

Each business allowed to operate in San Francisco must complete, post onsite, and follow this Social Distancing Protocol checklist. The attached **Instructions and Requirements** detail what is required and how to complete this checklist.

Check off all items below that apply and list other required information.

Business name:

Contact name:

Facility Address:

Email / telephone:

(You may contact the person listed above with any questions or comments about this protocol.)

SIGNAGE & EDUCATION

- Post signage at each public entrance of the facility:
 - Requiring of everyone: (1) do not enter if experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. List the symptoms in the San Francisco COVID-19 Health Screening Form for non-personnel ([Attachment A-2](#)); (2) maintain a minimum six-foot distance from others in line and in the facility; and (3) wear a face covering.
 - Noting that people at risk for severe illness with COVID-19—such as unvaccinated older adults, and unvaccinated individuals with health risks—and members of their household should avoid indoor settings with crowds.
 - Indicating which of the following ventilation strategies are used at the facility: All available windows and doors accessible to fresh outdoor air are kept open; Fully Operational HVAC systems; Appropriately sized portable air cleaners in each room; or None of the above. (www.sfgcdcp.org/ventilation)
- Post a copy of this two-page Social Distancing Protocol checklist at each public entrance
- Post signage showing maximum number of patrons who can be in line and in the facility
- Post required signage in all break rooms and similar indoor spaces used by Personnel stating:
 - (1) COVID-19 is transmitted through the air, and the risk is generally higher indoors.
 - (2) Personnel must remain at least six feet away from others outside their Household at all times.
 - (3) A copy of the “Take a Break Safely” Poster (available online at sf.gov/file/covid-break-room).
 - (4) A sign regarding ventilation as listed above (www.sfgcdcp.org/ventilation).
- Educate Personnel about this Protocol and other COVID-19 related safety requirements

PROTECTIVE MEASURES

- Follow Sections 2.1 through 2.4 below, including:
 - Ensure Personnel stay home or leave work if they answer yes to any of the three questions on the Personnel Screening Attachment (**Attachment A-1**). See www.sfgcdcp.org/screen for this form.
 - Provide Personnel a copy of the Personnel Screening Attachment (A-1) to ensure they understand when to stay home and for how long. That form discusses rules for staying out of work due to concerns of COVID-19 exposure. Translated versions of the Personnel Screening Attachment (A-1) are available online at www.sfgcdcp.org/screen.
 - Ensure Personnel review health questions on the Personnel Screening Attachment (A-1) before each shift and advise Personnel what to do if they are required to stay home.
- Require Personnel and patrons to wear a face covering as required by Health Officer orders
- Implement a plan to keep site Personnel safe, including by limiting the number of Personnel and patrons onsite and favoring allowing Personnel to carry out their duties from home when possible
- Require that patrons cancel or reschedule appointments or reservations for non-essential services if they have COVID-19 symptoms or exposure, as described in San Francisco COVID-19 Screening Form

(Attachment A-2). Ensure that patrons can cancel an appointment or reservation for COVID-19 symptoms or exposure without financial penalty. You may offer to reschedule for another time if the patron wants to reschedule instead of to cancel.

MEASURES TO PREVENT UNNECESSARY CONTACT

- Tell Personnel and patrons to maintain physical distancing of at least six feet, except Personnel may momentarily come closer when necessary to accept payment, deliver goods or services, or as otherwise necessary
- Separate all used desks or individual work stations by at least six feet
- Place markings in patron line areas to ensure six feet physical distancing (inside and outside)
- When possible, provide for contactless payment systems. The Board of Supervisors has required businesses to accept cash—if cash is used encourage exact change.
- Maintain Plexiglas or other barriers between patrons and Personnel at point of payment (if not possible, then ensure at least six feet of distance)
- Limit the number of patrons in the business at any one time to: _____
- Separate ordering areas from delivery areas or similarly help distance patrons when possible
- Add signage and educate Personnel about safer break room practices, including as required in Section 3.27
- Optional—Describe other measures:

