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COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Extended Through October 9, 2020

This week, as anticipated, Mayor Bowser issued a Mayor's Order to extend the state of emergency and public health emergency for Washington, DC through October 9, 2020, as it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic. All mandates in her previous Orders have been extended with this new Order.

Additionally, Mayor Bowser has ordered that all persons must wear a mask when they leave their homes if they are likely to come into contact with another person for more than a fleeting moment. A full list of exceptions are listed in the Mayor's Order. Common exceptions include: children under the age of three; a person who is in an enclosed office that no one else is allowed to enter; a person who is actively eating or drinking; and a person who is engaged in vigorous outdoor exercise and is maintaining social distance of at least six feet from other people.

Businesses, office buildings, and other establishments open to members of the public shall post signage on their exterior doors stating that a person may not enter unless the person is wearing a mask. In addition, the business, office building, or other establishment shall exclude or attempt to eject persons who are not wearing masks or who remove their required masks.

Further details of the mask order can be found by clicking [here](#).

As a reminder, the District is still in Phase 2 of its reopening plan. Gatherings of more than 50 people are prohibited. As stated in the Mayor's Order, physical distancing shall continue and face masks must be worn in public.

Below, please find a summary of guidelines to operate your facilities during this phase.

Hotels

Open with continued safeguards from Phase 1:

- Limited access to hotel common areas.
- No daily housekeeping offered under 7 days.
- Rooms to be cleaned, but not sold for 24 hours after guest departs.
- Guest services and limited meetings permitted.
- Hotel restaurants allowed to open in line with industry guidance.
- Perform screening (e.g., symptom questionnaires) of employees, vendors, contractors, and any additional staff daily, prior to their work shift.
- Screen guests and visitors upon arrival to the establishment.
- Place a sign at the business entrance to inform staff and guests of screening procedures.
- Maintain a daily record of individuals who utilize services in the establishment for at least 30 days. This information will be needed if a case of COVID-19 occurs at your establishment, in order to assist with contact tracing.
 - Hotel management is responsible for ensuring there is a process in place to account for the names of every person who has been on the premises.
 - This applies to all visitors and guests of the hotel, regardless of whether they are an overnight guest, including attendees at events and patrons of any hotel service (i.e. restaurants, spas).
- If the building was closed for an extended period of time, remember to check HVAC systems and ensure all water systems are safe to use. For more information, see CDC's Guidance for Reopening Buildings after Prolonged Shutdown or Reduced Operation: [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/building-water-system.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/building-water-system.html).
- Bars and nightclubs remain closed.

Restaurants

Restaurants will be allowed to continue serving people at outdoor

seating. Tables must be at least 6 feet apart, limited to 6 persons per table. Customers must be seated when they place orders and when they are served.

Indoor seating of up to 50% capacity allowed with safeguards and physical distancing:

- Tables must be placed so that patrons are at least 6 feet apart, or to carryout service.
- Patrons may only be served at a restaurant bar, if patrons are seated at least 6 feet apart and no bartender is working behind the bar.
- Standing at a bar is still prohibited.
- Tables are still limited to 6 persons, preferably from the same household.
- Reservations are encouraged and customers should provide names and contact information and record time of arrival. Dining records must be saved for at least 30 days.
- Use of single-use utensils or condiments at restaurants, or sanitation of common items in between all table seating.
- All food-contact surfaces must be sanitized every 2 hours.
- All food-handling staff to wear masks and gloves.

Gyms

Gyms and workout studios reopen with limited access (5 per 1,000 sq. ft) provided DC-approved plans, safeguards and physical distancing:

- Maintain capacity and time limits on gym usage.
- Close locker rooms and showers.
- Ensure increased spacing between fitness equipment.
- Where possible, require different entry and exit points.
- Ensure gym equipment to be cleaned after each use.
- Request customers provide names, contact information, time of arrival.

Regards,
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