March 18, 2020

RE: EXECUTIVE ORDER TO CLOSE PUBLIC-FACING BUSINESSES

To Whom It May Concern:

On March 17 2020, Governor Beshear issued an Order instructing “all public-facing businesses that encourage public congregation or, that by the nature of the service to the public, cannot comply with CDC guidelines concerning social distancing, [to] cease all in-person operations.”

By the nature of their service to the public, the following types of businesses cannot comply with CDC guidelines concerning social distancing and shall cease operation: gyms, exercise facilities, theaters, entertainment, hospitality, community, sporting event and recreational facilities, spas, tattoo studios, body piercing studios, and ear piercing studios, tanning, hair and nail salons,

All such public-facing businesses must comply with the Order and close for business by 5:00 PM, March 18th, 2020.

In addition, until the guidance in this Order is lifted, Louisville Metro Public Health and Wellness will not issue temporary permits for tattooing or piercing or other public events.

These measures will be in place until further notice. We thank you for your cooperation and will continue to provide you with updates as they are available.

Sincerely,

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ORDER

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On March 6, 2020, Governor Andy Beshear signed Executive Order 2020-215, declaring a state of emergency in the Commonwealth due to the outbreak of COVID-19 virus, a public health emergency. Pursuant to the authority in KRS 194A.025, KRS 214.020, and Executive Order 2020-215, the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department of Public Health, hereby orders the following directives to reduce and slow the spread of COVID-19:

1. By 5:00 p.m. on March 18, 2020, all public-facing businesses that encourage public congregation or, that by the nature of the service to the public, cannot comply with CDC guidelines concerning social distancing, shall cease all in-person operations.

2. These public-facing businesses that must close include entertainment, hospitality and recreational facilities, community and recreation centers, gyms and exercise facilities, hair salons, nail salons, spas, concert venues, theaters, and sporting event facilities.

3. For the avoidance of doubt, businesses providing food, food processing, agriculture, industrial manufacturing, feed mills, construction, trash collection, retail, grocery and consumer goods, home repair/hardware and auto repair, pharmacy, and other medical facilities, biomedical and healthcare, post offices, insurance, banks, gas stations, laundromats, veterinary clinics and pet stores, warehousing, storage, and distribution, public transportation, and hotel and commercial lodging may remain open, subject to limitations provided in prior
orders, but must to the extent practicable implement Centers for Disease Control guidance, including:

- maintaining a distance of 6 feet between persons;
- ensuring employees practice appropriate hygiene measures, including regular, thorough handwashing;
- ensuring that employees who are sick remain home; and
- regularly cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces.

4. Public-facing businesses that remain open shall post the attached sign at all entrances.

5. The Department of Public Health hereby delegates to local health departments the authority to take all necessary measures to implement this Order.

The Cabinet for Health and Family Services will monitor these directives continuously and may extend the directives beyond their current expiration date. The Cabinet will continue to provide information and updates to healthcare providers during the duration of this Public Health Emergency.

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Eric Friedlander
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Do you feel sick?

STOP

If you are sick or have been in the last 24 hours, please DO NOT ENTER.

To prevent the spread of germs:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze.
- Avoid close contact with sick people.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Stay home when you are sick.
¿Se siente enfermo?

STOP

Si está o ha estado enfermo en las últimas 24 horas, por favor NO ENTRA.

Para prevenir la propagación de gérmenes:

- Lávese las manos frecuentemente con agua y jabón.
- Evite tocarse los ojos, la nariz y la boca.
- Cúbrase la boca cuando tosa o estornude.
- Evite el contacto cercano con las personas enfermas.
- Limpie y desinfecte los objetos y las superficies que se tocan frecuentemente.
- Quédese en casa cuando esté enfermo.

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