EXECUTIVE ORDER
No. 8 - 2021
March 11, 2021
(Supersedes Executive Order Numbers 5-2021, 6-2021 and 7-2021)

MARCH 11, 2021 CONTINUED DECLARATION OF A LOCAL STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

WHEREAS, Section 14-111 of the Public Safety Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland provides for the declaration of a Local State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, Subtitle 6 of the Prince George's County Code, including but necessarily limited to Division 5 of this Subtitle, provides for the declaration of a Local State of Emergency by the County Executive and the authority to issue rules and regulations as deemed necessary to control the situation; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States proclaimed that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constituted a national emergency beginning March 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 5, 2020, the Governor of the State of Maryland declared a state of emergency and a catastrophic health emergency for the State of Maryland to control and prevent the spread of COVID-19 and these emergency declarations continue; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization, on March 11, 2020, announced that the COVID-19 outbreak can be characterized as a pandemic; and


WHEREAS, Prince George's County, Maryland has been and continues to be severely impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak; and

WHEREAS, as of March 10, 2021, the number of COVID-19 positive cases in the County is approximately 74,594 cases, with approximately 7566 hospitalizations and approximately 1316 deaths; and
WHEREAS, the number of inpatients with COVID-19 in County hospitals has decreased below 100 inpatients per day; and

WHEREAS, based upon data analysis as of March 9, 2021, the County’s infection rate is .94, its positivity rate is 4.3%, and, the average daily case rate is 15.7 per 100,000 residents; and

WHEREAS, the County’s health care system continues to need resources to effectively combat this emergency; and

WHEREAS, while some relevant metrics are showing a downward trend, Prince George’s County remains in the high-risk category of disease transmission for average daily case rates, health experts continue to indicate that we are in a second wave of COVID-19 cases and warn against re-opening too quickly, winter season months have led to persons staying inside more and concern over community spread of new COVID-19 variants, it is necessary that the County remain vigilant and cautiously move into Phase 2 re-opening;

WHEREAS, in the last several days of February and early days of March 2021, there had been a slowing of the improvements in the positivity rate, average daily case rate, and hospital capacity, as well as a small increase in the infection rate that still exists; and

WHEREAS, the fluctuation in relevant metrics referenced in the prior paragraphs demonstrate the necessity for further evaluation to ensure continued and sustained progress in arresting the spread of COVID-19 in the County; and

WHEREAS, CR-13-2021 authorizes the County Executive to amend the County’s emergency declaration; now, therefore

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, on this 11th day of March, 2021, that I, Angela D. Alsobrooks, County Executive for Prince George's County, Maryland, hereby proclaim that a Local State of Emergency continues to exist in Prince George's County, Maryland. It is necessary and reasonable to save lives and to protect the public safety and welfare of all Prince Georgians during this pandemic, by controlling and preventing the further spread of COVID-19, to issue the following orders which shall take effect March 12, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.:

I. Stay-at-Home Order remains rescinded. However, all residents remain strongly encouraged to stay in their homes or place of residences as much as possible, continue to practice appropriate personal hygiene like regular hand-washing and exercising appropriate social distancing.

II. Face Covering. “Face Covering” means a covering that fully covers a person’s nose and mouth. The term “Face Covering” includes, without limitation, scarves and bandanas. The term specifically excludes medical grade face masks such as N95 or other masks that should be reserved for healthcare workers or other medical first responders. The following rules apply to Face Coverings:

A. Required in ALL public places, outdoors or indoors, even where you are able to maintain 6 feet of distance from others, for or all persons over the age of five; however, adults accompanying children age two through four shall use reasonable
efforts to cause those children to wear Face Coverings. Face coverings are not required during vigorous exercise outdoors;

B. Retail, restaurant and business establishments must take all steps necessary to ensure that customers and employees comply with this Executive Order including signs directing persons through the establishment, signs on entrance doors requiring Face Coverings to be worn and frequent announcements that people must wear a Face Covering.

