



**ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER No. C19-07n-0**  
**(~~updated November 16, 2020~~)**

**ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER  
OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO  
DIRECTING ALL INDIVIDUALS IN THE COUNTY TO CONTINUE  
STAYING SAFER AT THEIR PLACES OF RESIDENCE TO THE  
EXTENT THEY CAN EXCEPT FOR IDENTIFIED NEEDS AND  
ACTIVITIES, AND TO FOLLOW HEALTH RISK REDUCTION  
MEASURES OUTSIDE THEIR RESIDENCES; URGING GOVERNMENT  
AGENCIES TO PROVIDE SHELTER AND SANITATION FACILITIES  
TO INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS; REQUIRING  
ALL BUSINESSES AND RECREATION FACILITIES THAT ARE  
ALLOWED TO OPERATE TO IMPLEMENT HEALTH RISK  
REDUCTION MEASURES; AND DIRECTING ALL BUSINESSES,  
FACILITY OPERATORS, AND GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES TO  
CONTINUE THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF ALL OPERATIONS  
THAT ARE NOT YET SAFE ENOUGH TO RESUME**

**(STAY SAFER AT HOME)**

DATE OF ORDER: November ~~10, 2020~~, updated November 16~~28~~, 2020

***This Order incorporates suspensions, reductions in capacity limits, and other restrictions that the County is required to implement due to the State’s reassignment of the County to the purple tier (tier 1) on November 28, 2020 because of widespread transmission of the virus.***

**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 there was the first reported case of COVID-19 in the County. 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. That virus is easily transmitted, especially indoors or in group settings, and the disease can be extremely serious. It can require long hospital stays, and in some instances cause long-



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term health consequences or death. It can impact not only those who are older or have underlying health conditions and known to be at high risk, but also other people, regardless of age. And a major risk remains the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19 through asymptomatic and pre-symptomatic carriers, people who can spread the disease but do not even know they are infected and contagious. The spread of disease is a global pandemic causing untold societal, social, and economic harm.

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. For instance, the County allowed businesses that had operated primarily outdoors before March 16, 2020, to resume outdoor business activities, and the County has allowed many outdoor recreation activities that do not involve physical contact or shared equipment. Later, the County allowed additional categories of businesses and activities to resume, such as outdoor dining, curbside pick-up, and in-store retail, with other businesses and activities to be added over time when safe to do so.

Through this gradual reopening process the County has adopted risk reduction measures for individuals and businesses as further described below. Beginning on April 17, 2020 and based on increasing evidence that face coverings help protect against the spread of the virus, the County adopted a requirement for people to wear face coverings. That requirement has since been updated to expand the requirement to most settings outside people's residences. The County Health Officer has also issued best practices health directives for a number of businesses and activities, and the County Department of Public Health has issued companion guidance documents.

Meanwhile, in March 2020 after the County and neighboring jurisdictions adopted their shelter-in-place orders, the State adopted its own shelter-in-place order that applied throughout California. And in mid-April 2020 the State established a four-stage roadmap for reopening that sets a baseline for all counties in California and allows counties to go at a slower pace. The State continued to revise its roadmap and eventually replaced it with a new blueprint as described below. Consistent with the State roadmap, 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. To help further protect workers and the public and give both more confidence in resuming day-to-day activities, the County has imposed health and safety measures that are more restrictive than the State's



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industry guidelines. In late June 2020, the County Health Officer, with support from the County Board of Supervisors, applied for and received a variance from the State that allowed the County more flexibility in its decision-making on the phases of reopening.

Our collective effort~~has~~ 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. The County continues to work on building up its testing, case finding, case investigation, contact tracing capacity, and resources to protect vulnerable populations and address outbreaks. Still, the severe danger the virus poses to the health and welfare of all continues, we need to be vigilant and there remains a continuing risk of a surge that will overwhelm the capacity of our hospital system. 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 the search continues, treatments for the disease are limited and a vaccine is not yet generally available. The vast majority of the population remains susceptible to infection, and local conditions could rapidly worsen if reopening steps are taken too quickly or if people fail to safely modify their behavior, including wearing face coverings, adhering to social distancing requirements, and avoiding gatherings.

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 re-opening 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, and the State has moved counties between tiers, and in November 2020 with case rates increasing most counties have moved to the more restrictive tiers. ~~As of~~On November 17, 2020, the State ~~is reassigning~~reassigned the County backward from the minimal (yellow) tier and ~~will continue~~has continued to make further reassignments as case rates and other State criteria change.

To the extent that San Francisco experiences a rapid and significant surge of COVID-19 cases and meets the criteria to fall within a more restrictive tier, it will be assigned to more restrictive tiers by the State, and this Order will be revised as quickly as possible to pull back or suspend certain activities to comply with the State's Blueprint and to



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otherwise address best public health practices to protect our residents. The appendixes to this Order and related Health Officer directives will be updated to reflect the changes that are required to be consistent with the State order. These changes may include restricting and suspending designated additional businesses and activities and imposing further restrictions or suspensions that the Health Officer determines appropriate. And when the indicators improve and the County advances under the State Blueprint, the County will continue to approach the reopening process in a measured way, based on local health indicators, and will continue to consider the restrictions that apply to the Bay Area region as a whole.

We are going to have to live with the threat of the virus for many months to come. And for us to be able to continue to reopen in-person schools as well as re-open and expand business and other activities and promote the recovery of our economy, we are all going to have to take responsibility to act safely, including wearing face coverings, keeping at least six feet from others who are not in our household, washing our hands frequently, conducting activities outdoors rather than indoors where possible and minimizing gatherings. 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.

On August 14, 2020, the County shifted away from the prior shelter in place order and this Order continues that shift. In particular, the County will continue to focus more on risk reduction while as the same time keeping to an incremental plan for resuming business and other activity. This Order sets forth the local health data framework that along with the State's blueprint framework, and consistent with emerging scientific data, information, and evidence, will guide the Health Officer's "gating" decisions about whether to move forward with phases to reopen businesses and resume activities and otherwise modify this Order. Gating criteria are the benchmarks that, when met, will allow the County to move through the gate to the next level of reopening. In connection with those changes to the gating framework, this Order details the risk criteria that the Health Officer will apply to reopening decisions for specific business sectors and other activities. Those risk factors, described in more detail in the Order, include: the ability to modify behavior to reduce the risk; avoidance of risky activities; the nature of the setting; mixing of households; the number and nature of contacts; and the modification potential for the activity.

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

General Requirements. The Order:

- Urges all residents in the County to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission by staying in their residences to the extent possible and minimizing trips and activities outside the home;
- Allows people to engage in listed activities, including, for example, working for or going to the businesses listed below and certain governmental and essential



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infrastructure activities, as well as engaging in essential activities, outdoor activities, certain additional activities, and travel related to those activities;

- Urges older individuals and others who have serious underlying health conditions to remain home other than essential needs;
- Continues to require everyone to wear face coverings while outside their residences, subject to limited exceptions;
- Continues to require everyone to follow social distancing requirements, including staying 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 gatherings among different households to help reduce the transmission of the virus.

Requirements for All Businesses. The Order:

- Allows only listed businesses to operate onsite, including essential businesses, outdoor businesses, healthcare operations, and certain additional businesses;
- Allows other businesses only to operate Minimum Basic Operations (as defined in the Order) onsite;
- Requires that 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 and requires at least one ventilation measure for certain of those businesses;
- Allows for customers to use reusable shopping bags at businesses; 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 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



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limits. There are currently directives for many types of businesses and activities, including: construction projects; food delivery and take-out restaurants; residential delivery services; grocery stores, pharmacies, farmer’s markets, and hardware stores; healthcare operations that offer elective surgeries, dental care, or ambulatory care; retail stores that offer curbside pickup; manufacturing and warehousing; summer camps; child care; golf and tennis facilities; outdoor dining; indoor retail sales and services; outdoor and indoor personal services; outdoor and indoor gyms and fitness facilities, lodging facilities; outdoor gatherings; and office environments. 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 and resumption of 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 November 316, 2020 Order of the Health Officer, No. C19-07~~mn~~, (the "Prior Order") (as well as the prior version of Order No. C19-07n, issued November 10, 2020), 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 certain Businesses and activities from resuming and limits 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 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 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



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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 Bay Area; 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 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





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severe, 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 has been a significant reopening of Businesses and activities, accompanied by an increase in cases and hospitalizations, which increases carry risks to County residents and resources. As we continue to evolve our strategies for protecting residents of the County from COVID-19, we must consider both the trajectory of the virus in the County and across the region, and the increased health risks associated with the opening of many Businesses and activities under the Prior Order. 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 November ~~1427~~, 2020, there were ~~13,756~~15,342 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 ~~1560~~ 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 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 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, especially if these numbers become larger than the prior surge (e.g., more than 100 COVID-19 positive patients in the County's hospitals at one time). 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>.



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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~~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 resume, 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~~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~~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;
- 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



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- 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. Staying Safer At Home Is The Best Way To Control Risk. All people are strongly reminded that continuing to stay home as much as possible is the best way to prevent the risk of COVID-19 transmission, and therefore minimizing trips and activities outside the home helps reduce risk to individuals and the community. All activities that involve contact with people from different Households increase the risk of transmission of COVID-19. Accordingly, all individuals currently living within the County are for the time being ordered to stay in their place of Residence to the extent possible. They are strongly urged to leave their Residence only to:
- Work for or access Businesses that are allowed to be open under this Order (Essential Businesses, Outdoor Businesses, and Additional Businesses, as those terms are defined in Sections 8.a, 8.b and 8.c);
  - Work for, volunteer at, or access services at Healthcare Operations, as that term is defined in Section 8.g;
  - Engage in activities that are allowed under this Order (Essential Activities, Outdoor Activities, and Additional Activities, as those terms are defined in Sections 8.h, 8.i and 8.j); and
  - Engage in Essential Travel, as that term is defined in Section 8.k; or
  - Provide any services or perform any work necessary to the operation maintenance of Essential Governmental Functions or Essential Infrastructure, as those terms are defined in Sections 8.l and 8.m.

Further, on November 19, 2020, the Acting California State Public Health Officer issued an order (the “Limited Stay At Home Order”) requiring that “all gatherings with members of other households and all activities conducted outside the residence, lodging, or temporary accommodation with members of other households cease between 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m., except for those activities associated with the operation, maintenance, or usage of critical infrastructure or required by law.” The Limited Stay At Home Order is available at <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/limited-stay-at-home-order.aspx>.

Beginning at 10:00 p.m. on November 30, 2020, and continuing until the earlier of the expiration of the Limited Stay At Home Order or the State’s reassignment of San Francisco to a tier that is less restrictive than the State Blueprint’s purple tier, and in addition to the requirements of this Order, all covered individuals are required to comply with the limitations on gatherings and the other requirements set forth in the Limited Stay At Home Order, as it may be amended or extended.



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- 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.
- c. Individuals Experiencing Homelessness. Individuals experiencing homelessness are exempt from this Section, but 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 Homelessness (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/unsheltered-homelessness.html>).
- d. Older Adults and Individuals of Any Age with Certain Medical Conditions. Older adults and individuals with certain medical conditions—including cancer, chronic kidney disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, immunocompromised state from solid organ transplant, obesity, serious heart conditions (such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies), sickle cell disease, smoking, and Type 2 diabetes—are strongly urged to stay in their Residence except to access critical necessities such as food, and to seek or provide medical care or Essential Governmental Functions. Individuals with other medical conditions might be at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19 and are encouraged to minimize activities and interactions with people outside their Household to the extent practicable, except as necessary to seek or provide medical care or Essential Governmental Functions. 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, including maintaining at least six feet of social distance from other people not in the same Household, except as expressly provided in this subsection below or elsewhere in this Order, and (2) wear Face Coverings as defined and provided in, and subject to the



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- limited exceptions in, Health Officer Order No. C19-12c issued July 22, 2020 (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 Gatherings that Involve Mixing of Different Households to Reduce Virus Transmission Risk. Gatherings of individuals from different Households pose a significant risk of virus transmission to the community. The greater the number of people from different households in a gathering, the greater the risk of the spread of COVID-19. All public and private gatherings of any number of people occurring outside a single Household are prohibited, except as expressly permitted in this Order including, but not limited to, gatherings allowed as Additional Activities in Appendix C-2. If, despite this prohibition, people find themselves with members of other Households, they are required to follow the health guidelines for safer interactions set forth in the Tip Sheet for Safer Interactions During COVID-19 Pandemic, posted at: [www.sfdcp.org/communicable-disease/diseases-a-z/covid19whatsnew](http://www.sfdcp.org/communicable-disease/diseases-a-z/covid19whatsnew).
- g. Quarantine Recommendation Upon Entering or Reentering the Bay Area. When moving to the Bay Area (i.e., the nine counties that make up the San Francisco Bay Area region) or returning after travel outside the Bay Area, individuals are urged to quarantine for 14 days if they engaged in activities while traveling or outside the Bay Area that would put them at higher risk of contracting the virus that causes COVID-19. These higher risk activities include those in which an individual was within six feet of individuals outside of their household for a total of 15 minutes or more in a 24-hour period, if they or those around them were not wearing Face Coverings at all times, especially if they were indoors (including traveling on planes, buses, or trains if Face Coverings were not worn at all times by the individual and those around them). The greater number of people outside the individual’s household who are involved in these interactions, the greater the risk. To quarantine, individuals should follow the guidance of the jurisdiction they are moving to and the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Health Officer Directive No. 2020-02c, available at [www.sfdph.org/directives](http://www.sfdph.org/directives).
- h. Health Travel Advisories. All individuals are strongly urged to comply with any health travel advisories and post-travel quarantine recommendations issued by the San Francisco Department of Public Health. **See <https://www.sfdph.org/dph/alerts/covid-guidance/COVID-Travel-Advisory.pdf>. See <https://www.sfdph.org/dph/alerts/covid-guidance/COVID-Travel-Advisory.pdf>.**





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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 must 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 underin a tent, canopy, or other ~~sun-or weather~~ shelter, **but only** as long as **no more than one side is closed, allowing sufficient outdoor air movement. Also, the number and composition of barriers used for all outdoor shelters must allow** shelter complies with: (1) the **free flow of air in the breathing zone consistent with guidance from the** California Department of Public ~~Health,~~ Health's November 25, 2020 guidance regarding "Use of Temporary Structures for Outdoor Business Operations" (available at ~~<https://www.sfdph.org/dph/files/ig/Guidance-Shared-Outdoor-Spaces.pdf>~~ <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Use-of-Temporary-Structures-for-Outdoor-Business-Operations.aspx>); and (2) any additional requirements or guidance issued by SFDPH.
  - d. 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.

- 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.
- 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 [www.sfedep.org/covid19symptoms](http://www.sfedep.org/covid19symptoms)), <http://www.sfdcp.org/covid19symptoms>), and Personnel are prohibited from coming to work if they are sick 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 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 are close contacts of someone with COVID-19 must remain out of work for 14 days since their last close contact. See Personnel Screening Attachment (A-1) of the Social Distancing Protocol for more details (also posted at [www.sfdcp.org/screening-handout](http://www.sfdcp.org/screening-handout)). 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.
- 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. 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) seniors and those with health risks should avoid indoor settings with crowds. 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.
- h. Signage For Employees To Report Unsafe Conditions Related To COVID-19. Beginning on November 10, 2020, 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



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[www.sf.gov/report-health-order-violation](http://www.sf.gov/report-health-order-violation). 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>.

i. Ventilation Requirements.

i. All businesses that are allowed to be open indoors must review SFDPH'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. ~~Beginning on November 3, 2020, the businesses listed below~~ As soon as possible, but no later than December 4, 2020, all businesses—including essential businesses—that operate indoors and serve members of the public indoors (including, but not limited to, indoor dining establishments, indoor gyms and fitness centers, indoor personal service providers, and indoor essential and non-essential retail stores, all subject to any suspensions or other restrictions required under this Order) 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.

