Anaheim Convention Center Recovery Plan

We stand ready to host events at the Anaheim Convention Center in 2020.

We are following California guidance on reopening. But much of what you see in the media now is speculative.

Reopening timing will come down to meeting goals on case containment, expanded testing, medical treatment capacity, case contact tracing and other measures.

Anaheim is working closely with the county of Orange, our home county, and with California through the Big City Mayors Coalition, which also includes Los Angeles, San Jose, San Diego and other leading cities.

We expect to see a coordinated effort among California’s major cities to move through phases as quickly and safely possible.

Anaheim is now actively planning for reopening under California’s four-phase guidelines outlined on April 28.

Anaheim is looking to move as soon as possible, potentially in the next few weeks, from phase one to phase two with an initial reopening of additional businesses in our city.

Anaheim will then look to move to phases three and four as soon as possible.

The Anaheim Resort, home to the convention center, theme parks, hotels, restaurants and retail, is expected to span phases three and four.

To move to phase two and beyond, Anaheim is:

- Working to add Golden West Medical Center, the urgent care provider to the Anaheim Convention Center, as a second Covid-19 testing site in the city, along with current testing provider AltaMed.
- Ensuring hospital capacity in Anaheim, which continues to be at 50 percent to 60 percent with the ability to handle and quickly respond to cases as the economy gradually reopens.
- Stabilizing and protecting vulnerable patients in skilled nursing facilities and continuing precautions for our city’s senior population.
- Establishing a task force led by the emergency medical services division of Anaheim Fire & Rescue to work with the Anaheim Convention Center, hotels and other businesses on reopening guidance.
- Closely tracking the gradual, eventual reopening of Walt Disney Co.’s theme park in Shanghai and Disney and other theme parks in Florida. We will draw from best practices and lessons learned for resuming public gatherings in Anaheim.
The Anaheim Convention Center is preparing to safely and responsibly reopen as soon as possible.

The convention center is planning to:

- Work with show management on additional physical distancing for events.
- Work with show management to identify and address attendee congestion points.
- Work with show management on signs and floor decals to ensure reasonable distancing and people flow.
- Implement extensive hand washing and sanitizing throughout the facility.
- Continue regular facility cleaning and frequent daily sanitizing of bathrooms, handrails, elevator buttons and other regularly touched surfaces.
- Provide guidelines for event organizers, exhibitors and others on public health best practices at convention exhibits, conferences, meetings and other events.
- Operate under an emergency medical plan, led by Anaheim Fire & Rescue, to quickly respond to, address, manage and trace any health issues that arise.

As with everything involving coronavirus, reopening is fluid and subject to conditions in a rapidly evolving public health issue.

But the cities and venues that best plan for a safe reopening have the potential to lead California’s recovery.

We intend for Anaheim to play that role.