C. Required for all riders and operators on “The Bus”, Prince George’s County’s bus transit system;

D. Single-use Face Coverings shall be properly discarded in trash receptacles. It is recommended that all reusable Face Coverings be cleaned frequently (at least once per day);

E. Additional specific rules may apply as further set forth in this Executive Order.

F. EXCEPTIONS. A person is not required to wear a Face Covering in an establishment that is operating consistent with all State and County laws/regulations and at least one of the below categories applies to that person:
   a. due to a bona fide disability or medical condition, it would be unsafe for the person to do so;
   b. to the extent wearing a Face Covering would impede communication by or with persons who have a hearing impairment or other disability, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication;
   c. if wearing a Face Covering would subject the person to an unsafe working condition, as determined by federal, state, or local occupational safety regulators or workplace safety guidelines;
   d. to the extent wearing a Face Covering would make it impossible to receive medical or personal services requiring access to the face, mouth, or head, including without limitation, dental or medical care;
   e. while seated at a table at an establishment and consuming food or beverages;
   f. while in the water at a swimming pool;
   g. during vigorous exercise outdoors; and
   h. any person age five (5) years old or younger; but highly recommended for those as young as two (2) years old.

III. General Rules for All Establishments Allowed to Open or Operate in the County

Unless explicitly stated in another provision of this Executive Order, all businesses, organizations, establishments, and facilities that are permitted to open or operate in the County shall, as a condition of their continued operation:

   a. Require each person (excluding persons from the same household) to maintain physical distancing of at least 6 feet as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) and the Maryland Department of Health (“MDH”);
   b. Social distancing as stated in the above paragraph is required when inside and outside the establishment as persons may wait to enter;
   c. Utilize markings and signage (including, but not limited to, physical distancing markings and signage) to guide employees and customers;
   d. Comply with the face covering requirements in Section II of this Executive Order;
   e. Provide employees with guidance and training to reflect updated CDC guidelines for their workplace prior to working;
f. Use CDC and Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) approved disinfectants to clean spaces daily; including use of disinfectants to wipe down high contact surfaces at least once every 2 hours while staff or customers are present (“high contact surfaces” are surfaces that will have human contact at least once an hour);
g. Require employees to wash their hands hourly;
h. Use of appropriate protective equipment for all employees; and
i. Follow, review and implement new CDC, MDH, and Prince George’s County Health Department guidelines as they are issued.

IV. Other Businesses: Except as otherwise provided in this Executive Order, or any other Order of the Governor of the State of Maryland or State Secretary of Health, businesses, organizations, establishments, and facilities that are not part of the critical infrastructure sectors identified by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (currently described at https://www.cisa.gov/identifying-critical-infrastructure-during-covid-19) may open to the general public. Capacity shall be limited to 50% of maximum capacity. Sections II and III of this Executive Order are applicable to these businesses, as well as any other orders that may be issued by the Health Department and/or Office of Emergency Management.

If the business does fall within one of the critical infrastructure sectors, it is essential and can remain open pursuant to general rules of this Executive Order (Sections II and III), or as may otherwise be ordered by the Health Department and/or Office of Emergency Management.

V. General Rule for large gatherings and events. Unless specifically allowed otherwise, social, community, spiritual, religious, recreational, leisure, and sporting gatherings and events are:
   a. limited to a maximum of 20 persons at all indoor locations and venues, including but not limited to: private residences, parades, festivals, conventions, and fundraisers.
   b. limited to a maximum of 50 persons at all outdoor locations and venues, including but not limited to: private residences, parades, festivals, conventions, and fundraisers.
   c. Planned larger gatherings and events must be canceled or postponed.
   d. CDC, MDH and County social distancing protocols must be followed, i.e. maintaining physical distance of at least 6 feet between persons.
   e. This General Rule does not apply to members of the same household.

VI. Closure of Certain Specific Businesses, Organizations and Facilities
   Senior Centers. All senior citizen activities centers (as defined in Section 10-501 (i) of the Human Services Article of the Maryland Code) shall remain closed.

