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Summary


Beginning May 18, the City of St. Louis, under the emergency authority of the Director of the Department of Health, will begin to allow some businesses that were previously ordered to close under its COVID-19 Stay at Home order to gradually begin reopening. In coordination with local public health experts, small business owners, and other industry leaders, the City has developed the following list of industry-specific standards and guidelines for the first phase of its roadmap to recovery. More information will be forthcoming.

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Note: Further phases of relaxation or modification of this guidance will be determined based upon health data, experience, continued developments in testing and treatment, and ultimately, the availability of a vaccine.

1. Requirements for Phase I of “Reopening”

| Requirement | Metric |
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| Decreased Transmission | Sustained reduction in 7-day rolling average hospital admission incidence rate for COVID-19; OR Consensus opinion that the COVID-19 transmission rate is adequately suppressed (Note: data skewed by increasing amounts of testing and also possibly by outbreaks at long term care facilities, etc.) |
| Healthcare Demand | Healthcare systems confirm through St. Louis Metropolitan Pandemic Task Force <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ They are not operating under crisis standards of care○ Have adequate PPE |
| Testing | All symptomatic persons presenting to a hospital or ambulatory care site can be tested |
| Contact tracing | Public Health affirms capacity and capability to perform effective contact tracing, isolation and quarantine. |

2. Phase I Guidance for Individuals

| Category | Standards and Guidance |
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| Social Distancing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain social distancing of at least six (6) feet from any other non-related person |
| Face masks | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facemasks/coverings should be worn by all residents nine (9) years of age or older in the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public closed spaces • Outdoors when six (6) feet of distance is unpredictable or cannot be maintained from non-related persons • Aboard public transportation |
| Handwashing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wash hands with soap and water several times a day or use alcohol-based hand sanitizer (at least 60% alcohol) |
| Stay at Home | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vulnerable populations, including those over 65 and/or individuals at high risk of illness should stay at home as much as possible and avoid social contact to reduce risk of exposure |
| Monitor signs of Illness | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay home if you are sick • Contact a healthcare provider if experiencing symptoms and get tested |
| Cleaning | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sanitize commonly used spaces and surfaces in your home or workplace |
| Gatherings | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No social gatherings of more than ten (10) people |
| Visiting | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People should not visit nursing homes, long-term care facilities, retirement homes, or assisted living homes or vulnerable friends/family |

3. Phase I General Guidance for Business

| Category | Standards and Guidance |
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| Social Distancing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain six (6) feet of distance between employees and consumers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Consider installing physical barriers between customers and employees ○ Consider using tape or other means to increase compliance with social distancing recommendations ○ Educate employees on all procedures related to social distancing requirements ○ Post signage regarding face coverings, hygiene, and social distancing for employees and customers ○ Consider providing separate operating hours for vulnerable populations and high-risk individuals to allow for maximum social distancing ○ Consider other techniques to increase social distancing such as staggered shifts, etc. ○ Encourage telework where feasible • Retail establishments must comply with the State of Missouri’s order regarding capacity restrictions¹ |
| Personal Protective Equipment - Facemasks; Gloves | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide face masks, or supplies to make face masks, to all employees and volunteers working in the business • Require employees or volunteers to wear face masks at work, unless an employee or volunteer is working alone in an enclosed area or is working outside and maintaining social distancing |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gloves should be worn where appropriate |
| Handwashing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide breaks for employees for hand washing or sanitizing opportunities throughout the day • Make hand sanitizer available at building openings for the public |
| Disinfection | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perform proper cleaning per CDC guidelines • Provide material and education regarding proper cleaning procedures • Require employees to routinely disinfect all high touch surfaces including any areas frequently touched by customers or employees |
| Employee Screening | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish daily protocols to evaluate employee health • Allow employees to quarantine • See Exhibit A for a sample Screening Form |

¹<https://governor.mo.gov/sites/gov/files/media/pdf/2020/04/Economic-Reopening-Phase-1.pdf>

4. Phase I Guidance for Specific Business Categories

| Category | Standards and Guidance |
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| Offices | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow General Guidance for Businesses • Limit access to and consider closing communal spaces • Inspect and adjust airflow as needed/possible to reduce spread of virus including opening windows • See Exhibit B for additional specific guidance |
| Hotels & Commercial Lodging | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow General Guidance for Businesses • Hotel restaurants and bars, retail and gyms should follow restaurant and bar, retail and gym guidance • Ballrooms, banquet rooms, meeting rooms closed in Phase I • See Exhibit C for additional specific guidance |
| Manufacturing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow General Guidance for Businesses • See Exhibit D for additional specific guidance |
| Retail Services and Malls | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow General Guidance for Businesses • See Exhibit E for additional specific guidance |
| Restaurants and Bars | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow General Guidance for Businesses • Follow FDA Guidance • See Exhibit F for additional specific guidance |

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| Personal Services (nail salons, hair salons, tattoo parlors, etc) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow General Guidance for Businesses • See Exhibit G for additional specific guidance |
| Transportation (Taxis, Uber, Lyft, buses, etc.) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow General Guidance for Businesses • Improve ventilation where possible • See Exhibit H for additional specific guidance |
| Churches | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow General Guidance for Businesses • Follow Centers for Disease and Prevention (CDC) Guidelines |
| Childcare facilities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow General Guidance for Businesses • Follow CDC Guidance |
| Parks, playgrounds and pools | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parks remain open provided social distancing can be maintained • Playgrounds and pools should remain closed • Contact-sports courts/facilities remain closed (i.e. handball, basketball, soccer, etc.) |

5. Other Guidance/Information

| Category | Standards and Guidance |
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| Ballrooms, Banquet Rooms, Meeting Rooms | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed in Phase I |
| Gyms & Fitness Centers | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed in Phase I |
| Casinos | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed in Phase I |
| Schools | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow specific jurisdictional guidance • Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) Information • Missouri DESE Administrative Memo - Summer School Recommendations • CDC Guidance on Reopening Schools |
| Sports Stadiums | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed in Phase I or until specific event operating plans are submitted to and approved by City of St. Louis Department of Health |
| Cultural institutions/ Destinations & Attractions/Large Venues (i.e. Zoo, Aquarium, Arch, Science Center, Museums, Stifel Theatre, Fox, Pageant and similar venues) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closed in Phase I or until specific operating plans are submitted to and approved by City of St. Louis Department of Health |

LIST OF EXHIBITS

EXHIBIT A – EMPLOYEE FORM

EXHIBIT B – BUSINESS OFFICES; COMMERCIAL OFFICE

EXHIBIT C – HOTELS & COMMERCIAL LODGING

EXHIBIT D – CONSTRUCTION, MANUFACTURING AND REPAIR

EXHIBIT E - RETAIL SERVICES AND MALLS

EXHIBIT F – RESTAURANTS AND BARS

EXHIBIT G – PERSONAL SERVICES

EXHIBIT H - TRANSPORTATION