if we have to see the state using the 14th amendment we will do it! We have several groups and over 60,000 people in those groups ready to roll. We see the truth and we're not liking it and we're done and the shut down now and end it with no mandates. Go look for yourself it's not just Michigan do the same homework I've done you are governor you do the homework that we have to do over here to find out the truth. It's not right we are not going to vote for you keep our businesses shut down I've already got 60,000 people backing me on that. And we're not having it any other way no mandates. If people are scared they can stay the hell home. It was the flu and that was it I know tons of people that had it I had it everybody was sick everybody get better just like we do every freaking winter when we get sick.
Miami-Dade	General	I have been protecting my family since this started after all the effort i have made is not easy that we all catch the virus because someones's else decision ...Miami dade should not open at all ..All of these is common sense if we open we will go back again ..This is the time to show care for each other..where do our feelings stands... Tomas Cruz
Pinellas	Education	I encourage the task force to address what schools will look like after summer. School districts and educators will need a lot of time to adjust- and these plans should be made in conjunction with the superintendents..... and all school districts will need reassurances that finances will be in place to assist all of these endeavors. Finally- PLEASE do not add the burden of standardized testing. As this issue will continue well into the fall- causing great disruption, not only can this be a cost saver, but give districts greater maneuvering power to work with students.

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Hillsborough	Healthcare	As an ER nurse I do not feel that the state of Florida should be re opened until we start to see a decline in numbers. Everyday the number of positive cases and deaths in Florida is increasing therefore, by reopening the state now we are not only putting everyone in the state at a higher risk but we are also putting all of us that are working on the front-lines at a higher risk and also taking the risk of a second wave occurring. I think it would be a disservice to the citizens in our state and to all the people risking their lives already that are working on the front-lines if we open the state to soon.
Broward	Recreation	Please allow opening city/town pools for adult swimmers, deep water exercise & lap swimmers. Sports for responsible, senior adults should be encouraged, especially water sports. Suggest removing lounge chairs, tables, chairs & umbrellas to discourage congregation. Thanks in advance for consideration.
Collier	General	Open the State! 450 cases in Collier. 15 deaths. 385,000 pop. .001% MR. This is insane to bankrupt us. We don't want handouts. We want our jobs, lives, and freedoms restored and we want them now. We actually do not need the governments permission to end this unconstitutional shut down. Protect the nursing homes. Let the rest of us go on with our lives. People have had it with you elitist know it alls. Where did it get us?
Broward	Professional Services	I am so ready to reopen. I am an independent nail tech who rents a suite alone in a large salon that rents out individual salons (each with its own walls and it's own entrance within a big location). I serve one client at a time, do not take walk ins (appointment only, no groups of people waiting) and use hospital grade disinfectant already as required by law. I miss my job and have a full book of clients waiting to get in, I do not want to burden the unemployment system nor would I need to should I am able to go back to doing a job I love and miss dearly!
Hernando	General	I do not think, at this time, Florida should reopen.Over the past several weeks, we have tried our best to follow the guidelines set out by local, state and federal agencies. We have limited our trips outside of our residence to getting necessities and going to the doctor. I feel that the vast majority of Floridians are also doing their best. However, it is the minority of residence that don't seem to take the virus seriously. These are the people that have no respect for the guidelines or worse, for others and are the ones, in my opinion, will cause future problems. I strongly believe that Florida needs to follow the federal guidelines to enter Phase 1 and not before. The whole state should be in this completely.

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Duval	General	OPEN, OPEN, OPEN !!! It's time, people are anxious to get out, and get back to work. You sit there is your mansion, with all you need and could possibly want. You are NOT serving your people by continuing with this lockdown. It is absolutely ridiculous. The people that voted you in …. you must think we're pretty stupid, to not know how to practice social distancing on our own. We don't need you to tell us what to do. We need to be able to choose. So your first step is putting together a task force ?? What a joke and a coward's way out you've taken. Man up and make a decision. Open safely and soon. The longer you keep this up, the angrier people are becoming . So, again … OPEN , OPEN, OPEN, OPEN, OPEN !!!
Osceola	General	All business should be reopened. It has been long enough. Simple common sense guidelines should be in place while business takes place. The scale had tipped from being more beneficial to have business closed to being more detrimental to have business closed. Open Florida. There is no more to be gained by having business closed and the stay at home order.
Broward	Government	Please open thing up. Open the parks and dog park so my dog has a place to run! I'm a disabled person like everyone else I take precaution. I bleach thing it time to go on with our lives.thank you! I love Ron Desantis and I listen to his daily briefings my I predict people are getting a little frustrated.
Pinellas	Healthcare	I work at the VA Medical Center. We have a large population of homeless veterans as well as those that come in and out of rehab and nursing home facilities. While we have thus far only seen a small number of positive cases at our facility we still care for some of the very highest risk population. It is important to me that not only rehab facilities and nursing homes in our area have adequate training in screening and managing the appropriate care of their at risk residents but also that the homeless shelters in our are able to do the same. I also am mother to two special needs children that I homeschool. As true homeschoolers this means, more often than not, that we are NOT at home while schooling. We do multiple field trips a month with other area homeschoolers and these can take us all over the state. We have been from The State Capital to Kennedy Space Center and everywhere in between as well as headed south. Our ventures include major theme parks, federal and state parks that hole large events, museums, zoos, animal sanctuaries and almost anything else you can think of - including beach ventures. With this in mind, while we are MOST eager to get back to our normal homeschool routine that gets us out of our home, it is equally important that myself and my children as well as the other families we interact with feel like these facilities are prepared with proper cleaning and screening techniques in place. I'm fine with having temperature checks and screening questions upon entry. I'm also fine with waiting for rides to be wiped down between riders. This would of course means that these facilities must have an adequate supply of the necessary cleaning supplies needed to complete such a task. I do believe that we need to start getting settled into whatever our "new normal" daily life will look like - outside of our homes and in contact with our beautiful communities - enjoying the sunshine of our amazing state. I also believe that we need to be smart and responsible within our community. Part of that involves trusting that places we visit have responsible owners/employees that care about our safety and the other part of it falls on our responsibility to protect ourselves.

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Seminole	General	Reopen Florida immediately! Let people decide what risks they can tolerate. It was foolish to shut the state down in the first place.
Alachua	Education	I agree that schools should not reopen this school year and thank the Governor for making this decision. But I also recognize the burden this is on parents and the extra work it has created for teachers. I hope that the DOE's position on grading using "grace and compassion" is reflected in the students grades. After all, parents are NOT teachers. We rely on the education and expertise of our public school teachers to do that with our support. Please do all you can in your budget this year to start paying the teachers what they deserve. They need raises- ALL of them. Thank you
Miami-Dade	Administrative	Obviously we all want our economy to open and get back to our work/business (been out of work without unemployment or SBA assistance) but how can you guarantee that it is safe to do it now because according to CDC, health experts and all the models Florida supposed to open on June 01. I own a spa in North Miami Beach and with opening and keeping social distancing of 6 feet would you have a suggestion on how to do that when esthetician have to be right next to a client while performing eyelash extensions, body and facial waxing (client can not wear a mask during this service), permanent makeup and other services? A lot of people obviously understand that rushing to open the States is to get people out of unemployment (Georgia is an example) but I honestly think that our lives are more valuable and important than money.
Broward	General	Do not open beaches, restaurants, etc etc until you have enough availability to testing and enough tests - which we do not yet have. Those of us who have self quarantined since early March still do not feel comfortable going out because we have no idea yet how extensive it still is in our communities. Thank you for hearing us, Ronnie Heller.
Manatee	General	I supported a brief stay home measure to ensure that hospitals could cope and to bend the curve. I do not support the measure any longer because it is devastating so much, especially mental health and hope, My 20 year old has zero options for a future, and no social life. As a nurse, I am lucky to have a job. But the emotional strain is dreadful. Life is full of risks. Covid-19 is a threat that is less than the threat of starvation, homelessness, domestic violence and child abuse and neglect, substance use disorders, and suicide if the lockdown continues. Let us take our chances by actually living, not just existing.

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Seminole	General	-opening phase period must have no known virus transmissions -Environment has to be safe for customers and employees with no virus transmission -The State of Florida's emergency warehouses must be ready for a second virus wave and a hurricane simultaneously from June 1-November 30 -Mass gathering business like theme parks, ships and stadiums must have temperature AND negative covid19 test prior to gaining entrance daily for both customers and employees. Including a way to refund customers and allow the customer to exit safely - capacity limits for all government and business venues until a vaccine - continuous cleaning regimens for all government and business venues - masks mandatory in all indoor venues - assisted care facilities must have temperature AND negative covid19 test prior to gaining entrance daily for both customers, visitors and employees - enforcement OSHA 3990-03 2020 - restrictions not relaxed until a vaccine is available and at least 66% of the Florida population has been inoculated - follow FEMA pandemic response guidance
Seminole	General	There should be a place in the debate for personal responsibility. This pandemic has shown the real possibility of viral infections becoming a part of our daily reality. Running and hiding in homes will not and can not become our only choice. We should be safe, but rely on the good judgement of our neighbors to protect us as we protect them.
Pinellas	General	People die of disease. One life lost is too many, but businesses must open and life must resume. The % of those that die of coronavirus is tiny. The % of people who've lost their livelihoods is astronomical. If people need to stay home, encourage that those with compromised immune systems and the elderly be the ones to do so- not everyone else. Please encourage nonessential businesses to reopen, but stipulate that they follow certain cleanliness standards. Bathrooms need to be clean, surfaces need to be wiped down, soap dispensers Should be monitored. Home Depot outsourced their cleaning to an actual cleaning company. Really great idea on their part. Businesses will figure out what works for them. PS- HD's bathroom is immaculate. Still encourage distancing where possible but don't handicap FL businesses. Thank you so, so much for NOT attempting to turn into a dictator unlike some of your fellow governors (Whitmer!). I am praying for you and am so grateful That my vote was for you in the last election.
Palm Beach	General	Relax restrictions, allow businesses to operate. require masking in retail establishments. Open the beaches and boat ramps, maybe the gyms. Allow service industries (hair nails) to resume w distancing. Recheck numbers in 3 weeks. Inspire confidence, the fear is causing division not cooperation

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Broward	General	We haven't seen a reduction of cases as set by the President.
Broward	Healthcare	Why are we opening beaches when we cannot even manage a virus testing program let alone a worker unemployment program?
Palm Beach	Professional Services	I am a native of Coral Gables, 14 years living in Boynton Beach; since 1998 I've own a small marketing company and 7 years ago opened a senior salon management division: Ripple Effect Marketing Co./REM Co. I have six 1099 stylists/ nail techs which work weekly from Deerfield to Boynton senior communities I contract with. We've been hit hard and most likely will be the "last" back up and running. (ww.salonmanagement.vpweb.com) As a career Marketing Professional from manufacturing to banking I'd like to throw out a few suggestions regarding the reopening of Florida/Businesses. First, the Genie is out of the bottle and that has fear running rampid. I believe calming that fear must be done and that will stop only when the rumbling that anyone who is of senior age will most certainly die if exposed stops... that is a terrible misnomer and no matter what channel you turn on that's the over tone. We in Florida have the best two weapons to fight this thing: Warm Sunlight and Fresh Air! Start promoting this by encouraging people to get off the couches and out of the house. Encourage walking, biking, park picnics, boating, fishing, swimming in salt water. Give the Feature, give the Benefit... old sales technique. Secondly, start a weekly business lotto allowing the state the ability to control how many businesses of each category are opening weekly and monthly. Along with that, people love to voice their opinions; have a website where, each time they go to a business, they can write about the experience. There incentive to write the review is a chance to win a "lotto" prize... Keeps you up to date on resident feedback, keeps them excited about winning a possible prize for getting back into their business community. I have other ideas and would welcome an opportunity to become part of any team marketing Florida as I believe we, by far, have the very best State to live and work in. Together I know we can be up and running very soon. Gailynn Davis, President REM Co. Business: (561) 200-9236 Cell: (305) 613-2493

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Manatee	General	Dear Governor, Thanks for your leadership not only during this crisis, but also before. I continue to be a strong supporter of yours. With regard to the current situation, I believe we are positioned to move forward in a very positive manner. When this COVID situation developed earlier this year, everyone was pretty much in the dark as to the nature of the virus (ie target population, contagiousness, mortality rate, etc). Our actions as a nation reflected that lack of certainty. While there remain many things unknown about the virus, at this point we do have much more information : We know the most vulnerable Americans are the elderly and the physically infirm. We know that vast majority of the younger, healthier Americans are not at risk of losing their lives to COVID19, recognizing there will always be exceptions. We know that the best way to protect the broader public, absent an effective vaccine, is through herd immunity. We know that further stoppage of the economy will cost us many lives (suicide, drug ODs, mental illness, etc), primarily from those who are not vulnerable to COVID19. The big picture is that the actions taken to date across the US have been taken to protect the vulnerable, which we now know to be the elderly and physically infirm. Many of this group are no longer in the work force. Our mitigation efforts have resulted in tens of millions of Americans losing their jobs and, potentially, everything they own. Most of those unlucky people are not vulnerable to COVID, but they are vulnerable to the self inflicted economic disaster our country is experiencing. In short, we have asked tens of millions of Americans who are not vulnerable to COVID to make a huge sacrifice, ostensibly to protect those who are vulnerable. We now know the most important sacrifice being made by the vulnerable group is staying at home and
Orange	Professional Services	I have heard some restrictions in other places as to only allowing 10 people in an establishment. I believe there should be restrictions however the sq footage and capacity of a place should be taken into consideration and as long as they can maintain the social distancing standard it should be able to be more. Another point to make is that children have now been in a quarantine for many weeks and it has been said they can be potential asymptomatic but at this time they are probable the most risk free of everyone. As it is most difficult for them to practice social distancing for example in their daycare or sport environments I believe the social distancing standard could be relaxed for them.

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Pasco	General	Hello, I believe that Ron DeSantis was careless in his laid back response to "I am in no big hurry" to reopen. Well Mr DeSantis, you are not in any hurry because you are still getting paid as are the doctors and other politicians. You all still get your hair cuts and other things with nothing stopping you. But then you say no to the citizens? Points for you to take note of when thinking about reopening our state. 1) You put panic out there when you shut this state down for a virus before you even had a full hospital overload. 2) You took away every citizens Constitutional right to Freedom. You know, the document that binds this country together, the one you served in the military to protect and uphold. 3) You took the people's food, money and all their livelihood and you , the government, would take care of us. Well Mr DeSantis, that is not your choice to do. And you are having a terrible time doing that because there are many people who haven't gotten anything one month later. We already fill the grocery stores and hardware stores with no problems. Closed buildings, so that is not an excuse to hold every other business from running theirs. 4) You are now telling the people how they should live and how to run their businesses and when they can restart it. Who gave you this right? This is nothing like Anthrax, nuclear bomb, etc going on here. 5) You shut this state down for a virus. A virus that is going to be coming back because you told everyone to hide inside so their is not enough people out building immunity. Just look at the 5 US REPUBLICAN states that DID NOT shut down their economy. They've built up an immunity already for the majority of their citizens. They let the people in their state decide for themselves whether they wanted to shut their business and stay
Palm Beach	Tourism	I think Governor DeSantis and his staff have done an amazing job dealing with this crisis. My main concern is as we carefully open Florida and as a US citizen, what is Florida's plan to rigorously screen people from all over the globe as they arrive in Florida? They alone could create the next wave of COVID-19. Thank you!
Okaloosa	Healthcare	The thing is this: we've been closed For weeks and people have been doing right. However...small businesses, restaurants, etc..they are going to lose their livelihoods completely. No, we shouldn't open 100% at one time. Obviously. But, slowly? YES. Please. Beaches open for locals would be a lovely start. Parks. Restaurants. Then move forward. People can not hide from a virus forever. We all are going to be exposed at some point. It's time to start working on that. I rarely repeat things that any politician says. But, it is true that the cure can not be worse than the virus itself. And that what's going to happen. Suicide rates up. Abuse rates up. Children home With parents who don't care, who only saw love and care at school. Keeping things closed? It will be detrimental to people psychologically and mentally and in a world where having mental issues is already a rough one? Not a good idea. Open. Piece by piece.

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Miami-Dade	Retail	What I think as a very realistic and common sense individual... No gyms, no concerts, no movies, no mass gathering events at all! Non essential retail can be open and follow guidelines. I'm at Walmart and Home Depot almost everyday and it's busy but most everyone is following protocol. If Walmart and Home Depot and dollar tree can be open, then so should non essential businesses. I run a souvenir shop and while we won't have many customers, Atleast my boss will bring me back to work and get me off the unemployment system. There's no reason for most of us to be on unemployment when our jobs are def nothing more busy than a Walmart or Home Depot! Beaches can be open for anything. Tanning, swimming..... Restaurants can be open with maybe some seating following 6 feet apart guidelines. One booth open, one booth closed...that sort of thing. The biggest thing is this...if you open the state, it's up to the stupid people to do the right thing and follow protocol and if they don't and get sick, well that's their problem and let them get sick and die. Most people are so scared now they will follow the protocols.
Broward	General	How to Reopen: 1. Parks & Beaches: Only for walking, not seating or touching. 2. Sanitize all surface daily spraying with canons Clorox dissolved in water. 3. Social distance and masks forever. 4. Regular businesses open just like essential businesses limiting people in, or for take out only. 5. Be a follower from other states and countries, when they had proven success reopening. 6. Keep students at home till fall 2022, by then use face shields and divisions like the ones on pictures. 7. Risking no life it's worth it, being one of the wealthiest states, including income for years from Disney World, and others, no need to risk lives.

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Pinellas	Professional Services	I have been a meditation teacher in the Tampa Bay area for 47 years. I teach people how to reduce stress and anxiety, and strengthen their immune system -- which is what people need now more than ever -- this should be an "essential" service, but since there is a lot of confusion and arbitrariness about what is considered "essential" I have been unemployed recently, unable to make a living even though many people are asking for my services right now. I work with people one-on-one or in small groups of 5 to 10, and can easily practice social distancing and other health measures. I am hoping that anyone providing a service, whether it is considered "essential" or not, can be allowed to go to work, right now, as long as they practice appropriate social distancing guidelines. We should not quarantine healthy people, no matter what their age. This has never been done at any time in human history. People who have health concerns can choose to stay at home, though they should not be quarantined unless under very specific criteria. We should pay careful attention to public health experts, but not just a few pre-selected experts. A wide variety of expert opinion should be considered. A panel of health experts should not make the final decision about how the people of Florida can live their lives. The state and county officials need to weigh the evidence, and make decisions based on their judgement about what is best for all citizens. We should not set an impossible standard that "no one should ever become sick, or die, from COVID-19" -- we don't do that with hundreds of other serious illnesses and risks. We have to weigh the risks of this particular illness, against the equally serious risks of mental illness, suicide, and illnesses caused by the stress of massive unemployment. We should keep in mind that America has always been (until now) the land of the free and the home of the brave. If the brave can be free to live their lives (while practicing rational healthy guidelines), this will set an example for others to strengthen their health and build their courage. State and local officials should encourage a more positive outlook among our citizens, not a defeatist and fearful outlook. For example, NYC Mayor Rudy Giuliani demonstrated an inspirational positive outlook in the aftermath of 9-11. We have the strength to overcome this challenge, and become stronger and better.
Broward	Education	Re: the reopening of schools in mid August: Should we consider double shifts in high density schools so as to have less students per classrooms.
Santa Rosa	General	Please put the lives of the citizens of Florida above tourism and money. Wait to reopen. No amount of money is worth the amount of people who have died already.
Pinellas	General	With all due respect, I believe the re-opening of Florida should only follow the informed decision-making of scientists, doctors, and researchers; the state should not simply re-open at the behest of corporations or politicians who believe the economy is more important than the literal lives of our residents. Considering the state STILL continues to severely lag behind in widespread Covid-19 testing, and has been lackadaisical at best in following social distancing guidelines, it is much too soon to start letting things return to normal - especially a normal that very well may not ever exist again.
Broward	Technology	It seems reckless and irresponsible to reopen Florida at this point. At the very least let some other states open first so we can analyze their strategy and resultant data sets. There is no reason to risk our lives by opening prematurely.

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Hernando	Finance	First and foremost thank you for all your time and effort during this unprecedented time. As an essential employee and a resident of Florida, I do believe it would be within our best interest to keep the state closed. Although I understand the impact this may have for other residents who are currently unemployed, I don't believe as a state that we would abide by the social distancing standard if we were to reopen. We've already experienced what happens when the state is not closed so why would we even entertain the idea unless we can have clear guidelines for businesses, employees and residents? I understand this is a very difficult decision to make but I do believe you have our health and well-being in mind when doing so. Kind regards, PeggySue
Lee	General	To the honorable Governor of the State of Florida, is the cure worse than the illness? That is the question that needs to be answered and it is not an easy one. We own an independent real estate brokerage and a cleaning business (national franchise). Both businesses are considered essential so we are luckier than most because our businesses could remain open. However, our brokerage focuses on property management and vacation rentals and - of course - tourism has taken a big hit. We can no longer rent to our out-of-state and out-of-the-country vacationers (most of whom are from the northern States, Canada and Europe). Our maid service business has been less affected because we still clean and sanitize homes and businesses. However, at the moment, we have much less vacation home changeover cleans. Our employees, who live paycheck-to-paycheck, still work and make money but less than before the crisis. Yet they still have to buy food, pay their rents or mortgages, auto loans and the like. The same applies to us as a business. We were amongst the first to apply for the SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan and the SBA Paycheck Protection Program for our employees. So far, we have not seen a cent. As said before, we and our employees are still far better off than most. Our state largely lives from tourism and retirement spending. With the lockdown, tourism has come to a complete standstill. We are deeply concerned that should the lockdown continue, the damage to our state's economy might be irreversible. Non-essential businesses and their employees have been without income for about a month now. Whilst the programs to help them are very generous (SBA EIDL, SBA PPP, unemployment etc), we have heard and read from many businesses and employees who have not received any of these benefits (yet). When people are left without income for such an extended period of time, there is a risk of higher crime rates or even civil unrest. That in turn might be deadlier than the risk from Covid-19. Reopening the state now appears to be the only way to avoid this. Prudent precautions such as frequent sanitizing of homes and businesses should be taken. Our employees wear masks, gloves and shoe covers. Of course, this cannot be done in every business.
Pinellas	Recreation	I would like to see small businesses such as barbershops and nail salons be allowed to do business. I would like to see the marinas be allowed to open up And except transient dockage I understand large groups such as Disney or sporting events need further study but there are a lot of small venues That would be just as safe as a grocery store

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Jackson	General	Reopen already!! The implementation of separation was too sporadic to be fair to the people. Waitresses are out of work. Food service owners are struggling to keep their business. And yet, you can still get coughed on standing in line at Lowe's or Walmarts, etc. I am the director of a 501c3 charity that operates food pantries in both Jackson and Calhoun counties. I have never seen such an increase in the number of people needing food. Our sick and dying numbers do not justify the economic problems that are currently ongoing, much less the repercussions of this continuing. Let our state get back to being productive!!
Charlotte	General	I have a 27 yr old son who is type 1 diabetic, high risk, at FAU that was furloughed from his job as a valet in Siesta Key and filled for unemployment back in March. His status is pending financial confirmation. He lives off of tips. He spent an hour Friday morning trying to reach someone at unemployment only to reach a variety of busy signals. He has been unable to get a temp job. How is he supposed to live off campus, pay rent, insurance, and get groceries without some type of assistance? My 19 yr old daughter is a single parent, medical assistant, with a 1.5 year old, between jobs, and cannot start the new job because daycares are closed. She also filed for unemployment in March and has not received anything to date. How are individuals in these situations supposed to survive with no income and no ability to work?
Lee	General	I am writing to urge Governor Desantis to please not lift the stay at home order at the end of April. The stay at home orders are working to reduce the spread of the virus but will only continue working if we leave them in place. Please consider maintaining the stay at home order as long as is possible so we can save lives and try to figure out how best to control the virus. Thank You
Broward	General	Open the state back up immediately in all areas. This was completely unnecessary and driven by the media's fear mongering. The number of cases in Florida does not come ANYWHERE NEAR justifying this. Nor does the number of deaths in Florida. And that number is disingenuous anyway. All we did is make a bad situation worse by doing this. Open everything back up immediately.
Hernando	General	Approximately 1,500 tests have been performed in a county of approximately 200,000 residents. Respectfully, it’s too early to reopen without more testing. I would have no confiidence in returning to places of business, recreation, etc without widespread county testing.
Seminole	General	Please do not open gyms. Consider requiring face covers in public places. Require those who can work from home to continue to do so and stagger work days for workers in office spaces reducing daily occupancy by at least half.

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Collier	Recreation	I propose that Tennis should be added as a specifically approved "Recreational Activity" under the April 1 Executive Order 20-91, page 4, Section 3-A-ii. Golf was quickly added on April 2, and tennis should get equal status, so long as proper Social Distancing is maintained. Perhaps approve at least singles tennis, with the added requirement that each player, when serving, uses only his own can of balls, and the other player only touches the balls with his racket, and never with his bare hands, to avoid virus transmission by touching the balls. Of course, this same system could be used for tennis doubles.
Sumter	Recreation	Open all of Florida now. Stop starving us to death and taking all our savings!
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Pinellas	Healthcare	While I am in full support of a progressive plan to re-open the State of Florida, careful consideration should be given to remain cognizant of the vulnerability of already strained businesses and infrastructure should additional waves of this pandemic emerge. In addition to the financial and logistical challenges presented by constraints on supply chain and manufacturing operations, healthcare facilities and other essential businesses are still struggling to keep up with supply demands related to COVID-19 - and this certainly should not be calculated solely from COVID-19 case data or quantifiable levels of exposure. The cost of maintaining operations is far outweighed by revenue across so many industries. However, we cannot take for granted the cost in human lives if these measures had not been in place. The ideal outcome of preventative and treatment measures is to contain and eventually halt the spread of communicable diseases. I believe it may still be too early to quantify how effective individual measures used to combat disease truly are in this phase of disease analysis, but I strongly continue to support 6-ft social distancing and universal masking in all scenarios in which social distancing is impractical or physically impossible (e.g. on public transportation). The public is scared and listening, and I urge you to hear the concerns of our communities. We need to anticipate long-term fallout from premature re-opening of the State. I was born and raised in St. Petersburg, FL, and while I cannot wait to return to our outdoor playground, let's continue to remember the uniqueness of this situation and its implications.
Alachua	Agriculture	Continued social distancing and obvious efforts to minimize spread are paramount. Any app to trace known cases and isolate exposed people welcome. However, we have to open as many businesses as possible with these guidelines. And as soon as possible. People at risk are going to have to continue to isolate for probably another year. So support for these known groups is mandatory to eliminate their need to expose themselves unnecessarily. However, the rest of the world needs to go on and everyone will have to understand the special new needs of the at risk population in their lifestyles so we can all live together sensibly. Definitely support the lower income groups. They are ALWAYS in need and just as likely, if not more so, to exhibit bad social distancing behavior as a result of their circumstances making it worse for everyone. Thanks!
Pasco	General	Do not be quick to reopen the state and risk putting lives in danger. I understand that businesses are suffering and people are stir crazy sitting at home, but the last thing we're need is to go back to work only to get sick or die! I doubt want tourists flocking to our state bringing the illness with them. We could infect ourselves and not know we are contagious, spreading germs as we resume our normal routines. Listen to medical experts and scientists when developing your plan. This is their area of expertise!

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Miami-Dade	Education	Online classes are terribly insufficient replacement for schooling, and kids have been struggling, and stalling or even falling behind developmentally, besides educationally. We need kids bacl in school, especially younger grades that need in person schooling more. Perhaps limited classes open, depending on which parents are willing to send and how many teachers can come, or perhaps more outdoor time when possible. Kids suffering irreversible damage from this.
Miami-Dade	Retail	any business that can open while avoiding dense indoor crowds, should be given permission to do so. All stores that have entrances from outdoors (most retail shops that aren't inside malls) should be allowed to open with limited capacity, masks and gloves.
Sarasota	Retail	I would like to see all non-essential business open in phase 1. By May 1. With personal responsibility and common sense. If you are at risk or are sick stay home and isolate. Let the rest of the people go back to work and life to be able to build immunities and tolerance against COVID-19. Florida businesses have lost the main tourist season, its going to be hard enough to survive until next season without extending this hardship longer. Reopen the beaches and parks...all the tourists have left so there will not be overcrowding. Allow us to be RESPONSIBLE.
St. Johns	Recreation	Anastasia State Park in St. Johns County has guards posted on the beach to prevent people from exercising on the several miles of beach north of St Augustine Beach. This causes the human density to be significantly higher near the pier as everyone from the city parking lot must go south instead of both south and north. If other areas of Anastasia Park are not ready to open due to employee safety or other reasons, just block the two exits from the beach front to the western areas of the park and allow people to move north on only the beach area.
Okaloosa	Tourism	What are you thinking re-opening beaches? We will start to get tourist coming into the state who could be infected or are carriers of Covid-19. It is bad enough going to stores to buy supplies and maybe 2/3 of the people are walking around with out mask and are right on top of you shopping.
Columbia	General	Please follow recommendations of public health authorities in regards to reopening the state. Our economy will recover in time, but unnecessary loss of life cannot be salvaged.
Orange	General	Please reopen the economy now!! People are losing their homes. If people are sick they should be considerate and stay home. If your immune system is compromised then you should take precautions. But the rest of us need to get on with our lives no

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St. Johns	General	Please, please, please, do not listen to those trying to reopen the state. We have flattened the curve, but that does not mean were done. I understand that some of you maybe struggling with your businesses. We all are. That does not mean we need to reopen so soon. We've just started to win this battle, and if we take this risk too early it will be all for naught. The moment we start to put a dollar value on a human life, and decide to "reopen the economy" we are taking a dangerous step. Where do we draw the line with that? Who are we to decide that people over the ages of 65 are less valuable to society than a 22 year old is? I certainly don't want my grandparents to contract the virus and potentially die. I want to be able to see them in 6 months without fear of being the one who passes it on to them, and if we reopen too soon, that is going to be exactly what happens. Again, I understand where you may stand with your business struggles, but please understand everybody is hurting right now and the reopening too soon could make this problem even worse. Thanks, A worried 22 year old who wants to see his family.
Broward	Finance	Full appreciate the Governor's hard work and dedication to follow the science no matter where it take us. His deliberative approach is just what Florida citizens need and appreciate. Opening up the State's outdoor parks (Phase 1) with stringent social distancing standards is a great first step. Please take far more time to open indoor facilities (Phase 2) such as gyms, movie theaters, hair salons, shopping centers, public meeting facilities. It's patently obvious there is no national/federal leadership on this. As a result, our State must get it right.

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Manatee	General	Good evening, and thank you for this opportunity to provide feedback to the Re-Open Florida Task Force. Now that significant testing for COVID-19 has been done and is ongoing, the actual data shows a very different reality than any of the original theoretical estimates and models that were used to push our nation and the state of Florida into this economic shutdown, which is absolutely devastating businesses and individual lives every day it continues. The factual data clearly shows that an overwhelming majority of people do not have any significant risk of dying from COVID-19. The recent Stanford University antibody study now estimates that the actual infection rate is far lower than the models predicted, and the actual fatality rate if infected is closer to 0.1 to 0.2 percent. With this COVID-19 virus, the data also shows that medical care is not even necessary for the vast majority of people who are infected. It is so mild that half of infected people are asymptomatic. This virus has been falsely portrayed as a problem requiring mass, forced isolation, and we are actually prolonging the problem by preventing our population from developing "herd immunity" as we do every annual cold and flu virus season. The appropriate policy, based on fundamental biology and the factual evidence we now have from the millions of tests performed, is to institute a more focused strategy like some recommended in the first place, before dire theoretical predictions unsubstantiated by actual data began to drive these decisions: Carefully protect the known vulnerable, have the mildly sick self-isolate, and reopen most workplaces and small businesses immediately. This would allow the essential social interactions necessary to generate immunity among those with minimal risk of serious consequence, while ultimately saving lives, preventing overcrowding of hospitals, and limiting the enormous harm and financial hardships compounded by continuing this total isolation.
Palm Beach	General	Please maintain “ Stay at Home” directive for the County as well as for Broward and Miami- Dade because they house a very significant number of older people and very often with various underlying conditions. This population is almost entirely retired and aren’t directly concerned with the economic impact of the virus, but are very concerned with the fact that this population represents the overwhelming majority of deaths. Would be O.K. With the directive applying to only those 60 or 65 and those older if that is feasible. I believe that no easing up for anyone in these Counties should take place before the Counties show a significant decline in the number of cases daily over a period of 14 days. I also believe that increased diagnostic testing and contact tracing is an essential strategy to obtain essential data prior to lifting the basic guidelines of staying at home for non-essential activities. We have children and grandchildren in California, North Carolina, Connecticut, New Jersey, and Florida. Normally, we would travel to see them or they would come to us. In these trying times, we FaceTime regularly. No, we can’t kiss or hug, but we can and do keep up with their lives and ours.

