



**ORDER**  
*OF THE*  
**MAYOR OF THE CITY OF SALISBURY**

- WHEREAS, COVID-19, a respiratory illness caused by a virus that spreads rapidly from person to person and may result in serious illness or death, constitutes a clear and present threat to the lives, health, welfare and safety of the people of the City of Salisbury; and,
- WHEREAS, to reduce the spread of COVID-19, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Maryland State Department of Health (MDH) recommend implementation of community mitigation strategies to increase containment of the virus, including cancellation of large gatherings and social distancing of at least six (6) feet between persons in small gatherings; and,
- WHEREAS, A state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency was proclaimed by Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr. for the entire State of Maryland on March 5, 2020, to control and prevent the spread of COVID-19, and the state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency continue to exist; and,
- WHEREAS, A state of emergency was proclaimed by Wicomico County Executive Bob Culver for Wicomico County on March 16, 2020; and,
- WHEREAS, The conditions for a state of emergency within the City of Salisbury have been met and steps beyond those ordered in State or County emergency orders are deemed necessary by me; and,
- WHEREAS, A state of emergency within the City of Salisbury was declared on March 22, 2020 by myself and having not been rescinded, additional orders and clarifications are deemed necessary given additional orders declared by Governor Hogan;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Jacob R. Day, Mayor of the City of Salisbury, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Charter and Code of the City of Salisbury, including but not limited to SCI7-4, 2.08.020 and 9.08.220, do hereby order:

- I. All Open Essential Commercial/Retail Facilities
  - a. Temporary Maximum Customer Occupancy Loads
    - i. The following temporary maximum customer loads (TMCOL) are in effect for mercantile occupancies. The TMCOL is based on the sales floor's area in square feet and are as follows:

<u>Occupancy Classification</u>	<u>Sales Floor Square Feet</u>	<u>Maximum Consumer Load</u>
Class A-1	>75,000	250
Class A	>30,000 - <75,000	150
Class B-1	>15,000 - <30,000	75
Class B	>3,000 - <15,000	40
Class C	<3000	10

b. Sanitation and social distancing

- i. Discontinue all self-serve foods and product sampling
- ii. Designate employee(s) to ensure the cleaning guidelines set by the CDC and MDH are followed.
- iii. Establish controls to require a minimum of six feet of distance between patrons in lines queuing outside and inside stores. Controls may include, but are not limited to, requiring each person to take a shopping cart or placing markers on the floor.
- iv. Maximize space between customers and employees at checkout.
- v. Minimize the number of employees working within six (6) feet of one another.

c. Recommendations

- i. RECOMMEND the establishment of 1-2 exclusive hours per day for high-risk populations, including seniors.
- ii. RECOMMEND all grocery stores and retailers who do not currently offer pickup and/or delivery options, establish those services now. Stores that have online ordering with outside pick-up or delivery options should encourage use of these when possible in lieu of indoor shopping.
- iii. RECOMMEND clearly marking 6' spacing in lines and other high-traffic areas inside the store.
- iv. RECOMMEND posting signage or using ropes to direct customers and to limit bottlenecks/ encourage flow in high-density areas of stores.
- v. RECOMMEND roping off, prohibiting or blocking access to and sale of all non-essential items.
- vi. RECOMMEND designating employees to monitor social distancing and assist customers.

II. Farmer's Markets

a. Sanitation and social distancing

- i. Suspend all sampling activities.
- ii. Offer at least one (1) hand washing or sanitizing station(s) in the venue.

- iii. Booths must be spaced accordingly to increase social distancing among patrons in line and walking about the market.
- iv. Ensure that social distancing of six feet per person for non-family members is maintained and make clear that family members can participate in activities together, stand in line together, etc.

b. Recommendations

- i. RECOMMEND limiting the number of customers at any given time as necessary to reduce outdoor/indoor crowding and lines to meet social distancing guidance.
- ii. RECOMMEND activities such as pre-bagging to expedite purchasing.
- iii. RECOMMEND increasing frequency of cleaning of tables, payment devices, and other surfaces.
- iv. RECOMMEND at the end of the market, continue to utilize local food recovery systems to feed/donate extra products to populations in need.

III. Food Trucks

a. Recommendations

- i. RECOMMEND increasing frequency of cleaning of menus, cash registers, receipt trays, condiment holders, writing instruments and other non-food contact surfaces frequently touched by patrons and employees.
- ii. RECOMMEND ensuring that social distancing of six feet per person for non-family members is maintained and make clear that family members can participate together, stand in line together, etc.

IV. Enforcement

- a. Require staff to count the number of customers entering, exiting and queuing in front of the store, market or business and to enforce limits.
- b. The owner, operator, or manager shall be responsible for compliance with this Order. Any person found guilty of violating this Order shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof; shall be subject to a fine of not less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) nor more than five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) for each offense, or imprisonment for not more than ninety (90) days, or both. The City Fire Marshal is authorized and designated by the Mayor to authorize the persons within his department to act as enforcement officers for the purpose of preparing and carrying out the requirements for issuing and serving infractions.

V. Additional Clarifications Regarding Enforcement of Orders

- a. The Salisbury Police Chief shall have Officers strictly enforce Governor Hogan's Executive Order regarding gatherings. Flagrant violations will be subject to a misdemeanor conviction

and penalties upon conviction of up to \$5,000 and a year in jail.

- VI. This Order will take effect 8:00am EST on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
- VII. This Order, amendments to this Order and subsequent Orders will be posted to the exterior doors of the Government Office Building and are hereby ordered to be distributed to the news media and through all City web and social media outlets.
- VIII. Violators of this Order are subject to arrest and misdemeanor charge under 9.08.220 of the City Code.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and the seal of the City of Salisbury this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.

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Jacob R. Day, Mayor