



## DALLAS COUNTY

### EXHIBIT A

#### Rules for Essential Retailers

**Reason for Rules.** The purpose of these rules is to outline the steps that every employer and employee must take to reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19. The rules describe how to prevent worker exposure to coronavirus and protective measures to be taken in all establishments.

#### Definition of Essential Retailers.

1. Stores that Sell Groceries and Other Essential Supplies. Grocery stores, supermarkets, warehouse stores, big-box stores, bodegas, liquor stores, convenience stores, and farmers' markets that sell food products and household consumer products (such as cleaning and personal care products). This includes stores that sell groceries and also sell other non-grocery products.
2. Gas Stations and Businesses Needed for Transportation. Gas stations, auto-supply stores, auto-repair, and bicycle repair. Auto-dealerships, for in-person mechanical services or to complete an online transaction on an appointment basis only.
3. Other Essential Retailers. Pet food and supply stores. Laundromats, dry cleaners, and laundry service providers, hardware stores, and related facilities. Firearm and ammunition suppliers and retailers for purposes of safety and security. Hardware stores and business that sell electrical, plumbing, and other materials necessary to support Essential Businesses, and Essential Government Functions, and Critical Infrastructure.

**Safety Rules for All Essential Retailers.** All employers involved in essential retail activity must follow the requirements set forth in the rules below:

1. All employees must take their temperature at their residence before going to an Essential Retailer. If an employee has a temperature above 99.6 degrees Fahrenheit, then they are prohibited from going to work and must remain at their residence;
2. To the greatest extent possible and as equipment becomes available, an Essential Retailer must implement a system whereby supervisors must check the temperature of all employees with a forehead thermometer before the employee begins work. If an employee has a temperature above 99.6 degrees Fahrenheit, then they are not permitted to work and must be sent home immediately;
3. Gatherings during meals or breaks are prohibited;
4. Employees must keep a 6 foot distance between people at all times, unless the work being performed requires multiple individuals for the safety of the employees;
5. Employers must allow non-essential personnel to work from home when possible;
6. Employers must provide soap and water, or hand sanitizer if no soap or water is available, in the workplace, including all restrooms and food preparation areas. Ensure that adequate supplies are maintained;



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7. Employees must wash their hands for at least twenty (20) seconds before beginning work, before any food preparation, before and after the use of shared items, after any meal or restroom breaks, and immediately prior to the end of the work shift.
8. Rest breaks of at least fifteen (15) minutes for every four (4) hours worked must be provided so employees may follow hygiene guidelines;
9. There shall be no adverse action taken against an employee who has, due to possible exposure to coronavirus, (1) been quarantined or advised to self-quarantine; (2) have not reported to work because the employee has a temperature of 99.6 degrees or higher; and (3) requested to use paid sick leave under the employer's policy; and
10. Employers must designate both a member of management as the COVID-19 Safety Monitor and a senior hourly worker (that is not a member of management) as the COVID-19 Vice Safety Monitor at each store to have the authority to work together to enforce these rules. Employers in unionized workplaces should consult with the employee's representatives on this designation.

### **General Rules for Essential Retailers.**

1. Employers shall implement an organized line system where employees, customers, and other persons are not less than six feet apart at all times;
2. To the greatest extent practicable, designate shopping times for at risk populations (seniors, pregnant people, and people with underlying health conditions);
3. To the greatest extent possible, implement a system to restrict the number of customers who are physically present at an Essential Retailer so that six foot spacing may be maintained;
4. Employers shall implement purchase limits on high-demand items (toilet paper, soap, hand sanitizer). These purchase limits do not apply to a government organization or essential business;
5. To the greatest extent possible, employers shall offer pick up services or delivery services of grocery items and other essential supplies; and
6. Self-service food stations are prohibited. Self-service stations are defined as items that customers use common serving utensils to serve themselves, including but not limited to, salad bars, hot dog stands, self-service bulk food items, and other related food items. This section does not apply to self-checkout stations, so long as the checkout stations are cleaned at least every 30 minutes.

**Enforcement.** A violation of this Order is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 and/or confinement in jail for a term not to exceed 180 days. Additionally, any essential retailer who fails to strictly comply with these rules can be removed from the essential business list and prohibited from operating in Dallas County.