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Pasco	Government	I am alarmed at the Friday presentation by the FL Police Chief Association. Their use of the phrase "unnecessary curtailments of the constitutional rights and protections of the citizens" leads me to believe they feel necessary curtailments are fine. There is never an excuse for curtailing freedom. Smallpox ravaged Washington's army during the revolution and he did not ask for a truce or put everything on hold. I am disappointed in this shutdown and the arbitrary use of power by all levels of government. I saw nothing in the Florida Emergency Powers statutes or the governors job description in the state constitution allowing for the destruction of the economy and abridgement of our state Declaration of Rights. You need to re open Florida now. You can urge people to use masks if they choose to, and people who choose to stay inside can continue to do so. So very few of you can relate to the small businessman you have destroyed, or the working single mom whose service sector job you made go away. Reopen now, no limitations, no nanny state orders. Let the people go! If you really and truly want to help, suspend all taxes and fees for at least six months. That will make an impact. Letting people keep their own money to use as they see fit in a truly free market will do more to get Florida going than any task force recommendation. You also need to abolish every regulation prohibiting voluntary free trade. Restaurants should be able to sell groceries, continue to sell cocktails to go. End the protections put in place by special interest groups that have proven to be unnecessary. The economy is not a light switch to be turned on and off willy nilly. It is a living organism with the seen (your well intentioned actions) and the unseen- the great destruction you caused for something that would have had less impact than other influenza like illnesses. You must now open Florida back up. No qualifiers, no restrictions and certainly no curtailments of the rights and protections that are ours by birth and codified in our state constitution's Declaration of Rights. Re Open Now!
Duval	Healthcare	I feel as we still need to be cautious and not open too quickly. We still have hot spots within the state that if they travel to other areas of the state we could end up where we are right now. I also would like to suggest that with the bars and night clubs closed it is a great time to make Florida a 100% smoke free state like so many other states have done. Smoking and vaping are dangerous not only to the person smoking, but they also infringe on the non-smokers rights with the second hand smoke that they put into the air. Non-smokers should not have to worry about going into a bar or billiard hall and worry about the smoke that they inhale. As Florida is the sunshine state there isn't any reason why the smokers cannot go outside to smoke when they are in need to have nicotine. This is their right as much as the non-smokers right to go out and enjoy themselves without having to inhale the smoke.

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Palm Beach	Retail	I own and operate a retail clothing and surf shop in JUPITER. I employ 16 people that depend on our store being open to pay their bills. I feel that Floridians have adjusted to how to shop for their necessities and (non-essential things) over the last month. Grocery stores, liquor stores, hardware stores, bait shops, gun shops, marijuana dispensaries are all open. It's time to allow retail clothing stores to abide by the same rules these other businesses currently operating are following. I feel that it's time for Social Responsibility to take the place of Stay in Place. Please allow retail businesses to open on May 1st. Allow us to keep up with our mortgages and contribute to the local economy. Thank you.
Volusia	General	I think a law should be passed that no one can sue any business saying they got covid19 from their establishment, unless its medical malpractice from a hospital or doctor. The hospitals should still keep covid19 patients separate from other patients admitted to hospitals for other things. Maybe the people taking anti rejection drugs for transplants or cancer patients taking chemo or other immunocompromised (depending on conditions) could be allowed to file for permanent or temporary disability so they wouldn't have to work. Have businesses keep doing the sanitation/cleaning like they are now going forward. Let adults make their own decisions.
Hillsborough	General	COVID-19 ... Please OPEN up our state. Counties that are not hotspots (like Hillsborough) should be opened immediately. Every business owner and employee is essential. We need to build herd immunity in order to prevent such a disastrous shutdown in the future. Thank you.
Broward	General	Thank you for asking for the public's input. I believe the reason we are seeing the numbers in Florida is because social distancing and shutting nonessential businesses is working. Until we have full extensive testing and tracking we are not ready to open up our businesses yet. I lost my job due to the pandemic and want to get back to work, but now is NOT the time to ease up on restrictions. It is too dangerous. Please listen to the health experts. Please.
Lee	General	I strongly oppose the premature rush to reopen non essential activities. You have tested less that 1.5 percent of the population, you have NO idea the the real extent of the infection. Nationwide surveys overwhelmingly are against impulsive reopening. Do not risk citizens lives for selfish whims of the vocal minority.
Broward	Professional Services	As a hairstylist, our salon owner is not ready to open to public when we need to have a very close proximity to our clients, until all precautions are taken. A month ago, and after two weeks of difficulty, I filed for unemployment benefits. As of today, the online system keeps dropping, cannot request for benefits, there is no answer to my application, phones do not answer, and I am at loss when, how and how much I should be receiving. The Florida system is lags behind all other states in the nation and is completely broken.

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Pinellas	General	Reopen all closures expeditiously, we all must be exposed to the virus anyhow, as have been most NYC residents, with mostly good results. Only the sick and elderly were culled, as one would hope for during virus season. I, as a 75 year old, see only death ahead, as my usual routines, yoga, spin, stretch classes at the Y and gyms (thanks to Silver Sneakers) are gone, and now so is my body. The local zealots here in St Pete also shutdown tennis and pickleball and why?
St. Johns	General	I urge Gov. DeSantis to reopen FL now! The point of “safer at home” was to flatten the curve and to give hospitals the time to prepare. This has been done. Floridians need to get back to work to be able to feed their families and pay bills. We need to have access to non emergency healthcare. Research from multiple studies is showing the death rate to be closer to .1-.3% of cases, so why are we even debating reopening at this point? I am very thankful that our governor has not taken the draconian measures that others have in their states, however, any more time that businesses remain closed and residents forced to be unemployed is too long. Reopen FL now!
Manatee	General	Please reopen the state of Florida! 26 million are unemployed and that number grows everyday. This will lead to drastic increases in suicides, overdoses, and domestic violence (I am already seeing this at my job as a firefighter/paramedic working on an ambulance)... we are only delaying the inevitable by staying inside indefinitely. This virus is here and it’s most likely going to be seasonal. Let’s build herd immunity by opening and protect the most vulnerable. Antibody testing out of NY and LA shows this is less deadly than initially believe. Lets look at NY numbers...Governor Cuomo says that 1 in 7 New York City residents have been tested and 21% had antibodies. This by extension means 1.68m had it in a City of 8.4m. Under 11,500 died which is a mortality rate of 0.68% which is no higher than the flu. It is obviously highly contagious in tight proximity so distancing makes sense in hotspots but it is NOT the mortal danger described to otherwise healthy people according these numbers. Let’s open back up! Thanks for the great leadership, Scott Bertrand
Pinellas	General	Please be very careful in reopening our state. It should be done slowly so that we don't have an increase in cases. We have watched the guidelines and stayed home not to go backwards. Testing must be increased. Self tests using swabs probably will not give an accurate reading. Don't open beaches unless they can be policed. They should only be for exercise. They should not be opened yet. Also social distancing is a must be followed for a very long time. Malls should remain closed as well as gyms.

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Osceola	Retail	I have worked in retail field in Orlando and lived in Florida for almost 7 years now. It is really important for me to go back to work as I have not received a stimulus check or unemployment benefits since I became furloughed, but I only want to return to work when it is considered 100% safe to do so. I have savings and know they officials are doing their best to get people paid but I can always get my savings or credit back in order, I can't however bring someone back from the dead. Customers need to know that when they go into our retail stores and try on a pair of shoes or clothes that they are a 100% safe. If someone that has COVID-19 try's on an article of clothing retail stores don't have a way or cleaning them, which would continue to spread the virus. If an employee goes back to work and becomes/is a-symptomatic for COVID19 they can and will unknowingly infect a lot of people. In order to open back up retail stores and even theme parks we need to test way more. The state has only tested 1-2% of the entire population and by opening up high traffic areas Science, History and Statistics tell us we are asking for trouble. We can't ever put a price on a persons life.
Palm Beach	General	It seems to me that if grocery stores, Target, WalMart, Home Depot and Lowe's can remain open with shoppers wearing masks and maintaining social distancing, why can't clothing stores, shoe stores, etc, that are in open shopping centers (not enclosed malls) be open following the same guidelines? Aren't clothes and shoes essential? I have a grandson who is just beginning to walk. He needs shoes! We live near the South County Regional Park. The park is closed to everyone. My husband and I are avid bikers, and the safest place for us to ride is on the bike lanes in the park. Why can't those lanes be open for bikers, walkers, and joggers? We have been forced to ride on busy roads that do not have bike lanes. It is very dangerous! What about golf? It is easy for golfers to maintain social distancing while on the golf course and while on driving ranges. I appreciate all that is being done to keep us safe, and I also feel that we need to open up our economy. Thank you for considering my suggestions.

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Lee	Healthcare	1. Masks should be required in public. 2. I do not recommend pharmacies to test for COVID. This brings possibly contagious people into places like Publix/CVS/etc. I see this causing more problems than helping. Also, pharmacists won't have enough PPE to perform tests while keeping themselves safe. 3. More drive up test centers. Perhaps 1-2 per county or more-place based on population. People can then drive up for test without a doctor's order. Dated certificates given to people once tested neg. 4. Automatic check for IgG COVID antibodies when people donate blood. Similar to the routine blood type, HIV screen, etc. This will help encourage blood donation as well. 5. Require 2 negative Covid tests prior to elective surgeries. 1 naso-pharangeal test should be 3-5 days prior to surgery, second should be point of care test just prior to surgery.

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Miami-Dade	Administrative	I believe you have to tread these waters VERY CAREFULLY and consider health care expert advice because many lives are at risk. When certain businesses are reopened there needs to be lots of restrictions. e.g. beauty salons, by appointment only, max 2 or 3 clients depending on size of business so that people are at least 8 or more feet apart (forget 6) and at least one empty chair between clients. EVERYONE SHOULD WEAR A MASK & take all other precautions. Same can apply to other similar types of businesses, gulf courses, by appointment only. NO GYMS or contact sports. I don't see how or when it would be appropriate to re-open restaurants or other similar places, as people sit to converse & eat, this should continue ONLY take out. That applies to any business where food is sold, pre-order/payment only. Any place that people gather to converse, Facial Coverings should continue to be REQUIRED and limit capacity to on fourth of occupancy. Some retail stores, yes with limited foot traffic (one forth capacity or less), with special hours for seniors/disabled. Tourism, No, it is way too early. Our economy will eventually recover, but lives can be lost forever. Baby Steps is what we have to take. Baby Steps. Respectfully, LR
Broward	Education	I believe we need to open Florida businesses, with healthy social distancing measures still in place. The purpose of closing businesses was to flatten the curve, so that the healthcare system could deal with severe cases of Covid_19. Now we have more data, and the healthcare system appears to be handling the situation. The scientific data shows that the infection death rate is much lower than previously thought. We can always adjust in cities and counties where there are hotspots, but it is irresponsible to ruin the economy and shut everything down even in areas where there is not a current problem. Everyone can be responsible, wear masks, stay 6 feet apart, and continue to be productive. I am much more concerned about the lives we will lose due to hunger, unemployment, and recession if we do not take action now.
Collier	Healthcare	I strongly support opening the state of Florida as suggested in the guidelines set forth by the White House Task Force. I believe Gov. De Santis has done a commendable job in protecting the most at risk demographic in our state. People have been very responsive to the social distancing guidelines and I believe our communities will continue to do so for quite some time.// As we now have a better infrastructure for flare ups of the virus when they occur (and they will occur), the healthcare system will be able to handle these spikes.// Additionally, without knowing how many people are positive asymptomatic or those who've already had a mild form of the virus, we won't know how many are already protected. I am in favor of having widespread antibody testing for this reason. It seems to me the most important metric at this point. In the meantime, let's get out there safely. Enduring a pandemic and restoring economic stability should not be mutually exclusive in this day and age. We need to be able to walk and chew gum at the same time.

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Palm Beach	General	Thank you for this opportunity to share my opinion. I've been listening to your daily meetings and I'm thankful for the depth of experience and knowledge on this task force. I'm lucky to be employed full time, in addition to running my own graphic design business. I'm a mother & grandmother. I've lost business and my daughter is unemployed now, due to this lockdown. The health of my family & friends, especially those with underlying health issues, is very important. At the same time, I realize that the ramifications of this lockdown on the economy and mental & physical health are going to be far worse than anything this virus can do. It saddens me to think of the future my daughter & grandson have to look forward to, due to this. We need a balanced approach to opening up the state – not one based on fear or recklessness. Even though I'm a cancer survivor, I'm not afraid, but I respect those who are. Therefore when I do go out, I wear a mask and follow all precautions. The other day, I was shocked to hear the FL Surgeon General proclaim that we need to get used to this as our "new normal" until a vaccine is available. A "safe" vaccine won't be available for 12-18 mths at least and we don't have that kind of time, even though, Bill Gates has said that "we have no choice" and "Normalcy only returns when we've largely vaccinated the entire global population". Anyone who uses critical thinking will beg to differ. We DO have a choice. I've no idea why a man with NO medical experience, who openly talks about population control, has so much power over influencing our healthcare policies. That's wrong, and I pray you make decisions based on facts and not pressure from him and his "buddies". Businesses NEED to open back up. People NEED to go back to work. Children need normalcy. Parks and beaches need to be open - with social distancing guidelines. The likelihood of getting this virus is MUCH higher shopping at Publix than walking on the beach. Mental and physical health are being damaged every day. Not to mention the uncertainty of tomorrow for many Floridians. I was in tears as I passed the long car line for food pickup the other day.
Lee	Manufacturing	I think the economy needs to be opened asap. Florida has already had 21 days of downward trajectory in new cases. If we follow the task force guidelines we could have entered Phase One 7 days ago. Businesses that can find a way to operate safely can open. That includes restaurants. Let hospitals do elective surgery so they are not laying off workers. Put all the Corona patients in one hospital if necessary. Open the beaches now. Anyone that is susceptible to this virus can stay home. For people under 45 this virus is less dangerous than the flu. There is no reason to keep these people locked down. A permanent solution for many businesses like nail and hair salons, barber shops and even restaurants would be to install a powerful ducted exhaust ventilation system. It could have strong suction at each station or table that would vent to the outside. Vapors from people talking etc would be sucked out of the building. That would be a funded infrastructure project that would make sense. If a virus like this happens again businesses would not have to close.

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Sumter	Professional Services	I am a local Hairstylist in The Villages Florida, my concerns are the area I work we have all people that travel and visit family. Area is a retirement community around my salon and I am worried for everyone that comes into the salon. Myself personally can't wear a mask due to heart conditions for long periods of times. In my area we still aren't able to get essential cleaning supplies and would highly suggest all salons remain closed due to not being able sanitize stations or salon and having such close contact with every person that comes into the salon. Shampoos, waxes, cutting and coloring we have to be right on client and that is concerning for a lot of us stylist not only in Florida but everywhere. Please highly consider keeping salons closed at least to phase 2. Thank You
Lee	Healthcare	Please Re-open Florida, Governor DeSantis. The number of deaths and the number of deaths per million are low for a state with the high population of Florida. Speaking as a 64 year old retired person, I want the economy of Floria to be re-opened for the good of ALL Florida people, especially the younger working people and all small, medium, and large business owners and companies. Our Florida jobs are the life blood of the people of our state. We also need to have elective surgeries and all medical appointments available for all of our Florida people. The experts so far have been grossly wrong in their predictions for our country and the state of Florida. Our hospitals have NOT been anywhere close to overwhelmed with Covid 19 patients. The media has scared many Floridians into accepting indefinite quarantine of healthy people. Please encourage people (who are without great health risks) to confidently and carefully enough go about re-opening all business, recreation, and the scope of all medical practice for all Floridians. Thank you, Martha Siegfried, Bonita Springs, FL
Broward	General	Please re-open Florida

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Orange	General	Governor DeSantis, My opinion is we have to begin to open our state, safely, of course. Just as we have been shopping now for our essentials, we can also apply those measures of distancing and face coverings on the rest of retail stores and small restaurants. Our hair/nail salons are essential. Those shops can limit the number of customers and the technicians can wear appropriate gloves/masks and practice proper cleaning/disinfection. The loss of jobs in all the small businesses is creating financial and emotional problems which will last a LIFETIME, not a season. We need to speak broadly about keeping up a healthy immune system during this Stay Safe Inside/Quarantine. We need to open up private and/or public areas for some outdoor, healthy activities (keeping distance or limited numbers) especially for our children. Physical education at school, is sometimes the ONLY exercise some children receive. Staying inside, for 6 weeks, watching television and playing video games is unhealthy. It is time to return to care for people who have been unable to seek medical attention for their ongoing mental and/or physical issues. Our hospitals/medical facilities have cut hours of medical personnel since the virus was contained and their positions weren't used, as anticipated. Now is the time for our state to put these health care employees, with safety measures, back to serving their communities. Thank you, Governor DeSantis, for all you have done for Florida.
Palm Beach	General	No, we should not lift the stay at home orders. This is a very dangerous time and we do not have enough information on this virus. Tooo many deaths, reopening is only going to lead to more deaths and why risk it if you have citizens doing what they need to be doing at this point. Why jeopardize any more lives. The deaths are still going up and the cases are still going up. We don't want to have to go through what NY is going through and it could happen because of all the people in South Florida. Just keep doing what we are doing at least for another month to see how the numbers are going.
Alachua	Healthcare	Comment about re-opening FL during COVID19 pandemic: Please listen to the infectious disease/epidemic experts about when and how to reopen, not politicians or lobbyists. Also, essential workers deserve hazard pay.
Palm Beach	General	Open us up! People vulnerable to the virus should still keep distance, but the rest of us need to get back to living our lives. The medical experts always bring the doom and gloom and always are on the side of over-caution, which is not necessarily best. People want to get back to some kind of normal. We just heard the other day that uv rays kill the virus and we are the sunshine state, open the parks, beaches and playgrounds at a minimum. Studies in New York show 20% of 3000 tested have already had the virus...and obviously they survived it. Lethality rate of the virus is far less than we are being led to believe by the fakestream media.

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Broward	Education	I believe it is much too early to open up Florida. My concerns include: 1. Taking temperatures is a waste of time due to the many cases with no symptoms. 2, False negatives on virus tests may be as high as 30%. Many people with virus symptoms get false negatives.They can easily spread the virus. 3. Many virus testing personnel have no training, may not be swabbing deep enough in the nose and may be responsible for the false negatives. 4. False negatives make people go back to work since they can't prove they are ill to management. 5. People are sent home who have the virus and are supposed to get better or die. When are they supposed to get treatment?
Miami-Dade	General	This is a difficult decision to make and I can appreciate both side of the argument. The guidelines made by the federal government are weak, but I did like the Gating Criteria of a 14-day downward trend in number of cases or positive tests as a percentage of total tested. I will note; however, that the percentage criteria does not work for me; especially since we have tested such a small percentage of people. Mayor Gimenez remarks about the preliminary finding from the UM antibody research is another story all together. Since it appears that there are more people that have gotten COVID19 than actually known, this places an entirely different dimension on the issue of opening up the state. Granted, there is no “one size fits all” solution here, as every county has its own issues. Being a resident of Miami-Dade; however, we really cannot afford to make the wrong call. Our numbers are not as high as originally projected, but this is due to the stay-at-home order social distancing, and face covering. We live in a country of silly people and we all know that, once the door is opened, way too many people are going to run right through it and not pay attention to any limitations placed on a phased reopening. This is hard for our community and for our economy. We are where we are right now and can’t take it back. I would rather see this go on a bit longer than have to deal with the problem all over again. I like the idea of a 14-day period with downward trend in new cases per day. It is not perfect, but it does provide some support for a decision. I suspect that, were I unemployed or the owner of a small business, my position would be different, but it would be based on what is best for me and not best for the community as a whole. Good luck with this, because you do not want to get this one wrong.
Broward	General	Please do NOT be hasty in reopening Florida only to face even MORE time in lockdown because we did not wait long enough. It's like taking an antibiotic, when things improve a little we are tempted to stop taking it. Guess what? The illness comes back stronger and more resistant to our meds. Take the time needed!

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Palm Beach	Healthcare	Even though as a small business owner, the lockdown is hurting my business, I think we should wait til the end of May to reopen the economy and only once we are testing a sufficient amount of the general florida population and not just symptomatic cases or suspected contacts. If you review data from the 1918 flu pandemic, you will see that those states that locked down earlier and lifted lockdowns later had smaller or minimal second waves whereas those states that locked down later and opened earlier had bigger, and in some cases, more significant second waves. We should learn from history. There are potentially two different types of second waves. One second wave would occur very soon after the lockdown is lifted if we did in fact reopen the economy too early. Another second wave would occur later and coincide with the winter flu season. I question if this distinct difference is fully comprehended. If we open early I have no intention on going to any restaurants, hair salons or gyms. Unless we get down to an R0 of less than 1, a second wave is inevitable with further damage to the economy not only due to the greater likelihood of a 2nd lockdown but the fear people will have of coming outside. This will also result in further distrust of anything the government says. It better to get it right the first time around!!! I don't think an alliance with some of our foolish neighboring states who want to open prematurely is not in the best interest of the state of Florida. We have a very different demographic with different population needs and expectations.
Pinellas	General	Before open we need to have the most vulnerable people tested and from this create social rules that everyone needs to comply as wearing mask (compulsory). This is an state of emergency and leaders has to stand to preserve each one life. I propose to incentivize the media to go around and talk to people without mask and develop a "You Shame Campaign". Yesterday at Costco and Aldi 50% of customers did not wear any protection. If you want to kill yourself, you have the right, but you do not have the right to kill other, this is criminal! The economy never die it recovers. People die!
Palm Beach	General	Please do not open Florida at this time. There are too many cases of Covid-19, and until a treatment or vaccine is found, without social distancing more people will fall ill. We see tht some people don't even bother to wear masks.

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Pinellas	General	Please make certain we have more than adequate testing at large ports and points of entry like airports and sea ports. People coming and going should be tested. Set up testing at rest stops along major highways. Test those with and without symptoms as symptoms may not have appeared yet and/or they may be of something else besides COVID 19. Allow businesses to be open who provide PPE to all employees and require its usage. Encourage Washington to incorporate this into OSHA. Involve more small businesses and professionals in your decision making. Someon running a billion dollar company who started a business 30 years ago is too out of touch with today's realities, small business financing issues, and small business tax. LASTLY, RAISE TAXES TO PAY FOR THE GREAT SERVICES WE GET. OUR NORMAL SOURCE OF REVENUE WILL BE MISSING FOR OVER A YEAR -- HOTEL, RENTAL CAR AND SALES TAXES PAID BY TOURISTS! HAVE THEM AUTOMATICALLY EXPIRE IN TWO YEARS.
Pinellas	General	Absolutely not. Will we never learn? After the Spanish Flu, you'd think we'd have figured it out.
Miami-Dade	General	For the safety if all, can masks be mandated? Not all places are easy to social distance. Some jobs that are essential like postal processing centers are not doing enough to keep workers safe because it requires employees to work closely, but masks are not required so a lot of people don't use them. This is a place with some reported cases already.
Orange	General	Please don't open premature based on pressure, it would be worse if we opened and had to shut everything down again and potentially have a harder hit than now . We need to open up more Covid and antibody testing sites, especially where those that are homeless or do not have driving capabilities so we can determine how safe a re-open would be. The US and the world is watching and we don't need to set a bad example.
Palm Beach	Government	Listen to the medical professionals- don't rush to open things up too fast - wait until illnesses and deaths have been down for at least 14 days. Better be a little slow than a little fast. Going to early will lead to more deaths and a longer lock down period.

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Leon	General	I am not in favor for reopening the state. Not completely anyways. I've had the idea since this all started to have time slots and/or days designated convenient for everyone. Monday and Wednesday for people ages 50 and above. Tuesday and Thursday for the ages 30 to 49 and Friday, Saturday and Sunday designated for people aged 29 and below. Obviously the days can adjust for areas with more seniors or college students. This would protect our most vulnerable. If school isn't safe enough to open, why is it safe to open our entire state? There's roughly 20 million seniors in our state. How many of those suffer from cancer or COPD? It is too dangerous to open our state. Use Jacksonville as a social experiment since the beaches have been open and watch the numbers. Wait about a month and determine if they have increased or not. But opening our state at this time would be detrimental. People do not like to be told what to do and that's why everyone is overreacting and screaming about their rights. Well if they're dead, they won't have any rights. As for me and my family, we'll gladly stay in our home.
Monroe	Tourism	No matter what anyone says or does, the virus cannot possibly be 100% contained. Therefore, spend the time concentrating on educating people on building up their immunity to fight off the virus, which we are only delaying now. We can't stop this, so let's fight it with healthier bodies and attack this hoax a better way. Let us PLEASE get back to enjoying our Constitutional rights, like we are supposed to.

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Pinellas	General	I do not believe Florida is ready to re-open as more than 1,300 new cases were reported just yesterday (4/24). You must extend the safer at home order. We are simply not ready. There is much we still do not know about this deadly virus and testing is still very limited in availability. As a recent cancer survivor, I have serious reservations about reopening under these conditions. Even if businesses open, our family will not be patronizing them any time soon. Many critical supplies remain totally unavailable. We cannot purchase any quality medical grade masks as the supply chain is still broken. Any re-open must require everyone to wear masks in public. This country is basically conducting a huge experiment with its citizens by re-opening with no treatment and no vaccine. We have all seen the images of people on the beaches. Many have not and will not effectively social distance. Thus at a minimum, Florida must require masks in public immediately. Also, there are still huge shortages of hand sanitizer and basic cleaning products. It has even been a struggle to find hand soap or paper towels. I want to see significant increases in both testing and critical supplies, and most importantly I want to see low numbers of new cases statewide for at least 14 days before we even talk about a very limited and cautious re-opening. This virus is incredibly contagious and our healthcare system will be quickly overwhelmed if you open at this time, not to mention the deaths and serious health impacts that will be visited upon Floridians. Florida must follow the best science and err on the side of caution. All testing capacity AND components must be in place at high levels, reliable and FDA approved (not unproven antibody tests). Contact tracers must be staffed at numbers more than adequate to do the necessary work. And again, we must actually see consistently low numbers for a sustained period of time (which we do not have) before any restrictions are eased or else Floridians and this economy will pay an even greater and long lasting price. IT is not time to be short-sighted or imprudent.
Broward	General	Open up slowly and starting with open spaces. Keep recommendations to use masks and social distancing.
Pinellas	General	Re opening Florida Safely and with prudence without affecting Public health should be left up to county government with a full throated endorsement from the governor. No Politics and no pandering to the federal government. do what is right for the great state of florida
Palm Beach	Healthcare	The state of Florida should not reopen until we have a sustained period of flattening of the curve for new cases AND we have a robust testing and tracing program in place. The two must work together. Also, we must have full reports on the number of positive cases, not just from state-run testing but all. The residents of the state deserve accurate information and safety. Many thanks.

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Broward	Government	Regarding the COVID-19 issue, I'm in favor of opening up Florida as soon as possible. Sweden did not quarantine at all and they seem to be doing well; and, the majority of Sweden's infection cases are traced to immigrants due to their open border policy not a failure to quarantine. I heard the New York Governor state that the quarantine is better than death. This is an ignorant statement. Scientific evidence proves that approximately 98% of people infected with the corona virus recover. Additionally, we need to develop "natural" vaccines known as "antibodies", to COVID-19, which is the most effective public method to defeat it. Lastly, our economy is suffering. Many blue collar workers and small businesses may not ever recover unless we all get back to work. If not, we will be vulnerable to socialism to take over with more "bailouts". Remember: "he who pays the fiddler calls the tune", soon those handing out bailouts will demand we "kowtow" to their demands which will surely be pernicious to our way of life. Therefore, I am more than willing to risk having a COVID-19 infection than to risk our State and Nation falling to socialism.
Lee	Retail	LET US OPEN OUR BUSINESS
Hillsborough	General	We Floridians need to keep the stay at home and essential business only order for another 30 day's at the very least. At the same time, this is a great opportunity for folks to take some REQUIRED online learning. The. REQUIRED learning would be necessary to educate the public on what can and possibly will happen if we do not learn from the mistakes that were made leading up to where we are now. I cannot see a Successful scenario where we just jump back into a public gatherings without social distancing. We must take this very slowly or we will be right back to full on pandemic again. Please Governor DeSantis , keep the state on lock down another 20-30 days. Schools should have the second part of the 2020 year at home as well.

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Pinellas	Government	Hello.....Interestingly there was not a safety category thus choice of Gvmt. Historically, people asked to compromise for the good of the overall populace has proven to be ineffective. I'm speaking in recent history. Topics that come to mind: environmental, health insurance, transportation emission changes and not hoarding necessary supplies during a pandemic. From this vantage point, opening up FL and an individual county based on people will do the right thing for the majority is flawed. So the question becomes what mandates are required to open businesses in a different way to ensure safety of all? Not all businesses will come back that's where creative government programs may be of assistance? Think WPA programs from the 1930's and the various other relief programs -- they got people back to work to the benefit of the country - let's think in that direction vs re-open because simply stated not all business CAN be re-opened without major alterations to their business model. So this becomes a business model scenario with a myriad of possibilities - please do NOT leave this to each business to figure out on their own. Beaches = create beach business consortiums to craft what renting chaise lounges and umbrellas will look like in a condensed space. Bars - well that's a real tricky one because alcohol does not so funny things to many people. Agriculture most likely the easiest -- food is a necessity although changes in the food chain will persist again create business groups to brainstorm. Air travel BIG issue without a mandate for all to wear masks - and that's a simply solution isn't it. Clear the path for stranded snow birds to exit the state safely that will lower overall risk for awhile. Enforcement is a requirement for any/all changes - does this mean extra FWC and police will be needed now - yes it most likely does; no problem recruit and get people working. In times when unemployment rates are HIGH identify the gaps and fill them with incentives such as free education to fill the gaps - perhaps educators, infrastructure, or others? Please be creative in your thinking - projections from medical professionals suggest virus(es) will be a recurring event; let's take what we have learned about 'gaps' in the current FL economy as a result of Covid19, evaluate how distancing/close quarters will be woven into our future footprint, and prepare for the next event whether it be another wave of Covid19, a new virus, or rising sea levels. This is a call to action to shift 'the current' to a sustainable future. Think beyond 'the way it

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Osceola	Healthcare	Hello.... I came to Florida in March to see a surgeon about having total knee replacement surgery and I had my consultation. The next step was to take the knee replacement class at AdventHealth Celebration Hospital and when I got there they told me the class was cancelled because all “non-essential” surgeries were being postponed until further notice. Okay I understood how the virus had started spreading like wildfire throughout the entire United States so I’d wait it out. Well I’m still here and I’m now being told that if I want to have the surgery done anytime soon I’d have to do it as an Outpatient procedure because the hospital still wasn’t allowing “non-essential” surgeries to be done and they don’t anticipate them being allowed until the beginning to mid June. 1.) If you have ever had a knee that was bone on bone, had spurs that needed to be shaved down and possible ligament or tendon issues I guarantee you would NOT consider it a “non-essential” surgery. I NEED THIS SURGERY ASAP...Please I am begging you. The surgeon’s office even tried to appeal to the hospital and told them the co-morbidities that I have, they told them that I can barely walk, that I need to get home and I’ll still have to be here for 4 weeks after surgery and they FLAT OUT DENIED me. I need Dr. Brad Homan to be granted permission to do my Total Knee Replacement at AdventHealth Celebration Hospital. I thank you for any help you can give me in regards to my surgery. God Bless You Sincerely, Deborah Daniels

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Orange	Technology	Florida must continue to adhere to the recommendations set by the vast majority of doctors, healthcare professionals, and healthcare workers and continue to strictly enforce social distancing and closures. We cannot continue to bend the knee to radical, immature, convenient conservatives and place at risk our children, elderly, families, and vulnerable residents. Every time these protesters express their views on the subject it is with ill, selfish, and misinformed information that disregards everything in the way of facts and the beliefs of actual conservative individuals, such as myself. These vocal few who demand we reopen cannot even form a competent argument, when pressured to answer for their actions, that does not devolve into bizarre conspiracy or the equivalent of sacrificing our most vulnerable in the name of the economy. They would rather we mindlessly open ourselves to death than have the Government protect our finances in a manner similar to nearly every other 1st world economy, such as Canada. Where companies are expected to better the country and their communities to be bailed out, instead of blindly bailed out as we are seeing today, here, in the greatest country on Earth, The United States of America. Florida needs to remain closed until we are comfortably on the way to a vaccination program or the majority of residents have already been infected and we have reached herd immunity. It is a crisis that we all are dealing with and can get by, the government must be held accountable to it's citizens, not shareholders of corporations who don't even pay taxes nor abide by the same laws and protections we must endure. Do not give in to these unfortunate few, who fail to see the disastrous future, in a belief of saving the uncomfortable present.

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Broward	General	As businesses start opening up we need to be sure that the public and the employees area safe. To do this I recommend the following : 1. We need the government to pass a law that any business that decided to open and has all of the required protection in place, is held harmless from any lawsuit or law enforcement action if a person contracts COVID-19 while at the establish business. currently insurance does not cover this. 2. The businesses should not be open until the level of new cases of COVID-19 are below 10 in the state. 3. You cannot open businesses unless there is proper testing in place (not just equipment that can analyze the testing). This means we need the swabs and regents that are required for testing. We also need to make sure business with 10 or more employees have access to test kits. This is especially needed when the employees may come into contact with the public. 4. OSHA needs to establish procedures to protect and mitigate the virus. They need to have this training available and ALL and any business that wants to open should be required to have all employees take the course and pass the test. 5. Employers need to be held accountable if they do not provide the following to the employeess : a) Washing stations with soap and water - b) Hand sanitizer available. c) Masks d) any other protective equipment relative to the business they are in. 6. Every business that wants to open is required to test employees temperature at the door. This has to include their customers as well. 7. The emplover and emplovee both have an obligation that puts
Orange	Healthcare	I am a pre-medical student in Florida, and to even THINK about reopening the state because uneducated, idiotic, and frankly, stupid people want to go grab haircuts or eat out for dinner is absolutely disgusting. This pandemic has caused the death of over 50,000 Americans. To reopen the state would increase the number of Covid-19 cases and deaths, and I for one would not like to suffer at the hands of another. Neither would our citizens working in healthcare and service. I understand that the economy will suffer, and that citizens need to work to pay for supplies, but if you reopen the state, there will NOT BE ANY CITIZENS left to fix it. Why can't this country be like other nations? Other nations supply their citizens with food, free healthcare, and a variety of other things just so they can stay home during the pandemic. Reopening the state will just prove to the world how dumb Americans are. Again.

