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**A. General Requirements**

The “Additional Activities” listed below may resume, subject to the requirements set forth in the Order and to any additional requirements set forth below or in separate guidance by the Health Officer. These activities were selected based on current health-related information, the risk criteria set forth in Section 3 of the Order, and the overall impact that allowing these activities to resume will have on mobility and volume of activity in the County.

The health-related basis for selection of Additional Activities and the specific requirements for risk mitigation are summarized below. The bases for the additions were amended on July 13, 2020, to reflect an updated and refined analysis under the risk criteria set forth in Section 3 of the amended Order.

Activities that are permitted to operate outdoors may, subject to any applicable permit requirements, conduct their operations under a tent, canopy, or other sun or weather shelter, but only as long as no more than one side is closed, allowing sufficient outdoor air movement. Also, the number and composition of barriers used for all outdoor shelters must allow the free flow of air in the breathing zone consistent with guidance from the Department of Public Health.

On August 28, 2020 the State adopted a new four-tiered, color-coded framework to guide reopening statewide. Basic information about the State’s tiered system is available online at <https://covid19.ca.gov/safer-economy/>. Counties can be more restrictive than this State framework. Beginning on October 20, 2020, the County’s risk of COVID-19 community transmission has been designated to be in the minimal (yellow) tier (the least restrictive tier, or the “Yellow Tier”). If the County is later returned to a more restrictive tier by the State or other local COVID-19 conditions change in a manner that puts the public health at increased risk, the Health Officer may reduce or suspend activities allowed under this Appendix.

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For purposes of the Order, Additional Activities include the following based on the summarized health risk related rationale:

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**(1) Outdoor Museums, Outdoor Historical Sites, and Outdoor Public Gardens**

- a. **Basis for Addition.** Personnel and visitors can wear Face Coverings and maintain at least six feet of physical distance from people in different Households at all times. No inherently risky activities (e.g., singing, shouting, eating, drinking, etc.) are involved. And outdoor activities are safer than indoor activities. Finally, the number, frequency and proximity of contacts can be minimized through capacity limitations and the risk of virus transmission can be reduced through other health protocols.
- b. **Description and Conditions.** Outdoor museums, outdoor historical sites, and outdoor public gardens (for example, the Botanical Gardens and Japanese Tea Garden may reopen to the public—and individuals may leave their residence and travel to visit these locations—subject to the following conditions:
  - 1. Only outdoor spaces may be open to the public, except for restrooms as provided below.
  - 2. Face Coverings must be worn by all staff and visitors, subject to the limited exceptions in Health Officer Order No. C19-12c (e.g., for young children), including as that order is amended in the future;
  - 3. Physical distancing of at least six-feet must be maintained at all times other than between members of the same Household;
  - 4. Other than picnic tables, which may be available for use with signs instructing patrons to clean them before and after use, common high-touch equipment and fixtures must be off-limits, with signage and with physical barriers as appropriate;
  - 5. Public restrooms, if any, must
    - a. be routinely disinfected frequently throughout the day,
    - b. have open doors to prevent touching of door handles or knobs,
    - c. have soap and paper towels, and
    - d. have signs promoting handwashing;
  - 6. The museum, outdoor historical site, or outdoor public garden must provide for contactless payment systems or, if not feasible, sanitize any payment systems, including touch screens, payment portals, pens, and styluses, after each customer use. Under San Francisco’s Legal Tender Law, customers must be allowed to pay with cash but to further limit person-to-person contact, Personnel should encourage customers to use credit, debit, or gift cards for payment;
  - 7. Signage must be posted at each public entrance to inform all personnel and customers that they must: avoid entering the facility or location if they have a cough or fever,

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maintain a minimum six-foot distance from one another while in the facility or location, wear a Face Covering at all times, and not shake hands or engage in any unnecessary physical contact (sample signs are available online at <https://sf.gov/outreach-toolkit-coronavirus-covid-19>);

8. Any on-site retail stores (e.g., gift shops) may operate for curbside/outdoor pickup only, and must do so in compliance with Appendix C-1 of this Order and Health Officer Directive 2020-10b (available at <https://www.sfdph.org/directives>);
9. Before resuming operations, outdoor museums, outdoor historical sites, and outdoor public gardens must prepare, post, implement, and distribute to their Personnel a Social Distancing Protocol checklist as required by Appendix A of the Order and a written health and safety plan that addresses all best practices listed in Section 1.b of this Appendix.