- ~~• Businesses that offer indoor dining,~~
- ~~• Indoor gyms and fitness centers, and~~
- ~~• Indoor personal service providers that will be providing services requiring the removal of clients' Face Coverings.~~

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. As soon as possible, but no later than November 17, 2020, the following businesses may only open or remain open to the public if they are using at least one of the following ventilation strategies: (1) ~~All~~ keep open 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;



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make sure open windows do not create falling hazards especially for children); (2) ~~Fully~~use fully operational HVAC systems; ~~and~~ (3) ~~Portable~~operate portable Air Cleaners (as defined in the Ventilation Guidance) in each room that are appropriately sized for the room or area they are deployed in (see Ventilation Guidance for more information).

- Dining establishments that offer indoor dining, and
- Indoor personal service providers that will be providing services requiring the removal of clients’ Face Coverings.

If due to smoke or other conditions, the business cannot implement any of those measures, business that offer indoor dining must temporarily close and indoor personal service providers cannot have clients remove their Face Coverings until the ventilation measure(s) can be reinstated.

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, including, without limitation, the November 19, 2020 Limited Stay At Home Order described in Section 3.a above.

For clarity, and without limiting other applicable exemptions, under the Limited Stay At Home Order essential work is permitted to continue between 10:00pm PST and 5:00am PST, and, subject to other applicable legal requirements, essential retail establishments may remain open during those hours, and food and beverage establishments may continue to operate for delivery and takeout during those hours.

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) All TK-12 schools 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/>.~~

1) TK-8 schools and school districts may open for in-person instruction, but only Application for Waiver for In-Person Instruction for Elementary Schools. A district superintendent, private school principal/head of school, or executive director of a charter school may apply for an advance written waiver by the Health Officer of this restriction to allow the school to open for in-person instruction for grades TK-6. If the Health Officer grants a waiver, only grades TK-6 may open for in-person education even if the grade configuration at the school includes additional grades. For more information about the waiver application process, including the criteria the Health Officer or the Health



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Officer's designee will consider, visit <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). Elementary schools that have already opened and are providing indoor instruction may continue to do so.

~~2)~~ Middle and High Schools. Middle and high schools may only operate for in-person instruction upon advance written approval of the Health Officer or the Health Officer's designee of a plan to open for such purposes. **More information about how to request approval of a plan by the Health Officer is available at <https://www.sfdph.org/dph/covid-19/schools-education.asp>.**

~~3)2)~~ Approval by the Health Officer of applications for *middle schools and high schools* to reopen for indoor in-person education is temporarily suspended. **High Schools** Middle and high schools that have already opened and are providing indoor instruction may continue to do so. High schools that have approved applications, but have not yet reopened, must pause and may not reopen for indoor instruction at this time. **High** Middle and high schools interested in operating *outdoor* in-person programs should visit <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) for more information.

~~4)3)~~ Specialized Targeted Support Services. Beginning on September 8, 2020, 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. 2020-26b. 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>.

4) 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. 2020-33b ([www.sfdph.org/directives](http://www.sfdph.org/directives)), as it may be updated 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 a 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.



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- 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. 2020-14e, 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. 2020-21e, 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 any relevant industry-specific Health Officer directives.
  - 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. 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/>. For clarity, public transit may continue to operate under the State’s Limited Stay At Home Order.
  - 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, and in no event shall





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the distance between riders from different Households be less than three feet. Transit agencies that have submitted an acceptable health plan must still ensure that there is at least six-foot 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 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.

8. Definitions.

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

Allowed Businesses and Business Activities.

***San Francisco is experiencing a rapid and significant surge of COVID-19 cases. Accordingly, effective 12:00 noon on November 29, 2020, all retail establishments—including Essential Businesses, Outdoor Businesses, and Additional Businesses—except only for standalone grocery stores, must limit the number of people allowed inside the establishment to a maximum of 25% of the establishment’s capacity, subject to compliance with Social Distancing Requirements. Standalone grocery stores must limit the number of people allowed inside the store to a maximum of 50% of the store’s capacity, subject compliance with Social Distancing Requirements. To the extent of any conflict or inconsistency with any other provision of this Order or any health directives or guidance, this restriction controls.***

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-





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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 Shelter 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 shall also be subject to Appendix B, except if other protocols are specified by the Health Officer;
  - 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 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;



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- 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 no more than 12 individuals (or, if higher, 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 ~~people allowed either for~~ outdoor religious gatherings under Section (9)b.2 of Appendix C-2 ~~(if the facility, but if the number of people allowed for a funeral indoors is fully compliant with Section (9)b.2 and also Health Officer Directive No. 2020-19d) or for indoor religious services and cultural ceremonies under Section (9)b.3 of Appendix C-2 (if the facility is fully compliant with Section (9)b.3 more than 12, then indoor and also Health Officer Directive No. 2020-34), but not for both indoor and outdoor~~ 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 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;



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- 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.
- Outdoor Businesses may conduct their operations ~~underin~~ a tent, canopy, or other ~~sun~~-shelter as ~~further~~ 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



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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 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.



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- 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 underin a tent, canopy, or other ~~sun~~ shelter, **but only as long as no more than one side is closed, allowing sufficient outdoor air movement**provided in Section 4.c above.

- 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;



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- 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).
- 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





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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 from individuals who are not part of the same Household;
  - 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);
  - iv. Wearing a ~~face covering~~Face Covering when out in public, consistent with the orders or guidance of the Health Officer; and
  - v. Avoiding all non-essential interaction outside the Household when sick with any COVID-19 symptom listed at [www.sfcdep.org/covid19symptoms](http://www.sfcdep.org/covid19symptoms) that is new or not explained by another condition.

9. Incorporation of State and Local Emergency Proclamations and State Health Orders.

- 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 (the “State Shelter 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 Shelter Order, and the July 13, 2020-~~Order~~, August 28, 2020, and November 19, 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



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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 ~~June 18~~November 16, 2020 the State Department of Public Health issued updated guidance for the use of ~~face coverings~~Face Coverings, requiring all people in the State to wear ~~face coverings in certain high-risk situations~~Face Coverings when outside the home, subject to limited exceptions.

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 Shelter 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.

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 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



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ordering premises vacated and closed until the owner, tenant, or manager submits a written plan to eliminate all violations and the Department of Public Health finds that plan satisfactory. 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. The Department of Public Health 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 at ~~11:59 p.m.~~12:00 noon on November ~~16~~29, 2020, 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-~~07m, issued November 3, 2020, as well as the prior version of Order Number C19-07n~~, issued November 10, 2020, and updated November 16, 2020. 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 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



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continue in full force and effect. To this end, the provisions of this Order are severable.

**IT IS SO ORDERED:**

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Tomás J. Aragón, MD, DrPH,  
Health Officer of the  
City and County of San Francisco

Dated: November ~~16~~28, 2020

**Attachments:**

- Appendix A – Social Distancing Protocol for Businesses (revised November 16, 2020)
- Appendix B-1 – Small Construction Project Safety Protocol (revised November 3, 2020)
- Appendix B-2 – Large Construction Project Safety Protocol (revised November 3, 2020)
- Appendix C-1 – Additional Businesses (revised November ~~16~~28, 2020)
- Appendix C-2 – Additional Activities (revised November ~~16~~28, 2020)

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**A. General Requirements**

On August 28, 2020 the State adopted a new four-tiered, color-coded framework to guide reopening statewide. Basic information about the State’s tiered system is available online at <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/>. Counties can be more restrictive than this State framework and the County has taken a more careful, incremental approach based on local COVID-19 Indicators. On October 20, 2020, the State assigned the County’s risk of COVID-19 community transmission to be in the minimal (yellow) tier (the least restrictive tier, or the “Yellow Tier”) under an accelerated health equity pathway. But San Francisco is now experiencing a rapid and significant surge of COVID-19 cases and was reassigned from the red (substantial) tier to the purple (widespread) tier on November 28, 2020.

Accordingly, the Health Officer is restricting and or suspending certain activities allowed to date under this Appendix to implement the State mandated requirements under the purple tier. If the surge continues, the Health Officer may further restrict and suspend activities allowed under the Appendix. And if the surge in COVID-19 cases is reversed, the Health Officer will consider lifting the restrictions and suspensions, consistent with the State Blueprint Framework, to the extent supported by the COVID-19 Indicators and emerging scientific data, information, and evidence.

Further, on November 19, 2020, the Acting California State Public Health Officer issued an order (the “Limited Stay At Home Order”) requiring that “all gatherings with members of other households and all activities conducted outside the residence, lodging, or temporary accommodation with members of other households cease between 10:00pm PST and 5:00am PST, except for those activities associated with the operation, maintenance, or usage of critical infrastructure or required by law.” The Limited Stay At Home Order is available at <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/limited-stay-at-home-order.aspx>. Beginning at 10:00p.m. on November 30, 2020, and continuing until the earlier of the expiration of the Limited Stay Safe at Home Order or the State’s reassignment of San Francisco to a tier that is less restrictive than the State Blueprint’s purple tier, all businesses that are allowed to operate under this Order must operate in compliance with the Limited Stay At Home Order. For example, non-essential retail stores and outdoor restaurants and bars that serve meals must close from 10:00 pm through 5:00 am, though restaurants and bars can still operate for take-out and delivery service during such hours under the Limited Stay At Home Order.

The “Additional Businesses” listed below may begin operating, 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

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that allowing these businesses to resume 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 Social Distancing Requirements (Section 8.o of the Order) and prepare, post, implement, and distribute to their Personnel a Social Distancing Protocol checklist as specified in Section 5.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 ~~are permitted to~~ operate outdoors may, subject to any applicable permit requirements, conduct their operations ~~underin~~ a tent, canopy, or other ~~sun or weather~~ shelter, ~~but only~~ as long as ~~no more than one side is closed, allowing sufficient outdoor air movement. Also, the number and composition of barriers used for all outdoor shelters must allow~~ shelter complies with: (1) the ~~free flow of air in the breathing zone consistent with guidance from the California~~ Department of Public Health. ~~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) any additional requirements or guidance issued by SFDPH.~~

The health-related basis for selection of Additional Businesses and the specific requirements for risk mitigation are summarized below. The bases for the additions were amended on July 13, 2020, to reflect an updated and refined analysis under the risk criteria set forth in Section 3 of the amended Order.

~~On August 28, 2020 the State adopted a new four-tiered, color-coded framework to guide reopening statewide. Basic information about the State's tiered system is available online at <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/>. Counties can be more restrictive than this State framework and the County has taken a more careful, incremental approach based on local COVID-19 Indicators. On October 20, 2020, the State assigned the County's risk of COVID-19 community transmission to be in the minimal (yellow) tier (the least restrictive tier, or the "Yellow Tier") under an accelerated health equity pathway. But San Francisco is now experiencing a rapid and significant surge of COVID-19 cases and is being reassigned to the red (substantial) tier) on November 17. Accordingly, the Health Officer is restricting and or suspending certain activities allowed to date under this Appendix. If the surge continues, the Health Officer may further restrict and suspend activities allowed under the Appendix, beginning with additional indoor activities including, for instance, indoor religious services and cultural ceremonies at houses of worship, indoor retail, indoor museums, aquariums and zoos, and indoor~~



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~~personal services. And if the surge in COVID-19 cases is reversed, the Health Officer will consider lifting the restrictions and suspensions to the extent supported by the COVID-19 Indicators and emerging scientific data, information, and evidence.~~

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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—SUSPENDED IN PART, REDUCED CAPACITY**

**San Francisco is experiencing a rapid and significant surge of COVID-19 cases. Accordingly, effective 12:00 noon on November 29, 2020, and until further order of the Health Officer, all retail establishments—including those that are Essential Businesses and other retail stores for good and services and indoor shopping centers—except standalone grocery stores, must limit the number of people allowed inside the establishment to a maximum of 25% of the establishment’s capacity, subject to compliance with Social Distancing Requirements. Standalone grocery stores must limit the number of people allowed inside the establishment to a maximum of 50% of the establishment’s capacity, subject to compliance with Social Distancing Requirements. To the extent of any conflict or inconsistency with any other provision of this Order or any health directives or guidance, this restriction controls.**

- 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 (e.g., singing, shouting, eating, drinking, etc.) 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. Consistent with Section 5.c of the Order and to the extent possible, retail stores are urged to conduct curbside/outdoor pickup to further decrease the risk.
- b. Description and Conditions to Operate.
  1. Curbside/Outdoor Pickup: Retail stores may operate for curbside/outside pickup of goods, subject to the following limitations:
    - i. The store must limit the number of Personnel in the facility so that Personnel can comply with Social Distancing Requirements;
    - ii. The store must create, post and implement a Social Distancing Protocol checklist (Appendix A to this Order) and must comply with Health Officer Directive No. 2020-10b, as that directive may be amended from time to time, regarding required best practices for retail businesses with curbside pickup—including the requirement to create a Health and Safety Plan;
    - iii. If a store chooses to display merchandise for sale on tables or otherwise outside the store, it must comply with the following specific requirements:

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- The store must obtain any necessary permits from the County;
- Customers must either use hand sanitizer before touching items or ask the vendor to hand items to them;
- Only the number of customers who can maintain at least six feet of physical distancing may approach the table at a time;
- Chalk demarcations must be placed on the ground to indicate where shoppers should stand behind others, while waiting to purchase items; and
- The store must take measures to help ensure against congestion and blocking passage by pedestrians, including people with disabilities.

Stores may apply for a free temporary permit to use the sidewalk or parking lane for retail operations at <https://sf.gov/use-sidewalk-or-parking-lane-your-business>.

- iv. The store must have direct access to an immediately adjacent sidewalk, street, alley, or parking area for pickup by customers using any mode of travel, without blocking pedestrian access or causing pedestrian or vehicle congestion; and
- v. Retail stores that are in an enclosed Indoor Shopping Center (defined as a large building or group of buildings where customer access to stores is possible only through indoor passage ways or indoor common areas, such as Stonestown Galleria, and Westfield San Francisco Centre) and that do not have direct access to adjacent sidewalk, street, parking lot or alley area, may only reopen for curbside/outdoor pickup at this time if the Indoor Shopping Center operator submits to the Health Officer a proposed plan for reopening and that plan is approved as provided below. The proposed plan must include:
  - a. the number of stores and businesses that would be resuming operation;
  - b. the number of Personnel associated with each store or business;
  - c. the number of customers expected daily; and
  - d. the specific social distancing and sanitation measures the shopping center would employ to prevent congestion at the doorways and streets, and protect customers and Personnel.

Plans must be submitted to HealthPlan@sfcityatty.org. Subject to the advance written approval of the Health Officer or the Health Officer's designee, retailers in the Indoor Shopping Center may then operate for curbside pickup consistent with the approved plan.

