



**ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER No. C19-07**<sup>pq</sup>

**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: December 4<sup>9</sup>, 2020

*San Francisco is currently experiencing a rapid and significant surge in COVID-19 cases. This Order incorporates suspensions, reductions in capacity limits, and other restrictions contained in the Regional Stay At Home Order issued by the California Department of Public Health on December 3, 2020.*

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

Summary: On February 25, 2020 the Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco (the “County”) declared a state of emergency to prepare for coronavirus disease 2019 (“COVID-19”). On March 5, 2020 the County recorded its first reported case of COVID-19. On March 16, 2020 the County and five other Bay Area counties and the City of Berkeley, working together, were the first in the State to implement shelter-in-place orders in a collective effort to reduce the impact of the virus that causes COVID-19. Since that time, we have come to learn that the virus can be transmitted in the air through aerosols and that the risk of such airborne transmission is generally higher indoors. Also, while treatments for the disease are improving and vaccines are on the horizon, treatments remain limited and a vaccine will not likely be generally available until mid-



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2021. The vast majority of the population remains susceptible to infection, and local conditions could rapidly worsen if people fail to safely modify their behavior, including wearing face coverings, adhering to social distancing requirements, and avoiding gatherings.

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

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

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, the State has moved counties between tiers, and in November 2020 with case rates increasing most counties have moved to the more restrictive tiers.



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Along with most of the rest of the country and State, the County is in the midst of a third surge of the virus. Based on increased case rates, on November 17, 2020, the State reassigned the County backward to the substantial (red) tier and on November 28, 2020, back to the most restrictive (purple) tier. The County's case rates and hospitalizations have continued to increase and are now higher than they were at the peak of the second (July) surge. Given the recent Thanksgiving holiday, it is expected the County – along with the rest of the nation – will see a “surge upon surge,” further reducing the capacity of acute and intensive care unit beds in the County and the region, and potentially overwhelming capacity absent further health interventions.

Local COVID-19 cases have quadrupled during the last month. San Francisco is currently averaging 142 new COVID-19 positive cases per day compared to the 34 per day that it averaged in late October. Moreover, the City currently has approximately 900 COVID-19 cases diagnosed per week and hospitalizations have tripled over the last month. As a result, the City's hospital capacity will be under considerable stress. At its current rate of COVID hospitalizations, the City would run out of hospital beds by December 26, 2020. Unlike in previous surges, the rest of the State's hospital capacity is strained and reaching patient limits and it is unlikely there will be additional hospital capacity in other counties if San Francisco's is compromised.

On December 3, 2020, the State issued a new Regional Stay-at-Home Order in an effort to slow the spread of COVID-19 and avoid overwhelming the State's hospitals. The December 3 order places each of the State's counties into one of five regions, with San Francisco included in the “Bay Area” region. Under the new order, once a region's capacity of adult intensive care unit (“ICU”) beds reaches a threshold that is less than 15%, the region is subject to shelter-in-place restrictions similar to those enacted by the State in March 2020 during the first surge though not as restrictive in certain limited respects. The State's Regional Stay-at-Home Order remains in effect for at least three weeks and until the State's four-week projections of the region's total available adult ICU bed capacity is greater than or equal to 15%.

At least one of the counties in the Bay Area region already has less than 15% of their adult ICU beds available, and the region as a whole is projected to reach that threshold soon. Absent additional and immediate intervention to reduce the transmission of COVID-19, the County's and Bay Area's COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations will continue to rise and could overwhelm hospital capacity for the region. By acting now, the County and the region have the opportunity to bend the curve, avoid overwhelming hospitals, protect health care workers and first responders, and resume reopening more quickly than if we delay implementing the additional restrictions under the State's Regional Stay-at-Home Order. As we have done twice already, the County's and region's residents and businesses can yet again bend the curve and save lives.

We are going to have to live with the threat of the virus for months to come. And for us to be able to keep our schools open and continue to reopen those that are not yet providing in-person education, as well as re-open and expand business and other



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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 avoiding 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.

