

Notice: St. Louis County Re-Opening Order & Occupant Loads

Per the announced “*St. Louis County Department of Public Health 2019 Novel Coronavirus (“COVID-19”) Business and Individual Guidelines for Social Distancing and Re-Opening*”, various places of business within the City of Clayton may reopen on Monday, May 18, 2020. As a condition of the Department of Public Health’s order, the number of people allowed to occupy certain places of business, is restricted in some instances, based upon the specific location’s **occupant load**. The specifics of the order and it’s applications to various business types may be found here: <https://stlcorona.com/dr-pages-messages/public-health-orders/>

The occupant load for any place of business is as determined by Table 1004.1.2 of the 2015 International Building Code (IBC) and the 2015 International Fire Code (IFC). In an effort to assist our business citizens in determining their respective occupant load, the following guidelines are recommended to approximate the general total load:

- **“B” Business Use Activity**

(Examples include: Banks; Barber and Beauty Shops; Civic Administration; Clinics; Dry Cleaning and Laundry Services; Post Offices; Print Shops; Professional Services such as Architects, Attorneys, Dentists, Physicians, Engineers, Etc.)

Occupant Load Factor shall be: **(1) person per 100 square feet (s.f.) of the overall floor area.**

Sample Scenario: A nail salon currently occupies a tenant space 2,000 s.f. in area. 2,000s.f./100 s.f. per person = an occupant load of 20 persons. (Consult with existing sales and lease records to determine floor areas.)

- **“M” Mercantile (or Retail) Use Activity**

(Examples include: Drug Stores; Florists; Grocery Stores, Jewelry Stores; Retail or Wholesale Stores; Sales/ Show Rooms; Etc.)

Occupant Load Factor shall be: **(1) person per 60 square feet (s.f.) of the overall floor area.**

Sample Scenario: A jewelry store currently occupies a tenant space 1,800 s.f. in area. 1,800 s.f./60 s.f. per person = an occupant load of 30 persons.

- **“A” Assembly Use Activity**

(Examples include: Art Galleries; Banquet Facilities; Bars and Taverns; Gymnasiums; Libraries; Places of Worship; Etc.)

Occupant Load Factor shall be: **Per the existing posted Occupant Load as required by section 1004.3 of the 2015 IBC & the 2015 IFC**

NOTE: The “*St. Louis County Department of Public Health 2019 Novel Coronavirus (“COVID-19”) Business and Individual Guidelines for Social Distancing and Re-Opening*” is not enforced by the City of Clayton. Reporting of any violations to the order shall be directed to attention of the St. Louis County Counselor by email at: countycounselorcoronavirus19@stlouisco.com