SANITIZING MEASURES

- Ensure that all high-touch or regularly used surfaces, as well as commonly-used areas like break rooms, bathrooms, and other common areas, are cleaned and disinfected at least once daily, or more frequently if required by industry standards. Unless otherwise required by another Health Officer order or directive, cleaning and disinfection does not have to occur after each individual patron touches a surface unless patron appears symptomatic or there is visible contamination from nasal or oral secretions.
- Provide disinfecting wipes that are effective against SARS-CoV-2 near shopping carts, shopping baskets, and high-touch surfaces and provide hand sanitizer
- Provide hand sanitizer, sink with soap and water, and/or disinfecting wipes to patrons and Personnel at or near the entrance of the facility, at checkout counters, and anywhere else people have direct interactions
- Prevent people from self-serving any items that are food-related except as allowed by this protocol or except as allowed by a separate Health Officer Directive (for example, Nos. 2020-07 and 2020-17, as updated):
 - Provide lids and utensils for food items by Personnel, not for patrons to grab
- Prohibit use of water fountains.
- Optional—Describe other measures (e.g., providing hours for unvaccinated older adults or high-risk people):

INDUSTRY-SPECIFIC DIRECTIVES

- Ensure that you have read and implemented the attached list of requirements.
- In addition to complying with the Social Distancing Protocol, many businesses must comply with additional, industry-specific directives. Go to www.sfdph.org/directives and check to see if your business is subject to one or more additional directives. For each one, you must review the Health and Safety Plan (HSP) requirements and post an additional checklist for each one that applies. In the event that any directive changes the requirements of the Social Distancing Protocol, the more specific language of the directive controls, even if it is less restrictive. Check this box after you have checked the list of directives and posted any other required HSP.

* Any additional measures may be listed on separate pages and attached.

[You are not required to post these Instructions and Requirements]**Instructions:**

The two-page Social Distancing Protocol checklist above must reflect the business's completion of each requirement listed below unless an item is not applicable. Use the two-page checklist above to show compliance with these requirements. The business does not need to post these Instructions and Requirements, only the checklist above. The term "Personnel" is defined in Health Officer Order to which this Appendix is attached. The term "patron" includes customers, others seeking services, visitors, and guests.

Requirements:

In addition to the items below, this protocol requires the business to ensure that Personnel who perform work associated with the business are covered by the Social Distancing Protocol checklist and comply with those requirements. Each business is required to take certain steps in the protocol related to its Personnel, including the actions listed in Sections 2.1 through 2.4 below if Personnel are sick. Each business is prohibited from taking any adverse action against any Personnel for staying home in the circumstances listed in Sections 2.1 through 2.4 below. Personnel of each business are prohibited from coming to work if they are sick and must comply with the protocol, including the rules for returning to work listed in Sections 2.1 through 2.4 below.

1. Signage and Education

1.1. [Revised 3/23/21] Post signage at each public entrance of the facility or location (if any) to inform all patrons each of the following:

1.1.1. Patrons must: not wait in line or enter the facility or location if they have a symptom of COVID-19 that is new or not explained by another condition, listing the symptoms from the Screening Form for non-personnel (Attachment A-2, available online at www.sfcddcp.org/screen) or using the symptom list available online at www.sfcddcp.org/covid19symptoms;

maintain a minimum six-foot distance from others while in line or in the facility or location;

wear a face covering or barrier mask (a "Face Covering") at all times; and

not shake hands or engage in any unnecessary physical contact.

Criteria for Face Coverings and the requirements related to their use are set forth in Health Officer Order No. C19-12e, issued on March 18, 2021 (the "Face Covering Order"), including as that order is updated in the future. Sample signs are available online at <https://sf.gov/outreach-toolkit-coronavirus-covid-19>. A list of common symptoms of COVID-19 can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>.

1.1.2. [Added 3/23/21] People at risk for severe illness with COVID-19—such as unvaccinated older adults, and unvaccinated individuals with health risks—and members of their household should avoid indoor settings with crowds.

- 1.1.3.** [Moved from below and updated 3/23/21] Indicating which of the following ventilation strategies are used at the facility: All available windows and doors accessible to fresh outdoor air are kept open; Fully Operational HVAC systems; Appropriately sized portable air cleaners in each room; or None of the above.

