

REOPENING GUIDANCE

Drive-In Movies and Events

During the Green Phase, drive-in movies, concerts, performances, and other events are permitted to operate provided that: (i) all applicable health and safety requirements and guidance are followed, including but not limited to physical distancing and mandatory face coverings for audience, staff, and performers when feasible; (ii) and all applicable regulatory requirements are met, including but not limited to licensing and permitting requirements. Businesses must obtain any permits or other authorization, as required, to conduct outdoor performances. If food is offered as part of these performances, all applicable food regulations must be followed ([see Restaurant and Mobile Food Vendor guidance](#)). No alcohol may be served at drive-in events during the Green Phase.

The following is intended as a plain language summary of rules for reopening during the COVID-19 emergency and does not replace the need to follow all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

See also:

[PA Guidance for Businesses in the Restaurant Industry Permitted to Operate During the COVID-19 Disaster](#)

Protections Needed

Masks

- Performers, if any, should wear face coverings when feasible. These could be either masks or face shields. When not feasible, maintain at least 20 feet between performers and audience or use a barrier between performers and audience.
- Require attendees to mask while on-site any time they leave their vehicles.
- Staff directing cars into parking spots or enforcing rules may be outside of cars, but must wear masks at all times and maintain six-foot distance from others.



Barriers

- If the performance includes the sale of tickets, install plastic barriers between ticket seller and the public.
- If a stage is used, place barriers around stage to keep audience members from coming within 20 feet of the stage or performance site.



Isolate

- Screen every staff member and/or performer for symptoms before every rehearsal, performance, or shift and prevent them from remaining on-site if they have cough, shortness of breath, fever, chills, muscle pain, or new loss of taste or smell. Screen all staff and performers for recent exposure to COVID-19 (within prior 14 days).
- It is not necessary to conduct on-site temperature measurement for staff, performers, or attendees. If you measure temperatures, use a no-touch thermometer, and do not allow anyone with a temperature of 100.4 or higher to remain on-site.
- Have sick leave policies in place so that employees excluded from the workplace do not lose earnings, and have ticket exchange policies for ticketed events to allow patrons who are symptomatic or have been exposed to exchange their tickets.
- If an employee develops COVID-19 infection or has a positive test, businesses and other organizations must take additional precautions to stop the virus from spreading further, as described in [Guidance for Essential Businesses and Organizations During COVID-19](#). Required precautions include calling PDPH at 215-685-5488 to report positive cases.



Distance

- Ask attendees to remain in their vehicles at all times unless using a restroom or purchasing food from concession area.
- Establish procedures to prevent crowding among people using restrooms or purchasing food.
 - Consider the use of sidewalk decals, chalked or painted circles, or other visual cues to encourage customers to stay at least six feet apart and at least 20 feet from performers during performances and events.
- Assign staff specifically to enforce rules that attendees must stay in cars except when using restrooms or purchasing food, as well as distancing at restrooms and concessions.
- Use non-contact payment methods if possible.
- Ensure that cars remain at least six feet apart (window to window) and that attendees stay in their cars. Car windows may be open or closed.



Reduce crowds

- Limit attendees to 250 until further notice. All attendees must arrive in a vehicle and remain in that vehicle except while going to the restroom or purchasing food. No walk-ins are permitted.
- Do not permit lines of more than 10 customers to form for any reason.
- If live performers are involved, select performance pieces that require a small group of performers (no more than 10) and cohort performance groups to minimize the total numbers of work exposures experienced by staff and ensemble.



Handwashing

- Ensure that all performers and other staff wash hands or use hand sanitizer on arrival to rehearsals and performances and before and after breaks.
- If food or drinks are offered, see handwashing rules for [Restaurants and Mobile Food Carts](#).
- Place hand sanitizer near payment counter for ticket sales and near take-out and mobile carts.



Clean

- Continue to follow all Department of Public Health food safety regulations.
- Clean high-touch areas (e.g., ticket counter) between customers, including cash registers and keypads.
- Avoid using disinfectants on surfaces with food contact.



Ventilation

- If possible, increase ventilation in the building by either:
 - Opening windows and/or doors on opposite sides of the building and using fans to blow outside air through the building OR
 - Optimizing ventilation provided by the heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) system by:
 - Having the HVAC system checked to assure that it is working properly. If it can be adjusted, the system should be set to provide at least 6 air exchanges per hour.
 - Maximizing the amount of outside air circulated by the system.
 - Installing filters with minimum efficiency reporting values (MERV) of 13, or the highest compatible with the filter rack. It is not necessary to use high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filters or ultraviolet light irradiation systems.
 - Checking that the external air inlet duct is not blocked and that it is at least 15 feet from people.



Communicate

- Educate performers and other staff about symptoms and prevention of COVID-19.
- Post prominent signs:
 - Asking people who are sick or have had contact with someone with COVID-19 within the past 14 days to stay at home.
 - Requiring physical distancing of at least six feet.
 - Requiring all attendees to wear face coverings when not in cars.