2. In-Store Retail: Beginning at 6:00 a.m. on June 15, 2020, retail stores may begin to operate for indoor shopping, subject to the following limitations and conditions:
  - i. The store must reduce maximum occupancy to limit the number of people (including both customers and Personnel) to the lesser of: (1) ~~50~~25% the

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store's normal maximum occupancy or (2) the number of people who can maintain at least six feet of physical distance from each other in the store at all times;

- ii. Before opening for in-store shopping, the store must create, post and implement a Social Distancing Protocol checklist (Appendix A to this Order) and must comply with Health Officer Directive No. 2020-17, as that directive may be amended from time to time, regarding required best practices for retail businesses offering in-store shopping or services—including the requirement to create a Health and Safety Plan;
- iii. If a store chooses to display merchandise for sale on tables or otherwise outside the store, it must comply with the following specific requirements:
  - The store must obtain any necessary permits from the County;
  - Customers must either use hand sanitizer before touching items or ask the vendor to hand items to them;
  - Only the number of customers who can maintain at least six feet physical distancing may approach the table at a time;
  - Chalk demarcations must be placed on the ground to indicate where shoppers should stand behind others, while waiting to purchase items; and
  - The store must take measures to help ensure against congestion and blocking passage by pedestrians, including people with disabilities.

Stores may apply for a free temporary permit to use the sidewalk or parking lane for retail operations at <https://sf.gov/use-sidewalk-or-parking-lane-your-business>.

- iv. Retail stores that are in an enclosed Indoor Shopping Center (as defined in subsection 1.b.1.iv above) and that do not have direct access to adjacent sidewalk, street, parking lot or alley area, may only reopen for in-store retail as outlined in this subsection iv.

Initially any enclosed Indoor Shopping Center was allowed to operate at no more than 25% capacity if the Indoor Shopping Center submitted to the Health Officer a proposed plan for reopening and that plan was approved as provided below. Any Indoor Shopping Center with such an approved plan may continue to operate at that level (but may not allow a food court to operate under that plan).

Now that the County has been moved into a less restrictive tier by the State, an enclosed Indoor Shopping Center that submits to the Health Officer a new proposed plan for reopening (if none has already been submitted) and has that new plan approved or that submits a letter update to an existing approved plan as provided below is then allowed to

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(1) operate at no more than ~~50~~25% capacity and

**San Francisco is experiencing a rapid and significant surge of COVID-19 cases. Accordingly, effective 11:59 p.m. on November 13, 2020, the following provision is suspended and food courts must temporarily cease operating inside Indoor Shopping Centers until there is a further order of the Health Officer. To the extent of any conflict or inconsistency with any other provision of this Order or any health directives or guidance, this suspension controls.**

*[SUSPENDED: (2) operate food courts inside the Indoor Shopping Center at up to 25% occupancy or 100 people, whichever is fewer, subject to the same minimum safety precautions that apply to indoor dining listed below in Section (8) including but not limited to the requirements to complete and post a Social Distancing Protocol checklist (Appendix A to this Order) and comply with Health Officer Directive No. 2020-16c (and complete and post a Health and Safety Plan) for indoor dining.]*

If the County is later returned to a more restrictive tier by the State or other local COVID-19 conditions change in a manner that puts the public health at increased risk, the Health Officer may reduce or suspend the ability for Indoor Shopping Centers to operate.

The proposed plan must include:

- a. the number of stores and businesses that would be resuming operation;
- b. the number of Personnel associated with each store or business;
- c. the number of customers expected daily;
- d. confirmation that the Indoor Shopping Center will close all food courts for indoor dining and a description of how that closure will be effectuated;
- e. how the Indoor Shopping Center will regulate the number of people in the paths of travel of the shopping center and close any common gathering areas;
- f. how the Indoor Shopping Center will address HVAC/circulated air, use of elevators, use and cleaning of bathrooms;
- g. any special considerations for indoor parking garages and access points;

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- h. whether the Indoor Shopping Center will permit curbside pickup;
- i. adoption of a Health and Safety Plan addressing the requirements of Appendix A to the Order;
- j. if approval for operation of a food court is sought, a plan to cordon off or otherwise physically separate any food court area to limit entry; and
- k. if approval for operation of a food court is sought, inclusion in the Health and Safety Plan each of the following in relation to the food court operation: limiting entry by patrons to the food court area; screening for COVID-19 symptoms and close contacts before patrons enter; personnel who monitor compliance with the health and safety requirements including wearing Face Coverings except when eating and drinking; and signage that warns of the transmission risk at the entrance to the food court area.

A letter update to a previously-approved plan must outline what changes will be made to ensure safety of Personnel, customers, and other visitors at the higher occupancy level and/or all changes that will be made consistent with Section (8) below regarding indoor dining if food court operation is being proposed. If the facility believes no changes are required, that position must be explained. The Indoor Shopping Center may immediately begin operating at the new capacity limit and/or an indoor food court upon submission of a letter update but must work with the City and the Department of Public Health to resolve any issues or concerns regarding the letter once it has been reviewed.

Plans and letter updates must be submitted to [HealthPlan@sfcityatty.org](mailto:HealthPlan@sfcityatty.org). Subject to the written advance approval of the Health Officer or the Health Officer's designee, the Indoor Shopping Center may then operate for in-store retail consistent with the approved plan or letter update.

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, and September 30, 2020; Non-substantive revisions July 13, 2020, October, 20, 2020, and November 3, 2020; 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)



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**and Logistical Support**

**Manufacturing, Warehousing**

- 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 (e.g., singing, shouting, eating, drinking, etc.) 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 sanitation, 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 following limitations and conditions:
    - i. The business must limit the number of Personnel in the facility so that Personnel can comply with Social Distancing Requirements; and
    - ii. The business must create, post and implement a Social Distancing Protocol checklist (Appendix A to this Order) and must comply with Health Officer Directive No. 2020-11, as that directive may be amended from time to time, regarding required best practices for manufacturing businesses—including the requirement to create a Health and Safety Plan.
  2. Warehousing and Logistical Support: Businesses that provide warehousing and logistical support—including non-essential businesses —may operate, subject to the following limitations and conditions:
    - i. The business must limit the number of Personnel in the facility so that Personnel can comply with Social Distancing Requirements; and
    - ii. The business must create, post and implement a Social Distancing Protocol checklist (Appendix A to this Order) and must comply with Health Officer Directive No. 2020-12, as that directive may be amended from time to time, regarding required best practices for warehouse and logistical support businesses—including the requirement to create a Health and Safety Plan.

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**(2)(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

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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, as generally described below. But children’s inability to consistently follow social distancing and sanitation recommendations means that even with the mitigation measures the risk of transmission is higher than in interactions exclusively among adults. And while based on available evidence, children do not appear to be at higher risk for COVID-19 than adults, medical knowledge about the possible health effects of COVID-19 on children is evolving. Accordingly, the decision about whether to enroll a child in a childcare or youth program is an individualized inquiry that should be made by parents/guardians with an understanding of the risks that such enrollment entails. Parents/guardians may discuss these risks and their concerns with their pediatrician. The Health Officer will continue to monitor the changing situation and may amend this section as necessary to protect the public health.

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 following limitations and conditions:
  - i. Childcare Programs may not enroll children for fewer than three weeks;
  - ii. Childcare Programs must create, post and implement a Social Distancing Protocol checklist (Appendix A to this Order) and comply with all of the requirements set forth in Health Officer Directive No. 2020-14c, including any limits on the number of children that can be in a group, and the requirements to have the parent(s) or guardian(s) of any child attending the program sign an acknowledgement of health risks, and to prepare and implement a written health and safety plan to mitigate the risk of virus transmission to the greatest extent feasible.
2. Summer Camps: Summer camps and summer learning programs that operate exclusively outside of the academic school year (“Summer Camps”) may operate for all children over the age of six and school-aged children currently in grades transitional kindergarten (TK) and above who are under age six, subject to the following limitations and conditions:
  - i. Summer Camps must limit group size to 12 children (a “pod”) per room or space;
  - ii. Summer Camp sessions must last at least three weeks;
  - iii. Children must remain in the same pod for at least three weeks, and preferably for the entire time throughout the summer.

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- iv. Summer Camps may not begin to operate until they have created, posted and implemented a Social Distancing Protocol checklist (Appendix A to this Order) and complied with all of the requirements set forth in relevant industry-specific Health Officer directives (*see* Health Officer Directive No. 2020-13b) including the requirements to complete an online form with general information about the program and required certifications, to have the parent(s) or guardian(s) of any child attending the program sign an acknowledgement of health risks, and to prepare and implement a written health and safety plan to mitigate the risk of virus transmission to the greatest extent feasible.
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, learning hubs, 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 following limitations and conditions:
- i. OST Program sessions must be at least three weeks long, and programs without set sessions may not enroll children for fewer than three weeks;
  - ii. OST Programs must create, post, and implement a Social Distancing Protocol checklist (Appendix A to this Order) and comply with all of the requirements set forth in Health Officer Directive No. 2020-21, including any limits on the number of children that can be in a group, and also the requirements to complete an online form with general information about the program and required certifications, to have the parent(s) or guardian(s) of any child attending the program sign an acknowledgement of health risks, and to prepare and implement a written Health and Safety Plan to mitigate the risk of virus transmission to the greatest extent feasible.

For clarity, this Section does not apply to schools, which are addressed separately in Section 6.b of the Order; Childcare Programs, which are addressed separately in subsection b.1 of this Appendix above; or Summer Camps, which are addressed separately in subsection b.2 of this Appendix above. OST Programs are intended to supplement, rather than replace, school programming.

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**(4) ~~Curbside Pickup and Drop-Off for~~ Low Contact Retail Services**

**San Francisco is experiencing a rapid and significant surge of COVID-19 cases. Accordingly, effective 12:00 noon on November 29, 2020, and until further order of the Health Officer, all retail establishments—including those that are Essential Businesses and other retail stores for good and services and indoor shopping centers—except standalone grocery stores, must limit the number of people allowed inside the**

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**establishment to a maximum of 25% of the establishment’s capacity, subject to compliance with Social Distancing Requirements. Standalone grocery stores must limit the number of people allowed inside the establishment to a maximum of 50% of the establishment’s capacity, subject to compliance with Social Distancing Requirements. To the extent of any conflict or inconsistency with any other provision of this Order or any health directives or guidance, this restriction controls.**

- 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 (e.g., singing, shouting, eating, drinking, etc.) 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 social distancing and decrease the risk of virus transmission. The majority of interactions can occur outdoors, which further decreases risk—and consistent with Section 5.c of the Order, businesses are strongly urged to conduct interactions outdoors to the largest extent possible.
- 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 following limitations and conditions:
  - i. To the extent feasible, all interactions and transactions between Personnel and customers should occur outdoors;
  - ii. The store must limit the number of Personnel in the facility so that Personnel can comply with Social Distancing Requirements (Section 8.o of the Order);
  - iii. The businesses must create, post and implement a Social Distancing Protocol checklist (Appendix A to this Order) and comply with Health Officer Directive No. 2020-10b, as that directive may be amended from time to time, regarding required best practices for retail businesses with curbside pickup and drop-off;
  - iv. The stores must have direct access to an immediately adjacent sidewalk, street, alley, or parking area for pickup by customers using any mode of travel, without blocking pedestrian access or causing pedestrian or vehicle congestion; and
  - v. Stores in an enclosed indoor shopping center that do not have direct access to adjacent sidewalk, street, parking lot or alley area may not reopen at this time unless they are located in an approved Indoor Shopping Center as described in 1.b above.

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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As discussed in Section 1.b above regarding retail stores and Indoor Shopping Centers, stores within enclosed shopping centers may operate only upon advance written approval by the Health Officer or the Health Officer’s designee of a plan submitted by the Indoor Shopping Center operator. Plans must be submitted to HealthPlan@sfcityatty.org.

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**(5) Equipment Rental Businesses**

**San Francisco is experiencing a rapid and significant surge of COVID-19 cases. Accordingly, effective 12:00 noon on November 29, 2020, and until further order of the Health Officer, all retail establishments—including retail stores that are Essential Businesses and other retail stores for good and services and indoor shopping centers—except standalone grocery stores must limit the number of people allowed inside the establishment to a maximum of 25% of the establishment’s capacity, subject to compliance with Social Distancing Requirements. To the extent of any conflict or inconsistency with any other provision of this Order or any health directives or guidance, this restriction controls.**

- 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 (e.g., singing, shouting, eating, drinking, etc.) 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 social 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 risk of multiple individuals using shared equipment can be mitigated through sanitation measures. Finally, resumption of these businesses is expected to result in only a small increase in the number of people reentering the workforce and the overall volume of commercial activity.
- 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 following limitations and conditions:
  - i. To the extent feasible, all interactions and transactions between Personnel and customers should occur outdoors;

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- ii. The store must limit the number of Personnel in the facility so that Personnel can comply with Social Distancing Requirements (Section 8.o of the Order);
- iii. The business must have created, posted and implemented a Social Distancing Protocol checklist (Appendix A to this Order) and must comply with Health Officer Directive No. 2020-10b, as that directive may be amended from time to time, regarding required best practices for retail businesses with curbside pickup and drop-off;
- iv. The business must have direct access to an immediately adjacent sidewalk, street, alley, or parking area for pickup by customers using any mode of travel, without blocking pedestrian access or causing pedestrian or vehicle congestion;
- v. Businesses in an enclosed indoor shopping center that do not have direct access to adjacent sidewalk, street, parking lot or alley area may not reopen at this time unless they are in an approved Shopping Center as described in 1.b above; and
- vi. All equipment must be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected between each use with procedures effective against the Novel Coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 in accordance with the following guidelines, which may be modified by the Health Officer as new information becomes available:
  - For hard non-porous surfaces, clean with detergent or soap and water if the surfaces are visibly dirty, before applying disinfectant. For these purposes, appropriate disinfectants include:
    - Products listed on the Environmental Protection Agency’s list of Disinfectants for Use Against SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19), which can be found online at <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2-covid-19>. Follow the manufacturer’s instructions for concentration, application method, and contact time for all cleaning and disinfection products.
    - Diluted household bleach solutions prepared according to the manufacturer’s label for disinfection, if appropriate for the surface. Follow manufacturer’s instructions for application and proper ventilation. Check to ensure the product is not past its expiration date. Never mix household bleach with ammonia or any other cleanser.
    - Alcohol solutions with at least 70% alcohol.
  - For soft or porous surfaces, remove any visible contamination, if present, and clean with appropriate cleaners indicated for use on these surfaces. After cleaning, use products that are EPA-approved as effective against SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) (see link above) and that are suitable for porous surfaces.
  - For frequently touched electronic surfaces, remove visible dirt, then disinfect following the manufacturer’s instructions for all cleaning and disinfection products. If no manufacturer guidance is available, then consider the using alcohol-based wipes or sprays containing at least 70% alcohol to disinfect.



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- Gloves and any other disposable PPE used for cleaning and disinfecting the vehicle must be removed and disposed of after cleaning; wash hands immediately after removing gloves and PPE with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available. If a disposable gown was not worn, work uniforms/clothes worn during cleaning and disinfecting should be laundered afterwards using the warmest appropriate water setting and dry items completely. Wash hands after handling laundry.

As discussed in Section 1.b above regarding retail stores and Indoor Shopping Centers, stores within Indoor Shopping Centers may operate only upon the advance written approval by the Health Officer or the Health Officer’s designee of a plan submitted by the Indoor Shopping Center operator. Proposed plans must be submitted to HealthPlan@sfcityatty.org.

