EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER 25

TERMINATING CERTAIN EXECUTIVE ORDERS
AND IMPOSING CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS

WHEREAS, a state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency was proclaimed by Lawrence J. Hogan, the Governor of the State of Maryland, on March 5, 2020, and renewed on March 17, 2020, April 10, 2020, May 6, 2020, and June 3, 2020, to control and prevent the spread of COVID-19 within the state, and the state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency still exists;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, County Executive Steuart Pittman issued Executive Order No. 16 proclaiming a civil emergency in Anne Arundel County due to the rapid onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, which Executive Order was extended by the County Council on March 20, 2020, to continue for the duration of the Governor’s state of emergency proclamation;

WHEREAS, on March 30, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order No. 20-03-30-01 which ordered all nonessential employees in the State to stay at home for an undetermined period of time in an effort to arrest the increase in the number of residents contracting the virus (the “Stay At Home” Order);

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2020 the Governor issued Executive Order No. 20-05-13-01 which gave Maryland counties the discretion to review local data and make independent decisions about when it is appropriate to relax certain restrictions;

WHEREAS, the effects of COVID-19 require that local officials be vigilant in advising the residents of measures they can take to protect health, safety, and welfare;

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) advises that social distancing is the most effective way of slowing the spread of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 continues to pose serious health risk for the citizens of Anne Arundel County, particularly elderly residents and those who are immunosuppressed or otherwise have high-risk medical conditions;
WHEREAS, both the Governor and the County Executive have issued various Executive Orders relaxing the provisions of the Governor’s Stay At Home Order and allowing certain businesses formerly ordered to be closed to reopen, under certain conditions to ensure public safety;

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Executive Order No. 20-06-10-01 (issued June 10, 2020) allows local jurisdictions to impose stricter requirements on the reopening of businesses if necessary and reasonable to save lives or prevent exposure to COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the County’s Health Officer has identified certain criteria for determining when the restrictions imposed by the Governor’s Executive Order No. 20-03-30-01 (as amended) may be lifted, including ensuring adequate hospital capacity to provide care for COVID-19 positive patients; decreasing community spread and deaths due to COVID-19; sufficient testing capacity to test all symptomatic and high-risk asymptomatic individuals; sufficient supplies of personal protective equipment (“PPE”); adequate contact tracing capacity to suppress disease spread; and providing supplemental resources to at-risk populations;

WHEREAS, the County Executive and the County Health Officer have determined that the criteria identified by the Health Officer are trending positive in a consistent manner and that many of the restrictions imposed by local Executive Orders are no longer warranted in light of these trends and the restrictions contained in the various Executive Orders issued by the Governor;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Steuart Pittman, County Executive, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Charter and laws of Anne Arundel County, Maryland, and §§ 1-6-101 et. seq. of the Anne Arundel County Code, and pursuant to the authority granted to local jurisdictions in Governor Hogan’s Executive Order No. 20-06-10-01, and to save lives and prevent further exposure to the COVID-19 virus within Anne Arundel County and the State of Maryland, do hereby proclaim and order on this 12th day of June, 2020:

1. This Executive Order No. 25 is a Local Order as described in, contemplated by, and authorized by Governor Hogan’s Executive Order No. 20-06-10-01, to modify certain provisions of Governor Hogan’s Executive Order No. 20-06-10-01.

2. The County Executive’s Amended and Restated Executive Order No. 17 (issued May 8, 2020), Executive Order No. 18 (issued March 31, 2020), Executive Order No. 19 (issued April 14, 2020), Executive Order No. 21 (issued May 15, 2020), Executive Order No. 22 (issued May 29, 2020), Executive Order No. 23 (issued June 3, 2020), and Executive Order No. 24 (issued June 5, 2020), are all terminated, effective as of 5:00 p.m. on June 12, 2020.

3. The County Executive strongly recommends that all persons within Anne Arundel County continue following the latest guidance from the Center for Disease Control and the Maryland
Department of Health regarding social distancing, including, without limitation, avoidance of large gatherings and crowded places.

4. All retail establishments, organizations, and facilities in Anne Arundel County that principally sell goods may remain open to customers provided the cumulative number of customers and staff inside any such establishment be limited at any one time to no more than one customer or staff per 150 square feet of public area, but not to exceed 50% of maximum occupancy as defined in the Governor’s Executive Order 20-06-10-01.

