

## Reopening Protocol for Hotels, Lodging and Short-Term Rentals: Appendix P Effective as of Friday, June 12, 2020

**Recent updates:**

10/26/20: Outdoor hot tubs can open only for use by household groups or in cases where six feet of distancing can be maintained. Additional link provided for optimizing ventilation.

The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health is adopting a staged approach, supported by science and public health expertise, to allow certain businesses to reopen. The requirements below are specific to hotels, lodging, and short-term industries now approved to reopen.

Hotel and lodging operations with large meeting venues, banquet halls, or convention centers, if applicable, must keep these areas closed until each of these types of establishments are allowed by the Health Officer order to resume modified or full operation.

Since indoor activities carry higher risks associated with the transmission of COVID-19, especially in spaces with poor ventilation, it is critical that facilities ensure that: appropriate physical distancing is maintained, that customers and staff wear face coverings at all times, hand hygiene is strictly observed, enhanced cleaning and disinfection of the facility is maintained and that ventilation is optimized.

Spa services, including massage, facials, waxing, and nail salons must follow the posted protocols for [Personal Care Services](#). Outdoor hot tubs can open only for use by household groups or in cases where six feet of distancing can be maintained. Indoor pools, hot tubs, saunas, and steam rooms must remain closed. Indoor playgrounds must remain closed. Outdoor playgrounds must comply with posted public health guidance for [playgrounds](#).

Property managers, timeshare operators, and other rental unit owners and operators are only allowed to rent unoccupied units and cannot rent rooms or spaces within an occupied residence until otherwise notified. A residence or unit that is rented while the operator is not physically present or has a separate exterior entrance and exit that does not require the use of shared facilities, and is otherwise unoccupied, should be considered an unoccupied unit.

Additional protocols relevant to hotel and lodging operations must also be followed:

- Restaurants and bars
- Fitness Centers
- Public Pools
- Retail Operations
- Office Spaces
- Golf Courses
- Personal Care Services
- Outdoor Playgrounds

Please note: This document may be updated as additional information and resources become available so be sure to check the LA County website <http://www.ph.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/> regularly for any updates to this document and related guidance, including those listed above.

This checklist covers:

- (1) Workplace policies and practices to protect employee health

- (2) Measures to ensure physical distancing
- (3) Measures to ensure infection control
- (4) Communication with employees and the public
- (5) Measures to ensure equitable access to critical services

These five key areas must be addressed as your facility develops any reopening protocols.

**All businesses covered by this protocol must implement all applicable measures listed below and be prepared to explain why any measure that is not implemented is not applicable to the business.**

**Business name:**

**Facility Address:**

**Maximum Occupancy, per Fire Code:**

**Approximate total square footage of space open to the public:**

**A. WORKPLACE POLICIES AND PRACTICES TO PROTECT EMPLOYEE HEALTH  
(CHECK ALL THAT APPLY TO THE FACILITY)**

- Everyone who can carry out their work duties from home has been directed to do so.
- Vulnerable staff (those above age 65, those who are pregnant, and those with chronic health conditions) are assigned work that can be done from home whenever possible, and should discuss any concerns with their healthcare provider or occupational health services to make appropriate decisions on returning to the workplace.
- All employees have been told not to come to work if sick or if they are exposed to a person who has COVID-19.
- Workers are provided information on employer or government-sponsored leave benefits the employee may be entitled to receive that would make it financially easier to stay at home. See additional information on [government programs supporting sick leave and worker's compensation for COVID-19](#), including employee's sick leave rights under the [Families First Coronavirus Response Act](#) and employee's rights to workers' compensation benefits and presumption of the work-relatedness of COVID-19 exposures occurring between March 19 and July 5 pursuant to the Governor's [Executive Order N-62-20](#).
- Upon being informed that one or more employees test positive for, or has symptoms consistent with COVID-19 (case), the employer has a plan or protocol in place to have the case(s) [isolate themselves at home](#) and require the immediate [self-quarantine](#) of all employees that had a workplace exposure to the case(s). The employer's plan should include a protocol for all quarantined employees to have access to or be tested for COVID-19 in order to determine whether there have been additional workplace exposures, which may require additional COVID-19 control measures. See the public health guidance on [responding to COVID-19 in the workplace](#).
- In the event that the owner, manager, or operator knows of three (3) or more cases of COVID-19 within the workplace within a span of 14 days the employer must report this cluster to the Department of Public Health at (888) 397-3993 or (213) 240-7821. If a cluster is identified at a worksite, the Department of

