



# **EAST-CENTRAL DISTRICT Health Department**

## **Questions and Answers for Business Owners and the Public on**

### **ECDHD's Directed Health Measures**

**Q I have a large restaurant and can separate tables by 6 ft or more. Can my restaurant stay open?**

**A** *At this time, all restaurants, no matter their size, must provide services by carry-out, drive-thru or delivery only. Lines for picking up food at these establishments must follow the rules of social distancing (6 ft. between patrons and staff) whenever possible.*

**Q Our bar is able to seat people 6 ft apart using barstools to separate them. Can we stay open?**

**A** *At this time, liquor, beer and wine sales are restricted to carry-out sales and delivery only, to the extent permitted by law. No onsite consumption is permitted, including bars, taverns and private clubs.*

**Q Does our gym/fitness center have to close?**

**A** *Gyms/fitness centers may stay open, if they are able to maintain the following conditions:*

- *Only 10 people, excluding staff, may be in the gym at any one time.*
- *A minimum of 6 ft. must be maintained between all pieces of equipment and patrons using them*
- *All equipment, including weights, bands, machines, mats, etc. must be cleaned by staff immediately between use by patrons*
- *Deep cleaning of the entire facility must happen at least once per day after the gym closes*
- *Communal drinking fountains should be noted as "closed"*
- *All individual/communal showering facilities must be made unavailable*

**Q I work at a small salon, with only one other stylist. Are we able to stay open?**

**A** *No. Due to the requirements of their business, salons and other personal service businesses are unable to maintain the social distancing rule with their clients. Because of this, the following business must close at this time. These businesses include:*

- *Hair salons*
- *Nail salons*
- *Massage therapy businesses*
- *Tattoo shops*



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**Q My wedding is planned for mid-April. We will only have 20 guests, most of them family. Is that permitted?**

**A** *No. At this time, all gatherings must be limited to 10 or fewer persons. This includes weddings, funerals, and other indoor and outdoor events. Further, even if there are less than 10 persons at a gathering, a minimum distance of 6 ft. between each person must be maintained.*

**Q My business is closed, but my friend still has to report to work. Why are some businesses open even though their workers are closer than the social distance requirement of 6 ft.?**

**A** *Many businesses are open because they are considered part of the United States' "Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce." While they are working to comply with the 6 ft. rule and other social distancing measures, their work is considered critical to the nation. These industries are identified on a document from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and include:*

- *Chemical*
- *Communications*
- *Commercial facilities*
- *Critical manufacturing*
- *Dams*
- *Defense*
- *Emergency Services*
- *Energy*
- *Financial*
- *Food and Agriculture*
- *Government Facilities*
- *Healthcare and Public Health*
- *Information technology*
- *Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste*
- *Transportation Systems*
- *Water*