OpenSafely

Stay Safe Against the Coronavirus

MAINTAIN PHYSICAL DISTANCE
Even if you feel well, stay at home as much as possible. In public, keep at least 6-feet distance from others. Avoid unnecessary appointments.

PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE
Wear a face mask or covering in public. Cover your cough and sneezes. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.

PROTECT LOUISIANANS AT RISK
Take special caution to avoid exposing the elderly and people with underlying health conditions. Stay home when sick.

Pool Halls, Bowling Alleys, Skating Rinks, and Arcades

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***Refer to guidance provided for Amusement Parks, Amusement Rides, Sports Parks, Fairs, Festivals, Carnivals, Water Parks, Splash Pads, Theme Parks, Trampoline Parks, Children's Indoor Play Centers and Playgrounds, Concert and Music Halls, and Similar Activities for use of these facilities.**

***Refer to guidance provided for Outdoor Sports and Activities and Racing Events for use of these facilities.**

***Refer to guidance provided for Outdoor Play Centers and Playgrounds for use of these facilities.**

NOTE: Updated guidelines apply to all facilities whether currently reopened or future planned.
The Office of State Fire Marshal is providing you with this update in conjunction with the Office of the Governor and the Louisiana Department of Health to keep you up to date with additional information and/or changes as it becomes available during our battle with COVID-19. These notifications are issued automatically and immediately to those who sign up through "OpenSafely" (https://opensafely.la.gov/).

Every attempt is being made to highlight critical changes that have occurred since the previously published notification for your convenience. However, please read through this entire document in context as these changes do not stand on their own and all of the additional general information and clarifications made may not be highlighted.

Preface:

This phasing plan applies to those non-essential businesses that have been affected during the COVID-19 stay-at-home order. Essential (critical) infrastructure businesses are not further restricted by these new guidelines and may continue to operate under the current guidelines that are applicable to the specific business. Refer to: https://gov.louisiana.gov/assets/docs/covid/Essential-Infrastructure_fact-sheet.pdf for specific information regarding critical infrastructure businesses.

COVID-19 is a highly contagious and deadly disease. The fundamental concept of this phased opening plan is to slowly open businesses at reduced occupant capacities that will allow for social distancing and circulation to keep employees and patrons safe. Everyone's cooperation is critical to the success towards defeating this disease and revitalizing our economy.

The virus spreads primarily through person-to-person contact, from droplets that are formed by coughing, sneezing or other projections, or by touching infected surfaces and then touching one's eyes, nose or mouth. Individuals can carry the virus and be contagious for up to 14 days prior to having any symptoms. The guidelines outlined below for social distancing, face coverings and sanitation are proven methods of mitigating these modes of transmission. **THE MOST IMPORTANT FACT** to remember is that COVID-19 is still prevalent across the state. We must all continue to do our part to help slow the spread, protect the most vulnerable and continue to remain vigilant until at least two weeks beyond the point where everyone has had the opportunity to receive the full administration of COVID-19 vaccine.

Every individual in Louisiana is strongly encouraged to wear a face covering over the nose and mouth when inside a commercial establishment or other building or space open to the public, whether indoor or outdoor (except while consuming food or drinks).

Below are a few additional public health recommendations to help businesses comply:

- See the Face Covering Guidance section below for a link to instruction on the proper use of face coverings.
- See the Referenced Documents section below for LDH's downloadable "thank you for wearing a mask" poster options 1 and 2 for business storefronts;
- Screen customers for symptoms before entry;
- Move to reservation systems to discourage congregating in groups while waiting for service;
- Adopt sick leave policies that reduce the disincentive for employees to try to come to work sick; and

- Allow employees in high-risk groups or who directly live with/care for a high-risk individual to work in areas without direct public contact.

Guidance:

Pool halls, bowling alleys, skating rinks, and arcades must adhere to moderate mitigation standards and social distancing measures in waiting areas, lobbies, or other areas where people may congregate to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Six feet of separation from other individuals not within the same household is recommended. Measures such as face covering, hand hygiene, cough etiquette, cleanliness, and sanitation should be rigorously practiced. **Individuals 65 years or older, people of all ages with poor control of medical issues like high blood pressure, heart disease, obesity, or a weakened immune system are at a higher risk for getting very sick or dying from COVID-19 and should strictly adhere to all CDC guidelines, and are encouraged to stay at home as much as possible.** The specific requirements and guidelines for this service industry during this phase are listed below. These requirements and guidelines supplement and do not replace any directives or guidance provided by other state agencies, boards and commissions, or other authorities having jurisdiction. Where conflicts occur, the stricter of the requirements will apply.

