

**NOVEMBER 23, 2020,**  
**SANGAMON COUNTY LIQUOR COMMISSIONER TEMPORARY RULE**  
**REQUIRING LIQUOR LICENSEES TO COMPLY WITH COVID-19 REQUIREMENTS**  
[NOTE: Supersedes November 10, 2020, Temporary Rule]

**WHEREAS**, businesses licensed to sell alcoholic beverages at retail have operated with restrictions designed to protect the public health during the COVID-19 pandemic in order for the businesses and the overall economy to prosper; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 pandemic continues, positivity rates in our area have increased, and the pandemic threatens the health of all persons in Sangamon County, including employees and patrons of these licensees; and

**WHEREAS**, based upon current data in Sangamon County, our medical advisory group has recommended additional mitigation restrictions to avoid those conditions in which the safety of any person is likely to be endangered by the keeping open of such place where alcoholic liquor is sold at retail or dispensed; and

**WHEREAS**, the Sangamon County Board Chairman, in his capacity as the Sangamon County Liquor Commissioner, is authorized to make rules relating to the administration and enforcement of the Sangamon County Code, Chapter 5.04, entitled "Alcoholic Beverages;" and

**WHEREAS**, Section 5.04.380 of the Code grants the Liquor Commissioner the authority to close for a time period as determined by the Liquor Commissioner a licensee's business if, in his opinion, the safety of any person is likely to be endangered by the keeping open of such place where alcoholic liquor is sold at retail or dispensed; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the Liquor Commissioner's opinion that the operation of a licensee's business while not in compliance with the COVID-19 protective measures set forth in Exhibit A (attached hereto) endangers the safety of persons who are employees and patrons of the business and, thus, the business is subject to closure for a time period determined by the Liquor Commissioner pursuant to Section 5.04.380; and

**WHEREAS**, a violation of Section 5.04.380 also subjects licensees to Section 5.04.370 monetary penalties, which may include a fine of not less than two hundred fifty dollars for the first offense, not less than five hundred dollars for the second offense, and not less than one thousand dollars for any offense thereafter; and

**WHEREAS**, any such violation may also subject licensees to any other action that may be taken by the Liquor Commissioner under Section 5.04.140, including, but not limited to, the revocation or suspension of a license; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 5.04.360 of the Code incorporates the Illinois Liquor Control Act and all regulations issued by the Illinois Liquor Commission applicable to Sangamon County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois Liquor Control Act is to be liberally construed, to the end that the health, safety, and welfare of the People of the State of Illinois shall be protected (235 ILCS 5/1-2); and

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois Liquor Control Act gives the Liquor Commissioner the authority to grant or suspend for not more than 30 days or revoke for cause all local licenses issued to persons for premises within his jurisdiction (235 ILCS 5/4-4(1)); and

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois Liquor Control Act further provides the Liquor Commissioner with the authority to revoke or suspend any license issued by him if he determines that the licensee has violated the Act, any provision of Chapter 5.04, any Liquor Commissioner rule, or any regulation of the Illinois Liquor Commissioner, in addition to imposing fines as allowed by the Act (235 ILCS 5/7-5).

**WHEREFORE**, through the authority granted by the aforementioned laws, the Liquor Commissioner hereby enacts the following temporary rule, which has the force of law, and shall apply to all classes of license under Section 5.04.050 of the Code, but shall not apply to licenses granted for internet sales: **All licensees must operate their businesses in compliance with Exhibit A (attached hereto).**

This temporary rule is effective November 26, 2020, at 12:01 a.m. and shall remain in effect until further action by the undersigned.

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Sangamon County Board Chairman  
Sangamon County Liquor Commissioner

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**(11/23/2020)**

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*Updated 11/23/20*

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**Do bars and restaurants need to stop accepting customers at 11:00 p.m., or do they have to clear the premises by 11:00 p.m.?**

- All patrons must be off the premises by 11:00 p.m. and may reopen at 6:00 a.m. or later. Drive-thru, carry out, and delivery service is still permitted after 11:00 p.m., but customers must depart after obtaining their food and there should not be congregation of customers outside of the restaurant after closure time.