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

General Requirements. The Order:

- Requires 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 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
- Prohibits 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;



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- Requires businesses and governmental entities to report to the San Francisco Department of Public Health when three or more personnel test positive for the virus that causes COVID-19 within a two-week period;
- Requires businesses to post certain signage, including for many indoor businesses signage regarding ventilation systems;
- Urges businesses that operate indoors to implement ventilation guidelines, requires all businesses that operate indoors and are open to members of the public to post a placard about what, if any, ventilation measures they are implementing, and requires at least one ventilation measure for certain of those businesses;
- 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 currently permitted to operate review and comply with any applicable Health Officer Directives, and many of them require a Health and Safety Plan be completed and posted. These requirements include measures to help protect health of workers and customers, such as face covering, social distancing and sanitation protocols and in many instances capacity limits. All directives are available online at [www.sfdph.org/directives](http://www.sfdph.org/directives).

Term. This Order ~~will remain in effect, without a specific expiration date, for so long as the threat of the pandemic continues, but, and specifically~~ the more restrictive obligations ~~included in it imposes based on~~ the State’s December 4<sup>3</sup>, 2020 ~~amendments to the Regional Stay-at-Home~~ Order, will remain in effect until 12:01 a.m. on January 4, 2021, ~~unless this Order is revised before then based on the conditions at that time. Given the current state of the pandemic, a version of this Order will remain in place after~~ January 4, 2021, based on then-present conditions. The Order may be extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Health Officer depending on local conditions and health indicators and as may otherwise be required by the State. 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 28December 4, 2020 Order of the Health Officer, No. C19-07ep, (the “Prior Order”), and all individuals, Businesses (as defined in Section 8.e below), and applicable government agencies in the County are required to follow the provisions of this Order. This Order continues to temporarily prohibit 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



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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 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



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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 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 December ~~26~~, 2020, there were ~~16,208~~17,384 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 16~~24~~ 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>. Local COVID-19 cases have quadrupled during the last month. San Francisco is currently averaging 142 new COVID-19 positive cases per day compared to the 34 per day that it averaged in late October. Moreover, the City currently has approximately 900 COVID-19 cases diagnosed per week and hospitalizations have tripled over the last month. As a result, the City's hospital capacity will be under considerable stress. At its current rate of COVID hospitalizations, the City would run out of hospital beds by December 26, 2020. Unlike in previous surges, the rest of the State's hospital capacity is strained and



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reaching patient limits and it is unlikely there will be additional hospital capacity in other counties if San Francisco's is compromised.

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>.

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 ( $Re$ ), and whether there is evidence it is increasing, stable, or decreasing. The effective reproductive number ( $Re$ ) is the average number of secondary cases per infectious case in the setting of public health interventions (e.g., sheltering in place, Face Coverings, physical distancing, etc.). When  $Re > 1$ , the epidemic curve increases. When  $Re < 1$ , the epidemic curve decreases. When  $Re \sim 1$ , 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:



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- 1) *Ability to modify behavior to reduce risk*—whether individuals engaged in the Business or other activity can wear Face Coverings at all times, maintain at least six feet of physical distancing at all times, and comply with other Social Distancing Requirements, including hand washing and sanitation;
- 2) *Avoidance of risky activities*—whether the nature of the Business or activity necessarily involves eating or drinking (which requires removing Face Covering); gatherings with other Households (which presents risks as described in subsection d below); or singing, chanting, shouting, or playing wind/brass instruments (which all present significant risk of airborne transmission);
- 3) *Setting*—Outdoor Businesses and activities are safer than indoor businesses or activities, so outdoors is strongly preferred;
- 4) *Mixing of Households*—Mixing of people from different Households present higher risk of virus transmission and community spread, and the more different Households that mix, the greater the cumulative risk;
- 5) *Number, frequency, duration and distance of contacts*—The more people who interact, the higher the risk of virus transmission; and the more people who gather at a site, or the more sites involved in the business, possible interactions increase exponentially (number of contacts). The more often people interact, the higher the risk of virus transmission (frequency of contacts). The longer the duration of contacts, the higher the risk of virus transmission (duration of contacts). The closer the proximity of people, the higher the risk of virus transmission (distance of contacts); and
- 6) *Modification potential*—the degree to which best practices health protocols can reduce the risk of transmission, where those protocols can be properly implemented.

