



ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER No. C19-07~~WX~~

**ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER  
OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO  
DIRECTING ALL INDIVIDUALS IN THE COUNTY TO FOLLOW  
HEALTH RISK REDUCTION MEASURES OUTSIDE THEIR  
RESIDENCES; URGING GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO PROVIDE  
SHELTER AND SANITATION FACILITIES TO INDIVIDUALS  
EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS; AND REQUIRING ALL  
BUSINESSES AND RECREATION FACILITIES THAT ARE ALLOWED  
TO OPERATE TO IMPLEMENT HEALTH RISK REDUCTION  
MEASURES**

**(STAY SAFER AT HOME)**

DATE OF ORDER: May ~~6~~20, 2021

*This Order generally allows reopenings of businesses and activities consistent with the State's assignment of the County to the yellow tier (tier 4), based on minimal transmission of the virus, subject to certain further San Francisco safety restrictions based on local health conditions.*

**Please read this Order carefully. Violation of or failure to comply with this Order is a misdemeanor punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both. (California Health and Safety Code § 120295, et seq.; California Penal Code §§ 69, 148(a)(1); and San Francisco Administrative Code § 7.17(b).)**

Summary: On February 25, 2020 the Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco (the "County") declared a state of emergency to prepare for coronavirus disease 2019 ("COVID-19"). On March 5, 2020 the County recorded its first reported case of COVID-19. On March 16, 2020 the County and five other Bay Area counties and the City of Berkeley, working together, were the first in the State to implement shelter-in-place orders in a collective effort to reduce the impact of the virus that causes COVID-19. Since that time, we have come to learn that the virus can be transmitted in the air through aerosols and that the risk of such airborne transmission is generally higher indoors. Also, while treatments for the disease are improving and vaccines are being administered, treatments remain limited and only a minority of residents has been vaccinated to date. The majority of the population remains susceptible to infection, and local conditions could rapidly worsen if people fail to safely modify their behavior, including wearing face coverings, adhering to social distancing requirements, and avoiding gatherings.



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Initially the shelter-in-place orders generally required individuals to stay in their residences except for essential needs like grocery shopping, working in essential businesses, providing essential government functions, or engaging in essential travel. Over time, and based on health data and a risk analysis, the County allowed the phased resumption of some businesses and activities, consistent with the roadmap that the State has established under its order. Consistent with the State's April 2020 initial four-stage roadmap for reopening, the County created its own phased reopening plan. The County's plan provides for the incremental resumption of certain business and other activities to gradually increase the volume of person-to-person contact to help contain the risk of a surge in COVID-19 cases in the County and the region. The County's plan is available online at <https://sf.gov/topics/reopening>.

Because of the density of San Francisco and local health conditions, the County has moved more cautiously than the State otherwise allows. Our collective effort had a positive impact on limiting the spread of the virus. Early on the County, along with the other Bay Area jurisdictions, were able to bend the curve and preserve hospital capacity. Still, the severe danger the virus poses to the health and welfare of all continues. We need to be vigilant.

Indeed, back in July 2020 the County and the region experienced a second surge in infections and hospitalizations, and took appropriate steps to respond, including pausing the reopening process. Along with all the other counties in the Bay Area, the County was placed on the State monitoring list and temporarily suspended certain additional business activities as required by the State Health Officer. Over the next month, with the collective efforts of businesses and residents, the County was able again to reduce its virus transmission rate and resume reopening some businesses and other activities.

On August 28, 2020 the State adopted a new four-tiered, color-coded framework based on the prevalence of virus transmission in each county to guide reopening statewide—the Blueprint for a Safer Economy—and the State has revised that framework since its initial implementation. That framework can be found online at <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy>. Under the State's framework, counties can be more restrictive than this State framework allows. The State initially assigned the County to the second most restrictive tier, substantial (red). In September and October, the County advanced from the moderate (orange) tier to the minimal (yellow) tier. As case rates and other indicators have changed, the State has moved counties between tiers, and in November 2020 with case rates increasing most counties have moved to the more restrictive tiers. San Francisco along with the rest of the Bay Area appears to have bent the curve and be on the other side of the surge in cases and hospitalizations that began last Fall, as San Francisco has done twice before. On January 26, 2021 the State removed the Bay Area from the State's Regional Stay At Home Order, and San Francisco reverted to the purple tier (tier 1, widespread virus transmission) under the California Blueprint for a Safer Economy. On March 2, 2021, the State reassigned San Francisco to the red tier (tier 2, substantial virus transmission). On March 23, 2021, the State reassigned San Francisco to the orange tier (tier 3, substantial virus transmission) and on May 4, 2021 the State



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reassigned San Francisco to the yellow tier (tier 4, minimal virus transmission). The State has indicated an intent to retire the Blueprint framework on June 15, 2021. Certain state and local health risk reduction measures will likely continue, depending on health conditions that time.

Consistent with the State's Blueprint for a Safer Economy and that recent tier reassignment, San Francisco allowed certain additional businesses and other activities to reopen, with some additional required safety requirements under this amended Stay-Safer-At-Home Order and companion health directives. San Francisco is reopening and expanding activities consistent with the State's Blueprint for a Safer Economy, with additional modifications in many instances under its health orders and directives. The decisions to reopen and expand balance the public health risks of COVID-19 transmission with the public health risks of economic and mental health stress. Even though COVID-19 case rates have come down, there remains a risk that people who you come into contact with when you are outside your Residence may have COVID-19. Most COVID-19 infections are caused by people who have no symptoms of illness. We also have confirmed there are new, more contagious virus variants in the San Francisco Bay Area and that these variants are more likely to cause serious illness and death.

The opening and expansion of sectors does not necessarily signify that these activities are "safe." The purpose of the required safety protocols contained in the order and directives is make these activities and sectors safer for workers and the public. But reopening and expansion requires that all individuals and businesses use particular care and do their part to make these activities as safe as possible by strictly and consistently wearing Face Coverings indoors and in crowds and following Social Distancing Requirements and all other safety protocols.

Everyone who is eligible, including those at risk for severe illness with COVID-19—such as unvaccinated older adults, and unvaccinated individuals with health risks—and members of their household are urged to get vaccinated as soon as possible.

We are going to have to live with the threat of the virus for months to come. And for us to be able to keep our schools open and continue to reopen those that are not yet providing in-person education, as well as to advance toward full reopening and promote the recovery of our economy, we are all going to have to take responsibility to act safely, including wearing face coverings and maintaining physical distancing where required to do so, washing our hands frequently, conducting activities outdoors rather than indoors where possible and avoiding large crowded gatherings particularly if you are not fully vaccinated. We are all in this together, and each of us is going to have to make sacrifices for the good of the community as a whole, including for our most vulnerable members.

This Order includes the following requirements, and you should review the Order itself for additional details.



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General Requirements. The Order:

- Allows people to engage in most activities, including, for example, working for or going to the businesses listed below and certain governmental and essential infrastructure activities, as well as engaging in essential activities, outdoor activities, certain additional activities, and travel related to those activities;
- Urges people at risk for severe illness with COVID-19—such as unvaccinated older adults, and unvaccinated individuals with health risks—and members of their household to get vaccinated as soon as possible and until then defer participating in activities with other people outside their household where taking protective measures of wearing face masks and social distancing may be difficult, especially indoors or in crowded spaces;
- Continues generally to require everyone to wear face coverings while outside their residences indoors or outdoors in crowded areas, subject to limited exceptions;
- Continues generally to require everyone to follow social distancing requirements, including urging people to stay at least six feet away from members outside of their household, subject to limited exceptions;
- Continues to urge government agencies to provide shelter and sanitation facilities for individuals experiencing homelessness;
- Continues to require everyone to comply with requirements issued by the State and other Health Officer orders and directives; and
- Limits large gatherings among different households to help reduce the transmission of the virus.

Requirements for All Businesses. The Order:

- Allows businesses to operate onsite, subject to capacity limits in many instances and safety protocols to help reduce transmission risk;
- Requires that many businesses continue to maximize the number of people who work remotely from home to the extent possible;
- Requires businesses to complete and post a Social Distancing Protocol checklist in the form attached to the Order as Appendix A;
- Requires businesses to direct personnel to stay home when sick and prohibits adverse action against personnel for doing so;
- Requires businesses and governmental entities to report to the San Francisco Department of Public Health when three or more personnel test positive for the virus that causes COVID-19 within a two-week period;
- Requires businesses to post certain signage, including for many indoor businesses signage regarding ventilation systems;
- Urges businesses that operate indoors to implement ventilation guidelines, requires all businesses that operate indoors and are open to members of the public to post a placard about what, if any, ventilation measures they are implementing, and requires at least one ventilation measure for certain of those businesses;



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- Requires businesses that operate indoors and allow face coverings to be removed to implement at least one of the ventilation measures under the Department of Public Health’s guidelines;
- Requires all businesses that operate indoors and serve members of the public indoors to implement written procedures to “meter” or track the number of persons entering and exiting the facility to ensure that the maximum capacity for the establishment is not exceeded; and
- Requires businesses to cancel reservations or appointments without a financial penalty when a customer has a COVID-19 related reason.

Mandatory Best Practices Health Officer Directives. The Order requires that businesses and other entities currently allowed to operate review and comply with any applicable Health Officer Directives, and many of them require a Health and Safety Plan be completed and posted. These requirements include measures to help protect health of workers and customers, such as face covering, social distancing and sanitation protocols and, in many instances, capacity limits. All directives are available online at [www.sfdph.org/directives](http://www.sfdph.org/directives).

Term. This Order will remain in effect, without a specific expiration date, for so long as the threat of the pandemic continues, or until this Order is otherwise extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Health Officer. But the Health Officer will continue to carefully monitor the evolving situation and will periodically revise this Order to loosen – or, if need be, tighten – restrictions as conditions warrant, to help further the safer economic recovery, reopening of schools and resumption of other activities.

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**UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE  
SECTIONS 101040, 101085, AND 120175, THE HEALTH OFFICER OF THE CITY AND  
COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO (“HEALTH OFFICER”) ORDERS:**

1. Purpose and Findings.

- a. Purpose. As of the effective date and time set forth in Section 13, below, this Order supersedes the ~~April 14~~ May 6, 2021 Order of the Health Officer ~~(as updated on April 15, 2021)~~, No. C19-07~~wx~~ (the “Prior Order”), and all individuals, Businesses (as defined in Section 8.e below), and applicable government agencies in the County are required to follow the provisions of this Order. This Order continues to temporarily ~~prohibit~~ restrict certain Businesses and activities ~~from in relation to~~ operations and limits some gatherings with individuals from other Households (as defined in Section 3.b below) until it is safer to do so. But it allows ~~certain other~~ most Businesses, activities, travel and governmental functions to occur subject to specified health and safety restrictions, limitations, and conditions to limit the transmission of Novel Coronavirus Disease 2019 (“COVID-19”). COVID-19 continues to pose a severe risk to residents of our County, and significant safety measures are necessary to protect against a surge in COVID-19 cases, serious illnesses and deaths. Accordingly, this Order requires risk reduction measures to be in place across Business sectors and activities that are allowed to occur, ensuring necessary precautions are followed as we adapt the way we live and function in light of the ongoing threat that the virus now poses and is very likely to continue to pose for some





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time to come. The Health Officer will continue to monitor data regarding COVID-19 and the evolving scientific understanding of the risks COVID-19 poses and may amend or rescind this Order based on analysis of that data and knowledge.

- b. **Intent.** The primary intent of this Order is to ensure that County residents continue to stay safer in their Residences (as defined in Section 3.b, below) to the extent possible and that together as a community our residents, along with visitors and workers in the County, take appropriate risk reduction measures, especially while outside their Residences, to slow the spread of COVID-19 and mitigate its impact on the delivery of critical healthcare services in the County and the region. As further provided in Section 2, below, the Health Officer intends to allow the phased resumption of Businesses and activities to provide for a safer reopening, with specified risk reduction measures, all while the Health Officer continues to assess the transmissibility and clinical severity of COVID-19 in light of the COVID-19 Indicators and risk framework described in Section 2 below.
- c. **Interpretation.** All provisions of this Order must be interpreted to effectuate the intent of this Order as described in subsection (b) above. The summary at the beginning of this Order as well as the headings and subheadings of sections contained in this Order are for convenience only and may not be used to interpret this Order; in the event of any inconsistency between the summary, headings or subheadings and the text of this Order below, the text will control. Certain initially capitalized used in this Order have the meanings given them in Section 8 below. The interpretation of this Order in relation to the health orders of the State is described in Section 10 below.
- d. **Effect of Failure to Comply.** Failure to comply with any of the provisions of this Order constitutes an imminent threat and menace to public health, constitutes a public nuisance, and is punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both, as further provided in Section 12 below.
- e. **Continuing Severe Health and Safety Risk Posed by COVID-19.** This Order is issued based on evidence of continued significant community transmission of COVID-19 within the County and throughout the country and beyond; continued uncertainty regarding the degree of undetected asymptomatic transmission; scientific evidence and best practices regarding the most effective approaches to slow the transmission of communicable diseases generally and COVID-19 specifically; evidence that the age, condition, and health of a significant portion of the population of the County places it at risk for serious health complications, including death, from COVID-19; and further evidence that others, including younger and otherwise healthy people, are also at risk for serious outcomes including death. Due to the outbreak of COVID-19 in the general public, which remains a pandemic according to the World Health Organization, there is a public health emergency throughout the County, region and State. That immediate threat to public health and safety is also reflected in the continuing declarations of emergency referenced in Section 9.a below. Making the problem worse, some individuals who contract the virus causing the COVID-19



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disease have no symptoms or have mild symptoms, which means they may not be aware they carry the virus and are transmitting it to others. Further, evidence shows that the virus can survive for hours to days on surfaces and be indirectly transmitted between individuals and also may be transmitted through airborne micro-droplets. Because even people without symptoms can transmit the infection, and because evidence shows the infection is easily spread, gatherings of people and other direct or indirect interpersonal interactions, particularly those that occur indoors, can result in preventable transmission of the virus.

- f. Local Health Conditions Relating to COVID-19. The efforts taken beginning in March 2020 under the prior shelter-in-place orders of the Health Officer, along with those of health officers of five neighboring counties, slowed the virus's trajectory. While the public health emergency and threat to the County's population remain, the region has significantly increased its capacity to detect cases, contain spread, and treat infected patients through widespread testing; greatly expanded its case investigation and contact tracing program and workforce; and expanded hospital resources and capacity. At the same time, across the region and the rest of the State, there had been a significant reopening of Businesses and activities, accompanied by an increase in cases and hospitalizations, which increases can carry risks to County residents and resources. As we continue to evolve our strategies for protecting residents of the County from COVID-19 and moving toward full reopening, we must consider both the trajectory of the virus in the County and across the region and beyond. To protect the community from COVID-19, we must ensure that when people engage in activities they are doing so as safely as possible.
  - g. Cases, Hospitalizations and Deaths. As of May ~~15~~**16**, 2021, there were 36,~~248~~**516** confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the County (up from 37 on March 16, 2020, the day before the first shelter-in-place order in the County went into effect) as well as at least ~~538~~**541** deaths (up from a single death on March 17, 2020). This information, as well as information regarding hospitalizations and hospital capacity, is regularly updated on the San Francisco Department of Public Health's website at <https://data.sfgov.org/stories/s/fjki-2fab>.
2. Health Gating and Risk Criteria Framework for Reopening.
    - a. Health Gating. To inform decisions about whether and how to augment, limit, or temporarily prohibit Businesses or activities to slow the spread of COVID-19, the Health Officer will continually review (1) progress on the COVID-19 Indicators; (2) developments in epidemiological and diagnostic methods for tracing, diagnosing, treating, or testing for COVID-19; and (3) scientific understanding of the transmission dynamics and clinical impact of COVID-19.

The COVID-19 Indicators and vaccine coverage will be key drivers in the Health Officer's gating decisions. In particular, the number of new COVID-19 cases per 100,000 residents, the rate of change in COVID-19 hospitalizations, and the





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amount of available hospital capacity will help guide decisions. If any indicator or a collection of these and other indicators are orange or red, then the Health Officer will give serious consideration to pausing or even reversing openings if appropriate. Also, the total number of hospitalized COVID-19 patients, and whether this total number is significantly increasing, flat, or decreasing, will play a role in gating decisions. Modeling estimates of peak hospitalizations will also be considered.

Information about San Francisco's status under the COVID-19 Indicators is available on the City's website at <https://data.sfgov.org/stories/s/Key-Health-Indicators-on-Containing-COVID-19/epem-wyzb>.

In addition to evaluating the COVID-19 Indicators in making gating decisions, the Health Officer will also consider the estimate of the effective reproductive number ( $R_e$ ), and whether there is evidence it is increasing, stable, or decreasing. The effective reproductive number ( $R_e$ ) is the average number of secondary cases per infectious case in the setting of public health interventions (e.g., sheltering in place, Face Coverings, physical distancing, etc.). When  $R_e > 1$ , the epidemic curve increases. When  $R_e < 1$ , the epidemic curve decreases. When  $R_e \sim 1$ , the epidemic curve is flat.

b. Risk Criteria for Additional Businesses and Additional Activities Under Phased Reopening.

In connection with the health indicators and other public health data discussed above, the Health Officer will consider the risk of transmission involved in Businesses or activities in determining when and how they can safely operate or if they must remain or be ordered temporarily closed. The following risk criteria will inform this analysis:

- 1) *Ability to modify behavior to reduce risk*—whether individuals engaged in the Business or other activity can wear Face Coverings at all times, maintain at least six feet of physical distancing at all times, and comply with other Social Distancing Requirements, including hand washing and sanitation;
- 2) *Avoidance of risky activities*—whether the nature of the Business or activity necessarily involves eating or drinking (which requires removing Face Covering); gatherings with other Households (which presents risks as described in subsection d below); or singing, chanting, shouting, or playing wind/brass instruments (which all present significant risk of airborne transmission);
- 3) *Setting*—Outdoor Businesses and activities are safer than indoor businesses or activities, so outdoors is strongly preferred;



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- 4) *Mixing of Households*—Mixing of people from different Households present higher risk of virus transmission and community spread, and the more different Households that mix, the greater the cumulative risk;
- 5) *Number, frequency, duration and distance of contacts*—The more people who interact, the higher the risk of virus transmission; and the more people who gather at a site, or the more sites involved in the business, possible interactions increase exponentially (number of contacts). The more often people interact, the higher the risk of virus transmission (frequency of contacts). The longer the duration of contacts, the higher the risk of virus transmission (duration of contacts). The closer the proximity of people, the higher the risk of virus transmission (distance of contacts); and
- 6) *Modification potential*—the degree to which best practices health protocols can reduce the risk of transmission, where those protocols can be properly implemented.

3. General Requirements for Individuals.

- a. Getting Vaccinated Is The Best Way To Control Risk. For those who are not yet fully vaccinated, staying home or choosing outdoor activities with appropriate safety precautions as much as possible is the best way to prevent the risk of COVID-19 transmission. All activities that involve contact with people from different Households increase the risk of transmission of COVID-19.
- b. Residences and Households. For purposes of this Order, “Residences” include hotels, motels, shared rental units, and similar facilities. Residences also include living structures and outdoor spaces associated with those living structures, such as patios, porches, backyards, and front yards that are only accessible to a single family or Household. For purposes of this order “Household” means people living in a single Residence or shared living unit. Households do not refer to individuals who live together in an institutional group living situation such as in a dormitory, fraternity, sorority, monastery, convent, or residential care facility.
- c. Individuals Experiencing Homelessness. Individuals experiencing homelessness are strongly urged to obtain shelter. Government agencies and other entities operating shelters and other facilities that house or provide meals or other necessities of life for individuals experiencing homelessness are strongly urged to, as soon as possible, make such shelter available, and must take appropriate steps to help ensure compliance with Social Distancing Requirements, including adequate provision of hand sanitizer. Also, individuals experiencing homelessness who are unsheltered and living in encampments should, to the maximum extent feasible, abide by 12 foot by 12 foot distancing for the placement of tents, and government agencies should provide restroom and hand washing facilities for individuals in such encampments as set forth in Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Interim Guidance Responding to Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) Among People Experiencing Unsheltered



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Homelessness (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/unsheltered-homelessness.html>).

- d. People At Risk For Severe Illness. People at risk for severe illness with COVID-19—such as unvaccinated older adults, and unvaccinated individuals with health risks—and members of their household are urged to get fully vaccinated as soon as they can. The most up-to-date information about who is at increased risk of severe illness and people who need to take extra precautions can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-at-increased-risk.html>.
- e. Mandatory Risk Reduction Measures For Individuals Outside their Place of Residence. When people leave their place of Residence, they must (1) strictly comply with the Social Distancing Requirements as defined in Section 8.o, and (2) wear Face Coverings as defined and provided in, and subject to the exceptions in, Health Officer Order No. C19-12 (the “Face Covering Order”), including any future amendments to that order. The requirement to strictly comply with Social Distancing Requirements is subject to a limited exception as necessary to provide care (including childcare, adult or senior care, care to individuals with special needs, and patient care); as necessary to carry out the work of Essential Businesses, Essential Governmental Functions, or provide for Minimum Basic Operations; or as otherwise expressly provided in this Order. For clarity, individuals who do not currently reside in the County must comply with all applicable requirements of this Order when in the County.
- f. Limitations on Large Gatherings that Involve Mixing of Different Households to Reduce Virus Transmission Risk. Large gatherings of individuals from different Households can pose a significant risk of virus transmission to the community, particularly if safety precautions are not considered. The greater the number of people from different households in a gathering, the greater the risk of the spread of COVID-19. Public and private gatherings of members of different Households are prohibited except for gatherings that are expressly allowed in this Order, which includes, but is not limited to, gatherings occurring as part of any business that is allowed to operate or as an Additional Activity as listed in Appendix C-2. If, despite this prohibition, people find themselves with members of other Households, they are highly recommended to follow the health guidelines for safer interactions set forth in the Tip Sheet for Safer Interactions During COVID-19 Pandemic, available online at [www.sfdcp.org/safersocial](http://www.sfdcp.org/safersocial).
- g. Quarantine and Isolation Requirements and Recommendations Upon Moving to, Traveling to, or Returning to the County. Everyone is strongly encouraged to comply with the State travel advisory (available at <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Travel-Advisory.aspx>) and, as to fully vaccinated individuals, with CDC travel guidelines



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(available at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-during-covid19.html>).

- h. Vaccination. Individuals are strongly urged to get fully vaccinated before participating in activities involving contact with other Households. Fully vaccinated individuals are subject to some fewer restrictions as provided in this Order, and there are capacity bonuses or allowances for certain large gatherings where all the participants are fully vaccinated or tested. Unless and until expressly stated otherwise in this Order or another Health Officer order or directive, all health and safety requirements under this Order and related directives apply equally to those people who have been vaccinated for COVID-19 as to those who have not.
- i. Singing, Playing Wind or Brass Instruments, and Other Similar Activities. Singing, chanting, shouting, cheering, playing wind and brass instruments and other activities involving similar elevated exhalation of breath are allowed as follows:

*Outdoors:*

- People may sing, shout, cheer, etc. as long as they remain at least six feet away from other Households, face coverings are not required unless otherwise required by the Face Covering Order;
- People may play a wind or brass instrument as long as they remain at least six feet away from other Households, instrument covers are not required unless otherwise required by the Face Covering Order; and
- There is no cap on the number of performers, event leaders or other people who can cheer, sing, etc. or play a wind or brass instrument at a time, subject to any specified capacity limits for that activity.

*Indoors:*

Due to the ongoing increased risk of COVID-19 transmission, singing, chanting, shouting, cheering, etc. and playing wind or brass instruments are strongly discouraged in indoor settings. But these activities are allowed indoors under these protocols:

- Subject to State restrictions, people may cheer, sing, etc. as long as they wear a face covering and remain at least six feet away from other Households;
- Nobody may cheer, sing, etc. indoors without a face covering on;
- People may play a wind or brass instrument with an instrument cover as long as they remain at least six feet away from other Households;
- Nobody may play a wind or brass instrument without a cover; performers may wear a face covering with a mouth-slit in addition to, but not in place of, an instrument cover; and
- There is no cap on the number of people who can cheer, sing, etc. or play a wind or brass instrument at a time; but the capacity of the indoor facility is subject to the 50% (or lower) occupancy limit specified for the activity, or the number of people who can maintain required physical distance, whichever is lower.



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4. General Requirements for Businesses and Business Activities.

- a. Allowed Businesses. Essential Businesses, Outdoor Businesses, and Additional Businesses, as defined in Sections 8.a, 8.b and 8.c, are allowed to operate in the County under this Order. All other Businesses are temporarily required to cease all activities at facilities located within the County except Minimum Basic Operations, as defined in Section 8.d. Except as otherwise provided in Appendix C-1, Businesses that include allowed operations alongside other operations that are not yet allowed must, to the extent feasible, scale down their operations to the allowed components only.
- b. Maximization of Telework. All Businesses should continue to maximize the number of Personnel who work remotely from their place of Residence, subject to the conditions and limitations provided in Appendix C-1.
- c. Activities that Can Occur Outdoors. All Businesses are strongly urged to move as many operations as possible outdoors, to the extent permitted by local law and permitting requirements, where there is generally less risk of COVID-19 transmission. Businesses that operate outdoors may, subject to any applicable permit requirements, conduct their operations in a tent, canopy, or other shelter, as long as the shelter complies with: (1) the California Department of Public Health's November 25, 2020 guidance regarding "Use of Temporary Structures for Outdoor Business Operations" (available at <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Use-of-Temporary-Structures-for-Outdoor-Business-Operations.aspx>); and (2) the San Francisco Department of Public Health's guidance on "Safer Ways to Use New Outdoor Shared Spaces for Allowed Activities During COVID-19" (available at <https://www.sfdph.org/dph/files/ig/Guidance-Shared-Outdoor-Spaces.pdf>).

d. Social Distancing Protocol and Personnel Screening.

- 1) *Social Distancing Protocol.* As a condition of operating under this Order, the operators of all Businesses allowed to operate must comply with the requirements of the Social Distancing Protocol attached to this Order as Appendix A and must complete a Social Distancing Protocol checklist for each of their facilities in the County frequented by Personnel or members of the public. The Social Distancing Protocol checklist must be posted at or near each public entrance of each of the Business facilities and must be easily viewable by the public and Personnel. ~~A copy of the Social Distancing Protocol checklist must also be provided in hardcopy or electronic format to each person performing work at the facility.~~ Each Business subject to this paragraph must provide evidence of its implementation of the Social Distancing Protocol requirements to any authority enforcing this Order upon demand. A copy of the Social Distancing Protocol checklist must also be provided by the Business or entity to any member of the public on request.