VII. Rules for Specific Businesses, Operations and Facilities that are allowed to Open/Operate
A. All Retail Establishments (including large retail, grocery stores and shopping malls) may open with the following safeguards and capacity limits:
   1. May operate at a maximum capacity of 50%;
   2. Adherence to Sections II and III of this Executive Order; and
   3. Online shopping and payment via digital platforms should be encouraged as much as possible.

B. Restaurants. Restaurants and other similar establishments that sell food or beverages for consumption in Prince George’s County, Maryland ("Restaurants") may open to the general public, subject to the following conditions:
   1. Food or beverages are promptly taken from the premises, i.e., on a carry-out or drive-through basis; or
   2. Delivered to customers off the premises; or
   3. Outdoor dining at Restaurants will be permitted if there is adherence the following rules:
      a. Establishment has current approval for outdoor dining or receives a Restaurant Temporary Outdoor Seating Area permit;
      b. Adherence to Sections II and III of this Executive Order;
      c. Ensure tables are seated at least six feet away from each other, except for households seated together;
      d. Do not allow groups larger than six persons to be seated together, except members of the same household;
      e. Number of patrons should not exceed 50% capacity for outdoor dining space as approved by the County;
      f. Must maintain a daily record of all patrons for at least 30 days to assist with contact tracing;
      g. Signage must be posted at each entrance advising customers and visitors:
         a. compliance with face coverings rules are mandatory at all times when not eating or drinking;
         b. must maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet apart when waiting to be seated or while seated at the bar;
      h. All employees must receive health screenings prior to their shifts;
      i. No food service in a buffet format;
      j. Clean and disinfect each tables and chairs between each seating in accordance with CDC and MDH guidelines, using cleaning products that meet the criteria of the EPA guidelines for use against COVID-19;
      k. Hand sanitizer and appropriate hand washing facilities must be available;
      l. Use of single-use disposable paper menus or sanitize reusable menus between each seating;
      m. Payment via digital platforms should be encouraged; and
      n. Any other applicable laws or regulations.
   4. Indoor dining permissible up to 50% maximum capacity. Also, there must be adherence to the regulations that apply to outdoor dining.
   5. Social and fraternal clubs, permissible via applicable laws or regulations, may offer indoor dining in accordance with Sections VII.B.3 and VII.B.4 of this Executive Order.
C. Banquet, Receptions and Meeting Room in Hotels, Conference Centers and Similar Establishments that offer dining (other than restaurants) or meeting facilities to the public must adhere to following rules:
   1. Maintain physical distancing (at least 6 feet) between event attendees;
   2. Maintain physical distancing (at least 6 feet), whenever possible, between employees and attendees;
   3. Adherence to Sections II and III of this Executive Order;
   4. No more than 50% maximum capacity applicable to the specific room where event will be held;
   5. Ensure tables are seated at least six feet away from each other;
   6. Do not allow groups larger than six persons to be seated together;
   7. All employees must receive health screenings prior to their shifts;
   8. Clean and disinfect tables and chairs in between each event and in accordance with CDC and MDH guidelines, using cleaning products that meet the criteria of the EPA guidelines for use against COVID-19;
   9. Hand sanitizer and appropriate hand washing facilities must be available;
   10. If applicable, payment via digital platforms should be encouraged; and
   11. Process for specific questions pertaining to an event scheduled or in process of being scheduled through June 30, 2021:
       a. If there are questions whether a specific event’s plans comply with these rules, an email should be submitted Covidplans@co.pg.md.us, with complete plans for the event
       b. Inquiries will be reviewed by Health Department and Office of Emergency Management staff members
       c. A response will be provided within 10 business days of receipt of request
   12. If the event includes dining, establishment must abide by Sections VII.B.3 and VII.B.4, as applicable.
   13. Any other applicable laws or regulations, not contradictory to the rules set forth in this Section, must also be followed.

D. Manufacturing. The following rules must be adhered to:
   1. Adherence to Sections II and III of this Executive Order; and
   2. Guidance: CDC Guidance for Manufacturing Workers and Employers

E. Fitness Centers
   1. This Executive Order controls the occupancy and use of fitness centers, health clubs, gyms, outdoor aquatic centers, and self-defense schools in Prince George’s County, Maryland ("Fitness Centers").
   2. Fitness Centers not to exceed 50% maximum capacity.
   3. Face coverings are required while working out in a fitness center.
   4. Adherence to Sections II and III of this Executive Order is required.