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Leon	General	Dear Governor DeSantis, Please allow our state to open for business. Small business owners and pay check to pay check employees need their jobs back. We have already learned that this "pandemic" is not a bad or as deadly as the media led us to believe. It in my opinion is no worse than the seasonal flu. Actually, also in my opinion, this was another shot by the Democrats to get President Trump out of the White House. You know, since Russia, Russia, Russia didn't work. Then there was the impeachment which was bull as well. I am tired of this happening again and again. President Trump was duly elected and all the witch hunts must stop. He has done an exceptional job thus far as have you. I did vote for both of you and will vote for you both again but the madness must stop. Allow your people to be free and show how responsible they can and would be. We do not have to be locked away to do the right thing. Thank you, Donna Varnum
St. Johns	General	Since the pandemic, Florida has done the absolute BARE MINIMUM and thats why our numbers continue to rise. If we want this over, we need to keep quarantining so that we can get back to normal in a reasonable amount of time. The longer we keep twiddling our thumbs the longer and worse this will get. I would love nothing more than to spend time with my friends and families and go to the beach but its not worth the risk right now. Especially when our administration is being lax about quarantine and mandatory rules. Please keep the schools and all non essential businesses closed until we get a handle on this and we start to see our numbers drop. We cant possibly open our state back up with cases still on the rise!!
Pinellas	Government	As a life long Florida resident, now retired, it has been extremely difficult to see our fellow Floridians financially and emotionally devastated by the abrupt shutdown due to Covid-19. One close friend that recently opened a small business has been totally shutdown. Another close friend lost her job of 15 years overnight. And then lost her health insurance shortly thereafter. It is time to safely open our Florida businesses to minimize any further negative impact on the residents of our state and our economy. Thank you for working promptly for the benefit of all Floridians.

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Miami-Dade	General	Thank you for opening this portal for people to be able to give input. It is critical for the future of our state, neighborhoods, families to start to open business immediately. We are already 3 weeks passed the peak of death count in a state. The whole country passed it. And more and more data shows, that we put shut down in place, where we already were on a way down in a count of people infected with COVID-19. Most of people already infected and immune at this point. As with any flu season, nursing homes should be closed to visitors for now, but schools definitely should be opened, so children will finish building up herd immunity and let parents go to work. We need to look at experience at countries, who did not even do shut down at all, like Sweden, and learn from them. There is no really promising data of when vaccines or treatment will be available, if at all. But we have a climate in a FL on our side. We NEED to open beaches and parks, not only for general health of population, but specifically for mental, that is suffering tremendously. Events with large amounts of people should be postponed, but we need doctors offices and hospitals start doing elective procedures before they will fail under current conditions they are in. The health of population depends on it too. Plus opening businesses now while hospitals are still relatively empty will serve as a buffer in a case of spike of COVID-19 cases. But we need to do it ASAP. Every extra day will carry consequences for months of recovery. Those, who are not comfortable, will stay home. It is their choice. We have already millions of people in FL, who are infected and were asymptomatic or already recovered. They should not be held hostages by the fear of others. We cannot wait to test everybody and loose our livelihood, because we do not know when those test will be available and how reliable they are. We have to go back to life. Otherwise we will loose more lives in a longer terms and financial future for the whole generation.The cure should not be worse than a problem. And we cannot listen to voices of people, who now sit at home and get unemployment benefits, that are higher, that what they were getting by working. Or those, who work form home. Or for all the offices, that are funded by taxpayers money and now closed, but all employees are getting paid and without even salary cuts, like others. Staying home for those is not an issue. Thank you.
Broward	General	As a resident of South Florida, I see how much the virus has spread down here. I understand the importance of trying to bring the economy back to a normal place, but I believe public health comes first. I therefore believe it is important to keep social distancing regulations and closures for non-essential business in effect until the number of new cases per day drops SIGNIFICANTLY and we are at the bottom of the end of the curve. At the point that it is time to begin reopening the non-essential businesses, it will be important to still keep social distancing and mask requirements in effect. Limiting the number of people in those non-essential business will be crucial to ensuring we do not have a resurgence of the virus. Offices where people are working in close proximity to each other should still be required to have some or all employees working from home.
Pasco	General	I’m going to keep it simple...open the state up. Impose necessary precautions...those that want to continue on with their lives will do so, those that what government imposed restrictions can continue to follow.

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Collier	Healthcare	To all those anxious to "return to normal" too soon: Please think of your loved ones, and neighbors, as it is evident that you only think of yourself. Wear masks outside of your home when you go to the grocery store or pharmacy. There is no emergency that would require you to shop for anything else! Wash your hands often. Practice social distancing wherever you are. This virus is not gone, is still here, and will rear it's ugly head again in the fall. Let's wait until all Florida residents get tested and the results of those tests acted on. Listen to the science, not some half-assed hunch's from half-assed idiots. And whatever you do, DO NOT DRINK ANY CLOROX PRODUCTS!
Orange	General	I think that Florida should follow the President's phased plan for re-opening. We have come too far to revert and we should be smart about how to proceed. After seeing a 14-day decline, we should re-open businesses that can comply with 6-ft distancing and no more than 10 people; i think those that can work from home should continue to do so (not only to minimize the spread, but also due to school closures and parents not having childcare). If Phase 1 continues to show a decline in cases, then we move to Phase 2 and so on.
Okaloosa	Healthcare	I am an ER nurse. I have been for 30 years. I understand testing is informative but we treat symptoms. I think most businesses can reopen as long as face masks are worn and strict hand hygiene is maintained for most of the population. Immune suppressed, elders, and small children are should continue to be restricted in mixing in groups. People should continue to practice social distancing. Public swimming should be restricted.
Lake	General	Do Not reipen until 10% of people in a region are tested and infection rate is below 0.5%. Shut back down when infection rate raises above 1.0%. Repeat tests every week
Broward	Professional Services	I will strongly recommend that we open up the economy back to normal ASAP. The main reason is that by keeping people isolated in constant fear and stress is weakening their immune system. This makes people more prone and vulnerable to attack of viruses and bacteria. In addition, this will lead to more alcoholism, smoking, depression, perhaps suicide etc as well. This is very opposite of the effect that we are trying to achieve by social isolation. We all sympathize with people who are losing lives but we don't want to create a knock on effect of negative impact on a much larger population of americans.
Hillsborough	Government	We need to reopen our County for business, I understand the importance of public safety, but without economic activity is impossible to sustain the life of our families. We need our people to go back to work.

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Brevard	Government	First of all, thank you for your work/service to the citizens of Florida. We voted for Governor DeSantis and will support his re-election for his second term. We are grateful to be in Florida that is governed by a commonsensical governor and real patriot. However, numerous family members and neighbors have been out of work for over a month, still have not received unemployment checks, and have no definitive date on the reopening of our great state. The federal and state China-Virus briefings are saturated with medical/testing updates and yet no update on our unemployment payment system. Our citizens are weary with endless medical/testing reports that can be covered with a couple of Power Point slides and a thee minute report. We desperately need definitive business oriented re-opening schedules/information. The shutting down of our state/nation has done incalculable damage to our economy, security, constitution, freedom and morale of our great country. So yes, resoundingly, the cure has been worse than the China-Virus. Recommendations: 1. Communicate to all media outlets the time and place for all daily re-opening Florida briefings. A consistent time would be advisable. 2. Keep briefings short, factual, positive with clearly defined progressive steps to re-opening Florida. 3. During Briefing Q&A's, solicit real questions from citizens rather than from media only. Most of the media representatives are out-of-touch with citizen's concerns/needs and typically use the Governor's Briefings as target practice. 4. 04 May – Open healthcare operations, elective medical procedures, small businesses, parks, restaurants and full array of worship services. 5. 11 May – Open barbershops, beauty shops, health gyms and massage therapy.
Manatee	Professional Services	Opening Phase 1, should happen May 1, including non-essential surgeries & dental, as well as nail, hair ,massage, and other 1 on 1 services. Hold on phase 2.
Pinellas	Recreation	Re-open all of our beaches. Even if limited. I would like to walk and sit and gain some calm. Spring-breakers have gone home. Thanks.
Palm Beach	General	Beaches and parks should be reopened.

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Broward	Healthcare	Both WPLG and the American Red Cross have already expressed interest in participation. 100% of funds would go to the Red Cross: Local celebrities/business leaders would participate in a regularly recurring Red Cross Blood Drive for potential plasma donors. As one of the 'first steps' in modifying social distancing i.e. outside the immediate family would involve adding a friend/acquaintance to the home, one celebrity/business leader would visit the other's home. What better (and more familiar/family-oriented) way than to have participants (properly attired in protective masks/shields) competing in the well-known, iconic board game, Scrabble. Prior to each scheduled event, participants would be publicly announced via WPLG with Blood Drive funds procured in a fashion similar to a Walkathon. In time, participants would be permitted to add a friend (or two) to their traveling entourage. --- With the Task Force's VOICED approval, we'd be happy to proceed and offer further details.
Sumter	Healthcare	Dr Babu of the Orthopaedic Institute was scheduled to give me an Epidural shot on March 23rd, the first day of the no-elective surgery order. It was meant to alleviate severe pain in my spine. I have had to deal with that pain since that day and sincerely hope the no-elective surgery order will be ended as soon as possible. Thanks for your help
Broward	General	ITS TIME TO AT LEAST LET PEOPLE OUT OF THEIR HOUSES TO AT LEAST GO TO A PARK, GO TO BEACH (WE HAVE A LOT OF THESE- STILL SOCIAL DISTANCE), GO TO A POOL, PLAY GOLF, PLAY TENNIS, ANYTHING THAT CAN BE DONE WITH SOCIAL DISTANCING. YOU CANT LOCK PEOPLE AWAY IN THEIR HOMES FOREVER.
Sarasota	General	I just recently retired from teaching in Connecticut and have moved permanently to Florida. I would like the governor to follow the guideline that the Federal Government set up. I would like to see the 14 day downward trend before you open up the state. I am telling you now that if you can't follow those guidelines to protect the health and safety of the citizens you can open up everything and I will not be going to restaurants, hair salons, big box stores or anything else until I feel safe. It is your job as Governor to protect the citizens of Florida. I am a 59 year old female and would like to continue to live in Florida but if the govt of Florida is not responsible to do the correct thing I will be leaving the state. Please do the right thing for are safety and well being.

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Lee	General	Slowly start these steps Mid May Hotels-Resorts— start w 20% occupancy Restaurants- start w 20% occupancy Retail - all must wear Masks & provide sanitizer to employees & clients Personal salons etc... one hairdresser only w clients apps spread out Beaches - start slow open to residents in their towns only till Mid May or further unless resort w only 20% occupancy Limit of 10 people at ANYTHING
Lee	General	open the golf courses. safety measures for pins asocial distancing and 1 to a cart . our course has been openand we are overwhelmed by people coming all the way from miami to play. this causes higher risk factor since most are younger people compared to our members.
Orange	Retail	Yes, we should start to open the society. If we focus on closing everything, Can the government provide to all citizens housing, food, and mental health? Furthermore, we are growing a isolated generation. Some students will know and understand themselves and their parents. This is new segregation that we are teaching to our children. If there are elders and underlying health persons, we can ask if they can stay in isolation until a vaccine can be found. However, we need to practice to keep the distances, washing hands, wearing masks, etc. for safety. In school, we need to focus on small class sizes, mixture of online classes and face to face teaching. These actions can apply at work place also.
Seminole	Recreation	I have spent 12 years building my small gymnastics training facility. In Seminole county. We have been closed since March 16th. I have applied for and received a PPP loan, which will last until the middle of July hopefully. However, the public is so scared that I don't know if my business will survive even after we are "allowed" to open. The economy has been destroyed along with my business and the people are too scared to come out of their homes. Florida is a big state with 21 million people and .001 people have had this virus. How does this make sense to anyone that uses logic and not emotions to think? Please allow businesses to try to salvage our lively hoods. (I won't even address the over reaching government and mob rule that we have allowed to happen)

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Seminole	General	It is time to reopen Florida. People need to go back to work and resume their lives. Who is paying for us to sit home and be idle? Our children and grandchildren will be paying dearly for this. I don't think the numbers support the drastic measures that have been taken. The same could have been accomplished with restrictions on masks, hand washing and social distancing rather than the punitive measures taken and supported with scare tactics by the government and media. Why are we not putting the responsibility for taking care with the individual rather than big government? Government's job should have been to be more prepared for a potential epidemic with PPE and hospital beds enough to handle it. I understand the need to protect the vulnerable but this has gone way too far for the rest of us for way too long. I have tried to submit this 4 times now, this is working as well as the unemployment website evidently.
Hillsborough	General	I believe that Florida must develop a set of key health indicators, based on hard data, to establish when “reopening” is safer and appropriate. I also believe that Florida’s top economic priority should be fixing its shameful unemployment compensation system in order to provide emergency support to the millions out of work - leadership on this matter in particular has been terribly incompetent.
Volusia	Information	I heard the governor comment that the fact that the percentage of those testing positive going down is a positive sign. It is neither a positive nor a negative. The governor can't be expected to interpret the data, but whomever gave him this information is giving him very incomplete information at best and possibly just bad information. Please get in touch if you need help understanding the data. No charge.
Polk	General	I appreciate the work the task force is doing to create a plan for the re-opening of Florida. Further I greatly appreciate the work Governor Desantis has done to limit as much as he could the closure of Florida in order to minimize the economic impact on Florida. When considering the recent studies indicating the number of individuals who have had the virus is actually much higher, and also comparing the rate of spread verses the approach to the virus in Sweden and the US, it is time to reopen the state of Florida. Tennessee's model is a good example (although maybe a little slow) of a multi phase plan to be fully reopened (assume things continue to improve) by mid-June.
Volusia	General	We need to go back to work governor, the cost of this quarantine may prove worse than any loss Covid 19 delivers...
Hillsborough	Tourism	Taking it slow on the opener is the wise approach. In the meantime, lock down the GA border.
Polk	Healthcare	We want to open our church immediately with Social distancing (6 feet apart). We have attenders that have been suicidal and baker acted 2 times, and many of the others are dealing with depression. They need liberty to worship!

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Hillsborough	Professional Services	We need to start a soft opening ASAP. people are suffering mentally. Dr appts canceled. Routine procedures cancelled. I have a staff of 22 and we will have to lay them Off since business is down 80 percent. We are in the recruiting business. I also own a horse farm and our business is down 90 percent for lessons yet we still have to feed the horses. This was about flatting the curve which has been. Clovid 19 is not going away but we must be able to start to bring some normalcy to peoples lives and businesses
Collier	General	Businesses should consider reopening with a plan to maintain social distancing
Leon	Retail	Used item stores and donated items stores are much more hazardous to the community than new goods retailers such as Walmart and Target. If Retail reopens, thrift shops such as Goodwill, Salvation Army etc. should be opened 7-14 days after new goods clothing retailers such as Kohl's reopen. Thrift stores DO NOT wash donated goods before placing them out to sell to consumers. The vast majority of employees at charity and thrift stores and used clothing stores do not have health insurance and would be forced to work and hide any illness they may have to make a living once their unemployment benefits are taken from them through reopening the stores prematurely. The employees work in highly crowded back of store operations preparing donated items and share common bathrooms. Often, donations come from homes and senior care facilities that have had recent deaths or have been evicted. Donations include kitchen goods, toiletries, and intimate apparel and are NOT washed after they are donated. They are put on the shelves without sanitizing processes. The environment at thrift stores is a natural breeding ground for germs and viruses. Many customers of thrift and charity stores are older than 65 and/or disabled and especially vulnerable to lingering viruses that may still be active on donated items. Before stores such as Goodwill and Salvation Army are reopened they should be required to follow recommended sanitization procedures and leave donated items in quarantine for 72 hours prior to putting out for sale to consumers. Without these requirements, the thrift stores will become breeding grounds for viruses- much more so than Walmart and Publix that do not have donated and used goods. The employees at Salvation Army and Goodwill, etc. are far safer at home until proper procedures can be guaranteed. Financially, they are better off on unemployment due to the federal unemployment benefits through the 2020 CARES Act. Please consider charity and thrift stores as a special category of retail that should not be reopened as soon as large retailers. It will save lives to delay their reopening until it can be done safely and

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Hernando	Healthcare	My 3 year old son has a genetic dental condition that requires special treatment or his teeth will deteriorate with rapid wear. During this time of Safer at home, we have been unable to proceed with treatment because multiple dentists have been hesitant to treat him as an emergency case. His condition requires preventative care so that he is not an emergency case. I have paid 2 months of my dental premium (300$) without the ability to have him treated for his condition. Please reopen dental offices for standard treatment immediately so that his case does not become an actually emergency case. As a single income (11 year state employee) family of 5 and foster parents, our children are our number 1 concern and we would do anything to be able to take him to a dentist for his preventative work. Thank you for strong leadership and guidance through these difficult times.
Miami-Dade	Government	OPEN THE STATE BACK UP. If people are worried they can stay home. Its too many people out of work to continue this the state is build mainly on the industries that are shut down. We need the sunshine. The beach is one of the safest places to be right now, easy to social distance, plenty of vitamin D, plus we live and pay our taxes mainly for the right to get to the beach, THE SUNSHINE STATE. OPEN UP PLEASE ASAP
Okaloosa	General	Emphasize (or even mandate) mask wearing in essential places such as grocery stores, pharmacies, and other places for workers and shoppers. I understand the need for businesses to open but this needs to be done safely and I can tell already in our area that everyone is geared up to open the doors wide open May 1st when the stay at home order ends. This seems to be happening without respect for suggested phases of re-opening. Clarification needs to be made regarding organized youth teams as they are already beginning to reconvene. As far as I have heard we have not gotten new orders from the governor so our county seems to be gearing up for business as usual May 1st. What happened to new infections numbers needing to downtrend for two weeks before phase one begins? Short term rentals should be one of the last things to re-open as it is hard enough as it is for locals to get the groceries they need.
Lake	General	I think that the state should set metrics such as cases per capita (a better metric than just number of cases), testing results (% positive; % with antibodies), and hospitalization rates vs. capacity to guide re-opening decisions. These statistics should be done on a regional basis as conditions can be (and are) quite different in Southeast Florida counties (Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach) vs Central Florida (Orange, Lake, Osceola, Seminole, Sumter, Marion). I'm not sure how many Florida regions should be identified but probably at least 4 or 5. That way actions will be responsive to local issues and conditions. The state is too large and varied for a "one size fits all" policy. This may not be practical for all types of policy decisions but should be useful in terms of balancing risk/reward for high contact businesses such as gyms, nail and hair salons, restaurants, bars, etc.

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St. Johns	General	In my opinion, slow and steady wins the race. It is too soon to re-open Florida. Baby steps must be taken. Until we have rapid testing FOR ALL, and a plan for isolation for those that may test positive but be asymptomatic, it is far too soon to open up movie theaters, bowling alleys, inside dining, sporting venues, nail and hair salons, tattoo parlors, etc. I have been doing my part by working from home (thankfully able to do that) and social distancing, even from my sons who are in law enforcement and other family members. I do not want the sacrifices I and my family have already made to be for nothing. I would like testing for law enforcement generally (my son cannot even get masks, glove or sanitizer currently), all health care workers and grocery store clerks and even for myself whether symptomatic or not before I can go back to work with some peace of mind. What about testing for antibodies? If we had that and could ensure that those who may be positive and asymptomatic could keep from causing harm to others, that's a start. I am all for getting things back to "normal" but not at the cost of more lives or overwhelming our health care system. Also get the unemployment benefit sites up and running first. So many friends laid off or furloughed and unable to even access the site, much less see a first check. I am a 4th generation Floridan and proud of my State. Let's not make a mistake that we cannot come back from.
Pinellas	General	I believe the state can start being opened in geographic sections. The panhandle, Central Florida, Tampa/St Pete. etc. Beaches and outdoor activity areas should be opened to allow people to get fresh air and exercise. Social distancing would still apply. The reopening should be the reverse of the closings; restaurants at 50%, etc. As data improves, specific cities and/or counties can be opened more, in response to improved data.
Lee	Real Estate	Greetings....Small business owner's & their employee's are the backbone to our economy in SW Florida....these are the people who purchase homes, condo's, manufactured homes & lease properties year round from realtor's like myself & pay the needed sales taxes to flow to the city & county budgets....I also personally own 5 rental properties & need these properties occupied for cash flow...we need all of the small businesses open full-time while practicing social distancing to keep our economy thriving. Lodging, restaurants, pubs, salons, cosmetology, fitness,, etc need to be open or Lee County will see foreclosures & eviction rates rise like 2008 - 2010 again...Allowing 50% occupancy to start is better than "Out of Business" signs thru out the community. Yes, people over 65 with health issues should shelter in place as much as possible....don't penalize the other 95% who are healthy & pump up the local economy!!!!...let's get SW Florida back on track May 1!!!....Thank you!

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Miami-Dade	Accommodation	Please open up our economy . from all the studies being done this virus will have the same death rate as the Flu or maybe twice as deadly. Should we sacrifice the well being of all Floridians for 120k deaths across the US. I want to rehire my employees I laid off about 40% of my staff from Miami to Orlando. We need to get their jobs back we need Disney and Universal open. We need our beaches, world class dinning, retail, and all entertainment open before May 15th lets not lose track that more people will die due to Tabaco and alcohol then this virus Open us back up!
Pasco	Education	It is getting ridiculous how long everything is being closed. Approximately 1% of Florida's population has ever been reported with Coronavirus and we are all paying for it. In Pasco County there have been a little over 200 people ever reported and most of them are over it now. We are all having to pay for some people who are sick and we are being treated as if everyone is sick. It's ridiculous how the media has so many people scared of their friends, neighbors, and strangers - 99% or more of which have never had a problem. Of corse people need to be careful and stay in if they are sick and wash their hands often - but PLEASE open Florida back up again! Everything, including schools need to go back to normal. Kids are missing out on once-in-a-lifetime milestones and opportunities because the adults are making the decisions for them.
Pinellas	Tourism	Reopen the beaches asap. Sunlight/Solar has once again been proven to kill the virus. Keeping the beaches closed is ludicrous. Albeit You'll probably have to EO the Pinellas Co. Chair Pat Gerard. She's a rotten selfish corrupt individual. Meanwhile 75% of the state is also out of work. She doesn't care.
Broward	General	Open golf courses, tennis courts, parks with people wearing appropriate covering. If Walmart and Target can stay open, why not shops and small businesses. If is unfair to small business to let people shop for things other than food in those stores. I will never go into a Walmart or Target again.
Broward	General	I believe we need to reopen businesses as soon as safely possible so that people who are suffering greatly financially can get back to work. I believe if people can be responsible and keep social distancing or wearing face masks in public buildings, we can get back to work. Also encouraging proper handwashing and use of hand sanitizer in the absence of soap and water. And of course staying home if you think you are sick. I also think we need to open county parks/state parks as soon as possible to allow people to enjoy the open public space/nature.

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Collier	General	Sir, Please consider opening up the State business's. Not full bore like nothing happened, that would invite trouble. Must keep social distancing and use sanitary/disinfectant wipes, masks and anything else for protection. We do not yet know who's had it, who currently has it but asymptomatic or who may have had it and has antibodies. Every person in Florida needs to covid 19 test and especially the antibody test. I know my wife had it back before we even heard about it (January). She had all the symptoms and was doing in-home breathing treatments as she has lung issues. Hence I was exposed and later realized I had a few of the symptoms and was down for about 3 days. My wife was down for 2 weeks. She is a medical Professional and I'm in Site Development. Both ready to retire & don't need this crud !! People need their jobs and paychecks Everything within reason needs to open with restrictions, safety & disinfectant everywhere. Thank You, Craig Granchi
Broward	Recreation	I believe reopening can only be done after sufficient testing has been accomplished. Testing of people who do not exhibit symptoms, especially young people because they are the most dangerous in terms of spreading, is essential to know the virus behavior. We are no near that and only scratched the surface. The administration MUST institute testing programs on a grand scale so ANYONE can be tested. Not doing that will only delay reopening of the economy and endanger the life of people. We hope the Governor is listening and NOT listening to the President who hasn't got a clue! P.S.- Typical of implementations here and across the country I have been unable to even submit my comments. This is the third attempt in 2 hours!
Orange	General	Open Florida and keep social distancing in tact. For salons, make stations 6 feet apart, service one client at a time, disinfect in between services. For retail, like a Home Goods or Macys, limit inventory and redesign stores with more space between aisles. For restaurants, open at half capacity. And for goodness sake, open the parks and tennis courts!

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Orange	General	Please refer to reliable, scientific, unbiased data in regards to when to "reopen" the state of Florida. I am a mental health professional, and I am also someone who is immunocompromised. I have spent hundreds of hours over the last six weeks helping Floridians process their anxiety, fear, trauma, loss, and grief during this time and most people do not have the necessary resources to recover from a debilitating disease if they were to be exposed. Our state already does a terrible job of caring vulnerable people. We are in no position to make it worse. Please step out of the President's pocket and think about the people you were elected to serve. The best leaders are servants, and this seems to have been forgotten. Please remember who you are here to serve. https://www.npr.org/sections/health-shots/2020/04/25/844088634/when-is-it-safe-to-ease-social-distancing-heres-what-one-model-says-for-each-sta
Santa Rosa	Professional Services	I'm retired but I have 2 children that are 50 .(twins) One in a hair Salon and the other in a spa. They both are afraid of going back to early because neither job can be done safely with the 6 foot.rule. They both think the Georgia Phase one is very scary with the salons & spas. They are very anxious to go back to work and will if called to do so but are afraid as Santa Rose and Escambia Counties are both very tourist orientated with out of state vacationers who are a lot of their clients.
Broward	General	This is regarding the reopening of Florida while we're still dealing with COVID-19. I strongly recommend that we keep Florida shut down as the virus still poses a threat to our population particularly here in South Florida. Perhaps in other counties where the virus has peaked and is coming down and the infection count has been low consistently, there is opportunity to open parks, some business that can effectively social distance and maybe even some schools (but teachers and all of those working in those establishments need to be tested first and then tested periodically). As hard as it is for many out of work, the health of Floridians and our economic futures ought to prevail. If we move too quickly to reopen and the virus bounces back with even more vengeance, the economic impact will be even more devastating . . . let's wait until the end of May and see what the trend lines are looking like then.
Charlotte	Real Estate	Thank you for opening this up to public commenting. Why not permit the local pharmacists, example, at Walgreens, to do corona virus testing, as they do flu shots? Many people are afraid to return to work, to eat at restaurants, etc. without available and regular testing.

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Hillsborough	General	So much for the buck stops here and having decision making abilities but here goes...It is too soon to open the state! People will not follow recommendations, they will only follow orders and even that is iffy. We are not ready to re-open the state. It is unfortunate but unless there are mandatory orders to wear masks in public and very few businesses re-opened, it is just not time yet. We don't want another wave to come back and put us back at square one!! Please think this through and do not let politics or party lines drive your decision. Be smart, look at the politics of what is driving the re-opening and do not be one of the sheep. Up until the coronavirus I was surprisingly impressed by your leadership but I have been disappointed since then. You should have closed the beaches and you cowered. Turn it around and show Florida what you're made of! Lead us and show the nation that we are not Flor-I-duh!!!
Hillsborough	Healthcare	While it is wonderful that our state and locality's rate of increase has plateaued, it has not decreased in a sustained fashion to fit the guidelines put forth by public health entities for beginning re-opening businesses at high-risk of contributing to spread of the virus. I think it is incredibly irresponsible that there is such a sudden push to reopen "normal life" while we are only just (for a couple of weeks) seeing the impact of the measures to begin with and still do not have an effective treatment for those most severely impacted. Shame on us if we re-open things in an unsafe manner to get back to "normal life" at the expense of human health and lives.
Miami-Dade	General	Floridians - including very politically active and engaged Republicans like me - trusted Gov. DeSantis when he said Florida would open on Friday May 1st. The medical data is good and improving. Hospitals are mostly emply and were never overwhelmed. There is no good reason to continue the lockdown. The economic and psychological and political (people are becoming more accustomed to the idea of being submissive and dependent on goverment) is already catastrophic. Stick to Friday May 1st. Do not move the goalposts. I can see a couple of exceptions: stadiums and movie theaters. NOTHING ELSE is justified. Allow Everything else to open at 9am on Friday May 1st. No restrictions: restaurants, bars, everything. Life must get back to normal ASAP. Floridians will care for the sick - as we always have and always will.
Collier	General	I believe Florida should start re-opening immediately. As long as CDC guidelines can be followed, businesses and activities (i.e., beaches) should be opened following those guidelines.

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Orange	General	My husband and I have been very proud of how you have handled all of this for our great state. We are greatly bothered that people from other states are trying to tell us how to run our beaches, parks, etc. If you are not from Florida and only travel here once in awhile you would have NO Idea how large and diverse Florida is. We are not just Miami and DisneyWorld. My Husband is a 6th generation Floridian from Madison, Fl. Most people have no idea where that is in Florida unless you are from North Florida area. Comparing what we should close and open in Madison to Miami would be ridiculous. So our opinion is you have to look at this county by county. Another great example, we reside in Windermere but also have a condo at New Smyrna Beach. Those 2 places are completely different and would probably not open on the same schedule. We have been staying at the condo most of the time since shutdown. The news makes it sound like the beaches are packed, WELL they are not! There is plenty of room to spread out. When the beaches were shut people were jammed up on the sidewalks trying to keep distance, but it is very difficult on a sidewalk and not at all on the beach. Honestly most of the folks on New Smyrma are 60 plus years old. I am totally in favor of restaurants opening and having tables apart and outdoor seating. So many restaurants have outdoor seating already and could use that space well. I am tired of New Yorkers trying to tell us HOW to Live. They have no clue how spread out our state is and how diverse...this in NOT NEW YORK or the Jersey Shore. Thanks for listening and realizing that we 70 year olds are ready to go back to Church, out to dinner and enjoy our family and friends. We pray for you Governor DeSantis and ask God to give you wisdom as you lead our great state. Sincerely,

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Pasco	General	I appreciate all Governor Desantis is doing. However, I would like to see the Governor and his task force address virtual calls or distance visits to love ones in nursing homes, assisted living facilities and hospitals. My mom is 89, in an alf and has dementia. I am unable to do face time with her because the facility she is in has not pursued it, but fortunately can have phone calls. I would like to see testing ramped up at some level, so that we can visit her, since this is imperative to her emotional and physical well being, and I don't know how much longer she will live. I have not seen her for 6 weeks and prior to this saw her every day. Each facility is obviously making their own decisions about this, and I think it should be across the board that there should be some way to physically see each other, since this affects our loved ones and us as well. Caretakers have no way to follow up on our loved ones, since we are not there. Fortunately, my mom is in a location where no virus has been found, to my knowledge. This situation has obviously gone terribly wrong at some facilities, and that has to be addressed by the State consistently, because these businesses will all do what they deem is right or fair because they don't want the threat of lawsuits, so the State should be monitoring them. I am grateful to be able to work from home. Although financially I am fine, I know others that are not so fortunate. There has to be a way to reopen at levels where people can get back to normal living so their mental and physical health does not suffer from this just as much, if not more so, than that the individual would from the virus. If someone that has no income becomes depressed, they will have other issues that could be just as bad if not worse for them. Thank you for the chance to send my comments.
Miami-Dade	General	The people needs to work . The economic impact and collective depression is going to be worst than Covid 19 . We need to re start the economy ASAP. I understand should be gradually but do not delay to much time or we are going to collapse . Thank you
Hillsborough	Healthcare	Please allow doctors dentists and eye Care professionals to go back to work. These people support laboratories who are suffering for lack of routine testing such as pap smears and biopsies. I work in a laboratory that may furlough me if things don't get going again. I do not want to join the millions filing for unemployment. Thank you.

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St. Johns	General	Most of the Covid-19 phenomenon seems to be Media driven. If I were to rely on my local community for information the Covid-19 would not exist. I don't know anyone who has it and no one I know knows anyone who has it. However a lot of people have allergies and the ubiquitous springtime NF cough. A few people I know have had mild flu for a couple of days. I think the govt and other wanna be controllers have latched on to this for their benefit at the expense of the FL citizen. Experts that know nothing are everywhere. Just let the adult make their own decision about what they do. If you can't make a law to force me to go to a restaurant they how can you restrict unalienable rights of pursuit of happiness going to a restaurant? For my perceived safety is not a valid reason. Right of assembly is specifically mentioned in the bill of rights. You are treading close to the cliff on a slippery slope.
Palm Beach	General	WOULD ASK THAT BEACHES, PARKS AND GOLF COURSES BE OPENED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. SOCIAL DISTANCING SHOULD ALWAYS BE ENCOURAGED. PEOPLE SHOULD STILL HAVE THE RIGHT TO DECIDE WHAT IS SAFE. WE ARE ALL AWARE OF THE DANGERS AND SHOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR OWN SAFETY.
Palm Beach	General	I think that the public has been educated about the virus and ways to minimize its effect. The stay at home orders were put in place to make sure that the hospitals were not over run and overburdened. This has not happened so it is time to trust your citizens and reopen the state. There is no reason that pools can not be opened for swimming (given guidelines) the beach also can be reopened immediately with social distancing of course. Golf courses, tennis courts all of these things should open tomorrow in my opinion. The goal was to help hospitals not wait for no new cases. Restaurants, retail stores etc can open too, when they have put safeguards in place (like register shields, servers with masks etc). People know the dangers and will work to limit contact. our endangered population will not put them selves in harms way until they feel that the risk is low for them. It is time for the government to trust its citizens and give them back the freedom of choice.
St. Johns	General	Florida needs to be fully re-opened immediately. Covid is here to stay. We cannot send it back to China. We must all be exposed and develop immunity; it is the only way forward. Our hospitals are less full than they were before the pandemic. It is time to allow our businesses to get back to doing business so there is a quality of life for our citizens and children. Floridians are intelligent and have the right to decide for themselves how to proceed. REOPEN FLORIDA IMMEDIATELY AND FULLY!

