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[July 20, 2020]

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.

B. List of Additional Activities

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 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. C19-12b (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, 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.

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(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. C19-12b (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 different Households must comply with the State of California under its Stay-Safer-At Home Order;

4. Tennis may only be played between members of the same Household or between a maximum two single individuals outside of the same Household; 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)

(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.
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b. Description and Conditions. Individuals may take their dogs to dog parks (both enclosed and unenclosed) and 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. C19-12b (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 “until 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;

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 Special 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., which are inherently risky) 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 4.f 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 six people may participate in a gathering that involves eating or drinking within six feet of each other, unless all are members of the same Household;

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


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 also does not apply to organized outdoor fitness classes, which are covered by Section 9 of Appendix C-1.

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(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. C19-12b (e.g., for young
children), as that order may be amended from time to time.

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