In addition, all businesses—including hospitals and medical offices that meet Title 24 requirements for ventilation for healthcare facilities—must conspicuously post this same ventilation signage in any and all breakrooms in their facilities.

The County is making templates for the signage available online at <https://sf.gov/outreach-toolkit-coronavirus-covid-19>. The templates may be updated from time to time, and businesses are strongly urged to keep informed of those changes and update their signage accordingly

- 1.2.** Post a copy of the Social Distancing Protocol checklist at each public entrance to the facility or location.
- 1.3.** Distribute to all Personnel copies of the Social Distancing Protocol checklist in hardcopy or electronic format.
- 1.4.** Educate all Personnel on the requirements of the Social Distancing Protocol and any other Health Officer directive that applies.

2. Screening Requirements and Related Restrictions

[Entire section revised 9/14/20; minor edits made 3/23/21] Businesses and other entities in the City that are allowed to operate must screen all Personnel each day using the screening process described in Sections 2.1 through 2.4 below. Attached to this Appendix is the Personnel Screening Attachment (**Attachment A-1**) which provides the three questions that must be used for that purpose. That form may be used, or the business may adapt the questions and the information contained in that form for use through another method such as by phone, text message, email, web interface, or app.

Separately, many businesses and other entities that are allowed to operate are required by separate directives to screen guests, visitors, customers, or others using similar questions. Attached to this Appendix is the San Francisco COVID-19 Health Screening Form for non-personnel (**Attachment A-2**) that may be used for this purpose. If a directive requires use of the San Francisco COVID-19 Health Screening Form, then that form must be used or the business or entity may adapt the questions and the information contained in that form for use through another method such as by phone, text message, email, web interface, or app.

A copy of the applicable screening form should be provided to anyone on request, although a poster or other large-format version of the form may be used to review the questions with people verbally at entrances. Businesses and organizations can use the guidance available online at www.sfcddcp.org/screen for determining how best to conduct screening. The City has flyers, posters, fact sheets, and social media graphics available in multiple languages for use by the community. These resources include posters regarding use of Face Coverings and screening. These resources are available online at <https://sf.gov/outreach-toolkit-coronavirus-covid-19>.

The screening requirements listed in this Appendix are subject to any more specific (or different) requirements that apply under any other Health Officer directive or order.

Personnel Screening and Restrictions:

- 2.1. [Updated 1/20/21] Instruct all Personnel orally and in writing not to come to work or the facility if they answer yes to any of the three questions on the Personnel Screening Attachment (**Attachment A-1**). See www.sfcddcp.org/screen for this form including translations.
- 2.2. Provide a copy of the Personnel Screening Attachment (A-1) to all Personnel who regularly work at the facility or location in hardcopy format or electronically. PDF and translated versions of the Personnel Screening Attachment can be found at www.sfcddcp.org/screen. If the Personnel Screening Attachment is updated, provide an updated copy to all Personnel. Instead of sending out the attachment, Businesses may (i) adopt the questions and information contained on the Personnel Screening Attachment, (ii) ask Personnel those questions, and (iii) deliver to Personnel the information contained in that form through another format.
- 2.3. [Updated 3/2/21] Review the three questions on the Personnel Screening Attachment on a daily basis with all Personnel in the City who work at the facility or location before each person enters work spaces or begins a shift. If such a review is not feasible because the business does not directly interact with some Personnel onsite daily, then that business must for those Personnel (1) instruct such Personnel to review the questions before each shift in the City and (2) have such Personnel report to the business that they are okay to begin the shift such as through an app, website, or phone call.

Instruct any Personnel who answered yes to any of the three questions on the Personnel Screening Attachment to return home or not come to work and follow the directions on the Attachment. Generally speaking, Personnel with any single COVID-19 symptom that is new or not explained by another condition (and who has not already been diagnosed with COVID-19) MUST have a negative COVID-19 test OR stay out of work for at least 10 days since symptoms started in order to return to work. Those who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 or had a test confirming they have the virus cannot return to work until at least 10 days after their symptoms have started; if they never had symptoms but had a positive COVID-19 test they can return 10 days after the date their test was collected. Those who are close contacts of someone with COVID-19 must generally remain out of work for 10-14 days since their last close contact, and the exact duration depends on their occupation (details can be found at www.sfcddcp.org/quarantineduration). Anyone who has received the COVID-19 vaccine should read more about whether they need to quarantine after being a close contact at: www.sfcddcp.org/quarantineaftervaccination.

