



CENTER POINT FIRE DISTRICT



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INFORMATION FOR “ESSENTIAL RETAILERS” LOCATED IN CENTER POINT FIRE DISTRICT

DATE: April 6, 2020

Please see the following insert from the State of Alabama by order of Governor Kay Ivey:

**ORDER OF THE STATE HEALTH OFFICER
SUSPENDING CERTAIN PUBLIC GATHERINGS
DUE TO RISK OF INFECTION BY COVID-19**

(APPLICABLE STATEWIDE)

AMENDED APRIL 3, 2020

6. Effective Saturday, April 4, 2020, at 5:00 P.M., all “essential retailers” as defined in paragraph 2, including grocery stores, pharmacies, and “big box” stores, shall comply with the following rules in addition to any other applicable provisions of this Order:

- a. **Emergency maximum occupancy rate.** Occupancy shall be limited to no more than 50 percent of the normal occupancy load as determined by the fire marshal. This “emergency maximum occupancy rate” shall be posted in a conspicuous place, and enough staff shall be posted at the store entrances and exits to enforce this requirement.
- b. **Social distancing.** An employee of the essential retailer place may not knowingly allow customers or patrons to congregate with in six feet of one another.
- c. **Sanitation.** The essential retailer shall take reasonable steps to comply with guidelines on sanitation from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Alabama Department of Public Health.

If you need any assistance in determining your facilities occupant load, please contact Center Point Fire District Fire Marshal’s Office at bself@centerpointfire.com or your city’s building inspections department.