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The City of Harrisonville is committed to the health and safety of the public and will maintain this commitment, as we transition out of the State of Missouri and Cass County Health Department Stay at Home Order.

Harrisonville businesses have played a crucial role in limiting the spread of COVID-19 by making major alterations to their operations or closing completely during the Stay at Home orders issued by the State of Missouri and Cass County.

On Monday, April 27, Governor Mike Parson implemented Phase I of his Missouri Show-Me Strong Recovery Order, which will be in effect from 12:01 a.m., Monday, May 4, 2020, through Sunday, May 31, 2020. Shortly after the Governor's announcement, Cass County announced that they will be adopting and implementing the guidance from Phase I of the Governor Parson's strategic reopening of Missouri's economy. The order directs local public health authorities (Cass County Health Department) to carry out and enforce each provision of the order.

As part Phase I, Harrisonville businesses will be able to open on May 4, with modifications to their normal operations.

For restaurant owners and managers, both the State and the County require that customers, not including families, be seated at least six feet apart, in compliance with social-distancing requirements. For those businesses with questions about how many people will be allowed inside a retail store, the State and County have provided a formula to help determine that number. These formulas will also apply to other places of social gathering, including event spaces, community centers and places of worship.

All retail establishments will be required to limit the number of individuals allowed inside

- For establishments less than 10,000 square feet: 25% or less of the fire or building code occupancy
- For establishments 10,000 square feet or more: 10% or less of the fire or building code occupancy

If you are unsure of your businesses' fire or building code occupancy limitations, please calculate your occupancy limits based on the following formula:

For a business with a retail location less than 10,000 square feet:

- Building Square Feet divided by 30 = Quotient
- Quotient x .25 = Occupancy Limit

For a business with the retail location of 10,000 square feet or more:

- Building Square Feet divided by 30 = Quotient
- Quotient x .10 = Occupancy Limit

Examples:

- A 40,000 square foot grocery store would be able to have 133 customers in the store at any one time.
- An 8,000 square foot retail store would be able to have 66 customers in the store at any one time.

All square-footage measurements should be based only on the building's footprint.

If you have Harrisonville-specific questions about Governor Mike Parson's Missouri Show-Me Strong Recovery Order, we have created a resource to provide you with answers.

Both commercial tenants and residents will be able to email questions to hvillestrong@harrisonville.com or leave questions as a message at (816) 380-8965. Once a question is received, it will be quickly distributed to a select group of City officials who will respond with an answer in line with the Governor's order.

This resource will be monitored closely but we do ask that you be patient while we work to get you an accurate and timely answer.

To read the Governor's full order and a list of guidelines and frequently asked questions, visit showmestrong.mo.gov

Thank you!