For clarity, this section does not apply to outdoor zoos, which are covered under Section 12 of Appendix C-1.

(Added May 17, 2020; revised June 1, 2020; Non-substantive revisions on July 13, 2020)

### **(2) Outdoor Recreation: Golf and Tennis**

- a. **Basis for Addition.** Non-contact outdoor sports like tennis and golf involve a low number of contacts and a high proximity of contact, as long as the groups engaged in play together are small, maintain required physical distance, and do not share equipment among different Households. Also, interactions and activities that occur outdoors carry a lower risk of transmission than most indoor interactions and activities. And the risk of transmission can be further mitigated by sanitation and hygiene practices. Finally, because outdoor recreation is already allowed under the Order, resumption of this activity is expected to result in only a relatively modest increase in mobility and may decrease congestion in other outdoor locations like public parks and beaches.
- b. **Description and Conditions.** Individuals may play tennis and golf outdoors, and outdoor tennis and golf facilities/clubs may open, subject to the following conditions:
  1. Face Coverings must be worn by all golf and tennis facility/club Personnel, subject to the limited exceptions in Health Officer Order No. C19-12c (e.g., for young children), including as that order is amended in the future;
  2. All golf and tennis players must wear a Face Covering while in facility/club parking lots, when entering and exiting facilities/clubs, and while waiting to play—Face Coverings may be removed during play if nobody from a different Household is within 30 feet of the player;
  3. For golf, groups must be limited to a maximum of four players per group, unless all players within the group are part of a single Household. Groups of players from

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different Households must comply with the State of California under its Stay-Safer-At Home Order;

4. No more than two Households may play tennis together at any one time, and members of separate Households cannot have contact with each other and must remain at least six feet apart at all times; and
5. Before resuming operations, each golf or tennis facility/club must create, post and implement a Social Distancing Protocol checklist (Appendix A to this Order) and comply with Health Officer Directive No. 2020-15 regarding required best practices for tennis and golf.

(Added June 1, 2020; Non-substantive revisions July 13, 2020; Revised September 1, 2020)

### **(3) Outdoor Recreation: Dog Parks**

- a. **Basis for Addition.** Although taking a dog to a dog park may involve mixing of Households, individuals can wear Face Coverings at all times and maintain at least six feet of physical distance from members of other Households except for short interactions. No inherently risky activities (e.g., singing, shouting, eating, drinking, etc.) are involved. Also, outdoor activities carry a lower risk of transmission than indoor interactions and activities, and risk of transmission can be reduced through health protocols.
- b. **Description and Conditions.** Individuals may take their dogs to dog parks (both enclosed and unenclosed), and all dog parks may open, subject to the following conditions:
  1. Face Coverings must be worn by all people in the dog park, subject to the limited exceptions in Health Officer Order No. C19-12c (e.g., for young children), including as that order is amended in the future;
  2. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has advised that “[u]ntil we learn more about how this virus affects animals,” owners should “treat pets as you would other human family members to protect them from a possible infection.” Specifically, the CDC recommends that pet owners: “Do not let pets interact with people or other animals outside the household,” “Walk dogs on a leash, maintaining at least 6 feet (2 meters) from other people and animals,” and “Avoid dog parks or public places where a large number of people and dogs gather.” Accordingly, pet owners are urged to use on-leash dog parks or keep their dogs on a leash, particularly if the dog is not under voice control—pet owners who choose to let their dogs be off leash in an off-leash dog park should prevent their dog from interacting with other people or animals to the greatest extent feasible;
  3. People in the dog park should maintain at least six feet of physical distance from people or animals other than those in their same Household;
  4. People must bring their own water for themselves and their pets, and must not use common touch water facilities in the park;

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5. People must use their sleeve or a disposable cloth to touch high-touch surfaces like gates;
6. People should bring their own bags for picking up and disposing of pet waste;
7. Signage must be posted at each dog park to inform people that they must: avoid entering the location if they have a cough or fever, maintain a minimum six-foot distance from one another, wear a Face Covering at all times, and not shake hands or engage in any unnecessary physical contact (sample signs are available online at <https://sf.gov/outreach-toolkit-coronavirus-covid-19>); and
8. People must follow any other rules and regulations adopted by the operator of the dog park.