F. Farmers Markets will be able to open. Adherence to Sections II and III of this Executive Order is required.

G. Childcare Programs. All licensed and authorized childcare programs are allowed to open pursuant to the rules and regulations established by the Maryland
Department of Education, MDH, other applicable State authorities and/or the County Health Department.

H. Fully Automatic Car Washes are allowed to open pursuant to the following rules:
   1. Customers must be able to remain in their cars while obtaining service, except when establishment employees are cleaning interior of the vehicle;
   2. Employees must wear face coverings and gloves;
   3. There should be no physical contact between employees and customer; and
   4. Adherence to Sections II and III of this Executive Order.

I. Self-Service Car Washing will remain allowed to open. There must be adherence to Sections II and III of this Executive Order.

J. Cigar, Hookah and Vape Establishments are allowed to open pursuant to the following rules:
   1. Open for retail sales only;
   2. No smoking on premises;
   3. May operate up to 50% of maximum capacity;
   4. Adherence to Sections II and III of this Executive Order; and
   5. Online shopping and payment via digital platforms should be encouraged as much as possible.

K. Barbershops and Beauty Salons. The following rules must also be adhered to:
   1. Customers must be served via appointment only;
   2. Customers are not allowed to congregate in common sitting area waiting to be served;
   3. Adherence to Sections II and III of this Executive Order;
   4. Use of PPE, including face coverings and gloves, by all employees;
   5. May operate up to 50% maximum capacity for the service delivery space;
   6. Digital payment methods should be encouraged; and
   7. Restroom sanitation on a frequent schedule.

L. Other Personal Services
   1. Other personal services allowed including esthetic and nail services, tattoo services, tanning, massages, hot tub and sauna services.
   2. The following rules apply:
      a. Customers must be served via appointment only;
      b. May operate up to 50% of maximum capacity;
      c. Adherence to Sections II and III of this Executive Order;
      d. Use of PPE, including face coverings and gloves, by all employees;
      e. Gloves must be changed between each customer and paper/plastic coverings over tables and service chairs must be changed between each customer;
      f. Digital payment methods should be encouraged; and
      g. Restroom sanitation on a frequent schedule.
M. Recreational or Entertainment Establishment of a Commercial Nature

1. Unless specifically stated otherwise, adherence to Sections II and III of this Executive Order apply to all establishments and activities set forth below in this paragraph M.

2. Amusement Parks
   a. May operate up to 50% of maximum capacity
   b. Must follow all requirements given by the County Office of Emergency Management and/or Health Department
   c. Guidance: Industry Guidance

3. Bingo Halls
   a. May operate up to 50% of maximum capacity
   b. Must also follow rules set forth in Section VII.L.2 of this Executive Order (“Other Personal Services”)

4. Bowling Alleys
   a. May operate up to 50% of maximum capacity.
   b. Must also follow rules set forth in Section VII.L.2 of this Executive Order (“Other Personal Services”)

5. Concert venues: Establishments that serve as concert venues, whether indoor or outdoor, may operate up to 50% maximum capacity. Must also follow any further directives issued by the County Health Department and/or County Office of Emergency Management.

6. Pool Halls
   a. May operate up to 50% of maximum capacity
   b. Pool sticks, racking equipment and balls must be sanitized between games.
   c. Must also follow rules set forth in Section VII.L.2 of this Executive Order (“Other personal services”)

7. Gaming facilities and casinos such as MGM National Harbor and simulcast betting facilities (outside of horse racing establishments) may operate up to 50% of maximum capacity. Dining is allowed if establishment meets the requirements in Section VII.B.3. and VII.B.4 of this Executive Order. Adherence to other State directives is required, unless further amended by the County Health Officer and/or County Office of Emergency Management.

8. Tour Boats
   a. May operate up to 50% of maximum capacity;
   b. Must follow all applicable rules while operating in the County;
   c. Staff and patrons upon disembarking the vessel, must wear face coverings, maintain social distance and follow other applicable rules.