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**(3)(6) Professional Sports Teams: Practices, Games, and Tournaments without In-Person Spectators 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 social distancing, sanitation, 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 sanitation, social 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@sfcityatty.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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**(4)(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 social distancing, sanitation, 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 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. 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 the fewest number of Personnel needed (up to a maximum of 12 people in the facility, including, without limitation, media Personnel needed for the broadcast);
    - iii. doors and windows are left open to the extent possible, or mechanical ventilation systems are run, to increase ventilation;
    - iv. the venue complies with the Social Distancing Requirements set forth in Section 8.o of this Order; and
    - v. Because singing and playing wind or brass instruments can transmit particles farther in the air than breathing or speaking quietly, people must be in an isolation booth or in a separate room from others in the facility while singing or playing wind or brass instruments.

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.

2. Operators of entertainment venues that wish to film, stream, or otherwise broadcast events that require more than 12 people to be on site at the facility at any one time may submit to the Health Officer a proposed plan detailing the sanitation, social distancing, health screening, and other procedures that will be implemented to minimize the risk of transmission among participants. If the event involves singing,

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playing wind or brass instruments, or physical contact, the plan must include a proposal for interval testing (without using City resources) of those individuals. 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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**(5)(8) Dining—SUSPENDED IN PART**

- a. **Basis for Addition.** Dining has been added in three phases, take-out, then outdoor, and then indoor, based on the relative risk levels. Any dining with small groups of people potentially involves mixing of Households and a moderate number of contacts. Accordingly, and because Face Coverings must be removed to eat and drink, the risk of virus transmission is slightly higher than in other allowable interactions. But outdoor interactions carry a significantly lower risk of transmission than most indoor interactions, and mitigation measures in outdoor dining establishments can significantly decrease the transmission risk. Indoor dining has an increased risk of transmission because of the transmission of the virus through aerosols. When coupled with strong mitigation measures, indoor dining, which is riskier than outdoor dining, can present manageable risks, although outdoor dining or take-away are safer options, especially for seniors and those who are vulnerable to complications from COVID-19.
- b. **All Dining – General Conditions to Operate.** All restaurants and bars that operate under this Section (8), whether for service outdoors, indoors, or both, must comply with all of the following limitations and conditions in relation to all such operations:
  - i. All patrons must be seated at a table to eat or drink—except briefly, standing or lingering between tables or in other areas of the restaurant’s outdoor or indoor space is not allowed;
  - ii. Patrons must be seated to be served food or beverages;
  - iii. Patrons must wear Face Coverings any time they are not eating or drinking, including but not limited to: while they are waiting to be seated; while reviewing the menu and ordering; while socializing at a table waiting for their food and drinks to be served or after courses or the meal is complete; and any time they leave the table, such as to use a restroom. Customers must also wear Face Coverings any time servers, bussers, or other Personnel approach their table;

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- iv. Each dining establishment must use signs and verbal directions to notify patrons of the requirements for dining (whether indoor or outdoor), including, but not limited to, the requirements for when to wear a face covering;
- v. No more than six patrons may be seated at a single table, unless all are members of the same household—it is strongly encouraged that only individuals in the same household sit together at a single table;
- vi. No dining establishment is permitted to provide alcoholic beverage service without also providing real meal service in a bona fide manner. Bona fide meals must be prepared and served by the dining establishment or another person or business operating under an agreement with the dining establishment. The service of prepackaged food like sandwiches or salads, or simply heating frozen or prepared meals, is not deemed as compliant with this requirement;
- vii. Each patron at a table must order a bona fide meal to receive alcoholic beverage service, and dining establishments must deliver alcoholic beverages to patrons only when they are seated;
- viii. No patrons are allowed to eat or drink indoors in the dining establishment except when seated at an indoor table under the indoor dining rules below;
- ix. No patrons are allowed to use self-serve items (such as buffets or self-serve continental breakfasts);
- x. Areas that may lead to patrons gathering, congregating, or dancing must be closed;
- xi. New tabletop signage must be used, and information about where to obtain signage will be found in Health Officer Directive No. 2020-16c, including as that directive is amended in the future;
- xii. The dining establishment must screen all patrons and other visitors on a daily basis 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 seated at the dining establishment 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 be prohibited from entering or being seated by the establishment, and should be referred for appropriate support as outlined on the Screening Handout for Non-Personnel. The establishment can use the guidance available online at [www.sfcddcp.org/screen](http://www.sfcddcp.org/screen) for determining how best to conduct screening. Patrons who are feeling ill, have exhibited symptoms of COVID-19 within 24 hours of arriving at the establishment, or answer “yes” to any screening question must cancel or reschedule their reservation. In such cases, patrons must not be charged a cancellation fee or other financial penalty; and

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- xiii. Each dining establishment must (1) comply with the sections that follow that are applicable to the type of dining being offered by the establishment regarding outdoor dining, indoor dining, or both, (2) have created, posted, and implemented a Social Distancing Protocol checklist (Appendix A to this Order), and (3) also comply with Health Officer Directive No. 2020-16c, as that directive may be amended from time to time, regarding required best practices for outdoor dining and/or indoor dining, as applicable.

**c. Outdoor Dining – Description and Conditions to Operate.**

**San Francisco is experiencing a rapid and significant surge of COVID-19 cases. Accordingly, beginning at 11:59 p.m. on November 13, 2020, and until there is a further order of the Health Officer, Dining Establishments (including restaurants and bars that serve meals) must temporarily cease indoor dining operations. Dining Establishments may continue outdoor dining operations, but under the State’s November 19, 2020 Limited Stay At Home Order, beginning at 10:00 p.m. on November 30, 2020, Dining Establishments must cease outdoor dining operations from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. each day; all outdoor dining patrons must leave Dining Establishments by 10:00 p.m., and Dining Establishments must plan accordingly to stop evening food and beverage service and collect payment before 10:00 p.m. Dining Establishments may continue to offer delivery and take-out services consistent with Health Officer Directive No. 2020-05, and employees may continue to work and commute to and from the Dining Establishment during these hours. To the extent of any conflict or inconsistency with any other provision of this directive or guidance, this requirement controls.**

Restaurants and bars that serve food may operate for outdoor dining (“outdoor dining establishments”) subject to the following limitations and conditions:

- i. The outdoor dining establishment must comply with all General Conditions to Operate listed in Section (8)b above; and
- ii. Patrons must remain outside the outdoor dining establishment and may enter the establishment only (1) to access a bathroom, (2) to access an outdoor space that is only accessible by traveling through the restaurant, or (3) to order or pickup food at an indoor counter.

Outdoor dining establishments may apply for a free temporary permit to use the sidewalk or parking lane for business operations at <https://sf.gov/use-sidewalk-or-parking-lane-your-business>.

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e.d. Indoor Dining – Description and Conditions to Operate.

**San Francisco is experiencing a rapid and significant surge of COVID-19 cases. Accordingly, effective 11:59 p.m. on November 13, 2020, this provision is suspended. Indoor restaurants and bars that serve ~~food~~bona fide meals must temporarily close and cease operating at any capacity until there is a further order of the Health Officer (although food items may continue to be sold for consumption offsite or outdoors, subject to the hours restrictions for outdoor dining under the Limited Stay At Home Order). To the extent of any conflict or inconsistency with any other provision of this Order or any health directives or guidance, this suspension controls.**

*[SUSPENDED: Restaurants and bars that serve food may operate for indoor dining (“indoor dining establishments”) once the County was been placed in the Orange Tier by the State and after the requirements of this Order and the requirements of Health Officer Directive No. 2020-16c are met. If the County is later returned to a more restrictive tier by the State or other local COVID-19 conditions change in a manner that puts the public health at increased risk, the Health Officer may reduce or suspend the ability for indoor dining establishments to operate.*

*These rules for indoor dining establishments do not allow any of the following to occur, each of which is still prohibited by the Order: eating indoors at gyms, fitness centers, or museums, aquariums and zoos (although food items may be sold for consumption offsite or outdoors); indoor food-related gatherings at businesses, organizations, or houses of worship; the operation of bars, breweries, or distilleries that do not serve bona fide meals; and eating inside movie theatres (see Section (21) below for movie theatres). For restaurants and other foodservice entities that are part of an Indoor Shopping Center, such establishments may operate for indoor dining so long as both (1) they are located in an Indoor Shopping Center that is allowed to operate under Section (1)b.2 above and (2) they follow the requirements for indoor dining in Health Officer Directive No. 2020-16c.*

*The operation of indoor dining establishments is subject to the following limitations and conditions:*

- i. The indoor dining establishment must comply with all General Conditions to Operate listed in Section (8)b above;*
- ii. The indoor dining establishment must limit the number of patrons who are present inside the indoor space of the dining establishment to the lesser of: (1) 25% of the maximum occupancy or (2) 100 patrons. Indoor dining establishments with indoor spaces consisting of more than one room must limit the occupancy in each room to 25% of the maximum occupancy for that room. The occupancy limit includes patrons in the interior dining space, but it excludes Personnel and patrons when seated outside. The number of Personnel allowed in the back of the*



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*house areas, like kitchens, must be determined based on the amount of space required to provide for physical distancing;*

- iii. *Patrons should be encouraged to use outdoor dining or take-out options based on the decreased risk of those activities, and facilities that offer indoor dining are strongly encouraged to continue offering outdoor dining whenever possible in order to give patrons a choice;*
- iv. *Patrons must remain outside the indoor dining establishment until they are ready to be seated indoors and may otherwise enter the establishment only (1) to access a bathroom, (2) to access an outdoor space that is only accessible by traveling through the restaurant, or (3) to order or pickup food at an indoor counter;*
- v. *Tables used to seat patrons indoors must be spaced to ensure that patrons are at least six feet apart from other patrons seated at different service tables, and although an impermeable physical barrier may be placed between tables, all patrons must be separated from other groups of patrons by at least six feet—the use of impermeable physical barriers is not a substitute for full physical distancing between groups indoors. Customers may not be seated at bars or food preparation areas where six feet of distance from in use common-use work stations cannot be maintained;*
- vi. *Unless City zoning or other laws require an earlier closing, all indoor service of food and beverages must end at midnight. Indoor dining establishments that cease indoor food service at midnight may allow patrons to finish their meals for an additional 30 minutes. All indoor dining establishments must close to the public by 12:30 a.m.; and*
- vii. *The establishment must add all COVID-19 related signage to the establishment as required by Sections 4.g and 4.h of the Stay-Safer-At-Home Order. The County is making available templates for the signage available online at <https://sf.gov/outreach-toolkit-coronavirus-covid-19>.]*

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~~(6)~~(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 particles, the risk of virus transmission is higher than in other allowable interactions. But participants can—and must—wear Face Coverings and maintain at least six feet of physical distance at all times and not share equipment. Further, outdoor interactions carry a lower risk of transmission than most indoor interactions, and health protocols in

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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. No more than 25 people, including the instructor(s), may participate in an outdoor fitness class at the same time;
  - ii. 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.sfcddp.org/screen](http://www.sfcddp.org/screen) for determining how best to conduct screening;
  - iii. All participants 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;
  - iv. The business/instructor must have permission of the property owner to use the space;
  - v. All participants and instructors must wear a Face Covering at all times, unless they are specifically exempted from the Face Covering requirements in Health Officer Order No. C19-12c, issued on July 22, 2020, as that order may be amended from time to time; and
  - vi. 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 and disinfected between each use 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 allow contact sports (e.g., football) or fitness classes that involve physical contact (e.g., jiu jitsu or boxing with sparring) to resume. 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. 2020-13b and 2020-14b.

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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**(7)(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 (e.g., singing, shouting, eating, drinking, etc.) 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 to sanitation, and other safety protocols.
- b. **Description and Conditions to Operate.** Providers of indoor household services that can be provided while maintaining social 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. C19-12c, issued on July 22, 2020.

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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**(8)(11) Offices for Non-Essential Businesses: Individuals Necessary for Operations Where Telecommuting is not Feasible—SUSPENDED**

~~San Francisco is experiencing a rapid and significant surge of COVID-19 cases.~~  
**San Francisco is experiencing a rapid and significant surge of COVID-19 cases.**  
Accordingly, effective 11:59 p.m. on November 16, 2020, this provision is suspended. Offices for non-essential businesses must temporarily close and cease operating except for Minimum Basic Operations as defined in Section 8.d of this Order until there is a further order of the Health Officer. To the extent of any conflict or inconsistency with any other provision of this Order or any health directives or guidance, this suspension controls.

- 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 (e.g., singing, shouting, eating, drinking, etc.) are involved. 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 to sanitation, and other safety protocols.]*
- b. *Description and Conditions to Operate. Office workplaces that are not otherwise permitted to operate under this Order may open, subject to the following conditions:*
  - i. *All workers who are able to telecommute are strongly encouraged to continue to do so to the greatest extent feasible;*
  - ii. *Office Facilities must adjust their maximum occupancy rules based on the size of the facility to limit the number of people (including Personnel and members of the public), as follows:*
    - *Office Facilities with fewer than 20 Personnel must reduce their maximum occupancy to the number of people who can maintain at least six feet of physical distance from each other in the facility at all times,*
    - *Office Facilities with 20 or more Personnel must reduce their maximum occupancy to the **lesser** of: (1) 25% the facility’s normal 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; and*
  - iii. *The business must have created, posted and implemented a Social Distancing Protocol checklist (Appendix A to this Order) and must comply with Health Officer Directive No. 2020-18b, as that directive may be amended from time to time, regarding required best practices for businesses operating office facilities.]*

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**(9)(12) Outdoor Zoos with an Approved Plan**

- a. **Basis for Addition.** Zoo 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 (e.g., singing, shouting, eating, drinking, etc.) are involved. And outdoor businesses—like the outdoor areas of the zoo—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 sanitation, social 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](mailto:HealthPlan@sfcityatty.org), and must include detailed descriptions of how the business intends to address the following safety precautions.

- Ensuring that the facility remains below the lesser of: (a) 50% of the maximum capacity for the outdoor space that is permitted to open; or (b) the capacity based on the ability of Personnel and patrons to comply with the Social Distancing Requirements;
- Signage regarding Social Distancing Requirements (to include at least six feet of distance, handwashing/sanitizer practices, Face Covering policy);
- Ensuring Personnel and patrons wear Face Coverings at all times, unless they are specifically exempted from the Face Covering requirements in Health Officer Order No. C19-12c, issued on July 22, 2020, as that order may be amended from time to time;
- Ticketing booths and payment systems;
- Personnel safety precautions;
- HVAC systems (e.g., quality and level of filtration, percentage of air exchange with outside air can HVAC be run at 100% capacity to increase ventilation);
- Compliance with applicable Health Officer directives (e.g. regarding Food and beverage concessions, and retail gift shops);
- Social distancing in elevators;
- Monitoring and limiting patrons to ensure physical distancing between members of different Households;
- Paths of travel through the establishment and wayfinding signage;

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- Sanitation for restrooms;
- Tours and audio self-tour equipment;
- Coat/personal property check services;
- Sanitation for high-touch surfaces and areas; and
- Closing interactive exhibits or modifying those exhibits to prevent common touching.

Beginning at 10 a.m. on July 13, 2020, and subject to the advance written approval of the Health Officer or the Health Officer’s designee, the zoo may resume operating its outdoor spaces for visits by the public at the lesser of: (a) 50% of the maximum capacity for the outdoor space that is permitted to open; or (b) the capacity based on the ability of Personnel and patrons to comply with the Social Distancing Requirements, consistent with the approved plan, including any conditions to approval of the Health Officer or the Health Officer’s designee.

