

# WEST VIRGINIA STRONG

*The Comeback*



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In preparing a drive-in movie theater to resume operations, an owner/operator should consider adopting rules and regulations to protect their employees and customers. Movie theaters that have not historically operated as drive-in theaters may operate as drive-in theaters to the extent they are able to, and desire to, do so. Owners/operators should consider the guidance issued for small businesses\* and for outdoor dining\*\* to the extent applicable for a particular drive-in movie theater's operations, as well as the following guidelines to help protect their employees, customers, and the citizens of the State of West Virginia:

- **Distance:** Update plans to maintain at least six (6) feet of separation between vehicles and require customers to remain in their vehicles unless visiting a restroom or obtaining food and/or beverage (if delivery of food and/or beverage is not feasible). Clear paths must be designated to allow customers to enter and exit the restroom and to obtain food and/or beverage without breaking social-distancing requirements.
- **Ticketing:** Customers should be encouraged to purchase tickets in advance, by methods other than cash if possible.
- **Limited Food and/or Beverage Service:** Do not allow customers to congregate outside of their vehicles when obtaining food and/or beverages. To the greatest extent practicable, food and/or beverages should be delivered to a customer's vehicle. Where delivery is not feasible, design a process to ensure customer separation while picking up their orders to be taken back to their vehicle for consumption. Such process can include ground markings, distancing, or waiting in cars.
- **Theater Operation and Limited Food and/or Beverage Service Only:** Limit activity to outdoor theater operations or deliver or pickup of food and/or beverages to be taken back to one's vehicle for consumption.
- **Monitor Employees:** Screen and continue to monitor all employees reporting to work daily for COVID-19 symptoms with the following questions, and report any positive cases to the local health department, instructing such employee not to return to work but to seek medical help:
  - Have you been in close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19?
  - Are you experiencing a cough, shortness of breath, or sore throat?
  - Have you had a fever in the last 48 hours?
  - Have you had new loss of taste or smell?
  - Have you had vomiting or diarrhea in the last 24 hours?

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- **Training:** Train all employees on the importance and expectation of increased frequency of handwashing, the use of hand sanitizers with at least 60% alcohol, and provide clear instruction to avoid touching hands to face.
- **Cleaning and Sanitization:** Implement heightened cleaning and disinfection practices, according to CDC guidelines, with regular sanitization of common surfaces at least every two hours.
- **Restroom Cleaning:** Clean and sanitize restrooms regularly, check restrooms based on the frequency of use, and ensure adequate supply of soap and paper towels at all times.
- **PPE:** Require employees to wear PPE as and when appropriate, with special considerations for those employees that come into contact with the general public.
- **At-Risk Individuals:** Consider special accommodations for employees that are members of a vulnerable population, like senior citizens or immunocompromised people.
- **Touch Points:** Point of sale equipment should be frequently cleaned and sanitized, as should all common surfaces. Encourage customers to make non-cash payments.
- **Signage:** Post extensive signage on health policies, including the following documents in the workplace to help educate all on COVID-19 best practices:
  - CDC: Stop the Spread of Germs Have you had new loss of taste or smell?
  - CDC: COVID-19 Symptoms

\* Guidance for West Virginia Small Businesses, available at [governor.wv.gov](http://governor.wv.gov)

\*\* A Guide to Safely Opening our Restaurants through Takeaway Service & Outdoor Dining, available at [governor.wv.gov](http://governor.wv.gov)