(Added June 1, 2020; Non-substantive revisions July 13, 2020)

**(4) Small Outdoor Gatherings**

- a. **Basis for Addition.** As provided in Section 4.f of the Order, gatherings among different Households are strongly discouraged to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, and larger gatherings pose higher risks. Although small outdoor gatherings involve mixing of Households, individuals can wear Face Coverings at all times, except when eating and drinking, and maintain at least six feet of physical distance from others outside their Household at all times. Inherently risky activities (e.g., singing, shouting, eating, drinking, etc.) can be—and are strongly urged to be—minimized to the greatest extent possible. Also, outdoor activities carry a lower risk of transmission than indoor interactions and activities, and risk of transmission can be reduced through health protocols.
- b. **Description and Conditions.** As further provided in Section 3.a of the Order, all people are strongly encouraged to continue staying safe at home and minimizing unnecessary interactions with others to the maximum extent possible. But individuals may participate in small outdoor gatherings—including for ceremonies, religious services, and other special purposes—subject to the following conditions:
  1. No more than three different Households up to a maximum of six people in total between all Households, may participate in a gathering that involves eating or drinking somewhere other than a dining establishment, unless all are members of the same Household;
  2. No more than three different Households up to a maximum of 25 people in total between all Households, may participate in any other outdoor gathering under this section, unless all are members of the same Household.
  3. Unless eating or drinking in a group of six people or fewer, participants outside of the same Household must remain at least six feet apart from each other. Participants must otherwise follow all Social Distancing Requirements (Section 8.o of the Order),

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and wear Face Coverings unless eating, drinking, or exempted from wearing a Face Covering under Health Officer Order No. C19-12c (the Face Covering Order); and

4. Participants and hosts of small outdoor gatherings must comply with Health Officer Directive No. 2020-19b regarding required best practices for small outdoor gatherings and with the health guidelines for safer interactions set forth in the Tip Sheet for Safer Interactions During COVID-19 Pandemic, posted at: [www.sfcddcp.org/communicable-disease/diseases-a-z/covid19whatsnew](http://www.sfcddcp.org/communicable-disease/diseases-a-z/covid19whatsnew).

For clarity, this section does not allow contact sports (e.g., football or boxing) or games with shared equipment (e.g. Frisbee, baseball, or playing catch) to resume among members of different Households. This section does not apply to outdoor religious or political protest gatherings, which are covered by Sections 9 and 10, below. This section does not apply to limit gatherings that are otherwise allowed under the Order or any Health Officer directive providing industry-specific guidance. Also, the size number limits for the various types of gatherings do not apply to gatherings of people (including participants and hosts) solely from a single Household. Indoor social gatherings among different Households are not allowed at this time.

(Added June 11, 2020; Non-substantive revisions July 13, 2020 and September 14, 2020; Revised October 20, 2020)

### **(5) Libraries for Curbside Pickup and Return**

- a. Basis for Addition. Personnel and patrons can wear Face Coverings at all times and maintain at least six feet of physical distance except for brief interactions (e.g., while picking up items). Patrons interact only with a small number of individuals from other Households, and although Personnel are interacting with a moderate number of people, the duration of those interactions are low and safety limitations can ensure adequate social distancing and decrease the risk of virus transmission. In addition, interactions can occur outdoors, which further decreases risk.
- b. Description and Conditions to Operate. Libraries may open for curbside/outside pickup and drop off of items, and approved by the City Administrator. All Personnel and patrons must comply with Social Distancing Requirements—including the requirement to maintain at least six feet of physical distance—and wear a Face Covering at all times, subject to the limited exceptions in Health Officer Order No. C19-12c (e.g., for young children), as that order may be amended from time to time.

(Added July 20, 2020)

### **(6) Outdoor Recreation: Other Outdoor Recreation and Athletic Activities**

- a. Basis for Addition. Non-contact recreational and athletic activities such as pickleball, lawn bowling, bocce ball and frisbee have low-to-moderate levels of transmission risk. Participants can wear Face Coverings and maintain at least six feet of physical distance at all times, and outdoor activities are safer than indoor interactions.

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- b. Description and Conditions. Beginning at 9:00 a.m. on September 1, 2020, non-contact recreational and athletic activities with members of other Households may occur, subject to the following conditions:
1. No more than two Households may engage in these recreational and athletic activities together at any one time;
  2. No equipment (except balls, frisbees, or other similar recreational projectiles) may be shared between Households;
  3. All recreational and athletic activities with members of another Household must occur entirely outdoors;
  4. Members of separate Households cannot have contact with each other and must remain at least six feet apart at all times;
  5. Pickleball is allowed under this section, provided that operators of facilities and players must follow the same guidelines that apply to Tennis Facilities under Health Officer Directive No. 2020-15b; and
  6. Face Coverings must be worn at all times, subject to the limited exceptions in Health Officer Order No. C19-12c, issued on July 22, 2020 (e.g., for young children).

