These guidelines are intended for application in non-health care related places of employment. The foundation guidelines for businesses and employers remains the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)’s Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers to Plan and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

Each employer is responsible for providing a safe and healthy workplace. All organizations have to determine how best to minimize the spread of COVID-19 in the workplace as well as in their community. In order to reopen and successfully remain open for business, everyone individually and collectively must actively participate in the core recommendations:

1. Self-isolation – if you are sick, stay home.
2. Practice social distancing of at least six feet distance to the greatest extent possible,
3. Wash hands frequently (20 seconds with soap and water or use of a sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol).
4. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects (e.g., keyboards, phones) and surfaces (e.g., handrails, workstations, sinks) or remove unnecessary frequently touched surfaces (e.g., trash can lids).
5. Avoid touching of eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
6. Strongly consider wearing a cloth face covering when in public (do not use on children under two years old, people with difficulty breathing, or people who cannot remove the mask themselves).
7. Cover mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze and throw used tissues away immediately after use.
8. Avoid using other employees’ phones, desks, offices or other work tools and equipment when possible, or disinfect them before and after use.
9. Minimize the use of soft surfaces like cloth covered chairs or area rugs that are more difficult to clean or disinfect.

Guidelines Specifically for Bowling Alleys:
In addition to the above safe-practices, compliance with the following additional guidelines will further minimize the potential for transmission and spread of COVID-19.

1. Food service areas should comply with the Restaurant Reopening Guidelines in AccelerateSC.
2. Plexiglas shields should be installed at all point of sale locations.
3. Use a clearly designated entrance and a separate exit, if possible. Anywhere one-way foot travel is possible, use arrows to direct traffic flow.
4. Remove all self-serve items and have staff provide items to patrons directly.
5. Encourage parent/guardian supervision for all children. Parents should assist children in complying with social distancing.

6. Place hand sanitizer locations in high traffic areas, including check-in/check-out counters, lobbies, food service entrances and meeting rooms, if any.

7. Employees should be trained on social distancing, the use of cloth face coverings and how to clean and disinfect all areas and equipment.

8. Bowlers should be spread out on the lanes to ensure that they are 6 feet or more apart. This can be accomplished by either limiting the number of people on one lane at a time and/or having an empty lane in between each active one.

9. Use signage and floor decals to remind customers about social distancing as well as other basic guidelines referenced above.

10. Consider scheduling certain times of operation specifically for the more vulnerable population of customers.

11. Request that customers bring their own bowling balls and shoes, if they have them.

12. Clean and disinfect bowling balls and shoes between users.

13. Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces (bathroom doors, sink handles, chairs, etc.) routinely throughout the day.

14. Following CDC guidelines regarding cleaning and disinfecting.

15. Empower employees to ask patrons to comply with COVID-19 guidelines.

16. Provide hand sanitizer at each lane. Make disinfectant available to customers who want to disinfect their ball and lane.

17. Disable video games, juke boxes, etc. OR clean and disinfect them between each user.

18. Have a plan for how to address an employee who tests positive for COVID-19. Reference the CDC Guidelines for Businesses and Employers for guidance.

While these guidelines are voluntary, it is in everyone’s best interest to diligently follow those that apply to your location as we move to re-open our economy and keep it open.

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