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.

- **Amusement Parks, Theme Parks, Rides**
- **Sports Parks, Trampoline Parks**
- **Water Parks, Splash Pads, Water Play Venues**
- **Children's Indoor Play Centers and Playgrounds**
- **Concert and Music Halls**
- **Similar Activities**
- **Haunted Houses**

***Refer to guidelines provided for Fairs, Festivals and Carnivals for provisions applicable to these venues**

***Refer to guidance provided for Pool Halls, Bowling Alleys, Skating Rinks, and Arcades for use of these facilities.**

***Refer to guidance provided for 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.**

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The Office of State Fire Marshal is providing 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 by 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:

The business venues listed above must adhere to strict mitigation standards and social distancing measures in waiting areas, lobbies, or other areas where people may congregate to prevent the spread of COVID-19. When possible, maintain at least 6 feet of separation from other individuals not residing within the same household. Other 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 remain home as much as possible unless fully vaccinated - at least two weeks beyond receiving a full administration of COVID-19 vaccine.** The specific requirements and guidelines for this 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 latest 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 Social Distancing and Safety Rules:

- Any alcohol sold and consumed should be limited to a single area, or Beer Garden, that shall be clearly marked and comply with the latest guidelines for alcohol sales at Sports Events. The seating area should be limited to the Beer Garden area. Refer to additional guidance provide in the Sports and Athletic Events guidelines.

- Any area where attendees may form a line, such as entry ticketing, concessions/food, shows or other attractions should be clearly marked with 6 foot or greater distancing floor/ground markings.

- Cashless or touchless transactions should be encouraged.

- Any ride or similar amusement should be sanitized between each group of riders/users.

- Hand washing/sanitizing stations should be provided throughout the venue.

- Table and chair set-ups shall follow the guidelines for Restaurants outlined on OpenSafely.la.gov.

- Group seating should be limited to persons who are members of the same household.

- Eliminate gatherings at entry/exit points.

- Provide hand sanitizing stations and signage that can be accessed within 75 feet of travel.

- When loading and unloading children/patrons and securing seatbelts, the ride operator will do so in accordance with the rides' manual, but with limited touching of the patrons.

Recommended Checklist for Management:

☑ Ensure the exterior waiting areas are not blocked.

☑ Maintain social distancing requirements explained in this document.

☑ 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.
- ☑ Stay at least 6 feet from other employees and patrons.
- ☑ For water parks, splash pads and water play venues, wear face coverings while around others except while on an elevated lifeguard station that is at least 6 feet off the ground.
- ☑ 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 surfaces that customers touch often, like gate handles, handrails, chairs, 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, except as allowed for and provided for herein.

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 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 surfaces 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 the solution on the surface for at least 1 minute.

To make a bleach solution, mix:

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

- 4 teaspoons of 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

Referenced Documents:

- ❑ Essential (Critical Infrastructure) Services remain operational with guidelines in place. See: https://gov.louisiana.gov/assets/docs/covid/Essential-Infrastructure_fact-sheet.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:

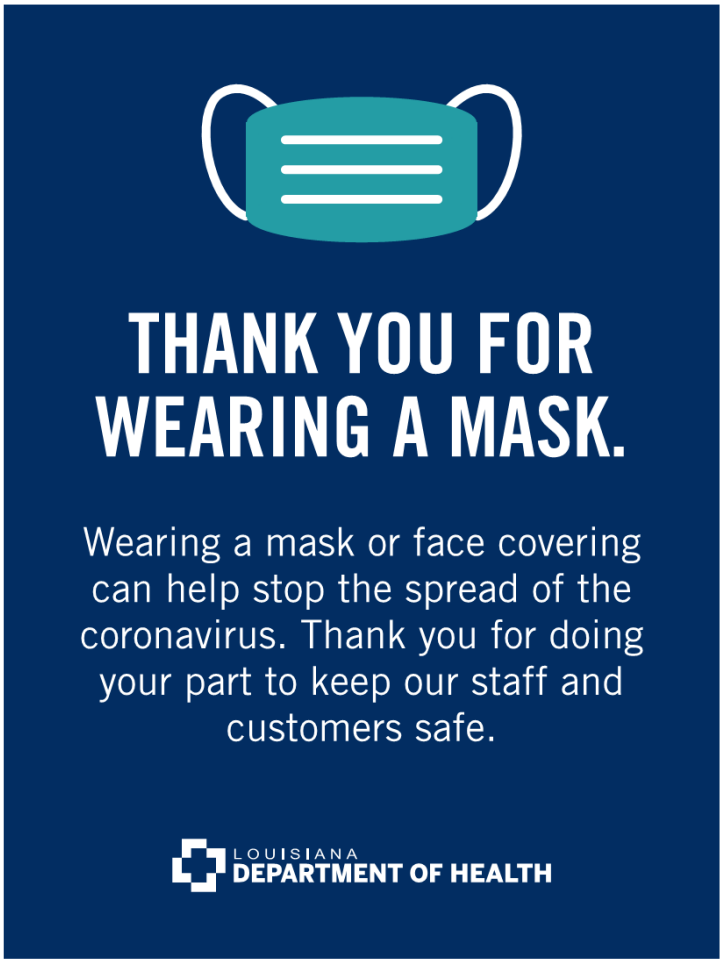
COVID-19 DAILY SELF CHECKLIST

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*.