

## Reopening Protocol for Car Dealerships: Appendix D

The County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health is adopting a staged approach, supported by science and public health expertise, to allow certain retail businesses to safely re-open. The requirements below are specific to car dealerships permitted to reopen by the Order of the State Public Health Officer on May 7, 2020. In addition to the condition imposed on essential businesses by the Governor, car dealerships must also be in compliance with the conditions laid out in this Checklist for Car

Please note: This document may be updated as additional information and resources become available so be sure to check the LA County website

<http://www.ph.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/> regularly for any updates to this document

This checklist covers:

- (1) Workplace policies and practices to protect employee health
- (2) Measures to ensure physical distancing
- (3) Measures to ensure infection control
- (4) Communication with employees and the public
- (5) Measures to ensure equitable access to critical services.

These five key areas must be addressed as your facility develops any reopening protocols.

All businesses covered by this guidance must implement all applicable measures listed below and be prepared to explain why any measure that is not implemented is not applicable to the business.

Business name:

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Facility Address:

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Date Posted:

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A. WORKPLACE POLICIES AND PRACTICES TO PROTECT EMPLOYEE HEALTH

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- Everyone who can carry out their work duties from home has been directed to do so.
- Work processes are reconfigured to the extent possible to increase opportunities for employees to work from home.
- Vulnerable staff (those above age 65, those with chronic health conditions) are assigned work that can be done from home whenever possible.
- All employees have been told not to come to work if sick and to follow DPH guidance for self-isolation if applicable.
- In the event of a known case among employees, the dealership provides or makes arrangements for testing all employees that have had a possible exposure.
  
- Symptom checks are conducted before employees may enter the workspace. Checks must include a verbal check-in concerning cough, shortness of breath or fever and any other symptoms the employee may be experiencing. A temperature check should also be done if feasible. Any employee who screens positive must be required to leave the premises.
- Employees are educated on symptoms of serious illness due to COVID-19 (difficulty breathing, pain or pressure in the chest, bluish lips or face or new onset of confusion or difficulty waking up) and are instructed to call 911 or go to an emergency room if they experience these symptoms
- All employees who have contact with the public or other employees during their shift(s) are offered, at no cost, a cloth face covering. The covering is to be worn by the employee at all times during the work day when in contact or likely to come into contact with others or when in common areas. Employees need not wear face coverings when alone in a private offices or walled cubicles.
- Employees are instructed to wash their face coverings daily.
- All workstations are separated by at least six feet.
- Showrooms, customer waiting areas, break rooms, restrooms and other common areas are disinfected frequently, on the following schedule:
  - Showrooms \_\_\_\_\_
  - Break rooms \_\_\_\_\_
  - Restrooms \_\_\_\_\_
  - Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Breaks are staggered to ensure that six (6) feet between employees can be maintained in break rooms at all times.
- Employees are prohibited from eating or drinking anywhere inside the workplace other than designated break rooms to assure that face coverings are worn consistently and correctly.
- Disinfectant and related supplies are available to employees at the following location(s):  
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- Hand sanitizer effective against COVID-19 is available to all employees at the following location(s):  
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- Employees are allowed frequent breaks to wash their hands.
- Employee restrooms are well stocked with soap and disposable towels.
- Each worker is assigned their own supplies, equipment and defined work space. Sharing held

items is minimized or eliminated.

- A copy of this protocol has been distributed to each employee.
- All policies described in this checklist other than those related to terms of employment are applied to staff of delivery and any other companies who may be on the premises as third parties.
- Optional—Describe other measures:

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**B. MEASURES TO ENSURE PHYSICAL DISTANCING**

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- The showroom is laid out so that customers may look at different car models while maintaining a distance of at least six (6) feet between any two customers and between customers and staff.
- A staff person wearing a cloth face cover is posted near the door but at least 6 feet from the nearest customers to ask customers to wait or guide entering customers to the showroom or a waiting area as appropriate to comply with occupancy limitations.
- Tape or other material is used to mark a 6-foot perimeter around staff workspaces.
- Employee restrooms are not available for customer use.
- Employees have been instructed to maintain at least a 6-foot distance from customers and from each other. Employees may momentarily come closer when necessary to provide paperwork, accept payment, deliver goods or services, or as otherwise necessary.
- Test drives are conducted by the customer alone. A staff person may follow the customer or require that the customer sign a borrowed vehicle agreement to assure return of the vehicle.
- Spaces in which customers meet privately with salespersons are large enough to permit a 6-foot distance between attendees.
- Physical distancing requirements do not apply to couples or other members of a single household who arrive together to shop, however, customers arriving at the site with children are asked to ensure that their children remain at a parent's side and at least 6 feet from other customers and from staff.

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**C. MEASURES TO ENSURE INFECTION CONTROL**

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- The HVAC system is in good, working order; to the maximum extent possible, ventilation has been increased.
- Contactless payment systems are in place or, if not feasible, payment systems are sanitized regularly. Describe:  
  
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- Common areas and frequently touched objects are disinfected on an hourly basis during business hours using EPA approved disinfectants.
- Hands-free devices are used wherever possible to replace frequent touch items such as waste baskets, lamps, soap dispensers, and door openers.

- Customers are instructed that they must wear cloth face coverings to be served. This applies to all adults and to children over the age of 2. Customers may be exempted from this requirement if they choose to disclose that they have a medical condition that make use of a mask hazardous.
- Plexiglass or other clear barriers are installed to separate customers from salespeople, finance managers, receptionists and cashiers in areas where close-up transactions are needed.
- Hours are modified or adjusted to permit periodic deep cleaning of the facility.
- Frequent touch parts of cars are wiped down with disinfectant after any customer (or household if more than one person from a household is present) inspects the inside of the car. These include door knobs and handles, steering wheel, other dashboard fixtures, and other parts of car as needed.
- Customers are encouraged to limit test drives to models they are considering for purchase.
- Frequent touch parts of cars are wiped down with disinfectant before and after any customer (or household if more than one person from a household is present) test drives the car. These include door knobs and handles, seats, steering wheel, gear controls, and all other driving controls and dashboard fixtures. Disinfecting must cover parts of the car in all seating areas in use during the test drive. Disposable floor and seat covers may be used to minimize risk of contamination during test drives.
- Hand sanitizer, tissues and trash cans are available to the public at or near the entrance of the facility.
- All payment portals, pens, and styluses are disinfected after each use by a different person. Desks and chairs used for meetings with customers must be wiped down after each use.
- No unpackaged self-serve foods or beverages are offered to customers. Water fountains are shut down; and self-serve coffee machines are shut off or removed from customer areas.
- Packages delivered to the site are inspected and disinfected to the extent feasible on arrival.
- Optional-Describe other measures (e.g. providing senior-only hours, incentivizing non-peak sales):  

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#### D. MEASURES THAT COMMUNICATE TO THE PUBLIC

- A copy of this protocol is posted at all public entrances to the facility.
- Online outlets of the establishment (website, social media, etc.) provide clear information about store hours, required use of face coverings, policies in regard to children in the showroom and other relevant information.

#### E. MEASURES THAT ENSURE EQUITABLE ACCESS TO CRITICAL SERVICES

- Services that are critical to the customers/clients have been prioritized.
- Transactions or services that can be offered remotely have been moved on-line.
- Measures are instituted to assure access to goods and services for customers who have mobility limitations and/or are at high risk in public spaces.

Any additional measures not included above should be listed on separate pages,  
which the business should attach to this document.

You may contact the following person with any  
questions or comments about this protocol:

Business  
Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Last  
Revised: \_\_\_\_\_