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Minimum Standard Health Protocols for COVID-19

For ALL Employers (Retailers, Restaurants, Movie Theaters, Museums and Libraries, Churches/Places of Worship, Single-Person Offices, etc.):

- Train all employees on appropriate cleaning and disinfecting techniques, hand hygiene, and how to properly cover a cough.
- Screen all employees/volunteers before coming into the facility for COVID-19 symptoms.
- Have all employees/volunteers wash or sanitize hands before coming into the facility.
- Regularly and frequently clean and disinfect any surfaces that are touched often such as doorknobs, tables, chairs, and restrooms. Disinfect any items that come into contact with customers. In addition, regularly and frequently clean restrooms and document the cleanings.
- Make hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, soap and water, or similar disinfectants readily available to employees and customers.
- Have employees/volunteers maintain 6 feet of separation from each other and customers/attendees when possible. If unable to maintain 6 feet of separation, it is recommended to utilize face coverings, practice proper hand hygiene, cleanliness, sanitation, and covering of coughs.
- If employer provides a meal for employees, it is recommended for the meals to be individually wrapped and packaged for each employee.
- It is highly recommended for employees, volunteers, and attendees to wear facial coverings at all times.
- Contactless payments are encouraged.
- Museums and Libraries must close any interactive functions or exhibits.
- All child play areas must be closed.
- Retailers, Movie Theaters, Museums and Libraries may operate up to 25% of the total listed occupancy.
- Place signs at the front doors to remind employees and customers of recommended hygiene practices. Signs can be found at <https://www.cob.us/621/Health-Inspections-Foods>



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For Retailers and Retailers-To-Go:

- Retailers are encouraged to designate a period of time for the at-risk population to go into the facilities.
- For Retailers-To-Go, minimize physical contact with customers where possible. Purchased items should be delivered to the backseat or trunk of customer's vehicle, to their doorstep, or by mail.

For Restaurants and Movie Theaters that serve food:

- For dining, no tables of more than 6 people.
- Do not leave condiments, utensils, glasses or other items on the tables.
- Provide condiments by request only and in single-use portions.
- Give each customer a disposable menu.
- If a buffet is offered, restaurant employees are to serve the food to the customers.
- It is encouraged to have an employee at the entrance to open the door for the customers to minimize contact.
- Clean and disinfect areas after customers have left (including tables, chairs, stalls, and countertops).
- Restaurants may operate their dining area up to 25% of the total listed occupancy. This only applies to restaurants that are not required to post the 51% sign required by the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission.

For Movie Theaters only screening movies:

- It is encouraged to use remote ticketing options,
- Keep at least 2 empty seats, or 6 feet of separation, between parties. Except when two or more members of the same household, or two individuals who are not of the same household but attending together. Then, keep 2 seats or 6 feet of separation empty on either side.
- Seat attendees on every other row. Make sure to have empty rows between attendees.
- Clean and disinfect seats and frequently touched areas between screenings.



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For Churches/Places of Worship:

- Disinfect seats between services.
- It is encouraged for people to watch or participate in the services remotely.
- Designate an area inside the facility to be reserved for the at-risk population, or if possible, offer a service for at-risk attendees only.
- Keep at least 2 empty seats, or 6 feet of separation, between parties. Except when two or more members of the same household, or two individuals who are not of the same household but attending together. Then, keep 2 seats or 6 feet of separation empty on either side.
- Seat attendees on every other row. Make sure to have empty rows between attendees.

For Customers/Attendees:

- It is highly recommended to wear facial coverings at all times.
- Wash or disinfect hands upon entering a facility and after any interaction with employees, other customers, or items in the facility.
- Maintain at least 6 feet of separation from individuals not in the same household or who are accompanying you.
- Always practice proper hand washing techniques, covering your cough, cleanliness, and sanitation.
- Wash or sanitize hands after every payment process.

For Outdoor Sports Participants:

- Clean and sanitize golf/push carts between uses.
- 1 person per golf cart, unless from the same household.
- Clean and disinfect driving range balls between uses.
- Keep 6 feet of separation between golfers on the driving range.

Any question or concerns, please feel free to call our office at **956-542-3437**.