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Reopening Guidance for Maine's Nonprofits

Maine Association of Nonprofits (MANP) has released [*Reopening with Purpose: Guidance for Maine Nonprofits Impacted by the Pandemic*](#), a free guidebook for Maine charitable organizations to help them assess when and how to safely reopen offices, resume or expand in-person services, and reimagine their mission-driven work.

The guidebook contains a number of checklists, public health recommendations, and considerations to aide in the reopening process, so that employers can ensure a safe and effective return of their workforce in a manner that is aligned with their organization's mission and meets the needs of the people they serve.

"Looking forward, as we shift from a sprint mindset to that of a marathon, there are many procedures to follow and formative questions to ponder," said Jennifer Hutchins, MANP Executive Director. "It will be up to each organization's leadership to determine for themselves when and how to unlock the doors. To assist in this effort, we are sharing this set of guidelines and recommendations, specific to Maine nonprofits, to complement resources from other state and nonprofit organizations."

Maine's nonprofit workforce includes approximately 98,000 employees, representing nearly 16% of all jobs in Maine (about 1 out of every 6 jobs). Nationally, approximately 10% of workers are employed by a nonprofit.

To supplement and complement the contents of the guidebook, MANP has compiled a library of public health guidance, industry-specific checklists and tools, sample policies, and other resources at www.NonprofitMaine.org/Reopening, a page that is continually updated as guidance evolves and additional resources are developed.

MANP continues to provide up-to-date resources and information on COVID-19 specific to Maine nonprofits through a dedicated webpage: www.NonprofitMaine.org/COVID-19.

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About MANP

*Since 1994, Maine Association of Nonprofits (MANP) has grown to become Maine's comprehensive resource for the tools, knowledge, and connections nonprofits need to be effective and well-run. With a growing statewide membership of more than 960 nonprofit and 160 for-profit organizations, MANP is a **vocal advocate** for the work and worth of Maine nonprofits, championing their vital contribution to the economy and quality of life in our state. MANP **builds the capacity** of individual organizations through leadership and management training, online resources, and cost-saving member benefits. By **weaving connections** among new and seasoned nonprofit professionals and volunteers, MANP lifts up effective, innovative practices and fosters collaboration. MANP cultivates productive relationships across the nonprofit, business, government, and philanthropic sectors so together they can **advance solutions** to pressing issues and opportunities facing Maine.*

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