



Suzan Lowry, MD
Health Officer

PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTIVE AND ORDER FOR ENHANCED CONSUMER AND EMPLOYEE SAFETY

Pursuant to Code of Maryland Regulations, Sec. 10.06.01.06

Pursuant to COMAR Sec. 10.06.01.06, which provides that the health officer shall "take any action or measure necessary to prevent the spread of communicable disease or to control a reportable disease and condition" and "issue, when necessary, special instructions for control or a disease or certain measures are necessary to control the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic in Charles County and therefore, I am issuing the following special instructions which are formulated from certain best practices and designed to control the communication of this disease as well as to protect the health, welfare and safety of the citizens of Charles County and persons employed by the essential businesses operating herein:

1. Customers of at least two years of age will be required to wear face coverings (such as cloth face coverings or other masks) in grocery stores, pharmacies, and retail establishments (including large chain retail establishments);
2. Drivers and passengers (two years or older) of public transportation, including public ride-share services, will be required to wear face coverings (such as cloth face coverings or other masks);
3. Grocery Stores, pharmacies, and retail establishments are required to establish capacity limits by setting limits on the number of clients in the facility at a given time, and queues outside that promote social distancing spaces for customers while waiting;
4. Grocery Stores, pharmacies, and retail establishments are required to provide their employees with access to clean and sanitary restrooms stocked with cleansing products, such as soap and hand sanitizer and these employers must allow all employees to wash their hands at a minimum of every 30 minutes;

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5. Grocery Stores, pharmacies, and retail establishments employees are required to wear cloth face coverings or other suitable masks and employers must provide such coverings or make provisions for their employees to obtain;
6. All citizens and businesses are required to comply with all existing state and local sanitation requirements and statutes and any complaints of violation will be followed and investigated according to standard protocols and policy;
7. All workers, customers and visitors are required to implement physical social distancing measures and business must display all appropriate social distancing signage;
8. It is recommended that all employers of businesses who use shared equipment, such as baskets or handcarts, provide sanitation equipment, such as disinfecting wipes or alcohol-based wipes with at least 70% alcohol, for individual use; and
9. It recommended that business install physical barriers (e.g. Plexiglass) between cashiers and customers, where possible.

THIS DIRECTIVE AND ORDER IS ISSUED UNDER MY HAND THIS 14TH DAY OF APRIL 2020, AND IS EFFECTIVE WEDNESDAY APRIL 15, 2020.

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