



May 13th, 2020

Dear homeowners, friends & everyone,

Here is another quick update about the COVID-19 and the new "RE-ACTIVATION PLAN" for Mexico as a Country and Baja California Sur (social, economic and all school activities).

Today it was announced by the Federal Government through the President AMLO and the Secretary of State, Graciela Márquez the upcoming plan that will implemented, monitored and assessed in the next weeks and months to determine how and which region of the Country will be able to re-open their activities.

The Baja California (BCS) Sur governor, Carlos Mendoza Davis twitted his comments about it here: <https://twitter.com/cmendozadavis/status/1260567647600676865?s=20>

Please note that a few people might not translate correctly his text. He is not saying BCS will not open in June 1s, 2020. He is saying that "if things remain the same, BCS will not be able to open by June 1st". Basically he says and asks everyone to keep following the measures so the "figures" will help change BCS "stop light" color from RED to any other one so things can be re-opened soon, but if this is not done or achieved, we in BCS might need to be under lockdown more time.

In summary there will be three phases now to be monitored by a "stop light" monitoring process that will have FOUR colors (red, orange, yellow and green) with FIVE categories each.

Official Government document with the new three phases, etc.:

https://www.gob.mx/cms/uploads/attachment/file/551832/CPM_Plan_Nueva_Normalidad_13_may20.pdf

(Note: in this document there is an error, and the LAST slide that says "ETAPA 3: Semáforo por regiones" was to be inserted after the "ETAPA 2", but this slide just describes generally what every light means which I am already explaining and translating)

1) PHASE 1

- a. May 18th, re-open Municipalities with no infections or almost none also called "Municipios de la Esperanza" (Baja C. Sur or Baja C. Norte are not considered here).

2) PHASE 2

- a. May 18th-31st: preparedness for opening Construction, Mining and essential Automotive Manufacturing

3) PHASE 3

- a. June 1st, implementation of the "stop light" metric by region in Mexico to assess opening Social, Economical and School activities.

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Depending on this monitoring and “change of color on the stop light”, re-openings will vary by Region, State, City, Municipality, Town, etc.

PHASE 1 – details (applies only for some regions of Mexico)

For the “Municipios de la Esperanza” which comprehend 15 States and 269 Municipalities (the “Hopeful Municipalities” because these are the ones with no infections or the lowest rates of the Country), shown in the map with green dots, they will do the following to be able to re-open activities:

- 1) Implement sanitary check points from May 14th to May 17th
- 2) Starting May 18th schools, public spaces, work, and activities for vulnerable people will be activated and public health work measure will be followed to keep monitoring.

PHASE 2 – details (applies to the rest of the Mexico) – focused on businesses

For the rest of the Country the following is to be done (or at least is suggested to be done) in order to achieve the general re-opening o re-activation:

- 1) Every business (public, private) to elaborate sanitary protocols for the safe re-activation of activities
- 2) Training of staff and personnel in pro of work environment security
- 3) Reshaping of areas and production processes
- 4) Personnel entry filter/control check, sanitation and work space hygiene

PHASE 3 – details (“stop light” monitoring, four colors)

1) **RED** =

- a. keep the public and work health measures, hygiene, etc. and some
- b. in addition to the list of “essential activities” (posted on our past newsletter) three new activities will be added to this “essential activities” list:
 - i. Construction
 - ii. Mining
 - iii. essential Automotive Manufacturing

2) **ORANGE** =

- a. Same as RED but adding very limited “non essential” business activities and very limited interaction with public spaces and maximum care and monitoring of the vulnerable people.

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3) **YELLOW** =

- a. Same as RED & ORANGE but with limited activities but essential and non essential businesses will be allowed to operate without restrictions and public spaces will be more open but still with some limitations, but less restrictive. Vulnerable people to be taken care of with medium care but always monitoring.

4) **GREEN** =

- a. Same as RED, ORANGE, YELLOW but public spaces with no restrictions and most importantly re-opening the schools system.

If you want to watch the full explanation on the official 13 min. video extract here is the link:

Economy State Department official video – in Spanish but see note below for “captions”
https://youtu.be/gh_YMEXLPmE

Captions: in YouTube, once the video is playing press the “CC” button. Once the “captions” appear, if they are not in English, press the “gear” icon next to it and from that menu, click on “subtitles/CC” and choose your language

Final comments:

There is so much information and comments I could share, give, write, etc., but this COVID-19 subject is tricky so I will keep it as neutral as possible and just provide information that actually affect us all and we will have to deal with and avoid any points of view regarding statistics, immune system, medical treatments and research, politics, conspiracy theories, etc. All I can say is that things will get better, are getting better little by little but there is a lot to be learned, changed, implemented, etc. but we will hopefully soon be able get back to “normal”.

There is quite more information for BCS like our Governor has “suspended” the return of students to the schools (not cancelled) for this cycle, but they are working with the Education Public Office on how to offer ways for students to conclude their studies this year (electronic, streaming, etc.) instead. News on stores, shopping, liquors, too, but nothing life threatening so will avoid commenting on this for now as it is easy to get this information online or with friends.

Every week we are having relevant updates and again many news are now providing faster information (which is good!), but still I do not see things explained in a better way, reason why I try to contribute a little as possible and help out our community.

One thing is for sure and it is not published or communicated as it should, Mexico (as other Countries) is almost finalizing establishing and reshaping the medical facilities, training of the medical staff, etc., and with this new “enlarged” medical capacity we will be able to “open the door” to more (not all doors at once) people, businesses, etc., little by little to “roam” around and be able to take care of the cases that can start showing up (especially with the vulnerable people) without the medical institution collapsing. This will be a long transition period where

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limitations will be around but I am glad to see finally some news on the “opening” and “re-activating” action plans in Mexico as well as other Nations.

Examples (there are more but just a couple):

Germany <https://youtu.be/lsEonXO97hw>
England <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F78cHBuPQKM>

Sincerely,

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