Public Health will initiate a cluster response which includes providing infection control guidance and recommendations, technical support and site-specific control measures. A public health case manager will be assigned to the cluster investigation to help guide the facility response.

- [Entry screenings](#) are conducted before employees may enter the workspace. Checks must include a check-in concerning cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing and fever or chills and if the employee has had contact with a person known to be infected COVID-19 in the last 14 days. These checks can be done remotely or in person upon the employees' arrival. A temperature check should also be done at the worksite if feasible.
- Employees who have contact with others are offered, at no cost, an appropriate face covering that covers the nose and mouth. The covering is to be worn by the employee at all times during the workday when in contact or likely to come into contact with others. Employees who have been instructed by their medical provider that they should not wear a face covering should wear a face shield with a drape on the bottom edge, to be in compliance with State directives, as long as their condition permits it. A drape that is form fitting under the chin is preferred. Masks with one-way valves should not be used. Employees need not wear a face covering when the employee is alone in a private office or a cubicle with a solid partition that exceeds the height of the employee when standing.
- Employees are instructed on the proper use of face covering, including the need to wash or replace their face coverings daily.
- Housekeepers and others who must enter guest rooms are directed to wear a cloth face covering.
- Employees are directed to ensure hand hygiene practices including handwash frequency, use of hand sanitizer and proper glove use are adhered to.
- Employees are allowed time to wash their hands frequently.
- Employees are reminded to cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue. Used tissue should be thrown in the trash and hands washed immediately with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds.
- All employees, vendors and delivery personnel have been provided instructions regarding maintaining physical distancing and the use of face coverings when around others.
- Breaks are staggered, in compliance with wage and hour regulations, to ensure that six (6) feet between employees can be maintained in break rooms at all times.
- Employees are prohibited from eating or drinking anywhere inside the workplace other than designated break areas or in a private office that is not shared with others.
- Employees are properly trained on all COVID-19 policies and procedures.
- A written, worksite-specific COVID-19 plan including a risk assessment of all work areas has been developed.
- A designated person has been identified to implement the plan.
- Employees are trained on the proper use of cleaning and disinfecting products, including Cal/OSHA requirements for safe use. Employees are provided aprons, gloves and other protective equipment as required by the product.
- Break rooms, restrooms and other common areas are disinfected frequently, on the following schedule:
  - Break rooms \_\_\_\_\_
  - Restrooms \_\_\_\_\_
  - Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Disinfectant and related supplies are available to employees at the following location(s):  
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Hand sanitizer effective against COVID-19 is available to all employees at the following location(s):

Copies of this Protocol have been distributed to all employees.

Optional—Describe other measures:

## B. MEASURES TO ENSURE PHYSICAL DISTANCING

- Measures to ensure physical distancing of at least six feet between and among employees, guests, and the public are implemented, including areas where guests and employees line up.
  - This includes the use of physical partitions or visual cues (e.g., floor markings or signs to indicate where employees and/or guests should stand).
  - This includes check-in, check-out, elevator lobbies, coffee shops and dining, and taxi and ridesharing lines.
  - Physical barriers are installed at all transaction counters where 6 feet physical space is not possible between employees and guests.
- Guests enter doors that are either propped open, are automated or manually operated by an employee who is frequently handwashing and/or using proper hand sanitizer.
- Peak period queuing procedures are implemented, including a lobby greeter where applicable. Guests are queued to maintain at least six feet of physical distance between parties.
- All furniture in public spaces has been arranged to incorporate social distancing guidelines.
- Physical distancing measures are implemented in employee break areas, uniform control areas, training classrooms, shared office spaces, employee services window, and other high-density areas in order to appropriately distance between employees.
  - Where possible, outdoor break areas with shade covers and seating that ensures physical distancing between employees is provided.
- Guest room service, laundry and dry-cleaning services, and amenity deliveries are made using contactless pick-up and delivery protocols, wherever possible.
- Room attendant only services rooms when guests are not present.
- Employee pre-shift meetings are conducted virtually or in areas that allow for appropriate physical distancing between employees.
- Employee arrival times are staggered to minimize traffic volume in back of house corridors and service elevators.
- Employees are discouraged from congregating in high traffic areas such as bathrooms and hallways. Established directional hallways and passageways for foot traffic, where possible, to eliminate people from passing by one another.
- Office spaces, lobbies, front desk check-in areas, business centers, concierge service areas, and other spaces are redesigned, where possible, to ensure workspace and guest accommodations allow for at least six feet distancing.
- Elevator capacity is limited to 4 individuals or a family at a time for any elevator that does not allow for 6-foot physical distance between riders. All riders are required to wear cloth face coverings.
- Employees are instructed to avoid handshakes and similar greetings that break physical distancing.
- Person-to-person contact for delivery of goods to physical offices is eliminated, where possible. Avoid touching others' pens and clipboards.

## C. MEASURES FOR INFECTION CONTROL

### COMMON SPACES (CHECK-IN, LOBBY, ELEVATORS, ETC.)

- The HVAC system is in good, working order; to the maximum extent possible, ventilation has been increased in common spaces and guest rooms. **See public health guidance on optimizing [ventilation](#).**
  - Consider installing portable high-efficiency air cleaners, upgrading the building's air filters to the highest efficiency possible, and making other modifications to increase the quantity of outside air and ventilation in all offices, guest rooms and other spaces.
  - For facilities or guest rooms that have not been operating, flush each of the hot and cold-water fixtures for five minutes prior to reopening to replace stale water in the facility's plumbing with a fresh and safe water supply.
  - Cleaning and disinfecting products that are approved for use against COVID-19 on the [Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\)- approved list](#) are used per the manufacturer's instructions.
    - Disinfectant products on the N list with asthma-safer ingredients are selected.
  - Customers should enter through doors that are propped open or automated if possible.
  - Symptom checks are conducted before visitors may enter the facility. Checks must include a check-in concerning cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing and fever or chills. These checks can be done in person or through alternative methods such as on-line check in systems or through [signage](#) posted at the entrance to the facility stating that visitors with these symptoms should not enter the premises.
  - Hand sanitizer dispensers (touchless, when possible) are installed at key guest and employee entrances and contact areas such as driveways, reception areas, hotel lobbies, restaurant entrances, meeting and convention spaces, elevator landings, pools, salons and exercise areas.
  - Customers arriving at the establishment are reminded to wear a face covering at all times (except while eating or drinking, if applicable) while in the establishment or on the grounds of the establishment. This applies to all adults and to children 2 years of age and older. Only individuals who have been instructed not to wear a face covering by their medical provider are exempt from wearing one. To support the safety of your employees and other visitors, a face covering should be made available to visitors who arrive without them.
    - Customers who refuse to wear a cloth face covering may be refused service and asked to leave.
  - Customers arriving at the site with children must ensure that their children stay next to a parent, avoid touching any other person or any item that does not belong to them, and are wearing face coverings if age permits.
  - Servers, bussers, and other employees moving items used by customers (dirty cups, plates, napkins, etc.) are to wear disposable gloves prior to handling.
  - Cashless transactions are encouraged. If reasonable for the food facility, customers are enabled to swipe their own credit/debit cards, and card readers are fully sanitized between each guest use.
  - Optional - Describe other measures (e.g. providing senior-only hours, incentivizing non-peak sales):
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- Contactless technology is implemented for check-in, payment, accessing rooms or making special requests, wherever possible.
    - Key cards are sanitized after use.
  - To the extent possible, guests to the hotel are registered in a guest log that includes the guest's name, phone number and email address which can also be done at the time of registration.
  - Phones, tablets, laptops, desks, pens and other work supplies are cleaned and disinfected before, during and after each shift or anytime the equipment is transferred to a new employee. This includes phones, radios, computers and other communication devices, payment terminals, kitchen implements,



engineering tools, safety buttons, folios, housekeeping carts and cleaning equipment, keys, time clocks, and all other direct contact items.