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With the exception of construction activities—which must comply with the Construction Project Safety Protocols set forth in Appendix B—each Business must use the Social Distancing Protocol checklist included in Appendix A or a form that is substantially similar.

2) *Personnel and Patron Health Screening.* Businesses and other organizations, including government entities, must develop and implement a process for screening Personnel for COVID-19 symptoms. But this Order no longer requires that Businesses or other organizations perform on-site pre-entry health screening of Personnel or patrons, including screening for symptoms of COVID-19, asking about close contact with others who have COVID-19, or verifying completion of remote self-screening. Instead, this Order recommends that all individuals monitor themselves for COVID-19 symptoms or exposures, and that Businesses and other organizations ask Personnel and patrons to evaluate their own symptoms before reporting to work. If Personnel or patrons have symptoms consistent with COVID-19 that are not explained by another condition, they should isolate except to get tested or seek medical care when appropriate unless otherwise excused from isolation by a medical professional.

Businesses or other organizations may choose to continue on-site health screening of Personnel or patrons or verify remote self-screening and, in some cases, state and other regulatory agencies may require such screening (for example, for community sporting events). If a Business or other organization conducts on-site health screening, it should do so safely, respectfully, and in accordance with applicable privacy and confidentiality laws. For additional resources, including optional sample screening forms, go to [www.sfdcp.org/screen](http://www.sfdcp.org/screen) and see Attachments A-1 and A-2 of Appendix A to this Order.

This subsection d.2 supersedes any conflicting screening requirement in any other previously-issued directive or order of the Health Officer.

d.e. Industry Specific Requirements. In addition to the Social Distancing Protocol, all Businesses allowed to operate under this Order must follow any industry or activity-specific guidance issued by the Health Officer related to COVID-19 (available online at <http://www.sfdph.org/directives>) and any conditions on operation specified in this Order, including those specified in Appendix C-1.

e.f. Businesses Must Allow Personnel to Stay Home When Sick. As outlined in the Social Distancing Protocol, Businesses are required to allow Personnel to stay home if they have symptoms associated with COVID-19 that are new or not explained by another condition (see <http://www.sfdcp.org/covid19symptoms>) or if they have





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been diagnosed with COVID-19 (by a test or a clinician) even if they have no symptoms. Personnel are prohibited from coming to work if they ~~are sick~~have symptoms associated with COVID-19 that are new or not explained by another condition and may only return to work as outlined in the Social Distancing Protocol. Generally speaking, Personnel with any single COVID-19 symptom that is new or not explained by another condition (and who have not already been diagnosed with COVID-19) must have a negative COVID-19 test OR stay out of work for at least 10 days since symptoms started in order to return to work. Those who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 or had a test confirming they have the virus cannot return to work until at least 10 days after their symptoms have started; if they never had symptoms but had a positive COVID-19 test they can return 10 days after the date their test was collected. Those who are close contacts of someone with COVID-19 must generally remain out of work for 10 days since their last close contact, and the exact duration depends on their occupation (details can be found at [www.sfcdcp.org/quarantineduration](http://www.sfcdcp.org/quarantineduration)). See the Optional Personnel Screening Attachment (A-1) of the Social Distancing Protocol for more details (also posted at [www.sfcdcp.org/screening-handout](http://www.sfcdcp.org/screening-handout)). Anyone who has received the COVID-19 vaccine should read more about whether they need to quarantine after being a close contact at: [www.sfcdcp.org/quarantineaftervaccination](http://www.sfcdcp.org/quarantineaftervaccination). Each Business that is required to comply with the Social Distancing Protocol is prohibited from taking any adverse action against any Personnel for staying home in the circumstances listed in the Social Distancing Protocol.

f.g. Signage For Indoor Activities. Although this Order allows certain indoor activities to resume, those activities are allowed subject to more stringent safety measures and, as a general matter, remain inherently riskier than activities that are done outdoors. All businesses that are allowed to be open indoors for the public must conspicuously post signage, including at all primary public entrances, reminding people to adhere to physical distancing, hygiene, and Face Covering requirements and to stay home when they ~~feel ill~~have symptoms associated with COVID-19 that are new or not explained by another condition. They must also post a stand-alone sign bearing the message that: (1) COVID-19 is transmitted through the air, and the risk is generally higher indoors, and (2) unvaccinated older adults, unvaccinated individuals with health risk, and members of their Household are urged to avoid indoor settings with crowds at this time. The County is making templates for the signage available online at <https://sf.gov/outreach-toolkit-coronavirus-covid-19>. The templates may be updated from time to time, and businesses are strongly urged to keep informed of those changes and update their signage accordingly.

g.h. Signage For Employees.

- i. Signage Regarding Reporting Unsafe Conditions Related To COVID-19. All businesses are required to post signs in employee break rooms or areas informing employees that they can report violations of COVID-19 health orders and directives by calling 311 or visiting [www.sf.gov/report-health-order-violation](http://www.sf.gov/report-health-order-violation).



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Signage should also state that the employee's identity will not be disclosed to the employer. Sample signage is available online at <https://sf.gov/outreach-toolkit-coronavirus-covid-19>.

- ii. Signage To Encourage Vaccination. All businesses are required to post signs in employee break rooms or areas encouraging employees to get vaccinated and informing them how to obtain additional information. Sample signage is available online at <https://sf.gov/outreach-toolkit-coronavirus-covid-19>.

~~h~~.i. Ventilation Requirements.

- i. All businesses that are allowed to be open indoors must review the San Francisco Department of Public Health's Guidance on "Ventilation for Non-Healthcare Organizations During the COVID-19 Pandemic," available online at <https://www.sfdcp.org/COVID-Ventilation> ("Ventilation Guidance"). Those businesses must: (1) implement as many improvements in the Ventilation Guidance document as feasible, and (2) keep a hand-annotated copy of the Ventilation Guidance showing which improvements were considered and implemented. Ventilation guidance from recognized authorities such as the CDC, ASHRAE, or the state of California can be used as an alternate to the DPH Ventilation Guidance with an annotated version of the alternate guidance kept on hand.
- ii. All businesses—including essential businesses—that operate indoors and serve members of the public indoors, except hospitals and medical offices that meet Title 24 requirements for ventilation for healthcare facilities, must conspicuously post signage, including at all primary public entrances, indicating which of the following ventilation strategies are used at the facility: All available windows and doors accessible to fresh outdoor air are kept open; Fully Operational HVAC systems; Appropriately sized portable air cleaners in each room; or None of the above.

In addition, all businesses—including hospitals and medical offices that meet Title 24 requirements for ventilation for healthcare facilities—must conspicuously post this same ventilation signage in any and all breakrooms in their facilities.

The County is making templates for the signage available online at <https://sf.gov/outreach-toolkit-coronavirus-covid-19>. The templates may be updated from time to time, and businesses are strongly urged to keep informed of those changes and update their signage accordingly.

- iii. In addition to posting the signage required by subsection (ii) above, businesses and facilities other than steam rooms and saunas where individuals are allowed to remove their Face Coverings may only open or remain open to the



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public if they are using at least one of the following ventilation strategies: (1) all available windows and doors accessible to fresh outdoor air are kept open; (2) fully operational HVAC system; and (3) appropriately sized Portable Air Cleaners (as defined in the Ventilation Guidance) in each room. Businesses and facilities subject to this requirement include, for example and without limitation:

- Dining establishments that offer indoor dining (including food courts in Indoor Shopping Centers),
- Indoor personal service providers that will be providing services requiring the removal of clients' Face Coverings,
- Indoor filming venues where people will be removing their Face Coverings for allowed production-related purposes,
- Houses of worship that allow Face Coverings to be removed briefly for religious rituals or ceremonies in compliance with section 4.7 of Health Officer Directive 2020-34, including as it may be amended in the future,
- Institutions of Higher Education that allow Face Coverings to be removed indoors as necessary for specialized instruction in an indoor class in compliance with section 2.10 of Health Officer Directive 2020-22, including as it may be amended in the future,
- Movie theaters where concessions are offered,
- Facilities where live events with in-person audiences are held with concessions offered,
- Facilities where private events with food or drink, including conferences, meetings, and receptions are held,
- Gyms where cardio equipment are placed less than 12 feet apart,
- Break rooms or other office spaces where employees are allowed to eat with other people,
- Indoor pools, and
- Locker room and shower facilities.

If option 1 is used, doors and windows that are required to be kept closed for fire/life safety purposes are exempt. For example, fire doors must remain closed. Make sure open windows do not create falling hazards especially for children. Also, if doors and windows must be closed due to weather or air conditions, the facility must close to the public until the doors and windows can be opened or another ventilation strategy is implemented.

**j.** **Compliance With State Orders.** All businesses that are allowed to operate under this Order must operate in compliance with any applicable orders issued by the State that may limit the hours or manner of operation of businesses.

**j.k.** **Capacity Limitations.** With the exception of indoor bars without meals and indoor sauna, steam and hot tubs, which have lower capacity limits as set forth in Appendix C-1 to this Order, all businesses that operate indoors and serve members of the public



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indoors (including but not limited to essential and non-essential retail stores, and other essential businesses such as banks and businesses providing mailing and shipping services) must limit capacity to the lesser of: (1) 50% the store's maximum occupancy or (2) the number of people who can maintain at least six feet of physical distance from each other in the facility at all times.

Unless otherwise provided in an appendix to this Order or industry-specific Health Officer directive, the capacity limit does **not** include staff or other Personnel of a business.

Businesses are urged to institute special hours for older adults and others with chronic conditions or compromised immune systems.

- l.* Metering Requirements. All businesses that that operate indoors and serve members of the public indoors subject to a capacity limitation must develop and implement written procedures to “meter” or track the number of persons entering and exiting the facility to ensure that the maximum capacity for the establishment is not exceeded. For example, an employee of the establishment may be posted at each entrance to the facility to perform this function. The establishment must provide a copy of its written “metering” procedures to an enforcement officer upon request and disclose the number of members of the public currently present in the facility.

5. Schools, Childcare, Youth Programs, and Higher Education

- a. Schools. Transitional kindergarten (TK)-12 schools may operate for in-person instruction subject to the following requirements and conditions.

  - 1) TK-12 Grade. Schools serving grades TK-12 may open for indoor in-person instruction if they:

    - i. obtain advance written approval of the Health Officer, and
    - ii. complete and post a Covid-19 Safety Plan (CSP)—as described in the California Department of Public Health “Covid-19 and Reopening In-Person Instruction Framework & Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California, 2020-21 School Year (available at [https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID-19/Consolidated\\_Schools\\_Guidance.pdf](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID-19/Consolidated_Schools_Guidance.pdf))—to their website homepage and submit the CSP to the San Francisco Department of Public Health and the State Safe Schools for All Team and there are no identified deficiencies.

More information about this process is available at <https://www.sfdph.org/dph/covid-19/schools-education.asp> or email the Schools and Childcare Hub at [schools-childcaresites@sfdph.org](mailto:schools-childcaresites@sfdph.org).



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- 2) Specialized Targeted Support Services. TK-12 schools may operate to provide in-person specialized and targeted support services to vulnerable children and youth. Schools providing specialized targeted support services do not need to obtain a waiver or advance written approval of the Health Officer, but must comply with the Health Officer Directive No. 2020-26, including as it may be amended in the future. Additional information about what qualifies as specialized targeted support services and which students may be served in these specialized programs is available at <https://www.sfdph.org/dph/covid-19/schools-education.asp>.
- 3) Requirements for All TK-12 Schools. All TK-12 schools must follow any applicable directives issued by the County Health Officer, including Health Officer Directive No. 2020-33 ([www.sfdph.org/directives](http://www.sfdph.org/directives)), including as it may be amended in the future, and any applicable “COVID-19 Industry Guidance” issued by the California Department of Public Health, available at <https://covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance/>.

For clarity, this subsection applies to public and private schools operating in San Francisco, including independent, parochial and charter schools.

- b. Home-Based Care for Children. Home-based care for children is permitted under Section 8.a.xxi, below.
- c. Childcare Programs for Young Children. Group care facilities for children who are not yet in elementary school—including, for example, licensed childcare centers, daycares, family daycares, and preschools (including cooperative preschools)—may operate subject to, and to the extent permitted by, the health and safety requirements set forth in Section 3.b.1 of Appendix C-1 and Health Officer Directive No. 2020-14, including as it may be amended in the future.
- d. Out of School Time Programs. With the exception of schools, which are addressed in subsection (a) above, educational or recreational institutions or programs that provide care or supervision for school-aged children and youth—including for example, learning hubs, other programs that support and supplement distance learning in schools, school-aged childcare programs, youth sports programs, and afterschool programs—may operate subject to, and to the extent permitted by, the health and safety requirements set forth in Section 3.b.3 of Appendix C-1 and Health Officer Directive No. 2020-21, including as it may be amended in the future.
- e. Institutions of Higher Education and Adult Education. Institutions of higher education (“IHEs”), such as colleges and universities, and other programs offering adult education—including, for example, programs offering job skills training and English as a second language classes to adults—may operate subject to, and to the extent permitted by, the health and safety requirements set forth in Section 14 of Appendix C-1, and Health Officer Directive No. 2020-22, including as it may be



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amended in the future.

- f. Additional Information. Additional information about the operational requirements and restrictions relating to COVID-19 for schools, childcare, and youth programs is available at <https://www.sfdph.org/dph/covid-19/schools-education.asp>.

6. Public Transit.

- a. Transit agencies, people riding or waiting to ride on public transit, and people at or near a public transit stop or station must comply with Social Distancing Requirements, as defined in Section 8.o, except as provided in subsection (b) below. Personnel and passengers must wear Face Coverings as required by the Face Covering Order. Personnel and passengers are urged to get fully vaccinated and those who are not fully vaccinated are strongly urged to double mask. Further, under federal rules there are additional restrictions on required face coverings while people are riding public transit or in public transportation facilities (e.g., buses, streetcars, ferries, bus stations, ferry terminals, and airports); properly fitting face coverings covering the nose and mouth are required, and bandanas, scarves and loosely woven masks are not allowed in these settings. *See* CDC order for face masks on public transportation conveyances and at transportation hubs, available at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/face-masks-public-transportation.html>. Also, people riding or waiting to ride on public transit must follow any applicable directives issued by the County Health Officer ([www.sfdph.org/directives](http://www.sfdph.org/directives)) and any applicable "COVID-19 Industry Guidance" issued by the California Department of Public Health, available at <https://covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance/>.
- b. Transit agencies that have submitted an acceptable health and safety plan to the Department of Public Health may relax the six-foot social distancing requirement between riders, provided that they encourage riders from different Households to maintain six feet social distance to the greatest extent feasible. Transit agencies that have submitted an acceptable health plan must still ensure that there is at least six-feet social distance between transit operators and members of the public. The Department of Public Health has posted a template health and safety plan at [www.sfdph.org/directives](http://www.sfdph.org/directives).

7. Mandatory Reporting by Businesses and Government Entities When Three or More Personnel Contract COVID-19 Within Two Weeks.

Businesses and governmental entities must require that all Personnel immediately alert the Business or governmental entity if they test positive for COVID-19 and were present in the workplace within the 48 hours before onset of symptoms or, if asymptomatic, within 48 hours of the date on which they were tested. Businesses and governmental entities can learn more about what to do after a positive COVID-19 case among





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Personnel at [www.sfdcp.org/covid19-positive-workplace](http://www.sfdcp.org/covid19-positive-workplace). If a Business or governmental entity has three or more Personnel who test positive for COVID-19 within a two-week period, then the Business or governmental entity is required to call the San Francisco Department of Public Health at 628-217-6100 immediately to report the cluster of cases. Businesses and governmental entities must also comply with all case investigation and contact tracing measures by the County, including providing any information requested. This section does not apply to construction projects that are covered by the reporting requirements included in Appendix B.

8. Definitions.

For purposes of this Order, the following initially capitalized terms have the meanings given below.

Allowed Businesses and Business Activities.

a. *Essential Businesses.* “Essential Businesses” means:

- i. Healthcare Operations (as defined in subsection g below);
- ii. Grocery stores, certified farmers’ markets, farm and produce stands, supermarkets, food banks, convenience stores, and other establishments engaged in the retail sale of unprepared food, canned food, dry goods, non-alcoholic beverages, fresh fruits and vegetables, pet supply, fresh meats, fish, and poultry, as well as hygienic products and household consumer products necessary for personal hygiene or the habitability, sanitation, or operation of Residences. The Businesses included in this subsection include establishments that sell multiple categories of products provided that they sell a significant amount of essential products identified in this subsection, such as liquor stores that also sell a significant amount of food;
- iii. Food cultivation, including farming, livestock, and fishing;
- iv. Businesses that provide food, shelter, and social services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals;
- v. Construction, but only as permitted under the State Order and only pursuant to the Construction Safety Protocols listed in Appendix B and incorporated into this Order by this reference. City public works projects are not subject to Appendix B, but rather must comply with Health Officer Directive No. 2020-04, including as it may be amended in the future, regarding the Construction Safety Protocols for City Public Works Projects;
- vi. Newspapers, television, radio, and other media services;
- vii. Gas stations and auto-supply, auto-repair (including, but not limited to, for cars, trucks, motorcycles and motorized scooters), and automotive dealerships, but only for the purpose of providing auto-supply and auto-repair services. This



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subsection (vii) does not restrict the on-line purchase of automobiles if they are delivered to a Residence or Essential Business;

- viii. Bicycle repair and supply shops;
- ix. Banks and related financial institutions;
- x. Service providers that enable real estate transactions (including rentals, leases, and home sales), including, but not limited to, real estate agents, escrow agents, notaries, and title companies, provided that appointments and other residential real estate viewings must only occur virtually or, if a virtual viewing is not feasible, by appointment with no more than two visitors at a time residing within the same Household and one individual showing the unit (except that in person visits are not allowed when the occupant is present in the Residence);
- xi. Hardware stores;
- xii. Plumbers, electricians, exterminators, and other service providers who provide services that are necessary to maintaining the habitability, sanitation, or operation of Residences and Essential Businesses;
- xiii. Businesses providing mailing and shipping services, including post office boxes;
- xiv. Educational institutions—including public and private K-12 schools, colleges, and universities—for purposes of facilitating distance learning or performing essential functions, or as allowed under subsection (xxvi), provided that social distancing of six feet per person is maintained to the greatest extent possible;
- xv. Laundromats, drycleaners, and laundry service providers;
- xvi. Restaurants and other facilities that prepare and serve food, but only for delivery or carry out. Schools and other entities that typically provide free food services to students or members of the public may continue to do so under this Order on the condition that the food is provided to students or members of the public on a pick-up and take-away basis only. Schools and other entities that provide food services under this exemption shall not permit the food to be eaten at the site where it is provided, or at any other gathering site;
- xvii. Funeral home providers, mortuaries, cemeteries, and crematoriums, to the extent necessary for the transport, preparation, or processing of bodies or remains, and for those same entities, as well as for houses of worship, to hold (a) indoor funerals for the number of individuals then allowed to gather for indoor religious services and cultural ceremonies under Section (9)b.3 of Appendix C-2, and (b) outdoor funerals subject to the capacity limits for outdoor religious gatherings under Section (9)b.2 of Appendix C-2, but indoor and outdoor funerals cannot be held concurrently for the funeral for the same individual at the same location;
- xviii. Businesses that supply other Essential Businesses and Outdoor Businesses with the support or supplies necessary to operate, but only to the extent that they



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support or supply these Businesses. This exemption shall not be used as a basis for engaging in sales to the general public from retail storefronts;

- xix. Businesses that have the primary function of shipping or delivering groceries, food, or other goods directly to Residences or Businesses. This exemption shall not be used to allow for manufacturing or assembly of non-essential products or for other functions besides those necessary to the delivery operation;
- xx. Airlines, taxis, rental car companies, rideshare services (including shared bicycles and scooters), and other private transportation providers providing transportation services necessary for Essential Activities and other purposes expressly authorized in this Order;
- xxi. Home-based care for seniors, adults, children, and pets;
- xxii. Residential facilities and shelters for seniors, adults, and children;
- xxiii. Professional services, such as legal, notary, or accounting services, when necessary to assist in compliance with non-elective, legally required activities or in relation to death or incapacity;
- xxiv. Services to assist individuals in finding employment with Essential Businesses;
- xxv. Moving services that facilitate residential or commercial moves that are allowed under this Order;
- xxvi. Childcare establishments and other educational or recreational institutions or programs providing care or supervision for children (with the exception of summer camps, which are addressed separately in Appendix C-1, and schools, which are addressed separately in Section 6.b, above) that enable owners and Personnel of Essential Businesses and providers of Essential Governmental Functions to work as allowed under this Order;
- xxvii. Businesses that operate, maintain, or repair Essential Infrastructure.

b. *Outdoor Businesses*. “Outdoor Businesses” means:

- i. The following Businesses that normally operated primarily outdoors before March 16, 2020, and where there is the ability to fully maintain social distancing of at least six feet between all persons:
  - 1. Businesses primarily operated outdoors, such as wholesale and retail plant nurseries, agricultural operations, and garden centers; and
  - 2. Service providers that primarily provide outdoor services, such as landscaping and gardening services, and environmental site remediation services.

For clarity, “Outdoor Businesses” do not include outdoor restaurants, cafes, or bars. Except as otherwise provided in Appendix C-1, they also do not include Businesses that promote large, coordinated, and prolonged gatherings, such as outdoor concert venues and amusement parks.



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Outdoor Businesses may conduct their operations in a tent, canopy, or other shelter as provided in Section 4.c above.

- c. *Additional Businesses.* “Additional Business” means any Business identified as an Additional Business in Appendix C-1, which will be updated as warranted based on the Health Officer’s ongoing evaluation of the COVID-19 Indicators and other data. In addition to the other requirements in this Order, operation of those Additional Businesses is subject to any conditions and health and safety requirements set forth in Appendix C-1 and in any industry-specific guidance issued by the Health Officer.
- d. *Minimum Basic Operations.* “Minimum Basic Operations” means the following activities for Businesses, provided that owners, Personnel, and contractors comply with Social Distancing Requirements as defined this Section, to the extent possible, while carrying out such operations:
  - i. The minimum necessary activities to maintain and protect the value of the Business’s inventory and facilities; ensure security, safety, and sanitation; process payroll and employee benefits; provide for the delivery of existing inventory directly to Residences or Businesses; and related functions. For clarity, this section does not permit Businesses to provide curbside pickup to customers; and
  - ii. The minimum necessary activities to facilitate owners, Personnel, and contractors of the Business being able to continue to work remotely from their Residences, and to ensure that the Business can deliver its service remotely.
- e. *Business.* A “Business” includes any for-profit, non-profit, or educational entity, whether a corporate entity, organization, partnership or sole proprietorship, and regardless of the nature of the service, the function it performs, or its corporate or entity structure.
- f. *Personnel.* “Personnel” means the following people who provide goods or services associated with the Business in the County: employees; contractors and sub-contractors (such as those who sell goods or perform services onsite or who deliver goods for the Business); independent contractors; vendors who are permitted to sell goods onsite; volunteers; and other individuals who regularly provide services onsite at the request of the Business. “Personnel” includes “gig workers” who perform work via the Business’s app or other online interface, if any.
- g. *Healthcare Operations.* “Healthcare Operations” includes, without limitation, hospitals, clinics, COVID-19 testing locations, dentists, pharmacies, blood banks and blood drives, pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, other healthcare facilities, healthcare suppliers, home healthcare services providers, mental health providers, or any related and/or ancillary healthcare services. “Healthcare Operations” also includes veterinary care and all healthcare services provided to animals. This exemption for Healthcare Operations must be construed broadly to



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avoid any interference with the delivery of healthcare, broadly defined. “Healthcare Operations” excludes fitness and exercise gyms and similar facilities.

Allowed Activities.

h. *Essential Activities.* “Essential Activities” means to:

- i. Engage in activities or perform tasks important to their health and safety, or to the health and safety of their family or Household members (including pets);
- ii. Obtain necessary services or supplies for themselves and their family or Household members, or to deliver those services or supplies to others;
- iii. Provide necessary care for a family member or pet in another Household who has no other source of care;
- iv. Attend a funeral with no more than 12 individuals present (or, if higher, the number of individuals allowed to gather for social gatherings under Appendix C-2); and
- v. Move Residences.

i. *Outdoor Activities.* “Outdoor Activities” means:

- i. To engage in outdoor recreation activity, including, by way of example and without limitation, walking, hiking, bicycling, and running, in compliance with Social Distancing Requirements and with the following limitations:
  1. Outdoor recreation activity at parks, beaches, and other open spaces must comply with any restrictions on access and use established by the Health Officer, government, or other entity that manages such area to reduce crowding and risk of transmission of COVID-19;
  2. Except as otherwise provided in Appendix C-2 or as otherwise authorized in writing by the Health Officer, use of outdoor recreational areas and facilities with high-touch equipment or that encourage gathering—including playgrounds, gym equipment, climbing walls, pools, spas, and barbecue areas—is prohibited outside of Residences, and all such areas must be closed to public access including by signage and, as appropriate, by physical barriers; and
  3. Except as otherwise provided in Appendix C-2, sports or activities that include the use of shared equipment or physical contact between participants may only be engaged in by members of the same Household.

Outdoor Activities may be conducted in a tent, canopy, or other shelter, as provided in Section 4.c above.



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j. *Additional Activities*. “Additional Activities” means:

- i. To engage in outdoor recreation activities or other activities set forth in Appendix C-2, subject to any conditions and health and safety requirements set forth there.

Allowed Travel.

k. *Essential Travel*. “Essential Travel” means travel for any of the following purposes:

- i. Travel related to the provision of or access to Essential Activities, Essential Governmental Functions, Essential Businesses, Minimum Basic Operations, Outdoor Activities, Outdoor Businesses, Additional Activities, and Additional Businesses;
- ii. Travel to care for any elderly, minors, dependents, or persons with disabilities;
- iii. Travel to or from educational institutions for purposes of receiving materials for distance learning, for receiving meals, and any other related services;
- iv. Travel to return to a place of Residence from outside the County;
- v. Travel required by law enforcement or court order;
- vi. Travel required for non-residents to return to their place of Residence outside the County. Individuals are strongly encouraged to verify that their transportation out of the County remains available and functional before commencing such travel;
- vii. Travel to manage after-death arrangements and burial;
- viii. Travel to arrange for shelter or avoid homelessness;
- ix. Travel to avoid domestic violence or child abuse;
- x. Travel for parental custody arrangements; and
- xi. Travel to a place to temporarily reside in a Residence or facility to avoid potentially exposing others to COVID-19, such as a hotel or other facility provided by a governmental authority for such purposes.