**Can restaurants and cafeterias within airports, hospitals, and college dining halls continue to provide indoor dining and exempt from mitigation measures?**

- Yes. From the beginning of the emergency declaration to respond to COVID-19, executive order 2020-07 provided that businesses located in airports, hospitals, and dining halls in colleges and universities are exempt from the requirements of this Executive Order. For purposes of ensuring that individuals can eat a meal with no alternatives provided in these venues for eating, they are not subject to the mitigation measures imposed in regions. Patrons must follow the restaurant and bar guidelines in the establishment,

including wearing masks when waitstaff approach and when they are not eating or drinking at a table.

**Is video gaming permitted at bars, restaurants and other licensed video gaming locations in areas under mitigation?**

- No. All video gaming terminals must be closed.
- Failure to comply with mitigation efforts and restrictions could subject licensees to discipline from the Illinois Gaming Board, up to and including license revocation

**Are meetings and events still permissible, even at a reduced capacity?**

- No; meeting rooms, banquet centers, private party rooms, country clubs, etc. may not host meetings or events – including weddings – under any capacity.

## **Retail & Service Counters**

**What are the new capacity restrictions for retail and general merchandise stores?**

- Retail and service counter stores that are not primarily engaged in the sale of groceries or medicinal drugs (pharmacies) are limited to 25% capacity
- “Big Box” stores that sell both groceries and other items are limited to 25% capacity

**What about grocery stores and pharmacies?**

- Retail stores that primarily sell groceries (i.e. Jewel, Kroger, Mariano’s, Whole Foods, etc.) or medicinal drugs (pharmacies) can continue to operate at 50% capacity
- For the purpose of this guidance, a retail store “primarily sells groceries” if it derives at least 65% of its revenues from the sale of food items
- For the purpose of this guidance, a retail store “primarily sells medicinal drugs” if it derives at least 50% of its revenues from the sale of prescription and over-the-counter drugs

**How do the capacity restrictions impact malls?**

- The 25% capacity restriction applies to each store as well as each common area at the mall
- Indoor food courts are permissible for takeaway services only

**Do they store employees count towards the capacity restrictions?**

- No

**What are the capacity restrictions for cannabis dispensaries?**

- Recreational dispensaries are limited to 25% capacity
- Dispensaries that derive at least 50% of their revenue from the sale of medicinal can operate at up to 50% capacity

**What about Flea Markets & Farmer’s Markets**

- Flea markets and farmer’s markets should operate at 25% capacity, or 15 people per 1,000 feet.
- Booths/exhibits should be spaced the lesser of every third spot, or 30 feet apart
- Indoor flea markets should open windows and doors for fresh air flow



- Face coverings should always be worn, whether indoor or outdoor
- Flea Markets should have hand sanitizer available for customers upon entering the flea market and/or available at various locations within the flea market
- If possible, vendors should use an impermeable barrier or a second table between vendors and customers
- Flea Market should have employees monitoring the venue to ensure customers are social distancing and wearing face coverings

## **Sports and Fitness Centers**

### **What are the current restrictions on health and fitness facilities?**

- Health and fitness centers are limited to 25% of occupancy at any given time
- No group fitness classes
- 1-on-1 personal training permitted
- Workout stations should be configured to be 6 feet apart (either positioned or decommissioning at certain stations), or 3 feet apart with impermeable barriers installed
- Locker rooms should be closed (except minimum facilities for swimmers may be open to shower/change), including all amenities such as saunas, steam rooms, and whirlpools should also be closed
- Reservations are required

### **What does it mean that a “reservation” is required?**

- Health and fitness facilities must use a reservation system (1) to know how many members are using the facility and ensure that they do not exceed capacity limits and (2) to have a record of members who were at the facility at a certain time for contact tracing purposes. Walk-up reservations (including through membership card swipes) are sufficient as long as the gym knows how many members are at the facility and has a record of when members were on premises for contact tracing.

### **What about “specialty” gyms such as a spin studio or a gym with high intensity cardio classes?**

- Gyms that typically offer one group class at a time can no longer offer those classes. However, these gyms may operate at 25% capacity for individual users

### **Is yoga considered an indoor class subject to the same restrictions?**

- Yoga classes that are performed in a group setting are not permitted under Tier 3 mitigation measures.
- Individuals can practice yoga on a mat and 6 feet apart from other patrons wearing a face covering in the gym, but not as part of a group class

### **Is 1:1 personal training still okay?**

- Yes. Personal training sessions are still permitted during Tier 3 mitigation. Both trainer and trainee need to wear a mask during the session.