9. Horse racing establishments and any other establishment not listed above that is subject to the admission and amusement tax under Title 4 of the Tax-General Article of the Maryland Code will remain closed to the general public (including members, in the case of private clubs).

10. Outdoor Haunted Houses: See Section VIII.M.9 of this Executive Order.

11. Indoor Theaters: Establishments at which live performances occur or motion pictures are shown:
   a. May open to the general public provided however that the total number of persons permitted at the Indoor Theater at any one time
(per individual auditorium or performance stage) shall not exceed 50% of that Indoor Theater’s maximum capacity.

b. Must follow all requirements given by the Office of Emergency Management and/or Health Department

12. Drive-in Movie Theaters:
   a. Management/Operations
      i. Required permitting, zoning or other applicable governmental authorization must be obtained.
      ii. Drive-in movie theater operations must be managed by a single operator in charge of the site, who will take responsibility for the ongoing training and screening of all staff, provision of all needed equipment and materials, the monitoring of adherence to all safety measures during any showing and obtaining approvals from local zoning and government officials, as required.
      iii. Maximum of 100 vehicles at any showing, or such lower number as may be approved by the COVID Compliance Team.
      iv. Properly educate employees about coronavirus and how to prevent transmission and the employer/operator’s COVID-19 policies.
      v. Always maintain minimum six-foot separation between all persons (except for vehicle occupants). When strict physical distancing is not feasible for a specific task, other prevention measures are required, such as use of barriers, minimize staff or customers in narrow or enclosed areas, stagger breaks, and work shift starts.
      vi. Provide personal protective equipment (PPE) such as gloves, goggles, face shields and face masks as appropriate or required to employees for the activity being performed. Cloth facial coverings must be worn by every employee not working alone on the jobsite unless their exposure dictates a higher level of protection under health and safety rules and guidance.
      vii. Customer payment transactions for tickets may be handled through multiple channels, including phone transactions, online transactions, or point-of-sale transactions. If payment by currency is the only possible method of transaction, customers and employees must adhere to social distancing and sanitation standards set forth in this Executive Order.
      viii. Provide 10 feet of clearance between vehicles.
      ix. Limit number of customers in the restroom at a time except adult with child. Lines must have markers to ensure distancing.
      x. Concessions not permitted to be sold by operator.
      xi. Frequently sanitize working surfaces, particularly ticket sales area, electronic pin pads, and other areas contacted by customers and/or employees.
      xii. Require hourly hand washing or sanitation by employees.
xiii. Physical contact with a customer, vendor, or supplier is not permitted under any circumstances.

xiv. Ensure frequent and adequate hand washing with adequate maintenance of supplies. Use disposable gloves where safe and applicable to prevent transmission on tools or other items that are shared.

xv. Establish a housekeeping schedule that includes frequent cleaning and sanitizing with a particular emphasis on commonly touched surfaces.

xvi. Screen employees for signs/symptoms of COVID-19 at start of shift. Make sure sick employees stay home or immediately go home if they feel or appear sick. Cordon off any areas where an employee with probable or confirmed COVID-19 illness worked, touched surfaces, etc. until the area and equipment is cleaned and sanitized. Follow the cleaning guidelines set by the CDC to deep clean and sanitize.

xvii. Plans to operate a drive-in movie theater must be submitted to Covidplans@co.pg.md.us, with complete plans for operations. Plans will be reviewed by the COVID Compliance Team. A response will be provided within 72 hours of receipt of request.

b. Customers
   i. Customers must remain in their vehicles except to visit the restroom.
   ii. Adherence to Section II (Face coverings) of this Executive Order when customers are outside vehicle to use the restroom.

N. Social and fraternal clubs, including without limitation, American Legion posts, VFW posts, and Elks Clubs may operate for indoor recreation at 50% of maximum capacity. Adherence to Sections II and III of this Executive Order unless further amended by County Health Officer.