3. General Requirements for Individuals.

- a. Staying Safer At Home Is The Best Way To Control Risk. Staying 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 may 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);



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- 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.

- Residences and Households.** For purposes of this Order, “Residences” include hotels, motels, shared rental units, and similar facilities. Residences also include living structures and outdoor spaces associated with those living structures, such as patios, porches, backyards, and front yards that are only accessible to a single family or Household. For purposes of this order “Household” means people living in a single Residence or shared living unit. Households do not refer to individuals who live together in an institutional group living situation such as in a dormitory, fraternity, sorority, monastery, convent, or residential care facility.
- 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



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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 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



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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.sfcdep.org/communicable-disease/diseases-a-z/covid19whatsnew](http://www.sfcdep.org/communicable-disease/diseases-a-z/covid19whatsnew).

- g. Quarantine and Isolation Requirements and Recommendations Upon Moving to, Traveling to, or Returning to the County. Given the current surge, everyone is strongly encouraged not to travel, especially for recreational or non-essential purposes, and anyone who travels is strongly encouraged to quarantine on return to or arrival in the County. All individuals are required to comply with any travel-related orders—including any requirements for mandatory quarantine and isolation—that are issued by the State of California or the San Francisco Department of Public Health. Visit [www.sfcdep.org/travel](http://www.sfcdep.org/travel) for more information.

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 in a tent, canopy, or other shelter, as long as the shelter complies with: (1) the California Department of Public Health’s November 25, 2020 guidance regarding “Use of Temporary Structures for Outdoor Business Operations” (available at <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Use-of-Temporary-Structures-for-Outdoor-Business-Operations.aspx>); and (2) 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



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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.

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 <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:



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



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limitation, the Acting California State Public Health Officer's November 19, 2020 Limited Stay At Home Order available at <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/limited-stay-at-home-order.aspx>.

For clarity, and without limiting other applicable exemptions, under the Limited Stay At Home Order essential work is permitted to continue between 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m., 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.

- k. Capacity Limitations. ~~All~~With the exception of standalone grocery stores, all businesses that operate indoors and serve members of the public indoors (including but not limited to essential and non-essential retail stores, and other essential businesses such as banks and businesses providing mailing and shipping services) must limit capacity to the lesser of: (1) 20% the store's maximum occupancy or (2) the number of people who can maintain at least six feet of physical distance from each other in the facility at all times.

Standalone grocery stores must limit capacity to the lesser of: (1) 35% the store's maximum occupancy or (2) the number of people who can maintain at least six feet of physical distance from each other in the facility at all times.

Unless otherwise provided in an industry specific health officer directive, the capacity limit includes all staff and other personnel of a business.

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

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

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

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

- 1) Application for Waiver for In-Person Instruction for Elementary Schools. A district superintendent, private school principal/head of school, or executive



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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 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. *Approval by the Health Officer of applications for middle schools and high schools to reopen for indoor in-person education is temporarily suspended.* 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. 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.
- 3) Specialized Targeted Support Services. TK-12 schools may operate to provide in-person specialized and targeted support services to vulnerable children and youth. Schools providing specialized targeted support services do not need to obtain a waiver or advance written approval of the Health Officer, but must comply with the Health Officer Directive No. 2020-26b. 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 the distance between riders from different Households be less than three feet. Transit



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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.

