



## **South Carolina – Opening Hotels and Event Venues Phase One Recommendations**

The guidelines detailed in this plan are driven by three major considerations: safety, gradual and phasing in. We respectfully submit this balanced and strategic approach using best practices is the optimal approach for the state – our fellow citizens and our guests.

Full opening of hotels and Event Venues will need to allow lead time for staff to be rehired and trained, the food supply chain to be fully and normally operational, safety measures to be implemented, including providing ample time for operators to get the necessary Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) and do a deep re-clean and sanitization of the entire facility using the CDC-recommended guidelines during COVID-19 to keep staff and guests safe.

South Carolina is committed to following the protocols established by Governor McMaster regarding safe social distancing and this heightened awareness of public safety. South Carolina's hospitality industry is waiting for the return of its guests and, in the meantime, we are preparing for the reopening by suggesting doing the following things to welcome customers:

### **Meeting and Banquet Space:**

1. Maintain social distancing to keep attendees at least 6' apart.
2. Registration areas should have markings on floor to show guests where to stand for appropriate distancing.
3. One-way entrance and exits into meeting rooms where possible.
4. No self-service beverage break stations; when applicable have multiple stations arranged so as to avoid congregating based on the number of attendees.
5. Multiple hand sanitizing stations in each room.
6. Microphones on stands or handheld should be discouraged or cleaned after each speaker if used.
7. A maximum of 6 people per 72" round. Each table needs to have at least six feet of separation from seating to seating in each direction.
8. Maximum of 10 people per 500 square feet with a maximum of 250 attendees with social distancing in place.
9. Provide signage at the registration area to inform all attendees that they should:
  - Not to enter if they feel generally unwell
  - Maintain a minimum of 6-foot distance
  - Sneeze or cough into a cloth or tissue
  - Not shake hands or engage in any unnecessary physical contact
10. Refer to Food and Beverage section for additional food service guidance and safety protocols.