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Brevard	Healthcare	Elective dental care should be postponed until the CDC and ADA create new guidelines and offices have time to receive the new necessary PPE and policies. Dental providers are the highest risk of exposure due to proximity to patients and aerosols created. Patient care rooms are small with no filters or way of removing aerosols between patients, which are known to stay in the air for 3 hours. Minimizing aerosols can be done through avoiding certain procedures (ie use of handpiece and ultrasonic scaler) but then patients are not being treated with the standard of care. This being said, I also believe that the list of vulnerable patients should be expanded to include those who are pregnant. Not enough research has been done to completely rule out that women infected with COVID-19 in their first and second trimesters will continue to have healthy pregnancies and babies. The majority of research at this time affected third trimester babies.
Hillsborough	General	The public health experts recommend far more widespread testing, and two weeks of declining cases, before any change in stay-at-home orders is considered. Florida has NO IDEA how many asymptomatic virus carriers a re-opening will put back out in our communities, infecting their friends, neighbors, and clients/customers, if we re-open businesses too early. We already have too many people flouting the recommendation to wear masks, and keeping at least 6' away from others. Please add some public health experts to your task force and give their, the CDC's, and the World Health Organization's expert opinions the deciding votes in your planning. If a too early reopening prompts a second, more deadly wave of deaths, YOU will be responsible for putting short term economic interests over citizens' health.
Broward	General	Re open Florida Now
Lee	General	Re-open Florida Comment. Follow CDC Reopening guidance to the letter. Never substitute what you think you know for what the CDC does know. Never follow the guidance of the President. Every morning say to yourself out loud “Roy Haber’s life depends on the decisions I make today”
Broward	Recreation	There are no spaces more wide open, with less people than parks, golf courses and the beaches. They need to be re-opened. Thank you.
Broward	General	I want Florida to follow the scientific Federal Guidelines for reopening the state with even more restrictive measures based on the characteristic of our population (elderly and those in the country illegally). It should be made clear to those in the country illegally that they can have food and medical care without fear of being deported. Strict rules should be developed for nursing home safety, to supplement those already in place, based on the impact of the coronavirus. Uniform rules should be developed for the state as to how many should be in a business that is open as well as additional safety protocols (such as hand washing, temperature checks, use of face masks and social distancing. We need more testing and we need to verify the truth about antibodies in a person's system. With so many elderly people here we need to make sure we know how many asymptomatic people we have before we even begin to think about opening up the state.

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Pasco	General	Couldn't we use percentages to determine relative safety? For example; match a county's population against the number of infected people. Come up with a percentage that is considered reasonable and then authorize business as usual. Continue monitoring and if the percentage becomes unreasonable, take an appropriate action. Monitoring the entire state as one rather than by county is not fair. Also, if a business wants to enforce employees AND patrons to wear approved masks and gloves BEFORE entering the establishment, wouldn't that be effective??? Add to this a substantial fine to the establishment if they don't follow the rules
Sumter	General	Hello, I am a resident of Sumter County and a voter. I would like to express the fact that based upon the behaviors I have seen from fellow citizens, that we shouldn't take a broad reopen step at this time. Many of my friends who are in the medical field and the real estate field and even a family member who works in an accounting firm in Collier County do not feel we are ready. Our cases are climbing and many of us are afraid of what this may mean. The economy is suffering but there will be even more suffering if people are unwell, dying and medically challenged. You would please a great many who believe this and are Trump supporters as well...Also, many of our services have remained open anyway. Unlike the train wreck in Georgia. Thank You....
Lee	General	Don't open nonessential businesses until medical professionals say it is safe to do so. Creating a second wave could create a real setback making things even worse than they have been. Buying more time may allow for new developments and a better read on the actual rate of infection through increased testing. Please!
Pinellas	Administrative	It is time to open the state! Let people get back to work and back to their lives. The people who are immune compromised should take extra precautions as they always have in their lives and let the healthy people get back to living life. We were out and about today and people were in the water, fishing, etc. Not one person had a mask on, because they know they are healthy and they are ready to live!! The media coverage of this has instilled fear in the world like I have never seen in my lifetime! Common sense is out the window and fear is the order of the day. It is time to live life and go back to work. Take precautions, wash your hands, open the beaches and if people get sick, which they will, let them heal.

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Broward	General	Personally, I do not think it is a great idea to reopen Florida in the beginning of may due to the increasing numbers of death and individuals catching the virus already. In many other states, they have pushed the closure of state till May 15th or later. Therefore, we could prevent more people from getting the virus as well. Please think for the people, it would be safer if the state continues to be in lockdown mode. I am in Broward County and own a local business in Plantation which offer massage services, there is no way that my employees can stay away for 6 feet or more. This will be hard for me and others like me to restart the business. We need more time to figure out how to proceed these issues. I have two elders that I need to take care of at home and a daughter that is in college, I would like to stay safe for them. Summertime is near and it would be more difficult to prevent the virus spreading, because most people would bring their kids out. Then it will be harder to prevent the virus from spreading. In addition, Broward County has a high number of people getting the virus, it would benefit the state and the people to stay in lockdown for a little bit longer. Please consider and thank you!
Volusia	General	Dear Governor DeSantis and members of the Re-Open Florida Task Force: Thank you for the humility shown in seeking the opinion of those for whom you serve: the residents of the amazing State of Florida. While my reasons for re-opening Florida are several, I would like to share just one that is affecting our family in a negative way. My amazing, hard-working (government-employed) husband and father of our seven children has been working at home since the Stay-at-Home order was put into effect. I have been attempting to help my middle school and high school children navigate their online schooling, while also working to help my Kindergarten student with her school and keeping my toddler content and quiet. I am also an essential financial worker in the education field, trying to keep up with my job. This time has added much stress to our family. Telling my toddler to keep quiet as her Daddy is on an important conference call; telling my children that their Daddy is off-limits while working in our bedroom, when this is usually their safe place; dealing with a stressed out husband and father; my husband having 24-hour access to his work that he is usually able to leave "at the office". Please, let those who desire to work return to work. And, let those who are high-risk or nervous about the epidemic stay home for a bit longer. Let my husband and I have a night out to dinner; let me take my little children to the park; let my big kids ride their bikes to the basketball court; let my oldest son who just graduated with his AA take his TEAS test so that he can pursue his dream of being a pediatric nurse practitioner; let my children see their grandparents (PLEASE let my children see their grandparents. My kids miss them, and mine and my husband's parents miss their grandchildren so much!). Thank you for your hard work for our state. I recognize that there are many who will attack you if you make a decision with which they do not agree, and that puts added pressure on you all. Please know that you are in my prayers, and I am trusting that God is guiding you through this.

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Seminole	Finance	I am 100% operational from home so the shut down doesn't affect me personally (other than I am not spending any discretionary income that I normally would) but we if we don't re-open the economy ASAP many people won't have businesses to go back to. We can re-open businesses safely and smartly without continuing the economic hardship many are facing right now.
Martin	Professional Services	As a business owner, I am requesting to open up Florida's "economy" by 5/1 in Martin County. Thank you
Orange	General	Before opening the State for business there should be a specific and detailed plan specifying mandatory and consequential obligations and responsibilities incumbent on "all" businesses. For example; if an individual employee, director, owner, etc of any business has been notified of or if he/she believes that another individual of the business is possibly sick, there should be an immediate test administered. Also, before any non-employee enters an establishment he/she should be administered a test establishing their lack of the Covid-19 virus. Lastly and thereafter, everyone should be required to submit to a temperature test before entering any establishment and be identified from a central database showing you have not tested positive within the previous three day period. In other words, everyone should show results obtained within this three day timeframe. I believe it to be a disgrace that we not be able to monitor and control this outbreak ever again. We all as individuals should have the right and more importantly, the belief that our government and employers and business establishments are doing whatever is necessary to secure the safety and well being of its' most important asset, its' human capital. For the better part of the last month me and my family and friends have been responsibly confined to our home surroundings with exceptions only to secure basic necessities such as food, doctor appointments, etc., and I do not believe that neither I nor anyone else should ever have to endure such measures again if they can be avoided through responsible behaviors mandated by the powers that be. EVERYONE SHOULD BE TESTED AND THEN EVERYONE tested again, and then tested at the first sign of any potential Covid-19 symptoms. This just seems like common sense. It may seem a costly venture however, we deem ourselves rightfully so, to be such a rich and wealthy nation, and to be clear, the biggest, richest, wealthiest, and best, we should therefore invest some of our great wealth into what makes us the BEST, our own human capital to preserve what we have.
Pinellas	General	I believe that Florida should be re-opened as quickly as it is safe to do so. We the people can figure out how to be safe when going to stores, parks, beaches and shops. I think the governments of the world overreacted and did terrible damage to our collective economies.

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Highlands	General	Dear Gov DeSantis, As an active constituent of Highlands County and the state of Florida, I implore you to put forth and enact a plan to reopen Florida AS SOON AS POSSIBLE beginning no later than May 1 upon 30 day lockdown order expiration. Out of a population of 21,670,000 in the state of Florida, we have had only 1,055 deaths, many of which are being incorrectly reported as COVID deaths, when they are not. Even so, that is a mere 0.005% of our population. Florida's cases are at 30,000, which is 0.14%. LESS THAN A QUARTER OF A PERCENT. Most of those are mild cases with a 98% recovery rate! This number is not a pandemic by definition. A pandemic is an outbreak "which has affected a significant portion of the population". 0.14% is NOT A SIGNIFICANT PORTION. Knowing new facts that have come out which include the terribly flawed "models" by which all decisions were made, the death rate of this virus being 55% less than previously thought, the survival rate being close to 98%, most cases mild to asymptomatic, Dr Fauci now stating in the New England Journal of Medicine that this virus is actually much more like a "seasonal flu", and considering the main reason we were told we were forced to stay at home in the first place: to keep our hospitals from being overrun which has not happened at all. In fact, NONE of our hospitals are even close to capacity and many are furloughing nurses, physician assists, and physicians. Being that that was the reason for the lockdown, it is neither reasonable NOR CONSTITUTIONAL to do anything other than allow all businesses to open, parks to open, beaches to open as they see fit. The citizens in my community have behaved appropriately and we have been in forced proximity to only our immediate families for over 40+ days. Parents need to work, people need to live, children need to play. Please stop forcing an agenda of fear upon our city. We are no longer afraid of the virus, the concern now is for the mental well being and financial well being of our city and state. The government at any level (county, state, federal), does NOT have the power to legally take constitutional rights and liberties away from the people when it is ABSOLUTELY NOT JUSTIFIED. The state and local governments MUST CEASE AND DESIST the abuse of power and control of Floridians. Further continued stay at

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Seminole	General	Florida workers should not be forced to risk their lives because nonessential businesses were reopened too soon. What are you doing to ensure their safety? People who are unemployed deserve better than the broken unemployment system currently in place, and with rent and mortgages due next week, what are you doing to get them the money they've spent weeks unsuccessfully applying for and not receiving? What doctors are you consulting? Have you seen the data on strokes and heart attacks tied to COVID-19? How will you ensure, after weeks of being told to look for respiratory symptoms, that people with other critical symptoms get the testing and healthcare they need so they aren't dying at home? How can you be confident reopening the state when we don't have widespread testing and contact tracing in place? When the laws regarding quarantining individuals vary county-by-county? Seminole County merely fines a person with a positive COVID-19 test $500 for leaving their home and infecting others. Why isn't there statewide guidance on this? Even if you reopen soon, my family and those of many others I know will not be spending our money on anything more than urgently needed essentials, and will be isolating at home regardless of the state relaxing its stay-at-home order. We do not trust you to make a decision that is in our best interest. If you reopen soon, you will be risking priceless human lives for a minuscule return on taxes and business revenue.
Palm Beach	Recreation	Please re-open the golf courses in South Florida. In addition to the health benefits, Golf is one of the few sports that can be played while complying fully with social distancing requirements. It's fine to require no rakes, no touching poles, longer spacing between group starting times, even no rental carts, etc. The idea that its ok to walk outside but not play golf makes no sense. Further - a significant number of people work in this industry and continuing the prohibition risks the demise of their employers. Thank you.

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Seminole	General	I believe that to reopen Florida the state must have an extensive testing (both for the virus and for anti-bodies), tracking and quarantining program. As tests from around the country show that the numbers of persons who have contracted the virus without symptoms increases (latest test results from NY show greater than 20% there) in almost all instances more and more of those persons should be able to return to relatively normal lives and those who cannot return to their previous work are available to safely help implement the testing, tracking and quarantine program or other programs to help those who have been impacted the most. For example a California support program pays restaurants and out of work restaurant workers to make meals for the elderly. We could implement and expand a program like that in Florida to also help all persons who are incurring food insecurity. We would need funding from the Federal government but we will need help anyway due to the lost revenue from the great decreases in our travel and hospitality industries. This type of program would also help keep people in Florida so that as businesses reopen, and people start frequenting the businesses, workers will still be there to help Florida recover as quickly as possible. The testing, tracking and quarantine program can be successful, one day last week the program in South Korea had a total of nine - 9 - new cases. That amount can be easily managed and the cost of a program like that compared to the cost of our current shut down is pennies to dollars. Just reopening without a program isn't going to work if a large number of people still stay home out of fear. Without a testing/tracking/quarantine program we will end up with businesses closing a few weeks later than if we didn't reopen at all and additional uncontrolled waves of cases of the virus forcing everyone back into their homes. Also in my opinion all of this changes if a reliable treatment for the virus becomes available. With a treatment I believe the situation becomes more of a "perfection being the enemy of good". With a reliable treatment for those who do not have an underlying health condition, we can modify/focus the testing/tracking/quarantine program on those most in danger and the rest of the populous can go back their lives. It will be a new normal but at least a functional one. Also once a vaccine is developed then we can deal with this almost like we deal with the flu. Numbers-wise it kind of like a race between which occurs first, a drop off in cases due to herd immunity
Pinellas	Retail	do not open business yet. at least until may 30th. don't risk our health

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Orange	General	Hi There- SO my opinion may differ from many, I AM NOT a business owner, I am the spouse of a Cardiac ICU nurse who's entire floor has been turned into a COVID unit. I AM a bartender who works at two bars- local, small businesses in the city, I DO have an autoimmune disease. I AM also a nursing major myself. With that being said; I want everything to open up and go back to normal ASAP, is that possible- NO. If we open up the slightest bit too soon, we will be in a repetitive circle of quarantine and isolation. If we continue to wait it out just a little longer I think reopening up the state will be easier and smoother, more steps forward, not 2 forward and 3 back. While the ICU floor census has gone down, and we may have " peaked " the number of cases we have is still continuing to grow. As a population, we cannot rely on our neighbors to make the right decision. If you decide to open up bars and restaurants too early, people will rush to them, just like they do after a hurricane curfew. Unforunately the virus will spike again and we will be back where we are. My husband and I don't sleep in the same bed, we don't touch each other, I hear the horror stories of people and their families, what happened on shift the night before- that alone scares me straight into staying home. Not everyone has this sake insight. They don't have loved ones and friends on the front lines. They don't know someone directly impacted by the virus itself. It's scary. I don't want to be forced into going back to work, that probably wont be operating at capacity, and risk being infected and continuing to pass the virus, when we could wait a few more weeks until it has slowed.We have been successful in flattening the curve, but that does not mean to give up all precautions. I look at friends who live abroad, who were placed in locked down before us, and are still in one- but here we are trying to open up ASAP because profit over people in the U.S. Please make the right decision in keeping us safe. Fix unemployment so the people who are starving and struggling, aren't pressured to get back to work, even if they don't feel safe doing so. Please make the right decision- the virus isn't going away anytime soon, our protectors are you. It is literally in your hands- I don't want my family and loved ones meeting my husband in ICU and passing alone.
Leon	General	After 14 days of declining cases, 'what we really need ... for phase one, is to be able to identify, isolate, contact trace..... That is something that we absolutely need to do." Anthony Fauci Coronavirus Task Force Your task force wouldn't go against best medical practices, would it?
Hernando	Education	Please put the Health of Florida Citizens First over the Economic Concerns! You have the opportunity to do this the Right Way! If we reopen to early this could become catastrophic to our State and Country! Lives before Dollars !
Lee	General	open the golf courses. ours is open in lee and we are overwhelmed with young people coming from miami to play - not right
Seminole	Administrative	I think opening needs to be done slowly. While economics is very important, it is as important that it is not rushed into & we end up right back where we started or worse with this virus. It needs to be done correctly because our Counties, State & National economy can not Take a hit like this again. Our hospitals, & staff & first responders have given their all,. Our local governments are in danger of shutting down, so do this correctly. The State needs to help local governmental offices such as the Clerk of Court, County & City Police Depts. & many more. Anarchy will ensue if local, county & state office close down. I practice God will grant you wisdom & guidance in your decisions.

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Manatee	Tourism	We have to get back to work. This state relies on the tourism industry, as does my business. All of the big businesses have taken the government financial aid intended for small business, we have been left with nothing to support ourselves or our dying businesses. The unemployment system in Florida is broken and we are struggling pay our bills and feed our families. You opened our beaches yet keep the parking lots closed only so that local law enforcement can give citations to people who are parking, it makes no sense what you are doing. We are sick and tired of governors playing politics. Stop following suit with what other governors are doing and just do what is right, fair and safe for this state. And please, do it now!
Hillsborough	Healthcare	We have been at this for 6 weeks and most of us have done our part. I think we need to start re-opening, being as smart and safe as we can. We have to move on. We can not sit here forever.
Pinellas	Government	Please do not fully reopen the state of Florida. We are still seeing increases in cases. The risk is too great to public health. If we had more certainty regarding how this virus works and how to combat it, I would have different feedback. It's way too early to open the state up to visitors. Just one asymptomatic visitor to the state and we'll reignite the pandemic in the state and it could be even worse than what we have now. There is a need to address the mental health aspects of this virus as being in quarantine and "safer at home" is giving people problems with coping with isolation. However, it has been shown time and time again that some people are not following protocols and are actually putting others at risk With all of this in mind, there has to be a balance of needs and a lot of creativity to resolve the issue of reopening Florida. Whether it is having the "non-essential" businesses rotate being open with limited capacities for people in the buildings or other ideas from smarter folks than I, something has to be done to keep our most vulnerable safe from the virus and safe from mental health crisis. Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.
Broward	General	While of course safety is important, the economy and people's livelihoods and quality of life are important too. Please do not listen to the people living in fear. Please find a workable compromise to re-open the state as soon as possible, in stages, that allows for more freedom and choice for individuals. But please please please, fix the unemployment system!!! I can't file a claim, and I can't get through to get help with that. I'm sure you're aware that thousands of people have the same problem. It's still going to be a slow process of returning to work and seeking new employment if necessary, even with beginning the reopening.

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Indian River	Food	Lets get restaurants open now! Reduce capacity in the short term so social distancing is easier. Require workers to wear mask. Explore using sealed disposable utensils. Waiting for a table must be done outside using social distancing. Touch less payment options. Tons of ways to limit exposure and still let businesses function. Lets get this going!!!!
Palm Beach	Recreation	Dear Governor, thank you for this opportunity to weigh in on the reopening plans. I appreciate your willingness to hear from citizens and local leaders alike. I strongly urge you to exert your influence with our County Mayor regarding the restriction on golf in our county. Specifically private clubs. There are two reasons why I feel the ban on golf and tennis at private clubs is unreasonable. First, golfers follow the rules and, prior to the ban, we had complied with all necessary and appropriate safety precautions. One person per cart, no rakes in the sand traps, no touching of flag sticks, hand sanitizer stations throughout the club, etc. No food and beverage service as well. A typical golf hole is 7 acres and we would have at most 8 people on a hole. Social distancing at its best. Secondly, as you are aware member clubs (501.C7) are not covered by the federal payroll protection plans. Therefore, our employees who are in food and beverage (servers, bartenders, cooks, dishwashers, etc), golf operations, administration, golf course maintenance, and facility maintenance are being supported by a club that cannot generate any revenue. We will not be able to do that forever and then these employees will join the growing ranks of the unemployed and the state/federal government will support them with unemployment assistance. Thank you again for your consideration and for your leadership during this crisis. Charles Zacharias Bear Lakes Country Club, West Palm Beach FL 561-301-6232 cz8764@gmail.com

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Collier	General	When making this decision, please research and consider the long term public health outcomes that will result from the current state of poverty, unemployment and financial stress. While we are faced with a very serious short term health crisis, the current way of life is creating long term consequences that will also negatively impact exponentially more people than this virus will ever kill. The very real long term impacts must be considered against the short term wins and that is the true risk-benefit analysis. I have great anxiety of the long term effects to come from keeping millions out of work and in social isolation. As a society, we need to think long term when we are making these decisions. We should absolutely work to keep our most vulnerable safe, but are we really keeping our most vulnerable safe right now? Is everyone actually 'safer at home'? The answer is NO. I think we should focus on finding ways that we can assist our seniors and other at-risk citizens to stay 'safe at home' while allowing the rest of society to resume somewhat regular routines. Additionally, we must again think long term and consider that most of the people who are vulnerable to this current virus have underlying health conditions which can likely be managed by improved diet and exercise!! How will we work to address that issue so we don't have to worry about a healthcare surge in the future? Will we do more to encourage people to eat well and exercise? Will we encourage more collaboration between traditional and allopathic medicine so they can work together to keep everyone healthy? If our society were 'healthier', this virus would not be such a big deal because our healthcare system could truly care for the most vulnerable without fear of being overwhelmed. Thank you for your service and leading us through this difficult and unknown time.
Duval	General	I have been a resident of the State of Florida since 1991. I am a disabled veteran. I am in one of the high risk categories for COV-19. Individuals wanted parks and beaches reopened for exercise. This has been accomplished and people seem to be able to maintain the recommended 6 ft distance. However, opening up gyms seems a bit reckless. People can still safely exercise without the opening of gyms. Prior to these big gym chains opening people exercised outside. The general public does not have access to the N95 masks because first responders and healthcare workers need this equipment. The mask that are made out of fabric with no filter provide a false sense of security. There is no vaccine, no proven medication to treat this disease. I want to feel safe when I return to work. Right now, the only place that I feel safe is at home because I can control my environment. I can't control the environment of others. I was able to work from home prior to the pandemic. I would encourage you to encourage business leaders to continue to allow their employees to work from home to continue to flatten the curve and those that cannot work from home to ensure the safety of all employees and their families. At some point, if the morality rate continues to rise, families will eventually begin seek compensation via lawsuits because their family member died due to COV-19. Please adhere to the guidelines outlined by the WHO, CDC and others in the medical field that have determined it is not save to let the guard down so fast. Look at the data, stick with the recommendations. A very concerned citizen.

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Miami-Dade	General	Fund the Bridge Loan program again but set aside 30% specifically for minority owned businesses. Limit the number of companies that can apply for the Bridge Loan funds that is owned by the same subsidiary. Fund loans in the areas that have the highest number of individuals that have tested positive. Fast track capital projects. Make certain that the guidelines are the same for businesses reopening from city to city and county to county.
Flagler	General	Reopen the whole state. Just protect everyone in the long term facilities. You need to have people live in the facilities for the next 2 months and no visitors. That way, those people are completely protected. Pay the people additional money to stay there. Anyone that has a preexisting condition should stay inside in there home. Have all food delivered and all medicines delivered. Doctor visits can be done via phone or web meetings. The healthy and able can get the state back to work. All data shows from all states, the only ones going to the hospital are ones that have preexisting conditions. So protect them, especially the ones in long term facilities and let the rest of us reopen the state. Only 63 deaths in Florida for people Less than 54 years old and they had preexisting conditions. We need to reopen the state because we will lose almost all the mom and pop businesses. We can do this. Just make sure people don't enter Florida from other states and we will be fine. The reason we closed the state was to not overwhelm the hospitals. Prior to Covid, hospitals were at 65% capacity, and they never went over that since Covid hit Florida. Open the state up.
Lee	Real Estate	Good evening Mr. Governor, I am writing to urge Governor Ron DeSantis to re-open the state of Florida as safely as possible. This shutdown has caused much more harm to lives than the virus ever will. It is time to open up again so we can restore the economy the best we can. I think that overall, the majority of the state wants to get back to work. We can no longer live in fear. Thank you for all your hard work throughout this crisis. I understand there have been some bumps and other are not happy but you have done a great job Mr. Governor. Thanks, Frank Glaab

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Miami-Dade	General	Follow the advice of doctors, epidemiologists and other scientists . That should be the first priority and the primary consideration. Do not do anything until the medical and science experts say it is safe, and then only under conditions they recommend Protection of the workers and the public must be the paramount consideration In order to know how to protect people, we need widespread testing, many times more than we have now Mandatory masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, handwashing stations and breaks, and social distancing for all employees and clients of any business that opens. This includes all businesses - farms, factories, health care. It includes all workers - from the cleaning people and sanitation workers, warehouse workers, field workers, to the head of the company. It includes independent contractors Enact provisions that make it possible for workers (including independent contractors) who might pose a danger to fellow employees or clients to stay home - including, but not limited to Paid sick leave, either from the employer, if they can afford it in this situation, or from the state, for all employees who are sick (even mild symptoms) or live with or have regular contact with someone who is sick or who is vulnerable due to age or infirmity. Financial assistance to employers (grants, not loans) to make it possible for them to provide necessary protection and benefits Food support - surplus food should go to people who need it, not just wasted Expand healthcare including medicare and medicaid Fix the unemployment system immediately. Provide substantial unemployment insurance benefits to workers. No work search requirement for however long it takes for the doctors to declare it
Hillsborough	Education	I do not want to see public spaces opened widely until COVID-19 testing is much more highly available. I am a teacher, and would not feel comfortable returning myself to the school building, nor having my severely intellectually disabled students returning, without regular testing. These students inherently are more challenged with practicing safe social distancing and personal hygiene. In addition, my second job is at Home Depot, an essential retailer. There, customers do not always respect the 6 ft. distancing, and many do not wear masks or take other precautions. Due to the high volume of customers we have had during this time, I do not feel safe working at Home Depot when customers are there until regular testing has been implemented. I have developed some symptoms of COVID-19, am in self-quarantine via doctor advice, although I tested negative for COVID-19 last week. I have some viral respiratory illness that increases my vulnerability to other infections, including COVID-19. I wonder if I will be able to get tested again if I develop additional symptoms. My spouse has multiple high-risk characteristics, I do not want to infect them.
Highlands	General	I'm in favor of opening our county safely back up. We need our people back to work. And my opinion only this blown way out of per portion.

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Manatee	General	Please do not re-open the State of Florida, especially to tourism. I saw that the Task Force is comprised mostly of hospitality industry leaders. My opinion is based on recommendations from health care providers. I value their interest in my health and well-being much more than a politician or a business professional. People from across the country and around the world will congregate in beautiful, sunny Florida, not knowing they are bringing the virus with them. They are not going to self-quarantine! (They are not traveling here to sit in a hotel.). And the virus will spread. If you open up our state to tourism, I believe you will be creating a new Hot Spot. We don't understand this virus yet. From the onset we've heard that it mostly impacts the elderly or the immunocompromised. Now we are hearing about strokes in 20- and 30-year olds and children suffering with this disease. We need to learn more about this virus before we throw caution to the wind. The sooner you open up the state, the longer those at risk or those who prefer not to come in contact with this virus will be forced to stay at home. I cannot imagine the outrage that will occur when you have to lock things down again. Give it more time so we can understand everything that could happen. And so we can understand the behavior of this virus. Our lives are more important than a balance sheet.
Sarasota	General	Please keep the state closed! There is too much at risk to open things back up so quickly. Please value human lives over money. Like we say during hurricanes we can always rebuild but we can not replace a life.
Hillsborough	General	Re-open Florida! The long term cost of keeping Florida closed will be detrimental to not only the economy but the mental health of adults and kids alike. People can choose to stay home as long as they like if they feel their health is in danger. But we need to re-open Florida. Let the people choose if they want to go out and eat at a restaurant. Let the residents of Florida choose if they want to see a movie at the theater. Let the people choose whether they want to stay indoors, or go out and live their life. Re-open Florida ASAP!
Manatee	General	Please don't let the cure be worse than the disease. It is destroying the state's economy to be on lock down. Those at risk should stay home and the rest of us should go back to work. The government should provide test kits to the public as soon as possible and those who are sick or even have symptoms should stay home. Life is never completely risk free.

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County	Area of Interest	Comments
Lee		The Honorable Ron Desantis, Governor of Florida, This is a very complex and humanitarian situation, but my suggestion is to allow only those visitors or family members that have a proof that they took the COVID-19 Test in the last 3 days with negative results. A copy of the results need to be disclosed prior entering the long term facility, and the visitors/family members need to follow up the CDC guidance in the facility,; surgical masks, globes, distance, etc... This visitation can be established in a specific area for the purpose of visitation and screening.
Hillsborough		We have been so lucky in this community with very few cases. Our Director has followed all the safety rules. WHY take any chances now? I can see if someone is extremely ill or dying, some way should be provided for family to visit in very controlled conditions.

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Highlands

Please help us help our loved ones that can't help themselves. We are their voice and also their hands, eyes, ears and feet. We need to be allowed in to check on their living environment. I know the staff at my Mom's ALF is a caring group and has done an awesome job under difficult circumstances but the residents are not their family. And their job is to take care of all the residents my job is my Mom only. It's time to allow us the opportunity to help our loved ones, time is limited for most. Staff can come and go with procedures so can we. It is to our best interest to follow the rules and procedures. Also it's our duty to make our loved ones feel loved and cared for now and for the rest of their days. Thanks for understanding our plea. Time is short. Thousands of students and staff are returning to the classrooms all over the US...if they can do it we can do it too. 🙏 This is America, home of the free and the brave. Let's stand together to be brave enough to do what is right by our older generation. They deserve their freedom many of them fought for it.

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Miami-Dade	Please know to be isolated like this is no different than being in solitary confinement. No one to eat with. No fresh air. Feeling as though their family has deserted them. What good is it to live longer? Why protect them from death if they are in a living hell. My mother got Covid anyway. Managed to live through it and now has bedsores as no one put her in a chair. This is a death sentence, this isolation. Death from Covid would be quicker. Start out slow with one caregiver:family member allowed. You have maintenance and nurses and housekeeping and CNAs going home every night and out all weekend. Being tested every two weeks leaves almost three weeks of the unknown with our loved ones. Why can we not see them? Please!!!!
Collier	Please stop talking just about the "vulnerable elderly" and remember that there are young disabled people who have also been locked up in isolation for 5 months. Many of them have no co-morbidities, but are physically or intellectually disabled. We have let the prisoners out of prison but have locked up the elderly and the disabled. There is no reason for this. First we gave medical facilities a financial incentive under the CARES Act to declare everything to be COVID, and then we were surprised when the numbers increased. My 26 year old daughter sustained a traumatic brain injury in February. She is non-verbal and needs substantial therapy. She needs one designated caregiver to visit in person. This lengthy isolation has caused greater damage than a virus with a 99.5% survival rate, and it must end now. Let's figure out how one visitor per patient can have access to visit with testing and PPE, inside or outside. Other states are far ahead of us. Let's stop messing around and take action now. We are running out of time.

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Pinellas	Hi my name is Ian i live in a group home called adult care housing Which is in Pinellas county fl I would like to know when will we know more about reopening the grouphomes and be able to start seeing our families and friends and girlfriend again PS Ian c Puccio
Hillsborough	The only thing about the isolation lock down in Florida is the "Consistent Inconsistencies." There are no guidelines and those in place are being interpreted differently across the state and within areas. The ability to visit our loved ones needs to be of an urgent nature for well-being all the way around. 1) Consider Essential Caregiver designation to get something started immediately for our loved ones. Time is of the essence. 2) Guidelines that are clear, including an agreed upon golden standard best rapid test for visitors, staff, etc. needs to be decided on. Even the test kits being sent by the federal government are being disputed for accuracy and best practice. 3) Guidelines that are clear from the top and with the Health Department, that seems to ever changing. Every facility is interpreting things in their own way. Example: If I can go inside my Mother's facility to have a meeting about my concerns, but I can't see her, makes no sense. My mother's facility will also not consider outside visitation, but others have various forms of it. Another facility is allowing residents to leave after a negative covid test and then come back in 10 days later after visiting family with another negative covid test. Some facilities 4) Allowing those in long term care or other lock down facilities, to have the right for at least one family member or health surrogate to be with them in a hospital situation. This is adding fuel to the fire without having any advocacy for our loved ones.

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Collier	Family members should be allowed to see loved ones. They should be screened and have temperatures taken. Social isolation, Anxiety, and depression all have profound effects on chronic illness and can predispose our elderly population to an early death not to mention extremely poor quality of life.
Collier	It is imperative that we allow our residents of long term care facilities and assisted living facilities to see their family members if they so choose. Those facilities with low to zero Covid cases should allow family to enter after thorough screening and temperature checks. Perhaps limiting the visitors to no more than two and maintaining social distancing from others as well as wearing a mask for their entire stay. Perhaps appointments could be taken so as to limit the number of visitors in the facility at any given time. Social isolation can profoundly effect psychosocial wellbeing and exacerbate chronic illness. As we have seen throughout the spring summer rates of anxiety, depression, and even suicide have increased. While it is of utmost importance to protect the vulnerable, they also crave love and kinship in the form of visits from family and friends. Many a birthday and holiday have passed without the presence of their loved ones. Facilities allowing visitors should be individualized based upon community transmission rates and positivity rates.
Collier	I had to move my mother into an assisted living facility, and it's very hard on both of us. I feel if I wear the same mask, gloves etc that the care givers are wearing I should be allowed into my mother's apartment.

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Lee

Good Morning,
My family removed my mother from an assisted living facility largely because she was isolated (I fear no physical activity will kill her) and visitation was severely limited (outdoors for a very short time).
My questions are as follows:
1. Could dining facilities be opened so residents can eat with others (socially distanced) so residents can have at least some contact with others in the facility?
2. To reduce load on the staff, I would be willing to visit mom by speaking to her at her window (one story facility) where this would be possible - and not require staff participation to assist with moving her outdoors.
3. Residents need to have the ability to move out of their rooms to exercise and engage other residents and friends. Even if time is limited - every day.

Thank you for considering these issues.
Sincerely,
Ronald J Melvin

Lee

Do you think the emotional effects of people in long term care, even in rehab for a broken hip not being able to see loved ones is causing health problems to both the patient and the loved ones.My mother is in the hospital.I can visit her twice a day.She begged me not to leave yesterday.They want to send her to rehab.I will not be able to visit her if they do.I would like to see at least one person to be able to visit.

