

**Bowling Alleys
Approved Variance to Colorado Public Health Order 20-28- June 11, 2020**

Variance

The State of Colorado has issued a variance approval to Public Health Order 20-28. This variance approval is in effect until the final expiration of the PHO 20-28. The variance for bowling alleys requires the following:

- In order to achieve six feet social distancing, the limit is 50% of the posted occupancy code limit ensuring a minimum of 28 square feet per person, not to exceed more than 100 people at any given time in a confined indoor space.
- Use a reservation system to discourage crowding, to wait for a lane during busy periods.
- Customers and employees must wear face coverings when entering the establishment and at all times, except when eating or drinking.
- All bowlers must sign in with their name and contact information.
- Tape must be applied to floors at service counters, cash registers and rental stations to enforce proper physical and social distancing protocol for patrons who are waiting in line.
- Stagger the use of lanes so, that only every other lane is in use to maintain proper physical and social distancing between groups. Each group must be seated at least six feet apart.
- Groups shall be limited to eight people or less per lane.
- Bowlers shall be encouraged not to share bowling balls.
- Bowling balls and shoes shall be left at the lanes when the bowlers are finished.
- Employees shall disinfect balls, shoes, score keeping machines, ball returns, tables, seats and other high-contact surface areas before use by other bowlers.
- Arcade games shall be closed and not available for use.
- Employees must be screened for COVID-19 symptoms each day before beginning work.
- Employees who are symptomatic must be excluded from the workplace and required to isolate for 10 days. They should be encouraged to get tested for COVID-19 either through a local provider or Pueblo County's community wide testing.
- If food is sold or served, the bowling alley must follow the current public health order for restaurants.
- Bowling leagues may operate within these guidelines, not to exceed 100 people inside the facility at any given time.
- Clean and disinfect bathrooms and high contact surface areas frequently and ensure hand washing supplies are available.
- In all other respects, the requirements of the Safer at Home Public Health Order 20-28, as amended, remain in effect for Pueblo County.

Note: If the current public health order or subsequent amendments to that order should change in which more restrictions are lifted, bowling alleys may immediately begin to modify their operations to be in compliance with the most recent public health order.

Outbreaks

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Pueblo County has identified the following specific data triggers related to outbreaks connected to specific bowling alleys:

- If two or more staff or members/ attendees who test positive within 14 days and the outbreak is determined to be connected or possibly connected to their attendance or work at a bowling alley, the bowling alley must return to the requirements of the current State public health order unless the following action is taken:
 - Close the bowling alley to the public for 72 hours,
 - Deep clean facilities,
 - Notify members/patrons of the outbreak,
 - Provide participant list to the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment (PDPHE) for case investigation and contact tracing.
 - Work with the PDPHE regarding plans to reopen.
- If multiple outbreaks occur at the bowling alley, the bowling alley must return to the requirements of the current State public health order unless the following action is taken:
 - Close the bowling alley for seven days
 - Deep clean common areas and facilities
 - Notify the members/patrons of the outbreaks
 - Provide participant list to public health for case investigation and contact tracing
 - Work with the PDPHE regarding plans to re-open.

Variance Alteration and Rescission

- If Pueblo County reports more than 84 new COVID-19 cases in a two-week period (2-week incidence of 51 per 100,000) has occurred, the PDPHE will initiate the following alteration process:
 - Implement a mitigation plan for two weeks to try to restore virus transmission levels to baseline under which the variance was approved.
 - If after two weeks the levels are not restored, then the capacity limits are automatically adjusted to reflect the CDPHE guidelines.
- The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment reserve the right to modify or rescind this variance approval as circumstances warrant.

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