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

- i. Healthcare Operations (as defined in subsection g below);
- ii. Grocery stores, certified farmers’ markets, farm and produce stands, supermarkets, food banks, convenience stores, and other establishments engaged in the retail sale of unprepared food, canned food, dry goods, non-alcoholic beverages, fresh fruits and vegetables, pet supply, fresh meats, fish, and poultry, as well as hygienic products and household consumer products necessary for personal hygiene or the habitability, sanitation, or operation of Residences. The Businesses included in this subsection include establishments that sell multiple categories of products provided that they sell a significant amount of essential products identified in this subsection, such as liquor stores that also sell a significant amount of food;
- iii. Food cultivation, including farming, livestock, and fishing;
- iv. Businesses that provide food, shelter, and social services, and other necessities of life for economically disadvantaged or otherwise needy individuals;



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- 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;
- 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;



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- 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;
- 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



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Businesses that promote large, coordinated, and prolonged gatherings, such as outdoor concert venues and amusement parks.

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

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



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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.

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.



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Outdoor Activities may be conducted in a tent, canopy, or other shelter, as 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;
  - 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,



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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 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 when out in public, consistent with the orders or guidance of the Health Officer; and



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- 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, August 28, 2020, November 19, 2020, and December 3, 2020 Orders of the State Public Health Officer. The May 4, 2020 Executive Order issued by Governor Newsom and May 7, 2020 Order of the State Public Health Officer permit certain Businesses to reopen if a local health officer believes the conditions in that jurisdictions warrant it, but expressly acknowledge the authority of local health officers to establish and implement public health measures within their respective jurisdictions that are more restrictive than those implemented by the State Public Health Officer. The December 3, 2020 Order of the State Public Health Officer acknowledges the current surge and imposes restrictions on many activities in an effort to help stop that surge, and this Order has been substantially revised in order to comport with that December 3, 2020 order. Also on November 16, 2020 the State Department of Public Health issued updated guidance for the use of Face Coverings, requiring all people in the State to wear Face Coverings when outside the home, subject to limited exceptions.

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



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where the State Health Officer may issue an order expressly directed at this Order and based on a finding that a provision of this Order constitutes a menace to public health, any more restrictive measures in this Order continue to apply and control in this County. Also, to the extent any federal guidelines allow activities that are not allowed by this Order, this Order controls and those activities are not allowed.

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

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

12. Enforcement.

Under Government Code sections 26602 and 41601 and Health and Safety Code section 101029, the Health Officer requests that the Sheriff and the Chief of Police in the County ensure compliance with and enforce this Order. The violation of any provision of this Order (including, without limitation, any Health Directives) constitutes an imminent threat and menace to public health, constitutes a public nuisance, and is punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both. The San Francisco Department of Public Health is authorized to respond to such public nuisances by issuing Notice(s) of Violation and ordering premises vacated and closed until the owner, tenant, or manager submits a written plan to eliminate all violations and the 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 10:00 p.m. on December 6, 2020~~immediately upon issuance, and will continue, as updated, to be in effect until 12:01 a.m. on January 4, 2021, or until it is extended, rescinded, superseded, or amended in writing by the Health Officer. A revised version of the Order will be issued before or at that time based on then-present conditions.



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

Effective as of the effective date and time in Section 13 above, this Order revises and replaces Order Number C19-07~~ep~~, issued ~~November 28~~<sup>December 4</sup>, 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 continue in full force and effect. To this end, the provisions of this Order are severable.

**IT IS SO ORDERED:**

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Health Officer of the  
City and County of San Francisco

Dated: December ~~4~~<sup>49</sup>, 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 December ~~4~~<sup>49</sup>, 2020)
- Appendix C-2 – Additional Activities (revised December ~~4~~<sup>49</sup>, 2020)

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**A. General Requirements**

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, the State’s December 3, 2020 Stay-At-Home Order, of the Order, and the overall impact 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 operate outdoors may, subject to any applicable permit requirements, conduct their operations in a tent, canopy, or other shelter, as long as the shelter complies with: (1) the California Department of Public Health’s November 25, 2020 guidance regarding “Use of Temporary Structures for Outdoor Business Operations” (available at <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Use-of-Temporary-Structures-for-Outdoor-Business-Operations.aspx>); and (2) any additional requirements or guidance issued by SFDPH.

