COVID Best Practices - Retail

Help your stores succeed...while protecting your employees, customers and community

FIRST OFF...

- Know your local guidelines e.g. capacity limits, PPE requirements, employee screenings, etc.
- Review OSHA's COVID-19 guidance & establish procedures for disinfecting inventory, store displays & high-touch areas. Checklist of safety/sanitation procedures posted & easily available to employees
- Establish & communicate policy around identifying & isolating potentially infectious employees

ENTRANCE



- Hand sanitizer station
- Face masks required or strongly recommended in most states.
- Designated Safety Lead (onsite) to monitor social distancing, capacity limits & cleaning/disinfecting, at least during peak hours

LEVEL-UP SAFETY

Create physical or digital log of guest info for contract tracing.

REGISTER / CHECK-OUT

- Physical guides (floor decals, ceiling sign) to encourage appropriate distancing
- Barrier/partition at registers and pick-up/returns areas
- Hands-free order & payment options mobile pay, payment terminals, RFID credit/debit cards, minimize cash/receipts
- Expand self-checkouts
- Request customers use store-provided bags; if using their own, ask to bag own purchases



EXTERIOR



- Promote curbside, BOPIS (buy online pickup inside store), & delivery options
- Designate separate entrance/ exits (or set up barrier)
- Post signage with clear protocol:
 6-ft social distancing & no
 COVID/Flu symptomatic
 customers admitted
- Minimize contact with door handles. Automatic opens or revolution, 'clean-hand' or footpull additions, frequent cleaning
- Establish protocol for monitoring store occupancy in compliance with local laws

LEVEL-UP SERVICE

Designated Hour(s) for Seniors/ At-risk customers or for Front-Line Workers

INSIDE STORE

- Post professionally printed cleaning protocols to boost customer confidence
- Dedicate staff to sanitize high-touch areas (doors, restrooms). Deploy sensor technology (Ask Serigraph!) to trigger protocols based on use, not timing.
- Consider facility enhancements such as fresh air circulation or high efficiency filters
- Wayfinding signage/floor decals to direct customer traffic
- Audio announcements to remind customers of proper traffic flow & social distancing
- Set quantity limits on certain items (e.g. toilet paper!)
- □ Suspend or modify returns & exchanges to limit interaction between employees and recent returns
- Gloves for employees disinfecting high-touch areas or prepping food (i.e. grocery stores)
- □ Eliminate use of changing rooms or modify protocols
- Adjust store hours if needed to allow staff adequate time for sanitizing & restocking inventory

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