- 2.4. Instruct Personnel who stayed home or who went home based on the questions listed on the Personnel Screening Attachment that they must follow the instructions on that form as well as any applicable requirements from the quarantine and isolation directives (available at www.sfdph.org/healthorders) before returning to work. If they are required to self-quarantine or self-isolate, they may only return to work after they have completed self-quarantine or self-isolation. If they test negative for the virus (no virus found), they may only return to work if they meet the criteria explained on the Personnel Screening Attachment: www.sfcddcp.org/screening-handout. Personnel are not required to provide a medical clearance letter to return to work as long as they have met the requirements outlined on the Personnel Screening Attachment. Additional information about isolation and quarantine, including translations, is available online at www.sfcddcp.org/i&q.

Guest, Visitor, Customer, and Other People Screening and Restrictions:

2.5. Health Officer directives may require screening of guests, visitors, customers, and others using the San Francisco COVID-19 Health Screening Form for non-personnel (**Attachment A-2**). In general, anyone who answers “yes” to any screening question on the San Francisco COVID-19 Health Screening Form should not enter the business or facility because they are at risk of having the virus that causes COVID-19. The form lists steps that should be taken by anyone who answers “yes” to a screening question. In some instances, a Health Officer directive will require that anyone who answers “yes” to be prevented from entry. In other situations, the Department of Public Health discourages organizations from denying essential services to those who may answer “yes” to any of the questions and encourages organizations to find alternative means to meet clients’ needs that would not require them to enter the facility.

3. Other Personnel and Patron Protection and Sanitation Requirements:

- 3.1.** Businesses must periodically check the following website for any testing requirements for employers and businesses: www.sfdcp.org/covid19. If requirements are added, ensure that the business and all Personnel comply with testing requirements.
- 3.2.** If an aspect of the business is allowed to operate and is covered by a Health Officer directive, then the business must comply with all applicable directives as well as this Social Distancing Protocol. Copies of other directives are available online at www.sfdph.org/directives. For each directive that applies, review the Health and Safety Plan (HSP) requirements and post an additional HSP checklist for each one that applies. In the event that any directive changes the requirements of the Social Distancing Protocol, the more specific language of the directive controls, even if it is less restrictive.
- 3.3.** Instruct all Personnel and patrons to maintain at least a six-foot distance from others, including when in line and when shopping or collecting goods on behalf of patrons, except when momentarily necessary to facilitate or accept payment and hand off items or deliver goods. Note that if the business cannot ensure maintenance of a six-foot distance within the location or facility between Personnel or other people onsite, such as by moving work stations or spreading Personnel out, it must reduce the number of Personnel permitted in the location or facility accordingly.
- 3.4.** [Minor Update 3/23/21] Provide Face Coverings for all Personnel, with instructions that they must wear Face Coverings at all times when at work, as further set forth in the Face Covering Order. A sample sign is available online at <https://sf.gov/outreach-toolkit-coronavirus-covid-19>. Allow Personnel to bring their own Face Covering if they bring one that has been cleaned before the shift. In general, people should have multiple Face Coverings (whether reusable or disposable) to ensure they use a clean one each day. The Face Covering Order permits certain exceptions, and the business should be aware of exceptions that allow a person not to wear a Face Covering (for example, children 9 years old or younger or based on a written medical excuse). When Personnel do not wear a Face Covering because of an exception, take steps to otherwise increase safety for all.
- 3.5.** If patrons wait in line outside or inside any facility or location operated by the business, require patrons to wear a Face Covering while waiting in line outside or inside the facility or location. This includes taking steps to notify patrons they will not be served if they are in line without a Face Covering and refusing to serve a patron without a Face

Covering, as further provided in the Face Covering Order. The business may provide a clean Face Covering to patrons while in line. For clarity, the transaction or service must be aborted if the patron is not wearing a Face Covering. But the business must permit a patron who is excused by the Face Covering Order from wearing a Face Covering to conduct their transaction or obtain service, including by taking steps that can otherwise increase safety for all.