Finally, 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>. 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.

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.

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**(1) Retail Stores for Goods—REDUCED CAPACITY**

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:
  - 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

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- 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: Retail stores may 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) 20% the store's maximum occupancy or (2) the number of people who can maintain at least six feet of physical distance from each other in the store at all times;
  - ii. All retail establishments must develop and implement written procedures to "meter" or track the number of persons entering and exiting the facility to ensure that the maximum capacity for the establishment is not exceeded. For example, an employee of the establishment may be posted at each entrance to the facility to perform this function. The establishment must provide a copy of its written "metering" procedures to an enforcement officer upon request and disclose the number of members of the public currently present in the facility.
  - iii. 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;
  - iv. 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;

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- 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>.

- v. Retail stores that are in an enclosed Indoor Shopping Center (as defined in subsection 1.b.1.v above) and that do not have direct access to adjacent sidewalk, street, parking lot or alley area, may only reopen for in-store retail, subject to the following conditions, if the Indoor Shopping Center has a plan for reopening that is approved by the Health Officer as provided below:
- The Indoor Shopping Center must limit capacity in the facility and in each individual storefront to the lesser of: (1) 20% the maximum occupancy or (2) the number of people who can maintain at least six feet of physical distance from each other at all times.
  - Common areas must be closed.
  - Food court must be closed for indoor dining. Food may be served for take-out, but seating areas must be closed.

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; and
- i. adoption of a Health and Safety Plan addressing the requirements of Appendix A to the Order.

Plans must be submitted to 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.

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, and December 4, 2020)

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

- a. Basis for Addition. Personnel can wear Face Coverings and maintain at least six feet of physical distance at all times. No inherently risky activities (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:

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- 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.

(Added May 17, 2020; Revised June 1, 2020, and June 11, 2020; Non-substantive revisions July 13, 2020)

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

- a. Basis for Addition. Childcare and educational or recreational programs for youth are critical to early education and developmental equity, family social and economic wellbeing, and economic recovery from the pandemic. More specifically, such programs are an important element for a child’s social and emotional development, as well as for a child’s physical health and wellness. Also, childcare and youth programs are often necessary to allow parents or guardians to work, making the availability of such programs important for individual families as well as the local economy. Although attendance at a childcare or youth program involves a high number of close contacts that may be of lengthy duration, the risks of virus transmission can be reduced by mitigation measures, 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

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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.
  - 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.

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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.

(Added May 22, 2020; Revised June 1, 2020, July 13, 2020, and August 14, 2020; Non-substantive revisions June 11, 2020)

**(4) Low Contact Retail Services—CURBSIDE ONLY**

- 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. As modified, the customer interactions will occur outdoors, which further decreases risk—and consistent with Section 5.c of the Order.
- 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. All interactions and transactions between Personnel and customers must 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.

(Added June 1, 2020; Revised June 11, 2020, and July 20, 2020; Non-substantive revisions July 13, 2020; Capacity reduced November 28, 2020, and December 4, 2020)

**(5) Equipment Rental Businesses—REDUCED CAPACITY**

- 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;
  - ii. The business must limit capacity in the facility to the lesser of: (1) 20% the facility’s maximum occupancy or (2) the number of people who can maintain at least six feet of physical distance from each other in the facility at all times;
  - 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. All retail establishments—including equipment rental businesses—must develop and implement written procedures to “meter” or track the number of persons entering and exiting the facility to ensure that the maximum capacity for the establishment is not exceeded. For example, an employee of the establishment may be posted at each entrance to the facility to perform this function. The

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establishment must provide a copy of its written “metering” procedures to an enforcement officer upon request and disclose the number of members of the public currently present in the facility.

- v. 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;
- vi. 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
- vii. All equipment 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>).

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.

(Added June 1, 2020; Revised June 11, 2020, and October 27, 2020; Non-substantive revisions July 13, 2020; Suspension note added July 20, 2020 and removed September 1, 2020; Capacity reduced November 28, 2020, and December 4, 2020)

**(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,

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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.