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Collier	i know staff are essential caregivers but so are family members . not enough people have antibodies so afamily member should be treated like astaff member- tested every two weeks. we should be aloud to see our loved ones on a daily basis as the staff does while wearing a mask. the virus will be here awhile and our loved ones are lonely and confused by our absence. they are elderly and time is running out for many of them. i am sure many of us would be willing to pay for the test if it would allow us to be with our loved ones.
Charlotte	My dad is in an assisted living He is 92 years old and we almost lost him in October I don't know how much time I have left to be with him anyhow my biggest complaint is he is a World War II veteran and his brother was a p o w I am concerned about the fact that he is now locked up in his room and premises and how that might affect him mentally . This is no way to treat a WW2 veteran!! It is very hard not to see your own parent it's not right and I can have tests I can have my temperature taken just like anyone else it's not fair that caregivers people from caregiver agencies are able to go see him anytime they want it's just not right I understand you want to protect him but this is ridiculous. If I knew this could happen I never would have let him move into an assisted living!! Thank you. Unless you are going thru this you should not be making decisions for family members! Let them in!!!!!

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Lee

I am an entertainer at various nursing homes who has been out of work since March 12th. In order to work at the majority of them I have to pay monthly for their security log in and out service and have a chest xray I pay for. Am I going to have to be tested at each facility to go back to work? This is one more burden and cost on myself a small business operator. Is it possible to return to entertaining at facilities that have outside areas to perform in without being tested at every location? This has been something the residents have looked forward to and participated in on a monthly basis. Thankyou.

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Palm Beach

Please please authorize outdoor screened distanced visits immediately. This is relatively low risk, does not required testing because of distancing, and would give significant reassurance for our loved ones.

Within one month of start of lockdown, my 95 year old mother, in this isolation, experienced profound cognitive decline, cannot perform tasks of daily living, can no longer speak on phone, use TV remote, tell time...this may be the end of her life and she is frightened and constantly agitated. I have hired private duty aides at an annualized cost of $150,000, which i cannot personally sustain.

When someone assists my mom and i can speak with her by phone, she begs and pleads with me to come and see her. She cannot hear well and masks make that more challenging. The masks (absolutely essential) eliminate visual cues to understanding language and make it impossible for residents to recognize staff members.

My mom is frightened, alone and isolated. She needs comfort and reassurance from family members. Video phone calls are too frightening and overwhelming. If you find this not credible, please accept that cognitive impairment due to aging changes everything that we take for granted in our daily lives.

I'm not asking for increased risk, but distanced outdoor visits can be done carefully and safely now with minimal staff oversight. Please help us.

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Seminole

In addition to my previous email that asks the Task Force to take action NOW and set the appropriate guidelines to open ALFs and SNFs for family visitation.

Needed action:

1) the designation of an Essential Family Caregiver who can visit regularly and

2) Rapid COVID Testing at every long-term care facility

And my plea to help me obtain access to regularly visit my wife - before it's TOO LATE!

I also request that the Task Force recommend the use of clear face mask and face shields among all personnel (and Essential Family Caregivers) that will allow the residents to see their full facial expressions. As Secretary for Lions of District 35-O Hearing Program (Central Florida) I have already sent out in the last two months 955 clear face masks and face shields originally intended to the deaf and hearing impaired who depended on reading lips. During a recent Google Duo call with my wife Nancy in Memory Care, she actually paid attention to my image on the iPad with the staff member commenting on how much it would help them associate with the residents allowing their smiles to be seen.
Yes - let's improve the quality of life for residents in ALFs/SNFs highly recommending clear face masks and face shields!

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Escambia	Suggestions from an email I wrote to my fathers ALF in May, Thank you for your consideration. I do not have to tell you how difficult these policies have been to manage to for yourself and your staff but most especially, the unintended consequences they have had for the ALF residents you care for daily. As it relates to my father specifically, I am referring to the multiple phone calls he has placed to both my brother and myself over the last 6 weeks where he has been depressed to the point of uncontrollable tears & even hysteria. This is extremely uncommon behavior for him and we are extremely concerned for his mental and emotional health. In a very rare moment this week, he called me and the person on the other end of the phone was the man who raised me. I have not had a conversation with that person in a long time. He said he is aware that he is where he belongs but that he cannot help the severe bouts of depression, frustration & anxiety brought on by sheer boredom & loneliness & being completely deprived of the company of his family. As heartbreaking as that phone call was, even more heartbreaking was when I saw him last through the door at your facility; the deep sadness that I saw in his eyes was unlike any thing I have ever seen in the eyes of another human being in my life. I cried for days suffering over what to do about it and I am crying now as I write this. Please understand that I know this is not your doing or your fault but I AM BEGGING YOU: If there's anything you can do at this time to
Leon	These fscilities are obsolete. Warehousing the infirmed is a inhumane method of caring for the elderly. Home care is best. And state should care for homeless in small community enviornments. Eldercare villages staffed with licensed staff.
Lee	Well children from other states be allowed to come visit their parents in the nursing home

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Seminole	Why are the numbers of COVID-19 cases listed on the LTCF report each day not cumulative? It can be really misleading when you are concerned about how bad an outbreak has been at a facility.
Lee	My dad lives in a senior living community in Bonita Springs. The testing for current health care workers has been a nightmare. It takes sometimes over a week to get results, preventing them from going into the facility. Consequently there is a shortage of badly needed health care givers. Improved testing/results provided would be essential in the current situation as well as reopening the facilities.
Hillsborough	For screening purposes, have you considered temperature screening kiosks? Also, in regards to possible inside visits I would like to know the difference between staff or families going into the facility if they are all screened and wearing PPE?

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Nassau

Suggestions from a visiting nurse.
For the visitors, temp check, exposure check list , hand washing, shoes covers, surgical mask, plastic face shield. Limit visits to one area of facility. Begin with 1 hour visits twice a week and then reassess every 7 days.
For patients, hand washing before and after , surgical mask, temp check.
Ask for volunteers to assist with monitoring and screening of visitors or utilize staff or agency nurses.
Also, a paper copy of a negative COVID19 test performed in the past 14 days.
These are the rules for visiting clinicians at most facilities. I would argue that family members offer no greater risk than visiting clinicians other than the increased amount of people entering facilities. They have a vested interest in keeping that facility free from infection.
The loss of human contact and isolation is causing irreparable harm. The loss of life and financial impact of increased illness and injury, related to isolation and reduced assistance from family members can no longer be overlooked. The unintended consequences of the lockdowns are horrific, please allow some compromises. I am a nurse and I have no family or friends that are patients in a facility. My professional opinion is that this is bad medical care, this is bad policy, this is inhumane. Change must happen, we cannot continue to treat these people as property to be protected. They are human beings with a right to dignity and compassion.

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Alachua

I doubt that there is currently a safe way to reopen facilities. The contat and spread is an issue, with anyone entering the facilities. Just look at the fact that workers are showing up with the novel coronavirus and then ask how can you make it "safe".

Once you forget making it safe you realize that many older persons in these facilities have gone months without seeing or touching family members. That is posing anohter health risk.

With the latest research from UF showing airborn spread of the virus we really have to look at the options. Ventilation is of utmost importance, each room must be negative pressure not allowing the virus to drift from the room. Then we have to make certain that halls do now allow the spread of virus to anyone's rooms.

It would seem our designs over the past 50 years eliminating windows that open is causing an issue. Central air if used must have UVC steralization. Visiting area's should of course be outside, yet that alone is not assurance of someone asymtomatic spreading the virsus into and across a facility.

If would seem the only safe way to allow visitation is with a same day virus test, allowing only individuals that test virus free in to visite within a 24 hour period of the test. That would require running screenings at the facility with immediate results.

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Alachua	I miss seeing my mother, who will be 90 in September. However, I do not see a way to safely reopen facilities. As much as I would love to see her, neither she nor I would want to responsible for the deaths of other residents so that we can celebrate together. Death rates in FL are still going up, though cases seem to be stabilizing. We expect cases to go up quickly statewide once K-12 schools reopen, given patterns in Georgia and other states. In Alachua County, once UF reopens, cases are likely to skyrocket from that as well. In short, then, this is absolutely the wrong time to be having a discussion about reopening.
Alachua Duval	Visitation suggestion - One family member in appropriate PPE several times a week. Essential caregiver designation for family member of resident who can visit following the same guidelines as staff. It shouldn't matter whether there is Covid in the building or not if they follow the same guidelines. Visit can be in the residents room and can be for 1-2 hours at least and at least several times a week. Can start with assigning the designation to a family member if they have been already visiting on a regular basis. NO plexiglass or 6 foot distance. This DOES NOT work for dementia patients anymore than it would for a small child.

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Lee	Please allow family members inside with PPE and negative COVID test-not just antibody test. Most of us have been super vigilant in protecting ourselves from contracting the virus and we should be allowed in without having the antibody. I was an essential caregiver for my mom but unfortunately we lost her on July 22 due to complications from Parkinson's. I had not seen her in person since March 13. My dad is now grieving the loss of his wife of 72 years inside the ALF where they lived together-without his children by his side. My sister and I need to see him in person to help him through the grieving process. We will never again be able to hug our mom-please let us hug our dad and share our grief for our beloved mom.
Broward	MY WIFE, SALLY, SUFFERS FROM DEMENTIA AND IS IN SEASIDE COVE ROOM 2013 AT JOHN KNOX VILLAGE WHERE WE HAVE RESIDED SINCE 2004. I HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO VISIT HER THERE FOR OVER 5 MONTHS. THIS IS A HARDSHIP FOR BOTH OF US. THERE MUST BE A "COVID-SAFE" METHOD THAT ALLOWS VISITS BETWEEN SPOUSES; ESPECIALLY WHEN THE SPOUSE RESIDES INDEPENDENTLY AT THE SAME CCRC.

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Sarasota

We suggest outdoor visits, with masks. Fresh air would do the residents good as would seeing a friend or family member.

No visitors indoors unless the resident is totally unable to be brought outdoors, then selectively with all precautions.

If the resident is terminal, one family member at a time, fully protected, should be allowed to be with that person. He or she should be in a separate location.

Residents should not be moved from one familiar facility to another for the convenience and financial benefit of the nursing homes who choose to establish a Covid-19 designated facility for the Medicare benefits unless the individual and family approve.

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Clay	My mother passed away on 7/29/2020. Thankfully the ER doctor who recognized she was not going to make it allowed my sister and I to attend her for the two hours before she passed. Her death was due to hemorrhage, and quite likely from a fall/head injury back in May. We were fearful to send her to rehab because of COVID so let her go back to assisted living. Her dementia progressed rapidly, but she was able to Face-time with us several times a day, right up until 4:30 the day she died. My sister and I previously visited at least 4-5 times a week so nearly every day one of us was there. We were both POA, and were refused the right to attend her while she was in lockdown. This is an assault on the human and civil rights of every elderly individual and other-than-elderly who are in ASL or skilled nursing facility settings. How could anyone conclude this was a good idea? Lock a human in an apartment and don't let them have access to anyone except by phone. We will never get those five months back. Her facility were great people, but they were tied by the mandates to isolate our mother. Atrocity.
Pinellas	PLEASE GIVE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION to allowing us to re-open our salons. Our Beautician does not work anywhere else and is not at any higher risk than any other of our staff. The beautician should follow the same guidelines as our other employees and be allowed to resume service under the same guidelines that apply to salons that are open out in the community. Five months is too long to go without hair services and several of our residents are now contemplating going out to have their hair done. I would feel much safer if our residents stayed in our community and had their hair services provided on site. PLEASE HELP!

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Lee	My parents live in the Terraces at Bonita Springs, FL. My mother in Independent Living and my father in Skilled Nursing. My mother has not seen my father, her husband since March 15, 2020. They live in the same facility but are separated due to nursing home orders. My father has Alzheimer's and this separation has resulted in his disease worsening. He is unable to have virtual visits because he cannot relate to a picture on a phone or computer. The governor has divorced my parents, divorced them durning the final time of their lives together. I believe safe visits can be allowed between couples that are both quarantine in the same facility. They are safer visiting each other than the exposure they get daily from staff members coming and going daily from the nursing home. My parents have been married for 72 years and now are forcibly divorced by the governor!
Charlotte	My mom is in nursing home in Punta Gorda .It's been 5 months since I've given my mother a hug. Even limited visitors and restrictions i really hope they open soon.

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Duval

Governor DeSantis, Secretary Mayhew, Moderator, Members of the Task Force on the Safe and Limited Re-Opening of Long -Term Care Facilities.

I am Jim Jandreau, writing only as a resident of Cypress Village, a CCRC in Jacksonville. I am also the Treasurer of Florida Life Care Residents Association (FLiCRA) Board of Directors. I am a member of LeadingAge Florida, and I participate in their 3X@ week conference calls. I have also been written two successful grants for the increase of 2 iN2L Tablets I received from Project: VITAL to a total of 24 iN2L Tablets to reduce the impact of isolation on our critical senior residents, which by the way, is extremely successful!

My wife and I bought our home here 10 years ago. Several years later, Judy was diagnosed with Alzheimer's. I was the caregiver initially, then hired CNAs from Cypress Village and ultimately moved Judy to Memory Care here. Being a progressive disease, Judy's condition worsened! I moved to an apartment and visited Judy daily. Then it was pandemic, and the door was shut in my face—I can't visit my sweetheart wife anymore! Until Judy is dying and is in Hospice in Memory Care—end-of-life! I visited Judy many times daily, for 7 days and Judy died on 16 April 2020!

Consider Mr. R. and Mr. S.J., AL/IL residents here and visited their spouses daily in Memory Care, who currently haven't seen their spouses for 5 months. Does it take hospice and death for them to see their spouses?

We know that over 40% of the Floridian deaths are from the LTC communities. We also know that once

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Broward

My mother is in an ALF. I have not been allowed to see her since mid March. She is not allowed to leave her small studio apartment and meals are brought in three times a day. The lack of socialization has taken a terrible toll on my mother. She is depressed angry and despondent. She feels like a prisoner and tells me that often.

There have been no cases of the virus in her facility. They are not allowed to do communal meals. This would be a big big big step in moving forward..

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Orange	My father will be 99 on 8.26.20, less than 2 weeks from now. He is a WWII veteran and worked hard all of his life beginning at age 4 by carrying milk bottles from the neighbor's cow to homes in the area. He was felled by a stroke 4 years ago and is physically impaired with left side neglect and cannot walk. But his brain is pretty good for 99. He resides in a SNF and I always viewed his care to be a partnership; the facility taking care of him physically and me taking care of his emotional health. So what happens when he has to go for 5 months without emotional support? Cognition declines, depression sets in. Please recommend to Governor De Santis that One Essential Caregiver be allowed into LTC facilities. My Dad needs to see me in the flesh. His birthday on 8.26.20. Please give him this birthday present. Thank you for your attention to this. Linda Warren, daughter of William Warren
Palm Beach	I want either the same requirement as every other healthcare worker. I want to be considered essential. Rapid testing would be ideal. I don't want outdoor visits in 94 degree heat.
Duval	Can you please remove the clock on the screen that is covering Mary's face. It's because of her there is this task force.

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Alachua

Dear Governor DeSantis:

We ask that you do not reduce the protocols for the safety of residents in assisted living in Florida. Any lessening of the strict safety requirements would cause more deaths, as shown by the several elderly who died in a facility here in Gainesville, and as we have seen in much larger numbers on other states.

We understand your oath to uphold the Constitutions of the United States and Florida, and know their provisions for ;liberty and freedom of movement and association. There are strong arguments to be made in this regard and we as Americans hold them in the highest esteem. There are, however, stronger arguments to be made to ensure as much as possible the "life" of our most vulnerable citizens. There is no doubt that looser standards will result in more deaths, and while there would be no single perpetrator and victim, there will be many more deaths abetted by what in effect is legislative fiat.

Governor, you have a hard choice. We are no different than countless families who desperately want to have human contact with our loved ones. But this is an extraordinary disease with known consequences to the residents of assisted living in Florida. We ask that you hold fast, and as it were stand your ground, for the thousands of elder Floridians loved by many thousands more.

Best regards in your difficult job.

Polk

Please allow 1 essential caregiver in to see their loved ones! We are willing to follow any precautions!

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Duval	The idea of automated animals and music are great but not instead of family visits. There are no activities where my mother is- they have basically halted as soon as there is a positive case. Family can follow the same guidelines as staff and give the staff a break must better than electronics can and which would require staff to help in memory care units. The memory care units get minimal benefit from all the electronics you can offer. Also, there is a wide variety of what is being done in different facilities and I would like to know exactly what they are required to do and what is "suggested".
Orange	Who does the task force think they are speaking to? They seem to be updating each other on what their particular silo has been doing. This task force is supposed to be addressing re-opening LTC facilities to loved ones. The task force needs to understand there are thousands of us listening getting more and more aggravated because they are not addressing what they are going to do to help re-open LTC facilities. The FLorida Health person has no clue! He is off topic. Rein him in Mary Mahew. I know you just tried but now please cut him off. Other states have found ways to re open LTC facilities. They did not need a task force. If this is how the FLORIDA task force is going to operate, please just ask Governor DeSantis to do what any of the other states have done. More progress will be mad that way.
Palm Beach	If I gave the antibody why shouldn't I be allowed in without restrictions.

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Lee	Please let us see our love ones. My mother in law has Alzheimer's and we have not seen her since Mother's Day when she entered Evans. Her husband is very bad health and Is scared he is fie before seeing her again. If he can't go in then please open the curtains so we can see her.
Miami-Dade	To reduce the exposure of residents and staff, patients should be assigned an "essential family member. Make it mandatory that the family member must attend a class for training. I think to open to multiple visitors, etc is going to put staff and residents at risk. Let's start slow. 1 person per resident. Then if someone does contract covid, the contact tracing won't be overwhelming. But please pass and make some rules and get this moving.
Hillsborough	How can you possibly do this without front line workers at the table to tell you what is actually going on at the bedside in these nursing homes!!!!!!! If you want FACTS, include Certified Nurses Aides (who do the bedside care), Dietary workers (who go room to room and see everything), Housekeepers (who are your main infection prevention team) Pencil pushers can't give you the reality of what is happening and why COVID keeps spreading!!! This task force is a joke without them!!!!!!!!!!
Lee	I and my wife reside in Independent Living in a CCRC and have not been allowed to have our daughters visit. We should be able to have a rapid test that we can pay for so they can stay with us for several days while following following the rules of the facility.

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Hillsborough	Essential Caregiver and Compassionate Caregivers are needed immediately Adding a caregiver ir two to the plan of care is a good step Family members are not responsible and should not be penalized for visitation Because of staffing shortages at facilities A phased approach is not appropriate- open them all! Families are willing to pay for testing or PPE, as necessary and to take training (add the training to an internet site). Time is of the essence - please do the right thing quickly
Alachua	I believe this is a bad idea! My mom is in an assisted living facilities here in Gainesville and the facility is beginning to have some positive tests. At least 2 other facilities that I know of have large numbers of cases (10-15 residents). With kids going back to school and positivity rates going up in surrounding counties, it's asking for trouble!
Leon	Essential caregiver definition should include health care surrogate. Visitation should be mandatory on these facilities, or it will be a business decision and they won't bother with it. These people need to get this done immediately! They've had five months to diddle around with a task force. People are withering away and dying. Stop the brown nosing of the governor and git 'er done!

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Sumter

Regarding optional vs obligatory: please refer to it as obligatory, that is it is a right not an (optional) privilege, for a designated caregiver to visit (starting with outside visits) with the following contingencies:

1. Adequate PPE
2. Adequate testing
3. Adequate isolation for existing C19 cases
4. Record of regular care (for designated caregiver(s))

Also, PLEASE provide a roadmap for moving forward, a staged approach with clearly stated steps.

A loving family member

Orange

I visited my father at least 5 times a week. But the facility did most of his physical care, bathing, changing, shaving etc. I helped with mouth care and other things but mostly I was there for emotional support, enrichment and entertainment.

I should be his One Essential Caregiver. Please do not preclude me in your definintion for One Essential Caregiver.

He needs me!

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Nassau	I have been watching the Taskforce for opening LTCF back up. One of the suggestions is to allow for 1 person to be considered an "essential" caregiver. I think that is a great idea but the guidelines were that you have to prove that you were in the facility more than twice a week. I live out of state, prior to lockdown, came down for visits every 6-8 weeks, those visits are documented, and now have not been able to get in at all. There should be exceptions for caregivers like me. I am the ONLY family that comes to visit. I talk to my mother almost everyday, and I am her only advocate. Please, let there be exceptions on a case by case basis. Now she is ill, and I am not allowed in. Help me. Please. Help me get into see her. Thank you!

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Miami-Dade

How can you have a Long-Term Care Task Force and NOT include long-term care workers on this task force? Nursing home caregivers have the biggest role and second biggest stake in long-term care policies (LTC) in Florida, (right behind the residents who live in our nursing homes). I know well because I have been working in long-term care for 45 years. We see, work and live the reality of every LTC policy each day. Caregivers are the true experts. Pre-Covid, caregivers were like family members to our patients, and now even more so with visitation limitations.

Nursing home workers also are the ones taking the greatest risks of contracting the deadly virus, all for near-minimum wage. We know what's needed to keep ourselves and our patients safe. Nursing homes need to be treated as a Level 1 emergency. Workers need rapid testing, universal masking and screening, proper PPE, better wages so caregivers don't have to work two jobs, quarantine pay, hazard pay, and safe staffing levels and no rushing workers back to work before we're clearly Covid-free.

Excluding the frontline workers on this task force makes no sense if you truly wish to solve this problem. We feel like nursing home caregivers have been treated as expendable, not essential, in this emergency. Sadly, more than half of the 9,000 Covid-related deaths in Florida have been nursing home patients and staff.

Protecting our nursing homes must be a priority. We

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Pasco	Please allow two family members to visit our loved ones . My sister and I were rotating everyday. Helping my mom get dressed, showering, going outside for fresh air , feeding her , getting her ready for bed . We never missed a day. Her facility has been Covid free . It's small - less than 60 residents. We are willing to be tested , wear ppe, do whatever it takes . Time is of the essence. I'm afraid I'll never get to hug my mom again . Get rapid testing in the facilities. Please do something fast .
Collier	if the staff can get close to my husband in long term memory care i want to be able to do the same thing . there is no difference between us . they go home each day and hug their family members. i live alone now so why can't i hug my husband? mary daniel makes common sense! we should be allowed into our loved ones rooms . we are paying the bills for these facilities! please let us be with our loved ones. we have been patient for six months!
Lee	Need to bring up the subject of social visitation by family members who are not caregivers so that those of us who reside in Independent Living in CCRCs can see our family members. My wife and I have not seen our daughters, who used to visit monthly, for months and would gladly pay for their testing if they would be allowed to visit. Of course they would have to abide by the facility rules for masking and social distancing while here.

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Palm Beach	My husband is 88 years old. He has already had covid and lost 35 pounds in 6 weeks. I am his essential caregiver. I took a Home Health Caregiver course ($500) in the hope that I could get to see him. I was his sole caregiver before he went in the facility. I told him to hang on I am trying to visit him. He said that he does not know how long he could hang on. He is very emotional. He wants to desperately see me. I want to do everything for him I did at home. He needs me and I need him. PLEASE. PLEASE help us. I will do anything, take any test, wear anything to be with him. The isolation is killing them. Please find a way so that I can see my husband before it is too late. I love him. I promised to be by his side.
St. Johns	My concern is in regard to the requirement of "no new facility cases with 28 days". Many of the new cases are transmitted by staff members either regular staff or contract workers who come in to care for residents. How can you justify a contract worker entering the campus and deny a family member from an essential or compassionate visit when both groups have the same testing requirement protocol? The "failure to thrive" is becoming more apparent as time moves on when residents are deprived from contact with family members. Increased levels of depression and anxiety and increased use of anxiolytic and antidepressant medications will persist without familial support.

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Broward

Thank you for coming together and thoughtfully discussing the next steps to safely reopen long term care facilities for our loved ones. I am working closely with Mary Shannon Daniels and it has been a very long and painful road for all of us. We are ready to assist you as we bring families back together.

My father's life is at risk and his overall health is rapidly declining due to the lack of touch from his family, and more importantly, the love and care of my mother, his wife of 58 yrs.

I totally support the ESSENTIAL CARE GIVER DESIGNATION and POINT OF SERVICE MOLECULAR RAPID TESTING.

Please accelerate the drafting of recommendations, criteria, and guidelines for presentation to the Governor ASAP.

My story on AARP nationally:
https://states.aarp.org/florida/a-personal-story-of-the-difficulties-imposed-by-covid-on-seniors-and-their-families-during-a-pandemic?fbclid=IwAR1NRR2w0uKXP9pn0CofyvbIcl4Gnv7peTsR88QyYWwHrpG9go4AffGn0h0

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Lake

Family visits are essential. Please make provisions for families to visit senior citizens in assisted-living facilities. Residence in these facilities have made the decision to live there because they need assistance. Locking them up, incarcerating them and keeping them from family is quietly killing them. My parents mental capacities are starting to dwindle and they are getting depressed. Allow family to visit dressed in PPE, following CDC guidelines in private living quarters. Do not lock them away for the rest of their lives without contact from loved ones. Staff members go home each night to family and out in the community. Family would do this more safely and even staff

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Orange

Thank you for allowing us to participate in the virtual task force meeting today. It was reassuring to learn more about all of the work that has already been done to protect our vulnerable residents of care facilities and even more reassuring to hear the compassionate tone of those sharing remarks. I am a member of the Facebook group Caregivers for Compromise and am heartbroken after reading story after story from family members sharing their heartbreak. Most of the stories are not just about missing their loved one but are stories about death. Most of us with elderly parents in care facilities have been preparing ourselves to lose them but not under these circumstances. The rules put in place and strictly followed by facility administrators may be helping protect residents from contacting COVID but not protecting them from a hastened death from othe causes including failure to thrive. The essential caregivers have not only helped to provide basic hygiene and activity of daily living care but have been essential advocates to monitor the care being or not being provided by facility staff and to step in to discuss care planning with doctors, nurses, aides, therapists to ensure appropriate care planning and that care plans are being carried out. Without access to see and assess our family members first hand we are watching them fall victim to a greatly flawed system where without advocates residents often do not receive individualized optimal care to maximize their health and well being. Family must be a partner in care. The facility in FL where my parents lived was not only disallowing visitation from family but also of Hospice nurses and physicians. For weeks and weeks

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Hillsborough	My father has been laying in a bed since March I was told by the nursing staff because he is a fall risk they cannot put him in a chair this puts him at high risk of bedsores. I offered to be his sitter they said no . We constantly call the administrator the activities director and the social worker leave messages they rarely call us back.I am a registered nurse I am part of the disaster relief team of Hillsborough county I know how to Don and doff PPE. Prior to Covid I visited my father almost every day I cleaned his nails brushed his hair provided companionship fed him turned him took him outside and wiped his butt do to incontinence. The facility was kind enough to allow us to have a communication device in his room unfortunately the hotspot that I purchased for him has come up missing therefore I am unable to communicate with him on a daily basis.Please for the love of your own parents please allow us to visit and care for our love ones please imagine if it was you and your family. Ruth Serrano RN
Marion	My mother just died and I didn't get to be with her. My mother-in-law is now in an assisted living facility and has been isolated for 5 months. We all miss her and worry about her being isolated. But we do NOT support reopening such facilities right now. It is like schools. We all want them reopened, but now is not the time. Especially here. Rates are still startlingly high and experts predict cases to go up quickly statewide once K-12 schools reopen, given patterns already observed in other states. Please do not move toward reopening now. Keep our moms safe, for gods sake.

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Pasco

SUGGESTED FRAMEWORK: from various sources

Note just for Assisted Living..... Framework for Nursing Homes & Compassionate Care Situations would need to be listed elsewhere...

GUIDELINES TO ALLOW GENERAL VISITATIONS AT
FLORIDA ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES (ONE RESIDENT/COUPLE PER ROOM)

When is an ALF facility allowed to transition to restrictive general visitation and activities (the next level) ?
1. The facility must not have had exposures from COVID-19 cases in the past 28 days whether that be staff and/or resident.
2. The facility must have completed appropriate staff testing and have a written testing plan.
3. The facility must consider other risk factors identified in the guidance. For example, virus case incidence in their county/local area, rate of positivity in their county/local area, etc

You should as a visitor be expected to do the following for the safety of residents:

•Schedule your visit, or follow visitation times allowed knowing the facility has to balance resident activities and the number of visitors at any given time.
•Only one designated family member visitor at a time.

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Hillsborough	My son is 26 yrs old and lives in a Behavior Focused Group home with 5 other in Tampa Florida. None of them have any underlying conditions except for being Autistic. Yet they are under the same rules as nursing homes with hundreds of people. We saw our son 3 times a week before the virus. We have gone on Fox News National tv show and asked the governor to amend the ruling. My son is showing signs of depression and has become more aggressive. My husband and I are willing to be tested, wear masks snd PPE. The group home doesn't even wear PPE! Please it's been 5 months. Please help us get this changed. My sons mental health is at risk. We are will to speak with anyone on this subject and provide our suggestions if we can get someone to listen. The young disabled adults need a voice to advocate for them and we are willing to be that voice.
Charlotte	I hope this helps with reopening Nursing Homes so loved ones can get in to see them. My mom is in one and she is losing her sight and i would like to be able to get in before that happens so she can see me before that does happen. I don't see why we can't go in as long as we wear a mask seeing how they are supposed to be working. It is no different going in there wearing a mask or going to the stores wearing one. and i don't believe loved ones should have to get tested to be able to go in. You don't have to get tested to go into stores or other places so you shouldn't have to get tested to see your loved ones. That is a double negative. well I hope with what i said helps.

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Citrus

Thanks to all for a thoughtful meeting. I watched with great interest because my 89-yr-old father has advanced dementia and is in a memory care facility here in Florida. I have so appreciated the efforts of Mary Shannon Daniel to passionately represent the families who have not been able to visit their loved ones for five months now. She is completely accurate when she speaks of the desperation we feel to see our loved ones in person and the feelings of helplessness when we see our loved ones rapidly decline due to the imposed isolation and the inability to personally affect any change. My father lived with me for 15 months before going to the memory care facility, and I was his primary caregiver. I stand with other families in begging, truly begging, you to quickly propose a plan that will allow us to be with our loved ones again. We will do whatever is asked of us in order to make that happen. I would prefer to see the recommendations made mandatory because I fear too many facilities would not comply if they were optional. Please don't let this be like so many committees that are all talk and no action. Every additional day away from our loved ones is a day we will never get back.

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Lee	It is imperative that families be allowed to visit in a safe manner. We are the eyes and ears to what goes on in the facilities. We are able to hold staff accountable and help care for our loved ones. We bring home cooked meals, clothing and hope to our loved ones. I would be happy to visit out doors. A porta potty could be installed for visitors. When I visit my husband I usually interact with 10-20 residents while there. Not being able to see family while sick is difficult. Missing holidays and family events. Missing simple things like a haircut. I understand the importance of staying safe and have quarantined the entire time in case my husband was hospitalized so I knew in good faith I could enter a hospital and not put others at risk.
Collier	the task force needs to listen to caregiver mary daniel. she knows what family members want. we don't need a video on how to put on and take off a mask etc! don't insult our intelligence! the staff who bring our loved ones to the windows aren't six feet apart from them and every one is doing fine. we want to get into the building and into their rooms.we've lost six important months already. we all know the importance of PPE! we don't need any more delays for our loved ones. treat us like staff.i'm sure they go to grocery stores etc. i've talked to other family members of loved ones and we are all extremely careful and follow the guidelines and wear our masks. all nursing homes and long term care facilities should not have the option of opting out of allowing one or two family members to visit their loved one. we all had to follow phase one and phase two of the gov's plans.please we can't wait longer to be with our loved ones.we may all have to live with this virus a very long time.my husband is 91 years old and he and i may not have a very long time together! please let me be with him!

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Putnam	Interesting meeting today. Can totally agree with Mary and most on the panel this afternoon about phasing opening up facilities safely and fluidly. Can totally relate with Mary's statements today as well. I have a 93 year old father-in-law in a memory care unit and we took it upon our selves to do window visit with the permission of his facility (they didn't initiate the option or conversation there we had to) during this time period. He doesn't understand why we can't come in to visit with him and we have seen him degrade more during this time both mentally and physically (loss of muscle mass). I would at least have one family member to be able to see him and check on him. When we see him in his room a light "might" be on but normally he's sitting in the dark staring at a wall. He doesn't know how to operate a TV but they don't even turn that on for him. It is truly sad site to see. My wife has a running scheduled DUO video call with him on Friday afternoons...which she did not get today which makes six weeks that she hasn't been able to communicate with him via Video Call since this order has been in place. The aids you all were talking about during the meeting today have't been offered to him to our knowledge or discussed with my wife. I would really recommend that a baseline requirement to be set out to all the Nursing Home/Assisted Care Facilities that is well defined and have some recourse if not followed. Right know they do what they want...I know this because I've seen it first hand. By the way my wife is in the Medical Field and where she works they require her to test weekly and as of today has been negative of COVID and as usual she will be
Duval	Would you please make it clear that these rules apply to nursing homes and assisted living facilities, and that no rules apply to independent senior living facilities.

