

# Guidance for Theatres and Auditoriums

## ***STATUS: OPEN WITH RESTRICTIONS***

Theatres and Auditoriums are allowed to open under the limitations in Governor Reeves' Executive [Order 1491](#) summarized below.

### **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THEATRES AND AUDITORIUMS**

- Continue following the Guidance for All Employers.
- Employees must wear face coverings (when tolerated medically and physically) when social distancing of six-feet between individuals cannot be consistently maintained.
- All commercial entities and establishments that provide services to the public must require customers and visitors to wear face coverings (when tolerated medically and physically) when entering and exiting the facility and when walking around in the facility when social distancing can't be maintained. Customers may remove face covering while seated at tables.
- All commercial entities and establishments that provide services to the public must require customers and visitors to wear face coverings (when tolerated medically and physically) when in an area or performing an activity where social distancing can't be maintained. Customers may remove face covering while seated at tables.
- All commercial entities and establishments that provide services to the public must post face covering requirements in an obvious location to provide notice to employees and visitors.
- Prior to resuming operations, the entire facility must be deep cleaned.
- Theatres and Auditoriums shall conduct a daily screening of all employees at the beginning of their shifts. Such daily screening shall include the following questions, and any employee answering any question in the affirmative shall be sent home: (1) have you been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the past 14 days; (2) are you experiencing a cough, shortness of breath, or sore throat; (3) have you had a fever in the last 48 hours; (4) have you had new loss of taste or smell; and (5) have you had vomiting or diarrhea in the last 24 hours.
- All employees shall be required to report any symptoms of COVID-19 to their supervisor, and any employee who exhibits any of the symptoms of COVID-19 during their shift shall be sent home immediately and advised to consult with their physician.
- Prior to resuming operations, the theater shall ensure that the ventilation system is operating properly. For HV AC systems, filtration up to SARS-CoV-2 standards is recommended. Regular and frequent cleaning of HV AC intakes and returns is required.
- Showtime shall be staggered to allow ample time for staff to clean and disinfect between shows/events and prevent customers from congregating in lobbies.
- Ticket sales shall be limited to 50% of the seating capacity of the theater.
- Social distancing (of a minimum of six feet) shall be observed at all points of sale and in waiting lines. Theaters shall train employees to insure that social distancing is observed and to discourage congregating in common spaces like lobbies, hallways, and restrooms.
- Concessions are subject to guidelines for in-house dining.
- Auditoriums shall be cleaned and disinfected between shows.
- All high-touch areas, including all door handles and counters shall be sanitized, at a minimum, once every two hours.

- Hand sanitizer shall be placed at all points of entry and exit, as well as in concession areas.
- Tables in any seated dining/party area shall be rearranged to ensure a minimum of six feet separation between tables. Seating shall be limited to a maximum of six guests per table.

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