O. Places of Worship: The following rules apply:
   1. Indoor services may not exceed 50% of maximum capacity;
   2. Adherence to Sections II and III of this Executive Order;
   3. Live vocals are allowed if complies with the following:
      a. via remote or streaming service; or
      b. during worship services with congregants in attendance, so long as every vocalist remains 12 feet from any other vocalist or congregant;
   4. Avoid physical contact;
   5. May maintain online and drive-in services;
   6. May have outdoor services up to 50% maximum capacity of outdoor area, if maintain appropriate social distancing of at least 6 feet between persons of different households and have access to hand washing/hand sanitizers. Frequent hand washing/hand sanitizing encouraged.
7. Guidance is also provided in the following sources: CDC Business and Workplace Toolkit; CDC COVID-19 FAQ for Businesses

P. Funeral Homes: May operate up to 50% maximum capacity applicable to each visitation/viewing room. Adherence to Sections II and III of this Executive Order is required.

Q. Maximum Occupancy. For purposes of this Executive Order, Maximum Occupancy means the maximum occupancy load under the applicable fire code, as set forth on the certificate issued for the establishment by a local fire code official. If no such certificate has been issued, the maximum occupancy is as determined by applicable laws, regulations and permits.

VIII. The following activities are specifically allowed when done in compliance with this Executive Order, including Sections II and III of this Executive Order and other applicable directives issued by the State Secretary of Health or County Health Officer:

A. Outdoor exercise activities, such as walking, hiking, running, biking, or individual and small group sports such as golfing, tennis, and similar activities
B. Miniature golf establishment are allowed to open up to 50% of maximum capacity
C. Outdoor fitness instruction
D. Parks are open for personal fitness and fitness classes. This includes all parks, fields, tennis courts, tracks and golf courses. Low contact sports are also allowed.
E. Golf tournaments are allowed with strict application of rule that all persons maintain distance of at least 6 feet; adherence to Face Coverings provision in Section II; no spectators; and no buffet style dining allowed. These same rules shall also apply to any area/facility separate from the golf course such as clubhouse and refreshment areas.
F. Day camps: Open for 10 or fewer participants (including leaders) with capacity constraints of 10 people per room for indoor activities; maximum of 50 persons indoors if maximum of 10 per group is maintained. Outdoor activities may have a maximum of 100 persons, if maximum of 10 per group is maintained.
G. Playgrounds can open.
H. Outdoor and indoor swimming pools, both public and private, up to a maximum capacity of 50%. Social distancing must be maintained and adherence to Section II-Face Coverings when not in the swimming the pool. Pool operators must follow State Health Department protocols: MDH Directive Swimming Pools
I. Indoor Skating Rinks (roller and ice skating) may open. May operate up to 50% of maximum capacity
J. Indoor recreational facilities may operate up to 50% of maximum capacity
K. Youth and Amateur Sports (does not include collegiate sports). The following rules apply:
   a. All sports are categorized by level of risk.
      i. Low Risk sports include: Archery, Auto-racing, Beach Volleyball, Boating, Bowling, Canoeing/Kayaking, Cheer (sideline), Cross-Country (staggered start), Cross-Country Skiing, Diving, Equestrian, Field Events (High Jump, Pole Vault, Javelin, Shot-Put), Fishing, Foot Golf, Golf, Hunting, Jousting, Mountain Bicycling, Orienteering, Rodeo, Rope Jumping, Running, Scuba Diving, Skate
Boarding, Shooting, Single Skull, Surfing, Individual Swimming, Skiing, Table Tennis, Tennis, Water Skiing, Wind Surfing

ii. Medium-Risk include: Badminton, Baseball, Biathlon, BMX, Boating, Broomball, Cricket, Disc Golf, Extreme Sports, Gymnastics, Rodeo, Adventure Racing, Curling, Dodgeball, Fencing, Field Hockey, Flag Football, Handball, Horseback Riding, Horse Racing, Ice Hockey (modified), Indoor track, Kickball, Lacrosse, Paintball, Polo, Roller sports, Skating (Figure), Weight Lifting, Bodybuilding, Shooting, Sailing, Soccer, Softball, Speed Skating, Squash, Swimming (competitive), Synchronized Swimming, Table Tennis, Track, Triathlon, Ultimate Frisbee, Volleyball, Water Polo, Weightlifting