- Workstations, desks, and help counters are provided with proper sanitation products, including hand sanitizer and sanitizing wipes, and personal hand sanitizers to all staff directly assisting customers.
- Vacuum cleaners are equipped with HEPA filters. Employees are to use vacuum cleaners instead of sweeping floors with brooms, where possible.
- Thorough cleaning in high traffic areas such as hotel lobbies, front desk check-in counters, bell desks, break rooms and lunch areas, changing areas, loading docks, kitchens, and areas of ingress and egress including stairways, stairwells, handrails, and elevator controls is performed.
- Commonly used surfaces are cleaned and disinfected throughout the day and evening, including door handles, vending and ice machines, light switches, phones, washer and dryer doors and controls, baggage carts, shuttle door handles, toilet and handwashing facilities.
- Workers are provided time to implement cleaning practices during their shift.
- Manually operated ice machines are closed.
- Restrooms are cleaned and disinfected regularly using EPA approved disinfectants according to the manufacturer's directions, on the following schedule:  

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- Employees are directed to not open the doors of cars or taxis.
- Valet service drivers, baggage handlers, and housekeepers are to wash their hands regularly during their shift and/or use proper hand sanitizer.
- If valet service is provided, valet service drivers are required to wear face coverings, gloves and maintain social distancing guidelines.
  - Key fobs are to be placed into plastic bags.
  - Steering wheel, ignition button, door handles, shifters are wiped with an approved disinfecting wipe.
  - Customers are notified of valet cleaning and disinfection procedures.
- If van or shuttle service is provided, they are to adhere to valet service requirements, including cleaning and disinfecting seating areas between guests.
- Self-parking options are encouraged with guests.

### GUEST ROOMS

- Bellman/Porters are to wear face coverings and utilize gloves when handling guest baggage. Where possible, baggage deliveries are to be placed in the room by the guest.
- Room attendant is to minimize contact with guests' personal belongings when cleaning.
- Room attendants have ventilation system operating and/or open windows whenever possible to increase air circulation when servicing rooms. **See public health guidance on optimizing [ventilation](#).**
- Room attendant is allowed extra time to clean rooms to account for required precautions and to allow them to conduct more thorough cleaning and disinfection of rooms between guests, when required.
  - Housekeepers are provided appropriate protective equipment for cleaning.
- During daily cleanings, surfaces within guest rooms are cleaned and disinfected.
- Kitchen items, including pots, pans, and utensils are cleaned and sanitized between each guest stay.
- All dishes are washed, including the ones in cabinet between each guest stay. Consider replacing utensils with one-time use dinnerware, if feasible.
- Single-service coffee makers are provided with disposable cups, instead of glassware, coffee cups or multi-cup makers.

- Mini bars are not available to guests. All products are removed.
- Adequate dish soap and new, unused sponges, disinfecting wipes are provided for each guest upon arrival.
- All appliances and kitchen areas, including refrigerator shelving, the oven stovetop, coffeemakers, toasters, pantry shelves and other areas are cleaned between each guest stay.
- No reusable collateral, such as magazines, menus, local attraction details, coupons, etc. are available in guest rooms. Critical information is provided as single-use collateral and/or electronically posted.
- Housekeeping employees are provided with gloves when removing dirty linens. Dirty linen is placed in single-use, sealed bags.
- All towels and linens are removed and cleaned at the conclusion of each guest stay regardless of whether they appear to have been used or not.
- All bed linen and laundry is washed at a high temperature and cleaned according with [CDC guidelines](#).
- All nonessential maintenance is scheduled when room is not occupied. Handle only emergency or urgent issues as allowed by applicable law where possible.