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**Open Air Boat Operators**

- a. **Basis for Addition.** Personnel and passengers can wear Face Coverings and maintain six feet of physical distance from people in different households at all times. No inherently risky activities (e.g., singing, shouting, eating, drinking, etc.) are involved. And open-air boat excursions occur outside, which is safer than indoor interactions, and have additional air-flow from continual movement. Finally, outdoor 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.
- b. **Description and Conditions to Operate.** Individuals or businesses that offer open-air boat excursions (“Open-Air Boat Operators”) may operate, subject to the following limitations and conditions:
  - i. If the total number of passengers is greater than 12, then the Open-Air Boat Operator must assign each passenger to a group of no more than 12 people. Multiple groups of 12 may be on an Open-Air Boat simultaneously, subject to the following requirements:
    - Each group of 12 must be kept at least 12 feet apart from each other,
    - The Open-Air Boat Operator must prohibit mingling among passengers in different groups, and
    - Passengers must have a clear path to the restroom and exit without being required to travel through the space occupied by another group.
  - ii. All passengers must maintain a physical distance of at least six feet from each other, from the captain, and from Personnel, at all times;



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- iii. 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;
- iv. For fishing, rod holders must be spaced at least six feet apart from each other;
- v. Bathrooms (if any) must be sanitized frequently following EPA guidelines;
- vi. Passengers must stay in the open-air portion of the boat except for brief periods, such as to use the bathroom;
- vii. Open-Air Boat 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;
- viii. Open-Air Boat Operators must create, post and implement a Social Distancing Protocol checklist (Appendix A to this Order);
- ix. Open-Air Boat 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. In general, Personnel with any single COVID-19 symptom that is new or not explained by another condition 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 are close contacts of someone with COVID-19 must remain out of work for 14 days since their last close contact;
- x. Open-Air Boat 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;
- xi. All passengers and Personnel must wear a Face Covering at all times while waiting to board, at all times while on board—except when eating or drinking, and at all times when disembarking from the vessel, unless they are specifically exempted from the Face Covering requirements in Health Officer Order No. C19-12c, issued on July 22, 2020, as that order may be amended from time to time;
- xii. 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;
- xiii. Open-Air Boat Operators must make hand sanitizer available throughout the boat and at each rod station (if any);
- xiv. 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 Open-Air Boat Operator or otherwise provided by the Open-Air Boat Operator must be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected after each trip with procedures effective against the Novel Coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 in accordance with CDC guidelines

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<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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**(11)(14) Institutions of Higher Education and Adult Education**

- a. **Basis for Addition.** Personnel and students 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 (e.g., singing, shouting, etc.) are involved. And to the extent classes occur outdoors with distancing and Face Coverings, these interactions are safer than indoor interactions. If indoor in person instruction is authorized by the Health Officer for adult education programs under the limited conditions set forth below, then 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 following limitations and conditions:
  - i. Higher Education Programs may operate for purposes of facilitating distance learning and themselves performing essential functions, as set forth in Section 8.a.xiv of the Order;
  - ii. Higher Education Programs must screen all Personnel and students for COVID-19 symptoms and exposure to COVID-19 every day before they enter the campus, whether for indoor or outdoor classes or other purposes. Higher Education Programs must use the standard screening questions attached to the Order as Appendix A and Attachment A-2 (the “Screening Handout for Non-Personnel”). 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 be prohibited from entering the IHE, and should be referred for appropriate support as outlined on the Screening Handout for Non-Personnel. The Higher Education Program can use the guidance available online at [www.sfcddcp.org/screen](http://www.sfcddcp.org/screen) for determining how best to conduct screening;

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- iii. Higher Education Programs may offer in-person instruction *outdoors* in groups of no more than 25 people, including the instructor(s), so long as they follow Social Distancing Requirements and wear Face Coverings and subject to any other relevant health and safety requirements contained in any relevant industry-specific Health Officer directives;
- iv. Face Coverings are required at all times but they can be briefly removed if necessary as a component of the class, such as tasting food in a cooking school;
- v. No singing, chanting or shouting, or wind instruments are allowed during in-person instruction (indoors and outdoors) at this time;
- vi. Class capacity must be limited to ensure physical distancing at all times;
- vii. Classes must be limited in duration to two hours indoors, but there is no time limit on outdoor classes. Higher Education Programs that seek to offer indoor courses exceeding the two-hour limit may submit a written request to do so at [schools-childcaresites@sfdph.org](mailto:schools-childcaresites@sfdph.org). The request must include the following information:
  - a) the type of class(es) the Higher Education Program is seeking to hold that will exceed the two-hour time limit;
  - b) the number of students proposed for each class;
  - c) an explanation as to why the class cannot be limited to two-hours, such as any State-mandated course requirements;
  - d) a statement that the Higher Education Program is enforcing social distancing and Face Covering requirements;
  - e) a statement that the program is complying with SFDPH’s ventilation requirements; and
  - f) a statement that students will not be permitted to eat or drink in any class exceeding the two-hour time limit.

Higher Education Programs may exceed the two-hour limit only upon receiving approval in writing by SFDPH and upon satisfying any conditions of approval.

viii. Indoor classes.

**San Francisco is experiencing a rapid and significant surge of COVID-19 cases. Accordingly, effective 12:00 noon on November 29, 2020, and until further order of the Health Officer, no new indoor classes or courses may commence unless, in addition to the requirements set forth below, the specific class trains students to provide essential functions or services relating to the protection of public health or safety or Essential Governmental Functions (“Core Essential Classes”). For clarity, indoor classes and courses that are already in progress may continue until the end of the current session (e.g.,**

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**quarter, trimester, or semester). But other than Core Essential Classes, no new indoor classes or courses may commence.**

Higher Education Programs may not offer in-person instruction indoors unless the specific class:

- (1) cannot be held remotely or outdoors due to the need for access to specialized equipment or space, and
- (2) is offered in specialized indoor settings whose design imposes substantial physical distancing on participants.

Higher Education Programs that wish to resume indoor classes that meet these criteria must comply with Health Officer Directive No. 2020-22d, including as that directive is updated in the future and including assembly and implementation of a written, campus-specific COVID-19 prevention plan (“Prevention Plan”). Requirements and limitations for such indoor instruction include but are not limited to all of the following:

- ~~g~~a) Indoor lectures are not allowed at this time;
- ~~h~~b) A copy of the Prevention Plan must be posted and be made readily available to students, Personnel, and SFDPH; and
- ~~i~~c) The Prevention Plan must address all requirements listed in Directive No. 2020-22d, including but not limited to: articulating the need for indoor classes; enforcement of physical distancing requirements; protocols for airing out and sanitizing classrooms between use; provision of stable cohorts, face coverings, health screening, and testing; educating students about risk mitigation; and addressing violations of safety protocols;
- ~~viii~~ix) Required health and safety plans are subject to audit by DPH, including on-site inspections, and Higher Education Programs must assess their plans monthly and update them as needed;
- ~~ix~~x) Individual student use of an indoor facility due to the need for access to specialized equipment or space that is not available outside (such as a music practice room or fine arts studio) is allowed subject to safety protocols;
- ~~x~~xi) 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 detailing the sanitation, social distancing, health screening, and other procedures that will be implemented to minimize the risk of transmission among players, staff, 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. The plan must also include a commitment to comply with local directives governing isolation and quarantine

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of individuals who are diagnosed with, or have had close contact with a person who is diagnosed with, COVID-19. 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 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. But in connection with an approved plan no in-person spectators will be allowed under any circumstances;

- ~~xi~~-xii. 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. Except for family housing, students must be housed in single rooms (i.e., without a roommate) unless the student specifically requests to be housed with a roommate; and
- ~~xii~~-xiii. All Higher Education Programs must create, post and implement a Social Distancing Protocol checklist (Appendix A to this Order) and comply with relevant health and safety requirements contained in any relevant industry-specific Health Officer directives, including, but not limited to, Health Officer Directive No. 2020-22d.

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**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 for by requiring that all providers and customers to wear a Face Covering at all times except as may be temporarily necessary to allow for certain personal services. No inherently risky activities (e.g., singing, shouting, eating, drinking, etc.) are involved. Finally, the risk of virus transmission can be reduced through other health and sanitation protocols. Consistent with Section 5.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. Outdoors. 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-

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- healthcare setting), estheticians, skin care, and cosmetology services (collectively, “Outdoor Personal Services”), may operate outdoors, subject to all of the following limitations and conditions:
- i. The following personal services cannot be offered outside because they cannot be done safely in an outdoor setting: electrology, 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;
  - ii. Outdoor Personal Service Providers may, subject to any applicable permit requirements, conduct their operations under a tent, canopy, or other sun or weather shelter, but only as long as no more than one side is closed, allowing sufficient outdoor air movement. Also, the number and composition of barriers used for all outdoor shelters must allow the free flow of air in the breathing zone consistent with guidance from the Department of Public Health;
  - iii. Both Outdoor Personal Service Providers and clients/customers must wear a Face Covering at all times except when: (a) they are specifically exempted from the Face Covering requirements in Health Officer Order No. C19-12c, issued on July 22, 2020, as that order may be amended from time to time or (b) when the Face Covering must be removed to perform services involving that part of the face and then only during such procedure and subject to compliance with applicable safety precautions set forth in Directive 2020-23b, as that directive may be amended from time to time; and
  - iv. The Outdoor Personal Service Provider must have created, posted and implemented a Social Distancing Protocol and must comply with Health Officer Directive No. 2020-23b, as that directive may be amended from time to time, regarding required best practices for outdoor personal services.
2. **Indoors.** 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 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, may operate indoors (collectively, “Indoor Personal Services,” subject to all of the following limitations and conditions:
- i. Both Indoor Personal Service Providers and clients/customers must wear a Face Covering at all times except when: (a) they are specifically exempted from the Face Covering requirements in Health Officer Order No. C19-12c, issued on July 22, 2020 or (b) the Face Covering must be removed to perform services involving that part of the face and then only during such procedure and subject to compliance with applicable safety precautions set forth in Directive 2020-30b, as that directive may be amended from time to time. Under current State guidelines,



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customers may not remove their face coverings for purposes of massage (non-healthcare setting), tattoo, or piercing;

- ii. The Indoor Personal Service Provider must have created, posted and implemented a Social Distancing Protocol and must comply with Health Officer Directive No. 2020-30b, as that directive may be amended from time to time, regarding required best practices for Indoor Personal Services; and
- iii. Only the number of people who can safely fit inside the facility while maintaining social distance as required by Directive No. 2020-30b may be inside the facility at a time.

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~~(13)~~(16)

**Gyms and Fitness Centers—**

**SUSPENDED IN PART, ~~REDUCED CAPACITY (10%)~~**

- 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 at all times. Also, the risk of virus transmission can be reduced through other health and sanitation protocols. Consistent with Section 5.c of the Order and to the extent possible, gyms and fitness centers are urged to provide services outdoors to further decrease the risk.
- 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 all of the following limitations and conditions:
    - i. Gyms and fitness centers may, subject to any applicable permit requirements, conduct their operations under a tent, canopy, or other sun or weather shelter, but only as long as no more than one side is closed, allowing sufficient outdoor air movement. Also, the number and composition of barriers used for all outdoor shelters must allow the free flow of air in the breathing zone consistent with guidance from the Department of Public Health.
    - ii. Everyone in the outdoor gym or fitness center facilities must maintain at least six feet of physical distance from people outside of their Household at all times;
    - iii. Gyms and fitness centers must limit the number of people, including Personnel, who are present in the space to ensure that six feet of physical distance can be maintained at all times;
    - iv. Everyone in the outdoor gym or fitness center facilities must wear a Face Covering at all times, unless they are specifically exempted from the Face

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Covering requirements in Health Officer Order No. C19-12c, issued on July 22, 2020; and

- v. The gym or fitness center must have created, posted and implemented a Social Distancing Protocol and must comply with any and all requirements contained in Health Officer Directive No. 2020-27, regarding outdoor gyms and fitness centers including, without limitation, all enhanced cleaning requirements.

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2. Indoors.

**San Francisco is experiencing a rapid and significant surge of COVID-19 cases. Accordingly, effective 12:00 noon on November 29, 2020, and until further order of the Health Officer, no new indoor classes or courses may commence unless, in addition to the requirements set forth below, the specific class trains students to provide essential functions or services relating to the protection of public health or safety or Essential Governmental Functions (“Core Essential Classes”). For clarity, indoor classes and courses that are already in progress may continue until the end of the current session (e.g., quarter, trimester, or semester). But other than Core Essential Classes, no new indoor classes or courses may commence.**

*[SUSPENDED]: Gyms—including climbing wall gyms—and fitness centers offering space or equipment for customer-directed exercise may operate indoors, subject to all of the following limitations and conditions:*

- i. Gyms and fitness centers must limit the number of people, including Personnel, who are present in the space to the **lesser** of: (1) 10% of the facility’s normal maximum occupancy, (2) 50 people, or (3) the number of people who can maintain at least six feet of physical distance from each other in the facility at all times;*
- ii. Everyone in the gym or fitness center facility must maintain at least six feet of physical distance from people outside of their Household at all times;*
- iii. Individuals engaged in an activity that may increase breathing rate and/or intensity (including but not limited to cardio/aerobic activities or weight-lifting), must maintain at least 12 feet of physical distance from people outside of their Household while engaging in those activities;*
- iv. Group cardio/aerobic fitness classes (such as spinning, kickboxing, etc.) are not permitted indoors at this time;*
- v. Everyone in the gym or fitness 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. C19-12c, issued on July 22, 2020;*
- vi. The establishment must add all COVID-19 related signage to the establishment as required by Sections 4.g and 4.h of the Stay-Safer-At-Home Order. The County is making available templates for the signage available online at <https://sf.gov/outreach-toolkit-coronavirus-covid-19>; and*
- vii. The gym or fitness center must have created, posted and implemented a Social Distancing Protocol and must comply with any and all requirements contained in*

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*Health Officer Directive No. 2020-31, regarding indoor gyms and fitness centers including, without limitation, all enhanced cleaning requirements-.*]

**NOTE: San Francisco is experiencing a rapid and significant surge of COVID-19 cases. Accordingly, effective 11:59 p.m. on November 13, 2020, indoor restaurants and cafes within gyms and fitness centers must temporarily close and cease operating at any capacity until there is a further order of the Health Officer (although food items may continue to be sold for consumption offsite or outdoors). To the extent of any conflict or inconsistency with any other provision of this Order or any health directives or guidance, this suspension controls.**

(Added September 1, 2020; Revised September 14, 2020, September 30, 2020, October 27, 2020, November 10, 2020, and November 16, 2020); Suspended in part November 28, 2020)

**(14)(17) Indoor Museums, Aquariums, and Zoos—SUSPENDED ~~IN PART~~**

**San Francisco is experiencing a rapid and significant surge of COVID-19 cases. Accordingly, effective 12:00 noon on November 29, 2020, this provision is suspended. Indoor museums, aquariums, and zoos must temporarily close and cease all operations other than Minimum Basic Operations. To the extent of any conflict or inconsistency with any other provision of this Order or any health directives or guidance, this suspension controls.**

- a. [SUSPENDED: 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 art galleries), aquariums, and zoos may resume operations, subject to all of the following limitations and conditions:
  - i. Establishments must limit the number of people, including Personnel, who are present in the facility to the **lesser** of: (1) 25% of the facility's normal 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;

