



January 11, 2021

THE VAULT
5965 E CLARK LN STE A
COLUMBIA, MO 65202

To whom it may concern,

This letter is to inform you that our office was recently notified of a violation of **Order No. 2020-17C**.

On January 8, 2021 The Vault, located at 6965 E Clark Lane Suite A, was operating as an entertainment venue which requires an operational plan and has a capacity limit of 50% of the fire occupancy or 100 people, whichever is less. The event at The Vault did not have an approved operational plan. At 9:34 p.m. during the complaint inspection there were more patrons than 50% of the building fire occupancy. Patrons were not socially distancing or wearing face masks correctly over the nose and mouth.

Section 1.04 of Order NO. 2020-17C states:

Section 1.04 Face Mask Requirements. "Face Mask" means a covering made of cloth, fabric, or other soft or permeable material, without holes, that covers only the nose and mouth and surrounding areas of the lower face. A covering that hides or obscures the wearer's eyes or forehead is not a Face Mask. A Face Mask may be factory-made or may be handmade or improvised from ordinary household materials. A mask that incorporates a one-way valve designed to allow air to escape from behind the mask does not comply with Face Mask requirements.

"Face Mask Requirements" means the required wearing of a Face Mask by any individual aged ten (10) or over during any period of time Social Distancing Requirements cannot be met and an individual is within six (6) feet of another person who is not a member of such individual's household. All persons, businesses, and institutions shall comply with the Face Mask Requirements. Exceptions to the Face Mask Requirement shall exist for the following:

- (a) While outdoors when able to maintain a distance of at least six feet from others;
- (b) While exercising outdoors or while exercising indoors when able to maintain a distance of at least six feet from others;
- (c) While engaging in an otherwise authorized sporting or exercise activity;
- (d) While at home and exclusively in the presence of members of your own household;
- (e) When in your or your family's personal vehicle;

- (f) While eating or drinking when seated at a table in a restaurant or bar (there is no exception to the Face Mask Requirements for persons who are standing and eating or drinking);
- (g) Persons with a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents wearing of a Face Mask; provided however, such persons must maintain Social Distancing Requirements from any individual who is not a member of such person's household;.
- (h) When any party to a communication is deaf or hard of hearing and not wearing a Face Mask is essential to communication;
- (i) While obtaining a service that requires the temporary removal of a Face Mask, including, but not limited to, dental examinations;
- (j) When necessary to confirm the individual's identity;
- (k) When federal or state law prohibits wearing a Face Mask or requires the removal of a Face Mask;
- (l) When requested by a law enforcement officer;
- (m) When requested by a medical provider, including emergency response personnel;
- (n) When in a business/ commercial/ office setting and not within six feet of any other person; provided however, when moving from place to place in a business location where that person cannot maintain at all times a distance of six feet from all other persons, a Face Mask shall be worn;
- (o) Under such circumstances identified in any subsequent Order, formal guidance, or approved Operational Plan issued by the Director. ;

Section 1.18 of Order NO 2020-17C states:

“Any business, entity, large venue, event or public gathering facing unique circumstances not specifically addressed in this Order or seeking to accommodate in excess of the limitations specified in this Order may submit a proposed Operational Plan for review and conditional approval by the Health Director, or authorized designee. Operational Plans should describe the nature of the activity conducted on the premises and emphasize how the business or entity will meet Social Distancing Requirements, disinfect common touch spots, identify patrons for contact tracing in the event of an outbreak, and/or otherwise take steps to reduce the spread of COVID-19 while carrying out the described activities on the premises.

Operational Plans must meet the goals of this order to limit the spread of COVID-19 and shall be submitted for review at least fourteen (14) days in advance of the date of any special event or activity. Any Operational Plan which is a clear attempt to evade compliance with this order will be rejected and the applicant will be required to re-submit a plan. Neither the Director nor the Director’s staff will write an Operational Plan for an applicant. Approval of a plan does not guarantee that the plan will not be suspended, revoked or required to be modified by the applicant if circumstances warrant such suspension, revocation or modification.”

The Department of Public Health and Human Services reached out to you regarding the lack of plan and recommended the event be postponed, however the event was held anyway, thus resulting in this Notice of Violation.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to either myself or the County Prosecutor's office at the following:

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Sincerely,



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