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COVID-19 New Modification Restrictions Effective 11/16/2020

Sunday, November 15, 2020, Governor Inslee announced [modifications](#) to the current COVID-19 restrictions in response to the current rise in cases across Washington State.

There are no additional restrictions on construction at this time. However, during the Governor's press conference yesterday, he did indicate that positive cases were increasing on construction sites, and that they would be tracking the statistics over the next 2 - 3 weeks - to see if additional restrictions would be necessary for construction sites in the future. It is crucial to our industry for both our contractors and members to follow the guidelines; we do not want to be shut down for any length of time. The IBEW LU 191 and NECA would like to thank you in advance for taking every precaution possible to ensure all workers are safe.

Unless otherwise specifically noted, the modifications took effect at 12:01 a.m., Tuesday, November 17, 2020. All modifications to existing prohibitions set forth herein shall expire at 11:59 p.m., Monday, December 14, 2020, unless otherwise extended. If an activity is not listed below, currently existing guidance shall continue to apply. If current guidance is more restrictive than the below listed restrictions, the most restrictive guidance shall apply. These below modifications do not apply to education (including but not limited to K-12, higher education, trade and vocational schools), childcare, health care, and courts and judicial branch-related proceedings, all of which are exempt from the modifications and shall continue to follow current guidance. Terms used in this proclamation have the same definitions used in the Safe Start Washington Phased Reopening County-by-County Plan.

Modifications to existing prohibitions:

1. **Indoor Social Gatherings** with people from outside your household are prohibited unless they (a) quarantine for fourteen days (14) prior to the social gathering; or (b) quarantine for seven (7) days prior to the social gathering and receive a negative COVID-19 test result no more than 48-hours prior to the gathering. A household is defined as individuals residing in the same domicile.
2. **Outdoor Social Gatherings** shall be limited to five (5) people from outside your household.

3. **Restaurants and Bars** are closed for indoor dine-in service. Outdoor dining and to go service are permitted, provided that all outdoor dining must comply with the requirements of the Outdoor Dining Guidance [here](#). Table size for outdoor dining is limited to a maximum of five (5) people. These modified restaurant and bar restrictions go into effect at 12:01 a.m. Wednesday, November 18, 2020.
4. **Fitness Facilities and Gyms** are closed for indoor operations. Outdoor fitness classes are permitted but are subject to and limited by the outdoor social gathering restriction listed above.
5. **Bowling Centers** are closed for indoor service.
6. **Miscellaneous Venues:** All retail activities and business meetings are prohibited. Only professional training and testing that cannot be performed remotely, as well as all court and judicial branch-related proceedings, are allowed. Occupancy in each meeting room is limited to 25 percent of indoor occupancy limits or 100 people, whichever is fewer.
 - Miscellaneous venues include: convention/conference centers, designated meeting spaces in a hotel, events centers, fairgrounds, sporting arenas, nonprofit establishment, or a substantially similar venue.
7. **Movie Theaters** are closed for indoor service. Drive-in movie theaters are permitted and must continue to follow current drive-in movie theater guidance.
8. **Museums/Zoos/Aquariums** are closed for indoor service.
9. **Real Estate:** Open houses are prohibited.
10. **Wedding and Funerals:** Ceremonies are limited to a total of no more than 30 people. Indoor receptions, wakes, or similar gatherings in conjunction with such ceremonies are prohibited.
11. **In-Store Retail** shall be limited to 25 percent of indoor occupancy limits, and common/congregate seating areas and indoor dining facilities such as food courts are closed.
12. **Religious Services** are limited to 25 percent of indoor occupancy limits, or no more than 200 people, whichever is fewer. Congregation members/attendees must wear facial coverings at all times and congregation singing is prohibited. No choir, band, or ensemble shall perform during the service. Vocal or instrumental soloists are permitted to perform, and vocal soloists may have a single accompanist. Outdoor services must follow the Outdoor Dining Guidance, found [here](#), applicable to the structure or facility.
13. **Professional Services** are required to mandate that employees work from home when possible and close offices to the public if possible. Any office that must remain open must limit occupancy to 25 percent of indoor occupancy limits.
14. **Personal Services** are limited to 25 percent of indoor occupancy limits.

- Personal service providers include: cosmetologists, cosmetology testing, hairstylists, barbers, estheticians, master estheticians, manicurists, nail salon workers, electrologists, permanent makeup artists, tanning salons, and tattoo artists.
15. **Long-term Care Facilities:** Outdoor visits are permitted. Indoor visits are prohibited, but individual exceptions for an essential support person or end-of-life care are permitted. These restrictions are also extended to the facilities in Proclamation 20-74, et seq. All other provisions of Proclamations 20-66, et seq., and 20-74, et seq., including all preliminary criteria to allow any visitors, remain in effect.
16. **Youth and Adult Sporting Activities:** Indoor activities and all contests and games are prohibited. Outdoor activities shall be limited to intra-team practices only, with facial coverings required for all coaches, volunteers, and athletes at all times.

To read the full Proclamation by the Governor, click [here](#).