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- ii. *Establishments must limit the number of people, including Personnel, who are present in individual galleries or public spaces to the **lesser** of: (1) 25% of the room’s normal maximum occupancy or (2) the number of people who can maintain at least six feet of physical distance from each other in the room at all times;*
- iii. *Everyone in the facility must maintain at least six feet of physical distance from people outside of their Household at all times;*
- iv. *Everyone in facility must wear a Face Covering at all times, unless they are specifically exempted from the Face Covering requirements in Health Officer Order No. C19-12c, issued on July 22, 2020; and*
- v. *The following must remain closed:*
  - *Common area gathering places such as meeting rooms and lounge areas;*
  - *Auditoriums;*
  - *Guided tours, events, classes, and other gatherings; and*
  - *Coat/personal property check services.*

**San Francisco is experiencing a rapid and significant surge of COVID-19 cases. Accordingly, effective 11:59 p.m. on November 13, 2020, the following provision regarding indoor dining is suspended. Indoor restaurants and cafes within museums, aquariums, and zoos must temporarily close and cease operating at any capacity until there is a further order of the Health Officer (although food items may continue to be sold for consumption offsite or outdoors). To the extent of any conflict or inconsistency with any other provision of this Order or any health directives or guidance, this suspension controls.**

- vi. ~~*SUSPENDED:*~~ *Indoor restaurants and cafes within the museum, aquarium, or zoo may operate for indoor dining so long as they fully comply with the requirements listed in Section (8) of this Appendix C-1 as well as Health Officer Directive No. 2020-16, including as that directive is updated in the future.*
- vii. *Before resuming operations, the museum, aquarium, or zoo must have created, posted and implemented a Social Distancing Protocol and must comply with any and all requirements contained in any relevant Health Officer Directives, including, for example, Directive Nos. 2020-05 and 2020-16c (if food is prepared and sold on-site for take-away, indoor, or outdoor dining), Directive No. 2020-17 (if there is a gift-shop or other retail on-site), and Directive No. 2020-32.*
- viii. *Also, in addition to the Social Distancing Protocol, before resuming operations, the museum, aquarium, or zoo must submit a plan to the Department of Public*

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*Health, including a detailed description of how the business intends to address safety precautions in the follow areas.*

- *Ensuring that facility and individual galleries and rooms remain below 25% maximum capacity;*
- *Signage regarding Social Distancing Requirements (to include at least six feet of distance, handwashing/sanitizer practices, face covering policy);*
- *Ensuring Personnel and patrons wear face coverings at all times, unless they are specifically exempted from the face covering requirements in Health Officer Order No. C19-12c, issued on July 22, 2020, as that order may be amended from time to time;*
- *Ticketing booths and payment systems;*
- *Personnel safety precautions;*
- *HVAC systems (an explanation of alterations and upgrades to ventilation to increase supply of fresh air and decrease stale or recirculated air, or an explanation of why alterations or upgrades were either (1) unnecessary or (2) unfeasible);*
- *Food and beverage concessions;*
- *Retail (e.g., gift shops);*
- *Social distancing in elevators;*
- *Monitoring and limiting patrons to ensure physical distancing between members of different households or living units;*
- *Paths of travel through the establishment and wayfinding signage;*
- *Plans for preventing patrons from gathering in an enclosed space for a sustained period of time;*
- *Sanitation for restrooms;*
- *Sanitation for high-touch surfaces and areas; and*
- *Closing interactive exhibits or exhibits in enclosed spaces or modifying those exhibits to prevent common touching.*

*A plan template, which sets forth additional requirements and conditions for operation, will be available at [sfdph.org/directives](http://sfdph.org/directives). It is strongly encouraged that businesses review the requirements set forth in the template and use the template to create their plan.*

*The plan must be submitted to [HealthPlan@sfcityatty.org](mailto:HealthPlan@sfcityatty.org), posted on the business's website, and made available at the facility. The permanent URL at which the plan will be posted must be provided to SFDPH.*

*For clarity, the museum, aquarium or zoo does not need SFDPH to approve its plan before it may resume operations in accordance with the proposed plan. But*



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*in the event SFDPH identifies deficiencies in the plan, SFDPH will follow up with the business.*

- viii. *The establishment must add all COVID-19 related signage to the establishment as required by Sections 4.g and 4.h of the Stay-Safer-At-Home Order. The County is making available templates for the signage available online at <https://sf.gov/outreach-toolkit-coronavirus-covid-19>.*

(Added September 21, 2020; Revised September 30, 2020, October 27, 2020, and November 3, 2020; Subsection suspended November 10, 2020); Section suspended November 28, 2020)

**(18) Outdoor Family Entertainment Centers—SUSPENDED IN PART**

**San Francisco is experiencing a rapid and significant surge of COVID-19 cases. Accordingly, effective 12:00 noon on November 29, 2020, this provision is modified and suspended in part. Only those activities listed as “allowed” may continue. To the extent of any conflict or inconsistency with any other provision of this Order or any health directives or guidance, this suspension controls.**

- a. Basis for Addition. Certain outdoor Family Entertainment Centers involve only moderate risk given that they occur outside, they involve moderate contact intensity and a moderate number of contacts, and/or 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 at all times. The risk of virus transmission can also be reduced through other health and sanitation protocols. And because the State of California has included ~~outdoor~~ family entertainment centers on the list of options for ~~the Red Tier~~all tiers to varying degrees, this Appendix lists those that can be done ~~now~~ 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 ~~begin to operate outdoors only based on the tier assigned by the State,~~ subject to all of the limitations and conditions listed below. The term “Family Entertainment Centers” ~~includes only those activities and businesses that are listed by the State of California as examples for the Red Tier, which are: kart racing; mini-golf; and batting cages, and the limited outdoor amusement park rides described below. Even if the County is placed on a less restrictive tier, this term will not be changed until this Section is revised.~~ Conditions for outdoor Family Entertainment Centers are as follows: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

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local considerations about what can be done safely.

AllConsistent with the State’s guidelines, available online at <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 purple tier are as follows:

<u><b>Allowed Family Entertainment Center activities:</b></u>	<u><b>Notes/restrictions:</b></u>
<p><u>Outdoor activities only, including:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Outdoor playgrounds;</u></li> <li>• <u>Outdoor skate parks;</u></li> <li>• <u>Outdoor roller and ice skating at the lesser of 25% capacity or 25 patrons skating;</u></li> <li>• <u>Outdoor laser tag;</u></li> <li>• <u>Outdoor paintball;</u></li> <li>• <u>Outdoor batting cages;</u></li> <li>• <u>Outdoor kart racing; and</u></li> <li>• <u>Outdoor miniature golf.</u></li> </ul>	<p><u>See additional requirements listed below regarding any activity that includes shared or rented equipment (for example, laser tag, skating, batting cages, etc.).</u></p> <p><u>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>.</u></p> <p><u>Outdoor miniature golf must comply with the requirements listed in Section (2) of Appendix C-2 and Health Officer Directive No. 2020-15, available online at <a href="http://www.sfdph.org/directives">www.sfdph.org/directives</a>.</u></p>

The activities prohibited under the current tier include, without limitation, the following:

<u><b>Prohibited Family Entertainment Center activities:</b></u>
<p><u>Outdoor activities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u><i>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</i></u></li> </ul>

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*below regarding, amusement parks, or similar venues, which are prohibited.)*

*Indoor operations, including:*

- *Indoor bumper cars;*
- *Indoor batting cages;*
- *Bowling alleys;*
- *Escape rooms;*
- *Kiddie rides;*
- *Virtual reality;*
- *Arcade games;*
- *Trampolines and trampoline gyms;*
- *Indoor laser tag;*
- *Indoor roller and ice skating;*
- *Indoor skate parks; and*
- *Indoor playgrounds.*

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 sanitation protocols are met.

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:

- i. If the activity listed above is listed as an outdoor activity, all related operations must be outdoors. ~~Operations~~In that situation, operations that cannot be safely performed outdoors are not permitted; ~~allowed~~. If there is a mix of indoor and outdoor activities offered by the Family Entertainment Center, 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, but only as long as no more than one side is closed, allowing sufficient outdoor air movement. Also, the number and composition of barriers used for all outdoor shelters must allow the free flow of air in the breathing zone consistent with guidance from the

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Department of Public Health. Outdoor activities may also occur without use of a tent, canopy, or other sun or weather shelter.

- iii. Everyone in ~~the~~ Family Entertainment Center facilities 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, including 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. C19-12c, issued on July 22, 2020, including as that order is amended; ~~and.~~
- 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.

~~In addition to the requirements listed above, the following other requirements must be met, as listed:~~

- vii. For any activity with rented or shared equipment (like kart racing, skating, batting cages, bowling alleys, escape rooms, etc.), services must be provided in compliance with the requirements for ~~outdoor activity~~ equipment ~~rental businesses~~ cleaning and disinfection listed in Section (5)~~b.vi~~ of this Appendix.
- ~~viii. For mini golf, services must be provided in compliance with the requirements for outdoor golf listed in Section (2) of Appendix C 2 as well as Directive No. 2020-15, including as that directive is updated in the future.~~
- ~~ix. For batting cages, services must be provided in compliance with the requirements for “Other Outdoor Recreation and Athletic Activities” listed in Section (6) of Appendix C 2.~~
- ~~x.viii.~~ [SUSPENDED (amusement park-type rides are not currently allowed) 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, and the price of any ticket must be refunded if the ride is not rescheduled;

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- b. *Operators must regulate access by patrons to the equipment to ensure physical distancing;*
- c. *Any enclosed passenger capsule or seating area must include only members of the same household, and ventilation must be maximized;*
- d. *High touch surfaces and equipment must be sanitized in between uses by different households; and*
- e. *Hand sanitizer must be placed at the entrances and exits to rides.*

~~Note that at the current~~At this time many outdoor family entertainment-type activities are allowed under other sections and directives, including zoos, outdoor swimming pools, outdoor tennis and pickleball, outdoor golf, outdoor lawn bowling, outdoor museums, and outdoor fitness centers. ~~See Section (11) of Appendix C-2 regarding outdoor playgrounds.~~Individuals and businesses engaging in those activities must review and follow the requirements in those other sections and directives in relation to those activities.

~~Also, other activities are not yet allowed because they cannot yet be done safely in the current context due to the difficulty of regularly cleaning high touch surfaces and of keeping people from different homes physically distant and/or are prohibited by the State under the Red Tier or Orange Tier, including: indoor amusement park rides; indoor bowling alleys; indoor ice and rolling skating rinks; indoor arcade games; and indoor playgrounds.~~

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**Open-Air Tour Bus Operators**

- a. Basis for Addition. Personnel and passengers can wear Face Coverings and maintain six feet of physical distance from people in different Households at all times. No inherently risky activities (e.g., singing, shouting, eating, drinking, etc.) are involved. And open-air bus tours occur outside, which is safer than indoor interactions, and have additional air-flow from continual movement. Finally, outdoor 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 (“Open-Air Tour Bus Operators”) may operate, subject to the following limitations and conditions:
  - i. If the total number of passengers is greater than 12, the Open-Air Tour Bus Operator must assign each passenger to a group of no more than 12 people.

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Multiple groups of 12 may be on an Open-Air Tour Bus simultaneously, subject to the following requirements:

- Each group of 12 must be kept at least 12 feet apart from each other,
  - The Open-Air Tour Bus Operator must prohibit mingling among passengers in different groups, and
  - Passengers must have a clear path to the restroom and exit without being required to travel through the space occupied by another group.
- ii. All passengers must maintain a physical distance of at least six feet from each other, from the driver, and from Personnel, at all times;
  - iii. Before boarding, passengers must wait at least six feet apart and must not board the bus until the driver or other Personnel allow boarding;
  - iv. Bathrooms (if any) must be sanitized frequently following EPA guidelines;
  - v. Passengers must stay in the open-air portion of the bus except for brief periods, such as to board, disembark and use the bathroom;
  - vi. Open-Air 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;
  - vii. Open-Air Tour Bus Operators must create, post and implement a Social Distancing Protocol checklist (Appendix A to this Order);
  - viii. Open-Air Tour Bus 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. In general, Personnel with any single COVID-19 symptom that is new or not explained by another condition 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 are close contacts of someone with COVID-19 must remain out of work for 14 days since their last close contact;
  - ix. Open-Air 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” to a screening question must not be allowed to board the bus. No cancellation or rescheduling fee may be charged in that situation;
  - x. All passengers and Personnel must wear a Face Covering at all times while waiting to board, at all times while on board—except when eating or drinking, and at all times when disembarking from the bus, unless they are specifically exempted from the Face Covering requirements in Health Officer Order No. C19-12c, issued on July 22, 2020, as that order may be amended from time to time;



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- xi. 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;
- xii. Open-Air Tour Bus Operators must make hand sanitizer available;
- xiii. The bus and all equipment belonging to the Open-Air Tour Bus Operator or otherwise provided by the Open-Air Tour Bus Operator must be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected after each trip 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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**(16)(20) Lodging Facilities for Tourism—SUSPENDED IN PART**

- 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 (e.g., singing, shouting, eating, drinking, etc.) are involved.
- b. Description and Conditions to Operate. Lodging facilities, including hotels, motels, hostels, bed and breakfasts, inns and short-term rentals, may operate for tourist use, subject to all of the following limitations and conditions:
  - i. Indoor pools, ballrooms, conference rooms, business centers, lounge areas, and other indoor gathering places must remain closed. But a lodging facility may operate the services listed in this subsection b.i after updating its Social Distancing Protocol and complying with the listed requirements for each listed type of service. If the County is later returned to a more restrictive tier by the State or other local COVID-19 conditions change in a manner that puts the public health at increased risk, the Health Officer may reduce or suspend the ability for operation of these services by the lodging facility.
    - a. Gyms or fitness centers. The lodging facility may operate a gym or fitness center so long as it fully complies with the requirements listed in Section (16) of this Appendix C-1 as well as Health Officer Directive Nos. 2020-27 (for outdoor gyms or fitness centers, if applicable) and 2020-31 (for indoor gyms or fitness centers, if applicable), including as those directives are updated in the future. At present, that includes a maximum limit of

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10% capacity or 50 people, whichever is lower, on any indoor gym or fitness center. Also, any gym or fitness center must be staffed by lodging facility personnel at all times that it is open for operation.

**San Francisco is experiencing a rapid and significant surge of COVID-19 cases. Accordingly, effective 11:59 p.m. on November 13, 2020, the following provision regarding indoor dining is suspended. Indoor restaurants and cafes within lodging facilities must temporarily close and cease operating at any capacity until there is a further order of the Health Officer (although food items may continue to be sold for consumption in individuals' rooms, offsite, or outdoors). To the extent of any conflict or inconsistency with any other provision of this Order or any health directives or guidance, this suspension controls.**

b. *[SUSPENDED: Indoor dining. The lodging facility may operate indoor dining so long as it fully complies with the requirements listed in Section (8) of this Appendix C-1 as well as Health Officer Directive No. 2020-16c, including as that directive is updated in the future. At present, that includes a maximum limit of 25% occupancy or 100 people, whichever is lower. For clarity, a lodging facility is not allowed to operate self-serve stations, whether staffed by personnel or not, including buffets or continental breakfast bars.]*

- ii. The Lodging 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. 2020-29 regarding best practices for lodging facilities, as well as any other relevant Health Officer Directives, including, for example, Directive Nos. 2020-05 and 2020-16c (if food is prepared and sold on-site for take-away or outdoor dining or for indoor dining), Directive No. 2020-17 (if there is a gift-shop or other retail on-site), and Directive Nos. 2020-27 and 2020-31 (if gyms or fitness centers are opened).