(Added June 1, 2020; Revised June 11, 2020; Non-substantive revisions June 26, 2020; Suspension note added July 20, 2020)

**(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.

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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, 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@sfcityattorney.org](mailto:HealthPlan@sfcityattorney.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.

(Added June 11, 2020; Non-substantive revisions June 26, 2020; Revised July 20, 2020)

**(8) Dining—SUSPENDED**

- Dining Establishments may continue to provide food for delivery and carry out under Section 8.a.xvi of the Order.

**(9) Outdoor Fitness Classes—REDUCED CAPACITY**

- 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 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 **12** 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

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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.sfchcp.org/screen](http://www.sfchcp.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>.

(Added June 11, 2020; Non-substantive revisions July 13, 2020, and August 14, 2020; Revised September 30, 2020, October 20, 2020, November 3, 2020, and December 4, 2020)

**(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

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

(Suspended December 4, 2020)

**(12) Outdoor Zoos with an Approved Plan—SUSPENDED**

(Suspended December 4, 2020)

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**(13) Open Air Boat Operators—SUSPENDED**

(Suspended December 4, 2020)

**(14) Institutions of Higher Education and Adult Education—SUSPENDED IN PART**

- 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 may not offer in-person instruction indoors or outdoors unless the specific class:
    - (1) cannot be held remotely due to the need for access to specialized equipment or space,
    - (2) trains students to provide essential functions or services relating to the protection of public health or safety or Essential Government Functions, and
    - (3) is offered in settings with designs that impose substantial physical distancing on participants.Classes that are currently being offered in person and do not meet the above criteria must cease unless they can be held remotely.
  - iii. Higher Education Programs must create and post a Prevention Plan as required by Health Officer Directive 2020-22;
  - iv. 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

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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;

- v. Face Coverings are required at all times;
- vi. No singing, chanting or shouting, or wind instruments are allowed during in-person instruction (indoors and outdoors) at this time;
- vii. Class capacity must be limited to ensure physical distancing at all times;
- viii. 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;
- ix. 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 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](mailto: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;
- x. 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
- xi. 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-

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specific Health Officer directives, including, but not limited to, Health Officer Directive No. 2020-22d.

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**(15) Personal Service Providers—SUSPENDED**

(Suspended December 4, 2020)

**(16) Gyms and Fitness Centers—SUSPENDED IN PART**

- 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 in a tent, canopy, or other shelter, as long as the shelter complies with: (1) the California Department of Public Health’s November 25, 2020 guidance regarding “Use of Temporary Structures for Outdoor Business Operations” (available at <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Use-of-Temporary-Structures-for-Outdoor-Business-Operations.aspx>); and (2) any additional requirements or guidance issued by SFDPH;
    - 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 the lesser of (1) **12** people or (2) the number of people who can maintain at least six feet of physical distance from each other 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 Covering requirements in Health Officer Order No. C19-12c, issued on July 22, 2020; and

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- 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.

2. Indoors.

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(Added September 1, 2020; Revised September 14, 2020, September 30, 2020, October 27, 2020, November 10, 2020, November 16, 2020, and December 4, 2020; Suspended in part November 28, 2020)

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

*(Suspended December 4, 2020)*

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

*(Suspended December 4, 2020)*

**(19) Open-Air Tour Bus Operators—SUSPENDED**

*(Suspended December 4, 2020)*

**(20) Lodging Facilities for Tourism**

- a. Basis for Addition. As long as guests refrain from congregating in common areas, and capacity and other health safety mitigation measures are used, lodging facilities involve low contact intensity and a low number of contacts. Personnel and guests can wear Face Coverings whenever they are in common areas and can maintain at least six feet of physical distance except for brief interactions (e.g., while checking in). In indoor common areas, no inherently risky activities (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:

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- ~~i.~~ i. ~~Except as~~ Lodging facilities may offer lodging for essential functions and travel including COVID-19 mitigation and containment measures, treatment measures, accommodation for Essential Workers, or housing solutions, including measures to protect homeless populations. Sports teams operating under an approved plan and film/media crews allowed to operate under this Order are considered essential workers for purposes of this Section.
- ~~ii.~~ ii. Except as provided above or otherwise provided by law, lodging facilities cannot accept or honor in-state reservations for non-essential travel.
- ~~iii.~~ iii. ~~Except as provided above or~~ otherwise provided by law, no hotel or lodging entity may accept or honor out of state reservations for non-essential travel, unless the reservation is for at least the minimum time period required for quarantine and the persons identified in the reservation will quarantine in the hotel or lodging period until after that time period has expired. ~~Travel by sports teams operating under an approved plan is considered essential for purposes of this order.~~
- ~~iv.~~ iv. Indoor pools, restaurants and cafes, indoor gyms and fitness centers, ballrooms, conference rooms, business centers, lounge areas, and other indoor gathering places must remain closed (outdoor pools and outdoor fitness centers must be operated in compliance with the relevant requirements of this Order and with Health Officer Directives 2020-24 and 2020-27, respectively).
- ~~v.~~ v. 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 (if food is prepared and sold on-site for take-away) and Directive No. 2020-17 (if there is a gift-shop or other retail on-site).

(Added September 14, 2020; Revised September 30, 2020, October 27, 2020, November 16, 2020, December 4, 2020, and December 49, 2020; Non-substantive revisions October 20, 2020 and November 3, 2020; Revised and subsection suspended November 10, 2020)

**(21) Indoor Movie Theaters—SUSPENDED**

(Suspended December 4, 2020)

**(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

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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. 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, or (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 times;
  - 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-feet 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

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- 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 while personal services (e.g., makeup or hair) are being provided and 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

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(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.
  - 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 SFDPH 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>).

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- 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 not have craft service and catering at indoor locations.  
Productions may provide cast, crew, and other Personnel may with pre-packaged food, which individuals must eat outdoors at least 6 feet from other people.

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; Revised December 4, 2020) and December 9, 2020)

**(23) Real Estate Showings—SUSPENDED**

- Real estate agents may continue to offer virtual and limited viewings in compliance with the requirements set forth in Section 8.a.x of the Order.

(Suspended December 4, 2020)

**(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

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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;
- v. Vehicle windows must be left open to the greatest extent possible—particularly in the moments before and during a transfer; and
- vi. Whenever possible, steering wheels should be wiped down before transferring the vehicle from one person to another.

(Added November 16, 2020)

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

- One-on-one personal training is not permitted indoors at this time; however, limited one-on-one personal training may occur outdoors in compliance with the requirements for outdoor fitness classes set forth in Section 9 above.

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**A. General Requirements**

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

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 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.

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, 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.

**B. List of Additional Activities**

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

(1) <u>Outdoor Museums, Outdoor Historical Sites, and Outdoor Public Gardens—</u> <u>SUSPENDED IN PART .....</u>	<u>2</u>
(2) <u>Outdoor Recreation: Golf and Tennis .....</u>	<u>3</u>
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(5) <u>Libraries for Curbside Pickup and Return .....</u>	<u>5</u>

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**(1) Outdoor Museums, Outdoor Historical Sites, and Outdoor Public Gardens—**  
**SUSPENDED IN PART**

- This section is temporarily suspended with respect to outdoor museums, which are not permitted to operate at this time.
- Outdoor historical sites and public gardens may operate—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;
  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 facility 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;

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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>);

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

(Added May 17, 2020; revised June 1, 2020 and November 3, 2020; Non-substantive revisions on July 13, 2020; Revised and suspended in part on December 4, 2020)

**(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, 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 members of a single Household;~~
  3. No more than oneFor golf, a maximum of two people from the same or different Households may share a tee time but members of different Households may not share a golf cart or any equipment and must maintain at least six feet of physical distance from each other at all times;
  4. No more than two people from the same or different Household may play tennis together at any one time (singles only). Tennis players from different Households

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may not share equipment and must maintain at least six feet of physical distance from each other at all times; and

5. Before resuming or continuing 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 as that directive has been amended or updated regarding required best practices for tennis and golf.

