Maryland
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

AMENDED DIRECTIVE AND ORDER REGARDING COMMUNITY, RECREATIONAL, LEISURE, CULTURAL AND SPORTING GATHERINGS AND EVENTS

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 20-06-10-01

No. MDH 2020-06-12-01

I, Robert R. Neall, Secretary of Health, finding it necessary for the prevention and control of 2019 Novel Coronavirus ("SARS-CoV-2" or "2019-NCoV" or "COVID-19"), and for the protection of the health and safety of patients, staff, and other individuals in Maryland, hereby authorize and order the following actions for the prevention and control of this infectious and contagious disease under the Governor's Declaration of Catastrophic Health Emergency. **This Amended `Directive and Order replaces and supersedes the Directive and Order Regarding Community, Recreational, Leisure, Cultural and Sporting Gatherings and Events, dated June 10, 2020.**

1. Sports Gatherings and Events

A. All adult sports gatherings, including professional, major and minor leagues, semi-professional, amateur, and recreational sports and events may resume sporting and other customary operations, but may not open to spectators or the general public as of 5:00 P.M. on June 12, 2020 for outdoor activities, and 5:00 P.M. on June 19, 2020 for indoor activities.

Note: This also includes motor-cross and car racing.

B. High school and college athletics may resume sports gatherings and events, but may not open to spectators or the general public. For contact sports (e.g., wrestling, basketball, and football), play should be modified to safely increase distance between players following CDC guidance.

C. All individuals within an indoor sports facility shall maintain six feet social distancing whenever possible.

D. To the extent possible, individuals engaged in the sport and at the venue shall wear a face covering, especially when social distancing is not feasible.

2. Youth Sports Gatherings and Events

A. All youth sports gatherings and events may resume sporting and other customary operations as of 5:00 P.M. on June 12, 2020 for outdoor activities and 5:00 P.M. on June 19, 2020 for indoor activities. Parents and family may spectate at youth sports gatherings with appropriate social distancing.

B. All individuals within an indoor sports facility shall maintain six feet social distancing whenever possible.

C. To the extent possible, individuals engaged in the sport and at the venue shall wear a face covering, especially when social distancing is not feasible. Face coverings are not recommended when outside on very hot days due to the risk of heat injury.

D. For contact sports (e.g., wrestling, basketball, and football), play should be modified to safely increase distance between players following CDC guidance.

3. Community, Recreational, Leisure, and Cultural Gatherings and Events

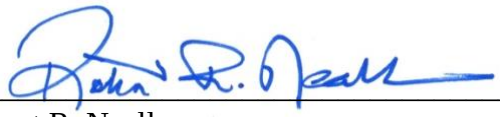
A. Theaters, concert halls, amphitheaters and other similar venues at which any live performances occur may resume performances (e.g., for the purpose of live-streaming or broadcasting), but without opening to the general public (e.g., no in-person audiences or spectators) as of 5:00 P.M. on June 12, 2020.

B. Convention events are prohibited until further notice.

4. Severability

If any provision of this Directive and Order or its application to any person, entity, or circumstance is held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, all other provisions or applications of this Directive and Order shall remain in effect to the extent possible without the invalid provision or application. To achieve this purpose, the provisions of this Directive and Order are severable.

THIS DIRECTIVE AND ORDER IS ISSUED UNDER MY HAND THIS 12TH DAY OF JUNE 2020 AND IS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.



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Secretary of Health