Governmental Functions.

- l. *Essential Infrastructure*. “Essential Infrastructure,” including airports, utilities (including water, sewer, gas, and electrical), oil refining, roads and highways, public transportation, solid waste facilities (including collection, removal, disposal, recycling, and processing facilities), cemeteries, mortuaries, crematoriums, and telecommunications systems (including the provision of essential global, national, and local infrastructure for internet, computing services, Business infrastructure, communications, and web-based services).





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- m. *Essential Governmental Functions.* “Essential Governmental Functions” are determined by the governmental entity performing those functions in the County. Each governmental entity shall identify and designate appropriate Personnel, volunteers, or contractors to continue providing and carrying out any Essential Governmental Functions, including the hiring or retention of new personnel or contractors to perform such functions. Each governmental entity and its contractors must employ all necessary emergency protective measures to prevent, mitigate, respond to, and recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, and all Essential Governmental Functions must be performed in compliance with Social Distancing Requirements to the greatest extent feasible. All first responders, emergency management personnel, emergency dispatchers, court personnel, and law enforcement personnel, and others who need to perform essential services are categorically exempt from this Order to the extent they are performing those essential services.

The County may operate facilities as needed to address health emergencies related to weather conditions or acts of nature, such as excessive heat or smoke from wildfires, even if those facilities are not otherwise allowed to open for their intended purposes under this Order, provided that the operation of such facilities must be done in compliance with any COVID-19 related guidance that the Health Officer may issue. Those facilities include, but are not limited to, cooling centers and smoke respite centers, and may be operated directly by the County or by other entities at the direction of or in coordination with the County or as otherwise provided for in such guidance.

Residences and Households.

- n. “Residences” and “Households” are defined as set forth in Section 3.b, above.

Social Distancing.

- o. *Social Distancing Requirements.* “Social Distancing Requirements” mean:
- i. Maintaining at least six-foot social distancing indoors from individuals who are not part of the same Household, except as otherwise allowed in this Order or a Health Officer industry directive. Outdoors, distancing is required and six feet is recommended, except as otherwise required in this Order or a Health Officer industry directive;
  - ii. Frequently washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or using hand sanitizer that is recognized by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as effective in combatting COVID-19;
  - iii. Covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue or fabric or, if not possible, into the sleeve or elbow (but not into hands);



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- iv. Wearing a Face Covering when out in public, consistent with the orders or guidance of the Health Officer, including but not limited to Health Officer Order No. C19-12, including as that order may be amended in the future; and
  - v. Avoiding all non-essential interaction outside the Household when sick with any COVID-19 symptom listed at [www.sfdcp.org/covid19symptoms](http://www.sfdcp.org/covid19symptoms) that is new or not explained by another condition.
9. Incorporation of State and Local Emergency Proclamations and Federal and State Health Orders. This Order is issued in accordance with and incorporates by reference the emergency proclamations and other State and Federal orders and other pandemic-related statements listed in this Section. But this Order is based on all information included in it, and if any State or Federal order or other guidance is repealed, this Order remains in full effect.
- a. State and Local Emergency Proclamations. This Order is issued in accordance with, and incorporates by reference, the March 4, 2020 Proclamation of a State of Emergency issued by Governor Gavin Newsom, the March 12, 2020 Executive Order (Executive Order N-25-20) issued by Governor Gavin Newsom, the February 25, 2020 Proclamation by the Mayor Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency issued by Mayor London Breed, as supplemented on March 11, 2020, the March 6, 2020 Declaration of Local Health Emergency Regarding Novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) issued by the Health Officer, and guidance issued by the California Department of Public Health, as each of them have been and may be supplemented.
  - b. State Health Orders. This Order is also issued in light of the March 19, 2020 Order of the State Public Health Officer and the State Blueprint for a Safer Economy (the “State Order”), which set baseline statewide restrictions on non-residential Business activities, effective until further notice, the Governor’s March 19, 2020 Executive Order N-33-20 directing California residents to follow the State Order, and the July 13, 2020, August 28, 2020, November 19, 2020, and December 3, 2020 Orders of the State Public Health Officer. The May 4, 2020 Executive Order issued by Governor Newsom and May 7, 2020 Order of the State Public Health Officer permit certain Businesses to reopen if a local health officer believes the conditions in that jurisdictions warrant it, but expressly acknowledge the authority of local health officers to establish and implement public health measures within their respective jurisdictions that are more restrictive than those implemented by the State Public Health Officer. Also on November 16, 2020, the State Department of Public Health issued updated guidance for the use of Face Coverings, requiring all people in the State to wear Face Coverings when outside the home, subject to limited exceptions.
  - c. Federal Orders. This Order is also issued in light of federal orders, including the January 20, 2021 Executive Order on Protecting the Federal Workforce and Requiring Mask-Wearing, which requires all individuals in Federal buildings and on Federal land to wear Face Coverings, maintain physical distance, and adhere to other public health measures, and the February 2, 2021 Order of the United States Centers For Disease Control and Prevention, which requires use of a Face Covering on public



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transportation.

**10. Obligation to Follow Stricter Requirements of Orders.**

This Order adopts certain health and safety restrictions that are more stringent than those contained in the State Order. Without this tailored set of restrictions that further reduces the number of interactions between persons, scientific evidence indicates that the public health crisis in the County will worsen to the point at which it may overtake available health care resources within the County and increase the death rate. Where a conflict exists between this Order and any state public health order related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the most restrictive provision (i.e., the more protective of public health) controls. Consistent with California Health and Safety Code section 131080 and the Health Officer Practice Guide for Communicable Disease Control in California, except where the State Health Officer may issue an order expressly directed at this Order and based on a finding that a provision of this Order constitutes a menace to public health, any more restrictive measures in this Order continue to apply and control in this County. Also, to the extent any federal guidelines allow activities that are not allowed by this Order, this Order controls and those activities are not allowed.

**11. Obligation to Follow Health Officer Directives and Mandatory State Guidance.**

In addition to complying with all provisions of this Order, all individuals and entities, including all Businesses and governmental entities, must also follow any applicable directives issued by the County Health Officer ([www.sfdph.org/directives](http://www.sfdph.org/directives)) and any applicable "COVID-19 Industry Guidance" issued by the California Department of Public Health, available at <https://covid19.ca.gov/industry-guidance/>. To the extent that provisions in the directives of the County Health Officer and the guidance of the State Health Officer conflict, the more restrictive provisions (i.e., the more protective of public health) apply. In the event of a conflict between provisions of any previously-issued Health Officer directive and this Order (including the revised provisions of the Appendixes), this Order controls over the conflicting provisions of the Health Officer directive.

**12. Enforcement.**

Under Government Code sections 26602 and 41601 and Health and Safety Code section 101029, the Health Officer requests that the Sheriff and the Chief of Police in the County ensure compliance with and enforce this Order. The violation of any provision of this Order (including, without limitation, any Health Directives) constitutes an imminent threat and immediate menace to public health, constitutes a public nuisance, and is punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both. The San Francisco Department of Public Health is authorized to respond to such public nuisances by issuing Notice(s) of Violation and ordering premises vacated and closed until the owner, tenant, or manager submits a written plan to eliminate all violations and the San Francisco Department of Public Health ("SFDPH") finds that plan satisfactory. As a condition of allowing a business to



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reopen, DPH may impose additional restrictions and requirements on the business as DPH deems appropriate to reduce transmission risks, beyond those required by this Order and other applicable Health Orders and Directives.

If SFDPH finds that a premises, which has been permitted to reopen after being previously ordered to close, is again violating the terms of this Order (including, without limitation, any Health Directives), SFDPH may issue further Notice(s) of Violation and orders to vacate and close directing that the premises remain closed until both of the following conditions are satisfied: (1) the owner, tenant, or manager submits a written plan to eliminate all violations and SFDPH finds that plan satisfactory; and (2) at least two weeks have passed since the closure. Such Notice(s) of Violation and orders to vacate and close may be issued based on a written report made by any City employees writing the report within the scope of their duty. SFDPH must give notice of such orders to vacate and close to the Chief of Police or the Chief's designee to be executed and enforced by officers in the same manner as provided by San Francisco Health Code section 597.

13. Effective Date.

This Order becomes effective immediately upon issuance and will continue, as updated, to be in effect until it is rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Health Officer.

14. Relation to Other Orders of the San Francisco Health Officer.

Effective as of the effective date and time in Section 13 above, this Order revises and replaces Order Number C19-07~~w~~w, issued ~~April 14, 2021, and updated April 15~~ May 6, 2021. This Order also extends Order Nos. C19-04 (imposing cleaning standards for residential hotels) and C19-11 (placing Laguna Honda Hospital and Rehabilitation Center under protective quarantine) without any further need to amend those orders, with those listed orders otherwise remaining in effect until the specific listed order or this Order is extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Health Officer. This Order does not prohibit amendment of those orders separately. This Order also does not alter the end date of any other Health Officer order or directive having its own end date or which continues indefinitely.

15. Copies.

The County must promptly provide copies of this Order as follows: (1) by posting on the Department of Public Health website ([www.sfdph.org/healthorders](http://www.sfdph.org/healthorders)); (2) by posting at City Hall, located at 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Pl., San Francisco, CA 94102; and (3) by providing to any member of the public requesting a copy. Also, the owner, manager, or operator of any facility that is likely to be impacted by this Order is strongly encouraged to post a copy of this Order onsite and to provide a copy to any member of the public



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asking for a copy.

**16. Severability.**

If any provision of this Order or its application to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, the remainder of the Order, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, the provisions of this Order are severable.

**IT IS SO ORDERED:**

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Susan Philip, MD, MPH,  
Health Officer of the  
City and County of San Francisco

Dated: May ~~6~~20, 2021

**Attachments:**

- Appendix A – Social Distancing Protocol for Businesses (revised May ~~6~~20, 2021)
- Appendix B – Construction Project Safety Protocol (revised April 14, 2021)
- Appendix C-1 – Additional Businesses (revised May ~~6~~20, 2021)
- Appendix C-2 – Additional Activities (revised May ~~6~~20, 2021)

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**Appendix A: Social Distancing Protocol** (revised 5/6/2021)

Each business allowed to operate in San Francisco must complete, post onsite, and follow this Social Distancing Protocol checklist. The attached **Instructions and Requirements** detail what is required and how to complete this checklist.

Check off all items below that apply and list other required information.

Business name:

Contact name:

Facility Address:

Email / telephone:

(You may contact the person listed above with any questions or comments about this protocol.)

**SIGNAGE & EDUCATION**

- ☐ Post signage at each public entrance of the facility:
  - ☐ Requiring of everyone: (1) do not enter if they are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. List (and list the symptoms in the San Francisco COVID-19 **Optional** Health Screening Form for non-personnel (Attachment A-2); (2) maintain distance from others in line (6 feet indoors and recommended 6 feet outside) and in the facility; and (3) wear a face covering inside and when otherwise required.
  - ☐ Noting that people at risk for severe illness with COVID-19—such as unvaccinated older adults, and unvaccinated individuals with health risks—and members of their household should avoid indoor settings with crowds.
  - ☐ Indicating which of the following ventilation strategies are used at the facility: All available windows and doors accessible to fresh outdoor air are kept open; Fully Operational HVAC systems; Appropriately sized portable air cleaners in each room; or None of the above. ([www.sfgcdcp.org/ventilation](http://www.sfgcdcp.org/ventilation))
- ☐ Post a copy of this two-page Social Distancing Protocol checklist at each public entrance
- ☐ Post signage showing maximum number of patrons who can be in the facility
- ☐ Post required signage in all break rooms and similar indoor spaces used by Personnel stating:
  - (1) COVID-19 is transmitted through the air, and the risk is generally higher indoors.
  - (2) Personnel must remain at least six feet away from others outside their Household at all times.
  - (3) A copy of the “Take a Break Safely” Poster (available online at [sf.gov/file/covid-break-room](https://sf.gov/file/covid-break-room)).
  - (4) A sign regarding ventilation as listed above ([www.sfgcdcp.org/ventilation](http://www.sfgcdcp.org/ventilation)).
- ☐ Educate Personnel about this Protocol and other COVID-19 related safety requirements

**PROTECTIVE MEASURES**

- ☐ Follow Sections ~~2.1 through 2.4~~ below related to screening, including:
  - ☐ ~~Ensure~~ ☐ Develop and implement a process for screening Personnel for COVID-19 symptoms, and ensure that Personnel stay home or leave work if they answer yes to any of the three questions on the have symptoms consistent with COVID-19 that are not explained by another condition. The **Optional** Personnel Screening Attachment (Attachment A-1) may be used for this purpose, but it is not required, and screening may occur in advance of the arrival of Personnel. See [www.sfgcdcp.org/screen](http://www.sfgcdcp.org/screen) for this form.
  - ☐ ~~Provide~~ Ensure that Personnel a copy of the Personnel Screening Attachment (A-1) to ensure they understand when to stay home and for how long. That form discusses rules for staying out of work due to concerns of COVID-19 exposure. Translated versions of the Personnel Screening Attachment (A-1) are available online at [www.sfgcdcp.org/screen](http://www.sfgcdcp.org/screen).
  - ☐ ~~Ensure~~ Personnel review health questions on the Personnel Screening Attachment (A-1) before each shift and advise Personnel what to do if they have symptoms consistent with COVID-19 that are required to stay home not explained by another condition.
- ☐ Require Personnel and patrons to wear a face covering as required by Health Officer orders



- ☐ Implement a plan to keep site Personnel safe, including by limiting the number of Personnel and patrons onsite and favoring allowing Personnel to carry out their duties from home when possible

- ☐ Require that patrons cancel or reschedule appointments or reservations for non-essential services if they have COVID-19 symptoms ~~or exposure~~ not explained by another condition, as described in San Francisco Optional COVID-19 Screening Form (**Attachment A-2**). Ensure that patrons can cancel an appointment or reservation for COVID-19 symptoms or exposure without financial penalty. You may offer to reschedule for another time if the patron wants to reschedule instead of to cancel.

### MEASURES TO PREVENT UNNECESSARY CONTACT

- ☐ Tell Personnel and patrons to maintain physical distancing of at least six feet, except Personnel may momentarily come closer when necessary to accept payment, deliver goods or services, or as otherwise necessary
- ☐ Separate all used desks or individual work stations by at least six feet
- ☐ Place markings in patron line areas to ensure six feet physical distancing
- ☐ Maintain Plexiglas or other barriers between patrons and Personnel at point of payment (if not possible, then ensure at least six feet of distance)
- ☐ Limit the number of patrons in the business at any one time to: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Separate ordering areas from delivery areas or similarly help distance patrons when possible
- ☐ Add signage and educate Personnel about safer break room practices, including as required in Section 3.27
- ☐ Optional—Describe other measures:

### CLEANING MEASURES

- ☐ Ensure that all high-touch or regularly used surfaces, as well as commonly-used areas like break rooms, bathrooms, and other common areas, are cleaned in line with current guidance from the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at least once daily, or more frequently if required by industry standards. Unless otherwise required by another Health Officer order or directive, cleaning does not have to occur after each individual patron touches a surface unless patron appears symptomatic or there is visible contamination from nasal or oral secretions.
- ☐ Provide disinfecting wipes that are effective against SARS-CoV-2 near shopping carts, shopping baskets, and high-touch surfaces and provide hand sanitizer
- ☐ Provide hand sanitizer, sink with soap and water, and/or disinfecting wipes to patrons and Personnel at or near the entrance of the facility, at checkout counters, and anywhere else people have direct interactions
- ☐ Prevent people from self-serving any items that are food-related except as allowed by this protocol or except as allowed by a separate Health Officer Directive (for example, No. 2020-17, as updated):
- ☐ Optional—Describe other measures (e.g., providing hours for unvaccinated older adults or high-risk people):

### INDUSTRY-SPECIFIC DIRECTIVES

- ☐ Ensure that you have read and implemented the attached list of requirements.
- ☐ In addition to complying with the Social Distancing Protocol, many businesses must comply with additional, industry-specific directives. Go to [www.sfdph.org/directives](http://www.sfdph.org/directives) and check to see if your business is subject to one or more additional directives. For each one, you must review the Health and Safety Plan (HSP) requirements and post an additional checklist for each one that applies. In the event that any directive changes the

requirements of the Social Distancing Protocol, the more specific language of the directive controls, even if it is less restrictive. Check this box after you have checked the list of directives and posted any other required HSP.

\* Any additional measures may be listed on separate pages and attached.

**[You are not required to post these Instructions and Requirements]****Instructions:**

The two-page Social Distancing Protocol checklist above must reflect the business's completion of each requirement listed below unless an item is not applicable. Use the two-page checklist above to show compliance with these requirements. The business does not need to post these Instructions and Requirements, only the checklist above. The term "Personnel" is defined in Health Officer Order to which this Appendix is attached. The term "patron" includes customers, others seeking services, visitors, and guests.

**Requirements:**

In addition to the items below, this protocol requires the business to ensure that Personnel who perform work associated with the business are covered by the Social Distancing Protocol checklist and comply with those requirements. Each business is required to take certain steps in the protocol related to its Personnel, including the actions listed in Sections 2.1 through 2.4 below if Personnel are sick. Each business is prohibited from taking any adverse action against any Personnel for staying home in the circumstances listed in Sections 2.1 through 2.4 below. Personnel of each business are prohibited from coming to work if they are sick and must comply with the protocol, including the rules for returning to work listed in Sections 2.1 through 2.4 below.

**1. Signage and Education**

**1.1.** [Revised 3/23/21] Post signage at each public entrance of the facility or location (if any) to inform all patrons each of the following:

**1.1.1.** [Updated 5/6/21] Patrons must: not wait in line or enter the facility or location if they have a symptom of COVID-19 that is new or not explained by another condition, listing the symptoms from the Optional Screening Form for non-personnel (Attachment A-2, available online at [www.sfcddcp.org/screen](http://www.sfcddcp.org/screen)) or using the symptom list available online at [www.sfcddcp.org/covid19symptoms](http://www.sfcddcp.org/covid19symptoms);

maintain a minimum six-foot distance from others while in line or in the facility or location;

wear a face covering or barrier mask (a "Face Covering") at all times as required by Health Officer Order No. C19-12, including as that order is updated in the future; and

not shake hands or engage in any unnecessary physical contact.

Criteria for Face Coverings and the requirements related to their use are set forth in Health Officer Order No. C19-12f, issued on May 4, 2021 (the "Face Covering Order"), including as that order is updated in the future. Sample signs are available online at <https://sf.gov/outreach-toolkit-coronavirus-covid-19>. A list of common symptoms of COVID-19 can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>.

**1.1.2.** [Added 3/23/21] People at risk for severe illness with COVID-19—such as unvaccinated older adults, and unvaccinated individuals with health risks—and members of their household should avoid indoor settings with crowds.

- 1.1.3.** [Moved from below and updated 3/23/21] Indicating which of the following ventilation strategies are used at the facility: All available windows and doors accessible to fresh outdoor air are kept open; Fully Operational HVAC systems; Appropriately sized portable air cleaners in each room; or None of the above.

In addition, all businesses—including hospitals and medical offices that meet Title 24 requirements for ventilation for healthcare facilities—must conspicuously post this same ventilation signage in any and all breakrooms in their facilities.

The County is making templates for the signage available online at <https://sf.gov/outreach-toolkit-coronavirus-covid-19>. The templates may be updated from time to time, and businesses are strongly urged to keep informed of those changes and update their signage accordingly

- 1.2.** Post a copy of the Social Distancing Protocol checklist at each public entrance to the facility or location.
- 1.3.** Distribute to all Personnel copies of the Social Distancing Protocol checklist in hardcopy or electronic format.
- 1.4.** Educate all Personnel on the requirements of the Social Distancing Protocol and any other Health Officer directive that applies.

## **2. Screening Requirements and Related Restrictions**

[Entire section revised 5/20/21] Businesses and other organizations, including government entities, must develop and implement a process for screening Personnel for COVID-19 symptoms. But this Order no longer requires that Businesses or other organizations perform on-site pre-entry health screening of Personnel or patrons, including screening for symptoms of COVID-19, asking about close contact with others who have COVID-19, or verifying completion of remote self-screening. Instead, this Order recommends that all individuals monitor themselves for COVID-19 symptoms or exposures, and that Businesses and other organizations ask Personnel and patrons to evaluate their own symptoms before reporting to work or arriving on-site. If Personnel or patrons have symptoms consistent with COVID-19 that are not explained by another condition, they should isolate except to get tested or seek medical care when appropriate unless otherwise excused from isolation by a medical professional. Additional information about insulation and quarantine, including translations, is available online at [www.sfcddp.org/i&q](http://www.sfcddp.org/i&q). [Entire section revised 9/14/20; minor edits made 3/23/21] Businesses and other entities in the City that are allowed to operate must screen all Personnel each day using the screening process described in Sections 2.1 through 2.4 below. Attached to this Appendix is the Personnel Screening Attachment (**Attachment A-1**) which provides the three questions that must be used for that purpose. That form may be used, or the business may adapt the questions and the information contained in that form for use through another method such as by phone, text message, email, web interface, or app.

Separately, many businesses and other entities that are allowed to operate are required by separate directives to screen guests, visitors, customers, or others using similar questions. Attached to this Appendix is the San Francisco COVID-19 Health Screening Form for non-personnel (**Attachment A-2**) that may be used for this purpose. If a directive requires use of the San Francisco COVID-19 Health Screening Form, then that form must be used or the business or entity may adapt the questions and the information contained in that form for use through another method such as by phone, text message, email, web interface, or app.

~~A copy of the applicable screening form should be provided to anyone on request, although a poster or other large-format version of the form may be used to review the questions with people verbally at entrances. Businesses and organizations can use the guidance available online at [www.sfcddcp.org/screen](http://www.sfcddcp.org/screen) for determining how best to conduct screening. The City has flyers, posters, fact sheets, and social media graphics available in multiple languages for use by the community. These resources include posters regarding use of Face Coverings and screening. These resources are available online at <https://sf.gov/outreach-toolkit-coronavirus-covid-19>.~~

Businesses or other organizations may choose to continue on-site health screening of Personnel or patrons or verify remote self-screening and, in some cases, state and other regulatory agencies may require such screening (for example, for community sporting events). If a Business or other organization conducts on-site health screening, it should do so safely, respectfully, and in accordance with applicable privacy and confidentiality laws. For additional resources, including copies of the optional sample screening forms, go to [www.sfcddcp.org/screen](http://www.sfcddcp.org/screen).

Businesses and other entities in the City that are allowed to operate may utilize the optional screening attachments included in this Appendix: the Optional Personnel Screening Attachment (**Attachment A-1**); and the Optional COVID-19 Health Screening Form for non-personnel (**Attachment A-2**).

The screening requirements and recommendations listed in this Appendix are subject to any more specific (or different) screening requirements that apply under any other Health Officer directive or order that is updated or revised on or after May 20, 2021.

#### Personnel Screening and Restrictions:

~~**2.1.** [Updated 15/20/21] Instruct all Personnel orally and in writing not to come to work or the facility if they answer yes to any of the three questions on the Personnel Screening Attachment (**Attachment A-1**). See [www.sfcddcp.org/screen](http://www.sfcddcp.org/screen) for this form including translations.~~

~~**2.2.2.1.** Provide a copy of the Personnel Screening Attachment (A-1) to all Personnel who regularly work at the facility or location in hardcopy format or electronically. PDF and translated versions of the Personnel Screening Attachment can be found at [www.sfcddcp.org/screen](http://www.sfcddcp.org/screen). If the Personnel Screening Attachment is updated, provide an updated copy to all Personnel. Instead of sending out the attachment, Businesses may (i) adopt the questions and information contained on the Personnel Screening Attachment, (ii) ask Personnel those questions, and (iii) deliver to Personnel the information contained in have symptoms consistent with COVID-19 that form through are not explained by another format. condition unless permitted to return to work by a healthcare professional.~~

~~**2.2.** [Updated 3/2/21] Review the three questions on the Personnel Screening Attachment on a daily basis with all Personnel in the City who work at the facility or location before each person enters work spaces or begins a shift. If such a review is not feasible because the business does not directly interact with some Personnel onsite daily, then that business must for those Personnel (1) instruct such Personnel to review the~~

~~questions before each shift in the City and (2) have such Personnel report to the business that they are okay to begin the shift such as through an app, website, or phone call.~~

~~Instruct any Personnel who answered yes to any of the three questions on the Personnel Screening Attachment to return home or not come to work and follow the directions on the Attachment. [Deleted 5/20/21]~~

- 2.3.** [Updated 5/20/21] Generally speaking, Personnel with any single COVID-19 symptom that is new or not explained by another condition (and who has not already been diagnosed with COVID-19) MUST have a negative COVID-19 test OR stay out of work for at least 10 days since symptoms started in order to return to work. Those who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 or had a test confirming they have the virus cannot return to work until at least 10 days after their symptoms have started; if they never had symptoms but had a positive COVID-19 test they can return 10 days after the date their test was collected. Those who are close contacts of someone with COVID-19 must generally remain out of work for 10-14 days since their last close contact, and the exact duration depends on their occupation (details can be found at [www.sfgdcp.org/quarantineduration](http://www.sfgdcp.org/quarantineduration)). Anyone who has received the COVID-19 vaccine should read more about whether they need to quarantine after being a close contact at: [www.sfgdcp.org/quarantineaftervaccination](http://www.sfgdcp.org/quarantineaftervaccination).
- 2.4.** [Updated 5/20/21] Instruct Personnel who stayed home or who went home based on the questions listed on the Personnel Screening Attachment, if used, that they must follow the instructions on that form as well as any applicable requirements from the quarantine and isolation directives (available at [www.sfdph.org/healthorders](http://www.sfdph.org/healthorders)) before returning to work. If they are required to self-quarantine or self-isolate, they may only return to work after they have completed self-quarantine or self-isolation. If they test negative for the virus (no virus found), they may only return to work if they meet the criteria explained on the Personnel Screening Attachment: [www.sfgdcp.org/screening-handout](http://www.sfgdcp.org/screening-handout). Personnel are not required to provide a medical clearance letter to return to work as long as they have met the requirements outlined on the Personnel Screening Attachment. ~~Additional information about isolation and quarantine, including translations, is available online at [www.sfgdcp.org/i&q](http://www.sfgdcp.org/i&q).~~

#### Guest, Visitor, Customer, and Other People Screening and Restrictions:

~~**2.5.** Health Officer directives may require screening of guests, visitors, customers, and others using the San Francisco COVID-19 Health Screening Form for non-personnel (**Attachment A-2**). In general, anyone who answers "yes" to any screening question on the San Francisco COVID-19 Health Screening Form should not enter the business or facility because they are at risk of having the virus that causes COVID-19. The form lists steps that should be taken by anyone who answers "yes" to a screening question. In some instances, a Health Officer directive will require that anyone who answers "yes" to be prevented from entry. In other situations, the Department of Public Health discourages organizations from denying essential services to those who may answer "yes" to any of the questions and encourages organizations to find alternative means to meet clients' needs that would not require them to enter the facility.~~

**2.5.** [Revised 5/20/21] In general, any guest, visitor, customer, or other person who has symptoms consistent with COVID-19 that are not explained by another condition should not enter the business or facility because they are at risk of having the virus that causes COVID-19.



