Reopening Guidelines for Restaurants and Retail Stores

The City of Satellite Beach has consulted with many of our local businesses and the Florida Department of Health, and the Center for Disease Control to summarize a list of suggested best practices for the process of reopening our local restaurants and businesses. These are simply suggestions and recommendations, and businesses should design their reopening plans based on what the businesses believe are the best options for their own business models.

Summary of the Governor’s Order:

- Schools must keep distance learning.
- Visits to senior living facilities remain prohibited.
- Elective surgeries can resume.
- **Indoor seating at restaurants must be at 25% capacity. Restaurants may offer outdoor seating with six feet of space between tables.**
- **Retail stores may open at 25% capacity.**
- Libraries and museums can also open at 25% capacity with local government approval.
- **No change for bars, nightclubs, gyms and personal services, like hairdressers.**
- Sporting events can resume and sports venues can reopen but with no spectators.
- Vulnerable individuals should continue to avoid close contact with people outside the home.
- Everyone should maximize physical distance from others while in public.
- Avoid socializing in groups of more than 10 people in circumstances that do not “readily allow for physical distancing.”
- Churches and houses of worship were never closed so there is no change in phase one, although any building or venue that is open should continue to follow appropriate social distancing and sanitation procedures.
- Child care facilities that could follow proper social distancing protocols were never closed and there is no change in that rule.
- Face masks are recommended but not required for those in face-to-face interactions and where you cannot socially distance.
- **Violation of 25% capacity limits and other restrictions remain a second-degree misdemeanor with a fine up to $500. Regulated businesses may face enforcement action for violations from their regulatory agency.**
- State parks will reopen beginning on Monday.

Guidelines and Best Practices:

- Provide as much outdoor seating as possible. The City does not have an outdoor seating limitation and most businesses will be physically limited in providing seating. Parking areas with awnings may be used if the business has enough parking areas. The City staff
will be readily available all-day Sunday (5/3) and the week of May 4-11 to assist businesses in safely locating your outdoor seating.

- Ensure that there are at least six feet between tables.
- All waitstaff should wear face coverings.
- Ensure all bathrooms are stocked with soap, functioning hot water, and paper towels or dryers.
- Have hand sanitizer at any counter for payments.
- Employ frequent cleaning of door knobs, doors, counters, tables, chairs and bathrooms with first soap and water and then a solution of 5 tablespoons of bleach per gallon of water. The bleach solution should be sprayed on surfaces for at least a minute before wiping.
- Employees should wear gloves when disinfecting.
- Avoid encouraging any gatherings of any kind. Party sizes should be under 10 people.
- Designate a process to address customers waiting to be seated or standing in line to ensure distancing requirements (ask them to wait in the car and record the car type and color so you can get them when ready, designated areas on the ground to stand, etc).
- Ensure the 25% rule. Calculate the number of people that would meet this threshold and designate employees and/or reduce your inside seating to make sure this rule is adhered to at all times.

What we can do for you:

City staff remains ready to help you safely design your interior and exterior spaces to adhere to the Governor’s restrictions. IF YOU ARE USING PARKING LOTS FOR SEATING, you must call City Hall so staff members can assist you in placement to ensure Fire Code Safety and Traffic control safety.

It is important to maintain public confidence during this time. Overcrowded areas and a lack of sanitary precautions will generate calls to officials and possibly result in an increased spread of the virus. To continue the phased opening designed by the Governor, he is looking for a continuing leveling-out of statewide cases. As such, it is important that we all work together to play our part in the economic recovery of our State.

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