(Added September 1, 2020)

**(7) Outdoor Recreation: Outdoor Swimming Pools**

- a. Basis for Addition. Outdoor swimming pools have few high-touch surfaces and do not require shared equipment. Risks associated with outdoor swimming pools can be substantially mitigated with limitations to ensure adequate social distancing and limit intermixing between Households.
- b. Description and Conditions. Beginning at 9:00 a.m. on September 1, 2020, individuals may use outdoor swimming pools, and outdoor swimming pools may open and operate, subject to the following conditions:
1. Lap swimming must be limited to one swimmer per lane, except that members of the same Household may occupy a single lane;
  2. Use of shared swimming areas must be limited to no more than two swimmers from different Households per 300 square feet of shared pool space;
  3. Except for members of the same Household, swimmers must remain at least six feet apart at all times;
  4. Locker rooms must be closed to the public, except for use as a restroom;
  5. All gatherings are prohibited outside the pool, such as on pool decks, except (1) as expressly provided in Section 7, below, or Section 9 of Appendix C-1; and

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- (2) members of a Household may observe a child or other person swimming to ensure safety and supervision; and
6. Before resuming operations, each outdoor swimming pool must create, post and implement a Social Distancing Protocol and comply with the relevant provisions of Health Officer Directive No. 2020-24.

(Added September 1, 2020)

**(8) Drive-In Gatherings**

- a. Basis for Addition. Drive-In Gatherings, such as drive-in movies, where all individuals remain in vehicles with members of their Household involve low contact intensity and frequency. Inherently risky activities (e.g., singing, shouting, eating, drinking, etc.) can and are strongly urged to be minimized to the greatest extent possible. Also, outdoor activities carry a lower risk of transmission than indoor interactions and activities, and risk of transmission can be reduced through health protocols.
- b. Description and Conditions. Drive-in gatherings, where participants stay in their vehicles, are permitted subject to the following conditions:
  1. All Drive-In Gatherings must be provided entirely outdoors in an area large enough to accommodate all distancing requirements of this Directive;
  2. Each Drive-In Gathering is limited to a maximum of 100 vehicles;
  3. Participants must remain within the bounds of the four wheels of their vehicle at all times except to use the restroom or during an emergency;
  4. Face Coverings must be worn at all times a participant is outside the bounds of their vehicle or inside or sitting on the vehicle unless the participant is inside the vehicle and all windows are closed, in accordance with Health Officer Order C19-12c issued July 22, 2020 and as it may be amended (the “Face Covering Order”); and
  5. Before hosting a Drive-In Gathering, the Host must create, post and implement a Social Distancing Protocol and comply with the relevant provisions of Health Officer Directive No. 2020-28.

(Added September 14, 2020)

**(9) Religious Activities**

- a. Basis for Addition. In an effort to balance core First Amendment interests with public health, the Health Officer is creating special provisions for faith-based services and ceremonies. Even with adherence to physical distancing and face covering requirements, bringing members of different households together to engage in in-person religious



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gatherings carries a higher risk of widespread transmission of COVID-19. Such gatherings may result in increased rates of infection, hospitalization, and death, especially among more vulnerable populations. Therefore, even though in-person religious gatherings are allowed by this provision, with safety limitations, it is strongly recommended that individuals use alternative means to practice their faith for the time being, such as the many online and broadcasting platforms available in the digital age, in place of in-person gatherings.

b. Description and Conditions to Operate.