### **3. Other Personnel and Patron Protection and Cleaning Requirements:**

- 3.1.** Businesses must periodically check the following website for any testing requirements for employers and businesses: [www.sfdcp.org/covid19](http://www.sfdcp.org/covid19). If requirements are added, ensure that the business and all Personnel comply with testing requirements.
- 3.2.** If an aspect of the business is allowed to operate and is covered by a Health Officer directive, then the business must comply with all applicable directives as well as this Social Distancing Protocol. Copies of other directives are available online at [www.sfdph.org/directives](http://www.sfdph.org/directives). For each directive that applies, review the Health and Safety Plan (HSP) requirements and post an additional HSP checklist for each one that applies. In the event that any directive changes the requirements of the Social Distancing Protocol, the more specific language of the directive controls, even if it is less restrictive.
- 3.3.** Instruct all Personnel and patrons to maintain at least a six-foot distance from others, including when in line and when shopping or collecting goods on behalf of patrons, except when momentarily necessary to facilitate or accept payment and hand off items or deliver goods. Note that if the business cannot ensure maintenance of a six-foot distance within the location or facility between Personnel or other people onsite, such as by moving work stations or spreading Personnel out, it must reduce the number of Personnel permitted in the location or facility accordingly.
- 3.4.** [Minor Update 5/6/21] Provide Face Coverings for all Personnel, with instructions that they must wear Face Coverings when at work, as further set forth in the Face Covering Order. A sample sign is available online at <https://sf.gov/outreach-toolkit-coronavirus-covid-19>. Allow Personnel to bring their own Face Covering if they bring one that has been cleaned before the shift. In general, people should have multiple Face Coverings (whether reusable or disposable) to ensure they use a clean one each day. The Face Covering Order permits certain exceptions, and the business should be aware of exceptions that allow a person not to wear a Face Covering (for example, children 9 years old or younger or based on a written medical excuse). When Personnel do not wear a Face Covering because of an exception, take steps to otherwise increase safety for all.
- 3.5.** [Updated 5/6/21] Remind patrons to wear a Face Covering as required by the Face Covering Order, and you can encourage them to get vaccinated for COVID-19. Recent changes to the Face Covering Order reduce the settings, especially outdoors, when a Face Covering must be worn, but wearing a Face Covering while indoors is nearly always required (except as outlined in the Face Covering Order or Health Officer directives). This includes taking steps to notify patrons they will not be served if they are not wearing a Face Covering when required by the Face Covering Order and refusing to serve a patron without a Face Covering, as further provided in the Face Covering Order. The business may provide a clean Face Covering to patrons. For clarity, the transaction or service must be aborted if the patron is not wearing a Face Covering when required. But the business must permit a patron who is excused by the Face Covering Order from wearing a Face Covering to conduct their transaction or obtain service, including by taking steps that can otherwise increase safety for all.
- 3.6.** Provide a sink with soap, water, and paper towels for handwashing for all Personnel working onsite at the facility or location and for patrons if sinks and restrooms are open to patrons. Require that all Personnel wash hands at least at the start and end of each shift, after sneezing, coughing, eating, drinking, smoking (to the extent smoking is

allowed by law and the business), or using the restroom, when changing tasks, and, when possible, frequently during each shift. Personnel who work off-site, such as driving or delivering goods, must be required to use hand sanitizer throughout their shift.

- 3.7.** Provide hand sanitizer effective against SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, at appropriate locations for patrons and elsewhere at the facility or location for Personnel. Sanitizer must also be provided to Personnel who shop, deliver, or drive for use when they are shopping, delivering, or driving. If sanitizer cannot be obtained, a handwashing station with soap, water, and paper towels will suffice for Personnel who are on-site at the facility or location. But for Personnel who shop, deliver, or drive in relation to their work, the business must provide hand sanitizer effective against SARS-CoV-2 at all times; for any period during which the business does not provide sanitizer to such shopping, delivery, or driving Personnel, the business is not allowed for that aspect of its service to operate in the City. Information on hand sanitizer, including sanitizer effective against SARS-CoV-2 and how to obtain sanitizer, is available online from the Food and Drug Administration here: <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/information-drug-class/ga-consumers-hand-sanitizers-and-covid-19>.

- 3.8.** Ensure that all high-touch or regularly used surfaces, as well as commonly-used areas like break rooms, bathrooms, and other common areas, are cleaned in line with current guidance from the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at least once daily, or more frequently if required by industry standards. This includes items touched by customers or Personnel. Unless otherwise required by another Health Officer order or directive, cleaning does not have to occur after each individual patron touches a surface unless patron appears symptomatic or there is visible contamination from nasal or oral secretions.

Provide disinfectant and related supplies to Personnel and require Personnel to clean all high-touch surfaces under their control, including but not limited to: shopping carts and baskets used by Personnel and patrons; countertops, food/item display cases, refrigerator and freezer case doors, drawers with tools or hardware, and check-out areas; cash registers, payment equipment, and self-check-out kiosks; door handles; tools and equipment used by Personnel during a shift; and any inventory-tracking or delivery-tracking equipment or devices which require handling throughout a work shift. These items should be cleaned at least once daily, or more frequently if required by industry standards. A list of products listed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency as meeting criteria for use against SARS-CoV-2 can be found online here: <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>.

- 3.9.** *[Deleted 3/23/21]*

- 3.10.** *[Deleted 3/23/21]*

- 3.11.** *[Deleted 3/23/21]*

- 3.12.** *[Deleted 3/23/21]*

- 3.13.** *[Modified 3/23/21]* Establish adequate time in the work day to allow for proper cleaning throughout the facility or location by Personnel.

- 3.14.** *[Deleted 4/14/21]*

- 3.15.** When possible, provide a barrier between the patron and the cashier such as a plexi-glass temporary barrier. When not possible, create sufficient space to enable the patron to stand more than six feet away from the cashier while items are being scanned/tallied and bagged.
- 3.16.** *[Deleted 5/6/21]*
- 3.17.** *[Deleted 3/23/21]*
- 3.18.** If an employee or other Personnel tests positive for COVID-19 or SARS-CoV-2, follow the guidance on “Business guidance if a staff member tests positive for COVID-19,” available at <https://sf.gov/business-guidance-if-staff-member-tests-positive-covid-19>.
- 3.19.** *[Deleted 5/6/21]*
- 3.20.** *[Updated 5/6/21]* At least indoors, place tape or other markings on the floor at least six feet apart in patron line areas with signs directing patrons to use the markings to maintain distance. Consider continuing to use similar markings on the sidewalk or ground for any lines outside.
- 3.21.** *[Deleted 3/23/21]*
- 3.22.** Ensure that all Personnel who select items on behalf of patrons wear a Face Covering when selecting, packing, and/or delivering items.
- 3.23.** *[Updated 5/6/21]* Require Personnel to wash hands frequently consistent with industry standards.
- 3.24.** *[Deleted 5/6/21]*
- 3.25.** *[Modified 3/23/21]* To the extent allowed by the State, the business may, but is not required, to allow customers use their own reusable bags, mugs, cups, or other similar re-fillable food containers brought from home.
- 3.26.** *[Added 7/13/20; updated 11/3/20]* If a patron has symptoms of COVID-19 (see Section 1.1 above) or is otherwise unable to participate in an appointment or reservation for a COVID-19 related reason, the business must cancel the appointment or reservation if it is not for essential services (such as food, medicine, shelter, or social services) and allow the patron to cancel without any financial penalty. The business may offer to reschedule the appointment or reservation but cannot require rescheduling instead of allowing the patron to cancel. In the healthcare context, more specific Health Officer directives may allow appointments when a patient or client is ill, and the requirements of the directive must be followed in that situation.
- 3.27.** *[Added 1/27/21]* As soon as possible, but by no later than February 3, 2021, businesses that make break rooms, cafeterias, or other similar indoor spaces available to Personnel must comply with the following requirements:
- 3.27.1.** The business must notify Personnel that they are advised against eating indoors to the greatest extent possible. Where feasible, businesses should provide an outdoor area where Personnel can eat their meals. If Personnel must eat indoors, the business must encourage Personnel to eat away from others, including at their own desks or workspaces. Businesses must

discourage Personnel from congregating in cafeterias, break rooms, or other similar indoor spaces.

- 3.27.2.** Businesses must stagger and schedule breaks for their Personnel and the use of break rooms or other similar indoor spaces to avoid crowding and help limit socializing.
- 3.27.3.** Post the following signage in any break room, cafeteria, or similar indoor space. The County is making available templates for the signage available online at <https://sf.gov/outreach-toolkit-coronavirus-covid-19>.
- 3.27.3.1.** A sign bearing the message that: (1) COVID-19 is transmitted through the air, and the risk is generally higher indoors, and (2) seniors and those with health risks should avoid indoor settings with crowds.
- 3.27.3.2.** A sign informing Personnel that they must remain at least six feet away from others outside their Household at all times.
- 3.27.3.3.** A copy of the “Take a Break Safely” Poster (available online at [sf.gov/file/covid-break-room](https://sf.gov/file/covid-break-room)).
- 3.27.3.4.** [Revised 3/23/21] A sign regarding the ventilation requirements listed in Section 1.1.3 above.
- 3.27.4.** [Updated 5/6/21] Limit the number of people in indoor break rooms, cafeterias, or other similar spaces to the lesser of: (a) 50% of the maximum occupancy; or (b) the number of people that can safely maintain at least six feet of distance from each other at all times.
- 3.27.5.** [Minor update 5/6/21] Businesses that provide onsite food serve to Personnel must operate in accordance with Health Officer Directive 2020-16 (Indoor and Outdoor Dining) and any amendments to that directive. Businesses should strongly encourage Personnel to take food items to-go and eat outside or in areas away from other Personnel. Consider limiting offerings to pre-packed and grab-n-go style meals.
- 3.27.6.** Businesses are strongly recommended to take all available steps to protect their Personnel, including using visual cues to promote proper distancing and expanding the number of break spaces to prevent crowding.

~~Note—Sections 3.14 and 3.26 control over any contrary language in Health Officer Directive No. 2020-06 until that directive is amended or updated.~~



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~~Personnel at businesses~~ **Businesses** and other entities operating during the COVID-19 pandemic **MUST answer these questions before starting work every day, either in person or online.** ~~may use this optional Personnel screening form as part of their plan to screen Personnel for COVID-19 symptoms.~~ Personnel **MUST** stay out of work for the appropriate amount of time if they answer YES to any of the questions.

If you answer **YES** to any of the screening questions, do **NOT** enter the location: \_\_\_\_\_

- **Stay at home**, except to get tested or get needed medical care;
- **Follow the steps mandated by Health Directive 2020-02/03 and explained at:** [www.sfgcdcp.org/isolationandquarantine](http://www.sfgcdcp.org/isolationandquarantine)

**Note:** If you have recovered from COVID-19 in the last three months, speak with your health provider to determine whether you should stay home from work, regardless of how you answer the screening questions.

Regardless of vaccination or previous COVID-19, [Cal/OSHA ETS](http://Cal/OSHA ETS) may require staying out of work longer if Close Contact\*\* was in the workplace.

**Question #1: In the last 24 hours, including today, have you had ANY of the symptoms below, that is new or not explained by another condition?**

Fever (100.4°F/38°C or greater), chills, shivering	Feeling unusually weak or fatigued	Diarrhea
Cough	Loss of taste or smell	Runny or congested nose
Sore throat	Muscle or body aches	Nausea or vomiting
Shortness of breath, difficulty breathing	Headache	

**Question #2: In the past 10 days, have you been diagnosed with COVID-19 or had a test confirming you have the virus?**

**Question #3: ~~If you are NOT fully vaccinated\*\*~~, in the past 10-14 days, have you had “close contact” \* with anyone who has COVID-19, during their contagious period?** (Please note: If you ~~have received the~~ **are fully vaccinated against** COVID-19 vaccine, see [www.sfgcdcp.org/quarantineaftervaccination](http://www.sfgcdcp.org/quarantineaftervaccination). ~~If you do not need to quarantine based on what is explained there, for the purposes of this screening form, you may answer “No” to this question further instructions.~~)

**Quick overview of what to do and the earliest personnel may return to work, if you had:**

Symptoms WITHOUT a COVID-19 test (answered YES to Question 1)	<b>If you are NOT <del>COVID-19</del> fully vaccinated** against COVID-19:</b> GET TESTED. Without a test, the <del>B</del> business must treat you as being positive for COVID-19 and prohibit you from entering for at least 10 <del>calendar</del> days. <b>If it has been at least 2 weeks since you completed your COVID-19 vaccination:</b> Talk to a healthcare provider to determine when you can return to work and if you need a COVID-19 test.
A positive COVID-19 test WITH symptoms (answered YES to Question 2)	You can return to work: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 days after first onset of symptoms, AND</li> <li>• You have improvement of symptoms, AND</li> <li>• You have had no fever for over 24 hours without taking fever-reducing medicine</li> </ul>
A positive COVID-19 test WITHOUT symptoms (answered YES to Question 2)	You can return to work 10 days after the day your COVID-19 test was collected as long as you have no symptoms.
“Close contact” with anyone with COVID-19 during their contagious period (answered YES to Question 3)	<b><del>If you are not fully vaccinated**</del></b> , GET TESTED, ideally 6 days or more after your last contact with the person with COVID-19. You can return to work 10 days after your last close contact <del>with the person with COVID-19</del> UNLESS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your COVID-19 test is positive (see boxes above for positive COVID-19 test) OR</li> <li>• You develop symptoms (GET TESTED if you develop symptoms) OR</li> <li>• <u>You work in a jail, long term care facility, shelter, or dormitory (you cannot return to work until 14 days after your last close contact—check with your employer whether there are staffing shortages that may change this duration)</u></li> </ul> <b><u>If you are fully vaccinated, you do not need to quarantine after a close contact unless you develop symptoms. You may also not need to get tested. More instructions are available here:</u></b> <a href="http://www.sfgcdcp.org/quarantineaftervaccination">www.sfgcdcp.org/quarantineaftervaccination</a> .

**\*\*“Close contact”** means having any of following interactions with someone with COVID-19 while they were contagious (they are contagious 48 hours before their symptoms began until at least 10 days after the start of symptoms). If the person with COVID-19 never had symptoms, they are contagious 48 hours before their COVID-19 test was collected until 10 days after they were tested.

- Within 6 feet of them for a total of 15 minutes or more in a 24-hour period
- Living or staying overnight with them
- Having physical or intimate contact including hugging and kissing
- Taking care of them, or having them take care of you
- Having direct contact with their bodily fluids (coughed or sneezed on you or shared food utensils)

**\*\* People are considered fully vaccinated for COVID-19 2 weeks after they have received the second dose in a 2-dose series (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna), or 2 weeks after they have received a single-dose vaccine (Johnson and Johnson [J&J]/Janssen).**

Businesses have specific requirements to ensure Personnel stay out of work the appropriate amount of time. Some businesses may have additional screening requirements or forms to use. Go to [sfcdcp.org/screen](https://sfcdcp.org/screen) for more information on those requirements and a copy of this form. For information about paid sick leave options, visit [sfgov.org/ols](https://sfgov.org/ols) or [sfcdcp.org/workerfaq](https://sfcdcp.org/workerfaq). To report a violation of San Francisco COVID-19 [health orders](#) and [directives](#) including not screening workers, letting sick workers stay at work, not social distancing or not requiring facemasks, call: 311 or 415-701-2311 (English) or 415-701-2322 (Español, 中文, TTY). You can request for your identity to remain confidential.





## Attachment A-2: **Optional** Screening Form for Non-Personnel

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To businesses, organizations, and programs: This form is may be used for screening clients, customers and other visitors before letting them enter your facility. Health Officer Directives may have additional requirements regarding screening in a specific context. The San Francisco Department of Public Health discourages you from denyingscreening requirements. You should not deny core essential services (such as food, medicine, shelter, or social services) to people who answer “yes” to any of the questions below. You and are encouraged to find alternative ways to meet clients’ needs that do not require them to enter your location, such as curbside pickup or delivery services. This form is available at [www.sfcdcp.org/screen](http://www.sfcdcp.org/screen).

### Screening Questions and Information for Non-Personnel:

If your answer is **YES** to any question, do NOT enter the location.



- Stay at home, except to get tested or get needed medical care.

- Follow the steps mandated by Health Directive 2020-02/03 and explained at: [sfcdcp.org/isolationandquarantine](http://sfcdcp.org/isolationandquarantine)

**Note:** If you have recovered from COVID-19 in the last three months, speak to your healthcare provider.

**Question #1: In the last 24 hours, including today, have you had ANY of the symptoms below, that is new or not explained by another condition?** (Note: Children and youth under 18 years old do not need to be screened for \*these symptoms.)

Fever (100.4°F/38°C or greater)	Shortness of breath, difficulty breathing	Headache
Chills or shivering*	Feeling unusually weak or fatigued*	Vomiting or diarrhea
Cough	Loss of taste or smell	Runny or congested nose*
Sore throat	Muscle or body aches*	Nausea*

**Question #2: In the past 10 days, have you been diagnosed with COVID-19 or had a test confirming you have the virus?**

**Question #3: ~~If you are NOT fully vaccinated\*\*\*, in~~ the past 10-14 days, have you had “close contact” \*\* with anyone who has COVID-19, during their contagious period?** (Please note: If you ~~have received the~~ are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 vaccine, see [www.sfcdcp.org/quarantineaftervaccination](http://www.sfcdcp.org/quarantineaftervaccination). If you do not need to quarantine based on what is explained there, for the purposes of this screening form, you may answer “No” to this question further instructions.)

~~If you have recovered from COVID-19 in the last three months, speak to your healthcare provider.~~

### Quick overview of what to do and the earliest you may enter a location, if you had:

Symptoms WITHOUT a COVID-19 test (answered YES to Question 1)	<p>If you are NOT <del>COVID-19</del> <u>fully vaccinated*** against COVID-19</u>: GET TESTED. Without a test, the location must treat you as being positive for COVID-19 and require you to stay out for at least 10 <del>calendar</del> days.</p> <p>If it has been at least 2 weeks since you completed your COVID-19 vaccination: Talk to a healthcare provider to determine if you need a COVID-19 test and when you can be around others and enter this location</p>
A positive COVID-19 test WITH symptoms (answered YES to Question 2)	<p>You can return to the location:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10 days after first onset of symptoms, AND</li> <li>• You have improvement of symptoms, AND</li> <li>• You have had no fever for over 24 hours without taking fever-reducing medicine</li> </ul>
A positive COVID-19 test WITHOUT symptoms (answered YES to Question 2)	You can return to the location 10 days after the day your COVID-19 test was collected as long as you have no symptoms
“Close contact” with anyone with COVID-19 during their contagious period (answered YES to Question 3)	<p>If you are not fully vaccinated***, GET TESTED, ideally 6 days or more after your last contact with the person with COVID-19. You can return to the location 10 days after your last close contact <del>with the person with COVID-19</del> UNLESS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your COVID-19 test is positive (see boxes above for positive COVID-19 test) OR</li> <li>• You develop symptoms (GET TESTED if you develop symptoms)</li> </ul> <p><u>If you are fully vaccinated, you do not need to test or quarantine after a close contact unless you develop symptoms. You may also not need to get tested. More instructions are available here: <a href="http://www.sfcdcp.org/quarantineaftervaccination">www.sfcdcp.org/quarantineaftervaccination</a>.</u></p>

**\*\*\*“Close contact”** means having any of following interactions with someone with COVID-19 while they were contagious (they are contagious 48 hours before their symptoms began until at least 10 days after the start of symptoms). If the person with COVID-19 never had symptoms, they are contagious 48 hours before their COVID-19 test was collected until 10 days after they were tested.

- Within 6 feet of them for a total of 15 minutes or more in a 24-hour period
- Living or staying overnight with them
- Having direct contact with their bodily fluids (coughed or sneezed on you or shared food utensils)
- Having physical or intimate contact including hugging and kissing
- Taking care of them, or having them take care of you

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\*\*\*People are considered fully vaccinated for COVID-19 2 weeks after they have received the second dose in a 2-dose series (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna), or 2 weeks after they have received a single-dose vaccine (Johnson and Johnson [J&J]/Janssen).

Your health is important! To report a violation of San Francisco COVID-19 health orders and directives ([www.sfdph.org/healthorders](http://www.sfdph.org/healthorders)), including not screening visitors, letting sick visitors enter a location, not social distancing or not requiring facemasks, call: 311 or 415-701-2311 (English) or 415-701-2322 (Español, 中文, TTY). You can request for your identity to remain confidential.

**[Revised May 206, 2021]**

**A. General Requirements**

The “Additional Businesses” listed below may operate, subject to the requirements set forth in the Order and to any additional requirements set forth below or in separate industry-specific guidance by the Health Officer. These businesses were selected based on current health-related information, the risk criteria set forth in Section 3 of the Order, and the overall impact that allowing these businesses to resume or expand operation will have on mobility and volume of activity in the County.

To mitigate the risk of transmission to the greatest extent possible, before resuming operations, each Additional Business must:

- Comply with all of the “General Requirements for Businesses and Business Activities” set forth in Section 4 of the Order, including, without limitation, the requirement to prepare, post, implement, and distribute to their Personnel a Social Distancing Protocol checklist as specified in Section 4.d and Appendix A of the Order for each of their facilities in the County where Personnel or members of the public will be onsite;
- Prepare, post, implement, and distribute to their Personnel a written health and safety plan checklist that addresses all applicable best practices set forth in relevant Health Officer directives; and
- Comply with any relevant state guidance and local directives. If a conflict exists between state guidance and local public health directives related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the most restrictive provision shall be followed, as further provided in Section 10 of the Order.

Businesses that operate outdoors may, subject to any applicable permit requirements, conduct their operations in a tent, canopy, or other shelter, as long as the shelter complies with: (1) the California Department of Public Health’s November 25, 2020 guidance regarding “Use of Temporary Structures for Outdoor Business Operations” (available at <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Use-of-Temporary-Structures-for-Outdoor-Business-Operations.aspx>); and (2) SFDPH’s guidance on “Safer Ways to Use New Outdoor Shared Spaces for Allowed Activities During COVID-19” (available at <https://www.sfdph.org/dph/files/ig/Guidance-Shared-Outdoor-Spaces.pdf>).

Unless otherwise provided in this Order or an industry-specific Health Officer directive, the capacity limit does **not** include staff or other Personnel of a business. The health-related basis for selection of Additional Businesses and the specific requirements for risk mitigation are generally summarized below.

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**B. List of Additional Businesses**

For purposes of the Order, Additional Businesses include the following, subject to the stated limitations and conditions:

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**(1) Retail Stores for Goods**

- a. Basis for Addition. Personnel and customers can wear Face Coverings at all times and maintain at least six feet of physical distance except for brief interactions (e.g., while paying for goods). No inherently risky activities requiring removal of Face Coverings are involved. While shopping, customers interact only with a small number of individuals from other Households. Although Personnel are interacting with a moderate number of people, the duration of those interactions are low and safety limitations can ensure adequate physical distancing and adherence with other Social Distancing Requirements (Section 8.o of the Order) and other worker protection measures and decrease the risk of virus transmission.
- b. Description and Conditions to Operate.
  1. Curbside/Outdoor Pickup: Retail stores may operate for curbside/outside pickup of goods, subject to the General Requirements in Section 4 of the Order and the additional limitations and conditions set forth in Health Officer Directive No. 2020-17, including as that directive may be amended in the future.
  2. In-Store Retail: Retail stores may operate for indoor shopping, subject to the General Requirements in Section 4 of the Order and the additional limitations and conditions set forth in Health Officer Directive No. 2020-17, including as that directive may be amended in the future.
  3. Indoor Shopping Centers: Indoor Shopping Center (defined as a building or group of buildings where customer access to stores is possible only through indoor passage ways or indoor common areas) may operate subject to the General Requirements in Section 4 of the Order and the following additional limitations and conditions:
    - The Indoor Shopping Center must limit capacity in the facility and in each individual storefront to the lesser of: (1) 50% the maximum occupancy or (2) the number of people who can maintain at least six feet of physical distance from each other at all times.
    - Common areas are permitted to reopen. Patrons in common areas must wear a Face Covering at all times, unless they are specifically exempted from the Face Covering requirements in Health Officer Order No. C19-12, including as that order may be amended in the future, and must maintain at least six feet of physical distance from members of other Households.
    - Food courts may operate only up to 50% occupancy (patrons only).
    - Indoor Shopping Centers must limit entry by patrons to ~~the food court area;~~ ~~screen patrons for COVID-19 symptoms and close contacts before patrons enter~~ the food court area; post signage that warns of the transmission risk at the entrance to the food court area; and implement all other applicable requirements of Health Officer Directive No. 2020-16, including as that directive may be amended in the future, regarding indoor dining.

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- The Indoor Shopping Center must adopt and post a Health and Safety Plan addressing the requirements of Appendix A to the Order and comply with Health Officer Directive No. 2020-17, including as that directive may be amended in the future.

Indoor Shopping Centers are no longer required to submit reopening plans to the Health Officer for review.

For clarity, operation of retail stores under category (1) and (2), above, applies only to the sale of goods and not to the provision of services or the rental of equipment, which are covered separately in Sections (4) and (5), below.

