

**Theaters**  
**Attachment R**  
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**Part of Phase II**

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- I. **Applicability:** This Attachment applies to all movie and performing arts theaters.
  
- II. **Theaters may resume operations if they meet all of the following requirements.**
  - a. **Social distancing**
    - i. No more than 25 percent maximum business occupancy, as required by law, is permitted at any one time.
      - a. Limit seating to two seats between each non-household customer to provide for at least six feet between non-household members; and
      - b. Limit seating to every other row.
    - ii. It is strongly encouraged that cloth face coverings be worn by all patrons.
    - iii. Reservations are required. Walk-ins are prohibited.
    - iv. Theaters must establish a COVID-19 Mitigation Plan addressing practices and protocols to protect staff and the public.
    - v. Entryway signage notifying the public of the theater business's COVID-19 Mitigation Plan and stating clearly that any person with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 cannot enter the premises.
    - vi. Each customer must be screened prior to the activity. No customer can enter the theater who is exhibiting symptoms or who has knowingly been in contact with a suspected positive case of COVID-19 within the past 14 days.
    - vii. No customer may enter the business within 72 hours of exhibiting a fever.
    - viii. This screening, where reasonably feasible, should be conducted electronically, in advance. If the screening is in person, pens and touch screens must be sanitized before and after each use.
  
  - b. **Hygiene Protocols:**
    - i. Facility must provide handwashing capability or sanitizer.
    - ii. Water fountains and vending machines must be addressed in the mitigation plan or turned off and marked inoperable

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- iii. It is strongly encouraged that cloth face coverings be worn by all employees (except for those performing, unless performers can reasonably perform while wearing face coverings).
  - iv. Theaters must ensure frequent handwashing by employees, and provide an adequate supply of soap and/or hand sanitizer, disinfectant, and paper towels.
  - v. Theaters must provide for hourly touch-point sanitation (e.g., on all workstations, equipment, screens, doorknobs, restrooms) throughout the theater.
- c. Staffing/Operations:
- i. Theaters must conduct pre-shift staff screening and maintain a staff screening log.
  - ii. Theaters must establish a COVID-19 Mitigation Plan that lists the steps the location/provider is taking to protect staff and the public.
  - iii. Entryway signage notifying the public of the business's COVID-19 Mitigation Plan and stating clearly that any person with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 may not enter the premises.
  - iv. The theater is responsible for supplying personal protective equipment and sanitation supplies to its employees and provide training for employees regarding these requirements and the COVID-19 Mitigation Plan.
  - v. Employees displaying symptoms of COVID-19 may not report to work and no employee may report to the work site within 72 hours of exhibiting a fever.
  - vi. Employer must establish a plan for employees getting ill and a return-to-work plan following CDC guidance, which can be found online at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html>.
- d. Cleaning and Disinfecting:
- i. Cleaning and disinfecting must be conducted in compliance with CDC protocols weekly or, in lieu of performing the CDC cleaning and disinfecting, the business may shut down for a period of at least 72 consecutive hours per week to allow for natural deactivation of the virus, followed by site personnel performing a comprehensive disinfection of all common surfaces.

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- ii. When an active employee is identified as being COVID-19 positive by testing, CDC cleaning and disinfecting must be performed as soon after the confirmation of a positive test as practical. In lieu of performing CDC cleaning and disinfecting, businesses may shut down for a period of at least 72 consecutive hours to allow for natural deactivation of the virus, followed by site personnel performing a comprehensive disinfection of all common surfaces.
- iii. CDC protocols can be found online at:  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html>.  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html>.

**III. Mixed Businesses/Application of Other Attachments**

- i. Stores that operate within a theater are subject to the requirements of Health Mandate 016 - Attachment E for Retail Businesses.
- ii. Any food service operated within a theater is subject to the requirements of Health Mandate 016 - Attachment F for Restaurants Dine-In Services.
- iii. Any alcoholic beverage service that qualifies as a “bar” within a theater is subject to the requirements in Health Mandate 016 - Attachment Q for Bars.

**IV. Theaters are encouraged to follow additional best practices:**

- a. Move to and promote cashless and receipt-less transactions.
- b. Allow for customers to enter and exit through different entries using one-way traffic, where reasonably feasible.
- c. Provide reserved hours of operation limited to high-risk populations.