- 3.6.** Provide a sink with soap, water, and paper towels for handwashing for all Personnel working onsite at the facility or location and for patrons if sinks and restrooms are open to patrons. Require that all Personnel wash hands at least at the start and end of each shift, after sneezing, coughing, eating, drinking, smoking (to the extent smoking is allowed by law and the business), or using the restroom, when changing tasks, and, when possible, frequently during each shift. Personnel who work off-site, such as driving or delivering goods, must be required to use hand sanitizer throughout their shift.
- 3.7.** Provide hand sanitizer effective against SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, at appropriate locations for patrons and elsewhere at the facility or location for Personnel. Sanitizer must also be provided to Personnel who shop, deliver, or drive for use when they are shopping, delivering, or driving. If sanitizer cannot be obtained, a handwashing station with soap, water, and paper towels will suffice for Personnel who are on-site at the facility or location. But for Personnel who shop, deliver, or drive in relation to their work, the business must provide hand sanitizer effective against SARS-CoV-2 at all times; for any period during which the business does not provide sanitizer to such shopping, delivery, or driving Personnel, the business is not allowed for that aspect of its service to operate in the City. Information on hand sanitizer, including sanitizer effective against SARS-CoV-2 and how to obtain sanitizer, is available online from the Food and Drug Administration here: <https://www.fda.gov/drugs/information-drug-class/ga-consumers-hand-sanitizers-and-covid-19>.
- 3.8.** Ensure that all high-touch or regularly used surfaces, as well as commonly-used areas like break rooms, bathrooms, and other common areas, are cleaned and disinfected at least once daily, or more frequently if required by industry standards. This includes items touched by customers or Personnel. Unless otherwise required by another Health Officer order or directive, cleaning and disinfection does not have to occur after each individual patron touches a surface unless patron appears symptomatic or there is visible contamination from nasal or oral secretions.

Provide disinfectant and related supplies to Personnel and require Personnel to sanitize all high-touch surfaces under their control, including but not limited to: shopping carts and baskets used by Personnel and patrons; countertops, food/item display cases, refrigerator and freezer case doors, drawers with tools or hardware, and check-out areas; cash registers, payment equipment, and self-check-out kiosks; door handles; tools and equipment used by Personnel during a shift; and any inventory-tracking or delivery-tracking equipment or devices which require handling throughout a work shift. These items should be cleaned and disinfected at least once daily, or more frequently if required by industry standards. A list of products listed by the United States Environmental Protection Agency as meeting criteria for use against SARS-CoV-2 can be found online here: <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2>.

3.9. [Deleted 3/23/21]

3.10. [Deleted 3/23/21]

Requirements

- 3.11.***[Deleted 3/23/21]*
- 3.12.***[Deleted 3/23/21]*
- 3.13.***[Modified 3/23/21]* Establish adequate time in the work day to allow for proper cleaning and disinfection throughout the facility or location by Personnel.
- 3.14.***[Revised 8/14/20]* Suspend use of any drinking fountains until further notice.
- 3.15.** When possible, provide a barrier between the patron and the cashier such as a plexi-glass temporary barrier. When not possible, create sufficient space to enable the patron to stand more than six feet away from the cashier while items are being scanned/tallied and bagged.
- 3.16.***[Modified 3/23/21]* Whenever possible, provide for contactless payment systems (which help minimize closer physical interactions). Patrons may pay with cash but to further limit person-to-person contact, Personnel should encourage patrons to use credit, debit, or gift cards for payment.
- 3.17.***[Deleted 3/23/21]*
- 3.18.** If an employee or other Personnel tests positive for COVID-19 or SARS-CoV-2, follow the guidance on “Business guidance if a staff member tests positive for COVID-19,” available at <https://sf.gov/business-guidance-if-staff-member-tests-positive-covid-19>.
- 3.19.** Post signs to advise patrons of the maximum line capacity to ensure that the maximum number of patrons in line is not exceeded. Once the maximum number of patrons is reached, patrons should be advised to return later to prevent buildup of congestion in the line.
- 3.20.** Place tape or other markings on the sidewalk or floor at least six feet apart in patron line areas with signs directing patrons to use the markings to maintain distance.
- 3.21.***[Deleted 3/23/21]*
- 3.22.** Ensure that all Personnel who select items on behalf of patrons wear a Face Covering when selecting, packing, and/or delivering items.
- 3.23.** Require Personnel to wash hands frequently, including:
- When entering any kitchen or food preparation area
 - Before starting food preparation or handling
 - After touching their face, hair, or other areas of the body
 - After using the restroom
 - After coughing, sneezing, using a tissue, smoking, eating, or drinking
 - Before putting on gloves
 - After engaging in other activities that may contaminate the hands
- 3.24.** Assign Personnel to keep soap and paper towels stocked at sinks and handwashing stations at least every hour and to replenish other sanitizing products.