(Added June 1, 2020; Non-substantive revisions July 13, 2020; Revised September 1, 2020, December 4, 2020), and December 9, 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;
  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;

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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—~~SUSPENDED~~RESTRICTED**

- ~~Gathering~~ Except as expressly provided below or elsewhere in this Order, ~~gathering~~ with people from other Households is prohibited at all times. Outdoor gatherings away from home with people from the **same** Household are limited to **12** people total or **6** people if eating or drinking.

- Two people from different Households may meet outdoors as long as they maintain at least six feet of physical distance and wear face coverings at all times except when eating or drinking (subject to the limited exceptions in Health Officer Order No. C19-12c).

(Suspended December 4, 2020; Revised December 9, 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.
- 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.

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(Added July 20, 2020)

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

- a. Basis for Addition. Non-contact recreational and athletic activities such as pickleball, lawn bowling, bocce ball and frisbee ~~may only be played with members of the same Household~~ 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. Non-contact recreational and athletic activities with members of other Households may occur, subject to the following conditions:
  1. Except as expressly provided elsewhere in this Order, no more than two individuals from different Households may engage in these recreational and athletic activities together at any one time;
  2. No equipment 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; Suspended December 4, 2020; Reinstated and revised December 9, 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.
- 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;

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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 4, above, 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; Non-substantive revisions December 4, 2020)

**(8) Drive-In Gatherings—SUSPENDED**

(Suspended December 4, 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.

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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;
  - vi. Signage must be posted at each public entrance to inform all individuals that they must: avoid entering the house of worship if they have a cough or fever, maintain a minimum six-foot distance from one another while in the facility or location, wear a Face Covering at all times, and not shake hands or engage in any unnecessary physical contact (sample signs are available online at <https://sf.gov/outreach-toolkit-coronavirus-covid-19>); and
  - vii. The house of worship must comply with the Social Distancing Requirements set forth in Section 15.k of this Order—and create, post and implement a Social Distancing Protocol (Appendix A of this Order).
2. **Outdoor Religious Gatherings and Funerals:** Houses of worship and operators of other facilities or groups may hold outdoor gatherings for the practice of religion, including religious services and funerals, subject to the following conditions:
- i. No more than 200 individuals may participate in the gathering (subject to Social Distancing Requirements) and simultaneous gatherings in the same location or vicinity are prohibited;
  - 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;

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- 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.
3. Gatherings for Indoor Religious Services and Cultural Ceremonies  
*[Temporarily Suspended on November 28, 2020]*

(Added September 14, 2020; Revised September 30, 2020, and December 4, 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.
    - 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;

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- 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. No more than 200 individuals may participate in the gathering (subject to Social Distancing Requirements) and simultaneous gatherings in the same location or vicinity are prohibited;
  - 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.

(Added September 14, 2020; Revised September 30, 2020, and December 4, 2020; Non-substantive revisions October 20, 2020)

**(11) Outdoor Playgrounds—SUSPENDED**

- a. Basis for Addition. Although taking children to a playground may involve mixing of Households, individuals can wear Face Coverings at all times and maintain at least six

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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. Outdoor public playgrounds may open subject to the following conditions:

1. Face Coverings must be worn by all people in the playground at all times, subject to the limited exceptions in Health Officer Order No. C19-12c (e.g., for young children), including as that order is amended in the future;
2. All people (including children and adults) in the playground must maintain at least six feet of physical distance from people other than those in their same Household;
3. Outdoor public playground operators and all people (including children and adults) in playgrounds must comply with all of the relevant requirements set forth in Health Officer Directive No. 2020-36 regarding outdoor public playgrounds.

(Added September 30, 2020; Revised November 3, 2020; Suspended December 4, 2020; Reinstated and revised December 9, 2020)