(Added May 17, 2020; Revised June 1, 2020, June 11, 2020, September 30, 2020, April 14, 2021, May 6, 2021, and May 620, 2021; Non-substantive revisions July 13, 2020, October, 20, 2020, November 3, 2020, and March 2, 2021; Subsection suspended July 20, 2020, with minor update on August 14, 2020; Subsection reinstated with amendments on September 1, 2020; Subsection suspended November 10, 2020; Capacity reduced November 28, 2020, and December 4, 2020; Capacity increased January 27, 2021, and March 23, 2021)

**(2) Manufacturing, Warehousing and Logistical Support**

- a. Basis for Addition. Personnel can wear Face Coverings and maintain at least six feet of physical distance at all times. No inherently risky activities involving the removal of Face Coverings are involved. Personnel will interact only with a consistent and moderately sized group of people (i.e., the business's other Personnel) as members of the public do not generally frequent these businesses. Finally, risks of virus transmission associated with this activity can be mitigated through Social Distancing Requirements (Order Section 8.o) and cleaning, and other worker safety protocols.
- b. Description and Conditions to Operate.
  1. Manufacturing: Manufacturing businesses—including non-essential manufacturing businesses—may operate, subject to the General Requirements in Section 4 of the Order and the additional limitations and conditions set forth in Health Officer Directive No. 2020-11, including as that directive may be amended in the future.
  2. Warehousing and Logistical Support: Businesses that provide warehousing and logistical support—including non-essential businesses—may operate, subject to the General Requirements in Section 4 of the Order and the additional limitations and conditions set forth in Health Officer Directive No. 2020-12, including as that directive may be amended in the future.

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**(3) Childcare and Youth Programs for All Children**

- a. Basis for Addition. Childcare and educational or recreational programs for youth are critical to early education and developmental equity, family social and economic wellbeing, and economic recovery from the pandemic. More specifically, such programs are an important element for a child’s social and emotional development, as well as for a child’s physical health and wellness. Also, childcare and youth programs are often necessary to allow parents or guardians to work, making the availability of such programs important for individual families as well as the local economy. Although attendance at a childcare or youth program involves a high number of close contacts that may be of lengthy duration, the risks of virus transmission can be reduced by mitigation measures and medical evidence indicates that childcare and youth programs can be operated safely as long as such mitigation measures are followed.
- b. Description and Conditions to Operate.
  1. Childcare Programs: Group care facilities for very young children who are not yet in elementary school—including, for example, licensed childcare centers, daycares, family daycares, and preschools (including cooperative preschools)—(collectively, “Childcare Programs”) may open and operate, subject to the General Requirements in Section 4 of the Order and the additional limitations and conditions set forth in Health Officer Directive No. 2020-14, including as that directive may be amended in the future.
  2. Summer Camps: Summer camps and summer learning programs that operate exclusively outside of the academic school year (“Summer Camps”) may operate June 1, 2021 through August 31, 2021, ~~for sessions of at least three weeks,~~ subject to the same limitations and conditions set forth for Out of School Time Programs. *See* Section 3.b.3, below and Health Officer Directive No. 2020-13.
  3. Out of School Time Programs: Educational or recreational institutions or programs that provide care or supervision for school-aged children and youth—including for example, community hubs, informal “learning pods” (also known as “pandemic pods,” “learning cohorts” or “micro-schools”), other programs that support distance learning, school-aged childcare programs, youth sports programs, and afterschool programs (“Out of School Time Programs” or “OST Programs”) may open for all children, subject to the General Requirements in Section 4 of the Order and the following limitations and conditions:
    - i. Any youth sports or exercise taking place as part of an OST or organized and supervised youth sports program must comply with the requirements set forth in Health Officer Directive No. 2021-01 regarding youth and adult sports, including as that directive may be amended in the future;
    - ii. OST Programs must comply with all of the requirements set forth in Health Officer Directive No. 2020-21, including as that directive may be amended from in the future.

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For clarity, this Section does not apply to schools, which are addressed separately in Section 5.a of the Order.

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**(4) Low Contact Retail Services**

- a. Basis for Addition. Personnel and customers can wear Face Coverings at all times and maintain at least six feet of physical distance except for brief interactions (e.g., in some instances where remote payment is not feasible, while paying for services). No inherently risky activities involving the removal of Face Coverings are involved. Customers interact only with a small number of individuals from other Households, and although Personnel are interacting with a moderate number of people, the duration of those interactions are low and safety limitations can ensure adequate physical distancing and decrease the risk of virus transmission.
- b. Description and Conditions to Operate. Services that do not generally require close customer contact (e.g., dog grooming and shoe or electronics repair) may operate, subject to the General Requirements in Section 4 of the Order and the additional limitations and conditions set forth in Health Officer Directive No. 2020-17, including as that directive may be amended in the future.

For clarity, this provision does not apply to personal service businesses, such as hair salons, barbershops, nail salons, or piercing or tattoo parlors.

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**(5) Equipment Rental Businesses**

- a. Basis for Addition. Personnel and customers can wear Face Coverings at all times and maintain at least six feet of physical distance except for brief interactions (e.g., while paying for services). No inherently risky activities involving the removal of Face Coverings are involved. Customers interact only with a small number of individuals from other Households, and although Personnel are interacting with a moderate number of people, the duration of those interactions are low and safety limitations can ensure adequate physical distancing and decrease the risk of virus transmission. The majority of interactions can occur outdoors, which further decreases risk—and businesses are strongly urged to conduct interactions outdoors to the largest extent possible. Also, the

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risk of multiple individuals using shared equipment can be mitigated through cleaning measures.

- b. **Description and Conditions to Operate.** Businesses that rent equipment for permissible recreational activities (e.g., bicycles, kayaks, paddleboards, boats, horseback riding, climbing equipment, or fishing equipment) may operate, subject to the General Requirements in Section 4 of the Order and the additional limitations and conditions set forth in Health Officer Directive No. 2020-17, including as that directive may be amended in the future.

In addition, all equipment must be thoroughly cleaned between customers as required by industry standards with procedures effective against the Novel Coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 in accordance with CDC guidelines (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html>).

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**(6) Professional Sports Teams: Practices, Games, and Tournaments without In-Person Audiences with an Approved Plan**

- a. **Basis for Addition.** Although contact sports may present a significant risk of virus transmission, those risks can be mitigated by stringent physical distancing, cleaning, and testing measures. Resuming such events—without a live audience and subject to strict health controls and mitigation measures—represents a first step toward the resumption of professional sports exhibitions that can be broadcast for the entertainment of the public and viewed by the public remotely in a safe manner.
- b. **Description and Conditions to Operate.** Professional sports teams that wish to resume practices, games, or tournaments and broadcasting of those events in San Francisco, without in-person spectators, may submit to the Health Officer a proposed plan detailing the cleaning, physical distancing, ~~health screening~~, and other procedures that will be implemented to minimize the risk of transmission among players, staff, media, broadcast crew, and any others who will be in the facility. The plan must include a proposal for interval testing (without using City resources) of all players and coaching staff who will be present in the facility. Plans must be submitted to [HealthPlan@sfcityattys.org](mailto:HealthPlan@sfcityattys.org). Subject to the advance written approval of the Health Officer or the Health Officer's designee, the team may then resume activities consistent with the approved plan, including any conditions to approval of the Health Officer or the Health Officer's designee. Teams, games, exhibitions, and tournaments must also comply with any applicable Health Officer directives to the extent they are consistent with the approved plan; in the event of an inconsistency, the approved plan controls. Finally, crew, athletes, coaching staff and other workers should also abide by protocols agreed to by labor and management, to the extent they are at least as protective of health as the approved plan.

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This Section does not apply to events with live audiences, which are covered in Section 27, below.

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**(7) Entertainment Venues: Live Streaming or Broadcasting Events without In-Person Audiences with an Approved Plan**

- a. Basis for Addition. Although some types of live entertainment and cultural events, such as music, dance and comedy performances, may present a risk of virus transmission, those risks can be mitigated by stringent physical distancing, cleaning, and testing measures. Resuming such events—without a live audience and subject to strict health controls and mitigation measures—represents a step toward the resumption of these entertainment and cultural activities that can be broadcast and watched by the public remotely in a safe manner.
- b. Description and Conditions to Operate.

1. Small Scale Events Without Live Audiences. Operators of entertainment venues may film, stream, or otherwise broadcast small scale events so long as:
  - i. the venue remains closed to the public;
  - ii. the live stream is limited to:
    - a maximum of 50 people indoors or 100 people outdoors, including, without limitation, media Personnel needed for the broadcast, or
    - a maximum of 200 people indoors or 300 people outdoors if all participants show proof that they are fully vaccinated or that they have a negative COVID-19 test (PCR test taken not more than 72 hours before entering the facility or antigen test taken not more than 24 hours before entering the facility); and
  - iii. the venue complies with the requirements set forth in Section 22.b.2, below, for outdoor film and media productions, or 22.b.3, below, for indoor film and media productions, as appropriate.

To further reduce the risk of transmission, it is strongly recommended that all events allowed under this section be conducted and filmed, streamed, or otherwise broadcast from outdoors. The same outdoors recommendation applies to all other operations that are allowed under the Order to be filmed, live streamed or otherwise broadcast indoors with health restrictions.

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2. Large Scale Events Without Live Audiences. Operators of entertainment venues that wish to film, stream, or otherwise broadcast events that exceed the numbers in Section (1) above or that otherwise deviate from the requirements set forth in Sections 22.b.2 and 22.b.3, below, may submit to the Health Officer a proposed plan detailing the cleaning, physical distancing, ~~health screening~~, and other procedures that will be implemented to minimize the risk of transmission among participants. Proposed plans must be submitted to [HealthPlan@sfcityatty.org](mailto:HealthPlan@sfcityatty.org). Subject to the advance written approval of the Health Officer or the Health Officer's designee, the venue may then begin operating consistent with the approved plan, including any conditions to approval of the Health Officer or the Health Officer's designee. Cast, crew, and other workers should also abide by protocols agreed to by labor and management, to the extent they are at least as protective of health as the approved plan.

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**(8) Dining**

- a. Basis for Addition. Dining presents a higher risk of virus transmission than in other allowable interactions because Face Coverings must be removed to eat and drink. But mitigation measures in dining establishments can decrease the transmission risk if they are strictly followed by all customers and Personnel.
- b. Description and Conditions to Operate. Restaurants and bars may operate, subject to the General Requirements in Section 4 of the Order and the additional limitations and conditions set forth in Health Officer Directive No. 2020-16, including as that directive may be amended in the future.

For clarity, bars, wineries, breweries, and distilleries that do not serve bona fide meals may not operate indoors at this time.

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**(9) Outdoor Fitness Classes**

- a. Basis for Addition. Outdoor fitness classes involve mixing of Households and a moderate number of contacts. Also, the contacts are often of relatively long duration. Accordingly, and because exercise causes people to more forcefully expel airborne

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particles, the risk of virus transmission is higher than in other allowable interactions. But participants can—and must—maintain physical distance at all times (at least six feet while engaging in cardio or aerobic exercise). Further, outdoor interactions carry a lower risk of transmission than most indoor interactions, and health protocols in outdoor fitness classes can significantly decrease the transmission risk.

- b. **Description and Conditions to Operate.** Outdoor fitness classes (e.g., outdoor boot camp, non-contact dance classes, tai chi, Pilates, and yoga classes) may operate subject to the following limitations and conditions:
  - ~~i. The business/instructor must ask each participant using the standard screening questions attached to the Order as Appendix A and Attachment A-2 (the “Screening Handout for Non-Personnel”). Screening must occur before people are allowed to join the class to prevent the inadvertent spread of the SARS-CoV-2 virus. A copy of the Screening Handout for Non-Personnel must be provided to anyone on request, although a poster or other large format version of the Screening Handout for Non-Personnel may be used to review the questions with people verbally. Any person who answers “yes” to any screening question is at risk of having the SARS-CoV-2 virus, must not be allowed to participate, and must cancel or reschedule their class. The instructor can use the guidance available online at [www.sfdph.org/screen](http://www.sfdph.org/screen) for determining how best to conduct screening;~~
  - ~~ii.i.~~ All participants engaging in cardio or aerobic exercise must maintain a physical distance of at least six feet from each other, from the instructor(s), and from members of the public at all times;
  - ~~iii.ii.~~ The business/instructor must have permission of the property owner to use the space; and
  - ~~iv.iii.~~ All participants and instructors are subject to the general Face Covering requirements in Health Officer Order No. C19-12, including as that order may be amended in the future; and
  - ~~v.iv.~~ Equipment (e.g., medicine balls, resistance bands, mats, weights, or yoga blocks) ~~may not be shared by members of the class and~~ must be ~~thoroughly~~ cleaned ~~between each use at minimum daily, or at industry standards if more frequent,~~ with procedures effective against the Novel Coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 in accordance with CDC guidelines (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html>).

For clarity, this section does not apply to contact sports (e.g., football) or fitness classes that involve physical contact (e.g., jiu jitsu or boxing with sparring). Those activities are covered by Health Officer Directive No. 2021-01. Also, this section does not cover childcare or summer camp programs for children or youth, which are governed by section 3 above and Health Officer Directive Nos. 2020-13 and 2020-14, including as those directives may be amended in the future.

Additional guidance about outdoor fitness classes from the San Francisco Department of Public Health is available at <http://www.sfdph.org/directives>.



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**(10) Indoor Household Services**

- a. Basis for Addition. Household service providers and residents can wear Face Coverings and maintain at least six feet of physical distance at all times. No inherently risky activities requiring the removal of Face Coverings are involved. Although indoor household services may involve mixing of Households (if the resident is at home) and occurs indoors, the number of contacts is low. Finally, risks of virus transmission can be mitigated through adherence to other Social Distancing Requirements and safety protocols.
- b. Description and Conditions to Operate. Providers of indoor household services that can be provided while maintaining physical distancing (e.g., house cleaners and cooks) may operate, subject to the following limitations and conditions:
  - ~~i. Household service providers may not enter a residence to provide services if either the household service provider or anyone in the residence has recent COVID-19 infection, exposure or symptoms, as listed in the standard screening questions attached to the Order as Attachment A-2 (the “Screening Handout for Non-Personnel”). Screening must occur before the household service provider enters the home;~~
  - ii. When feasible, residents should leave the premises when household services providers are in their home—if leaving the premises is not feasible, residents should try to be in a different room than the household service provider to the greatest extent possible;
  - iii. When feasible, leave windows and doors open to increase ventilation or run mechanical ventilation systems;
  - ~~iv. High touch surfaces and any shared implements or tools should be cleaned at the beginning and end of any service visit;~~
  - v. Both residents and household service providers must wear a Face Covering at all times, unless they are specifically exempted from the Face Covering requirements in Health Officer Order No. C19-12, as that order may be amended in the future.

For clarity, this section does not allow personal service providers, such as hair dressers or personal trainers, to provide in-home services. Also, this section does not apply to in-home childcare, which is independently permissible under Section 8.a.xxi of the Order.

Additional guidance about indoor household services from the San Francisco Department of Public Health is available at <http://www.sfdph.org/directives>.

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**(11) Offices for Non-Essential Businesses**

- a. Basis for Addition. Personnel can wear Face Coverings and maintain at least six feet of physical distance at all times. No inherently risky activities involving the removal of Face Coverings are involved other than indoor dining in breakrooms, which can be mitigated through the risk reduction measures that apply to indoor dining. Personnel will interact only with a consistent and moderately sized group of people (i.e., the business's other Personnel). Finally, risks of virus transmission associated with this activity can be mitigated through adherence to other Social Distancing Requirements and safety protocols.
- b. Description and Conditions to Operate. Office workplaces that are not otherwise permitted to operate as Essential Businesses or otherwise under this Order may open, subject to the General Requirements in Section 4 of the Order and the additional limitations and conditions set forth in Health Officer Directive No. 2020-18, including as that directive may be amended in the future.

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**(12) Outdoor Zoos with a Health and Safety Plan**

- a. Basis for Addition. Personnel and visitors can wear Face Coverings and maintain at least six feet of physical distance from people in different Households at all times. No inherently risky activities involving the removal of Face Coverings are involved. And outdoor businesses are safer than indoor businesses. Finally, the number, frequency and proximity of contacts can be minimized through capacity limitations and the risk of virus transmission can be reduced through other health protocols.
- b. Description and Conditions to Operate. Zoos that wish to resume operations for visits by the public solely in their outdoor spaces may submit to the Health Officer a proposed plan detailing the cleaning, physical distancing, ~~health screening~~, and other procedures that will be implemented to minimize the risk of transmission among Personnel and visitors.

The plan must be submitted to HealthPlan@sfcityatty.org, and must include detailed descriptions of how the business intends to address the following safety precautions.

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- Ensuring that the facility limits capacity to the number of Personnel and patrons that can comply with the Social Distancing Requirements;
- Signage regarding Social Distancing Requirements;
- Ensuring Personnel and patrons comply with the Face Covering requirements in Health Officer Order No. C19-12, including as that order may be amended in the future;
- Ticketing booths and payment systems;
- Personnel safety precautions;
- Compliance with applicable Health Officer directives (e.g. regarding Food and beverage concessions, and retail gift shops);
- Monitoring and limiting patrons to ensure physical distancing between members of different Households;
- Paths of travel through the establishment and wayfinding signage;
- Cleaning for restrooms;
- Tours and audio self-tour equipment;
- Coat/personal property check services;
- Cleaning for high-touch surfaces and areas; and
- Interactive exhibits (cleaning interactive exhibits at minimum daily or at industry standards if more frequent; and encouraging proper hand hygiene before and after interactive exhibits through presence of hand hygiene stations).

The zoo does not need SFDPH to approve its plan before it may resume operations in accordance with the proposed plan. But in the event SFDPH identifies deficiencies in the plan, SFDPH will follow up with the business.

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**(13) Boat Tour Operators**

- a. Basis for Addition. Personnel and passengers can maintain physical distance from people in different Households at all times. No inherently risky activities involving the removal of Face Coverings are involved. And boat excursions can occur predominantly outside, which is safer than indoor interactions, and have additional air-flow from continual movement. Finally, boating excursions of socially distanced groups involve only a moderate number of contacts, and health mitigation measures in small boating excursions can significantly decrease the transmission risk.

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- b. Description and Conditions to Operate. Individuals or businesses that offer boat excursions (“Boat Tour Operators”) may operate, subject to the following limitations and conditions:
- i. All passengers from different Households must maintain physical distance (recommended distance is six feet) from each other, from the captain, and from Personnel, at all times;
  - ii. Before boarding, passengers must wait on the dock at least six feet apart and must not board the vessel until the captain or crew allow boarding;
  - iii. For fishing, rod holders should be spaced at least six feet apart from each other;
  - iv. Bathrooms (if any) must be cleaned frequently following EPA guidelines;
  - v. Indoor areas of boats may open—passengers should be encouraged to remain outside as much as possible, Face Coverings must be worn and six feet of physical distancing must be maintained inside at all times, and ventilation measures are strongly encouraged;
  - vi. Boat Tour Operators should ask passengers to voluntarily provide their name and phone number for potential contact tracing purposes—the operator should keep this information on file for at least three weeks;
  - vii. Boat Tour Operators must create, post and implement a Social Distancing Protocol checklist (Appendix A to this Order);
  - ~~viii.~~ Boat Tour Operators must ~~ensure daily COVID-19 symptom and exposure screening is completed for all Personnel as required by the Social Distancing Protocol and its Attachment A-1;~~
  - ~~ix.~~viii. Boat Tour Operators must Screen all customers and other visitors on the day of the boat excursion as outlined by the Social Distancing Protocol and its Attachment A-2. Any person who answers “yes” to a screening question must not be allowed to board the boat. No cancellation or rescheduling fee may be charged in that situation;develop and implement a process for screening Personnel for COVID-19 symptoms. SFDPH recommends that employers ask Personnel to evaluate their own symptoms before reporting to work (for additional resources, including optional sample screening forms, see [www.sfcdcp.org/screen](http://www.sfcdcp.org/screen));
  - ~~x.~~ix. All passengers and Personnel are subject to the general Face Covering requirements in Health Officer Order No. C19-12, including as that order may be amended in the future;
  - ~~xi.~~x. Passengers from different Households should not shake hands, share food or drinks, or engage in any unnecessary physical contact—the captain and crew must instruct passengers about these requirements;
  - ~~xii.~~xi. Boat Tour Operators must make hand sanitizer available throughout the boat and at each rod station (if any);

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~~xiii-xii.~~ Equipment (e.g., fishing equipment) ~~may not be shared by people outside of a single Household, and the boat and all equipment belonging to the Boat Tour Operator or otherwise provided by the Boat Tour Operator~~ must be thoroughly cleaned at minimum daily or at industry standards if more frequent with procedures effective against the Novel Coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 in accordance with CDC guidelines (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/cleaning-disinfecting-decision-tool.html>).

For clarity, this section does not cover vessels used exclusively for Essential Travel (such as ferries and water taxis) and such vessels do not need to follow the conditions set forth in this section.

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**(14) Institutions of Higher Education and Adult Education**

- a. Basis for Addition. Students who are indoors and Personnel outdoors and indoors can wear Face Coverings and maintain at least six feet of physical distance from people in different Households at all times. Restrictions can be placed to ensure that few inherently risky activities indoors involving the removal of Face Coverings are involved. And to the extent classes occur outdoors with distancing, these interactions are safer than indoor interactions. Finally, health mitigation measures adopted under detailed prevention plan can decrease the transmission risk.
- b. Description and Conditions to Operate. Institutions of Higher Education (“IHEs”) and other programs offering adult education—including, for example, programs offering job skills training and English as a second language classes (“Adult Education Programs”) (IHEs and Adult Education Programs are collectively referred to below as “Higher Education Programs”)—may operate, subject to the General Requirements in Section 4 of the Order and the additional limitations and conditions set forth in Health Officer Directive No. 2020-22, including as that directive may be amended in the future.

Collegiate athletics teams that wish to resume practices, games, or tournaments in San Francisco, **without** in-person spectators, may submit to the Health Officer a proposed plan as required by Section 6 of Health Officer Directive No. 2020-22. Plans must be submitted to [healthplan@sfcityattys.org](mailto:healthplan@sfcityattys.org). Pre-approval of the plan is not required for non-spectator collegiate athletics, practices or tournaments, but plans are subject to audit by the San Francisco Department of Public Health, including onsite inspection and review of health and safety plans. Higher Education Programs must permit SFDPH inspectors access to their facilities in the event an onsite inspection is requested.

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Collegiate athletics teams that wish to resume games or tournaments in San Francisco, **with** in-person spectators must follow the rules applicable to live events with audiences and contained in Section 27, below.

Subject to applicable land use laws and regulations, housing controlled or operated by Higher Education Programs or restricted for the use of students attending a Higher Education Program is permitted to open and operate for students in compliance with any relevant health and safety requirements contained in any relevant industry-specific Health Officer directives.

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**(15) Personal Service Providers**

- a. Basis for Addition. Although personal services such as hair and nail salons involve moderate to high contact intensity and a moderate number of contacts, the risk of transmission can be significantly lessened by implementing health and safety mitigation measures. Finally, the risk of virus transmission can be reduced through other health and cleaning protocols. Consistent with Section 4.c of the Order and to the extent possible, Personal Service Providers are urged to provide services outdoors to further decrease the risk.
- b. Description and Conditions to Operate.
  1. Outdoor Personal Service Providers. Personal service providers regulated by Division 3, Chapter 10 of the California Business and Professions Code, Division 104, Part 15, Chapter 7 of the California Health and Safety Code, or San Francisco Health Code Article 29 (collectively, “Personal Service Providers”) that can safely offer services outside, including, for example, hair salons, barber shops, nail salons, massage (in a non-healthcare setting), estheticians, skin care, and cosmetology services (collectively, “Outdoor Personal Services”), may operate outdoors, subject to the General Requirements in Section 4 of the Order and the additional limitations and conditions set forth in Health Officer Directive No. 2020-23, including as that directive may be amended in the future.

The following personal services cannot be offered outside because they cannot be done safely in an outdoor setting: electrolysis, tattooing, piercing, microblading, permanent make-up, and other forms of body art that are invasive and require a controlled hygienic environment. Also, shampooing and chemical hair services are not permitted outside;

2. Indoor Personal Service Providers. Personal service providers regulated by Division 3, Chapter 10 of the California Business and Professions Code, Division 104, Part 15,



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Chapter 7 of the California Health and Safety Code, or San Francisco Health Code Article 29 including, for example, hair salons, barber shops, nail salons, massage (in a non-healthcare setting), estheticians, skin care, and cosmetology services, electrology, tattooing, piercing, and microblading (collectively, “Indoor Personal Services”) may operate indoors, subject to the General Requirements in Section 4 of the Order and the additional limitations and conditions set forth in Health Officer Directive No. 2020-30, including as that directive may be amended in the future.

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**(16) Gyms and Fitness Centers**

- a. Basis for Addition. Although gyms and fitness centers involve moderate contact intensity and a moderate number of contacts, the risk of transmission can be significantly lessened by requiring that everyone wear a Face Covering and maintain at least six feet of physical distance for cardio or aerobic exercise . Also, there are health benefits that people can realize through exercise and the risk of virus transmission can be reduced through other health and cleaning protocols. Consistent with Section 4.c of the Order and to the extent possible, gyms and fitness centers are urged to provide services outdoors to further decrease the risk, and they are urged to implement ventilation measures indoors throughout the facility.
- b. Description and Conditions to Operate.
  1. Outdoors. Gyms and fitness centers offering space or equipment for customer-directed exercise may operate outdoors, subject to the General Requirements in Section 4 of the Order and the additional limitations and conditions set forth in Health Officer Directive No. 2020-27, including as that directive may be amended in the future.
  3. Indoors. Gyms—including climbing wall gyms—and fitness centers offering space or equipment for customer-directed exercise may operate indoors, subject to the General Requirements in Section 4 of the Order and the additional limitations and conditions set forth in Health Officer Directive No. 2020-31, including as that directive may be amended in the future.

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**(17) Indoor Museums, Aquariums, and Zoos**

- a. Basis for Addition. As long as patrons move through exhibits and refrain from staying or gathering in an indoor or other enclosed space for a sustained period of time, and capacity and other health safety mitigation measures are used, indoor museums, aquariums and zoos (which have indoor and outdoor spaces) involve low contact intensity and a low number of contacts. Accordingly, the risk of transmission is low as long as adequate precautions are taken.
- b. Description and Conditions to Operate. Indoor museums (including non-retail art galleries), aquariums, and zoos may resume operations, subject to the General Requirements in Section 4 of the Order and the additional limitations and conditions set forth in Health Officer Directive No. 2020-32, including as that directive may be amended in the future.

