2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) is a virus identified as the cause of an outbreak of respiratory illness. Lodging establishments could serve as a source of potential community spread. This document is meant to provide recommendations on steps that can be taken to protect employees and customers.

By **Executive Order 2020-06.7**, effective on May 22, 2020, through the duration of the declared state of emergency, all North Dakota businesses and industries are strongly encouraged to adopt and rigorously follow the [ND Smart Restart: Standards for All Industries](#) and the [ND Smart Restart industry-specific standards](#) that apply.

All local, county and state law enforcement officers are authorized and directed to enforce the provisions of this Executive Order.

The [ND Smart Restart plan](#) is a roadmap to a better, safer and healthier tomorrow for employers, employees and customers alike. This applies not only to those businesses affected by executive orders, but to all businesses as we enter this new normal.

Follow the [ND Smart Restart Universal Protocols for all Industries](#)

- **Lodging establishments with food service** are strongly encouraged to follow the ND Smart Restart industry standards for restaurants and bars.

- **Lodging establishments with hot tubs, spas, athletic/fitness rooms** should follow the ND Smart Restart industry standards for fitness centers.
Lodging establishments with recreational pools and/or water playgrounds should follow the ND Smart Restart industry standards for Recreational Pools and Water Playgrounds.

Lodging establishments hosting large gatherings such as banquets, weddings, dances, conferences, vendor shows, etc. should follow the ND Smart Restart industry standards for large gatherings and banquets, ballrooms, wedding and event venues.

Additional Everyday Preventative Actions

**CDC recommends** everyday preventive actions for everyone, including workers, volunteers, and customers:

- **Clean and disinfect** your facility following the CDC guidance.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your face (eyes, nose, and mouth).
- Stay home when you are sick.
- **Cloth face coverings** are recommended for everyone where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with the inside of your elbow or with a tissue; then throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands.
- **Wash hands** often with the proper technique using soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- Always wash hands with soap and water. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol and avoid working with unwrapped or exposed foods. Before preparing or eating food, always wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds for general food safety.
- Use gloves to avoid direct bare hand contact with ready-to-eat foods.
- Increase ventilation when possible by opening windows.
- Promote online instead of in person transactions when possible.
- Follow the current guidance provided regarding [mass gatherings or large community events](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/gatherings.html).
Additional Resources

- North Dakota Response
- North Dakota Smart Restart
  - Combined Standards for All Industries
  - North Dakota Smart Restart Workplace Assessment
  - North Dakota Smart Restart Door Signage
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)
  - CDC Reopening Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting Public Spaces
  - CDC's Model Aquatic Health Code
  - CDC Guidance for Reopening Buildings Water Systems and Devices After Shutdown
  - CDC Considerations for Public Pools, Hot Tubs, and Water Playgrounds During COVID-19
  - CDC Guidance Mass Gatherings or Large Community Events Ready for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)
  - Use of Cloth Face Coverings to Help Slow the Spread of COVID-19

For questions regarding COVID-19, contact the NDDoH hotline at 1-866-207-2880.