### **Are youth and recreational sports still permissible?**

- All indoor group sporting and recreational activities including youth and adult recreational sports are currently not permitted
- Only 1-on-1 training for indoor sports can occur right now.

**What's the policy on tennis?**

- Indoor tennis practice and lessons only; two people total per court or a player can utilize a ball machine, no competitive or recreational play.
- Outdoor tennis is permitted

**What's the policy on swimming?**

- Lap swimming is permitted at fitness facilities; swimmers cannot share lanes
- Swim team competitions and practices are prohibited
- Group swim lessons should be paused
- 1:1 swimming instruction is allowed

**Do indoor pools have to close because locker rooms must be closed?**

- Fitness and instruction facilities with indoor pools can keep a minimum amount of locker room space open to provide basic sanitary services, but must limit access to no more than 10 persons at a time
- Guests must always wear face coverings in locker rooms
- Indoor pools and water parks for recreation, amusement or group lessons must close

**Do fitness centers need to close locker room restroom facilities?**

- No, restroom facilities in locker rooms can remain open.
- Operators must minimize congregation for use of restroom facilities and abide by sanitation requirements.
- Operators must clearly indicate that other common areas, changing rooms, showers, amenities, etc. are closed.

**What's the guidance for indoor basketball?**

- Indoor group sporting and recreational basketball is to be closed. Only individual shooting around, practice drills, and other training may occur

**What about outdoor sports?**

- Teams may practice outdoor in groups of 10 or less, with proper social distancing
- Competitive play is not permissible

**Is golf still permissible?**

- Yes; golf courses can continue to operate under the [golf guidance](#)
- Indoor dining service and meeting rooms must stay closed
- Group lessons are limited to 10 people, including the instructor

**Are competitive and group dance classes permitted?**

- No. All groups practices and competitions must pause all activity during Tier 3 mitigations

**Are professional sports and collegiate level sports subject to the Tier 3 mitigations?**

- No. Professional sports and collegiate level sports teams are exempt from these mitigations

**Indoor Recreation, Theaters, and other Entertainment Venues**

**What are the restrictions on indoor recreation?**

- All indoor recreation currently subject to the indoor and outdoor recreation guidelines must close
- Additionally, other recreational activities such as movie theatres, museums, and bowling alleys must also close

**What about outdoor recreation?**

- Outdoor recreational facilities, including outdoor exhibits at zoos and museums, can continue to operate at 25% capacity
- Outdoor group activities limited to 10 people or less, participants/guests must wear face coverings at all times

**What about zoos?**

- Outdoor areas at zoos can continue to operate at 25% capacity
- Group tours must be limited to 10 people or less
- Indoor exhibits must remain closed

**What's the policy on indoor child activity centers that are not associated with a day care?**

- Indoor activity and play centers should be closed

**Can casinos continue to operate?**

- No

**What about video gaming terminals in bars, restaurants and other locations?**

- All video gaming terminals must be closed.

**Personal Care Services**

**What are the new capacity restrictions for businesses that offer personal care services?**

- Personal services facilities such as spas, hair salons, barber shops, nail salons, waxing centers, tattoo parlors, and similar facilities may be open but must cap occupancy at no more than 25 percent

**Are facials and beard trimmings permitted?**

- No; Any service that requires the patron to remove the face covering is prohibited

**Are massages and other body treatments permitted?**

- Massage therapy and other body treatments are allowed as deemed necessary by a medical provider, but appointments must be spaced by a minimum of 15 minutes and facilities

should take steps to sanitize and circulate clean air through service rooms before and after each service

- Spa body services such as body scrubs, body wraps and other body treatments should not be provided.