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**(18) Family Entertainment Centers**

- a. Basis for Addition. Certain Family Entertainment Centers involve only moderate risk. In relation to outdoor facilities, they involve moderate contact intensity and a moderate number of contacts, and the risk of transmission can be significantly lessened by requiring that everyone maintain physical distance from other households. In indoor facilities, , the risk of transmission is sufficiently lowered by reducing capacity and requiring Face Coverings and distancing between Households. The risk of virus transmission can also be reduced through other health and cleaning protocols. And because the State of California has included family entertainment centers to varying degrees on the list of options for all tiers, this Appendix lists those that can be done with appropriate safety protocols. More information about the State of California’s designation can be found online at <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/>.
- b. Description and Conditions to Operate. Family Entertainment Centers, as defined by this Section, may operate only based on the tier assigned by the State, subject to all of the limitations and conditions listed below. The term “Family Entertainment Centers” generally refers to activities that are designed for amusement or recreation, sometimes with shared equipment, that are not generally competitive sports. Because the term is not defined by the State, the specific activities that are allowed under each tier is governed by a combination of the specific State guidance that applies to each tier and local considerations about what can be done safely.

Consistent with the State’s guidelines, available online at

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<https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-family-entertainment--en.pdf>, and local considerations, only the following Family Entertainment Center activities that are listed as “allowed” may be operated at this time, and any activities listed (*in italics*) as “prohibited” are prohibited and may not operate in the County. Any activity that is allowed must comply with all restrictions listed in this Section and in the State’s guidelines for Family Entertainment Center activities.

The activities allowed under the current tier are as follows:

<b><u>Allowed Family Entertainment Center activities:</u></b>	<b><u>Notes/restrictions:</u></b>
<p><u>Outdoor</u> activities only, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Outdoor playgrounds;</li><li>• Outdoor skate parks;</li><li>• Outdoor roller and ice skating;</li><li>• Outdoor laser tag;</li><li>• Outdoor paintball;</li><li>• Outdoor batting cages;</li><li>• Outdoor kart racing; and</li><li>• Outdoor miniature golf.</li></ul>	<p>See additional requirements listed below in general, as well as requirements regarding any activity that includes shared or rented equipment (for example, laser tag, skating, batting cages, etc.).</p> <p>Outdoor playgrounds must comply with the requirements listed in Section (11) of Appendix C-2 and Health Officer Directive No. 2020-36 (including as that directive is updated in the future), available online at <a href="http://www.sfdph.org/directives">www.sfdph.org/directives</a>.</p> <p>Outdoor miniature golf must comply with the relevant requirements listed in Section (2) of Appendix C-2 and Health Officer Directive No. 2020-15 (including as that directive is updated in the future), available online at <a href="http://www.sfdph.org/directives">www.sfdph.org/directives</a>.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Standalone, outdoor attractions (which are ride attractions, such as a carousel, Ferris wheel, or train ride, that are operated independently of, and are located on distinct and separate grounds from, other amusement attractions). (See the note below regarding, amusement parks, or similar venues, which are prohibited.)</li></ul>	<p>See additional requirements listed below in general, as well as subsection (viii) below.</p>

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<p><u>Indoor</u> activities, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Indoor bumper cars;</li><li>• Indoor batting cages;</li><li>• Bowling alleys;</li><li>• Escape rooms;</li><li>• Kiddie rides;</li><li>• Virtual reality;</li><li>• Arcade games;</li><li>• Trampolines;</li><li>• Indoor laser tag;</li><li>• Indoor roller and ice skating;</li><li>• Indoor skate parks;</li><li>• Indoor playgrounds; and</li><li>• Similar activities.</li></ul>	<p>Indoor operations of these activities are limited to 50% capacity for each space/room.</p> <p>See additional requirements listed below in general.</p> <p>Any indoor virtual reality gym or fitness activity outside a private home must comply with these rules for Family Entertainment Centers and also Health Officer Directive No. 2020-31 (including as that directive is updated in the future), available online at <a href="http://www.sfdph.org/directives">www.sfdph.org/directives</a>.</p>
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The activities prohibited under the current tier include, without limitation, the following:  
*none.*

Also, the State prohibits in the current tier the operation of fairs, amusement parks, or similar venues offering multiple such attractions as Family Entertainment Centers. Also, Family Entertainment Centers must at this time discontinue demonstrations, such as magic, live animal shows, etc., unless Social Distancing Requirements and cleaning protocols are met. And facilities with convention space, rentable meeting rooms, other areas for private events such as birthday parties, etc., must keep those areas closed at this time.

Any Family Entertainment Center that is allowed to operate under this Section based on the County's current tier assignment by the State must comply with all of the following requirements in addition to any restrictions listed in the table above:

- i. If the activity listed above is listed as an outdoor activity, all related operations must be outdoors. In that situation, operations that cannot be safely performed outdoors are not allowed. If the activity is listed as an allowed indoor activity, all related indoor operations must comply with the indoor activity limits. If there is a mix of indoor and outdoor activities offered by the Family Entertainment Center,

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only the activities that are allowed under the current tier assignment may occur and may only occur as outlined in this Section.

- ii. Outdoor Family Entertainment Centers may conduct their allowed operations under a tent, canopy, or other sun or weather shelter, as long as the shelter complies with: (1) the California Department of Public Health’s November 25, 2020 guidance regarding “Use of Temporary Structures for Outdoor Business Operations” (available at <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Use-of-Temporary-Structures-for-Outdoor-Business-Operations.aspx>); and (2) SFDPH’s guidance on “Safer Ways to Use New Outdoor Shared Spaces for Allowed Activities During COVID-19” (available at <https://www.sfdph.org/dph/files/ig/Guidance-Shared-Outdoor-Spaces.pdf>).
- iii. Everyone in a Family Entertainment Center facility must maintain at least six feet of physical distance from people outside of their Household at all times.
- iv. Family Entertainment Centers must limit the number of people, excluding Personnel, who are present in the space to ensure that six feet of physical distance can be maintained at all times and must also comply with any maximum limit listed above on the number of people who may be present (including both patrons and Personnel).
- v. Everyone in the Family Entertainment Center facility must wear a Face Covering at all times, unless they are specifically exempted from the Face Covering requirements in Health Officer Order No. C19-12, including as that order may be amended in the future.
- vi. The Family Entertainment Center must have created, posted, and implemented a Social Distancing Protocol and must comply with any and all requirements contained in relevant Health Officer directives, including, without limitation, all enhanced cleaning requirements.
- vii. For any activity with rented or shared equipment (like kart racing, skating, batting cages, bowling alleys, escape rooms, virtual reality, etc.), services must be provided in compliance with the requirements for equipment cleaning and disinfection listed in Section (5)b.vi of this Appendix.
- viii. For outdoor amusement park-type rides, consisting of Ferris wheels, carousels, and miniature train rides, the following additional requirements must be met:
  - a. ~~Screen all customers and other visitors prior to entry to the ride as outlined by the Social Distancing Protocol and its Attachment A 2. Any person who answers “yes” to a screening question must have the ride cancelled or rescheduled.~~ No cancellation or rescheduling fee may be charged ~~in that situation~~ if patrons cancel because of COVID-19 symptoms or exposure, and the price of any ticket must be refunded if the ride is not rescheduled;
  - b. Operators must regulate access by patrons to the equipment to ensure

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physical distancing;

- c. Passengers in any enclosed passenger capsule or seating area must wear a Face Covering, and ventilation must be maximized;
- d. High-touch surfaces and equipment must be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected as required by industry standards with procedures effective against the Novel Coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 in accordance with CDC guidelines (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html>); and
- e. Hand sanitizer must be placed at the entrances and exits to rides.

At this time many family entertainment-type activities are allowed under other sections and directives, including zoos, swimming pools, tennis and pickleball, outdoor golf, outdoor lawn bowling, museums, and fitness centers. Individuals and businesses engaging in those activities must review and follow the requirements in those other sections and directives in relation to those activities.

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**(19) Tour Bus Operators**

- a. Basis for Addition. Personnel and passengers can maintain six feet of physical distance from people in different Households at all times. No inherently risky activities involving the removal of Face Coverings are involved. And many bus tours can occur predominantly outside, which is safer than indoor interactions, and have additional air-flow from continual movement. Finally, tour bus excursions of small, socially distanced groups involve only a moderate number of contacts, and health mitigation measures can significantly decrease the transmission risk.
- b. Description and Conditions to Operate. Individuals or businesses that offer open-air bus tours (“Tour Bus Operators”) may operate, subject to the following limitations and conditions:
  - i. All passengers must maintain physical distance (recommended distance in outdoor areas is six feet) from passengers from other Households, from the driver, and from Personnel, at all times;
  - ~~ii. Before boarding, passengers must wait at least six feet apart and must not board the bus until the driver or other Personnel allow boarding;~~
  - ~~iii.~~ ii. Bathrooms (if any) must be cleaned and disinfected at a minimum daily or at industry standards if more frequent ~~following EPA guidelines; with procedures effective against the Novel Coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 in accordance with CDC~~



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guidelines (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html>):

- ~~iv~~.iii. Indoor areas of busses may open—passengers should be encouraged to remain outside as much as possible, Face Coverings must be worn and at least six feet of physical distance must be maintained inside at all times, Tour Bus Operators are strongly encouraged to increase ventilation in indoor areas as much as possible;
- ~~v~~.iv. Tour Bus Operators should ask passengers to voluntarily provide their name and phone number for potential contact tracing purposes—the operator should keep this information on file for at least three weeks;
- ~~vi~~.v. Tour Bus Operators must create, post and implement a Social Distancing Protocol checklist (Appendix A to this Order);
- ~~vii.~~ Tour Bus Operators must ~~ensure daily COVID-19 symptom develop~~ and ~~exposure implement a process for screening is completed for all~~ Personnel ~~as required by the Social Distancing Protocol and its Attachment A-1;~~
- ~~viii~~.vi. ~~Tour Bus Operators must Screen all customers and other visitors on the day of the tour as outlined by the Social Distancing Protocol and its Attachment A-2. Any person who answers “yes” for COVID-19 symptoms. SFDPH recommends that employers ask Personnel to a evaluate their own symptoms before reporting to work (for additional resources, including optional sample screening question must not be allowed to board the bus. No cancellation or rescheduling fee may be charged in that situation; forms, see [www.sfdcp.org/screen](http://www.sfdcp.org/screen));~~
- ~~ix~~.vii. All passengers and Personnel are subject to the general Face Covering requirements in Health Officer Order No. C19-12, including as that order may be amended in the future;
- ~~x~~.viii. Passengers from different Households should not shake hands, share food or drinks, or engage in any unnecessary physical contact—Personnel must instruct passengers about these requirements;
- ~~xi~~.ix. Tour Bus Operators must make hand sanitizer available;
- ~~xii~~.x. The bus and all equipment belonging to the Tour Bus Operator or otherwise provided by the Tour Bus Operator must be thoroughly cleaned at minimum daily or at industry standards if more frequent with procedures effective against the Novel Coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 in accordance with CDC guidelines (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/cleaning-disinfecting-decision-tool.html>).

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**(20) Lodging Facilities for Tourism**

- a. Basis for Addition. As long as guests refrain from congregating in common areas, and capacity and other health safety mitigation measures are used, lodging facilities involve low contact intensity and a low number of contacts. Personnel and guests can wear Face Coverings whenever they are in common areas and can maintain at least six feet of physical distance except for brief interactions (e.g., while checking in). In indoor common areas, no inherently risky activities involving the removal of Face Coverings are involved.
- b. Description and Conditions to Operate. Lodging facilities, including hotels, motels, hostels, bed and breakfasts, inns and short-term rentals, may operate, subject to the General Requirements in Section 4 of the Order and the additional limitations and conditions set forth in Health Officer Directive No. 2020-29, including as that directive may be amended in the future.

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**(21) Indoor Movie Theaters**

- a. Basis for Addition. Viewing movies or other projected entertainment indoors in an enclosed space involves multiple risk factors, including, for example, the nearby seating of groups of people from different Households, the enclosed nature of the space, and the duration of the entertainment. When coupled with strong mitigation measures such as ~~screening of patrons~~, mandatory use of Face Coverings, following safety protocols for eating and drinking including implementation of ventilation measures, maintaining physical distancing between different groups, and following other protocols, the risks associated with indoor movie theatres can present manageable risks, although avoiding indoor theaters is safer, especially for unvaccinated older adults and others who are vulnerable to complications from COVID-19.
- b. Description and Conditions to Operate. Any facility that projects entertainment onto a large-format screen indoors (an “indoor movie theater”) may operate, subject to the General Requirements in Section 4 of the Order and the additional limitations and conditions set forth in Health Officer Directive No. 2020-35, including as that directive may be amended in the future.

For clarity, these rules for indoor movie theaters do not apply to any of the following: indoor bars or dance clubs, regardless of whether they use large-format screens as part of their

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entertainment or décor; personal movie rooms with more than one occupant in adult establishments; indoor social events where large-format screens are used but are not the primary focus of the gathering; and live indoor in-person entertainment, including concerts, plays, musicals, ballet, or other artistic events.

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**(22) Film and Media Productions**

- a. Basis for Addition. When capacity is limited and health safety mitigation measures are used, film and media productions involve relatively low contact intensity and number of contacts. Restrictions can be placed to ensure that few inherently risky activities involving the removal of Face Coverings are involved. And when such activities are involved, additional preventive measures—such as physical distancing, improved ventilation, and surveillance testing—can be used to address the resulting risk. Accordingly, the risk of transmission is relatively low as long as adequate precautions are taken.
- b. Description and Conditions to Operate.
  1. Film and Media Productions covered by the September 21, 2020 “COVID-19 Return To Work Agreement With DGA, IATSE, SAG-AFTRA and Teamsters/Basic Crafts” ([https://www.sagaftra.org/files/sa\\_documents/ReturnToWorkAgreement\\_wAMPTP.pdf](https://www.sagaftra.org/files/sa_documents/ReturnToWorkAgreement_wAMPTP.pdf)) (“Return to Work Agreement”) may operate subject to compliance with all of the terms and conditions set forth in that agreement.
  2. Outdoor Film and Media Productions: Outdoor film and media production that are not covered by the Return to Work Agreement may operate, subject to the following conditions:
    - i. The cast, crew, and other Personnel on location is limited to:
      - a maximum of 100 people in one location, subject to clause v below, or
      - a maximum of 300 people in one location, subject to clause v below, if all cast, crew, and other Personnel show proof that they are fully vaccinated or that they have a negative COVID-19 test (Testing requirements: PCR test taken not more than 72 hours before entering the production begins or antigen test taken not more than 24 hours before the production begins, and weekly Antigen-based (preferred) or PCR tests throughout the duration of the production);

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- ~~ii.~~ ~~The film or media production must ensure COVID-19 symptom and exposure screening is completed for all cast, crew, and other Personnel on each day of the production as outlined by the Social Distancing Protocol and its Attachment A-2. Any person who answers “yes” to a screening question must not be permitted to enter the location;~~
- ~~iii.~~ ii. All crew, cast, other Personnel are subject to the general Face Covering requirements in Health Officer Order No. C19-12, including as that order may be amended in the future. For clarity, people may remove their Face Coverings (a) outdoors as long as the person remains at least six feet from other individuals, or (b) while personal services (e.g., makeup or hair) are being provided, in which case the safety precautions set forth in Section 1.11 of Exhibit A to Health Officer Directive 2020-23, including as that directive may be amended in the future, must be followed;
- ~~iv.~~ iii. The crew, cast, other Personnel and the public must comply with general safety rules regarding singing, shouting, chanting and cheering that apply as set forth in Section 3.i of this Order; and
- ~~v.~~ iv. The production must comply with the Social Distancing Requirements set forth in Section 8.o of this Order.
3. Indoor Film and Media Productions: Indoor film and media production that are not covered by the Return to Work Agreement may operate, subject to the following conditions:
- i. The cast, crew, and other Personnel on location is limited to:
- a maximum of 50 people indoors, including, without limitation, media Personnel needed for the broadcast
  - a maximum of 200 people indoors if all participants show proof that they are fully vaccinated or that they have a negative COVID-19 test (Testing requirements: PCR test taken not more than 72 hours before entering the production begins or antigen test taken not more than 24 hours before the production begins, and weekly Antigen-based (preferred) or PCR tests throughout the duration of the production);
- ~~ii.~~ ~~The film or media production must ensure COVID-19 symptom and exposure screening is completed for all cast, crew, and other Personnel before they enter the location on each day of the production as outlined by the Social Distancing Protocol and its Attachment A-2. Any person who answers “yes” to a screening question must not be permitted to enter the location;~~
- ~~iii.~~ ii. Except as provided below, Face Coverings must be worn by all cast, crew, and other Personnel at all times:

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- a) Individuals who are specifically exempted from the Face Covering requirements in Health Officer Order No. C19-12, including as that order may be amended in the future, are excused from the Face Covering requirement;
- b) Cast members may remove Face Coverings while personal services (e.g., makeup or hair) are being provided, in compliance with the safety precautions set forth in Section 1.10 of Exhibit A to Health Officer Directive 2020-30, including as that directive may be amended in the future;
- c) Cast members may remove Face Coverings while filming—including to sing, chant, shout or play a wind instrument—if all of the following conditions are met:
  - (1) All other crew and Personnel in the room must wear a well-fitted mask and are strongly recommended to wear a non-vented N95 mask, even if not fit-tested, to provide maximum protection. Guidance regarding well-fitted masks can be found at: [www.sfdcp.org/maskingupdate](http://www.sfdcp.org/maskingupdate);
  - (2) The production must increase ventilation as much as possible, including by implementing at least one of the following ventilation measures:
    - All available windows and doors are kept open (Doors and Windows required to be kept closed for fire/life safety purposes are exempt. Make sure open windows do not create falling hazards especially for children.)
    - HVAC systems fully operational
    - Appropriately sized Portable Air Cleaners

If due to smoke or other conditions the production cannot implement any of those measures for a period of time, Face Coverings cannot be removed until ventilation measures can be reinstated; and

- (3) The production must adhere to the following testing requirements:
  - If the shoot is scheduled to last one or two days, the cast member(s) who will be removing their Face Coverings must receive a negative nucleic acid diagnostic test for COVID-19 within 72 hours before the shoot starts.
  - If the shoot is scheduled to last between three and 21 days, the cast member(s) who will be removing their Face Coverings must receive a (a) negative nucleic acid diagnostic test for COVID-19 within 72 hours before the shoot starts and (b) and

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weekly rapid Antigen-based (preferred) or PCR tests throughout the duration of the production.

- If the shoot is scheduled to last more than 21 days, the Production must submit a plan to the Health Officer for pre-approval, as discussed below.
- All testing must be done using tests that are approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration or by the California Department of Public Health.
- All processing of tests must be conducted by a lab that complies with Health Officer Order No. C19-10, including as that order may be amended in the future (available online at [www.sfdph.org/healthorders](http://www.sfdph.org/healthorders)), and including that the lab must meet the requirements to perform testing classified as high complexity under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments (“CLIA”) of Section 353 of the Public Health Service Act (including but not limited to having a CLIA waiver to perform such tests). Any lab that processes tests must also submit all results (not just positive results) via the State of California’s California Reportable Disease Information Exchange (“CalREDIE”) system or any replacement to that system adopted by the State of California.
- The production must maintain a log of testing for all cast members who will be removing their Face Coverings, including name, date tested, type of test, and test result. The log must be retained for 12 months and be made available to SFDPH upon request.
- Fully vaccinated cast members are exempt from this testing requirement.

~~iv~~-iii. High touch surfaces must be cleaned at least daily using procedures effective against the Novel Coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 in accordance with CDC guidelines (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/cleaning-disinfecting-decision-tool.html>).

~~v~~-iv. The production must comply with the Social Distancing Requirements set forth in Section 8.o of this Order.

~~vi~~-v. Cast members may sing, shout, or chant with a Face Covering on as long as they comply with the general safety rules regarding those activities set forth in Section 3.i of the Order.

~~vii~~-vi. Productions may have craft service and catering at indoor locations, subject to the following requirements:



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- a) The production must notify cast, crew, and other Personnel that they are strongly encouraged to take food items to-go and eat outside or in areas away from other people and at least six feet apart from each other;
- b) Where feasible, productions should provide an outdoor area where cast, crew, and other Personnel can eat their meals at least six feet apart from each other;
- c) Case, crew, and other Personnel may sit together while they eat indoors, but are required to maintain at least six feet of physical distance from others outside their own Households. Where people are permitted to eat together indoors, the production must ensure the space where people are eating complies with at least one of the ventilation requirements contained in Section 4(i)(iii) of the Stay-Safer-at-Home Order;
- d) In areas designated for eating, the production must limit the number of people in those spaces to the lesser of 50% of the maximum occupancy or the number of people who can safely maintain at least six feet of distance from each other at all times; and
- e) Productions should consider staggering meals to lessen the number of people eating in the same area.

Companies that wish to proceed with productions that deviate from these conditions may submit to the Health Officer a proposed plan detailing the cleaning, physical distancing, ventilation, testing, ~~health screening~~, and other procedures (for example, creating quarantine bubbles) that will be implemented to minimize the risk of transmission among participants. Plans must be submitted to HealthPlan@sfcityatty.org. Subject to the advance written approval of the Health Officer or the Health Officer's designee, the production may then proceed consistent with the approved plan.

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**(23) Real Estate Showings**

- a. Basis for Addition. Real estate agents, escrow agents, and other service providers that facilitate real estate transactions, such as home sales, apartment rentals, and commercial properties, are essential workers. Although virtual tours are a safer way to minimize virus transmission, in-person showings do not involve any inherently risky activities involving the removal of Face Coverings. Accordingly, such in-person showings can be relatively low risk as long as mitigation measures, such as ~~screening of participants~~, mandatory use of Face Coverings, maintaining physical distancing, and increasing ventilation, are followed.

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- b. Description and Conditions to Operate. Real estate agents are allowed to show residential properties for rent or sale. Tours must be conducted virtually or by appointment under the following conditions:
- ~~i. Appointments for showings must be scheduled in advance;~~
  - ~~i. Open houses may proceed in accordance with the health and safety requirements for indoor gatherings set forth in Appendix C-2 of this Order;~~
  - ii. Face Coverings must be worn indoors at all times, except as specifically exempted from the Face Covering requirements in Health Officer Order No. C19-12, including as that order may be amended in the future;
  - iii. All people participating in the showings must maintain physical distancing of at least six feet from everyone who is not part of their own Household;
  - ~~iv. The real estate agent must ensure COVID-19 symptom and exposure screening is completed for all participants on the day of the showing before coming in to the unit as outlined by the Social Distancing Protocol and its Attachment A-2. Any person who answers “yes” to a screening question must not be permitted to enter;~~
  - ~~v.~~iv. The real estate agent must introduce fresh outside air, for example by opening doors/windows, weather permitting, and operating ventilation systems; and
  - ~~vi.~~v. Participants must follow the requirements of the State’s COVID-19 Industry Guidance for Real Estate Transactions, available at <https://covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-real-estate.pdf>.

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**(24) Commercial Parking Garages**

- a. Basis for Addition. Personnel and customers can wear Face Coverings at all times and can maintain at least six feet of physical distance except for brief interactions (e.g., while transferring keys). No inherently risky activities involving the removal of Face Coverings are involved. This section reflects an existing FAQ—added on June 30, 2020—stating that garages were permitted to be open under specific health and safety conditions.
- b. Description and Conditions to Operate. Parking garages are permitted to operate for parking under the following conditions:
- i. Garages must provide Face Coverings (as provided in Health Order No. C19-12, and any future amendment to that order), hand sanitizer or handwashing stations, or both, and disinfectant and related supplies to all Personnel;

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- ii. Face Coverings must be worn by Personnel and customers at all times, except as specifically exempted from the Face Covering requirements in Health Officer Order No. C19-12, including as that order may be amended in the future;
- iii. Garages must comply with the Social Distancing Requirements set forth in Section 15.o of the Stay-Safer-at-Home Order and prepare a Social Distancing Protocol as required in Section 5.d of the Order;
- iv. Garages should encourage customers to use touchless payment options. Create sufficient space to enable the customer to stand at least six feet away from the cashier while paying, or provide a physical barrier (e.g., Plexiglas of sufficient height and width to prevent transmission of respiratory droplets) between the customer and the cashier;
- v. Vehicle windows must be left open to the greatest extent possible—particularly in the moments before and during a transfer; and
- vi. Whenever possible, steering wheels should be wiped down before transferring the vehicle from one person to another.

(Added November 16, 2020; Non-substantive revisions March 23, 2021; Revised April 14, 2021)

**(25) Limited One-on-One Personal Training Inside Gyms and Fitness Centers—  
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- a. Basis for Addition. Exercising indoors in an enclosed space involves multiple risk factors, including the enclosed nature of the space and the increased respiration involved with exercise. When coupled with strong mitigation measures such as strictly limiting the number of people present in a facility, mandatory use of Face Coverings, maintaining physical distancing, requiring at least one ventilation measure and following other protocols, the risks associated with limited one-on-one personal training are manageable. Consistent with Section 5.c of the Order and to the extent possible, personal trainers are urged to provide one-on-one personal training services outdoors to further decrease the risk.
- b. Description and Conditions to Operate. Limited one-on-one personal training is allowed indoors subject to the following conditions:
  - i. Only one trainer and one client may be in a facility at any time (if the client is a parent or guardian of minor children, the person may bring their children with them but not other adults from the same Household; if the person is an adult who needs assistance, the person may bring a caregiver);
  - ii. In addition to the trainer and client, one additional individual may be present in the facility to monitor compliance with this Order or manage the facility;

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- iii. Face Coverings must be worn by Personnel and clients at all times, except as specifically exempted from the Face Covering requirements in Health Officer Order No. C19-12, as that order may be amended in the future;
- iv. All participants must maintain at least six feet from each other at all times and at least twelve feet from each other when engaged in aerobic activity;
- v. The facility must add all COVID-19 related signage to the establishment as required by Sections 4.g, 4.h, and 4.i(ii) of the Stay-Safer-At-Home Order (templates for the signage are available online at <https://sf.gov/outreach-toolkit-coronavirus-covid-19>);
- vi. The facility must use at least one of the following ventilation strategies: (1) All available windows and doors accessible to fresh outdoor air are kept open (doors and windows required to be kept closed for fire/life safety purposes are exempt; make sure open windows do not create falling hazards especially for children); (2) Fully operational HVAC systems; or (3) Portable Air Cleaners in each room that are appropriately sized for the room or area they are deployed in (see SFPD's Guidance on "Ventilation for Non-Healthcare Organizations During the COVID-19 Pandemic," available online at <https://www.sfdcp.org/COVID-Ventilation> for more information); and
- vii. The facility must have created, posted and implemented a Social Distancing Protocol and must comply with any and all requirements contained in Health Officer Directive No. 2020-31, regarding indoor gyms and fitness centers including, without limitation, all enhanced cleaning requirements.