Limitations:

- Food service areas, if provided, shall comply with the guidelines for Restaurants, Cafes and Coffee Shops.

- Interior waiting areas may be open while following social distancing guidelines. Otherwise waiting outside of the facility should be encouraged.

Occupant Capacity:

- **Indoor venues** shall be limited to the following:
    - Where no face covering requirement is in place, capacity shall be limited to 75% capacity of the fixed spectator seating, or 3 out of every 4 fixed seats, or to 75% of net occupiable floor area, as defined by 1 person per every 20 square feet.

    - Where all attendees and participants are required to wear face coverings for the entirety of the venue, 100% capacity is permitted.
        - Where face coverings are required, actively enforce the capacity, masking, and social distancing requirements and manage the customers' movements.

- There is no restriction on **outdoor venues**.

Recommended Building Safety Rules:

- Make arrangements to allow for the minimum of 6 feet distance between individuals and small groups.

- Reduce employee area capacity to allow for 6-foot distancing between employees.

- Do not allow physical contact between employees and patrons.

- Shared items such as bowling shoes, skates, and pool cues should be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected between each customer use.

- Avoid gatherings in the building while entering, exiting, or moving about.

BAR GAMES. Bar games, including but not limited to pool, darts, shuffleboard, and cornhole are allowed.

Players actively taking their turn should not be in possession of food or beverage and no beverage service should be provided to anyone actively playing.

- Placement of all playing equipment, including but not limited to tables, boards, targets, and arcade machines should allow for social distancing.
- Playing surfaces should be sanitized between each game where the players involved change.
    - See "Steps for Cleaning of Areas and Other Items" for sanitation requirements from the Louisiana Department of Health.
- Shared items such as pool sticks, pool balls, pool cue, darts and bean bags should be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected between each customer use.
    - See "Steps for Cleaning of Areas and Other Items" for sanitation requirements from the Louisiana Department of Health.

Recommended Checklist for Management:

☑ Ensure the exterior waiting areas are not blocked.

☑ Wherever practical, implement a reservation system, whereby patrons may sign-up to access the facility during a prearranged time-slot. Schedule cleaning breaks between time-slots.

☑ EPA recommends that building owners and managers take proactive steps to protect public health by minimizing water stagnation during closures and taking action to address building water quality prior to reopening: https://www.epa.gov/coronavirus/information-maintaining-or-restoring-water-quality-buildings-low-or-no-use

Recommended Checklist for All Staff:

☑ Check for fever or respiratory symptoms daily.

☑ Keep at least 6 feet from other employees and customers.

☑ Frequent handwashing is the most important hand hygiene action to stop the spread of COVID-19. Gloves are recommended when touching products, goods, money and credit cards, but are otherwise not recommended for tasks that do not normally require gloves. If gloves are worn:
    - Wash hands before putting gloves on and after removing gloves.
    - Gloves should be changed between tasks, when they are obviously soiled, and after each interaction with a new individual.

- ☑ If gloves are not available, use hand sanitizer between each task and after visitor interaction.
- ☑ Clean and sanitize items frequently touched by employees.
- ☑ Clean and sanitize tables and counters, as well as surfaces that customers touch often, like doorknobs, handles, plates, light switches, countertops, game buttons, bowling balls, pool tables, etc. Current evidence suggests that SARS-CoV-2 may remain viable for hours to days on surfaces made from a variety of materials. Cleaning of visibly dirty surfaces, as well as high-touch surfaces, followed by disinfection is a best practice measure for prevention of COVID-19 and other viral respiratory illnesses in community settings. Follow the CDC guidance for proper cleaning and disinfecting. https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/cleaning-disinfection.html
- ☑ Clean and disinfect the restrooms regularly.
- ☒ Do not touch the customers.

Face Covering Guidance:

Refer to Louisiana Department of Health guidance here:
http://ldh.la.gov/assets/oph/Coronavirus/resources/CDC-DIY-cloth-face-covering-instructions.pdf

Steps for Cleaning of Areas and Other Items:

1. First, clean the area or item with soap and water or another detergent if it is dirty.
2. Then, use disinfectant.
    - If possible, use EPA-registered household disinfectant.
    - Follow the instructions on the label to ensure safe and effective use of the product.

      Many products recommend:
      - Keeping surface wet for a period of time (see product label).
      - Precautions such as wearing gloves and making sure you have good ventilation during use of the product.

      Diluted household bleach solutions may also be used if appropriate for the surface.
      - Check the label to see if your bleach is intended for disinfection and ensure the product is not past its expiration date. Some bleaches, such as those designed for safe use on colored clothing or for whitening, may not be suitable for disinfection.
      - Unexpired household bleach will be effective against coronaviruses when properly diluted.
      - Follow manufacturer's instructions for application and proper ventilation. Never mix household bleach with ammonia or any other cleanser. Leave solution on the surface for at least 1 minute.

