DHSS Guidance Memo 2020-18

Re: Clarification for Occupancy Limit Identified by Executive Order 2020-20

The purpose of this document is to provide clarification for the occupancy limit language set forth by the Executive Order 2020-20, which states that any place of business, place of worship, or public accommodation that are permitted to operate may resume operations, provided it does not do so at “no more than fifty percent (50%) capacity or up to ten (10) people, whichever is greater.” This requirement includes employees working in the establishment.

Example 1:

A business with an occupancy load of 100, may not have more than 50 people in the facility at any given period. These 50 individuals include employees and customers.

Example 2:

A business with an occupancy load of 10 or less, may have no more than 10 people in the facility at any given period. These 10 individuals include employees and customers.

Example 3:

A business with an occupancy load of nine (9) or less may have no more than the authorized occupancy load in the facility at any given period. The nine (9) or less individuals include employees and customers.

Business operation must still follow all applicable DHSS Guidance Memo and ensure procedures are in place and are followed for general requirements, employee health, cleaning and disinfection, social distancing, and other protective measures outlined in the applicable memo.

This clarification shall apply to both current and future Executive Orders in which the required operational capacity is addressed. For further questions, please contact the Division of Environmental Health at 300-9579; 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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