# 5 WAYS TO PREPARE TO REOPEN



SIMPLE STEPS TO GET YOUR BUSINESS READY TO REOPEN YOUR DOORS TO HALIFAX



### 1 Develop a COVID-19 Task Force

- Your COVID-19 task force should be made up of 2-5 people and include a manager.
- This task force will:
  - Develop and lead your COVID-19 prevention plan
  - Ensure best practices are being followed by staff
  - Remain updated with changing guidelines and policies from government.



# 2 Ensure workplace safety

- Place signage around your office to ensure proper hygiene, and to remind your staff to be physically distant.
- Stock your workplace with the appropriate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Consider hiring a professional cleaner.
- Develop an employee assessment tool or system for use before every shift.



# 3 Prepare your employees

- Introduce employee assessment tool for screening prior to returning to work.
- Require employees to start reporting symptoms or known contact with someone who
- Train staff in proper hygiene practices
- Discourage employees from sharing equipment.



#### 4 Prepare your customers

- Post guidelines at the entrance of your business regarding your expectations.
- Consider downsizing or limiting store capacity.
- Provide a place for customers to wash their hands, or provide them with hand sanitizer.
- Update your website to reflect your new rules.
- Place arrow shaped tape on the ground to direct the flow of traffic.



#### **5** Prepare for transactions

- Sales registers should be six feet apart.
- Avoid cash exchanges, encourage customers to use card, tap or other forms of contactless payment.
- Install plexiglass screens between staff and customers if necessary.
- Consider delivery, take-out and curbside pickup where applicable.

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