Theaters and Museums Phase 2 Reopening Guidance in Response to COVID-19

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Montanans have succeeded in limiting the spread and impacts of COVID-19 by working together and following guidance that has been provided. This has presented an opportunity to move to Phase 2 of the Reopening the Big Sky strategy. A directive issued by the governor on May 19 specifically allows for expansion of business for movie theaters and museums. Please note the following requirements for Phase Two beginning Monday, June 1, 2020:

1. **Operate facility and gift shops at 75% of capacity allowed by the fire marshal.**

2. **Post signage** identifying restrictions where guests can easily see it, such as on entry doors.
   a. Use the following, or similar, wording on the signs: “Patrons with fever, shortness of breath, a cough, or other COVID-19 symptoms must refrain from using the facility.”

3. **Maintain physical distancing.**
   a. Maintain 6-foot separation between immediate parties (groups or individuals that arrive together.)
   b. Control customer flow in a manner that maximizes physical distancing, such as with signage or ropes that directs flow in one direction.
   c. Maintain 6-foot separation between families or immediate parties in lines.
   d. Monitor and enforce physical distancing practices in theaters, and encourage additional distance between guests as appropriate.

4. **Routinely clean and sanitize** all frequently touched surfaces, including door handles, railings and seats.
   a. Clean and sanitize restrooms no less than every two hours whenever possible.
   b. Increase the time between events to allow for cleaning common surfaces, such as arm rests and railings.
   c. Use the cleaning agents that you usually use in these areas, and follow the directions on the label.
   d. A list of sanitizers effective for COVID-19 is located on the EPA website: [https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2](https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2). Be sure to strictly follow specified contact times and mix rates.

Lewis and Clark Public Health has the following **additional guidance** to help protect staff and guests from disease.

1. **Develop a written plan** to manage Phase Two operations. Be sure to address any issues unique to your operations and location.
2. **Assess the health** of all employees at the beginning of each shift. Anyone with symptoms of COVID-19 must be sent home. These include cough, difficulty breathing, fever, repeated shaking with chills, chills, body aches, headache, sore throat and new loss of taste or smell.

3. **Implement engineering controls** as appropriate for your business. This could include installing physical barriers, such as clear-plastic sneeze guards, between staff and customers at event cashier areas and food vendors.

4. **Support respiratory etiquette and hand hygiene** for employees and guests:
   a. Strongly **encourage or require the use of cloth face masks** that fully cover the mouth and nose for employees and guests.
   b. Provide tissues and no-touch disposal receptacles throughout the facility.
   c. Provide hand-washing facilities with soap and water and single-use towels. Place **hand sanitizers** with at least 60% alcohol at stations throughout the venue.

If you have questions or need technical assistance, please call Lewis and Clark Public Health at 457-8900. Thank you for protecting our community from COVID-19.

**If you suspect Coronavirus, contact your medical provider.**

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