



## EO-14 V3 OPERATING REQUIREMENTS

# FITNESS and GYMS

**Sectors:** Boutique Fitness Clubs (Yoga, Pilates, Cycle Studios, etc.), Gyms, Swimming Pools

**Description:** Activities and businesses that typically attract groups and may involve cause elevated respiration in close quarters.

### RECOMMENDED MEASURES\*

\* Individual businesses may choose to be more restrictive.

#### Alternate Registration and Transaction

- Implement and encourage cashless and receipt-less transactions.
- Reservations encouraged. Walk-ins are permitted.

#### Support and Promote Personal Mitigation Strategies

- High-risk populations are encouraged to stay home. Consider having reserved hours of operations limited to high-risk populations.
- For class or group settings (whether indoor or outdoor), the facility should provide clear markings to indicate where each person should stand or sit to maintain the prescribed physical distance for that activity.

### REQUIRED SAFETY MEASURES

#### MASKS OR FACE COVERINGS

- Masks or face coverings are required at all times for everyone, including all athletes, attendees, coaches, and employees at Fitness Facilities and Gyms.
  - Masks or face coverings should not be worn while swimming or diving.

#### GENERAL

- Staff and customers must adhere to physical distancing protocols of six (6) feet between individuals at all times, including while exercising.
- Facility must provide handwashing capability or sanitizer for customers.
- Frequent hand washing by employees, and adequate supply of soap, disinfectant, hand sanitizer, and paper towels available onsite.
  - Staff to follow the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) [guidance for COVID-19 hand hygiene](#).
- Develop COVID-19 Mitigation Plan that contains, at a minimum, the Operating Requirements and Safety Recommendations in this document and other protocols to

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minimize direct contact between employees and customers, increase physical distancing, and protect staff and the public.

- The COVID-19 Mitigation Plan must be kept on the business premises.

### CAPACITY

- Businesses and facilities, for both indoor and outdoor events, may operate at 50% of maximum capacity provided physical distancing can be maintained.
  - Physical distancing of six (6) feet between individuals shall be required at all times, including while exercising.

### OPERATIONS

- Signage prominently posted at the entrance stating, “No one may participate who is exhibiting symptoms or who has knowingly been in contact with a suspected positive case of COVID-19 within the past 14 days.”
  - No participant may use the facility or join an outdoor activity within 72 hours of exhibiting a fever.
- Restrooms may be open but must be cleaned and disinfected regularly.
- Encourage athletes and players to change clothes prior to arrival and show up dressed to play.
- Facilities may allow access to an indoor bathroom and locker facilities to engage in hand hygiene, change, and utilizing the restrooms.
  - Swimmers must follow appropriate pre-swim shower protocols before entering the pool. Swimmers shall shower with warm water and soap and shall rinse off all soap before entering the pool.
  - Saunas are allowed to operate provided face coverings or masks are worn and six (6) foot physical distancing is maintained.
    - Ancillary accommodations such as Steam Rooms and Jacuzzis/Hot Tubs shall be closed.
- Employer must provide for hourly touch-point sanitization (e.g. workstations, water fountains, vending machines, equipment, screens, doorknobs, restrooms) throughout the site, for both indoor and outdoor applications.
- Businesses should utilize the [Centers for Disease Control guidance for Sports](#) to the maximum extent possible.
- Cleaning and disinfecting must be conducted in compliance with CDC protocols weekly or, in lieu of performing the CDC cleaning and disinfecting, the facility may shut down for at least 72 consecutive hours per week to allow for natural deactivation of the virus, followed by site personnel performing a comprehensive disinfection of all common surfaces.
  - CDC protocols for Cleaning and Disinfection can be found [here](#) and [here](#).
- Category 1 guidance applies if there is a dine-in facility or retail services onsite, such as a gift store, pro-shop, or convenience store.

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### STAFF

- Provide training for employees covering these requirements and recommendations and the COVID-19 Mitigation Plan for the business.
- Conduct pre-shift screening and maintain staff screening log.
  - No employee displaying [symptoms of COVID-19](#) will be permitted to be in the facility.
  - No person may work within 72 hours of exhibiting fever.
- Symptomatic or ill employees may not report to work.
- Employer must establish a plan for an Occurrence of COVID-19 in the workplace and a return-to-work plan following CDC guidance, which can be found [here](#).

### IN THE EVENT OF OCCURRENCE

- When an active employee is identified as being COVID-19 positive by testing, CDC cleaning and disinfecting must be performed as soon after the confirmation of a positive test is practical. In lieu of performing CDC cleaning and disinfecting, retail businesses may shut down for a period of at least 72 consecutive hours to allow for natural deactivation of the virus, followed by site personnel performing a comprehensive disinfection of all common surfaces.
- CDC protocols for Cleaning and Disinfection can be found [here](#).

### QUESTIONS?

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