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Sarasota	My Mom is 99 years old. She has been in virtual lockdown for 6 months. She suffered a stroke 2 months ago from the stress and depression caused by the lockdown. She suffers from mild dementia. She does not remember the virus but clearly remembers and understands abandonment and loneliness. Prior to lockdown I would visit her everyday and sometimes twice a day. Her facility only allowed 2-10 minute phone calls per week and did not do window visits for 3 months. She was confused by the window visits and I found them not helpful. I moved her to a new facility which I had to do by virtual tour. Her belongings from her facility were put on the street where I picked them up and deposited them on the street in her new facility. This is ridiculous! Her new facility allows daily window visits which have helped. If a facility is COVID free, why can't essential caregivers take the same (and better) precautions as the caregivers hired by the facility and visit. We have no idea where the caregivers go after they leave work. They are more of a threat than we are to our loved one. Here is my solution: 1.Give us the same rights as the caregivers. Test us as often as you like and allow us to visit with the same pre-cautions taken by the caregivers in regard to PPE. 2. Train us to use proper precautions.3. Allow only one caregivers to be allowed visitation. It's simple - and can be done. I think you have to make a distinction between alzheimer patients and dementia patients. Our parents that suffer from dementia recognize their families, they know life is very different. They are not comforted by stuffed animals and paper arms. They want contact and hugs.
Pinellas	I need to get in and see my mother (Susan Mulnix). It has been hell on us and this needs to be over and let Mother Nature do what she needs to do You can not stop a tsunami

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Lee

My husband and I live in Cypress Cove, a continuing care community in Fort Myers. After a fall and 3-day hospital stay, he was admitted to the skilled nursing facility here at Cypress Cove on Friday, March 13th, the day that Governor DeSantis closed the doors. He is diagnosed with end-stage unspecified dementia. This situation is heartbreaking for both of us. I have written letters, sent emails, and done a television spot, in an effort to be with my husband—all to no avail. Please begin by

ALLOWING RESIDENTS WHO LIVE IN THE SAME FACILITY, AND TEST NEGATIVE FOR THE VIRUS, TO SEE THEIR LOVED ONES IN SKILLED NURSING.

The fact is that I have not been off campus for over 6 weeks, and have virtually no contact with staff (my meal bag is dropped at my door). I pose significantly less threat to my husband than the staff who take care of him. That being said, I do not feel that nursing homes should be opened up to outsiders in the foreseeable future. My issue is that I have been isolated IN THE SAME FACILITY for over 5 months and after 57 years of marriage, this separation has been tortuous. PLEASE consider those of us in this particular situation.

Mary Waldau

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Palm Beach	Please have APD involved as they follow the same rules for seniors in nursing homes. Our children some as young as 10 years old living in group homes are left behind and having failure to thrive, depression, anxiety , increased behavior issues due to not having distance visits or any communication from family. Some of these disabled kids would go home on weekends to spend time with family and looked forward to it. Please some of these kids are like orphans due to pandemic. Some are non verbal . While I was locked out my child got a positive test. Staff had no mandate to be tested. Just asking to include and monitor group homes run by non for profits and other big chains or they could be the next big out break. Lastly,State mandates testing for staff of nursing homes yet nursing home residents travel to dialysis' three times a week with no testing. Isn't this a doorway to bring infection into facility? Please look at these issues. Thank you.
Escambia	Suggestion 1 - start with visitors listed on the patient's emergency contact. That one person can come visit for the first 60 days with negative rapid test, by appointment. Of course with face covering. Suggestion 2 - rapid testing at the door before allowed to come in. Suggestion 3 - appointments by alphabetical order by days of the week, rotate weekly. Suggestion 4 - set visiting hours like icu, one hour windows. Suggestions 5 - complaint person designated at the facility.

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Escambia	Anyone that does not comply with PPE will be trespassed from the facility.
St. Lucie	Practice social distancing as much as possible but you'll have to allow hugs. Thank you for sharing the informative discussion for reopening long term care nursing facilities. I am very hopeful that access to her happens soon. My Mom lives in PSL Rehabilitation Center in PSL, FL. She tested positive for Covid but was non symptomatic. Has since tested negative. I feel if she already had Covid that I should have been able to visit at least outside. I missed her birthday. She was moved 3 times to 3 different rooms with little consideration to her transferring abilities. Her belongings were not all moved with her. It has been a struggle making sure her level of care was as it should be. I cannot wait to be able to get in the building to inspect her room and ensure all is good.
Lake	Our loved ones need to see our faces and hear our voices and know that we have not abandoned them. Some loved ones do not understand the Covid pandemic and do not understand why we are not with them. If our hospitals feel safe allowing one person per day to visit and our schools are allowing our children to return then please open our Long Term Care Facilities for us to be with them by providing a safe area for these visits.
Collier	please let thoes in jail not guilty or murder, rape or molesting children out of jail, you can round them back up once this virus passes. My son has been in jail 8 months waiting to go to court, now the virus is there. He has asthma, please send him home. I'm 77 I need him, plus I am raising his daughter, and he needs to get the one out of foster care. Please let him out of jail, I'm begging

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Bay	I watched the segment on the news where the wife of a resident at LTC facility said that nearly 4000 residents in LTC facilities are dying from failure to thrive, and just wanted to take a moment to respond on how reopening nursing homes will affect everyone. I am a nurse at a LTC facility, and am fully aware the impact this pandemic has made on our elderly population. I'm going to respond to this from as a health care worker, and through my experience of over 25 years as a nurse in long term care. Many residents who have failure to thrive come to the nursing facility already in the conditions that many may blame on LTC. However, as a witness to this, our team rallies around that person in need of care, love, and compassion. The residents I care for are my family. We engage with them, and a bond is formed, forever in many cases. I do understand how a family member must feel. In my opinion, for residents who have immediate family should be allowed some sort of limited visitation (if possible)put in PPE, for their own protection. Also, as the visiting family member, there needs to be clear, set rules written and signed as being agreed upon. I feel, at first, it should be fair to all. I suggest limited visits, maybe to have approximately 30 minutes to one half hour visitation twice weekly.I feel one resident per clean area, with only one family member at a time, to prevent issues such as, over burdening an already overwhelming situation for facilities which are already fighting the battle with Covid. We are taking care of many residents, some who are in constant need, and sometimes with the bare minimum of staff due many
Collier	please permit one relative to enter the long term care facility. treat that one essential person like staff. the staff doesn't social distance when they help our loved ones brush their teeth, shave, wash& dress them or help feed them. surely,one relative can help do this again. we did it before the virus came. we will wear masks. our loved ones need us now!

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Orange	How does the Federal Civil Rights Resolution signed June 9, 2020 affect caregivers ability to get into the SNF? The complaint alleged that the state's policies related to hospital visitors during the COVID-19 pandemic violated the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the Affordable Care Act. I understand that this is for short-term facilities but I think it could reasonably extend to SNF. We use to visit my FIL several times a day. If he called us confused, we would run up there for 10-15 minutes and explain what was happening. We played "Go Fish" and UNO with him every night. This helped him in so many ways - human interaction, hand eye coordination, reading numbers, remembering. His health has deteriorated substantially in the last 4 months.
Marion	Elderly residents are not the only people affected by the isolation of the covid epidemic so are the people like my fiance, 42 yrs old, who was in a horrific motorcycle accident which left him with soinal cord damage and traumatic brain injury. He was an essential worker constructing power lines and living in Florida since January. He was in Shands Gainesville ICU Trauma Unit for 34 days after which time he was moved across the street to Select Specialties, a longterm rehab facility. I flew down here from Michigan the night of the accident and have been by his side the entire time. I'm residing in a rv park to be near him. I was devastated to learn that I could not be with him. He had been making such good progress. One day away from him and he's already regressing. We are 1300 miles from home. Its so frightening. I should say, I lost my dad May 24. Two months locked in and never got to hug him while he was aware. I pray for antibody testing...SOON

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Broward	This needs to be done as SAFELY as possible! People need to be tested. I understand that if I test negative right now that I may be positive later, but testing and/or antibody testing needs to be done! Are are family members supposed to get and purchase PPE. I have tried and it blocks you if you are not a healthcare worker. Specialists should be let in first. Residents need to see their doctors and have their eyes and feet and other things checked and taken care of regularly. Employees and family members need to follow the same rules. I wanted to see my dad and I want to hug him and take care of him again, but my mom and sisters need to see him too. MORE needs to be done in FLORIDA to protect everyone!!! All residents should have a robotic pet and/or an MP3 player. The facilities need to designate someone to work with the residents on the tablets and video calls. I think visits should be limited and not all families at the same day or time. Maybe a special room or back door. Walking through a memory care facility is not easy as there are always going to be residents around. It needs to be private and secure and SAFE. They need more help to provide in room activities. I would love to go and take care of my dad and so would my mom and sisters, but we have to know that when we leave we are ALL safe and not affecting our loved ones or facility or bringing it home to our families. Outdoor visits are great but it is too hot. Can you provide trailers or a/c controlled areas that can be easily sanitized between visits? I don't know the answers, I am just scared for everyone as I know everyone is tired and overworked and trying their best and the isolation is so very bad. I just wish

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Hillsborough

I have watched the meetings and a subject that not has been addressed is the young disabled people in group homes. I am a father to a healthy 26 year old low functioning Autistic son. His mind is that of a 7 year old. We were stopped from visiting him back in March and we haven't seen him in the past 5 months. He is not the type of "vulnerable" that the restrictions were designed for and he should never have lost visitation. He lives in a home of 5 similar type of young men. We are essential as we get the things he needs and provide the love that only parents can give. We are legal guardians. He comes home with us for a couple days every holiday. I keep hearing 1 visitor which is all designed for the spouse of an elderly person. My son has 2 parents so 1 spouse needs to equal 2 parents. We can wear the same PPE that the staff does and there should be no problems. He is suffering right now, not knowing what is going on and why we have stopped visiting him. I see depression and anxiety in short face time contacts. There are other similar homes that have 18-20 year olds living there and have lost visitations. Ironically, they still go to high school and are getting ready to go but their parents can not visit them? 3000 students is safer than 2 parents? This is messed up and needs immediate action.

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Hillsborough

By the way, I see no member of the board that represents people like my son. Mary Daniel said she would bring it up at the last meeting but we did not hear anything from her. She is focused on elderly facilities only. I am retired and could work at a group home but unlike Mary, I'm not wanted. I am a retired child and elderly abuse investigator from a local police dept. No home would ever hire someone like me that would not let any thing wrong slide. My wife and I were on Fox's Daily Briefing about 3 weeks ago over the issue. Everyone agrees with us including other heavy weight state politicians. The governor and his wife have a 3 year old child not much mentally younger than our son. How would they and the child feel if they were suddenly ordered to not visit that child? I watched the first lady and it would devastate her. That is what is happening to my family and we are being told to just take it. If you switched places with us, you would raise cane. I'm asking the group to switch places with us, think of how their lives would have changed and the lives of their child and I can not see any logical person that would disagree with us. what I recommend is visitation to be allowed at homes like my son starting next weekend. The governor and AHCA has to send an order to APD and the subsequent group homes. Not a request but an order. Allow 2 parents, as my son is aggressive like the others in his home are and in many other similar homes. Have us wear PPE and have our temperature taken when we arrive. We would also request that APD encourage group homes to work with the parents to start the healing process that will take years to do. Allow these kids to go home for

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Charlotte	I think you should open nursing homes ASAP so loved ones can get back in and see there love ones. the only requirement should be you have to wear a mask. you have to wear a mask in most stores and you can go in so as long as you wear one in nursing homes you should be able to go in there it is no different. and i don't think you should have to get tested either to be able to go in you don't have to get tested to go shopping or other places so why should you have to get tested to go into nursing homes. it's not fair. I hope by what i am saying works so i can get in to see my mom and she can see me before she loses her sight which she is. you need to have more compassion for the elderly and there loved ones.
Lake	My mother lives in an ALF in Gainesville, FL. They have done a wonderful job about caring for her and trying to protect residents and employees from the virus. They have also been accommodating in helping me gather her personals, delivering essentials to her and arranging for video chats. My mother has been been hospitalized twice and in rehab since March. I have been able to see her in certain circumstances. She was in quarantine for about half of that time (either in hospital, at rehab or at the ALF). I was able to speak to her on the phone but the lack of interaction has taken its toll on her. She has declined significantly and has cognitive struggles (more frequent). I would like to be able to see my mom -- even for just 30 minutes at a time and at a safe distance. The video chats have been helpful but it's not enough. As her primary representative, I would like to be able to see her room at the ALF to make sure everything is okay and that she has everything she needs. I believe that family members can safely see their loved ones -- with appropriate measures in place. Thank you.

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Sarasota	PLEASE advocate for Independent Living residents in Assisted Living facilities!!!! My mother has a 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment, and drove her own car to shopping, church, visit with friends and appointments. She independently used the gym, pool and participated in social activities on site. She does not require nor engage any nursing or support services from the assisted living staff. Since mid- March she has not been able to leave except to walk the grounds or with special permission, go to a medical appointment. Her meals are brought to her apartment and activities have been cancelled, restricting social interaction. I am not allowed to visit her on the grounds even with PPE! I can only visit thru a window. THIS IS WRONG!!! Please help the forgotten independent living residents swept under Assisted Living restrictions to regain their physical, mental, emotional and spiritual well being
Duval	Please open up ALF & LTC to at least one family member. Isolation & loneliness & lack of family touch is causing serious decline. Many are dying. It's ok for me to hire a caregiver that also works another job & cares for her family to visit my parents but, it's not okay for me. This makes no sense. The workers in these facilities are over worked & underpaid. They don't earn enough to care. Let the family in to love on their relatives. Please do the right thing now!

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St. Johns

My parents live in a stand alone home in Westminster St Augustine (CCRC). My Dad is 96 and Mom is 91. A month ago, my Dad was taken to the hospital. It took 7 days to get Covid test back. Then, Westminster made him quarantine at Julington Woods and then after 8 days, he was able to return to St Augustine skilled nursing. My Mom is an RN and has been his primary care giver for years. They would not allow her any access. While in the skilled nursing, his isolation and lack of care has caused both a mental and physical decline. They are moving him home this week, primarily so Mom can provide more care. But, Westminster will NOT allow any family access to my parents own home. So, is not a Florida requirement. I have filed complaints, contacted the Governors office, called Westminster corporate and no one will answer. My parents need their children and we need to be there. We have all quarantined since March. Please help us get these gates open. This is my parents own home, not a nursing home. It is just located within the property of the CCRC. Thank you.

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Pinellas	As a caregiver to my mother who has Parkinson's and dementia and declining rapidly, I recently hired a paid caregiver for her in her assisted living. I pay $24/hour at 12 hours per week. These paid caregiver visits basically take the place of me not being there a few times a week to do things for her and keep her company, as I've always done. As far as reopening LTC facilities, I am in favor of anyone who was a regular caregiver before the pandemic began should be allowed to follow the same protocol as a hired caregiver such as wearing PPE and getting tested for Covid regularly. If a paid caregiver can go in and out of multiple facilities each week by following these protocols, where is the logic that says I can't go see my mother? I will take any precautions necessary. I appreciate your consideration.
Citrus	I'm my mothers rock. I am her only child. She is in deep depression. Sleeping all day will not leave her room. I visit her 3-4 times a week outside her window. If I go more than 2 days without visiting she gets more depressed. February 2020 when my mother came to long term Care she walked in with a walker. Now she can't even get herself out of bed. These residents are dieing from loneliness. Which is it? Covid or Depression? Please help us.

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Alachua	I watched the first meeting. As an essential caregiver to my husband who has dementia and who has been declining over the past 6 months partly because of the social isolation, I would like to be able to perform some of those essential tasks that I did before the lock down. That is, I would like to be able to feed him, take him for a walk in his wheelchair, give him a hand massage and cut his fingernails. That would require my being closer than 6 feet. The director at this facility is a stickler for rules and my sitting 6 feet away covered with gown, mask and gloves will not be conducive for giving that essential and personal care. Heck, his room is not much bigger than 6 feet wide. If the CNAs and nurses can get closer than 6 feet, please consider allowing those closest to the patients to get as close as the CNAs so that we can, indeed, provide essential care.
Wakulla	My mother in law of 44 years is in a LTF in Gainesville. We haven't seen her since November of last year. Partly because my hsband, her eldest son, had by pass surgery in December. Winter became spring and the lock down began. She has a son living in Alachua that was visiting her several times a week. My mother in law is handicapped on her left side and depends on help to do even basic daily tasks. We feel she had "given up" before the Covid situation. Each time we or another family member talks with her we get the feeling she is just existing and doesn't care to live in isolation. Please let each family have one advocate for LTP/STL so each one of us can feel confident our loved ones are well and thriving.

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Hillsborough	My mom is in an assisted living facility, and so far we have been blessed that the facility has stayed COVID free (to our knowledge) The separation from family during this time has been very difficult, we are fortunate that we can stand by her window and "visit" while on the telephone but it sometimes makes her feel more isolated. She's fallen twice and we haven't been able to go in and comfort her. I don't know the "safe" answer, but I listened to your previous meeting and perhaps having a designated person for each resident able to go in and reassure them, while the other family members are able to visit outside from a distance might be a good start? Thank you so much for working this sad situation, there are no perfect solutions I'm afraid.
Seminole	As you work to open our Health Centers to visitors, could you please address the needs of residents living in the Independent Living facilities who have not had visits from family since March. These restrictions impact many of us also. Perhaps we could have family visits. Limit 2 per apartment or villa. They do not need to visit any other parts of the campus except perhaps to take a walk with Mom or Dad. I personally need to have my sons come help me settle the estate of my husband, their father, who passed away on Jan 24th 2020 in the Health Center at Village on the Green where we lived and I still reside. Thank you for your work to open our health center/nursing homes. I know how I would be feeling if my husband was still in the health center. Sue

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Seminole

I sent an email to Governor DeSantis on 06/23/20. I resent the email 18 plus times. No response. The email has many voices behind it. I explained that I wear two hats. One being SOUL caretaker to my 94 year old mother with late stage dementia. Two being the salon contractor manager for Senior Residential communities. We reopened the salon the end of May for IL residents ONLY. I see the AL residents outside for their air time. Their hair looks so unkept it's heartbreaking. The depression is noticeably sad. I see the changes in our IL residents as well. Some now needing care when 6 months ago they did not!!! I cannot see my mom. She is a resident in memory care there. I work there. I am screened twice daily and tested biweekly along with following ALL PROTOCOLS in my salon. Contractors come and go all day. Virtual calls has only confused my mom. She lives in a world of confusion already. She's 96 lbs. Pallative care. The depression on campus is like a plague. PLEASE read my email. Please hear OUR VOICES. Our elderly are dying alone. We have lost so many recently.....not to COVID-19. Thank you for your help! I would be happy to forward the email to you as well.
Barbara Dey

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Bay

Our facility in PC.Florida has only has only had 4 patients positive since Marchn13th...there have been approx 6 or 7.staff positive during this time. Every time we get close to being able to have limited visits, a staff member pops up positive. The staff and admin are indifferent
in trying to plan for.limited visits and some have expressed dread at letting families visit. To date, no limited visit plan have been discussed or are in place. Many.of us families feel like we are being held at bay and.our family member held hostage during this time. We have had NO COVID Deaths! I am.disturbed at the lack of initiative or effort to plan any type of even limited visits. You ask about it, you get a flat "No"! No effective communication

My family member has had 2 hospital visits in 2 months for GI bleeds..one of these my having to call the MD. myself, due.to dismissed symptoms for 3 weeks.
Please mandate these limited visits start! I am a Court Appointed Guardian.

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Hillsborough

I am now into Day 158 without seeing my 85 year old mother in assisted living. I'd like to point our that the only thing consistent about all of this is the inconsistencies. A few examples:

1) After trying to get many unanswered basic questions around protocol with things at my mother's ALF, I was invited to speak with the executive director. I cannot walk on the porch or go inside to see my mother, but somehow it was "ok" for me to enter into his office.

No concern and/or understanding on what hypocrisy this is by the facility.

2) Lovely news media footage showing family going into see father at Memory Care. The "workaround" that is being used, is the use of hospice. While I am happy for these families, it is outrageous that we are shuffling care resources to figure out a way to "get in" to see our own family that is paying dearly to live there. Once in memory care and hospice, anyone can come into visit.

3) ALF in Ft. Lauderdale allowing resident to leave for days with negative covid test and then re-enter with negative covid test.

4) DOH visits are truly inconsistent with what is being told to each ALF.

There has to be a better way. Civil rights are now being violated and what happens when flu season starts? There is already coverage around this. I hope the urgency to this matter is tended to in Task Force Meeting #2.

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Charlotte

I hope you finally decided to open long care and nursing homes. I think as long as people wear a mask to see there loved ones in there that should be enough. You say mask are so good at stopping it then what is stopping you from opening them? I don't think we should have to get tested to go in you don't have to get tested to go to the store and any other place so what is the difference? when you go out to the store you are around a lot of different people old and young. so getting tested is not fair just to get in to see your loved ones.

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Lake

My 92+ years old Dad is in Vista Lake Memory Care here in Leesburg, FL since Oct 15, 2019. I am his daughter, his POA, his voice! From the time he moved in on Oct 15, 2019, I visited him several times a week, took him out to eat, brought him home for family gatherings, etc. I tended to his needs and concerns, brought in his guitar so he could play his music, etc. etc. The last day my Dad got a hug from me was on March 13, 2020. He has been locked in his facility over 5 months now and we were told it was to PROTECT him from COVID that we could not come in or visit at an open window. Window visits were scheduled in 15 min. increments during limited hours. During this time, I have watched my Dad decline (cognitively) each time that I see him at the window, and he has lost weight. He doesn't understand why I can't come in, he doesn't understand the virus, etc. I am his only local loved one. Other loved ones could only see him if they have an Apple device for Facetime. That has completely left out one of his sons who lives out of state. No other options to see him! Communication from his facility has been next to nothing. They have an automated call sent to families every 2 or 3 weeks I believe. I got the first 2 or 3 and haven't been getting them for a while now. I have written to and spoken with the Executive Director and this is still not correct. I have no idea how Dad is doing unless I call in and mostly can't get anyone to answer to the phone. They are understaffed, so family is bottom of their priorities. When able to leave a message, it's rare you get a call back.
On Thursday morning, August 13, 2020 (exactly 5

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Charlotte	It's been roughly 5 1/2 months of lockdown and I can certainly speak for my mother, that she's had more than she can take, they have so little time left in their life and it's being stripped away from them, all they have left at this point is family, and that means so much to them, they get so excited about their visits and this is just completely heartbreaking, I have to visit her through a fence like she's in prison, once a week for 15 minutes with an appointment. I'll see if the picture can be attached. it's cruel quite frankly. They can't even get there hair done. What sense does that make that age can come and go but they can't have the hairdresser that works there come in the whole thing is absurd, it's such a little thing but it's so important to people.
Seminole	Please enforce Health Care Surrogate, POA, Essential Care giver on a HIPAA Release right's to residents medical records requests. With Covid we are unable to in person submit their "form" and pick up records. They are not responsive3 to phone calls or emails. They are not cooperating with record releases and when they do they are charging $1.00 a page which is not incompliance with Federal law. They can charge $6.50 or actual costs as defined. Few SNF and Ombudsmen know the requirements. This is important to facilitate an essential care giver role to prevent inadvertant neglect and failure to thrive. https://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/for-professionals/privacy/guidance/access/index.html

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Charlotte

THE HEALTH RISKS OF PROLONGED ISOLATION are equivalent to smoking 15 cigarettes a day!. A study, which looked at data from more than 3000 people showed that strong social relationships decreased the risk for premature death by 50 PERCENT!

I work in a Assisted Living Community. Of our 42 residents here, 8 has passed since April - not from COVID! We watched them give up - lonely from not having the interaction with family and outside friends. We have to open up!

Suggestions: Family would have to show negative COVID test, scheduled visits, a dedicated visitation room with limit to one family/friend at a time. Of Course, masks required.

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Sarasota

TASK FORCE ON THE SAFE AND LIMITED RE-OPENING OF
LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES

The purpose of this email is to advocate for the forgotten Independent Living residents in Assisted Living facilities. They have been swept under Assisted Living visitation and activity restrictions implemented in Mid-March.

My mother has a 2 bedroom, 2 bath apartment, and drove her own car to shopping, church, visit with friends and appointments. She independently used the gym, pool and participated in social activities on site. She performs all her own ADL's and does not require nor engage any nursing or support services from the assisted living staff. Since mid- March she has not been able to leave her facility except to walk the grounds or with special permission, go to a medical appointment. Her meals are brought to her apartment and activities have been cancelled, restricting social interaction. I am not allowed to visit her on the grounds even with PPE! I can only visit thru a window.

THIS IS WRONG!!! Please help the residents of Independent Living to regain their physical, mental, emotional and spiritual well being.

My ask is for you to propose visitation with Independent Living residents mandating temperature checks and use of PPE. Visitors could social distance on the grounds of the facility not causing potential contamination. OR restrict visitation to areas / rooms that can be easily sanitized between visits. Being able to visit in her apartment would be ideal, but baby steps are good and easily monitored.

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Palm Beach	My mother who is 95 years old has been severely depressed as to not seeing me her daughter. She has stopped eating. I have paid a large fee to have her in Symphony of the seas in Delray. NO entertainment, and very little to do. Why can I not see her? I do not know how much longer she will live. Why can I not see her in the outdoor atrium? Please advise. Thank you I will take full responsibility of her if she gets sick. I have been tested 3 times. All negative.
Polk	SIR, I'D LIKE TO SAY THAT THE CLOSING OFF OF RELATIVES WITH THEIR ELDERLY FAMILY MEMBERS IS TORTURE TO BOTH. MY FATHER WHOM IS A VET AND ONLY 81 LIVES IN A MEMORY CARE FACILITY AND WE CAN'T COMFORT HIM. ITS BEEN SINCE MID-MARCH. THIS IS CRUEL TO HIS WIFE OF 60 YEARS AND CHILDREN THAT LOVE HIM. WE SEE CAREGIVERS GOING IN AND OUT WITH PROTECTIVE GEAR, WHY WOULDN'T YOU BE USING THE SAME EQUIPMENT TO LET US IN? PLEASE DON'T SAY ITS BECAUSE OF A LIABILITY.. WHAT CAN WE SIGN? THIS IS WAY TO LONG TO SHUT US OFF. PLEASE FIGURE IT OUT, THERE HAS TO BE AWAY.. MY DADDY DESERVES BETTER THAN WHAT HE'S GETTING. I KNOW COVID-19 IS NOT YOUR FAULT, BUT NOT HIS EITHER ! SINCERELY A SUPPORTER

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Sarasota	Please create safe guidelines that work for all those facilities grouped under Long Term Care Facilities. My brother who is 61 years old and mentally retarded lives in a group home in Lee County. He has spent almost every weekend, or longer, with family his entire life. Until COVID-19 hit. He has now not been able to see my parents, or anyone outside of his home, since March. He has not been able to go to LARC, Inc and participate in his normal activities. He misses his family deeply and we miss him. Phone calls and letters are not the same. He needs to get back to a more normal routine. He has already learned about the need to wear a mask and distance himself. On behalf of my parents and myself I am asking you to provide a recommendation of the safest possible course to re-open these facilities and allow visitation with loved ones. Thank you. Sincerely, Wendy Prell, James and Barbara White
Lee	Individuals in group homes operated by the Agency with Persons with Disabilities are subject to many of the decisions and policies that are developed by this group, yet are not represented as part of the process. Their voices, their needs and their circumstances merit attention by policy makers who oft overlook them. Please consider this and add representation.

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Polk	Just had a very productive call with the director of operations for my mom's facility. She agrees that ACHA should give the facilities guidelines moving forward. She does not think it would be productve to have each facility doing their own plan. I agree. Put forth some guidelines and let's get started.
Sumter	I heard an idea regarding the opening of schools which could be applied to this problem as well. Test visitors' sense of smell with something potent...an onion comes to mind. Please...I want to see my dad. Thank you!!!!!!!!!! Katie
Leon	We support the leadership of our local management and that of our Orlando management team in keeping us safe and happy.
Leon	Than k you for your service. As it relates to visitation, how will the regulatory agencies respond to caregivers/visitors when certain providers may require caregiver/visitors to sign liability waivers in order to visit their friends or family? Bennett Napier Florida Life Care Residents Association www.flicra.com
Broward	There's an app that a tech company from Ft.Lauderdale created that allows for a safe biosphere at long term care facilities. It tracks COVID-19 testing and creates a QR code that allows access into facilities if the person is COVID negative. I believe the company who created it is called OZ. You should look into it.

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Leon

First, I want to express my deep appreciation for your leadership of this Task Force. I have watched two of your meetings, as a very active resident in a CCRC in Tallahassee. My focus has been Assisted Living and Skilled Nursing patient/resident needs for social and spiritual support.

Second I so much appreciate the distinctions you are making, and how you are trying to look at this from a variety of angles.

Two points: it strikes me that it IS within your power, and would be highly desirable, that each facility over which you have some authority be REQUIRED to submit a plan for opening up their facilities, whether or not that are required or encouraged to follow state guidelines.
2) I believe there is a gaping hole in your your definition of a compassionate caregiver. Many residents have deep spiritual needs, and visits from clergy/pastor/rabbi/imam, or even peer spiritual caregiver could be EXTREMELY important. Please add this category to your category! As a retired pastor/pastoral caregiver, I can vouch for how important to a person"s general health such a visit can be. Thank you. I'll tune in again tomorrow! And gratitude for the goodwill and commitment of your entire task force. You make me proud to be in Floridian! :)

Margaret (Greta) Reed

Pasco

This is how other states worded it....
both did NOT 'require" but strongly recommended.....

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Broward

Hail Mary squared! Thank you Secretary Mayhew for aggregating the overwhelming amount of information and finally articulating a strategy that makes sense. I'm working with Mary Daniel behind the scenes and appreciate the accelerated movement by the task force to present a workable solution to the Governor soon. As you know, time is of essence for my 85 yr old father and so many others. My mother, his wife of 58 years, should at a minimum, have equal access to him in his Memory Care facility as the staff does that holds his hand and comforts him when he cries everyday. Please make sure she can qualify as an ECG. I'm happy to wait a bit longer for my visitation with him if it allows my parents to be together during these last remaining precious days of their lives! Also, I sense there will be a greater need for PPE support and I have the company to do it. Please contact them for further information or let me know if there will be a procurement process set up at some point. They are a Florida-owned company called https://www.aquabluemedical.com/

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Clay

I appreciate all the hard work that each of these individuals do for our loved ones. I know that they have our loved ones' best interest at heart even though each come from a different angle. Thank you, Mary Mayhew, for trying to move these objectives swiftly and smoothly and keep everyone on point.

I just have a few thoughts to add to the discussion today.

I sympathize with Mr. Emmitt Reed and the need to consider the cost of any proposals you make. I understand this is a realistic and necessary consideration. There must be funds available to do the proposals you make. But I also want to encourage Mr. Reed to consider the long term cost of NOT allowing visits to begin to take place. If something does not change and change very soon, I fear this industry is going to begin to suffer financially. Many residents have been taken out of facilities by their family because of the isolation. Other residents are dying from the isolation. And still others will never be placed in a facility because families will refuse to deal with isolation. Empty rooms don't pay bills or salaries.

I appreciate Dr Rivkees and his concern for the safety of the residents, but 28 days is way too long and definitely should not be applied to outside visits. The health risks from isolation far outweigh the minimal COVID risk from outside visits.

Requiring "monitors" to remain through the whole visit

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Palm Beach

1. Who in this country (I think it is still the U.S.A.) is not allowed to leave their home or have visitors? Prisoners. Illegal Immigrants held in detention centers. Vulnerable, dependent, disabled elders who have done nothing wrong. * Shame on anyone who supports this barbaric treatment of elders. Who decided it was fine to throw the 5th commandment into the garbage heap? Governor DeSantis.

2. Why are facilities, like the one where my mother lives, allowed to permit private duty aides into the facility, but not family care providers? I spent 7-12 hours a day with my severely limited mother until COVID-19 gave the facility (with DeSantis' and Mary Mayhew's blessing) cover to deprive my mother of my companionship and care. In fact, the facility won't let her have any additional care; she is not one of their "chosen." Just so you know, my mother cannot initiate any communication or requests, and she is blind and immobile. Imagine for one minute what life would be like if you can't initiate a request, or ask for help, or tell someone you are in pain, etc.

To be clear, the facility where my mother resides has contorted the provision in DEM 20-006 for entry of "ANY individual providing necessary health care to a resident," to serve the facility's "needs" (to reduce costs and oversight), not the resident's needs. The people managing this facility are both ignorant of the law (or believe it doesn't apply to them) and cruel. And I assert that the Governor, AHCA and the DOH are complicit in the cruelty.

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Leon	On behalf of independent living residents that live in continuing care retirement communities can the Task Force on its August 19th meeting have some discussion relative to visitation protocols. Many independent living residents want/need to visit their loved ones or friends who may be residing in the assisted living or skill nursing portion of their CCRC. Are there any elements that could be considered for people who already live on campus as opposed to a caregiver or visitor who resides outside of the retirement community. There are 30,000 CCRC residents in 71 licensed CCRCs and they have actively been tuning in to the last two meetings. Thank you. Bennett Napier Florida Life Care Residents Association www.flicra.com
Miami-Dade	Dear Governor. Please apply for the loan for us the Floridians to get the extra $300 a week. You know very well no one can live off $275 a week like you have said. No one asked for this Corona virus. But you as our governor we need leadership and for you stand by us. Apply for the loan! We need help!
Hillsborough	I am a single mother to two children. My business dried up with covid. If you keep dragging your feet with this pitiful $300, you will not get my vote as a life long republican and I will actively campaign for your opponent. What youre doing is shameful typical political bs.
Hillsborough	Please please please apply for the funding for the $300
Escambia	Governor DeSantis, please apply for the LWA ——— $300/WK Federal unemployment boost. We, your fellow Florida citizens desperately need this.
Duval	Please apply for the LWA GRANT for unemployment. We are struggling !

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Orange	When do you plan on applying for the $300 LWA program . Floridians can not live off of $275 a week. Most of us are unemployed because of the shut down of businesses. I was furloughed from work and have not been called back. So please apply for the $300 LWA to help Floridians.
Orange	People are struggling, no one has asked to be out of work....we are losing our homes, we cant feed our children.....not only did desantis open up the state and knowingly put us all at risk he has done nothing to help anyone be able to survive.....no florida is notflourishing, no there arent jobs so readily available. Stop worrying about your pocket and pay unemployed Floridians who not only didnt ask for this we dont deserve this! You dont deserve to be in your position.....PAY YOUR PEOPLE! APPLY FOR THE LOAN SO WE CAN FEED OUR FAMILIES!
Osceola	I call for DeSantis' resignation for his failure to all Floridians.