### SHORT-TERM RENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

- Self or remote check-in and checkout is offered where possible.
- Standard check-in and checkout times are implemented to allow for enhanced cleaning processes between guest stays.
- The rental unit is thoroughly cleaned and disinfected after each guest stay. This includes wiping down and cleaning and disinfecting all high-touch areas, including bed rails, tables, TV remotes, headboards, countertops, kitchen appliances, refrigerator handles, stove knobs, mirrors, and other items.
- All recycling, garbage and trash is removed between guest stays. This includes removing and disposing of any food items that may have been left in the refrigerator, freezer, and pantry.
  - Trash cans are lined with disposable bags.
- Laundry hampers are to be cleaned and disinfected after each use.
  - Hampers are lined with a bag liner that is either disposable or can be laundered after each use.
- All linens are removed and laundered between each guest stay, including items that appear to not have been used.
  - Use gloves when removing dirty linens. Dirty linen is placed in single-use, sealed bags.
  - Wash hands with soap or use hand sanitizer immediately after gloves are removed.
- No extra linens are stored in the rental unit. Linens are provided only upon request.
- All bed linen and laundry is washed at a high temperature and cleaned according to [CDC guidelines](#).
- All soft surfaces are cleaned based on the manufacturer's instructions. This includes items like carpet, bedding, curtains, and upholstery.
- Kitchen items, including pots, pans, and utensils are cleaned and sanitized between each guest stay.
- All dishes are washed, including the ones in cabinet between each guest stay. Consider replacing utensils with one-time use dinnerware, if feasible.
- Vacuum cleaners are equipped with HEPA filters. A vacuum cleaner is used instead of sweeping floors with brooms, where possible.
- Bathroom toilets, showers, bathtubs, sinks, cabinets, and shelving are sprayed with a multi-surface cleaner approved for use against COVID-19. Mirrors and any glass are properly wiped. Bathroom floors are mopped and/or vacuumed.
- The rental unit is provided with additional hand soap, paper towels, toilet paper, disinfecting spray or wipes and hand sanitizer.
- External or professional cleaning companies, when used, provide periodic confirmation that cleaning, and

disinfection standards are being followed.

- Guests are notified of cleaning and safety measures both pre-stay and during stay, via the listing content and property information booklet.
- All nonessential maintenance is scheduled when the rental unit is not occupied. Handle only emergency or urgent issues as allowed by applicable law where possible.
- The HVAC system is in good, working order; to the maximum extent possible, ventilation has been increased. High filtration efficiency filters are used and replaced regularly. [See public health guidance on optimizing ventilation.](#)

#### D. MEASURES THAT COMMUNICATE TO THE PUBLIC

- A copy of this protocol is posted at all public entrances to the facility.
- Guests are notified of the facility's policies and procedures prior to their arrival. This includes the right to cancel reservations for parties with symptomatic visitors and the new check-in procedures, physical distancing requirements, and cleaning and disinfecting schedules for accommodations, amenities, and common areas.
- Signage is posted that reminds guests and the public to maintain physical distancing of six feet, wear cloth face covering, wash hands or use sanitizer upon entry, and to stay home if they are ill or have symptoms consistent with COVID-19.
  - Guests will be provided face coverings upon entry to the hotel if they do not have one.
- Signage is posted at elevators that communicates to riders the maximum number of riders and that cloth face coverings must be worn.

#### E. MEASURES THAT ENSURE EQUITABLE ACCESS TO CRITICAL SERVICES

- Services that are critical to the customers/clients have been prioritized.
- Transactions or services that can be offered remotely have been moved on-line.
- Measures are instituted to assure access to goods and services for customers who have mobility limitations and/or are at high risk in public spaces.

**Any additional measures not included above should be listed on separate pages, which the business should attach to this document.**

**You may contact the following person with any questions or comments about this protocol:**

**Business Contact Name:**

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**Phone number:**

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**Date Last Revised:**

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