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Restriction of movement of people between locations

Testing / tracking



Facilitation of testing and tracking



Ensure >6 ft distance between all individuals, where possible

- Ensure social distancing in larger, public spaces (e.g. parks) via dedicated staff (where appropriate)
- If applicable, control gate/entry of attractions
- Utilize physical barriers (e.g., temporary gates) to help regulate flow of foot traffic in choke points
- Remind runners, joggers, and walkers with signage to maintain 6 ft distancing while exercising

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Healthy interactions



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Limit capacity and gatherings in indoor and outdoor spaces / attractions

- [CLICK HERE to view more specific Parks & Outdoor Attractions Phase IV capacity restrictions](#)

- Recommended guidance -



Ensure face coverings for all individuals, except during physical activity

- In any outdoor and indoor common spaces, face coverings must be worn over nose and mouth (exceptions can be made for people with medical conditions or disabilities that prevent them from safely wearing a face covering)
- During physical activity (e.g., running, biking), face coverings may be removed, as long as individuals are practicing social distancing
- If practical, where close contact is required (e.g., ticketing booths), use physical barriers (e.g., plexiglass) or personal face shields



Encourage hand washing and hand sanitizing for all guests

- Use signage to remind attendees and staff of proper hygiene protocols
- For confined outdoor attraction spaces (e.g., zoo, boating), set up hand sanitizer or hand washing stations easily accessible for attendees and staff
- Prior to each new phase, if possible, provide training to refresh proper hygiene, disinfection, and sanitation practices

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Establish health requirements for individuals and employees to enter

- Prior to leaving home, all individuals encouraged to self-identify symptoms and stay at home if symptomatic
- Place signs at entry points requesting attendees do not enter the area if they are unwell or have COVID-19 symptoms (e.g., non-verbal agreement)
- Prior to entering establishment, employees self-screen to ensure no symptoms of COVID-19 (e.g., questionnaire – see appendix)



Maintain rigorous cleaning standards for high-touch items

- Sanitize frequently touched items regularly (e.g., crosswalk call button, door handles)
- Close areas where frequent daily cleaning is not possible (e.g., playgrounds)
- Eliminate access to highly-touch and unnecessary surfaces (e.g., interactive graphics)
- Playgrounds, splash pads, and public pools remain closed

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Visual guidance

Utilize signage, announcements, and visual markers

- Post signage for attendees regarding health protocols and recommendations
- Communicate standards and attendee expectations (e.g., face coverings, social distancing) proactively before arrival, when possible (e.g., via website, email)
- Post non-verbal agreements that attendees are not to come to the outdoor space/attraction if they have any COVID-19 symptoms



Workplace

Optimize flow of traffic

- Regulate flow of foot traffic in choke points
- If practical and applicable, establish directional paths, hallways, doors, or passageways for foot traffic (indoor and/or outdoor)
- Follow appropriate engineering guidelines for operating heating, ventilating, and air conditioning systems for indoor spaces
- If practical, increase airflow of indoor spaces (e.g., windows, ventilations) according to [CDC guidelines](#)



Limit in-person work where possible

- If possible, provide opportunity for non-essential staff to work remotely when possible
- If practical, reduce overlap in workforce



Implement cautionary payment measures

- If practical and applicable, encourage cashless transactions (e.g., for ticketed attractions)
- If applicable, restrict attendance to reservation only (e.g., for ticketed attractions)



Limit unnecessary company travel

- If applicable, limit staff travel across multiple locations



Follow CDPH and CDC guidance for testing and tracing protocols

- If employee does contract COVID-19, they must follow all CDC guidelines before returning to work
- If an employee is identified as being COVID-19 positive by testing, cleaning and disinfecting must be performed according to CDC guidelines
- Any employee who has had close contact with a co-worker or any other person who is diagnosed with COVID-19 should self quarantine according to CDC guidelines
- If a facility becomes aware of 2 or more cases possibly associated with an establishment over a 14 day period, employers are required to report cases to CDPH
- Follow all other CDPH guidance set forth and comply with CDPH recommendations in response to a workplace outbreak



Glossary

Gathering: A group of individuals outside a single household who are part of a spontaneous or planned event convening for more than ten minutes

Handwashing: The act of thoroughly cleaning one's hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or using a disinfectant capable of eliminating the virus that causes COVID-19

Social distancing: The physical spacing of at least six feet between individuals, or groups of individuals.

PPE: Personal protective equipment (e.g., face coverings, goggles, face shields); requirements vary based on industry and specific circumstances

Self-screening sample questionnaire

Self-screening: A protocol by which an employee answers questions at the start of a shift. Subject to the guidance of the Commissioner of Health, the questions may include:

- Have you had a body temperature over 100 degrees Fahrenheit or have you used a fever reducer in the previous 24 hours to treat a body temperature over 100 degrees Fahrenheit?
- Do you have a new cough that you cannot attribute to another health condition?
- Do you have a new or worsening sore throat that you cannot attribute to another health condition?
- Do you have new shortness of breath that you cannot attribute to another health condition?
- Have you recently developed a complete loss of smell or taste?



General workplace guidance

Outdoor guidance

Disclaimer

National resources for further guidance

CDC – *Activities and Initiatives Supporting the COVID-19 Response and the President's Plan for Opening America Up Again:*
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/php/CDC-Activities-Initiatives-for-COVID-19-Response.pdf>

CDC – *Guidance for Businesses and Workplaces*
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/businesses-employers.html>

OSHA *Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID-19:*
<https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3990.pdf>

CDC – *Guidance for Gatherings and community events:*
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/large-events/index.html>

CDC – *Guidance for Parks and Recreational facilities:*
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/parks-rec/index.html>

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