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**(17)(21) Indoor Movie Theaters—~~REDUCED CAPACITY~~SUSPENDED**

**San Francisco is experiencing a rapid and significant surge of COVID-19 cases. Accordingly, effective 12:00 noon on November 29, 2020, this provision is suspended.**

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**Indoor movie theaters must temporarily close and cease all operations other than Minimum Basic Operations. To the extent of any conflict or inconsistency with any other provision of this Order or any health directives or guidance, this suspension controls.**

- a. *[SUSPENDED]: Basis for Addition.* Viewing movies or other projected entertainment indoors in an enclosed space involves multiple risk factors, including 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, avoiding eating, 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 seniors and those 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 following limitations and conditions:
  - i. The indoor movie theater must limit the number of people, including Personnel, who are present in the space to the **lesser** of: (1) 25% of the facility’s normal maximum occupancy, (2) 50 people, or (3) the number of people who can maintain at least six feet of physical distance from each other in the facility at all times. If a movie theater complex has multiple individual indoor movie theaters the 25% occupancy limit applies to the complex as a whole and to each individual theater, and the 50-person maximum applies to each individual theater. Operators should stagger start and end times to ensure that there is not mixing of patrons in common areas;
  - ii. The indoor movie theater facility must screen all patrons and other visitors on a daily basis 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 enter 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 be prohibited from entering or being seated in the indoor movie theater, and should be referred for appropriate support as outlined on the Screening Handout for Non-Personnel. The indoor movie theater can use the guidance available online at [www.sfchcp.org/screen](http://www.sfchcp.org/screen) for determining how best to conduct screening. People who are feeling ill, have exhibited symptoms of COVID-19 within 24 hours of arriving at the indoor movie theater or answer “yes” to any screening

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*must be kept from entry and must cancel or reschedule their ticket. In such cases, patrons must not be charged a cancellation fee or other financial penalty and must be given a full refund;*

- iii. *The indoor movie theater must keep food and beverage concessions closed (also including vending machines) for now;*
- iv. *The indoor movie theater must ensure that all Personnel and patrons wear a Face Covering at all times as required by Health Officer Order No. C19-12c, issued on July 22, 2020, including as that order may be amended from time to time, unless the person is specifically exempted from the face covering requirements;*
- v. *The indoor movie theater must post signs at all entrances notifying patrons of the rules, including the requirement to wear a face covering at all times and that consuming food or drink onsite (including if brought in from outside) is prohibited given the risk associated with removing a face covering when eating or drinking;*
- vi. *The indoor movie theater must prevent patrons from gathering in common areas and must close lounges, arcades, or other areas designed for casual gathering;*
- vii. *Patrons must remain outside the indoor movie theater until they are ready to be seated, and the indoor movie theater is prohibited from allowing customers to line up in advance of opening doors for individual showings (which may require the indoor movie theater to space out showings to allow sufficient time for cleaning and seating between shows);*
- viii. *The establishment must add all COVID-19 related signage to the establishment as required by Sections 4.g and 4.h of the Stay-Safer-At-Home Order. The County is making available templates for the signage available online at <https://sf.gov/outreach-toolkit-coronavirus-covid-19>; and*
- ix. *Each indoor movie theater must have created, posted, and implemented a Social Distancing Protocol checklist (Appendix A to this Order) and also comply with Health Officer Directive No. 2020-35, including as that directive may be amended from time to time, regarding required best practices for indoor movie theaters.*

*For clarity, these rules for indoor movie theaters do not allow any of the following to occur, each of which is still prohibited by the Order: indoor bars (except as allowed under Section (8) above for indoor dining) or dance clubs, regardless of whether they use large-format screens as part of their entertainment or décor; indoor social events where large-format screens are used but are not the primary focus of the gathering; live indoor in-person entertainment, including concerts, plays, musicals, ballet, or other artistic events (except as allowed for recording or streaming under the Order); and the operation of any food service bar, beverage bar, or restaurant operated within the indoor movie theater facility or by the indoor movie theaters in an adjoining space-.]*

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**(18)(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 (e.g., singing, shouting, etc.) 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, except that:
    - i. The cast, crew, and other Personnel on location is limited to the fewest number of Personnel needed (up to a maximum of 25 people in one location); and
    - ii. if the production is complying with the pre-employment testing requirement by using two rapid tests conducted within 48 hours before the start of employment, as provided in Section 2.a.i.(3) of the Return to Work Agreement, the two samples must be collected at different times: one 24-48 hours before the start of employment and one within 24 hours before the start of employment.
  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 the fewest number of Personnel needed (up to a maximum of 25 people in one location, subject to clause v below);
    - 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.

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- Any person who answers “yes” to a screening question must not be permitted to enter the location;
- iii. Face Coverings must be worn at all times, except (a) as specifically exempted from the Face Covering requirements in Health Officer Order No. C19-12c, issued on July 22, 2020, as that order may be amended from time to time, (b) while filming outdoors as long as the person remains at least six feet from other talent, crew, and other Personnel, and the public at all time, or (c) 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 2020-23b, as that directive may be amended or revised, must be followed;
  - iv. Because singing and playing wind or brass instruments can transmit particles farther in the air than breathing or speaking quietly, singing and playing wind or brass instruments is not allowed outdoors unless (a) the individual is at least 12-foot away from crew, cast, and other Personnel, and public and uses a Face Covering for singing or a mask or other fabric over the wind instrument’s bells or openings where air/sound exit, or (b) the individuals is at least 30 feet from all crew, cast, and other Personnel, and the public; and
  - v. 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 the fewest number of Personnel needed (up to a maximum of 25 people in one location, subject to clause v below);
  - 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. Except as provided below, Face Coverings must be worn by all cast, crew, and other Personnel at all times:
    - a) Individuals who are specifically exempted from the Face Covering requirements in Health Officer Order No. C19-12c, issued on July 22, 2020, as that order may be amended from time to time are excused from the Face Covering requirement;



- b) Cast members may remove Face Coverings 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 2020-30b, as that directive may be amended or revised;
- c) Cast members may remove Face Coverings while filming if all of the following conditions are met:
  - (1) All other crew and Personnel in the room must wear a non-vented N-95 mask to provide maximum protection;
  - (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 seven 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) a negative nucleic acid diagnostic test or rapid test every other day starting on the third day of the production.
  - If the shoot is scheduled to last more than seven days, the Production must submit a plan to the Health Officer for pre-approval, as discussed below.

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- 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 (available online at [www.sfdph.org/healthorders](http://www.sfdph.org/healthorders)), 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 SFPD upon request.
- iv. High touch surfaces must be cleaned and disinfected frequently 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. The production must comply with the Social Distancing Requirements set forth in Section 8.o of this Order.
- vi. Because singing and playing wind or brass instruments can transmit particles farther in the air than breathing or speaking quietly, filming of cast singing or playing a wind or brass instrument is prohibited unless the individual is in an isolation booth or in a separate room and the camera is operated remotely. Sufficient ventilation of the space being used must occur for at least 15 minutes before other Personnel enter the space.
- vii. Productions may have craft service and catering at indoor locations, subject to the following requirements:
- 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;

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- c) Seating in areas designated for eating must be at least 6 feet apart;
- d) In areas designated for eating, the production must limit the number of people in those spaces to the lesser of 20% 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;
- e) No buffets of self-serve food and beverage stations are allowed—only individually boxed meals and snacks may be offered; and
- f) 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 sanitation, social 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.

(Added November 3, 2020)

### **(19)(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 the best way to minimize virus transmission, in-person showings do not involve any inherently risky activities (e.g., singing, shouting, eating, drinking, etc.). 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.
- b. **Description and Conditions to Operate.** Real estate agents are allowed to show residential properties for rent or sale. Tours should be conducted virtually whenever feasible. When in-person showings are necessary, they are permitted under the following conditions:
  - i. Appointments for showings must be scheduled in advance;
  - ii. Face Coverings must be worn at all times, except (1) as specifically exempted from the Face Covering requirements in Health Officer Order No. C19-12c, issued on July 22, 2020, as that order may be amended from time to time;
  - iii. All people participating in the showings must maintain social distancing of at least six feet from everyone who is not part of their own Household;

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- 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. The real estate agent must introduce fresh outside air, for example by opening doors/windows, weather permitting, and operating ventilation systems; and
- vi. 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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**(20)(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 (e.g., singing, shouting, eating, drinking, etc.) 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. C19-12c issued on July 22, 2020, and any future amendment to that order), hand sanitizer or handwashing stations, or both, and disinfectant and related supplies to all Personnel;
  - 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. C19-12c, issued on July 22, 2020, as that order may be amended from time to time;
  - iii. Garages must comply with the Social Distancing Requirements set forth in Section 15.o of the Stay-Safe-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. When touchless payment is not used, sanitize any pens, counters, trays, or point of sale systems between each use by a customer. 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;

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- 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.

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**(25) Limited One-on-One Personal Training Inside Gyms and Fitness Centers**

- 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;
  - 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. C19-12c, issued on July 22, 2020, as that order may be amended from time to time;
  - 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;

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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 SFPDH’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.

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**A. General Requirements**

On August 28, 2020 the State adopted a new four-tiered, color-coded framework to guide reopening statewide. Basic information about the State’s tiered system is available online at <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/>. Counties can be more restrictive than this State framework and the County has taken a more careful, incremental approach based on local COVID-19 Indicators. On October 20, 2020, the State assigned the County’s risk of COVID-19 community transmission to be in the minimal (yellow) tier (the least restrictive tier, or the “Yellow Tier”) under an accelerated health equity pathway. But San Francisco is now experiencing a rapid and significant surge of COVID-19 cases and was reassigned from the red (substantial) tier to the purple (widespread) tier on November 28, 2020.

Accordingly, the Health Officer is restricting and or suspending certain activities allowed to date under this Appendix to implement the State mandated requirements under the purple tier. If the surge continues, the Health Officer may further restrict and suspend activities allowed under the Appendix. And if the surge in COVID-19 cases is reversed, the Health Officer will consider lifting the restrictions and suspensions, consistent with the State Blueprint Framework, to the extent supported by the COVID-19 Indicators and emerging scientific data, information, and evidence.

Further, on November 19, 2020, the Acting California State Public Health Officer issued an order (the “Limited Stay At Home Order”) requiring that “all gatherings with members of other households and all activities conducted outside the residence, lodging, or temporary accommodation with members of other households cease between 10:00pm PST and 5:00am PST, except for those activities associated with the operation, maintenance, or usage of critical infrastructure or required by law.” The Limited Stay At Home Order is available at <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/limited-stay-at-home-order.aspx>. Beginning at 10:00p.m. on November 30, 2020, and continuing until the earlier of the expiration of the Limited Stay Safe at Home Order or the State’s reassignment of San Francisco to a tier that is less restrictive than the State Blueprint’s purple tier, all activities that are allowed to resume under this Order must comply with the Limited Stay At Home Order. For example, gatherings—including drive-in gatherings and religious ceremonies—with members of different households cannot be held from 10:00 pm through 5:00 am.

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 summarized below. The bases for the additions were amended on July 13,

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2020, to reflect an updated and refined analysis under the risk criteria set forth in Section 3 of the amended Order.

Activities that are permitted to operate outdoors may, subject to any applicable permit requirements, conduct their operations under a tent, canopy, or other sun or weather shelter, but only as long as no more than one side is closed, allowing sufficient outdoor air movement. Also, the number and composition of barriers used for all outdoor shelters must allow the free flow of air in the breathing zone consistent with guidance from the Department of Public Health.

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**B. List of Additional Activities**

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

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(11) <u>Outdoor Playgrounds .....</u>	<u>15</u>

**(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. No inherently risky activities (e.g., singing, shouting, eating, drinking, etc.) are involved. 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. Face Coverings must be worn by all staff and visitors, subject to the limited exceptions in Health Officer Order No. C19-12c (e.g., for young children), including as that order is amended in the future;
  3. Physical distancing of at least six-feet must be maintained at all times other than between members of the same Household;
  4. Other than picnic tables, which may be available for use with signs instructing patrons to clean them before and after use, common high-touch equipment and fixtures must be off-limits, with signage and with physical barriers as appropriate;

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5. Public restrooms, if any, must
  - a. be routinely disinfected frequently throughout the day,
  - b. have open doors to prevent touching of door handles or knobs,
  - c. have soap and paper towels, and
  - d. have signs promoting handwashing;
6. The museum, outdoor historical site, or outdoor public garden must provide for contactless payment systems or, if not feasible, sanitize any payment systems, including touch screens, payment portals, pens, and styluses, after each customer use. Under San Francisco’s Legal Tender Law, customers must be allowed to pay with cash but to further limit person-to-person contact, Personnel should encourage customers to use credit, debit, or gift cards for payment;
7. 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 COVID-19 Health Screening Form for non-personnel (Attachment A-2), 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>);
8. Any on-site retail stores (e.g., gift shops) may operate for curbside/outdoor pickup only, and must do so in compliance with Appendix C-1 of this Order and Health Officer Directive 2020-10b (available at <https://www.sfdph.org/directives>);
9. Before resuming operations, outdoor museums, outdoor historical sites, and outdoor public gardens must prepare, post, implement, and distribute to their Personnel a Social Distancing Protocol checklist as required by Appendix A of the Order and a written health and safety plan that addresses all best practices listed in Section 1.b of this Appendix.

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) Outdoor Recreation: Golf and Tennis**

- a. Basis for Addition. Non-contact outdoor sports like tennis and golf involve a low number of contacts and a high proximity of contact, as long as the groups engaged in play together are small, maintain required physical distance, and do not share equipment among different Households. Also, interactions and activities that occur outdoors carry a lower risk of transmission than most indoor interactions and activities. And the risk of transmission can be further mitigated by sanitation and hygiene practices. Finally,

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because outdoor recreation is already allowed under the Order, resumption of this activity is expected to result in only a relatively modest increase in mobility and may decrease congestion in other outdoor locations like public parks and beaches.

- b. **Description and Conditions.** Individuals may play tennis and golf outdoors, and outdoor tennis and golf facilities/clubs may open, subject to the following conditions:
1. Face Coverings must be worn by all golf and tennis facility/club Personnel, subject to the limited exceptions in Health Officer Order No. C19-12c (e.g., for young children), including as that order is amended in the future;
  2. All golf and tennis players must wear a Face Covering while in facility/club parking lots, when entering and exiting facilities/clubs, and while waiting to play—Face Coverings may be removed during play if nobody from a different Household is within 30 feet of the player;
  3. For golf, groups must be limited to a maximum of four players per group, unless all players within the group are part of a single Household. Groups of players from different Households must comply with the State of California under its Stay-Safer-At Home Order;
  4. No more than two Households may play tennis together at any one time, and members of separate Households cannot have contact with each other and must remain at least six feet apart at all times; and
  5. Before resuming operations, each golf or tennis facility/club must create, post and implement a Social Distancing Protocol checklist (Appendix A to this Order) and comply with Health Officer Directive No. 2020-15 regarding required best practices for tennis and golf.

(Added June 1, 2020; Non-substantive revisions July 13, 2020; Revised September 1, 2020)

**(3) Outdoor Recreation: 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 (e.g., singing, shouting, eating, drinking, etc.) are involved. 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 dog parks may open, subject to the following conditions:
1. Face Coverings must be worn by all people in the dog park, subject to the limited exceptions in Health Officer Order No. C19-12c (e.g., for young children), including as that order is amended in the future;

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2. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has advised that “[u]ntil we learn more about how this virus affects animals,” owners should “treat pets as you would other human family members to protect them from a possible infection.” Specifically, the CDC recommends that pet owners: “Do not let pets interact with people or other animals outside the household,” “Walk dogs on a leash, maintaining at least 6 feet (2 meters) from other people and animals,” and “Avoid dog parks or public places where a large number of people and dogs gather.” Accordingly, pet owners are urged to use on-leash dog parks or keep their dogs on a leash, particularly if the dog is not under voice control—pet owners who choose to let their dogs be off leash in an off-leash dog park should prevent their dog from interacting with other people or animals to the greatest extent feasible;
3. People in the dog park should maintain at least six feet of physical distance from people or animals other than those in their same Household;
4. People must bring their own water for themselves and their pets, and must not use common touch water facilities in the park;
5. People must use their sleeve or a disposable cloth to touch high-touch surfaces like gates;
6. People should bring their own bags for picking up and disposing of pet waste;
7. 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, 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
8. People must follow any other rules and regulations adopted by the operator of the dog park.

