

**DIRECTIVE AND ORDER FOR ENHANCED CONSUMER AND EMPLOYEE
SAFETY**

Pursuant for Code of Maryland Regulations, Sec. 10.06.01.06

I, Ernest L. Carter, MD, PhD, Health Officer for Prince George’s County, as a designee for Robert R. Neall, Secretary of Health for the State of Maryland, finding it necessary for the control and medical containment of 2019 Novel Coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) and the disease that it causes – Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), in light of the recent increase of several essential metrics which indicate further spread of COVID-19, and in order to reduce the threat to human health, to protect and save lives, it is necessary and reasonable to implement the following measures to ensure public safety and welfare of all persons in the County:

1. Sections II (“Face Coverings) and III (“General Requirements for all establishments allowed to open/operate in the County”) of CR-121-2020, adopted by the County Council on November 10, 2020, are applicable and incorporated into this Health Directive.
2. All Restaurants (which includes any establishment that sells food or beverages for consumption in Prince George’s County, Maryland) providing outdoor and/or indoor dining shall adhere to following rules:
 - a. must maintain a daily record of all patrons for at least 30 days to assist with contract tracing.
 - b. Signage must be posted at each entrance advising customers and visitors:
 - i. compliance with face coverings rules are mandatory at all times when not eating or drinking;
 - ii. must maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet apart when waiting to be seated or while seated at the bar.
3. Restaurants (Indoor Dining): Any establishment that sells food or beverages for consumption on premises and indoors, may operate at limit of 1 patron per 200 square feet, or up to 25% of maximum capacity, whichever is lower.
4. All Retail Establishments (including large retail and grocery stores) may operate at 1 person per 200 square feet, or up to 50% of maximum occupancy, whichever is lower.
5. Large gatherings and events: Social, community, spiritual, religious, recreational, leisure, and sporting gatherings and events (unless specifically allowed otherwise) are limited to one person per 200 square feet, or a maximum of 10 persons—whichever is lower— at all **indoor** locations and venues, including but not limited to: private residences, parades, festivals, conventions, and fundraisers. All **outdoor** locations and venues included in this paragraph, are limited to one person per 200 square feet, or a maximum of 25 persons— whichever is lower. Planned larger gatherings and events must be canceled or postponed.
6. Banquet, Receptions and Meeting Room in Hotels, Conference Centers and Similar Establishments that offer dining (*other than Restaurants*) or meeting facilities to the public are limited to a capacity of 1 patron per 200 square feet, or 25% of maximum occupancy, whichever is lower.
7. Bingo Halls are limited to 1 patron per 200 square feet, or 25% of maximum occupancy, whichever is lower.

8. Bowling alleys are limited 1 patron per 200 square feet, not to exceed 25% of maximum occupancy, but under no circumstance may exceed 50 patrons.
9. Cigar, Hookah and Vape Establishments may operate at 1 patron per 200 square feet, or 25% of maximum occupancy, whichever is lower.
10. Fitness Center. Fitness centers include fitness centers, health clubs, gyms, outdoor aquatic centers, and self-defense schools in Prince George's County, Maryland. Fitness Centers are limited to 1 patron per 200 square feet of fitness space, not to exceed 25% maximum capacity. Face coverings must be worn when working out in a fitness center.
11. Gaming facilities and casinos such as MGM National Harbor and simulcast betting facilities (outside of horse racing establishments) may operate at 1 patron per 200 square feet, or a 50% of maximum occupancy, whichever is lower.
12. Indoor Skating Rinks (roller and ice) may operate at 1 patron per 200 square feet, or 25% of maximum occupancy, whichever is lower.
13. Outdoor movie theaters. In addition to other rules set forth in CR-121-2020, any outdoor theater allowed to operate will not exceed a maximum of 100 vehicles or such other lower amount as may be approved by the COVID Compliance Team.
14. Outdoor and indoor swimming pools, both public and private, may operate up to a maximum capacity of 25%.
15. Personal Services. Personal services include barbershops, beauty salons, esthetic and nail services, tattoo services, tanning, massages, hot tub and sauna services. Personal services establishments may operate at 1 patron per 200 square feet, or 25% of maximum occupancy, whichever is lower.
16. Places of Worship: Indoor services are limited to 1 person per 200 square feet, or 25% of maximum occupancy, whichever is lower. Outdoor services continue to be limited to a maximum of 125 persons while maintaining appropriate social distancing.
17. Pool Halls may operate at 1 patron per 200 square feet, or 25% of maximum occupancy, whichever is lower.
18. Recreation Facilities (including social and fraternal clubs) may operate at 1 patron per 200 square feet, or 25% of maximum occupancy, whichever is lower.
19. Youth and Amateur Sports (*this does not include collegiate sports*): Sports as set forth in CR-121-2020 may be played outdoors with a limit on the number of persons present (excluding athletes and coaches) at 25 persons. The number of persons present may exceed 25 persons solely to accommodate the presence of 1 parent or guardian spectator per youth participant.
20. Sports (Collegiate and Professional): The number of spectators is limited to 10% maximum capacity applicable to each designated section of the facility. Facial coverings and social distancing is required for anyone not participating in the sporting activity. There is no tailgating.
21. All rules set forth in CR-121-2020 that have not been amended pursuant to this Health Directive remain in full force and effect.
22. The County will conduct scheduled and unscheduled inspections of establishments in Prince George's County. Any owner/operator of an establishment that does not comply with this Directive will be subject to a civil fine not exceeding \$1,000 and/or closure of the establishment.

23. A person who knowingly and willfully violates this Directive is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding one year or a fine not exceeding \$5000 or both.
24. This Directive and Order will be enforced by the Prince George's County Health Department, with the assistance of additional Prince George's County agencies, including law enforcement as needed.

THIS DIRECTIVE AND ORDER IS ISSUED UNDER MY HAND THIS 12TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2020, AND IS EFFECTIVE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.



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