- 3.25.** *[Modified 3/23/21]* To the extent allowed by the State, the business may, but is not required, to allow customers use their own reusable bags, mugs, cups, or other similar re-fillable food containers brought from home.
- 3.26.** *[Added 7/13/20; updated 11/3/20]* If a patron has symptoms of COVID-19 (see Section 1.1 above) or is otherwise unable to participate in an appointment or reservation for a COVID-19 related reason, the business must cancel the appointment or reservation if it is not for essential services (such as food, medicine, shelter, or social services) and allow the patron to cancel without any financial penalty. The business may offer to reschedule the appointment or reservation but cannot require rescheduling instead of allowing the patron to cancel. In the healthcare context, more specific Health Officer directives may allow appointments when a patient or client is ill, and the requirements of the directive must be followed in that situation.
- 3.27.** *[Added 1/27/21]* As soon as possible, but by no later than February 3, 2021, businesses that make break rooms, cafeterias, or other similar indoor spaces available to Personnel must comply with the following requirements:
- 3.27.1.** The business must notify Personnel that they are advised against eating indoors to the greatest extent possible. Where feasible, businesses should provide an outdoor area where Personnel can eat their meals. If Personnel must eat indoors, the business must encourage Personnel to eat away from others, including at their own desks or workspaces. Businesses must discourage Personnel from congregating in cafeterias, break rooms, or other similar indoor spaces.
- 3.27.2.** Businesses must stagger and schedule breaks for their Personnel and the use of break rooms or other similar indoor spaces to avoid crowding and help limit socializing.
- 3.27.3.** Post the following signage in any break room, cafeteria, or similar indoor space. The County is making available templates for the signage available online at <https://sf.gov/outreach-toolkit-coronavirus-covid-19>.
- 3.27.3.1.** A sign bearing the message that: (1) COVID-19 is transmitted through the air, and the risk is generally higher indoors, and (2) seniors and those with health risks should avoid indoor settings with crowds.
- 3.27.3.2.** A sign informing Personnel that they must remain at least six feet away from others outside their Household at all times.
- 3.27.3.3.** A copy of the "Take a Break Safely" Poster (available online at sf.gov/file/covid-break-room).
- 3.27.3.4.** *[Revised 3/23/21]* A sign regarding the ventilation requirements listed in Section 1.1.3 above.
- 3.27.4.** Limit the number of people in indoor break rooms, cafeterias, or other similar spaces to the lesser of: (a) 25% of the maximum occupancy; or (b) the number of people that can safely maintain at least six feet of distance from each other at all times.

- 3.27.5.** Businesses that provide onsite food serve to Personnel must operate in accordance with Health Officer Directives 2020-05 (Food Preparation for Essential Delivery Businesses) and 2020-16 (Indoor and Outdoor Dining) and any amendments to those directives. Businesses must strongly encourage Personnel to take food items to-go and eat outside or in areas away from other Personnel. Consider limiting offerings to pre-packed and grab-n-go style meals.
- 3.27.6.** Businesses are strongly recommended to take all available steps to protect their Personnel, including using visual cues to promote proper distancing and expanding the number of break spaces to prevent crowding.

Note – Sections 3.14 and 3.26 control over any contrary language in Health Officer Directive No. 2020-06 until that directive is amended or updated.