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Miami-Dade	Governors from Alaska, West Virginia, and North Carolina have also confirmed they will be applying for the LWA Program Grant that would provide their unemployed residents with the $300/week federal supplement. Arizona has already been approved and will begin paying out the $300 to its claimants this week. Florida's Governor Ron DeSantis has yet to speak on the issue or even apply. Meanwhile, millions of Floridians are out of work and attempting to survive off of $125/week. While Governor Ron DeSantis has opted for the second option offered by the mandate of paying out the federal $300 to claimants without a full $100 state chip-in, he has not yet applied. Other states have already applied and been approved to begin the issuing LWA payments of $300/week (federal supplement). So, to make sure it doesn't slip his mind, I urge you to email Governor DeSantis and demand he apply for the LWA funds so that unemployed Floridians can receive some relief while Congress continues negotiating a full package. Please make sure to include the link to the application, in the event it slips his mind: https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/supplemental-payments-lost-wages Governor's Email: governorron.desantis@eog.myflorida.com You can also call Governor DeSantis at: (850) 488-7146 Don't let Governor Ron DeSantis keep delaying the
Manatee	Why are you stalling signing the LWA loan? Your holding back funds to the unemployed...people are in peril- I really pray you sort your priorities out soon
Pasco	Why should people vote for ypu when you delay signing the lwa to get the 300$ coming in? Do you realize that your loosing millions of peoples votes?

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Pasco	Why haven't you applied for LWA yet? We are suffering. You personally have enough money. I know there is something in this for you or you would of apply for it by now. Be your own man not Trumps boy.Shame on you for not helping us.
Broward	Gov Desantis I beg you to apply for the fema money for all of us on unemployment.
Volusia	Im begging you to please do the lwa loan..and tet us help with this unemployment$...im on the edge of losing what ive worked so hard for...
	I am a Republican and voted for you before..but you have to look out for us floridians..who have lost careers right now...
Volusia	Begging you to please do the 300 lwa loan..hurting very badly..
	Im Republican and voted for you before..we need you to act now please
Volusia	My grandfather is in a long term care facility- Assisted Living, his health, mentally and physically has declined rapidly after he lost my grandmother in April from reasons OTHER then COVID-19. COVID-19 has not made it any better, he's lonely, depressed, and in a horrible state of mind. The workers can come and go as they please, and are the ones who take care of our loved ones. Why cant the family see there loved one, especially if that loved one has dementia/Alzheimer's, not being able to spend quality time makes things worse. This needs to be opened at least "Limited" so that families can get to see their loved ones who are suffering in these facilities, they lock them down, they can't do much with other residents, they dont get real companion.

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Pinellas

Governor Desantis,

We the people are BEGGING you to not make us homeless. I was a hospitality employee and as you surely know there are no job openings in hospitality with our current state of half open. The few lucky individuals who were able to keep employment have had their wages slashed and are still clinging on to stay afloat while the rest of us are unable to find a spot for ourselves. There simply isn't enough room for everyone until things are under control.

Please do not leave a million people hanging to be evicted, behind on mortgage/rent to the point where even if an eviction is delayed still inevitable, unable to pay electric and utilities and ultimately homeless and unable to provide food for our families.

Thank you,

Sarah Martin
Pinellas County

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Duval	Governor Ron DeSantis, You said you are planning on increasing the weekly unemployment benefit with money from a federal loan. This increase would significantly help claimants currently receiving below $100 qualify for the $300/week LWA federal supplement. This includes me, and I desperately need it. The LWA Implementation Grant application is now available for states to request the FEMA funding necessary to execute the unemployment extension mandated by the President's Executive Order. While Governor you have opted for the second option offered by the mandate of paying out the federal $300 to claimants without a full $100 state chip-in, you have yet to confirm when this program will begin claimant payouts. As of today, we do not know if you have even begun the application process. Governor DeSantis please please apply for the LWA funds so that we unemployed Floridians can receive some relief while Congress continues negotiating a full package. https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/supplemental-payments-lost-wages If you had the power to do what you did with the Sheriff in Clay County, you have the power to make the lives of Floridians easier. If Rick Scott did what he did, you can reverse his course of action and put it back to what it used to be.
Volusia	Governor - We implore you to do the right thing. Do not delay in applying for the LWA funds for the people of Florida. You need to apply for the citizens Florida. Stop screwing us over. Submit the application.
Lee	I would like to know why the governor has not si duo for the LWA grant from fema? We at least deserve the decency of keeping us up to date.

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Polk	I f you don't apply to extend the federal $300 and extra $100 from the state I will be a homeless with my family of 4 . Please do it, my hotel Hilton they email me that they are not opening next month 😐😐
Volusia	Apply for the LWAProgram Grant or you'll have thousands living in the streets in a few weeks!
Okaloosa	I am an hairstylist in 2 assisted living facilities It is becoming a health issue for the residents that haven't had any hair or nail services since March I also need federal unemployment I'm drawing 121 a week!! I'm dying!!!
Pinellas	Please, please, please apply for this grant immediately so unemployed-through-no-fault-of-their-own Floridians can eat and have a roof over their heads. I am missing $2,065 in unemployment from April and May that I have spent countless hours over 3 months trying to retrieve due to the messed up Connect website. My days consist of fruitless DEO contact attempts - phone and email. It is such an unnecessary and frustrating waste of time. It seems you do not care about us at all. One of the unemployment Facebook groups I belong to, there are a few people that have even been suicidal over lack of unemployment payments and not being able to reach anyone at the DEO. It is so sad and heartbreaking to watch people suffer. Florida is not only a US laughing stock, but a global one due to lack of pandemic leadership and the messed up unemployment system. I am ashamed to be an American. Please do the right thing in a timely manner for us struggling Floridians as we cannot live on the meager allowances we may or may not even receive!

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Manatee	Governor Desantis, We are begging you, please apply for the lost wages loan. We desperately need these $300 federal weekly payments. At this point we dont care about the $100 chip in. We will be happy with the $300. We voted you in office to be our governor because we believed in you and believed that you would do the right thing and stand up for us(the people) but you are failing us right now. ARIZONA has a low max for unemployment just like us, they are a little lower than us and their governor already applied and got approved and started paying their people today. Why are you doing this to us making us wonder if we are going to be able to survive this. I make 448 every 2 weeks so 888 a month thats not enough to pay my Bill's after mymain bill RENT $238 is what I'm left with for electric, food, water, and phone. Please stand up for us and help us start recieving the federal extension. Thank you for your time Chelsea
Charlotte	$494 every 2 weeks is not going to pay my mortgage and electric. Stop being stupid and help Florida instead of constantly blaming other people. Pretty sure you will not be voted back into office. I hope you struggle and have to live out of your car someday.
Miami-Dade	Gov. DeSantis apply for the LWA program grant and being paying unemployed residents the $300 per week we desperately need.

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Pasco	Why do you keep stalling on the federal extension for your people. People who are hanging on by a strand financially, which leads to them hanging on by a strand mentally. People who are, to no fault of their own, without jobs. People who are just trying to feed their families and pay their bills. Imagine if you had to try and survive off of $173 a week!
Pinellas	I am a 65 year old woman, going through divorce, single income. My job was done away with. I am living on $275 a week. Will you please approve the $300 so I can pay my bill's and at least be able to eat a decent meal?
Seminole	When are you going to apply for the federal extension for us who are still unemployed in Florida!???? Don't you care about your people.
Manatee	Lets worry about the people who are unemployed and give us the $300.00 a week. We voted you in, its now time you did something for the common people. I work for a Non for Profit Veterans organization. We can't set outside stores and collect donations because of covid19. Therefore, I can't work. Manatee keeps having high cases and you want to open nursing homes. Unbelievable!!!
Orange	Any chance us unemployed individuals can receive our federal funds? We do have mortgages and rents to pay,as well as, children to feed! I mean what's going on I have paid taxes for years! Now I'm needing help and can't seem to get it!!!!!
Sarasota	please file for the 300 benefit from government. What are you waiting for us to be homeless and starving our kids????? I can't get food stamps because apparently 275 is to much income. Please. This will be remembered clme election time.

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St. Lucie	Hello, We the people of Florida would like to know why your ignoring us?We urge you to apply for the LWA program? You have not addressed this issue to us and we demand to know what's going on. Please help us and apply! Thank you.
Brevard	Please apply for the states federal funding. I am still recovering from having covid19 & can not return to work yet. I will not be able to survive without the federal help!!! Please do the right thing for the satiate of Florida!!!!!!
Osceola	Please open up so senior apartment buildings can allow immediate family in to visit and help those that cannot do everything at their apartments. These are not long term facilities and the family members/friends need help to clean, organize and simply have some company from time to time even if just immediate family/caregivers and screening process is in place. I This lock down is taking its toll on family and friends being isolated and affecting their mental state of mind. I completely understand and appreciate the safety precautions but how can you prevent residents that pay rent from having guests/visitors in their apartment home. Thank you
Collier	Governor Desantis please apply for the LWA grant immediately. Unemployed Floridians are suffering!

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Lee	When are you going to apply for the LWA grant for your unemployed Floridians? Other states have already been approved meanwhile your Floridians are losing their homes and starving
Orange	Can you please help the unemployed Floridians? HOW ARE WE TO PAY OUR BILLS? WE NEED HELP NOW? NOT SOME BS FROM TRUMP. WHY WON'T ANYONE LISTEN TO US? THE HOSPITALITY AND TOURISM BUSINESS HAS CRUMBLED AND NO ONE SEEMS TO CARE ABOUT THE WORKERS? HELP US NOW. ——$300 FEDERAL SUPPLEMENT TO BEGIN GOING OUT THIS WEEK IN ARIZONA. FLORIDA HAS NOT YET APPLIED. KEEP THE EMAILS GOING. Governors from Alaska, West Virginia, and North Carolina have also confirmed they will be applying for the LWA Program Grant that would provide their unemployed residents with the $300/week federal supplement. Arizona has already been approved and will begin paying out the $300 to its claimants this week. Florida's Governor Ron DeSantis has yet to speak on the issue or even apply. Meanwhile, millions of Floridians are out of work and attempting to survive off of $125/week. While Governor Ron DeSantis has opted for the second option offered by the mandate of paying out the federal $300 to claimants without a full $100 state chip-in, he has not yet applied. Other states have already applied and been approved to begin the issuing LWA payments of $300/week (federal supplement).

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Miami-Dade	Señor Gobernador, por favor estamos desesperados, solicite la subvención LWA para poder recibir los fondos del desempleo, con $121 dolares a la semana no puedo pagar mis utilidades, ya he agotado mis ahorros y debo 2 meses de mi renta. AYUDA PLEASE!!!

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Hillsborough	Unfortunately, the movement to open long-term health care facilities is premature as evidenced by the continuing incidences of COVID-19. The risk to residents is too high as the virus cannot be satisfactorily controlled, no matter what precautions are taken. The virus is too infectious and science does not have a clear picture of the proper remedies. Until vaccines are developed, access should be withheld.
Collier	Why haven't you applied for the LWA? We can't survive on $247 week! Can you?
Okaloosa	I appreciate all that the task force is doing! I don't see much mentioned about guardians. I am my mom's guardian - so basically I am the parent and she is the child. I have responsibilities mandated by law that I have been unable to accomplish - inspecting her living conditions is one that comes to mind. I know you are focused on family members who are caregivers as your #1 priority, but, I hope you consider guardians when making recommendations. thank you and keep up the good work! Carol Mullins-Hernandez 850-240-0616
Miami-Dade	Hi as stated above I'm one of the many struggling Floridians that are unemployed which it has being very hard for me since I lost my job my side hustle/gig which the sba have not even issued my grant so I'm struggling. So I ask as a humble employee of Florida that the governor apply for the 300 federal payment and also increase the Florida 275 attolment to a 400 too so it may help people that mostly need it like me. Thank you

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Palm Beach

Beyond the obvious facts that . . .

1. The Governor, his clan, and all in power who have not spoken up, have effectively imprisoned (and I argue illegally) hundreds of thousands of vulnerable, dependent elders who have done nothing to deserve such treatment.

2. The Governor, his clan, and all in power who have not spoken up, have arrogantly denied these citizens THEIR RIGHT to decide if they want higher risk in exchange for visitors and the right to leave their homes.

The Governor, his clan, and all those in power who have not spoken up, have also put these vulnerable dependent elders who have done nothing wrong in a situation that is seriously detrimental to their health -- from isolation, not from COVID-19.

From the CDC:

"Loneliness and Social Isolation Linked to Serious Health Conditions"

Social isolation significantly increased a person's risk of premature death from all causes, a risk that may rival those of smoking, obesity, and physical inactivity.1

Social isolation was associated with about a 50% percent increased risk of dementia.1

Poor social relationships (characterized by social

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Orange	Governor DeSantis, Why do you continue to ignore the needs of struggling unemployed FloridianS?? Why have you not applied for the LWA Program grant in order to begin paying unemployed Florida residents the $300/week they so desperately need? Why??? Tiffany Ashbaugh
Hillsborough	If possible, Senator Marco Rubio's office would like a copy of the final recommendations. Please feel free to reach out to myself or the Regional Director at taylor_sanchez@rubio.senate.gov. Additionally, our healthcare staffer can be contacted at Jaime_varela@rubio.senate.gov

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Clay

I responded yesterday, but I forgot a couple of things. I don't know that you will read this before the meeting the today, but I will have at least tried.

Mr. Reed mentioned the critical stage of short staffing currently in the nursing homes. Mary Daniel pointed our several times that is when family members are needed most by the facilities. I totally agree with her. Nursing homes are always short staffed. Having worked in and with nursing homes for years, I know that the high turnover rate and staffing shortages have been issues long before COVID. It comes from the nature of the work required. On the days that my Mom's nursing home was short staffed, I would dress her, feed her, shower her, and/or change her bed linens. Those were the days she and the staff needed me the most!!

Can Ombudsman be listed as a separate category from essential caregivers and general visits? Something more along the lines of a doctor's visit?

Please, don't forget the hairdressers Mr. Reed mentioned in the first meeting!

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Duval

My Father , Art Axelson , resides at Clyde Lassen State Nursing Home in St Augustine Fl
He is 96 yrs old . He is almost deaf, blind in one eye and extreme Macular degeneration has about taken total sight in the other eye.
He is at the point of walking has become a problem also however hes a tough old guy. He walks every day and We speak to him every day with much difficulty due to his loss of hearing.
He has raised 6 kids , served in the military, been through the depression, lost his wife of 60 years in 2009. The only thing that is keeping him around is the day he will be able to wrap his arms around us and feel our hugs! Hes an amazing man and has been his whole life. I understand & appreciate your rules so people wont die from this virus but physical contact possibly in a suit and mask would be an alternative to no contact at all ? I know that my dad would surely die just from knowing he could never hug his kids again which he has stated many times recently. I understand your challenges and pray for this horrible virus to go away. I really Hate thinking about how many elderly are passing just from loneliness .
I pray your team will make the right decision for all of our loved ones. God Bless our parents and keep them safe.

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Duval	Essential Caregivers or Compassionate Visitors? I do not feed them or bath my Wards, I am there Legal Guardian per The Duval Court. What about Legal Guardians? I have 2 people Im responsible for, my mother in law and father in law. I was told by my mother in laws doctor her dementia has gotten much worse. They were use to me visiting them several times a week and taking them out to lunch etc. They have not been able to have any contact with me as there Guardian and the dementia has gotten worse. I ask that you include Guardians not just Essential Caregivers or Compassionate Caregivers. Thank you- Laura Brantly
Palm Beach	Please give us the 300 a week
Palm Beach	As an unemployed Floridian,I am asking for you to PLEASE HELP me and the millions of others who desperately need the additional aid of $300.00. And to work out the problems with the Connect site! It's been months and I'm not fully paid yet.
Lake	Florida has become 1 of the most destitute states. Our paradise is no more because we're starving and homeless. Our Governor doesn't care. He's proving that with every moment that ticks by and he hasn't applied for the LWA funding. He is rightfully earning the nickname given as Ron DeathSentence.

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Hillsborough	Please allow essential caregivers also private sitters. The sitters are paid for by the family Please imagine if this was you! You have been in a bed since MARCH, malnourished, just a room number. Just go lie in your bed for one day, not able to position yourself, your cries are ignored you are sitting in feces and thirsty. This is the reality of many residents. Please HELP them! You don't believe me? Go in an inner city nursing home unannounced, you will think you are in a haunted house. PLEASE!
Highlands	When you make decisions regarding re-opening we ask that you please consider direction to providers who run group homes that serve individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This is a very important group of vulnerable individuals in our state.
Orange	Why is the Governor not applying for the additional FEMA funds for unemployed Floridians? He keeps letting us down by his lack of with DEO. He's defunding Floridians!!!
Putnam	I feel there should be a limited opening for ALF's my daughter has been on lockdown since March. We have missed her birthday and Easter and many visits. We can visit looking through bars. I feel that clients that have r responsible family she should be able to come home. I don't really want her going to stores where there's all lot of people because the state will not mandate face covering . Thank you
Palm Beach	Enough is enough! My 96 year old mom will not eat unless she gets to see me. If schools are reopening, then, with all the rigid precautions necessary, so might my mom's facility.

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Monroe

Hundreds of thousands of Florida citizens cannot pay rent, utilities, or put food on the table. Why? Because on top of the miniscule unemployment stipend doled out by the state, YOU have not applied for the new $300 weekly federal benefit. WHY? WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? Do you sleep well in your cozy bed, in your cozy mansion, after eating your nice dinner every night? People are struggling like never before, and you have to sympathy or empathy. All you have to do is apply for federal money. That's all. Well, you could do so much more, but right now, right now, apply for the money! Do you think that hungry people will forget this when you're running for re-election? No one will forget that you callously chose to do NOTHING to help.

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Volusia

I am a retired RN and daughter of a WE2 Veteran @ CE Lassen VA Home/St Augustine. This lockdown has greatly affected my father and others in this home. Depression, lack of care and delayed care even deaths have occurred. The facility has poor conditions where money has not been used to fix A/C, leaky roofs, dilapidated patios, and more. Now the veteran are confined in a prison like lockdown against their will!

My dad wants to know, "Why am I a prisioner?...Did I not fight for my country's freedom?" Good question, I believe this is a civil liberties question and they are being violated. There is no Great disaster looming, no curve to be flattened and only 1 Covid case in a veteran and that was over a month ago. It's the employees bringing it in. With the new testing this will eliminated for everyone.
The physical and emotional needs are ignored. My dad's nearly died 2x from lack and delayed care and now his heart has been permanently damaged.
I am his HCS and he needs me by his side.

I want to be on the task force! Please call me. Also, the ombudsman should be on and AHCA! Hope to hear from you soon.
Thank you!

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Orange

Governor Desantis,

We are begging you, please apply for the lost wages loan. We desperately need these $300 federal weekly payments. At this point we dont care about the $100 chip in. We will be happy with the $300. We voted you in office to be our governor because we believed in you and believed that you would do the right thing and stand up for us(the people) but you are failing us right now. ARIZONA has a low max for unemployment just like us, they are a little lower than us and their governor already applied and got approved and started paying their people today. Why are you doing this to us making us wonder if we are going to be able to survive this. I make 448 every 2 weeks so 888 a month is not enough to pay the monthly bills. Please stand up for us and help us start receiving the federal extension.

Thank you for your time
Michael

Putnam

It's time that we get back to our normal lives just like everybody else. We can't just be sitting around waiting for people we have never met to decide the fate of our lives. To reopen, wear your mask, wash your hands, and stay six feet apart just like everyone else does. They cannot keep us stuck in the home forever. We should be allowed to come and go just like everyone else does. I just can't wait to get back to normal. I know it won't happen right off the bat, but it will slowly reopen. We have been stuck and unable to see our friends for five months.

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

St. Johns	Good day. My in-laws moved to Florida just a little over a year ago. They currently reside in an ALF located in Duval County (Brookdale Mandarin). My wife , Catherine, and I have been their caregiver since they moved here in July 2019. We shop for them, assist with dressing, assist with bathing, clean and tidy their apartment, occasionally make meals. Before the pandemic access was easy and it was no trouble to do this. My father-in-law passed away in December 2019 leaving my mother-in-law on her own. Since the lockdown it has been a struggle to perform even the most basic of the above duties. While the ALF has been great the time has come to let assigned family caregivers access to our loved ones. We will do whatever is asked of us but we need access now. Our loved ones are declining rapidly without family members around to assist them. Thank you.
Broward	Dear governor I know this is a very difficult task for you at hand and with what is going on in the country right now it must be very daunting task. unemployment never qualified me for the right amount of benefits I was working two jobs 7 days a week not making a lot of money but enough to survive and im.asking that you please consider those who are earning less than $100 a week I am currently living on $83 a week and I would appreciate it if you could speed up the process and help us to receive the extra Federal money as I will not be able to survive we need your help Governor thank you and God bless I live in Broward County and currently my job is still not going back yet

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Pinellas

I certainly understand the need for visitation as an long time administrator for ALF's. However the risk is so great that we have serious concerns about visitors as we discovered early on family was prone to not telling the truth and actually was providing misleading information when it came to taking their loved one to an out side physician. Our first case in our building was caused by this. A family stated that they were taking their dad to his physician to get a new 1823 filled out and they would go directly to the Dr and back. This proved not to be the case. The family did take to the Dr on a Monday and returned him to us on Wednesday he tested negative and moved to another Alf on Friday he tested positive for Covid. The family called us to let us know that he had tested positive and then told us what they had done. they took him to Dr and then out to lunch and then to a barber shop. We got our first case on Wednesday right in the middle of this episode. The ease of transmission among the elderly is extremely quick and fast once it gets in He was in our memory care unit. bu the end of this episode 12 residents were infected with the virus and 7 staff. I am extremely concerned with this most of my families now completely understand why they cant visit from what happened and we all have made the best with virtual visits. I just have no idea how we avid liability if someone was to die from it walking in the building. My Dr's who work within our building and all against visitation due to the frailty of our residents and their health concerns. We would need to have the ability to test all residents on a weekly basis to make sure it would not get in to the building and us not know.

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Okaloosa	Is the Governor going to address the Lost Wages Assistance program which was signed as an executive order by President Trump on August 8th? There has been silence on the matter thus far. FEMA requires that applications be submitted before September 10th. As of 8/19/20 the State of Florida has yet to apply for funding for this program created by our President and 13 other Governors have responded already to the program. What is Governor Desantis doing to ensure that Floridians will not be facing the continuing economic burden of Covid 19 under one of the poorest and low paying unemployment systems in the United States of America? Will the WBA be increased with a loan from the Federal government? Will the Governor be applying for the LWA program and if so when? Millions of Floridians deserve to receive information on what is happening with these programs. Information is critical during these times. Thank you for your time and consideration. Stay safe.
St. Johns	Anxious to hear why independent living facilities are on the shut down list - are they not different than nursing homes and assisted living facilities? Thank you

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Pinellas	SIGN UP FOR LWA GRANT NOW. Many Floridians income is dependent upon tourism, it is dangerous to try to attract tourism currently and international tourism is decidedly out of the question. There are not enough jobs to go around to fill in the gaps that COVID has left our state. I am an event worker, mainly working in tradeshows. From what I have heard from bosses and other people who are more in the know nationally than I am, my old job will not really start to reopen until MAYBE late 2021. I watched the tradeshow industry try to rebuild after 2008, and it took a decade to maybe get back to the scale it was pre subprime mortgage crisis. There are huge swaths of industry in our state that have CEASED TO EXIST. It is not a simple as just 'trying something else.' The job market, because of scarcity, is incredibly competitive, and there are not enough jobs for all. We must do everything in our power to avoid an eviction crisis. We must be good christians and care about our neighbors who are suffering because of this catastrophe. We must come together and help each other, and forcing people without health insurance into service industry jobs in order to keep the more fortunate placated is NOT a valid option. EXTEND UNEMPLOYMENT NOW.
Palm Beach	I demanding Governor DeSantis apply for the LWA Program grant and begin paying unemployed residents the $300/week.

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Broward	I am one of the Floridians is the high risk group I took medical leave after being furloughed in March ending in May I just cut short that leave to return to work due to the lack of livable amount of money from unemployment terrible decision to make health or work
Volusia	people of Florida are in dire straights...in need of Covid relief funds! This lag will cost dearly.
St. Lucie	Shane on you as Governor. Floridians need your help! People are dying if this Covid-19. Your talks about mental health...all of the people that need your help are going to have mental health issues thanks to you and you're not helping us.
Duval	DeSantis. I am a government employee furloughed right now. Single mom of four boys. Your enforcing school next week WHILE cutting my unemployment and requiring we pay extra PPE cost for schools. We are not just the lazy jobless. We are you. You are me. You are us! Our voice. YOUR PEOPLE NEED YOU to apply for the LWA loans.
Palm Beach	You claim to care so much about Mental Health yet you are not addressing or applying for this FEMA Grant for unemployment. Nor are you addressing any of this with your constituents. 14 days has gone by since the president signed the executive order yet you still have not made any kind of announcement or any kind of press conference regarding these issues. You are hanging Floridians out to dry. You don't care about people's mental health. Don't you think that it's going to hinder someone's mental health that they cannot pay their bills? People collecting unemployment through no fault of their own due to a world pandemic and you are talkin about every single thing other than unemployment situation and the grant from FEMA. People are starving and losing their homes, cars Etc and you refuse to address this and choose to ignore it!

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Putnam	I currently live in an ALF with the Arc of Putnam county I would like to share how the COVID restriction have affected me, and the other residents where I live as well as in the other homes. . These restrictions are having devastating effects on all of us, and something must change, and soon before it's too late. For me personally my doctor had to increase my anxiety medication just to help me get through it. At this ALF we have our own apartment. My Dad has only been allowed to drop things off for me at our gate, and say hello, once every three weeks I am grateful that I get to see him, but to not be allowed to touch him is making me go downhill very quickly, because he is the only parent I have left. My Mom passed away almost 16 months ago, and I always visited her gravesite twice a month on anniversary dates, and dates that are important to me. It has helped me cope more than anything else, and now I can't even do that. I haven't been since March, I missed my first birthday without her, and the 12 month anniversary of her passing which are only three days apart as well as many other things.
Palm Beach	I have a few suggestions on how you can begin the reopening process. Similar to how things are done when you go to the doctor. Have everyone's temperature checked, and ask them the COVID screening questions. Everyone should be required to watch a mask, and possibly gloves, and in the beginning limit it to only meeting the common areas such a the living and dinning room. another idea could What about UNEMPLOYMENT PLEASE APPLY FOR LWA LIAN HELP HELP WE WANT TO WORK WE ARE WAITING ON YOU

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Palm Beach	Mental Health is most impact due to financial hardship, that is where most suicide occurs. If you care for it why aren't you taking car of the hard working family, We have Jobs no work, some of us working on reduced hours. YOu would not make your wife live on $125 a week with children, so why are you doing it to other mothers". Children are having high anxiety watching their parents struggling and fearing losing their roof. Treat people with humanity with dignity raise unemployment. Help families
Pinellas	Please apply for the LWA!!! Even Alabama has!!
Broward	I am a single mother with two school aged children who can not be left home alone and was furloughed due to covid 19. Without the extra $300 I will loose everything I worked hard for since I was 16 years old.

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Hillsborough

With regards to Essential Caregivers and Compassionate Caregivers. My mother is an example of an 85-year-old woman that receives medical management and does NOT need dressing or bathing assistance, but emotional support. She does have a bit of cognitive decline and chronic UTI's, and anxiety can run high at times. I believe that the emotional support and the ability to monitor her health is as critical as anything on a list of determining criteria. Her care plan would not support any feeding or bathing that is needed.

I am also her Health Surrogate and POA. She has had one hospital visit over July 4th weekend, that I truly believe would not have been necessary if I had been allowed to be visiting like normal for assessment.

This hospital visit created a lot more anxiety and logistics that was totally not necessary.

In the case of dementia beginning stage to late, the emotional support is key for further decline.

I am also concerned that a Director of Nursing or Executive Director could slam the door shut on a case by case basis, which would also be a disaster for residents. Right now it is very difficult for someone like my Mother on the ALF side to understand why some in Memory Care with hospice help are allowed to have family and friends come in. I would hope the criteria would be wide enough that there would not be any discrimination or partial subjective decisions by the leadership of a community.

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Liberty

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Secretary Mayhew, I am watching every moment of this Essential Caregivers Task Force and comments of the Caregivers Facebook. My mom is at Blountstown Health and Rehab, whose corporate office is in North Carolina. I have presented the order and clarification memo twice and they will not even discuss. My mother has digressed approximately 50% in 6 months, including loss of ability to feed herself, dress herself and basic desire to live! I cover these meetings with her every night and it is giving her hope.

I am begging that we begin the ESSENTIAL CAREGIVER IMMEDIATELY so that I may get through the red tape asap. I did spend several hours every single day with mom prior to COVID. I now visit every day through a window!

I just submitted to Covid test this week in case this is approved!

And I thank you so much for keeping moms hope alive!

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Leon	Please, PLEASE include in the report on relaxing guidelines admitting chaplains, pastors, deacons, etc as the case may be to provide spiritual care to residents. This can be vital. Thank you so much for your leadership. I have admired the way this task force has worked together, and the fair and expert way that you, Mary Mayhew, have executed your role as head of the Task Force– always asking people for their views, and allowing for discussion, and trying to reach consensus among people representing many different interests! Thank you, thank you, thank you! Greta Reed
Clay	Thank you so much for an extremely productive meeting! And thank you for all the hard work you have done and are doing to safely open our long term care facilities back up! Thank you for giving Mary the opportunity to represent us and for listening to her. I believe there is finally hope.
Sarasota	Hoping you will soon open things up again so we can visit my 91 year old mom. (Bet you haven't heard that before!) I realize that you're doing what you feel is best, but you also need to take into consideration the emotional and mental impact on everyone. We appreciate all that you've done to protect elderly loved ones in Florida. Sure glad she's not in New York!! Life is short -- and at 91, it looks even shorter! We've cried enough tears long distance - we need hugs! Prayers to you all for making changes we can all agree with -- AND live with. God bless you! Better days are ahead!

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Miami-Dade	I am all for the Governor opening LTC facilities, but what concerns me the most is that if we still haven't gotten control of this virus, how are we going to prevent it from entering these facilities if you open up the flood gates? And what's going to happen if these facilities that have managed to prevent Covid from coming into their facilities all these months suddenly get an invasion of this virus? Is AHCA going to cite them with a deficiency? Are families going to sue these facilities if their family members start getting sick and die from this virus? It's unfortunate that this is happening not only to the families but to most importantly to the residents, but it would be devastating for all if the consequences of letting visitors back in And creating havoc !
Duval	We appreciate the work of the Governor's task force. Attached please find find our thoughts on how we might proceed in reopening facilities. Martin Goetz, River Garden Hebrew Home for the Aged
Sarasota	I am a single mother who has worked as a server since she was 18.. The only times I was ever on unemployment were when the places I worked closed down..And I have always looked for work while on unemployment but this situation right here is different I was let go back when the reopening started and any job worth having is out of season for me.. if I go and try to do the job I do I will be lucky to get 15 hours a week.. I simply cannot provide for my children and me on 15 hours a week.. I pray every day that this terrible pandemic will be resolved and I can go back to doing what I actually love doing but until then I need help.. it's not easy for me to ask but I do I need help to be able to provide for my family.. please take the Trump money or apply for the loan but please make it fast.. I don't even have a car for us to live in.

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Osceola

Dear governor Desantis,

I am writing the email in the most desperate of times, please apply for the unemployment fund, your people are suffering. We need you, sir. We need someone strong enough to help us thru this terrifying and historical time. What you do for us now will be remembered. Please help. We are begging you...

Duval

Please expand essential caregiver to include emotional support. My mother has alzheimers and is in a skilled nursing home where they have no real visitation possibility for someone with dementia who doesn't understand why she cannot get on the other side of plexiglass wall and just becomes angry when given the opportunity to "visit" through it. Her grasp on reality is rapidly diminishing. I'm the one who can reduce the anxiety and make her smile. They do no formal activities, they eat in their doorways with as little contact with others as possible. She often calls to tell me she'd rather be dead- one lucid thought she has- or in a state of delusion that requires a lot of lying to calm her down.
This isolation is not saving her- it is killing her.

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Broward	I Marlene Stewart Rn am recommending myself as an essential caregiver for my mother Margaret a resident of Palm Gardens of Aventura Florida. The facility has been in lock down ordered by Gov. DeSantis since March 2020. My mother a former registeted nurse has dementia. I would greatly appreciate a change in this mandatory lockdown. Nursing homes are understaffed and overworked. This is where we as caregivers come in, as we have always done. The residents did not work all their lives to end up in a dead end, without family support at this critical stage of their lives. Politicians can afford to have private nursing care should their love ones need home care. They would be the first to say this mandatory, solitary, prison confinement is unfair. Seniors need us as advocates to speak for them as essential caregivers. Thank you Task force for listening to me. I am an essential caregiver. A Registered telemetry/medical surgical nurse for 34 years. My mother needs me.
Palm Beach	I demand that Governor DeSantis apply for the LWA Program grant and begin paying unemployed residents the $300/week they so desperately need.