5. All Personal Services Establishments (as defined in § III, ¶ (d) of the Governor’s Executive Order No. 20-06-10-01) shall continue to comply with the “Revised COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Guidance for Personal Services Establishments at Stage 2 Recovery,” issued by the Anne Arundel County Department of Health on June 3, 2020, a copy of which is attached hereto and adopted by reference herein, and all applicable Orders for Public Safety issued by the that Department.

6. Restaurants, bars, and other similar establishments in Anne Arundel County that sell food or beverages for consumption on-premises in outdoor dining facilities (“Restaurants”), including social and fraternal clubs including, without limitation, American Legion posts, VFW posts, and Elks Club (“Social Clubs”) shall comply with the “Criteria for Reopening Restaurants and Social Clubs as a Temporary Use,” attached hereto and adopted by reference herein.

7. The County Planning and Zoning Officer, after consultation with the County Health Officer, may amend or modify the “Criteria for Reopening Restaurants and Social Clubs as a Temporary Use” if necessary to save lives and prevent further exposure to the COVID-19 virus in Anne Arundel County.

8. All businesses and uses permitted to be open under the Governor’s Executive Order 20-06-10-01 or any previous State Executive Order shall also comply with:

   A. This Executive Order and all Orders and guidance from the County Health Officer, including any “Order for Public Safety” issued by the County Health Officer;

   B. All State Executive Orders (as amended) as modified by this Local Order;

   C. Any applicable directives from the State Secretary of Health;

   D. Applicable social distancing guidance published by the Centers for Disease Control and the Maryland Department of Health; and

   E. All applicable Federal, State and local laws.

10. All other provisions of Governor Hogan’s Executive Order No. 20-06-10-01 dated June 10, 2020, shall apply in Anne Arundel County.

11. This Executive Order shall take effect as of 5:00 p.m. on June 12, 2020, and shall continue until the local proclamation of emergency expires or is terminated.
12. The Public Information Officer shall immediately disseminate notice of this Executive Order to the appropriate news media and to the general public.

This Executive Order shall be archived at the Office of Law.

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County Executive

Approved as to form and legal sufficiency:

Gregory J. Swain
County Attorney
This guidance is based on current information known about the COVID-19 (Coronavirus). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the AACO DOH will provide updated guidance as needed and as additional information becomes available. Please continue to check the [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov) and the [AACO DOH](https://www.aacounty.org) websites routinely for updated guidance.

This guidance is intended for Personal service establishments including Barber Shops, Beauty Salons, tattoo parlors, tanning salons, massage parlors and establishments that provide esthetic services in Anne Arundel County based on meeting physical distance, large gatherings and face mask requirements. These requirements will stay in effect until further notice.

**Guidance for Personal Service Establishments During COVID-19 Physical Distancing Limitations**

Personal Service Establishments are allowed to operate only under the following circumstances:

**Building Entry and Capacity**
- Services can only be provided by appointment - no walk in services are permitted;
- Both the customer and Personal Service Establishment staff must wear face coverings, in accordance with Executive Order of The Governor No. 20-04-15-01, dated April 15, 2020, except to the extent that a face covering on the customer would make it impossible for services to be performed;
- Screening for COVID-19 symptoms must be provided prior to performing services; patrons with flu-like symptoms should not enter the premise;
- Maximum occupancy will be based on 100 square foot per person. For example, a 2,000 square foot establishment can have twenty (20) people in the salon at one time;

**Physical Distancing**
- Salon chairs and service stations for services must be at least six feet (6’) apart when occupied for services OR a partition should be installed in-between chairs or stations that are less than six feet (6’) apart.;
- Customers cannot wait inside the shop. Customers waiting outside the shop must be six feet from any other people waiting. Shop attendant must notify customer when the appointment is ready;
- Customers are not allowed to linger in the establishment. Once services are completed, customers should leave the establishment;

**Air Circulation**
- Blow drying is not recommended since COVID-19 is an airborne virus;
- HVAC systems must be in proper working order and filters must be changed on a regular basis; Doors should not be propped open to allow excessive air circulation;
Cleaning and Disinfecting Practices