**Are nails services permissible?**

- Yes, with face coverings worn at all times

**Is pet grooming permissible?**

- Yes, at 25% capacity

## **Places of Worship and Funerals**

**Do the regional mitigation measures apply to churches and other places of worship?**

- Religious organizations and houses of worship are strongly encouraged to consult and follow the recommended practices and guidelines from the Illinois Department of Public Health.
- As set forth in the IDPH guidelines, the safest practices for religious organizations at this time are to provide services online, in a drive-in format, or outdoors (and consistent with social distancing requirements and guidance regarding wearing face coverings), and to limit indoor services to 10 people.
- Religious organizations are strongly encouraged to take steps to ensure social distancing, the use of face coverings, and implementation of other public health measures
- Places of worship should not hold events or meeting outside of the regular worship services

**Are there restrictions on funerals?**

- Funerals are limited to 10 family members of the decedents, not including staff, see IDPH guidance

## **Day Cares and Day Camps**

**Are daycares permissible?**

- Daycares licensed by DCFS should continue to follow those guidelines

**What about day camps not licensed by DCFS?**

- Day camps not licensed by DCSF can operate in group sizes of 15 or fewer
- Tier 3 mitigations do not impact day camp guidance

**Are overnight camps permissible?**

- No

## **Miscellaneous Questions**

**Do the mitigation measures impact libraries?**

- The operations of libraries are at the discretion of local governmental entities

**Does the prohibition on meetings and events impact governmental entities?**

- The mitigation measures do not affect services provided by governments to ensure their continued operations or to provide for or support the health, safety, and welfare of the public
- However, governmental agencies, including school boards, are encouraged to hold public meetings remotely

**What about educational and certification-type classes?**

- Tier 3 mitigations do not affect classes offered by schools, colleges or universities
- Certification, licensure and/or professional development classes are permissible, but it is highly recommended that these classes be held virtually

**What about photography studios?**

- Outdoor photography is permissible with groups up to 10 people
- Indoor photography should not operate at this time

**NOVEMBER 23, 2020,  
NOTICE TO ALL FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS  
OPERATING IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, OF  
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[NOTE: Supersedes November 10, 2020, Notice]

Pursuant to Chapter 5.20 of the Sangamon County Code, food service establishments must have a permit or license to operate in Sangamon County.

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**Can bars and restaurants in mitigation areas serve food and beverages indoors in conjunction with a meeting or special event?**

- No. Bars and restaurants in mitigation areas are not permitted to have any indoor dining and service, and therefore may not host meetings, events or gatherings within their establishment.

**Do bars and restaurants need to stop accepting customers at 11:00 p.m., or do they have to clear the premises by 11:00 p.m.?**

- All patrons must be off the premises by 11:00 p.m. and may reopen at 6:00 a.m. or later. Drive-thru, carry out, and delivery service is still permitted after 11:00 p.m., but customers must depart after obtaining their food and there should not be congregation of customers outside of the restaurant after closure time.

**Can restaurants and cafeterias within airports, hospitals, and college dining halls continue to provide indoor dining and exempt from mitigation measures?**

- Yes. From the beginning of the emergency declaration to respond to COVID-19, executive order 2020-07 provided that businesses located in airports, hospitals, and dining halls in colleges and universities are exempt from the requirements of this Executive Order. For purposes of ensuring that individuals can eat a meal with no alternatives provided in these venues for eating, they are not subject to the mitigation measures imposed in regions. Patrons must follow the restaurant and bar guidelines in the establishment,

including wearing masks when waitstaff approach and when they are not eating or drinking at a table.

**Is video gaming permitted at bars, restaurants and other licensed video gaming locations in areas under mitigation?**

- No. All video gaming terminals must be closed.
- Failure to comply with mitigation efforts and restrictions could subject licensees to discipline from the Illinois Gaming Board, up to and including license revocation

**Are meetings and events still permissible, even at a reduced capacity?**

- No; meeting rooms, banquet centers, private party rooms, country clubs, etc. may not host meetings or events – including weddings – under any capacity.