(Added June 1, 2020; Non-substantive revisions July 13, 2020)

**(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, 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 (e.g., singing, shouting, eating, drinking, etc.) 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 others to the maximum extent possible. But individuals may participate



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in small outdoor gatherings—including for ceremonies, religious services, and other special purposes—subject to the following conditions:

1. No more than three different Households up to a maximum of six people in total between all Households, may participate in a gathering that involves eating or drinking somewhere other than a dining establishment, unless all are members of the same Household;
2. No more than three different Households up to a maximum of 25 people in total between all Households, may participate in any other outdoor gathering under this section, unless all are members of the same Household.
3. Unless eating or drinking in a group of six people or fewer, participants outside of the same Household must remain at least six feet apart from each other. Participants must otherwise follow all Social Distancing Requirements (Section 8.o of the Order), and wear Face Coverings unless eating, drinking, or exempted from wearing a Face Covering under Health Officer Order No. C19-12c (the Face Covering Order); and
4. Participants and hosts of small outdoor gatherings must comply with Health Officer Directive No. 2020-19b regarding required best practices for small outdoor gatherings and with the health guidelines for safer interactions set forth in the Tip Sheet for Safer Interactions During COVID-19 Pandemic, posted at: [www.sfcddcp.org/communicable-disease/diseases-a-z/covid19whatsnew](http://www.sfcddcp.org/communicable-disease/diseases-a-z/covid19whatsnew).

For clarity, this section does not allow contact sports (e.g., football or boxing) or games with shared equipment (e.g. Frisbee, baseball, or playing catch) to resume among members of different Households. 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 limit gatherings that are otherwise allowed under the Order or any Health Officer directive providing industry-specific guidance. Also, the size number limits for the various types of gatherings do not apply to gatherings of people (including participants and hosts) solely from a single Household. Indoor social gatherings among different Households are not allowed at this time.

(Added June 11, 2020; Non-substantive revisions July 13, 2020 and September 14, 2020; Revised October 20, 2020)

### **(5) Libraries for Curbside Pickup and Return**

- 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. In addition, interactions can occur outdoors, which further decreases risk.

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- b. Description and Conditions to Operate. Libraries may open for curbside/outside pickup and drop off of items, and approved by the City Administrator. All Personnel and patrons must comply with Social Distancing Requirements—including the requirement to maintain at least six feet of physical distance—and wear a Face Covering at all times, subject to the limited exceptions in Health Officer Order No. C19-12c (e.g., for young children), as that order may be amended from time to time.

(Added July 20, 2020)

**(6) Outdoor Recreation: Other Outdoor Recreation and Athletic Activities**

- a. Basis for Addition. Non-contact recreational and athletic activities such as pickleball, lawn bowling, bocce ball and frisbee have low-to-moderate levels of transmission risk. Participants can wear Face Coverings and maintain at least six feet of physical distance at all times, and outdoor activities are safer than indoor interactions.
- b. Description and Conditions. Beginning at 9:00 a.m. on September 1, 2020, non-contact recreational and athletic activities with members of other Households may occur, subject to the following conditions:
  - 1. No more than two Households may engage in these recreational and athletic activities together at any one time;
  - 2. No equipment (except balls, frisbees, or other similar recreational projectiles) may be shared between Households;
  - 3. All recreational and athletic activities with members of another Household must occur entirely outdoors;
  - 4. Members of separate Households cannot have contact with each other and must remain at least six feet apart at all times;
  - 5. Pickleball is allowed under this section, provided that operators of facilities and players must follow the same guidelines that apply to Tennis Facilities under Health Officer Directive No. 2020-15b; and
  - 6. Face Coverings must be worn at all times, subject to the limited exceptions in Health Officer Order No. C19-12c, issued on July 22, 2020 (e.g., for young children).

(Added September 1, 2020)

**(7) Outdoor Recreation: Outdoor Swimming Pools**

- a. Basis for Addition. Outdoor swimming pools have few high-touch surfaces and do not require shared equipment. Risks associated with outdoor swimming pools can be substantially mitigated with limitations to ensure adequate social distancing and limit intermixing between Households.

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- b. **Description and Conditions.** Beginning at 9:00 a.m. on September 1, 2020, individuals may use outdoor swimming pools, and outdoor swimming pools may open and operate, subject to the following conditions:
1. Lap swimming must be limited to one swimmer per lane, except that members of the same Household may occupy a single lane;
  2. Use of shared swimming areas must be limited to no more than two swimmers from different Households per 300 square feet of shared pool space;
  3. Except for members of the same Household, swimmers must remain at least six feet apart at all times;
  4. Locker rooms must be closed to the public, except for use as a restroom;
  5. All gatherings are prohibited outside the pool, such as on pool decks, except (1) as expressly provided in Section 7, below, or Section 9 of Appendix C-1; and (2) members of a Household may observe a child or other person swimming to ensure safety and supervision; and
  6. Before resuming operations, each outdoor swimming pool must create, post and implement a Social Distancing Protocol and comply with the relevant provisions of Health Officer Directive No. 2020-24.

(Added September 1, 2020)

**(8) Drive-In Gatherings**

- a. **Basis for Addition.** Drive-In Gatherings, such as drive-in movies, where all individuals remain in vehicles with members of their Household involve low contact intensity and frequency. Inherently risky activities (e.g., singing, shouting, eating, drinking, etc.) can 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.** Drive-in gatherings, where participants stay in their vehicles, are permitted subject to the following conditions:
1. All Drive-In Gatherings must be provided entirely outdoors in an area large enough to accommodate all distancing requirements of this Directive;
  2. Each Drive-In Gathering is limited to a maximum of 100 vehicles;
  3. Participants must remain within the bounds of the four wheels of their vehicle at all times except to use the restroom or during an emergency;
  4. Face Coverings must be worn at all times a participant is outside the bounds of their vehicle or inside or sitting on the vehicle unless the participant is inside the vehicle

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and all windows are closed, in accordance with Health Officer Order C19-12c issued July 22, 2020 and as it may be amended (the “Face Covering Order”); and

5. Before hosting a Drive-In Gathering, the Host must create, post and implement a Social Distancing Protocol and comply with the relevant provisions of Health Officer Directive No. 2020-28.

(Added September 14, 2020)

**(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. Therefore, even though in-person religious gatherings are allowed by this provision, with safety limitations, it is strongly recommended that individuals use alternative means to practice their faith 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 prayer and counseling in houses of worship: † Members of the public may enter a house of worship, subject to the following conditions:
  - 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. C19-12c (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;

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- 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 ~~Superseded~~ 15.k of this Order—and create, post and implement a Social Distancing Protocol (Appendix A of this Order).

4.2. Outdoor Religious Gatherings: Houses of worship and operators of other facilities or groups may hold outdoor gatherings for the practice of religion, including religious services and religious ceremonies, subject to the following conditions:

- i. Prior to being placed in the Orange Tier by the State, no more than 100 individuals may participate in the gathering and simultaneous gatherings in the same location or vicinity are prohibited. Once the County was placed in the Orange Tier, this maximum limit is increased to 200 individuals per gathering. If the County is later returned to a more restrictive tier by the State or other local conditions change in a manner that puts the public health at risk, the Health Officer may reduce the limit on the number of people or impose other safety restrictions. Also, for any gathering allowed under this section, the limit must be reduced below 100 people (or 200 people, if applicable) if required due to the size of the outdoor space and participants' ability to follow Social Distancing Requirements at all times;
- ii. Participants must maintain at least six feet of distance from members of different households;
- iii. All participants must wear a face covering, subject to the limited exceptions in Health Officer Order No. C19-12c (e.g., for young children); and
- iv. No food or beverages may be served or sold;
- v. One individual at a time may sing, chant, or shout, provided: (1) the person singing, chanting, or shouting is at least 12-feet from any other person; and (2) the person singing, chanting, or shouting is wearing a Face Covering at all times;
- vi. No sharing or common use of objects or equipment is permitted unless those objects or equipment are sanitized with cleaning products effective against COVID-19 in between uses by members of different households;
- vii. The gathering must comply with all of the relevant requirements set forth in Health Officer Directive No. 2020-19c regarding outdoor gatherings; and
- viii. All participants must comply with any requirements—including permitting requirements and conditions—imposed by applicable public authorities.

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**3. Gatherings for Indoor Religious Services and Cultural Ceremonies:**

**San Francisco is experiencing a rapid and significant surge of COVID-19 cases. Accordingly, effective 12:00 noon on November 29, 2020, this provision is suspended. Religious and cultural ceremonies cannot be held indoors and houses of worship must temporarily close and cease all operations other than individual prayer as provided in subsection 9.b.1 above and Minimum Basic Operations. To the extent of any conflict or inconsistency with any other provision of this Order or any health directives or guidance, this suspension controls.**

**[SUSPENDED]**: Houses of worship and operators of other facilities or groups may hold indoor gatherings for the practice of religion, including religious services and religious and cultural ceremonies, such as weddings and funerals, subject to the following conditions:

- i. Prior to being placed in the Orange Tier by the State, the facility must limit the number of people, including Personnel, clergy, volunteers, visitors, and participants, who are present in the space to the **lesser** of: (1) 25% of the facility's normal maximum occupancy or (2) 50 people. Once the County was placed in the Orange Tier, this maximum limit is increased to the **lesser** of 25% of the facility's normal maximum occupancy or 100 people. If the County is later returned to a more restrictive tier by the State or other local conditions change in a manner that puts the public health at risk, the Health Officer may reduce this limit or impose other safety restrictions. Also, for any gathering allowed under this section, the limit must be reduced below 50 people (or 100 people, if applicable) 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;
- ii. The facility must comply with all of the requirements set forth in Health Officer Directive No. 2020-34, issued September 30, 2020, including as that directive is amended or updated in the future, with such requirements including, but not limited to, ensuring physical distancing between members of different Households, posting signage to remind people to adhere to best practices, ensuring adequate ventilation in accordance with updated DPH guidance, and various cleaning and sanitation requirements;
- iii. The facility must screen all patrons and other visitors on a daily basis using the standard screening questions attached to the Order as Appendix A and Attachment A-2 (the "Screening Handout"). Screening must occur before people are allowed to enter to prevent the inadvertent spread of the SARS-CoV-2 virus. A copy of the Screening Handout must be provided to anyone on request, although a poster or other large-format version of the Screening Handout may be used to review the questions with people verbally. Any



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*person who answers “yes” to any screening question is at risk of having the SARS-CoV-2 virus, must be prohibited from entering or being seated in the facility, and should be referred for appropriate support as outlined on the Screening Handout. The facility can use the guidance available online at [www.sfdph.org/screen](http://www.sfdph.org/screen) for determining how best to conduct screening. People who are feeling ill, have exhibited symptoms of COVID-19 within 24 hours of arriving at the facility or answer “yes” to any screening must be kept from entry;*

- iv. All participants must wear a Face Covering, subject to the limited exceptions in Health Officer Order No. C19-12c (e.g., for young children). A Face Covering is not required: when eating or drinking; or if a faith leader determines it is essential to a ritual or ceremony that Face Coverings be removed, subject to limitations listed in the directive; and*
- v. The facility 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~~);~~.]*

(Added September 14, 2020; Revised September 30, 2020; Non-substantive revisions October 20, 2020); Revised and subsection suspended November 28, 2020)

### **(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 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: A single individual may be inside a campaign office or other political office, subject to the following conditions:
    - i. Only one person may be in the office or facility at a time except as outlined in this section b.1.
    - ii. One other individual at a time may temporarily come into the office or facility, such as for a brief meeting or to pick up or drop off materials.

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- iii. All individuals in the facility must wear a Face Covering as required by Health Officer Order No. C19-12c, subject to the limited exceptions in that order;
  - iv. Doors and windows must be left open to the extent possible, or mechanical ventilation systems must be run, to increase ventilation;
  - v. The facility must establish protocols for frequent cleaning and disinfection of commonly used surfaces and high traffic areas such as lobbies, hallways, and offices;
  - vi. Signage must be posted at each public entrance to inform all individuals that they must: avoid entering the location 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 facility or office 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. Political Protest Gatherings: Facilities and groups may hold outdoor gatherings for in-person political protests, subject to the following conditions, subject to the following conditions:
- i. Prior to being placed in the Orange Tier by the State, no more than 100 individuals may participate in the gathering and simultaneous gatherings in the same location or vicinity are prohibited. Once the County was placed in the Orange Tier, this maximum limit is increased to 200 individuals per gathering. If the County is later returned to a more restrictive tier by the State or other local conditions change in a manner that puts the public health at risk, the Health Officer may reduce the limit on the number of people or impose other safety restrictions. Also, for any gathering allowed under this section, the limit must be reduced below 100 people (or 200 people, if applicable) if required due to the size of the outdoor space and participants' ability to follow Social Distancing Requirements at all times;
  - ii. Participants must maintain at least six feet of distance from members of different households;
  - iii. All participants must wear a Face Covering, subject to the limited exceptions in Health Officer Order No. C19-12c (e.g., for young children); and
  - iv. No food or beverages may be served or sold;
  - v. One individual at a time may sing, chant, or shout, provided: (1) the person singing, chanting, or shouting is at least 12-feet from any other person; and (2) the person singing, chanting, or shouting is wearing a Face Covering at all times;

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- vi. No sharing or common use of objects or equipment is permitted unless those objects or equipment are sanitized with cleaning products effective against COVID-19 in between uses by members of different households;
- vii. The gathering must comply with all of the relevant requirements set forth in Health Officer Directive No. 2020-19c regarding outdoor gatherings; and
- viii. All participants must comply with any requirements—including permitting requirements and conditions—imposed by applicable public authorities.

(Added September 14, 2020; Revised September 30, 2020; Non-substantive revisions October 20, 2020)

**(11) Outdoor Playgrounds**

- a. Note. In relation to the September 14, 2020 version of the Order, the Health Officer committed to work with the City’s Recreation and Park Department and others to analyze whether outdoor playgrounds could be opened in a safer manner. On September 25, 2020 the State issued written clarification that outdoor playgrounds (as well as indoor playgrounds) must remain closed under the Red Tier and Orange Tier, putting those plans on pause. On September 28, 2020, following input from the City, the State changed its guidance to allow outdoor (but not indoor) children’s playgrounds operated by government agencies to open, subject to a number of safety requirements and recommendations. The State’s guidance is available online at <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Outdoor%20Playgrounds%20and%20other%20Outdoor%20Recreational%20Facilities.aspx>.

As a result, consistent with the recently revised State guidance and in cooperation with the Recreation and Park Department, the Health Officer issued a new directive, Health Officer Directive No. 2020-36, setting forth best practices for outdoor public playgrounds. Those playgrounds may now be open in compliance with the safety requirements set forth in the new directive.

(Added September 30, 2020; Revised November 3, 2020)