



ORANGE COUNTY MAYOR

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The Honorable Ron DeSantis
Governor of Florida
The Capital
400 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Governor DeSantis:

As you know, the COVID-19 pandemic has had a devastating effect upon small businesses throughout Florida and the nation. On April 22, 2020, I convened the Orange County Economic Recovery Task Force ("Task Force") to make specific recommendations on the process for Re-Opening Orange County. The Task Force was very diverse and included healthcare experts, community and business leaders and representation from Lake, Osceola and Seminole Counties.

Today, the Orange County Economic Recovery Task Force recommended reopening barber shops and cosmetology salons with strict guidelines in order to protect the safety of clients and employees. This recommendation does not include "Massages" or "Establishments" as those terms are defined in Section 480.033, Florida Statutes.

I support the reopening of these small businesses during Phase 1 of your plan to Re-Open Florida. My request, in accordance with your Executive Order No. 20-112, is that these small businesses be permitted to provide services to the public under strict guidelines promulgated by the appropriate State agency.

I thank you in advance for your consideration. If you wish to discuss this important matter further, I am available at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jerry L. Demings".

Jerry L. Demings
Orange County Mayor

c: Halsey Beshears, Secretary, Florida Department of Business & Professional Regulation
Jared Moskowitz, State Coordinating Officer