



## MEMORANDUM

TO: Philadelphia Bodegueros

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SUBJECT: **Guidelines for Physical In Store Operations**

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Starting Monday, March 23, 2020 at 8 a.m. until further notice all businesses considered “not essential” by Philadelphia must close physical in store operations. Pennsylvania describes these “not essential” businesses as “not life sustaining.” The two terms refer to the same list of businesses.

### **Businesses which May Continue Physical In Store Operations**

- Bodegas
- Grocery Stores
- Supermarkets
- Convenience stores
- Mini markets
- Food establishments providing food and beverages, including alcohol, through delivery or drive-through, and pre-ordered take out orders.

Life sustaining/essential businesses may continue physical in store operations, but they must follow social distancing practices and other requirements to protect workers and patrons.

Grocery store/bodega owners and managers should:

- encourage customers to quickly make purchases and exit;
- limit the number of customers in the store at one time; and
- allow for social distancing keeping in store individuals at least 6 ft apart.

## **Businesses which Must Close Physical In Store Operations**

- Bars
- Full Service Eat-In Restaurants (unless converted to delivery or drive-through, or pre-ordered take out service only)
- Food trucks and ice cream trucks.

The virus is thought to spread mainly between people who are within 6 feet of each other when an infected person coughs or sneezes. There is currently no vaccine.

To slow the spread of the virus businesses allowed to continue physical in store operations must follow guidelines set by the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

## **No Curfew; Ways to Slow the Spread (CDC Guidelines)**

- There is currently no curfew.
- To help slow the spread, some stores are opening late, closing early or shutting down part of the day to restock, give owners and employees time to tend to personal matters, and **most importantly** clean AND disinfect.
  - The virus may live on a variety of surfaces for hours.
  - Cleaning AND disinfecting throughout the day is necessary.
  - Cleaning removes dirt and reduces the amount of germs on surfaces.
  - Disinfecting kills germs.
  - Clean AND disinfect tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.
    - Most common disinfectants will work.
    - Other options include:
      - Diluted bleach. Mix at least 1/3 cup bleach per gallon of water.
      - Alcohol solutions of at least 70% alcohol.
    - An extensive list of EPA-registered household disinfectants is here: <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>.
- Social distancing and other measures to curb the spread of the virus must be practiced by all involved in physical in store operations
- Owners and managers should:
  - Require sick employees to stay home.
  - Emphasize that those in the store maintain 6ft of distance, coughing and sneezing into elbow crook and hand washing.
  - Clean AND disinfect throughout the day.