## **Retail & Service Counters**

**What are the new capacity restrictions for retail and general merchandise stores?**

- Retail and service counter stores that are not primarily engaged in the sale of groceries or medicinal drugs (pharmacies) are limited to 25% capacity
- “Big Box” stores that sell both groceries and other items are limited to 25% capacity

**What about grocery stores and pharmacies?**

- Retail stores that primarily sell groceries (i.e. Jewel, Kroger, Mariano’s, Whole Foods, etc.) or medicinal drugs (pharmacies) can continue to operate at 50% capacity
- For the purpose of this guidance, a retail store “primarily sells groceries” if it derives at least 65% of its revenues from the sale of food items
- For the purpose of this guidance, a retail store “primarily sells medicinal drugs” if it derives at least 50% of its revenues from the sale of prescription and over-the-counter drugs

**How do the capacity restrictions impact malls?**

- The 25% capacity restriction applies to each store as well as each common area at the mall
- Indoor food courts are permissible for takeaway services only

**Do they store employees count towards the capacity restrictions?**

- No

**What are the capacity restrictions for cannabis dispensaries?**

- Recreational dispensaries are limited to 25% capacity
- Dispensaries that derive at least 50% of their revenue from the sale of medicinal can operate at up to 50% capacity

**What about Flea Markets & Farmer’s Markets**

- Flea markets and farmer’s markets should operate at 25% capacity, or 15 people per 1,000 feet.
- Booths/exhibits should be spaced the lesser of every third spot, or 30 feet apart
- Indoor flea markets should open windows and doors for fresh air flow

- Face coverings should always be worn, whether indoor or outdoor
- Flea Markets should have hand sanitizer available for customers upon entering the flea market and/or available at various locations within the flea market
- If possible, vendors should use an impermeable barrier or a second table between vendors and customers
- Flea Market should have employees monitoring the venue to ensure customers are social distancing and wearing face coverings

## **Sports and Fitness Centers**

### **What are the current restrictions on health and fitness facilities?**

- Health and fitness centers are limited to 25% of occupancy at any given time
- No group fitness classes
- 1-on-1 personal training permitted
- Workout stations should be configured to be 6 feet apart (either positioned or decommissioning at certain stations), or 3 feet apart with impermeable barriers installed
- Locker rooms should be closed (except minimum facilities for swimmers may be open to shower/change), including all amenities such as saunas, steam rooms, and whirlpools should also be closed
- Reservations are required

### **What does it mean that a “reservation” is required?**

- Health and fitness facilities must use a reservation system (1) to know how many members are using the facility and ensure that they do not exceed capacity limits and (2) to have a record of members who were at the facility at a certain time for contact tracing purposes. Walk-up reservations (including through membership card swipes) are sufficient as long as the gym knows how many members are at the facility and has a record of when members were on premises for contact tracing.

### **What about “specialty” gyms such as a spin studio or a gym with high intensity cardio classes?**

- Gyms that typically offer one group class at a time can no longer offer those classes. However, these gyms may operate at 25% capacity for individual users

### **Is yoga considered an indoor class subject to the same restrictions?**

- Yoga classes that are performed in a group setting are not permitted under Tier 3 mitigation measures.
- Individuals can practice yoga on a mat and 6 feet apart from other patrons wearing a face covering in the gym, but not as part of a group class

### **Is 1:1 personal training still okay?**

- Yes. Personal training sessions are still permitted during Tier 3 mitigation. Both trainer and trainee need to wear a mask during the session.

### **Are youth and recreational sports still permissible?**

- All indoor group sporting and recreational activities including youth and adult recreational sports are currently not permitted
- Only 1-on-1 training for indoor sports can occur right now.

**What's the policy on tennis?**

- Indoor tennis practice and lessons only; two people total per court or a player can utilize a ball machine, no competitive or recreational play.
- Outdoor tennis is permitted

**What's the policy on swimming?**

- Lap swimming is permitted at fitness facilities; swimmers cannot share lanes
- Swim team competitions and practices are prohibited
- Group swim lessons should be paused
- 1:1 swimming instruction is allowed

**Do indoor pools have to close because locker rooms must be closed?**

- Fitness and instruction facilities with indoor pools can keep a minimum amount of locker room space open to provide basic sanitary services, but must limit access to no more than 10 persons at a time
- Guests must always wear face coverings in locker rooms
- Indoor pools and water parks for recreation, amusement or group lessons must close

**Do fitness centers need to close locker room restroom facilities?**

- No, restroom facilities in locker rooms can remain open.
- Operators must minimize congregation for use of restroom facilities and abide by sanitation requirements.
- Operators must clearly indicate that other common areas, changing rooms, showers, amenities, etc. are closed.

