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UPDATE #27: COVID-19 BUSINESS RESTRICTIONS

Friends:

On September 29, 2020 Governor Bill Lee issued Executive Order #63 lifting a number of Covid-19-related restrictions on businesses in Tennessee. The Tennessee Pledge remains in place as a guideline for the safe operation of your business. These guidelines are no longer considered mandatory. The impact of this change depends upon the county where your property is located.

• **If your property is OUTSIDE Knox County.**

Prior requirements regarding the operation of fitness centers, swimming pools, etc. set forth in the Tennessee Pledge are now only considered guidelines for operating safely. Additionally, while Executive Order #63 encourages social distancing and the use of face coverings, there are no mandates or restrictions in place on the use of masks or social gatherings.

• **If your property is WITHIN Knox County.**

Your property remains subject to the restrictions put in place by the Knox County Board of Health. Currently, the following restrictions are still in place in Knox County:

- o All indoor gatherings of twenty-five (25) people or more within 900 square feet are prohibited.
o All outdoor gatherings of twenty-five (25) people or more within 900 square feet are prohibited if that 900 square feet is within thirty feet of a restaurant or other business that sales alcohol on its premises.
o Face coverings are still required in public, indoor spaces.

All other operations fall under the Tennessee Pledge. Prior requirements regarding the operation of fitness centers, swimming pools, etc. set forth in the Tennessee Pledge are now only considered guidelines for operating safely.

We continue to recommend that your property follow the recommendations set forth in the Tennessee Pledge to the extent feasible on your property. If you should have questions regarding the changes, please contact us.

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