- There must be sufficient time in between appointments to allow for proper disinfection;
- Hand sanitizer must be readily available for employees and customers;
- After each customer, the Personal Service Establishment staff must clean and disinfect the area where services were performed. Employees should wear disposable gloves when cleaning and disinfecting surfaces, using an approved disinfectant. Employees must properly wash their hands after each customer;
- At the end of a shift all tools and utensils must be properly disinfected; Multiple tools should be available to be readily used; Consider use of single use disposable equipment when possible.
- Customers are advised to bring individual tissues or handkerchiefs to sneeze or cough into; Disposable tissue boxes should be made available. Encourage appropriate hand hygiene after coughing and sneezing.
- At the end of shifts all towels, gowns, sheets, and aprons should be washed in the warmest water recommended for the fabric;
- When at all possible promote payment by credit/debit card, if paper money must be handled limit hand to hand touch by having the customer place the money on the counter. Anyone touching money should wash their hands after touching it;

Notification and Reporting

- The Establishment must obtain telephone contact information for each customer. If any staff of the Establishment test positive for COVID-19, the Establishment must promptly notify all customers who received services in the 14 day period immediately preceding the date on which the test results are positive; The Establishment should contact the Department of Health so proper contact tracing can be performed limiting more risk to others;
- Each customer and establishment employee should take personal responsibility to protect others from any risk of infection;

Additional Information:

CDC Resources

- What you need to know about coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)
- COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions and Answers
- What to do if you are sick with COVID-19
- Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Recommendations
Criteria for Reopening Restaurants and Social Clubs as a Temporary Use
Anne Arundel County, Maryland
Effective as of May 29, 2020, 5:00 p.m. per County Executive Order No. 22.

Anne Arundel County understands this pandemic has had a significant impact on the health and well-being of our citizens as well as the business community. During these difficult times, we want to provide guidance to food service establishments for the sale and consumption of food and beverages to customers in outdoor seating areas.

We determined that within the confines of County law, there is an opportunity to provide guidelines for outdoor dining that would streamline the process and provide a path forward for an improved economic outlook for your business endeavors.

Anne Arundel County will authorize outdoor seating for food and beverage service uses as a temporary use for up to 180 days, until or unless the emergency is lifted or revised by executive order.

Of special importance, a permit application is not required for the temporary use. The temporary use may commence at 5:00 p.m. on 5/29/2020 if the use complies with the criteria listed below.

The following criteria are being established with the understanding that outdoor seating would have to be done with true adherence to social distancing and other public health and safety laws and practices. Anne Arundel County will adhere to the State of Maryland’s “Best Practices for Businesses to Reopen for Restaurants and Bars.” The link for that guidance is provided here:


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Anne Arundel criteria for outdoor seating relating to food and beverage service as a Temporary Use are as follows:

- Up to 50% of the facilities approved capacity can be used for outside seating, providing a letter of permission is obtained from owners of the outside space (if applicable);

- If/When future executive orders allow for indoor seating within the facility at less than 100% capacity, the facility may combine use of indoor and outdoor seating to achieve up to the facilities approved capacity, providing a letter of permission is obtained from owners of the outside space (if applicable);

- Ensure the number and location of tables are spaced to accommodate 6 feet of social distancing between each seated party;

- Ensure patrons are seated at least six feet away from each other, except for households seated together;

- If the outside dining area includes use of sidewalk, grassed area, or parking pad or lot, the dining area should be clearly delineated as outside seating with use of bollards, landscaping planters, fencing, etc.;

- If outside dining area includes the use of parking lot(s):
  1. ADA accessible parking spaces cannot be used;
  2. Traffic flow into and out of the site shall not be blocked; and,
  3. Fire lanes for emergency vehicles shall remain unobstructed to maintain adequate clearance to meet Fire Code standards.

- If indoor restrooms facilities are to be used, provide points of access to restroom facilities;

- Outdoor seating space cannot be more than 500 feet away from the restrooms;

- Any tent over 200 square feet requires a building permit (visit the County website for instructions: https://www.aacounty.org/departments/inspections-and-permits/permit-center/IP_Projects/commercial-tent);

- Proposed use of electric or plumbing outdoors must comply with code requirements;

- Liquor Board approval may be needed, if not covered in the executive order; and,

- The land shall be entirely cleared of the temporary use within five days after the expiration of the period.

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Failure to abide by any State or local executive orders regarding public gatherings and other COVID-19 related restrictions will be grounds for the County to revoke authorization of the temporary use for outdoor seating. As previously noted, all County laws that currently apply to your business remain in effect.

All business use must operate in accordance with CDC and MDH COVID guidelines.