1. Individual indoor prayer in houses of worship: [Section Superseded]
2. Outdoor Religious Gatherings: Houses of worship and operators of other facilities or groups may hold outdoor gatherings for the practice of religion, including religious services and religious ceremonies, subject to the following conditions:
  - i. Prior to being placed in the Orange Tier by the State, no more than 100 individuals may participate in the gathering and simultaneous gatherings in the same location or vicinity are prohibited. Once the County was placed in the Orange Tier, this maximum limit is increased to 200 individuals per gathering. If the County is later returned to a more restrictive tier by the State or other local conditions change in a manner that puts the public health at risk, the Health Officer may reduce the limit on the number of people or impose other safety restrictions. Also, for any gathering allowed under this section, the limit must be reduced below 100 people (or 200 people, if applicable) if required due to the size of the outdoor space and participants' ability to follow Social Distancing Requirements at all times;
  - ii. Participants must maintain at least six feet of distance from members of different households;
  - iii. All participants must wear a face covering, subject to the limited exceptions in Health Officer Order No. C19-12c (e.g., for young children); and
  - iv. No food or beverages may be served or sold;
  - v. One individual at a time may sing, chant, or shout, provided: (1) the person singing, chanting, or shouting is at least 12-feet from any other person; and (2) the person singing, chanting, or shouting is wearing a Face Covering at all times;
  - vi. No sharing or common use of objects or equipment is permitted unless those objects or equipment are sanitized with cleaning products effective against COVID-19 in between uses by members of different households;
  - vii. The gathering must comply with all of the relevant requirements set forth in Health Officer Directive No. 2020-19c regarding outdoor gatherings; and
  - viii. All participants must comply with any requirements—including permitting requirements and conditions—imposed by applicable public authorities.

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3. Gatherings for Indoor Religious Services and Cultural Ceremonies: Houses of worship and operators of other facilities or groups may hold indoor gatherings for the practice of religion, including religious services and religious and cultural ceremonies, such as weddings and funerals, subject to the following conditions:
- i. Prior to being placed in the Orange Tier by the State, the facility must limit the number of people, including Personnel, clergy, volunteers, visitors, and participants, who are present in the space to the **lesser** of: (1) 25% of the facility’s normal maximum occupancy or (2) 50 people. Once the County was placed in the Orange Tier, this maximum limit is increased to the **lesser** of 25% of the facility’s normal maximum occupancy or 100 people. If the County is later returned to a more restrictive tier by the State or other local conditions change in a manner that puts the public health at risk, the Health Officer may reduce this limit or impose other safety restrictions. Also, for any gathering allowed under this section, the limit must be reduced below 50 people (or 100 people, if applicable) if required due to the size of the indoor space and participants’ ability to follow Social Distancing Requirements at all times. These capacity limits also apply to any individual room within the facility where people can gather;
  - ii. The facility must comply with all of the requirements set forth in Health Officer Directive No. 2020-34, issued September 30, 2020, including as that directive is amended or updated in the future, with such requirements including, but not limited to, ensuring physical distancing between members of different Households, posting signage to remind people to adhere to best practices, ensuring adequate ventilation in accordance with updated DPH guidance, and various cleaning and sanitation requirements;
  - iii. The facility must screen all patrons and other visitors on a daily basis using the standard screening questions attached to the Order as Appendix A and Attachment A-2 (the “Screening Handout”). Screening must occur before people are allowed to enter to prevent the inadvertent spread of the SARS-CoV-2 virus. A copy of the Screening Handout must be provided to anyone on request, although a poster or other large-format version of the Screening Handout may be used to review the questions with people verbally. Any person who answers “yes” to any screening question is at risk of having the SARS-CoV-2 virus, must be prohibited from entering or being seated in the facility, and should be referred for appropriate support as outlined on the Screening Handout. The facility can use the guidance available online at [www.sfdph.org/screen](http://www.sfdph.org/screen) for determining how best to conduct screening. People who are feeling ill, have exhibited symptoms of COVID-19 within 24 hours of arriving at the facility or answer “yes” to any screening must be kept from entry;
  - iv. All participants must wear a Face Covering, subject to the limited exceptions in Health Officer Order No. C19-12c (e.g., for young children). A Face Covering is not required: when eating or drinking; or if a faith leader

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determines it is essential to a ritual or ceremony that Face Coverings be removed, subject to limitations listed in the directive; and

- v. The facility must comply with the Social Distancing Requirements set forth in Section 15.k of this Order—and create, post, and implement a Social Distancing Protocol (Appendix A of this Order).