(Added November 28, 2020; Suspended December 4, 2020; Reinstated with non-substantive revisions January 27, 2021; Non-substantive revisions April 14, 2021)

## **(26) Indoor Drowning Prevention Classes**

- a. Basis for Addition. Drowning is a leading cause of death and injury for children. Drowning prevention classes are associated with decreased risk of childhood drowning. Swimming pools have few high-touch surfaces and to-date, the CDC is unaware of any scientific reports of COVID-19 transmission through pool water. Risks associated with swimming pools can be substantially mitigated with limitations to ensure adequate physical distancing and limit intermixing between Households.
- b. Description and Conditions to Operate. Individuals may use swimming pools for the specific purpose of teaching by certified instructors of drowning prevention to children ages 1 year and older, and swimming pools may open and operate, subject to the following conditions:
  - i. The facility must have created, posted, and implemented a Social Distancing Protocol;

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- ii. The facility must comply with all rules and requirements for pools—including but not limited to capacity restrictions, ventilation requirements, Face Covering rules, and distancing requirements—listed in Section 7 of Appendix C-2 of this Order and Health Officer Directive No. 2020-24, including as items are revised in the future;
- iii. Swimmers and their parent/caregiver cannot enter the facility until not more than five minutes before the start of their lesson;
- iv. A maximum of one adult observer per Household may be present per enrolled swimmer, and adult caregivers of swimmers who participate in swim lessons independently are encouraged to wait outside the facility during lessons, if possible;
- v. Except for members of the same Household, swimmers must remain at least six feet apart at all times except for brief interactions between instructor and student;
- vi. At the direction of the instructor, one adult caregiver may enter the water to support instruction of children;
- vii. If more than one class is occurring in a pool at the same time, classes must be kept at least 12 feet apart from each other,
- viii. If swim lanes will be used during drowning prevention instruction, instruction must be limited to the capacity limits for swimmers per lane, except that members of the same Household may occupy a single lane;
- ix. All instructional equipment must be cleaned between use; and
- x. Lockers rooms and showers are open in accordance with the safety protocols listed in Directive No. 2020-24.

(Added March 2, 2021; Revised March 23, 2021 and April 14, 2021; Non-substantive revisions May 6, 2021)

**(27) Seated Live Events and Performances with In-Person Audiences**

- a. Basis for Addition. Given the significant decrease in COVID-19 case and hospitalization rates and the increase in COVID-19 vaccination rates, indoor events with live audiences can be held subject to certain rules that reduce the risk of transmission. When capacity limits are imposed, physical distancing between Households is maintained, and everyone uses a Face Covering (except when an audience member is eating or drinking in their own assigned seat or as otherwise exempted outdoors under the Face Covering Order), such gatherings can involve reduced risk, especially when the athletes or performers are tested regularly.

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- b. Description and Conditions to Operate. Live events with assigned seats and controlled mixing—such as sporting events, live performances and graduations—my resume as follows:
1. General Requirements for All Events With In-Person Audiences. All events with in-person audiences are subject to the following requirements as well as the additional requirements for indoor or outdoor events, as applicable, set forth in Sections 2 and 3, below:
    - i. Advance reservations/ticket sales and assigned seating is required. Audience seating locations must be fixed or marked, with readily identifiable signs to indicate by section, row, and seat (assigned seating). Assigned seats must clearly define space for individuals with appropriate space per person (no blanket reservations or group areas), and non-permanent seating arrangements must not be altered by spectators.
    - ii. Only people who live in California and fully vaccinated persons from out of state may attend as patrons.
    - iii. At the time a guest purchases tickets, the operator must obtain an attestation that the guest's block of seat reservations contains no more than ~~one Household~~three Households and that the guest, and all members of the guest's party will be in-state visitors or fully vaccinated persons from out of state.
    - iv. Suites may be used at up to 25% capacity with no more than three Households per suite; patrons using suites count toward the overall capacity limit.
    - v. The host or organizer of the event(s) must take affirmative steps to manage patrons coming to and leaving the venue to minimize crowding in the facility and the surrounding neighborhoods to the extent feasible.
    - vi. Patrons, Personnel and others onsite are subject to the general Face Covering requirements in Health Officer Order No. C19-12, including as that order may be amended in the future;
    - vii. The host or organizer of the event(s) must have safety monitors or community ambassadors to help ensure that patrons comply with safety protocols during the game, while entering and exiting the facility and to reinforce wearing of Face Coverings and distancing and deter unlawful large gatherings in surrounding neighborhoods.
    - viii. There must be permanent or added barriers to create at least 12 feet between space occupied by audience members and the focal point (stage or round).
    - ix. Patrons and Personnel and others onsite are subject to the general safety rules regarding singing, shouting, chanting and cheering that apply to outdoor activities set forth in Section 3.i of this Order.
    - x. Except as expressly provided in this section, patrons from different Households must be seated at least six feet away from each other.



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- The event host or organizer may lift the distancing rules for a “fully vaccinated section,” as allowed in the State Blueprint for a Safer Economy ([https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID-19/Dimmer-Framework-September\\_2020.pdf](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID-19/Dimmer-Framework-September_2020.pdf)) (“State Blueprint”).
- The event host or organizer must confirm that all patrons age 16 and up in the “fully vaccinated section” are fully vaccinated before they are allowed to enter the section. The definition of “fully vaccinated” as well as the acceptable methods for verifying vaccination status are as set forth in the State Blueprint referenced above.
- “Fully vaccinated sections” may be seated at full capacity within that section only. Suites may also operate at 100% of suite capacity if all guests show proof of full vaccination.
- Patrons seated in a “fully vaccinated section” count toward the overall capacity limit, which must not exceed the relevant limits established below for outdoor and indoor events.
- Patrons under age 16 may sit with their parents, guardians or sponsors; children between the ages of two and 15 must provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test (PCR test taken not more than 72 hours before the event or antigen test taken not more than 24 hours before the event).
- “Fully vaccinated sections” must be separate, distinct, and clearly marked from any other section of the venue. There must be at least six feet of distance between the “fully vaccinated sections” and any other section in the venue.
- ~~• The host or organizer of an event or series of events that intends to implement “fully vaccinated sections” must obtain advance written approval of the Health Officer or the Health Officer’s designee. The host or organizer should submit a plan explaining how the section will be operationalized at least ten business days before the planned event or, if earlier, ten business days before the date on which tickets will begin to be sold/offered to the public. Plans must be submitted to HealthPlan@sfcityatty.org.~~

2. Outdoor Events With In-Person Audiences. Outdoor events at permanent and fixed facilities or in a defined and demarcated outdoor area may resume subject to the following limitations and conditions:

<b>OUTDOOR</b>	<b>No Food/Beverage Concessions</b>	<b>With Concessions</b>
<del>1-299 patrons</del>	<del>No health and safety plan is required; No proof of vaccination/negative COVID-19 test is required</del>	

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300-499 patrons	<del>No plan is required;</del> <del>No proof of vaccination/negative COVID-19 test is required</del>	<del>No plan is required;</del> Proof of vaccination/negative COVID-19 test <b>is required</b>
500-999 patrons	<del>Plan must be submitted but pre-approval is not required;</del> <del>No proof of vaccination/negative COVID-19 test is required</del>	<del>Plan must be submitted and approved before event;</del> Proof of vaccination/negative COVID-19 test <b>is required</b>
<del>1000-3999</del> patrons	<del>Plan must be submitted and approved before event;</del> <del>No proof of vaccination/negative COVID-19 test is required</del>	<del>Plan must be submitted and approved before event;</del> Proof of vaccination/negative COVID-19 test <b>is required</b>
4000+ patrons	<del>Plan must be submitted and approved before event; Proof of vaccination/negative COVID-19 test is required</del>	

- i. Except as provided in this subpart, the host or organizer of an event or series of events must submit to the Health Officer a proposed plan detailing the cleaning, physical distancing, ~~health screening~~, and other procedures that will be implemented to minimize the risk of transmission among patrons and Personnel. The requirements in this section apply to all apply to all outdoor events with in-person audiences and must be included in proposed plans. Plans must be submitted to HealthPlan@sfcityatty.org at least ten business days before the planned event or, if earlier, ten business days before the date on which tickets will begin to be sold/offered to the public. Subject to the advance written approval of the Health Officer or the Health Officer's designee, the event(s) may proceed consistent with the approved plan, including any conditions to approval of the Health Officer or the Health Officer's designee.
  - (a) The event host or organizer is not required to submit a plan for any event with fewer than 500 people in the audience;
  - (b) The event host or organizer does not need to obtain pre-approval of the plan by the Health Officer or the Health Officer's designee for an event with 500-999 people in the audience, ~~as long as no concessions will be sold or provided and attendees are required to keep their Face Coverings on at all times.~~

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<b><u>OUTDOOR</u></b>	<b><u>No Food/Beverage Concessions</u></b>	<b><u>With Concessions</u></b>
<u>1-499 patrons</u>	<b><u>No health and safety plan is required</u></b>	
<u>500-999 patrons</u>	<b><u>Plan must be submitted but pre-approval is not required</u></b>	
<u>1000+ patrons</u>	<b><u>Plan must be submitted and approved before event</u></b>	

- ~~ii.~~ Capacity is limited to 67% of the facility’s capacity (based on patrons only), subject to the physical distancing requirements in Section 27(b)(1)(ix), above. Patrons seated in a “fully vaccinated section” count toward the overall capacity limit.
- ~~iii.~~ Except as provided in this subpart, Personnel and patrons age 12 and up are required to show proof, prior to entering the facility, of (1) a negative COVID-19 test (PCR test taken not more than 72 hours before the event or antigen test taken not more than 24 hours before the event) or (2) full vaccination.
  - ~~(a) Proof of a negative COVID-19 test or vaccination is not required for events with fewer than 300 people in the audience.~~
- ~~iv.ii.~~ Proof of a negative COVID-19 test or vaccination is not required for events with fewer than 4,000 people in the audience, as long as no concessions will be sold or provided and attendees are required to keep their Face Coverings on at all times.
- ~~v.iii.~~ The facility must either be open to the sky with no roof or have at least 50% of the total perimeter open, meaning there are no walls, doors, windows, dividers, or other physical barriers that restrict air flow, whether open or closed.
- ~~vi.iv.~~ The facility must be designed in a way that provides operators the ability to control fully the flow, ingress, and egress of all visitors, and to separate performers, artists, and workers from the general audience.
- ~~vii.v.~~ Except for suites as provided below, patrons may eat food and drink beverages only while in their seats outdoors, and as to any concourse concessions that are open the host or organizer of the event(s) must take affirmative steps to ensure compliance with Social Distancing Requirements and prevent crowding while patrons pick up food or beverages to bring back to their seats. If patrons consume food or beverages in suites, they must follow the safety rules for indoor dining, which can be found in Health Officer Directive No. 2020-16, including as that directive may be revised in the future.
- ~~viii.vi.~~ Personnel must wear a Face Covering whenever they are interacting with members of the public. Patrons may remove their Face Coverings outdoors as long as the event has fewer than 300 patrons.

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3. Indoor Events With In-Person Audiences. Indoor events may resume subject to the following limitations and conditions:

INDOOR	No Food/Beverage Concessions	With Concessions
1-199 patrons	<b>No</b> health and safety plan is required; <b>No</b> proof of vaccination/negative COVID-19 test is required* ** Follow rules for movie theaters in Health Officer <a href="#">Directive No. 2020-35</a> .**	
200-299 patrons	<b>No</b> plan is required; <b>No</b> proof of vaccination/negative COVID-19 test is required*	Plan must be <b>submitted</b> but pre-approval is not required; Proof of vaccination/negative COVID-19 test <b>is</b> required
300+ patrons	Plan must be <b>submitted and approved</b> before event; Proof of vaccination/negative COVID-19 test <b>is</b> required	

\* Plan approval/proof of vaccination or negative COVID-19 test is required if number of attendees exceeds 25% of the facility's capacity.

- i. Except as provided in this subpart, the host or organizer of an event or series of events must submit to the Health Officer a proposed plan detailing the cleaning, physical distancing, ~~health screening~~, and other procedures that will be implemented to minimize the risk of transmission among patrons and Personnel. The requirements in this section apply to all apply to all outdoor events with in-person audiences and must be included in proposed plans. Plans must be submitted to HealthPlan@sfcityatty.org at least ten business days before the planned event or, if earlier, ten business days before the date on which tickets will begin to be sold/offered to the public. Subject to the advance written approval of the Health Officer or the Health Officer's designee, the event(s) may proceed consistent with the approved plan, including any conditions to approval of the Health Officer or the Health Officer's designee.
- (a) The event host or organizer is not required to submit a plan for events with fewer than 200 people in the audience or up to 25% capacity, whichever is fewer.
- (b) The event host or organizer does not need to obtain pre-approval of the plan by the Health Officer or the Health Officer's designee for an event with 200-299 people in the audience, as long as no concessions will be sold or provided and attendees are required to keep their Face Coverings on at all times.
- ii. Capacity is limited to 50% of the facility's capacity (based on patrons only), subject to the physical distancing requirements in Section 27(b)(1)(ix), above.

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- iii. Except as provided in this subpart, Personnel and patrons age 12 and up are required to show proof, before entering the facility, of (1) a negative COVID-19 test (PCR test taken not more than 72 hours before the event or antigen test taken not more than 24 hours before the event) or (2) full vaccination.
  - (a) Proof of a negative COVID-19 test or vaccination is not required for events with fewer than 200 people in the audience, unless the number of people at the event exceeds 25% of the facility's capacity.
  - (b) Proof of a negative COVID-19 test or vaccination is not required for events with fewer than 300 people in the audience, if no concessions will be sold or provided and attendees are required to keep their Face Coverings on at all times, unless the number of people at the event exceeds 25% of the facility's capacity.
- iv. Events with less than 200 patrons must follow the rules for movie theaters in Health Officer [Directive No. 2020-35](#). For all other events, eating and drinking is allowed in pre-designated eating areas only; no eating or drinking is allowed in seats. Patrons in the designated eating area must maintain at least six feet of physical distance from members of other Households. Designated eating areas must be separate, distinct, and clearly marked from any other section of the venue. There must be at least 12 feet of distance between the designated eating areas and any other section in the venue.
- v. If concessions will be sold or provided at the event, at least one of the following ventilation strategies must be employed: (1) all available windows and doors accessible to fresh outdoor air are kept open; (2) fully operational HVAC system; and (3) appropriately sized Portable Air Cleaners (as defined in the Ventilation Guidance) in each room. In suites, windows and doors must remain fixed and open to increase ventilation.
- vi. Patrons and Personnel must wear Face Coverings at all times, except when eating or drinking.

(Added April 14, 2021; Revised May 6, 2021~~), and May 20, 2021)~~

## **(28) Conferences, Meetings, and Receptions**

- a. Basis for Addition. Given the significant decrease in COVID-19 case and hospitalization rates and the increase in COVID-19 vaccination rates, outdoor private events and smaller indoor private gatherings in conference rooms or other large meeting areas can be held subject to certain rules that reduce the risk of transmission. When capacity limits are imposed, physical distancing between Households is maintained, participants are either fully vaccinated or tested before the event, and everyone uses a Face Covering at all times (except when a participant is eating or drinking as allowed by the dining rules and directive), the risks of such gatherings can be mitigated.
- b. Description and Conditions to Operate. Private events including conferences, meetings, and receptions may resume subject to the following conditions:

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1. General Rules Applicable to All Private Events. All private events are subject to the following requirements as well as the additional requirements for indoor or outdoor events, as applicable, set forth in Sections 2 and 3, below:
  - i. Guests, Personnel and others onsite are subject to the general Face Covering requirements in Health Officer Order No. C19-12, including as that order may be amended in the future;
  - ii. Guests from different Households must be seated at least six feet away from each other unless all Personnel and guests age 16 and up provide proof that they are fully vaccinated [guests under age 16 may attend and sit with their parents, guardians or sponsors, but children between the ages of two and 15 must provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test (PCR test taken not more than 72 hours before the event or antigen test taken not more than 24 hours before the event)];
  - iii. All guests must have purchased tickets or, as an alternative, the host must maintain a defined guest list;
  - iv. A seating chart or assigned seating is required;
  - v. Intermingling of attendees at separate events is prohibited;
  - vi. Food and beverage service is allowed per the safety rules for outdoor or indoor dining, as applicable;
  - vii. If the event intends to sell or provide food and/or beverage to the public, a Temporary Food Facility permit must be obtained from the Department of Public Health Environmental Health Branch. All required applications for permits must be submitted at least 21 days prior to the event to [ehempevents@sfdph.org](mailto:ehempevents@sfdph.org) for approval. For more information, please visit <https://www.sfdph.org/dph/EH/Food/Permits/permitSpecEvents.asp>;
  - viii. If the private event occurs at a Business (as defined in Section 8.e of this Order), then the Business must post a Social Distancing Protocol checklist and comply with all Social Distancing Protocol requirements listed in Appendix A of this Order. For clarity, the term “Business” includes any organization, house of worship, or non-profit entity as well as commercial entities; and
  - ix. Sufficient time must be allocated between events to prevent mixing across attendees.
2. Outdoor private events. Outdoor private events are subject to the following additional conditions:
  - i. Capacity is limited to 200 people total (including personnel and volunteers, except that fully vaccinated workers do not count toward this capacity limit);
  - ii. The number of guests may be increased to up to 400 people total (including personnel and volunteers, except that fully vaccinated workers do not count toward this capacity limit) if all Personnel and guests age 12 and up provide proof either that they are fully vaccinated or that they have a negative COVID-19 test



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(PCR test taken not more than 72 hours before the event or antigen test taken not more than 24 hours before the event).

- iii. Personnel must wear a Face Covering whenever they are interacting with members of the public. Patrons may remove their Face Coverings as long as the event has fewer than 300 patrons.
- 3. Indoor private events. Indoor private events are subject to the following additional conditions:
  - i. Face Coverings must be worn at all times except when actively eating or drinking;
  - ii. Capacity is limited to 200 people total (including personnel and volunteers, except that fully vaccinated workers do not count toward this capacity limit).
  - iii. All Personnel and guests age 12 and up must provide proof either that they are fully vaccinated or that they have a negative COVID-19 test (PCR test taken not more than 72 hours before the event or antigen test taken not more than 24 hours before the event).
  - iv. If food or beverages will be sold or provided at the event, at least one of the following ventilation strategies must be employed: (1) all available windows and doors accessible to fresh outdoor air are kept open; (2) fully operational HVAC system; and (3) appropriately sized Portable Air Cleaners (as defined in the Ventilation Guidance) in each room.

(Added April 14, 2021; Revised April 15, 2021, and May 6, 2021)

**(29) Cannabis Lounges Permitted Under Health Code Article 8A**

- a. Basis for Addition. Cannabis lounges present a higher risk of virus transmission than other allowable interactions because Face Coverings must be removed to eat, drink, or smoke. But mitigation measures in dining establishments can decrease the transmission risk if they are strictly followed by all customers and Personnel.
- b. Description and Conditions to Operate. Cannabis lounges permitted under Health Code Article 8A may operate subject to the following conditions:
  - i. Establishments that serve edibles must comply with the General Requirements in Section 4 of the Order and the additional limitations and conditions set forth in Health Officer Directive No. 2020-16, including as that directive may be amended in the future;
  - ii. Establishments with Type C permits may operate only if they obtain proof of full vaccination from all patrons before entry.

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### **A. General Requirements**

The “Additional Activities” listed below may resume, subject to the requirements set forth in the Order and to any additional requirements set forth below or in separate guidance by the Health Officer. These activities were selected based on current health-related information, the risk criteria set forth in Section 3 of the Order, and the overall impact that allowing these activities to resume will have on mobility and volume of activity in the County.

The health-related basis for selection of Additional Activities and the specific requirements for risk mitigation are generally summarized below.

Activities that are permitted to operate outdoors may, subject to any applicable permit requirements, conduct their operations under a tent, canopy, or other shelter, as long as the shelter complies with: (1) the California Department of Public Health’s November 25, 2020 guidance regarding “Use of Temporary Structures for Outdoor Business Operations” (available at <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Use-of-Temporary-Structures-for-Outdoor-Business-Operations.aspx>); and (2) SFDPH’s guidance on “Safer Ways to Use New Outdoor Shared Spaces for Allowed Activities During COVID-19” (available at <https://www.sfdph.org/dph/files/ig/Guidance-Shared-Outdoor-Spaces.pdf>).

### **B. List of Additional Activities**

For purposes of the Order, Additional Activities include the following based on the summarized health risk related rationale:

(1)	Outdoor Museums, Outdoor Historical Sites, and Outdoor Public Gardens .....	2
(2)	Golf, Tennis and Pickleball.....	3
(3)	Dog Parks.....	3
(4)	Small Outdoor Gatherings .....	4
(5)	Libraries .....	5
(6)	Youth and Adult Sports, Recreation, Dance and Exercise .....	5
(7)	Swimming Pools .....	7
(8)	Drive-In Gatherings .....	7
(9)	Religious Activities.....	8
(10)	Political Activity .....	9
(11)	Outdoor Playgrounds .....	12
(12)	Outdoor Arts, Music and Theater Performances and Festivals .....	12
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**(1) Outdoor Museums, Outdoor Historical Sites, and Outdoor Public Gardens**

- a. Basis for Addition. Personnel and visitors can wear Face Coverings ~~and maintain at least six feet of physical distance from people in different Households at all times when distancing cannot be maintained.~~ And outdoor activities are safer than indoor activities. Finally, the number, frequency and proximity of contacts can be minimized through capacity limitations and the risk of virus transmission can be reduced through other health protocols.
- b. Description and Conditions. Outdoor museums, outdoor historical sites, and outdoor public gardens (for example, the Botanical Gardens and Japanese Tea Garden) may reopen to the public—and individuals may leave their residence and travel to visit these locations—subject to the following conditions:
  1. Only outdoor spaces may be open to the public, except for restrooms as provided below.
  2. All Personnel and visitors are subject to the general Face Covering requirements in Health Officer Order No. C19-12, including as that order may be amended in the future;
  3. Physical distancing (recommended distance is six feet) must be maintained at all times other than between members of the same Household;
  4. Public restrooms, if any, must
    - a. be routinely cleaned throughout the day,
    - b. have soap and paper towels, and
    - c. have signs promoting handwashing;
  5. The facility should provide for contactless payment systems, if feasible (but under San Francisco’s Legal Tender Law, customers must be allowed to pay with cash); and
  6. Signage must be posted at each public entrance to inform all Personnel and customers that they must: not enter if they are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms (list the symptoms in the San Francisco Optional COVID-19 Health Screening Form for non-personnel (Attachment A-2~~7~~)), maintain a minimum six-foot distance from one another while in the facility or location, and not shake hands or engage in any unnecessary physical contact (sample signs are available online at <https://sf.gov/outreach-toolkit-coronavirus-covid-19>);).

For clarity, this section does not apply to outdoor zoos, which are covered under Section 12 of Appendix C-1.

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**(2) Golf, Tennis and Pickleball**

- a. Basis for Addition. Low-contact sports like golf, tennis and pickleball involve a low number of contacts and a lower chance of physical contact, as long as the groups engaged in play together are small, maintain required physical distance, and avoid sharing equipment among different Households. These lower risks of transmission can be further mitigated by sanitation and hygiene practices.
- b. Description and Conditions. Individuals may play golf outdoors and tennis or pickleball indoors and outdoors, and outdoor or indoor tennis or pickleball facilities/clubs and indoor facilities/clubs for the playing of golf may open, subject to the limitations and conditions set forth in Health Officer Directive No. 2021-01, including as that directive is amended in the future.

(Added June 1, 2020; Non-substantive revisions July 13, 2020; Revised September 1, 2020, December 4, 2020, December 9, 2020, January 27, 2021, March 2, 2021, March 23, 2021, and April 14, 2021)

**(3) Dog Parks**

- a. Basis for Addition. Although taking a dog to a dog park may involve mixing of Households, individuals can wear Face Coverings at all times ~~and maintain at least six feet of physical distance from members of other Households except for short interactions. No inherently risky activities involving the removal of Face Coverings are involved when distancing cannot be maintained.~~ The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has said that at this time, there is no evidence that animals play a significant role in spreading SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, to people, and that based on the available information to date, the risk of animals spreading COVID-19 to people is considered to be low (see CDC guidance updated March 25, 2021, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/animals.html>). Also, outdoor activities carry a lower risk of transmission than indoor interactions and activities, and risk of transmission can be reduced through health protocols.
- b. Description and Conditions. Individuals may take their dogs to dog parks (both enclosed and unenclosed), and all outdoor dog parks may open, subject to the following conditions:
  - 1. All people in the dog park are subject to the general Face Covering requirements in Health Officer Order No. C19-12, including as that order may be amended in the future;
  - 2. People in the dog park should maintain physical distance (recommended distance is six feet) from people or animals other than those in their same Household;
  - 3. Signage must be posted at each dog park to inform people that they must: avoid entering the location if they have a cough or fever, maintain a minimum six-foot distance from one another, wear a Face Covering ~~at all times~~ when required, and not

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shake hands or engage in any unnecessary physical contact (sample signs are available online at <https://sf.gov/outreach-toolkit-coronavirus-covid-19>); and

4. People must follow any other rules and regulations adopted by the operator of the dog park.

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**(4) Small Outdoor Gatherings**

- a. Basis for Addition. As provided in Section 4.f of the Order, gatherings among different Households are strongly discouraged to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, and larger gatherings pose higher risks. Although small outdoor gatherings involve mixing of Households, individuals can wear Face Coverings at all times when distancing cannot be maintained, except when eating and drinking, and maintain at least six feet of physical distance from others outside their Household at all times. Inherently risky activities involving the removal of Face Coverings can be—and are strongly urged to be—minimized to the greatest extent possible. Also, outdoor activities carry a lower risk of transmission than indoor interactions and activities, and risk of transmission can be reduced through health protocols.
- b. Description and Conditions. As further provided in Section 3.a of the Order, all people are strongly encouraged to continue ~~staying safe at home and~~ minimizing unnecessary interactions with other Households to the maximum extent possible. But individuals may participate in small outdoor gatherings subject to the limitations and conditions set forth in Health Officer Directive No. 2020-19, including as that directive is amended in the future.