To make a bleach solution, mix:

- 5 tablespoons (1/3rd cup) bleach per gallon of water; or
- 4 teaspoons bleach per quart of water.

Alcohol solutions with at least 70% alcohol may also be used.

The CDC offers this additional guidance for cleaning: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/cleaning-disinfection.html

Reference Documents:

- ❑ Essential (Critical Infrastructure) Services remain operational with guidelines in place. See: https://gov.louisiana.gov/assets/docs/covid/Essential-Infrastructure_fact-sheet.pdf
- ❑ Restaurant outdoor dining areas self-serve or table service allowed and outdoor live entertainment with no dancing or standing - begins May 1st. Refer to OSFM Interpretive Memorandum 2020-23 for outdoor dining limitations and guidance which will remain effective throughout **Phase 2**. See: http://lasfm.org/doc/interpmemos/im_2020-23_Revised.pdf
- ❑ Face mask sign option 1: http://ldh.la.gov/assets/oph/Coronavirus/resources/Face-Mask-Sign-Option-1.pdf
- ❑ Face mask sign option 2: http://ldh.la.gov/assets/oph/Coronavirus/resources/Face-Mask-Sign-Option-2.pdf

Signage Samples:

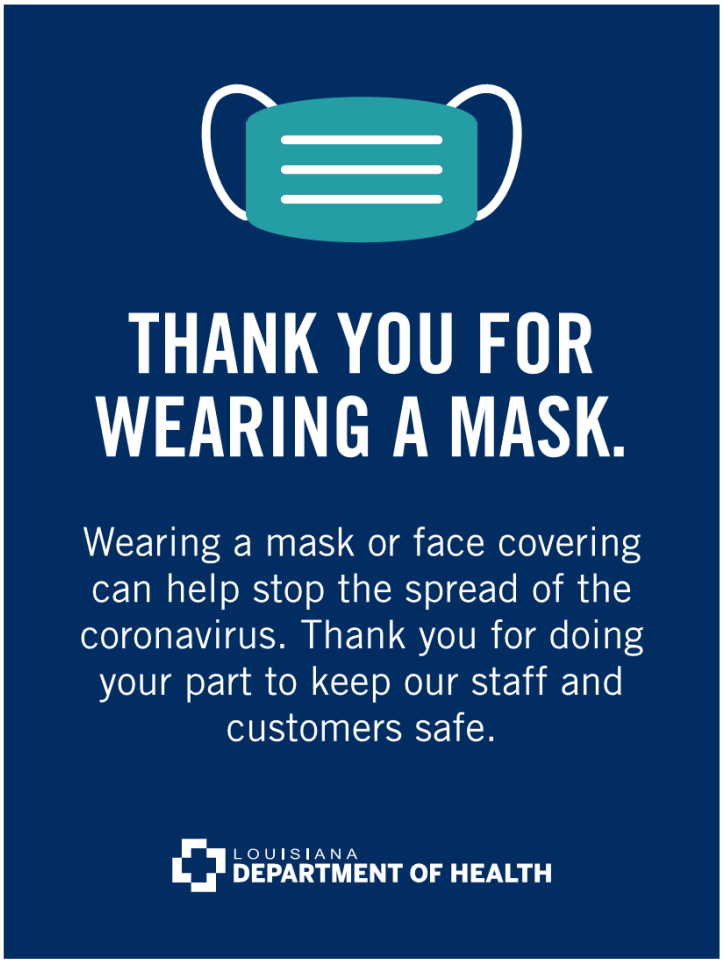
COVID-19 DAILY SELF CHECKLIST

Review this COVID-19 Daily Self Checklist before entering this establishment.

HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS?

- ☑ Fever (temperature over 100.4°F) without having taken any fever reducing medications
- ☑ Loss of smell or taste
- ☑ Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- ☑ Fatigue
- ☑ Muscle or body aches
- ☑ Headache
- ☑ Sore throat
- ☑ Congestion or runny nose
- ☑ Nausea/vomiting, diarrhea, loss of appetite
- ☑ Asked to self-isolate or quarantine by a medical professional or by a local public health official

SYMPTOMS MAY APPEAR **2-14 DAYS AFTER EXPOSURE TO THE VIRUS.**

If you answered yes to any of the above symptoms in the checklist, please do not enter this establishment and seek medical advice immediately.

For more information, please visit: *http://ldh.la.gov/coronaviurs* or *http://cdc.gov*.