

# COVID-19 RESPONSIBILITIES FOR BUSINESSES

*Executive Order 2020-24 went into effect on Friday, June 19. Businesses in St. Pete, including restaurants, bars, gyms, retail establishments, entertainment businesses and personal service businesses (like barber shops and salons) are required to comply with this order for the sake of public health and safety. The below summarizes the requirements of the order. St. Pete business owners or operators should consult the full text of the order at [RestartStPete.com](https://RestartStPete.com) to understand the requirements.*

## WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU

### Mitigation & Contingency Planning

Each business must develop and update a written plan for COVID-19 mitigation and contingency planning, including aspects that apply to patrons. Employees must receive training on and comply with the plan. The plan must be made available to employees, patrons and the public. The plan must follow guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) or the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). Links to CDC and OSHA materials can be found at [RestartStPete.com](https://RestartStPete.com).

### Face Coverings

Employees must wear masks/face coverings when in areas of the business that are open to the public. Face coverings must be worn in a manner that covers the face and nose and that otherwise follows applicable guidance. The order includes several exceptions to the mask requirement, including exceptions for job activities fundamentally incompatible with wearing a mask, eating, drinking and health reasons.

## WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR COMPLIANCE?

Any individual or entity that owns a business or that controls the operation of a business (regardless of the formal title or role held by that individual or entity) is responsible for compliance. Citations for violating the order may be issued to the business entity, the owner of a business or the manager of the business.

## HOW LONG?

The executive order will remain in effect until further notice.

## GET IN TOUCH

For more information and updates, visit [RestartStPete.com](https://RestartStPete.com).

Report violations to the St. Petersburg Police Department's non-emergency phone number at 727-893-7780.