**What's the guidance for indoor basketball?**

- Indoor group sporting and recreational basketball is to be closed. Only individual shooting around, practice drills, and other training may occur

**What about outdoor sports?**

- Teams may practice outdoor in groups of 10 or less, with proper social distancing
- Competitive play is not permissible

**Is golf still permissible?**

- Yes; golf courses can continue to operate under the [golf guidance](#)
- Indoor dining service and meeting rooms must stay closed
- Group lessons are limited to 10 people, including the instructor

**Are competitive and group dance classes permitted?**

- No. All groups practices and competitions must pause all activity during Tier 3 mitigations

**Are professional sports and collegiate level sports subject to the Tier 3 mitigations?**

- No. Professional sports and collegiate level sports teams are exempt from these mitigations

**Indoor Recreation, Theaters, and other Entertainment Venues**

**What are the restrictions on indoor recreation?**

- All indoor recreation currently subject to the indoor and outdoor recreation guidelines must close
- Additionally, other recreational activities such as movie theatres, museums, and bowling alleys must also close

**What about outdoor recreation?**

- Outdoor recreational facilities, including outdoor exhibits at zoos and museums, can continue to operate at 25% capacity
- Outdoor group activities limited to 10 people or less, participants/guests must wear face coverings at all times

**What about zoos?**

- Outdoor areas at zoos can continue to operate at 25% capacity
- Group tours must be limited to 10 people or less
- Indoor exhibits must remain closed

**What's the policy on indoor child activity centers that are not associated with a day care?**

- Indoor activity and play centers should be closed

**Can casinos continue to operate?**

- No

**What about video gaming terminals in bars, restaurants and other locations?**

- All video gaming terminals must be closed.

**Personal Care Services**

**What are the new capacity restrictions for businesses that offer personal care services?**

- Personal services facilities such as spas, hair salons, barber shops, nail salons, waxing centers, tattoo parlors, and similar facilities may be open but must cap occupancy at no more than 25 percent

**Are facials and beard trimmings permitted?**

- No; Any service that requires the patron to remove the face covering is prohibited

**Are massages and other body treatments permitted?**

- Massage therapy and other body treatments are allowed as deemed necessary by a medical provider, but appointments must be spaced by a minimum of 15 minutes and facilities

should take steps to sanitize and circulate clean air through service rooms before and after each service

- Spa body services such as body scrubs, body wraps and other body treatments should not be provided.

**Are nails services permissible?**

- Yes, with face coverings worn at all times

**Is pet grooming permissible?**

- Yes, at 25% capacity

## **Places of Worship and Funerals**

**Do the regional mitigation measures apply to churches and other places of worship?**

- Religious organizations and houses of worship are strongly encouraged to consult and follow the recommended practices and guidelines from the Illinois Department of Public Health.
- As set forth in the IDPH guidelines, the safest practices for religious organizations at this time are to provide services online, in a drive-in format, or outdoors (and consistent with social distancing requirements and guidance regarding wearing face coverings), and to limit indoor services to 10 people.
- Religious organizations are strongly encouraged to take steps to ensure social distancing, the use of face coverings, and implementation of other public health measures
- Places of worship should not hold events or meeting outside of the regular worship services

**Are there restrictions on funerals?**

- Funerals are limited to 10 family members of the decedents, not including staff, see IDPH guidance

## **Day Cares and Day Camps**

**Are daycares permissible?**

- Daycares licensed by DCFS should continue to follow those guidelines

**What about day camps not licensed by DCFS?**

- Day camps not licensed by DCSF can operate in group sizes of 15 or fewer
- Tier 3 mitigations do not impact day camp guidance

**Are overnight camps permissible?**

- No

## **Miscellaneous Questions**

**Do the mitigation measures impact libraries?**

- The operations of libraries are at the discretion of local governmental entities



**Does the prohibition on meetings and events impact governmental entities?**

- The mitigation measures do not affect services provided by governments to ensure their continued operations or to provide for or support the health, safety, and welfare of the public
- However, governmental agencies, including school boards, are encouraged to hold public meetings remotely

**What about educational and certification-type classes?**

- Tier 3 mitigations do not affect classes offered by schools, colleges or universities
- Certification, licensure and/or professional development classes are permissible, but it is highly recommended that these classes be held virtually

**What about photography studios?**

- Outdoor photography is permissible with groups up to 10 people
- Indoor photography should not operate at this time