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6/19/2020 #1 Crowley/Otero COVID-19 Update: Safer At Home Public Health Order 7th Amendment

Please take the time to read and understand this entire message.

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Hello to all. Today, 6/19/2020, the 7th Amendment to the Safer At Home Public Health Order (PHO) is in effect.

Unless an establishment is covered under the current Bent/Crowley/Otero Variance #1, the Safer At Home 7th Amendment must be followed. For these establishments covered by the current variance, if the current variance does not address a specific issue, then the Safer At Home 7th Amendment must be followed.

I have attached the Safer At Home 7th Amendment . It is rather long at 47 pages. For your convenience, below is a summary of updates and modifications to the previous version. I have underlined some key words in the summary about which we get frequent questions.

SUMMARY

- Section I.H.2.c: clarified that organized adult and youth sports can be played with 25 players both indoors and outdoors
- Section I.H.2.d: clarified that the 25% up to 50 person cap in gyms excludes staff, and allows lockers to be open
- Section I.H.3: clarified that person caps on certain outdoor recreation activities do not include staff
- Section I.H.4: new section addressing indoor and outdoor events, capped at 100 people per room indoors and 175 per designated activity outdoors, calculated using the Social Distancing Space Calculator
- Section I.J: struck language prohibiting some activities that are now authorized to be open, such as sports tournaments, rodeos, fairs, festivals, parades, and car, motorcycle and horse races with spectators
- Section I.K: authorized extra-large venues hosting life rights to expand up to 100 people if calculated pursuant to the Social Distancing Space Calculator

- Section II.A and B: removed numerous businesses from the prohibited list, and eliminated the exceptions to the list that are no longer applicable.
- Section II.C and Appendix I: authorized bars (without food) to open at 25% capacity up to 50 people, authorized extra-large restaurants and bars to operate indoors up to 100 people if calculated pursuant to the Social Distancing Space Calculator, required performers in these settings to maintain a minimum of 25 feet distance from patrons, made clarifying amendments regarding closure of self-service stations and communal seating and bar seating
- Section II.H: authorized non-critical manufacturing to operate at 50% capacity up to 50 people
- Section II.K and Appendix J: authorized residential camps to open following the summer camp requirements
- Section II.M: authorized extra-large houses of worship to operate indoors up to 100 people if calculated pursuant to the Social Distancing Space Calculator
- Section III.K and Appendix E: authorized limited healthcare settings to operate at 50% capacity not to exceed 50 people
- Section III.L and Appendix D: authorized personal services to be provided for services to the face that require removal of the customer's face covering, and required individuals providing these services to wear both a face mask or covering and a face shield
- Section IV: authorized postsecondary institutions to operate at 50% capacity up to 50 people per room, and extra-large rooms may operate indoors up to 100 people if calculated pursuant to the Social Distancing Space Calculator
- Appendix A, Section III: authorized indoor markets and malls to operate following indoor event requirements and guidance, outdoor markets to operate following outdoor event requirements and guidance, and individual vendors in these settings must follow Retail requirements and guidance
- Appendix K: clarified to follow Retail and Restaurant guidance where applicable
- Conforming amendments throughout the Order to not require use of a face covering or mask if doing so would inhibit the individual's health, and to recommend pursuit of reasonable accommodations to maintain the safety and health of all parties

Be aware, the foregoing is just a summary, there is A LOT more information in the PHO that needs to be read, understood, and acted upon (compliance).

Please remember, if you are in a high-risk group and are vulnerable to severe illness, you are still urged to take extra precautions.

Until next time,

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