For clarity, this section does not allow contact sports to resume among members of different Households except as allowed in Section 6 below. This section does not apply to outdoor religious or political protest gatherings, which are covered by Sections 9 and 10, below. This section does not apply to or limit gatherings that are otherwise allowed as Additional Businesses or otherwise under the Order or any Health Officer directive providing industry-specific guidance. Indoor social gatherings among different Households are allowed under the limitation set forth in Section 13.

(Added June 11, 2020; Non-substantive revisions July 13, 2020 ~~and~~, September 14, 2020, and May 20, 2021; Revised October 20, 2020, December 9, 2020, March 2, 2021, March 23, 2021, and April 14, 2021; Suspended December 4, 2020; Reinstated and revised January 27, 2021)

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**(5) Libraries**

- a. Basis for Addition. Personnel and patrons can wear Face Coverings at all times and maintain at least six feet of physical distance except for brief interactions (e.g., while picking up items). Patrons interact only with a small number of individuals from other Households, and although Personnel are interacting with a moderate number of people, the duration of those interactions are low and safety limitations can ensure adequate social distancing and decrease the risk of virus transmission.
- b. Description and Conditions to Operate.
  1. Curbside Pickup and Return. Libraries may open for curbside/outside pickup and drop off of items, as approved by the City Administrator. All Personnel and patrons must comply with Social Distancing Requirements—including the requirement to maintain physical distance—and wear a Face Covering at all times, subject to the limited exceptions in Health Officer Order No. C19-12 (e.g., for young children), as that order may be amended in the future. Sanitation or quarantine of returned books or other items is no longer required.
  2. Indoor Operations. Libraries may resume indoor operations at up to 50% capacity (patrons only) subject to the General Requirements in Section 4 of this Order and the additional limitations and conditions for indoor retail set forth in Health Officer Directive No. 2020-17, including as that directive may be amended in the future, as further approved by the City Administrator. Patrons may use computers for internet access, subject to distancing, capacity and other safety restrictions and with regular cleaning of shared equipment.

(Added July 20, 2020; Revised March 23, 2021, May 6, 2021; Non-substantive revisions on April 14, 2021)

**(6) Youth and Adult Sports, Recreation, Dance and Exercise**

- a. Basis for Addition. In general, the more people from outside their Household with whom a person interacts, the closer the physical interaction is, the greater the physical exertion is, and the longer the interaction lasts, the higher the risk that a person with COVID-19 infection may spread it to others. Youth and adult sports, recreation, dance and exercise include varied activities that have different levels of risk for transmission of COVID-19. Based on current scientific evidence, outdoor activities present significantly lower risk of transmission relative to comparative indoor activities. And risk of transmission can be reduced by using mitigation strategies such as Face Coverings and maintaining physical distance to the greatest extent possible. Indoor activities are riskier but can be reduced by using mitigation strategies such as Face Coverings, maintaining physical distance, reducing capacity and implementing ventilation measures.
- b. Description and Conditions.
  1. Organized Non-Professional Youth and Adult Sports, Dance, and Exercise.



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Organized non-professional youth sports, recreation, dance and exercise—including school- and community-sponsored programs, and private clubs and leagues—and recreational organized adult group sports, dance, and exercise activities (collectively, “youth and adult sports”) may occur, subject to the limitations and conditions set forth in Health Officer Directive No. 2021-01, including as that directive is amended in the future.

2. Informal Recreational and Athletic activities. Outdoor low-contact, moderate-contact, and high-contact, and indoor low-contact and moderate-contact informal recreational and athletic activities with members of other Households may occur, subject to the following conditions:
  - i. Except as expressly provided elsewhere in this Order, no more than 25 people total outdoors and 12 people total indoors may engage in these recreational and athletic activities together at any one time;
  - ii. Any shared equipment should be cleaned at least daily; and
  - iii. Unless at least six feet of physical distance can be maintained at all times, Face Coverings must be worn at all times, subject to the limited exceptions in Health Officer Order No. C19-12 (e.g., for young children), including as that order is amended in the future.

Face Covering Required?		
	Indoor	Outdoor
Low-contact sports	Yes (except swimming/diving)	No
Moderate-contact sports	Yes	Yes
High-contact sports	Not allowed	Yes

For an illustrative list of outdoor low-contact, moderate-contact, and high-contact sports, see CDPH’s guidance on Outdoor and Indoor Youth and Recreational Adult Sports, available at <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/outdoor-indoor-recreational-sports.aspx>.

3. Outdoor exercise and recreational equipment. The use of outdoor exercise and recreational equipment such as exercise benches, incline benches, pull-up bars, climbing bars, step-up posts, parcourses, fitness trails, and other similar fixtures or exercise areas for use by the public, as well as benches, seats, tables, barbeque pits, and grilling areas for shared use, is allowed. People using such equipment are reminded that practicing good hand hygiene and wiping down areas with a disinfecting wipe that is effective against the virus that causes COVID-19 is

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important and can reduce the risk of infection, and they are urged to do so before and after using such equipment. In addition, all other rules regarding public gatherings much be followed, such as physical distance requirements and limitations on group size for different activities (for example, the restrictions on small outdoor gatherings listed in Section 4, above).

(Added September 1, 2020; Suspended December 4, 2020; Reinstated and revised December 9, 2020; Revised January 27, 2021, March 2, 2021, March 23, 2021, April 14, 2021, and May 6, 2021)

**(7) Swimming Pools**

- a. Basis for Addition. Swimming pools have few high-touch surfaces and have not been shown to be a high risk for transmission of COVID-19, even when swim~~ming~~ without masks. Risks associated with swimming pools can be substantially mitigated with limitations to ensure adequate social distancing and limit intermixing between Households.
- b. Description and Conditions. Individuals may use public swimming pools, including hot tubs, and public swimming pools may open and operate, subject to the limitations and conditions set forth in Health Officer Directive No. 2020-24, including as that directive may updated in the future.

(Added September 1, 2020; Non-substantive revisions December 4, 2020; Revised March 23, 2021, April 14, 2021 and May 6, 2021)

**(8) Drive-In Gatherings**

- a. Basis for Addition. Drive-In Gatherings where all individuals remain in vehicles involve low contact intensity and frequency. Also, outdoor activities carry a lower risk of transmission than indoor interactions and activities, and risk of transmission can be reduced through health protocols.
- b. Description and Conditions. Drive-in gatherings, where participants stay in their vehicles, are permitted subject to the limitations and conditions set forth in Health Officer Directive No. 2020-28, including as that directive is amended in the future.

(Added September 14, 2020; Suspended December 4, 2020; Reinstated in part and revised January 20, 2021; Revised January 27, 2021, March 2, 2021, March 23, 2021, April 14, 2021)

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**(9) Religious Activities**

- a. Basis for Addition. In an effort to balance core First Amendment interests with public health, the Health Officer is creating special provisions for faith-based services and ceremonies. Even with adherence to physical distancing and Face Covering requirements, bringing members of different Households together to engage in in-person religious gatherings carries a higher risk of widespread transmission of COVID-19. Such gatherings may result in increased rates of infection, hospitalization, and death, especially among more vulnerable populations.
- b. Description and Conditions to Operate.
  1. Individual indoor prayer and counseling in houses of worship [SUPERSEDED]:
    - i. Only one individual member of the public may enter the house of worship at a time. If the person is a parent or guardian of minor children, the person may bring their children with them but not other adults from the same Household. If the person is an adult who needs assistance, the person may bring a caregiver.
    - ii. The member of the public must maintain at least six feet of physical distance from any Personnel present in the facility;
    - iii. All individuals in the facility must wear a Face Covering, subject to the limited exceptions in Health Officer Order No. C19-12 (e.g., for young children);
    - iv. Doors and windows must be left open to the extent possible, or mechanical ventilation systems must be run, to increase ventilation;
    - v. The house of worship must establish protocols for frequent cleaning and disinfection of commonly used surfaces and high traffic areas such as lobbies, hallways, and chapels;
    - vi. Signage must be posted at each public entrance to inform all individuals that they must: avoid entering the house of worship if they have a cough or fever, maintain a minimum six-foot distance from one another while in the facility or location, wear a Face Covering at all times, and not shake hands or engage in any unnecessary physical contact (sample signs are available online at <https://sf.gov/outreach-toolkit-coronavirus-covid-19>); and
    - vii. The house of worship must comply with the Social Distancing Requirements set forth in Section 15.k of this Order—and create, post and implement a Social Distancing Protocol (Appendix A of this Order).
  2. Outdoor Religious Gatherings and Funerals: Houses of worship and operators of other facilities or groups may hold outdoor gatherings for the practice of religion, including religious services and funerals, subject to the following conditions:
    - i. Participants must maintain physical distance (recommended distance is six feet) from members of different Households;

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- ii. All participants are subject to the general Face Covering requirements in Health Officer Order No. C19-12, including as that order may be amended in the future;
  - iii. No food or beverages may be sold;
  - iv. All participants are subject to the general safety rules in Section 3.i of this Order regarding singing, shouting, chanting and cheering and playing wind and brass instruments that apply outdoors;
  - v. The gathering must comply with all of the relevant requirements set forth in Health Officer Directive No. 2020-19 regarding outdoor gatherings, including as that directive is amended in the future; and
  - vi. All participants must comply with any requirements—including permitting requirements and conditions—imposed by applicable public authorities.
3. **Gatherings for Indoor Religious Services and Cultural Ceremonies:** Houses of worship and other locations may hold indoor gatherings for the practice of religion, including religious services, religious activities, and religious and cultural ceremonies, such as weddings and funerals, subject to the limitations and conditions set forth in Health Officer Directive No. 2020-34, including as that directive is amended in the future. The facility must comply with the Social Distancing Requirements set forth in Section 8.o of this Order and create, post, and implement a Social Distancing Protocol (Section 4.d and Appendix A of this Order).

For clarity, religious exercise in homes and other indoor settings may occur in accordance with these capacity limits and safety protocols that apply generally to houses of worship or alternatively, may occur informally subject to the small indoor gathering rules, below.

(Added September 14, 2020; Revised September 30, 2020, December 4, 2020, January 27, 2021, March 23, 2021, April 14, 2021, and May 6, 2021; Non-substantive revisions October 20, 2020; Revised and subsection suspended November 28, 2020; Subsection reinstated with non-substantive revisions February 8, 2021)

**(10) Political Activity**

- a. **Basis for Addition.** In an effort to balance core First Amendment interests with public health, the Health Officer is creating special provisions for political activities. Even with adherence to physical distancing and Face Covering requirements, bringing members of different Households together to engage in in-person protests carries a higher risk of widespread transmission of COVID-19. Such gatherings may result in increased rates of infection, hospitalization, and death, especially among more vulnerable populations. In particular, activities like chanting, shouting, singing, and group recitation negate the risk-reduction achieved through six feet of physical distancing and Face Covering. Therefore, even though in-person political protests are allowed by this provision, with safety

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limitations, it is strongly recommended that individuals use alternative means of expression for the time being, such as the many online and broadcasting platforms available in the digital age, in place of in-person gatherings.

**b. Description and Conditions to Operate.**

**1. Individual indoor political offices: [SUPERSEDED]**

**2. Indoor Political Protest Gatherings:** Facilities and groups may hold outdoor gatherings for in-person political protests, subject to the following conditions:

- i. The facility must strictly limit attendance at Indoor Political Protest Gatherings to 50% of the capacity of the building. Capacity limits include do not include Personnel. The limit must be reduced below 50% if required due to the size of the indoor space and participants' ability to follow Social Distancing Requirements at all times. These capacity limits also apply to any individual room within the facility where people can gather;

**a. Fully Vaccinated Sections. A facility may lift the distancing rules for a “fully vaccinated section” as allowed in the State Blueprint for a Safer Economy (available online at [https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID-19/Dimmer-Framework-September\\_2020.pdf](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/COVID-19/Dimmer-Framework-September_2020.pdf)) (the “State Blueprint”).**

**Participants seated in a fully vaccinated section count toward the overall capacity limit, which must not exceed the capacity limits established by this subsection b.2.**

**The facility must ~~screen~~ confirm that all Participants 12 and up in the fully vaccinated section are fully vaccinated before they are allowed to enter the section. The definition of “fully vaccinated” as well as the applicable methods for verifying vaccination status are set forth in the State Blueprint referenced above.**

**Participants in the fully vaccinated section who are under 12 may sit with their parents, guardians or sponsors. Children between the ages of two and 12 in that section must provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test (PCR test taken not more than 72 hours before the event or antigen test taken not more than 24 hours before the event).**

**Distancing rules may be lifted only within a fully vaccinated section. Fully vaccinated sections must be separate, distinct, and clearly marked from any other section in the facility. There must be at least six feet of distance between a fully vaccinated section and any other section in the venue.**

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- ii. As required by Section 4.d.2 of the main body of this Order, the facility must take efforts to ensure that if any Personnel or participants ~~using the standard~~ have symptoms consistent with COVID-19 that are not explained by another condition, those people not participate. The facility may utilize the optional screening questions attached to the Order as Appendix A and Attachment A-2 (the “Optional Screening Handout for Non-Personnel”). Screening ~~must~~may occur before people enter the facility, and may be done remotely (such as at home), to prevent the inadvertent spread of the SARS-CoV-2 virus. ~~A~~If used, a copy of the Optional Screening Handout for Non-Personnel ~~must~~should be provided to anyone on request, although a poster or other large-format version of the Screening Handout for Non-Personnel may be used to review the questions with people verbally. Any person who answers “yes” to any screening question is at risk of having the SARS-CoV-2 virus, ~~must~~may be prohibited from entering the facility, and ~~should~~may be referred for appropriate support as outlined on the Screening Handout for Non-Personnel. But anyone who has symptoms consistent with COVID-19 that are not explained by another condition must be excluded. The facility can use the guidance available online at [www.sfcddcp.org/screen](http://www.sfcddcp.org/screen) for determining how best to conduct screening;
  - iii. All participants and Personnel must wear a Face Covering, subject to the limited exceptions in Health Officer Order No. C19-12, including as that order may be amended in the future;
  - iv. All participants are subject to the general safety rules in Section 3.i of this Order regarding singing, shouting, chanting and cheering and playing wind and brass instruments; and
  - v. The facility must comply with the Social Distancing Requirements set forth in Section 8.o of this Order and create, post, and implement a Social Distancing Protocol (Section 4.d and Appendix A of this Order).
3. Outdoor Political Protest Gatherings: Facilities and groups may hold outdoor gatherings for in-person political protests, subject to the following conditions:
- i. Participants must maintain physical distance (recommended distance is six feet) from members of different Households;
  - ii. All participants are subject to the general Face Covering requirements in Health Officer Order No. C19-12, including as that order may be amended in the future; and
  - iii. No food or beverages may be sold;
  - iv. All participants are subject to the general safety rules in Section 3.i of this Order regarding singing, shouting, chanting and cheering and playing wind and brass instruments that apply outdoors;



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- v. The gathering must comply with all of the relevant requirements set forth in Health Officer Directive No. 2020-19, including as that directive may be amended in the future, regarding outdoor gatherings; and
- vi. All participants must comply with any requirements—including permitting requirements and conditions—imposed by applicable public authorities.

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**(11) Outdoor Playgrounds**

- a. Basis for Addition. Although taking children to a playground may involve mixing of Households, outdoor activities carry a lower risk of transmission than indoor interactions and activities, and risk of transmission can be reduced through health protocols.
- b. Description and Conditions. Outdoor public playgrounds may open subject to the following conditions:
  - 1. Given the difficulty in maintaining six feet of physical distance at all times in a playground, Face Coverings must be worn by all people in the playground at all times, subject to the limited exceptions in Health Officer Order No. C19-12 (e.g., for young children or when only one Household is present), including as that order is amended in the future;
  - 2. All people (including children and adults) in the playground should maintain at least six feet of physical distance from people other than those in their same Household to the greatest extent possible;
  - 3. Outdoor public playground operators and all people (including children and adults) in playgrounds must comply with all of the relevant requirements set forth in the California Department of Public Health’s Guidance on Outdoor Playgrounds and other Outdoor Recreational Facilities , available at [https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Outdoor Playgrounds and other Outdoor Recreational Facilities.aspx](https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/OutdoorPlaygrounds%20and%20other%20Outdoor%20Recreational%20Facilities.aspx).

(Added September 30, 2020; Revised November 3, 2020, April 14, 2021; Suspended December 4, 2020; Reinstated and revised December 9, 2020; Non-substantive revision May 6, 2021)

**(12) Outdoor Arts, Music and Theater Performances and Festivals**

- a. Basis for Addition. Although outdoor festivals involve mixing of Households, individuals can wear Face Coverings at all times, except when eating and drinking, and maintain at least six feet of physical distance from others outside their Household at all

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times. Also, outdoor activities carry a lower risk of transmission than indoor interactions and activities, and risk of transmission can be reduced through health protocols.

- b. Description and Conditions. Outdoor organized and supervised arts, music, and theater performances and festivals without assigned seating may resume subject to the limitations and conditions set forth in Health Officer Directive No. 2021-02, including as that directive is amended in the future.

The organizer must submit a health and safety plan to DPH at least five business days in advance of the event, but does not need to obtain approval of the plan before proceeding with the event. In the event SFDPH identifies deficiencies in the plan, SFDPH will follow up with the organizer but approval by the Health Officer is not required. An optional plan template, including the basic information that all plans must contain, is available at [www.sfdph.org/dph/alerts/covid-guidance/2021-02-HSP-Arts-Music-Outdoors.pdf](http://www.sfdph.org/dph/alerts/covid-guidance/2021-02-HSP-Arts-Music-Outdoors.pdf).

Alternatively, outdoor arts, music and theater festivals may use a reservation and assigned seating system and follow the larger capacity and other safety rules for live outdoor performances (*see* Appendix C-1, Section 27), above or private events (*see* Appendix C-1, Section 28).

If the event intends to sell or provide food and/or beverage to the public, a Temporary Food Facility permit must be obtained from the Department of Public Health Environmental Health Branch. All required applications for permits must be submitted at least 21 days prior to the event to [ehthevents@sfdph.org](mailto:ehthevents@sfdph.org) for approval. For more information, please visit <http://www.sfdph.org/dph/EH/Food/Permits/permitSpecEvents.asp>.

(Added March 23, 2021; Revised April 14, 2021, and April 15, 2021)

**(13) Small Indoor Gatherings**

- a. Basis for Addition. Given the significant decrease in COVID-19 case and hospitalization rates and the increase in COVID-19 vaccination rates, small gatherings can be done indoors subject to certain rules that reduce the risk of transmission. Even with protections such as physical distancing and use of Face Coverings at all times, such gatherings that do not involve fully vaccinated people should occur outdoors to the greatest extent possible in accordance with the outdoor gathering rules (such as for allowed outdoor religious services or other outdoor activities covered by this Order and Health Officer directives). For small indoor gatherings to occur as allowed by this section, the rules listed below must be followed for each type of small indoor gathering to reduce the risk of harm from such gatherings.
- b. Indoor Gatherings Allowed by Any Order or Directive of the Health Officer: Description and Conditions. Indoor gatherings involving people from different Households may

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occur with safety modifications as allowed by any order or directive of the Health Officer (for example, for indoor religious services as allowed by this Order and Health Officer Directive No. 2020-34).

- c. Small Private Indoor Gatherings: Description and Conditions. Limited indoor gatherings of people from different Households (“Small Private Indoor Gatherings”) may occur in private settings as listed in this Section. Small Private Indoor Gatherings are not allowed in any Business unless otherwise indicated below.
1. Small Private Indoor Gatherings with Face Coverings. Small indoor gatherings with Face Coverings may occur in private settings with these safety restrictions:
- i. The gathering may only occur in a private setting. Generally, this includes Residences, as defined in Section 3.b of this Order, but can also occur in other settings where privacy is maintained for the entire gathering. By way of example, renting a room at a restaurant, hotel, or other Business is not considered “private” if wait staff or facility Personnel are present in the room at any time during the gathering.
  - ii. The gathering is limited to the lesser of 50 people or 50% capacity. For Residences or other private spaces that do not have a known capacity limit, the gathering is limited to number of people (up to 50) who can safely maintain physical distance of at least six feet between Households.
  - iii. Every person must wear a Face Covering at all times during the gathering unless exempt from wearing a Face Covering by the Face Covering Order (Order No. C19-12, including as that order is amended in the future). For this reason, no food or beverages may be consumed during the gathering. (But if the host complies with other rules regarding dining, such as the allowance of food for outdoor gatherings under Directive No. 2020-19 or operation of a dining establishment under Directive No. 2020-16, eating and drinking may occur under those rules.) Additional information about Face Covering requirements from the State of California is available online at [www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx).
  - iv. Physical distance of six feet from other people not in the same Household should be maintained during the gathering.
  - v. Indoor areas should maximize ventilation whenever possible, including by opening windows and external doors to improve airflow in the area of the gathering.
  - vi. If anyone planning to attend the gathering has any symptom of COVID-19, they should not participate in the gathering, and others from the same Household should consider avoiding the gathering. A list of COVID-19 symptoms is available online at [www.sfcddp.org/covid19symptoms](http://www.sfcddp.org/covid19symptoms).

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- vii. Except for small indoor gatherings involving people who are fully vaccinated as provided in subsection 2 below, such gatherings should occur instead outdoors to the greatest extent possible in accordance with the outdoor gathering rules.
- 2. Small Private Indoor Gatherings with people who are fully vaccinated for COVID-19. Small Private Indoor Gatherings with fully vaccinated people where some individuals may potentially remove Face Coverings consistent with guidance issued by the State of California, available online as follows:

*For all people, updated Face Covering guidance:*

[www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx).

*For fully vaccinated people:*

[www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/COVID-19-Public-Health-Recommendations-for-Fully-Vaccinated-People.aspx](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/COVID-19-Public-Health-Recommendations-for-Fully-Vaccinated-People.aspx)

*For gatherings involving unvaccinated people (including with fully vaccinated people):*

[www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Guidance-for-the-Prevention-of-COVID-19-Transmission-for-Gatherings-November-2020.aspx](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Guidance-for-the-Prevention-of-COVID-19-Transmission-for-Gatherings-November-2020.aspx)

The specific situations that would allow for the removal of Face Coverings are also outlined by the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) at: [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html). Such gatherings must abide by all safety precautions outlined by that California and CDC guidance as well as the following restrictions:

- i. The gathering may only occur in a private setting. Generally, this includes Residences, as defined in Section 3.b of this Order, but can also occur in other settings where privacy is maintained for the entire gathering. By way of example, renting a room at a restaurant, hotel, or other Business is not considered “private” if wait staff or facility Personnel are present in the room at any time during the gathering.
- ii. For Residences, the gathering is limited to 50 people. For other settings, the gathering is limited to the lesser of 50 people or 50% capacity for the room in which the gathering is held.
- 3. Small Indoor Gatherings: Description and Conditions. Limited indoor gatherings of people from different Households may occur in non-private settings as listed in this Section. Such Small Indoor Gatherings must comply with the following rules.
  - i. If the gathering occurs at any Business (as defined in Section 8.e of this Order), then the Business must post a Social Distancing Protocol checklist and comply with all Social Distancing Protocol requirements listed in Appendix A of this

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Order. For clarity, the term “Business” includes any organization, house of worship, or non-profit entity as well as commercial entities.

- ii. The gathering is limited to the lesser of 50 people or 50% capacity for the room in which the gathering is being held.
- iii. Every person must wear a Face Covering at all times during the gathering unless exempt from wearing a Face Covering by the Face Covering Order (Order No. C19-12, including as that order is revised in the future). For this reason, no food or beverages may be consumed during the gathering. (But if the Business complies with other rules regarding dining, such as the allowance of food for outdoor gatherings under Directive No. 2020-19 or operation of a dining establishment under Directive No. 2020-16, eating and drinking may occur under those rules.) Additional information about Face Covering requirements from the State of California is available online at [www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/guidance-for-face-coverings.aspx).
- iv. Physical distance of six feet from other people not in the same Household should be maintained during the gathering.
- v. Indoor areas should maximize ventilation whenever possible, including by opening windows and external doors to improve airflow in the area of the gathering.
- vi. For clarity, Small Indoor Gatherings allowed under this section include but are not limited to gatherings held by Adult Day Programs and senior/community centers. The Department of Public Health has published a check-list to help Adult Day Programs and senior/community centers prepare for allowing Small Indoor Gatherings, which is available online at [www.sfdph.org/dph/files/ig/senior-centers-adult-day-programs-checklist.pdf](http://www.sfdph.org/dph/files/ig/senior-centers-adult-day-programs-checklist.pdf).
- vii. The gathering must also comply with the State of California’s guidance for gatherings, which is available online at <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Guidance-for-the-Prevention-of-COVID-19-Transmission-for-Gatherings-November-2020.aspx>.

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**(14) Outdoor Community Sporting Events**

- a. Basis for Addition. Although community sporting events involve mixing of Households, individuals can maintain at least six feet of physical distance from others outside their Household at all times. Also, there are health benefits that people can realize through

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exercise, outdoor activities carry a lower risk of transmission than indoor interactions and activities, and risk of transmission can be reduced through health protocols.

- b. Description and Conditions. Organized community endurance running and walking events (i.e., runs, walks, marathons, triathlons) may resume, subject to compliance with the State’s “COVID-19 Guidance: Community Sporting Events,” available at <https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-community-sporting-events--en.pdf>.

The host or organizer of an event with more than 100 participants must submit to the Health Officer a proposed plan detailing the cleaning, social distancing, health screening, and other procedures that will be implemented to minimize the risk of transmission among participants and Personnel. Plans must be submitted to HealthPlan@sfcityatty.org at least ten business days before the planned event or, if earlier, before pre-registration for the event opens. Events with more 500 or more participants must obtain advance written approval of the Health Officer or the Health Officer’s designee before proceeding. Events with 100-499 participants must submit a plan but do not need to obtain approval of the plan before proceeding with the event.

All Personnel and participants are subject to the general Face Covering requirements in Health Officer Order No. C19-12, including as that order may be amended in the future.

For clarity, these rules do not apply to outdoor and indoor youth and recreational sports, collegiate sports, or professional sports, which are covered by separate sections of this Order. See Appendix C-2, section 6; Appendix C-1, sections 14 & 6. And also for clarity the organizers of these events must still obtain all required permits and approvals from the City and other regulatory authorities to hold these events.

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