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To whom it may concern: On September 26, 2020 all restaurants will be allowed to open at a 100% capacity according to the Governor's Executive Order 20-43 **as long as a six (6) feet distancing between tables can be accomplished.**

The guidelines that will need to be followed are:

- Develop COVID-Response Plan; all businesses and entities continuing operations or resuming full operations are required to develop a plan to implement measures and institute safeguards to ensure a safe environment for their employees, customer, clients and members. Plans should include:
 - Employee health screening process
 - Develop a protocol to screen employees upon entry
 - Require symptomatic employees to stay home and recommend they get tested.
 - Employing enhanced cleaning and disinfecting protocols for the workplace, including regularly cleaning high-touch surfaces.
 - Develop protocols and schedules for cleaning and disinfecting high touch surfaces such as:
 - Door handles, phones, pens and keypads
 - If menus are being used, sanitize after each use
 - Tabletops and chair arms after each table turns
 - Increase cleaning of restrooms
 - After hours cleaning and disinfecting procedures
 - Develop protocols for employee hygiene
 - Enhancing the ability of employees, customers and clients to wash hands or take other personal hygiene measures such as use of hand sanitizer, and
 - Complying with social distancing requirements established by the CDC, including maintaining six-foot social distancing for both employees and members of the general public when possible and/or employing other separation measures such as wearing face coverings when social distancing is not possible.
 - Develop policies for number of patrons seated in area; limiting to members of same household
 - Develop policies or layout of tables/seating in establishment to maintain 6 foot distance between seating
 - Complying with Executive Order 20-43 face mask requirements

- Establish policies for employees
- Signage for customers

Restaurants, Bars, Taverns, Nightclubs and Other Establishments Providing In-person Food and Drink Service

- Previously issued capacity limits for restaurants, bars, taverns, nightclubs and other establishments providing in-person food and/or drink service are rescinded and are replaced with the following requirements:
 - **All patrons must remain seated while consuming food and/or drink or when otherwise remaining on the premises; and**
 - **Seating must be arranged and maintained so that individuals, households, or parties are spaced at least six feet apart from any other individual, household or party**
- Self-service beverage stations are permitted and self-service food stations are not recommended unless a staff member serves patrons.

Failure to comply with any portion of Executive Order 20-43 will result in the following action from the Jefferson County Health Department:

- First documented offense
 - Documented on inspection form
 - Education provided to person in charge
 - Violation of State Order given
 - Request copy of COVID-Response Plan
- Second documented offense
 - Documented on inspection form
 - Issue Notice of Written Warning
- Third document offense
 - Documented on inspection form
 - Closure of facility for 24 hours
 - Additional 24-hour closure for each offense after

Thank you,

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