



# YORK AREA UNITED FIRE AND RESCUE

## *Office of the Fire Chief*

Daniel J. Hoff, Fire Chief

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Dear Business or Building Owner,

Our world continues to endure challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic. While some businesses continue to operate, many were forced to close or limit operations. As the situation continues to evolve, we understand many businesses are looking toward a return to operation, as allowed under the Commonwealth's reopening plan.

As Fire Chief, I want you to know that York Area United Fire and Rescue, your fire department, stands ready to assist as it relates to fire code issues/best practices during your reopening process. We recognize that, as a part of your reopening, you may be considering changes to provide a level of comfort to your customers or comply with new government health recommendations. Your fire department takes no stance regarding when a business chooses to reopen. However, we want to ensure that you are able to open safely and that any changes made do not inadvertently impact the fire and life safety features of your business.

As you move forward, our Command Staff stands ready to assist with any questions or concerns you may have related to any fire issues. This would include occupant load, paths of egress, and making sure new contact barriers do not interfere with fire alarm or sprinklers. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with ANY questions. Please contact Battalion Chief Joe Madzellan at 717-718-2383 or [joe.madzellan@yaufr.com](mailto:joe.madzellan@yaufr.com) for assistance.

We look forward to continuing to serve you in any way we can.

Sincerely,

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