COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR BUSINESSES











To help slow COVID-19 cases in our region, there is new statewide guidance for restaurants and businesses operating in the City of Seattle. The guidance outlined below joins existing public health requirements for businesses such as:

- Requiring patrons to wear a protective face covering over their nose and mouth.
- Complying with physical distancing
- Maintaining applicable business occupancy guidelines and other personal protective behaviors required by a statewide order.

Violation of this order is a misdemeanor, punishable by up to 90 days in jail and up to a \$100 fine. Businesses that routinely violate the order could lose their business license.

Effective now

Restaurants may resume indoor dining at 50 percent capacity with tables spaced at least 6 feet apart. Table size is limited to 10 people with no household restrictions. Alcohol service must end at 12:00 a.m., but food service may continue past 12:00 a.m.

Fitness Facilities and Gyms may resume indoor operations at 50 percent capacity. Outdoor sports may also resume at 50 percent capacity or 400 people maximum (including spectators), whichever is lower.

Bowling Centers, Museums/Zoos/Aquariums and Movie Theaters may open at 50 percent capacity or 400 people maximum, whichever is lower. Drive-in movie theaters are permitted and must continue to follow current drive-in movie theater guidance.

Real Estate: Office capacity is increased to 50 percent and property viewings, inspections, appraisals, and final walkthroughs shall be arranged by appointment and are limited to 10 people on site (not including the real estate agent/Realtor), exercising social distancing at all times.

In-Store Retail shall be limited to 50 percent capacity and common areas such as food courts may open, subject to COVID-19 requirements for food establishments.

Professional Services are required to mandate that employees work from home when possible and close offices to the public if possible. Offices that must remain open must limit occupancy to 25 percent of indoor occupancy limits.

Personal Services are limited to 25 percent of indoor occupancy limits. Personal service providers include: cosmetologists,

cosmetology testing, hairstylists, barbers, estheticians, master estheticians, manicurists, nail salon workers, electrologists, permanent makeup artists, tanning salons, and tattoo artists.

Long-term Care facilities are permitted to have outdoor visits. Indoor visits are prohibited, but individual exceptions for an essential support person or end-of-life care are permitted.

Face Coverings Required in Businesses

Business patrons are required to wear a protective face covering unless they are:

- Children younger than five years old.
- People with a medical condition, mental health condition or disability that prevents wearing a face covering. This includes, but is not limited to, people with a medical condition for whom wearing a face covering could obstruct breathing or who are unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove a face covering without assistance.

Acceptable Removal of Face Coverings

Additionally, businesses may allow an individual to remove their face covering under the following circumstances:

- While in an outdoor public area, provided that a distance of at least six feet is maintained from non-household members.
- When any party to a communication is deaf or hard of hearing and not wearing a face covering is essential to communication.
- When obtaining a service that requires temporary removal of the face covering.
- When necessary to confirm the individual's identity
- When federal or state law prohibits wearing a face covering or requires removing a face covering.

Questions about this requirement?

Please call 206-684-2489 or visit

www.seattle.gov/business-regulations/

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The City has several existing resources to help small businesses stay open during the COVID-19 pandemic.

www.seattle.gov/office-of-economic-development/covid-19 http://startup.choosewashingtonstate.com/ working-washington-round-3/

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