iii. High-Risk include: Basketball, Boxing, Competitive Cheer, Football, Futsal, Martial Arts, Rafting, Rugby, Wrestling

b. May resume in small groups, no more than 22 team members.
c. Low and medium risk sports, to include competition, are allowed as listed above.
d. The play of high-risk sports is prohibited; however, practice that involves skills-building and drills are permitted outdoors.
e. Play and games with teams from outside of Maryland, Virginia, or the District of Columbia is prohibited.
f. All tournaments or events involving more than two teams are strictly prohibited unless a Letter of Approval is issued by the County Compliance Team. Inquiries may be submitted to Covidcompliance@co.pg.md.us.
g. There must be limited touching of shared equipment and gear.
h. Players not engaged in play and others in attendance at the venue shall wear a face covering. Face coverings are not recommended when outside on very hot days due to the risk of heat injury.
i. The number of spectators is limited. Number of persons present (apart from players and coaches) may not exceed 50 persons. The number of persons present may exceed 50 solely to accommodate the presence of two parents or guardians per youth participant. Spectators must maintain physical distance of at least 6 feet from persons who are not members of the same household.
j. Must follow all provisions in applicable directives and orders issued by the Secretary of the MDH that do not conflict with this Order.

L. Professional and Collegiate Sporting Events: Allowed to occur. The number of spectators shall not exceed 50% of the venue’s maximum occupancy. Tailgating is prohibited.

M. Other Outdoor Recreational Activities: The following may operate up to 50% maximum capacity:
1. Recreational fishing
2. Recreational hunting
3. Shooting ranges
4. Outdoor archery
5. Recreational boating
6. Horse boarding and riding facilities
7. Marinas and watercraft rental businesses, and
8. Campgrounds
9. Outdoor Haunted Houses. To move forward with an outdoor haunted house event, a plan must be submitted to Plans to operate to operate a drive-in must be submitted to Covidcompliance@co.pg.md.us, with complete plans for operations. Plan will be reviewed by Health Department and Office of Emergency Management staff members. A response will be provided within 72 hours of receipt of request. No indoor haunted houses are permitted.

N. Visiting Cemeteries

IX. For avoidance of doubt, this Executive Order does not require the closure of, or prohibit the movement of any staff or volunteer traveling to, from, or in connection with their duties at any:
A. Federal, State, or local government unit, building, or facility
B. Newspaper, television, radio, or other media service; or
C. Non-profit organization or facility providing essential services to low-income persons, including, without limitation, homeless shelters, food banks, and soup kitchens.

X. For purposes of this Executive Order, Maximum Capacity means the maximum occupancy load under the applicable fire code, as set forth on the certificate issued for the establishment by a local fire code official. If no such certificate has been issued, the maximum occupancy is as determined by applicable laws, regulations and permits.

XI. The directives set forth herein will be enforced by the Prince George’s County Health Department, with the assistance of Prince George’s County law enforcement and other appropriate County employees as determined by the Chief Administrative Officer, as needed.

XII. The County will conduct scheduled and unscheduled inspections of retail, restaurant and business establishments to check for compliance with this Order. Non-compliance with this Order may subject the owner and/or operator to a civil fine not exceeding $1,000 pursuant to the Prince George’s County Code and may subject the establishments to closure pursuant to the legal authority of the Health Officer or other legal authority.

XIII. The Executive Branch will continue to provide weekly updates to the Council Chair or Vice Chair.

XIV. This Emergency Order supersedes CR-13-2021, Executive Order 5-2021, Executive Order 6-2021 and Executive Order 7-2021.

XV. This Executive Order shall remain in effect through April 2, 2021 at 5:00 p.m., unless amended or terminated earlier.

XVI. If any provision of this Executive Order or its application to any person, entity, or circumstance is held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, all other provisions or applications of the Order shall remain in effect to the extent possible without the invalid provision or application. To achieve this purpose, the provisions of this Executive Order are severable.

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