(Added September 14, 2020; Revised September 30, 2020; Non-substantive revisions October 20, 2020)

**(10) Political Activity**

- a. Basis for Addition. In an effort to balance core First Amendment interests with public health, the Health Officer is creating special provisions for political activities. Even with adherence to physical distancing and face covering requirements, bringing members of different households together to engage in in-person protests carries a higher risk of widespread transmission of COVID-19. Such gatherings may result in increased rates of infection, hospitalization, and death, especially among more vulnerable populations. In particular, activities like chanting, shouting, singing, and group recitation negate the risk-reduction achieved through six feet of physical distancing and face covering. Therefore, even though in-person political protests are allowed by this provision, with safety limitations, it is strongly recommended that individuals use alternative means of expression for the time being, such as the many online and broadcasting platforms available in the digital age, in place of in-person gatherings.
- b. Description and Conditions to Operate.
  - 1. Individual indoor political offices: A single individual may be inside a campaign office or other political office, subject to the following conditions:
    - i. Only one person may be in the office or facility at a time except as outlined in this section b.1.
    - ii. One other individual at a time may temporarily come into the office or facility, such as for a brief meeting or to pick up or drop off materials.
    - iii. All individuals in the facility must wear a Face Covering as required by Health Officer Order No. C19-12c, subject to the limited exceptions in that order;
    - iv. Doors and windows must be left open to the extent possible, or mechanical ventilation systems must be run, to increase ventilation;
    - v. The facility must establish protocols for frequent cleaning and disinfection of commonly used surfaces and high traffic areas such as lobbies, hallways, and offices;

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- vi. Signage must be posted at each public entrance to inform all individuals that they must: avoid entering the location if they have a cough or fever, maintain a minimum six-foot distance from one another while in the facility or location, wear a Face Covering at all times, and not shake hands or engage in any unnecessary physical contact (sample signs are available online at <https://sf.gov/outreach-toolkit-coronavirus-covid-19>); and
  - vii. The facility or office must comply with the Social Distancing Requirements set forth in Section 15.k of this Order—and create, post and implement a Social Distancing Protocol (Appendix A of this Order).
2. Political Protest Gatherings: Facilities and groups may hold outdoor gatherings for in-person political protests, subject to the following conditions, subject to the following conditions:
- i. Prior to being placed in the Orange Tier by the State, no more than 100 individuals may participate in the gathering and simultaneous gatherings in the same location or vicinity are prohibited. Once the County was placed in the Orange Tier, this maximum limit is increased to 200 individuals per gathering. If the County is later returned to a more restrictive tier by the State or other local conditions change in a manner that puts the public health at risk, the Health Officer may reduce the limit on the number of people or impose other safety restrictions. Also, for any gathering allowed under this section, the limit must be reduced below 100 people (or 200 people, if applicable) if required due to the size of the outdoor space and participants' ability to follow Social Distancing Requirements at all times;
  - ii. Participants must maintain at least six feet of distance from members of different households;
  - iii. All participants must wear a Face Covering, subject to the limited exceptions in Health Officer Order No. C19-12c (e.g., for young children); and
  - iv. No food or beverages may be served or sold;
  - v. One individual at a time may sing, chant, or shout, provided: (1) the person singing, chanting, or shouting is at least 12-feet from any other person; and (2) the person singing, chanting, or shouting is wearing a Face Covering at all times;
  - vi. No sharing or common use of objects or equipment is permitted unless those objects or equipment are sanitized with cleaning products effective against COVID-19 in between uses by members of different households;
  - vii. The gathering must comply with all of the relevant requirements set forth in Health Officer Directive No. 2020-19c regarding outdoor gatherings; and
  - viii. All participants must comply with any requirements—including permitting requirements and conditions—imposed by applicable public authorities.

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**(11) Outdoor Playgrounds**

- a. Note. In relation to the September 14, 2020 version of the Order, the Health Officer committed to work with the City’s Recreation and Park Department and others to analyze whether outdoor playgrounds could be opened in a safer manner. On September 25, 2020 the State issued written clarification that outdoor playgrounds (as well as indoor playgrounds) must remain closed under the Red Tier and Orange Tier, putting those plans on pause. On September 28, 2020, following input from the City, the State changed its guidance to allow outdoor (but not indoor) children’s playgrounds operated by government agencies to open, subject to a number of safety requirements and recommendations. The State’s guidance is available online at <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/Outdoor%20Playgrounds%20and%20other%20Outdoor%20Recreational%20Facilities.aspx>.

As a result, consistent with the recently revised State guidance and in cooperation with the Recreation and Park Department, the Health Officer will issue a new directive, Health Officer Directive No. 2020-36, as soon as reasonably possible and in any event by October 14, 2020, setting forth best practices for outdoor public playgrounds. Those playgrounds may open once the government operators implement the safety requirements in the expected new directive.

(Added September 30, 2020)