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Seminole

The following was sent to Dr. Robert Redfield, CDC Director:
Dr. Redfield,
The CDC needs to assess and include clear face masks for use among people who need full facial recognition for communication, including the deaf, hearing impaired, autistic and dementia. Your section on "Feasibility and Adaptations" on https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover-guidance.html needs to acknowledge the benefits of clear face masks for those who be safe but read lips and view smiles and expressions now blocked by the solid mask. On June 8, 2020 the ASHA wrote to Dr. Redfield "to revise its current recommendations to emphasize the need for clear face masks."
https://finance.yahoo.com/news/asha-cdc-recognize-clear-face-224000900.html
I have yet to see a response.
The Lions of District 35-O Hearing Program in Central Florida have created a new volunteer service to provide over 1,000 Clear Face Masks and Face Shields over the last two months to those who need these devices to improve their quality of life and safety. My wife Nancy has Alzheimer's and is in the Arden Courts of Winter Springs Memory Care Community. She needs her life improved by seeing the smiles and expressions of the personnel who provide daily services for her. I am encouraged that Florida Governor Ron DeSantis' Task Force on the Safe and Limited Re-Opening of Long-Term Care Facilities will soon finalize their recommendations. Once Florida

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Lake

My mother suffered a very bad stroke last March and has suffered from aphasia and severe confusion since. After stroke I moved her from Chicago to Florida and she has been living in a memory care community since. Despite her dementia my mother is a very stubborn and independent women and because of her confusion she is often unwilling for CNAs to assist her. So much so that she has become very agitated and has struck a CNA on occasion when they were being too insistent (no means no). Prior to COVID I was able to assist with her bathing and general upkeep of her room (she doesn't like the housekeepers coming in). Since COVID I'm NOT ALLOWED to provide this "essential" assistance. The memory care community has tried to find creative ways that we can keep in touch with our loved ones but with 60 residents it means the family only gets one visit every two weeks. It breaks my heart when I do get to talk with her and she cries because her kids don't come to see her. At times, when I am allowed a "contactless visit" she either can't or won't get out of bed to come to the front lobby for a visit making the time between visits very long which just increases her depression and sadness. I understand the importance to keep the other residents in the community safe and I would totally agree to testing, PPE and any other requirements imposed just so I can visit my mom. In my opinion this lockdown is HEARTLESS it has made prisoners of our elderly robbing them of every last bit of joy they might have experienced in their last remaining days, months, or years. What on earth have they done to be treated

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Alachua

Dear Governor DeSantis and Members of the Task Force,

My name is Patricia Baker and I am seeking in-house visitation with my Mother at The Plaza Healthcare Care Center in Gainesville, FL.

My Mother, Mary Margaret Lovely, is currently a patient at the facility. She is 92 years old and has been a patient in this nursing facility for four years this October. She has Alzheimer's and is in a wheelchair. I go to see her almost every day. However, it has not been easy and I have been moved from location to location. Different doors, different windows in the shrubs in the rain in the sun. My Mom is receiving hospice care with Vitas Hospice Healthcare at the facility, though she is not at the end of life stage yet. She is still in her room.

During the pandemic, her doctor told me months ago that I should ask the nurses to feed her because she would always eat for me. Despite my efforts, my request was denied by the Director of Nursing. The only thing they did was call me to ask to put her on an appetite enhancer. She gained 1 pound and I tried again to request to feed her but it was denied again. At this point, I am very concerned because she is still hardly eating and is extremely thin. My mother is 5ft 7 inches tall with a larger frame. As a result of her not eating, she has went from a size XL blouse to a medium sized blouse and size 14 slacks which are both too loose on her. Every time I see her it deeply I haven't been able to assist my husband in over five months. He is running out of time. I need to get into the the LTC facility and see if I can reverse this downward spiral. I need help now. When can I be allowed to save my husband's life ?

St. Johns

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Indian River	Florida nursing homes must be opened to husbands and wives of the residents. They are the compassionate care givers needed for the well being of the individual resident.
Alachua	Re. the 14 day criteria, in the facility where my husband is isolated, it is the EMPLOYEES who are getting the virus. They are temperature tested when they enter and must wear PPEs at all times. However, during the bi-weekly testing it seems that, each time, one of the employees (CNA, etc) is found to be asymptomatic positive. THEY are the ones going out into the community, mingling with their family and friends. With the 14 day requirement, I feel that I will NEVER be able to be providing the physical and emotional care that my husband needs from me.

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Orange

Our loved ones have been isolated to save them but the isolation is killing them. We need help NOW! There has to be a better way!"

My FIL is getting worse by the day. Before this he was out of his room exercising, playing bingo and eating on his own in the dining area. No is bed bound and some else must feed him. I would love to be the one.

Our visits gave him a schedule. We brought him a donut and coffee every morning at 6:30. He knew if he woke up during the night and his donut was not there it was to early and he should go back to sleep. During the day he would call us if he felt the nurses where not being nice or not acting fast enough. We could run up there and calm him down and hand him his remote. In the evening, we played a fierce game of "Go Fish", Facetime with other family members that lived far away and shared our day.

The SNF he is at discourages window visits. So much so, that have pad locked the gate so no one can get to the windows. Although, now he would not be able to get to the window.

PLEASE do something before it is too late. No one should spend there last days alone and confused.

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Seminole

When do we get to go outside??? Nurses and CNA people get to leave the building and come back inside. they have their tempatures taken each time they return to our nursing home. Why cannot we be given the same courtousey?? I would like to be with my wife,in the car, to go , for an outside meal.I would stay in the car at all times., I can see my lovely wife thru the window. Do you see your wife?? It has been 6 months,since this covid-19 started. Other people are able to go outside. Why not us?? They cannot go to many places but can move FREELY Why cannot certain people be allowed the same Priveledge?? I am a veteran. I am asking for consideration. What happens if I have to go to the VA ?? I know you have your hands full,but I think a reply is a proper to answer my concerns. I am in the LutheranNursing Home at the present. It is in Oveido,Fl. 32765 . I am in a hospital bed. When I get up I am in a wheel chair. Thank you.

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Pinellas	One size does not fit all. Separate rules should apply to different levels of longterm care. Independent and Assisted Living Residents need more leeway at this stage of the pandemic. I am presently allowed to get a Covid test every two weeks to attend to my 93 yr. old Mom's needs. She has mild cognitive impairment, impaired sight and impaired hearing. She needs my help to shower. She had just moved from her home in another state, and was just adjusting to a gigantic life change. We had barely gotten her apt. minimally set up last March when everything shut down. Mom became depressed and was not able to adjust her thermostat, use her appliances, etc. My major concern now is the 14 day quarantine after she returns from critically important medical appointments. That exceeds CDC guidelines for Asymptomatic healthcare workers returning to work after positive Covid test. This seems arbitrary and unnecessary. Mom needs to have her exercises and the little bit of social interaction now that the dining room has reopened. She has a 4300/ mo. Apt. and our primary reason for moving her was for the social interaction and graduated levels of care as needed. I have noticed a rapid decline in her cognitive ability due to lack of stimulation. She does not use any electronic equipment but the tv and telephone, both which require regular help for her to use. Rapid testing capabilities for ALF's, in addition to continued proper instruction and use of PPE for residents and all who are properly vetted and screened to enter.
Lake	I am also concerned about the safety of Covid positive I am disappointed there are no practicing physicians (i.e medical directors) or Directors of Nursing on this panel.

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Collier

Sir or Madam,

I was not turned away from my church service today, but I was reminded that the allowed attendance numbers are a small fraction of our capacity and we must reserve a spot in order to attend.

What I want to know is...why are we enforcing strict limitations on church attendance, which our US Supreme Court recently upheld, but we are not enforcing these limitations on protest marches with hundreds of people carrying signs and, in some incidences, shouting vulgar and offensive language at Black Lives Matter gatherings??? Yes...right here in Naples FL.

I am not talking about Chicago or Portland or New York or Baltimore. I am talking about protests in cities in Florida, including my own town of Naples.

Why is breaking the law for civil disobedience OK if you protest the right causes, but not OK for houses of worship??

I am not blaming law enforcement, but I want to hear the response of the elected officials who direct their activities.

Why is 1st Amendment "freedom of assembly" OK for a protest march but freedom of assembly for religious church service is held to a stricter standard?

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Bay

Almost everyone I have ever known who was in a nursing home or an assisted living facility would prefer to catch and die from Covid19 (or anything else) than to be cut off from visits by their families. I am convinced that I know of a couple or more deaths in one single assisted living facility in my city of Panama City that were either a direct and complete result or a partial result of their depression from being cut off from their families. Such separation is inhumane not matter how well-intentioned the purpose is!

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Alachua

I live in a university town (Univ. of Fla) in a house on the campus of a CCRC. My husband is a dementia patient in the Skilled Nursing facility at this CCRC. He has deteriorated in the past 6 months, partly because of the isolation. The health unit has been very careful about following all the health protocols, even going to having the staff wear full plastic face covers and N-95 masks and gloves. Everyone is temperature checked upon entry and they are asked various questions when entering. However, there have been a few CV19 cases among the staff, the latest being the virus in a private care nurse for a patient in the skilled nursing unit. These CNAs and nurses go home at night and associate with their children and husbands, who have jobs who knows where. The director of the health facility here cannot follow all these people home and monitor what they do when they leave here. Now that the university students are coming back we expect an uptick in the virus cases. The 14 day mandate for no covid cases before even allowing outside visits is going to preclude our being able to get back to providing essential care for our loved ones because these cases are popping up about one every 10 to 14 days. Perhaps you would consider allowing OUTSIDE visits despite the employees who come in from the outside catching the virus when they leave this CCRC campus. Please, with the 14 day limit in place I may never get to visit my husband and provide him the care that goes beyond what a CNA can give. Please!

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

St. Johns	I respectfully ask that you provide for at least one essential caregiver for each long-term care facility resident. Essential care covers many things, emotional health, bathing eating dressing, mobility assistance, mental stimulation, hygiene, and just participating in life in general. We need to get our loved ones busy living, instead of busy dying from isolation. Isolation has been come worse than the disease. Thank you for your immediate attention to this important decision.
Broward	Please consider the small space that APD licensed group homes have to safely welcome visitors. Most homes are for 6 people in a typical 3 bedroom home. The cost of additional PPE for visitors should be offset by the state and Curative tests should be made available for family or friends. The home should also be COVID free for at least 2 weeks. Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.

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Indian River

I am asking you to please come up with a solution to reopen the nursing homes and assisted living facilities to family members, even if its limited to one or two a week. These are our elderly parents/ grandparents/ aunts and uncles and most are either too physically sick to speak for themselves or mentally ill due to dementia or something similar. They have no voice or advocate for them. Also they are still getting covid due to staff carrying it in. These elderly family members are suppose to be revered yet we are letting them die of a broken heart because they feel abandoned and not loved. We are no better than the state of NY in this case. I am sure family members would agree to adhere to any protective ppe requirements in order to see their parents of other ill relative. The private pay facilities are probably better than the Medicare/Medicaid ones. I am speaking from experience as a daughter whose mom was in one and I know the lack of care they receive when they know or feel they are not being watched. This decision while I know was meant to keep them healthy is actually inhumane and needs to be changed. As a state that is largely made up of retirees and elderly, we owe it to them to find a better solution and lead the way for states. I am willing to be on any task force or committee to help come up with a better solution for all.

Thank you for your time
Robin Raiff

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT

Palm Beach

The recommendation MUST include a statement:

"IF a facility allows in private duty aides, they must allow in family care providers."

This should be OBVIOUS.

The ONLY reason the explains resistance to such a requirement is that facilities want the continued reprieve from public oversight. They want to get away with the continued neglect and abuse, and their insufficient infection control protocols.

The Governor's disdain for "We, the People" as well as the LTC industry's parasitic treatment of vulnerable and dependent elders is amoral and unconscionable.

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Palm Beach

While I am all for family (or friend) care providers limiting contact in their "outside" life, this should be a requirement for ALL STAFF and all private duty aides, and all providers. It is this egregious oversight that has resulted in excessive exposure to residents. In my mother's case she has been exposed to 3 COVID-19 positive staff members.

I will share with you that the staff and visitor screen at the facility where my mother resides originally had a question that went to the heart of community spread, asking if someone had been in what I will call a "confined crowd" within the prior 14 days. That question was removed within 2 days, when they realized it meant staff would have to answer "yes" if they went to church, or the like.

In addition - ALL staff, vendors, and others who enter the facility should be wearing KN-95 masks. These are readily available, and in bulk. Again, the facility where my mother resides has not made these mandatory, or possibly made it mandatory within the last week or so. For months they wore surgical masks.

In addition, the staff in the facility where my mother lives do not abide by staying 6 feet or more apart unless necessary. Distance is as important or more important than anything else.

Finally, in the grand wisdom of the management in the facility where my mother lives, some staff move between Assisted Living, Skilled Nursing, and Memory

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St. Johns	My parents live in an INDEPENDENT LIVING FACILITY they ate not in a nursing home or memory care facility. Before covid they could come and go as they please. They chose to live. There for the communal restaurant style meals and social activities. Now these ate gone. We cannot visit and they cannot visit us Meals in the room and we still pay 6000 a month. Why is this considered the same as nursing homes?? These residents can sign waivers and live their lives. At least they can come visit their children for an afternoon. We will not take them to a bar! Help
Hernando	I'm broken hearted Haven't seen my 93 year old Mother since end of February this year. She thinks we ve abondoned her. Mom has Alzheimer's/dimentia She doesn't t understand She needs our love and care Before Covid we were like staff at her facility in Florida. Mom has lost weight now talking feeding tube. This is a woman who s husbands ,sons grandsons served in the military proudly protecting our country. Please give our Mother back her family. She doesn't t understand FaceTimes ,phone calls ,window visits now prohibited We need to see our Mother to hug her but more importantly to be the caregivers we ve been for so many years. Please Governor Desantis allow us to see our loved ones

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Duval

My husband has Alzheimer's and is in a memory care facility. I haven't been able to visit him in almost 6 months. He doesn't remember me but that doesn't mean I don't want to spend time with him. I have no clue how much time he has left. But if allowing visitors is likely to expose him to COVID and shorten his remaining lifespan, I'd rather the facility NOT allow visitors unless they can GUARANTEE his safety. He and the others in his facility have done very well in virtual lockdown. Why open Pandora's box now when there's still no cure? I miss him but I'd rather wait for the opportunity to visit him safely (and all the other residents and their visitors) than run the risk of that one infected asymptomatic person getting inside.

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Polk

This is suppose to be a new plan only to if people qualify for the right to visit their loved ones, essential care giver or compassionate care giver? What is a wife of 50 years, what does this make her does she not qualify to see her husband who has been in a nursing home since Nov. 2019? Since that time I was there everyday till the COVID, then March everything stopped, we have not seen each other since then, going on 7 months. Now we have to pass a test to qualify to see them? We have waited long enough and have had no one to turn to get help, we feel so helpless,. No one knows the hurt this has caused us and how much longer they can go on as well as their spouses. To me this plan is not acceptable it should include everyone that has loved ones in facilities and we have waited long enough, if other places can open with just wearing masks, so can we.

Don't show a plan that doesn't include everyone, we need to move on and get back into the facilities to be with our loved ones, In my case my husband of 50 years, who suffered a stroke on our 50th anniversary,which left him half a man, he has no use of his left side. This man a Vietnam Vet, military retired, loved playing golf and many other things now half a person and we can't even be together. How would you feel? Haven't we had enough restrictions over the past months and this one has been the hardest. While he has lost over 50lbs, I am afraid of what I will find if and when I do see him.

The woman who worked as a dishwasher to get to see her husband was very lucky, but not everyone is that

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Hillsborough	Thank you for all that's being done regarding the safe re-opening of our Long Term Care facilities . I am looking forward to being a part of this task force forum very much. My mother is 93 years old with Alzheimer's/Dementia that has been progressing over the years. The rate of that progression has increased since the prolonged restrictions on visitation, especially the last couple of months. No one can replace family and it is taking its toll not only on our mom, but on members of our family as well. We are looking forward to visiting mom in the near future.
Pinellas	I am an Essentional Caregiver for my Mom. I have not been able to hug my Mom since 1pm on March 14th. My Mom had to be put on anti depressants to stop her from crying daily. I need to see my Mom now, not when she is dying from depression and isolation. Outside visits should have never been ended...my Mom misses being outside and seeing her family. If I had the money to bring her home, I would.The time is Now, we need to see our Mom ASAP. Please provide me an email so you can view my story with pictures. Please acknowledge Essential Caregivers and Please allow outside visits ASAP. Thank you
Palm Beach	Please make at least 1 family member essentional for emotional support, inside with them in their apartment. It is 94 degrees in Florida and it is unfair to expect me or my 91 year old Alzheimer Mother to sit outside. I need to be able to have human contact with her, help her put her things away, clip her nails, etc. A healthcare worker is not going to be more careful then me and I will get tested just as often as they will.

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Collier	Please allow one family member to visit our loved moms! My 81 year old mom has dementia. I have not been able to go in since March. My moms dementia has gotten worse these past 5 months. She's sad, she's lonely, she feels abandoned. I need to be able to go in. I know this will lift her back up. We can go back to our routines; I give her mani/pedi's, I can cut her hair, I can bathe her, I can pamper her! I can help her with her daily activities. I can hold her hand! We can have a meal together! I will take any test necessary. PLEASE 🙏
Palm Beach	Here again, I will argue that the Task Force and Governor MUST make it mandatory that if a LTC facility allows in private duty aides, they must allow in family care providers under the same protocols. While it is nonsensical to allow private duty aides and not family care providers, it also reflects a bias and favor to the wealthy, that is - those who can afford private duty aides. If this is not included in the recommendation of the Task Force today (Tuesday 8/25/2020), I will do my best to make this a public and political issue going forward. Enough is enough. The cruelty, neglect, abuse and disregard for our elders at the hands of the profiteers and the politicians they have bought must end now.

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Palm Beach	Please! At today's meeting when discussing caregivers remember those residents on hospice. My mother wants to return to her ALF. At present this means I, her only family member, will be unable to see her. How can that be? You allow caregivers to go do their shopping at Walmart. You allow delivery persons to go into the facility but not allow a family member for someone o hospice to provide emotional and physical assistance? I am willing to do whatever is necessary. Get tested, provide my immunization status, whatever will protect the other residents and staff. I get it. We want to keep everyone safe. Unfortunately, your orders and the facility' s responses have had a detrimental effect on our elderly. PLEASE. Let the family in for their loved ones! Outside visits cannot take place when they can no longer make it happen. As it has been said before. You have kept them alive...but they are not living 😢😢Please!! We can do what needs to be done. Just let us in to care for our families before it's too late for any more of us... and them. Thank you.
Marion	I am so happy to see this recommendation to Gov. DeSantis. I visited my grandma 3 times a week and was there for about 5-6 hours a day. I have noticed a drastic decline in her mental state and need very badly to get back in to help her. I had lunch with her on those days. I helped her with her showers, putting lotion on her legs, helping her walk with her walker, writing letters to her sister, and many other things. I took he to all her doctor/dentist appointments. Please stress to Gov. DeSantis the importance of this recommendation. Thank you.

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Sarasota	We are not visitors, we are family. I know you have heard this before. Please open outside visits and allow family to assist in the care of our mother. We have been thankful for the help we receive to care for our mom. However, our family saw our mom everyday, and we continue to do so at the door window. She does not have dementia. Her body is not able to move due to her diagnosis. She was thriving mentally and emotionally before the lockdown. Now she is declining. Please, allow us to assist in the care of our mom.
Duval	I could not find this program. Will there be a way to watch a recording? Thank you.
Miami-Dade	I would like to suggest: 1. All visitors should provide a negative test result prior to the visit. 2. Essential visiting to start with one visitor the facility at a time. 3. Visits to be scheduled ahead of time so that the facility could make arrangement and provide appropriate staff coverage. 4. Visitors will limit to visit area only.
Brevard	I tuned into the Florida Channel today (8-25) at 2:00 to listen to the Meeting Agenda Task Force on the Safe and Limited Re-Opening of Long-Term Care Facilities, but could not find this discussion. Please advise if the session was recorded and how I might access the discussion. Thank you.

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Lee

Thank you all for all you are doing to make safe visits available for our residents and families.
My mother is in an assisted living, dementia facility and I can not say enough good things about the facility my mother is in. I am very confident in the leadership, care and love she is receiving and honestly believe they have worked extremely hard to keep all the residents and staff safe from Covid during this time. They have done everything they possible could to keep families informed and have offered many options for communication with the residents, Facetime, lanai visits, pictures and udates.
My biggest hope with the opening has been that it is done with a lot of thought and with safety in mind and I feel the task force's is trying very hard to accomplish that.
Here is my concern.... When it comes to the social distancing part. It was a very emotional part of the meeting and it pretty much seemed that Social distancing was going to be adhered to. Mentioned was the spread through masks within 15 minutes of contact.
Yet, within 5 minutes of an emotional moment of discussion addressing the need for human touch and hugs from family, Hairdresser were going to be allowed to come in and spend well over 15 minutes with a resdient. It does not make sense. A family member is going to be more cautious than an outside contractor providing a service.
My next concern is making sure "Season", which is coming in 2 months, is addressed when we have numerous people coming from all over the nation and

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Lafayette	My Son is non verbal, has dementia and Downs Syndrome. Has been under Hospice care for the last 3 weeks. Because he's not critical I am unable to see him even though he could pass at anytime. He was hospitalized for aspiration pneumonia and in the ICU for 20 days. We were able to see him in the hospital and he responded to us and we felt it was because he was able to see his family his condition improved. We have been locked out of the center since March and we believe his condition has worsened because he can't see his Mom and Dad. We have not been sick during this time and are more than willing to be tested regularly to be able to see our son. Employees come and go and have brought Covid into the center but families are denied access to their loved ones. This hurts them just as much as Covid could ever do.
Leon	My dad is in memory care and thinks we have abandoned him, even though we FaceTime with him, call, and visit through the window frequently. I've seen a significant decline since the family has not been able to spend quality time with him and hug him and love him. Our last in person visit at the facility was March 13th, 23 weeks ago. I don't understand how it's considered safe for care staff to go home and come back to work but it's not ok for family members to visit their loved ones. If we apply similar protocols to visitors - validate a negative Covid test, have visitors wear appropriate PPE, even limit the number of visitors a resident may have per day in accordance with CDC guidelines, and/or have the family members visit residents in their rooms or areas away from other residents - please. I will do that, to be able to visit with my daddy. The isolation from family is causing us to lose him.

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Brevard

I have just found more information about your task force and watched your 2 hour zoom call from 8/25/20. My mother is in a nursing home and with her age of 89 and some dementia, she asks me all the time why I can't visit her. It pains me to answer her as I know she is confused and doesn't understand why none of the family has visited her. I send her care packages and/or pictures and letters every week and try to do facetime with her every week but she still doesn't understand what's going on.

If the facility workers can get their temperature taken and wear masks, so can family members. This is ridiculous to not allow us to see our loved ones. 6 months, now going on 7 months is way too long. If anything, allow us to have supervised meetings with our loved ones. If we have to wear gloves or a protective suit, then so be it. You know that none of the facility workers ever give our loved ones a hug or a rub on the hand. They have a job to do and the personal touch isn't there.

Let's end this and let us see our loved ones!

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Collier	one designated family member needs to be able to hug and touch their loved one! dr.rivkees doesn't seem to understand the importance of this ! let's hope gov. desantis has more common sense. dr.rivkees doesn't have a close relative in long term care.the cdc has made plenty of mistakes so far dealing with this virus. i don't need to hear what other states are doing. stop delaying and treat us as staff! most of us have been more careful than staff. we wear masks and wash our hands frequently. after 7 months the florida attorney general is being way too cautious . we have to learn to live with this virus for a long time. time is running out for our loved ones. please listen to mary daniel. gov desantis needs more like her on the task force . has gov desantis still prevented his children from hugging their grandparent's? have the task force members prevented themselves from hugging or touching their loved ones ?
Charlotte	I hope this helps in reopening nursing homes so i can get back in to see my mother. I don't think family members should have to get tested. That is not fair to the family members. we should not be forced to get tested because that should be are decision not the task force. This is a free country and we should not be made to do something that we have a say on. you think and say mask on one of the best things that just have everyone wear a mask.

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Lee	I appreciate the care and consideration shown by Task Force members as they deliberate next steps in the best interests of all parties. APD Group Homes are following the Task Force guidelines, and they provide housing and supports for a very diverse population - many who are struggling as they are not able to benefit from services and supports like day programming. The Task Force as composed doesn't have sufficient time or expertise to create a path forward for these persons - can a special sub-committee be created to craft a strategy? School aged children in group homes have been approved to attend schools - yet younger adults have not been approved for day programming which offers them community inclusion, training and supports unavailable elsewhere. Please consider a plan to address these diverse needs.
Clay	There are protective measures that could have already been done to visit our loved ones in long care facilities. Just like other businesses have changed their policies so could they. Visitors could be scheduled appointments so the number of people could be controlled just like restaurants and retail stores. Designated areas could be assigned to reduce the spread along with reducing hallway traffic. Mask, gloves, gowns, face shields could be worn and proof of a negative Covid-19 test. These are our loved ones and it is our right to see them without causing harm to anyone else.

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Hillsborough

Please consider emotional support to Essential Caregiver designation. The wording seems to leave this up the facility and I can see this becoming problematic. For my Mother to thrive, it is necessary as with everyone, to be around family for emotional support. She does not need attention with dressing and bathing, but the emotional upset has caused one hospitalization already. No one can offer support and encouragement like family.

I also see each facility dragging their feet around the visitation set up with the wording being used. Strong encouraged can be interpreted many ways. I do believe it will be necessary for families to continue the pressure and the fighting to get change.

In my Mother's facility, they are taking residents on a bus for picnics with no masking, but yet refuse to take anyone to doctor's appointments on the bus, including a resident undergoing chemo treatments. Nothing logical is part of this decision.

I'm also concern ed that AHCA representatives and those onsite at facilities are not being consistent with what is allowed or not. What is cited at one facility is fine at another. How can some standardization be done? The complaint line is great, but I can see that becoming flooded with calls and based on past experience calling AHCA it is very difficult to get guidance.

Thank you.

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Brevard	My mother is 91 and beginning to slip away from us. Not because she has COVID but because her life was much fuller prior to the mandatory quarantine of nursing homes. She recently had to have an IV put in due to dehydration and a lack of interest to eat! No contact for those that have already been put in these homes due to lack of other choices is killing healthy elderly citizens. A safe process needs to be established so families can visit and interact with their loved ones before they DO die. The emotional stress for both the families and loved one is terrible. The exception to visits should not be whether or not the loved one is dying!!! Because whether they are healthy or not they will surely die alone if something doesn't happen soon.
Pinellas	When making your decisions, more attention should be given to resident spouses in Continuing Care Communities. If a spouse of a Skilled Nursing Center resident resides on the same campus of a CCC that includes the Center then there should be less restrictive visitation guidelines - i.e. that spouse is not coming from OUTSIDE the community, but is already under campus-wide restrictions.

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Martin	My dad, 95 years is in assisted living and the solitude is detrimental to his cognitive health. The facility, the Symphony is Stuart Florida is doing a fantastic job keeping all the residents COVID free- I have no complaints. At this point could we start to do outside visits with our loved ones - with masks and 6 ft.distance and temperature check protocols? Thank you Mr. DeSantis for all you've done for the Florida seniors....
Lee	Dr. Diane Romeo Hi, Our residents want to see: 1) the hairdresser brought back 2) communal dining 3) activities such as movies and music 4) scheduled family visits outside on the porches I have brought in a psychology group in to address the depression in our seniors. The isolation has been detrimental to their cognitive and physical health.
St. Johns	When this becomes a document to amend or replace the current executive order. PLEASE PLEASE also address residences independent homes within continuous care communities. Westminster is currently not allowing visitors into people's own homes (ie not residing at the skilled nursing locations). They site the Governor's executive order as the reason, even though the order is for long term care facilities. If this is not addresses, we have no leverage to get our children into our homes for care.

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Lee	My 52 year old brother is in a long term living facility due to a stroke and he suffers from kidney stone issues which require him to have surgery. Unfortunately all medical issues are delegated to Fort Myers Rehabilitation which is his long term facility and due to lack of family involvement, we are unable to help coordinate the surgery that he so desperately requires. Since COVID 19 he's been in and out of the hospital on 3 different occasions. The last two visits to the hospital have allowed us (his family) to visit with him but we still are unable to get his life threatening procedure scheduled.
Palm Beach	I think spouses deserve a separate category and not just be lumped in with "family members." My wife is a two-year resident in a skilled nursing venter (nursing home). Our two daughers are near, but nowhere as involved in my wife's life as I was before the pandemic response shut me out. I spent an average of four or five hours per day with her, including dinner every night. There was lots of caregiving which was yanked away by the closedown. It needs to be restored before it is too late.

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Union

My mother was admitted in November to a Memory Care facility. We visited her at least every other day. In March when we were no longer allowed in, mentally and emotionally she has rapidly gone down. She cries and cries trying to reach us through the window and fence. She cannot understand why we can't hug and hold her. While I understand keeping our elderly safe, in the situation of Alzheimer's patients, it has definitely caused a rapid decline in their health. I would rather my mom die of Covid-19 than of a broken heart, thinking her family has deserted her.
PLEASE allow us to spend time with our terminally ill loved ones. I agree with the precautions of letting a limited amount of visitors wearing PPE. I don't see a difference with us visiting than the healthcare workers coming in and out everyday while when home caring out their normal activities, such as grocery shopping, church, school etc.

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Santa Rosa

Governor DeSantis,

Sir, I am a Combat Veteran and Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post Service Officer and I respectfully request your help. Florida's VFW organization is made up of many local posts spread across the state. Some are large, but many, like mine, are very small. As a small post, our very survival depends on our members conducting fund raising events to pay our bills. Participation in these events has been reduced to a level which makes them economically unfeesisable, due specifically to our inability to provide alcoholic beverages to our members. This severe loss of fundraising has caused us to deplete our already minimal savings, simply to pay our bills. This has halted our ability to provide veteran advocacy services to our local veterans and fundraising to the different state and nation veteran's foundations, including financial support to long term veteran's care facilities (veteran's homes). I respectfully, but desperately, ask that you amend the guidance to allow our veteran's organizations to serve alchohol during the remainder of the covid 19 crisis. The survival of our smaller Florida VFW posts depends on it.

Thank you for your consideration,
Respectfully,
Barry Bergschneider
SMSgt (ret) USAF
VFW post service officer
8 time combat veteran

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Duval

I have just spoken to your staff member Lucy and she directed me to this page. I'm very concerned about the people who are stuck in the nursing homes without benefit of their family members or visitation with anyone. The staff at these places are stretched to the Limit the residents are not getting the care that they need and in some cases the family members were taking up the slack to provide this care. My brother-in-law has been in this nursing home for 8 years and now he's been without visitors for visitation from his wife or son or family members for over 6 months. He's becoming depressed he's not getting shaved or a haircut he's left in his bed till late in the afternoon and then he's put to bed by 7 at night he has no life you understand. We treat dogs better than this honestly. And I can't understand for the life of me why theme parks are more important to open then letting people visit their loved ones in the nursing home. Makes no sense at all to me. Does it make sense to you governor. What if this was your family member your wife your parents how would you feel about it. All right enough for me please see what you can do about this you and your staff and the legislature and senators all those people are getting paid a lot of money to do something about this. Thank you for listening You're voting citizen Frances Adams

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Citrus	My 90 year old mother is in Arbor Trail Nursing Facility in Inverness (Citrus County) I have not been able to see her since the first week of March. This is taking a heavy toll on her because she does not really understand why. We have to explain to her almost everyday that there is a bad flu bug going around and we have to keep you from getting sick. She has lost a considerable amount of weight because she is not eating as much as she was because she thinks nobody wants to come and see her. There is ABSOLUTELY no difference between myself going in there to see her or an employee, i can don a mask, gloves, gown etc..whatever is needed just like their medical staff. I work at Bayfront Health Seven Rivers Hospital and I know what to do and not to do.There has to be something done soon for family to go in and see their lived ones and reassure them they are still loved.
Charlotte	If the president can hold a rally at the white house with 1500 people in the audience very very few masks according to the pictures and zero social distancing; if sports can have contact; if schools are opening; if we have salons open there is no excuse for the country to keep nursing home residents and family members away from each other. The people in the nursing homes are going to stores and salons and exercise facilities and bringing the virus to the nursing homes anyway. You are not protecting them from the virus you are keeping them from their families.

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Pinellas

Steps need to be taken to open visitation in long term care facilities. However, before this happens, the rapid result testing must be made available. We need to have the type of testing that is made available to our professional athletes. The results are available in only 15 minutes. Before, we start letting a lot of visitors in, the testing needs to be available for visitors. We have to protect "our most vulnerable residents".

We have not had any COVID cases among residents. I'm sure it is because of the strict requirements we have lived under since March. I want to see us open to visitors, but I think visitors should be tested before they are allowed in to visit their family member. Thank you.

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Collier

Gov. Desantis: I have an adult daughter in a Naples nursing home. Under the current visitation policy, I cannot enter her facility, her room or a common area to check on her well being. I cannot see her physical condition, her hygiene, her clothing needs, or any other requirements I pay the facility my life savings to do.

You must begin to make check-up visits allowable to a family member. Residents must have advocacy in all facilities. Residents have been fending for themselves for months now, and their ability is unlikely to be successful. All facilities are notorious for lettings slide. It is the family who will get results, not the residents. I wish it was different, but it's not.

Additionally, residents have been deprived of companionship, loving attention, and interaction for months. How you would you like to spend time with only staff members? There is no substitution for loved ones, and check-up visits would provide better care and much needed family or friend interaction.

I await your response.
Donna Walter
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Bay

My father has been in the hospital and now rehab for almost 7 weeks. The well being of patients depends on visiting with spouses or at least one caring family member. It makes no sense to have a rehab within a hospital that allows visitors but the rehab doesn't allow visitors. Common sense has left the world. Let the spouses see their loved ones for Gods sake!

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Franklin

My mother is in an assisted living facility in Florida. I am unable to see her. I live in Wisconsin. She is 89 years old and lost her husband 3 years ago. She has no one but my sister who also lives in Florida but is not allowed to see her. I haven't seen my mom since March 2019. I simply can't miss the rest of her life. She is extremely lonely and feels like she is being punished. I love my mom. She is my best friend. My heart is breaking. I feel she is slipping into depression. I need to know when visitation will resume. I beg of you please allow visitors with protocol in place. I simply can't miss the rest of her life.

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