

**A PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR  
OF THE CITY OF SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA  
RECOMMENDING RETAIL STORES  
LIMIT THE NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS AT ANY GIVEN TIME**

Pursuant to the City of Scranton Home Rule Charter and executive powers vested in the Mayor, in order to prescribe order in the City of Scranton, I, Paige G. Cagnetti, Mayor of the City of Scranton, do hereby **PROCLAIM AND DECLARE** that, due to the **STATE OF EMERGENCY** issued March 15, 2020 resulting from the public health emergency regarding the spread of the Coronavirus [COVID-19], recommendations shall be issued for safe business practices on retail entities permitted by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to operate during the COVID-19 Declared State of Emergency to further promote social and physical distancing policies to protect the health, welfare, and safety of the citizens of Scranton.

WHEREAS, certain retail facilities located within the City of Scranton have been deemed essential and life-sustaining and are permitted to continue operations and public access by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, citizens of the City of Scranton and surrounding communities continue to frequent such establishments for purposes of obtaining life-sustaining goods; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control has found that the best way to prevent the disease is to avoid exposure, and that the virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person, primarily between people who are in close contact with one another (approximately six (6) feet); and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture has further recommended that grocers limit the number of customers at any given time to reduce crowding and lines to meet social distance guidance, increase cleaning and sanitizing of high contact areas, train employees on best hygiene practices including washing hands often with soap and water or sanitizing stations, encourage use of online ordering and outside pick-up or delivery options when available, and

prohibit sick employees from coming to work;

WHEREAS, these recommendations should be adopted and enforced by all retail facilities allowed to continue operations to further promote social distancing and safe practices to mitigate the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, in the event that such recommendations are not adopted and/or enforced by grocers and retailers, additional measures mandating the same may become necessary and shall be adopted to protect the health, welfare, and safety of the residents of the City of Scranton and those essential employees required to work at such facilities.

**NOW THEREFORE**, it is recommended and strongly encouraged that as of 12:01 a.m. on Wednesday, April 8, any entity that employs individuals to perform essential work functions, and that is engaged in grocery and/or retail sales to essential to the public, limit the number of customers at any given time to five (5) customers per one thousand square feet (1000 ft<sup>2</sup>) of sales/public floor square footage. For example:

A. A retail location with two thousand square feet (2000 ft<sup>2</sup>) of retail space should limit customers to ten (10).

B. A retail location with thirty thousand (30,000 ft<sup>2</sup>) of retail space should limit customers to one-hundred fifty (150).

AND FURTHERMORE, it is recommended and strongly encouraged that businesses open to the public implement and enforce practices that promote social distancing, such as spacing of lines at cash registers and outside of entrances, and one-way foot traffic down aisles where practicable.

AND FURTHERMORE, it is recommended and strongly encouraged that businesses allowing public access:

- increase cleaning and sanitizing of high contact areas,
- train employees on best hygiene practices including washing hands often with soap and water or sanitizing stations,
- encourage use of online ordering and outside pick-up or delivery options when available,
- remind employees and patrons that the Governor has recommended all persons wear masks when in public, and
- prohibit sick employees from coming to work.

**DONE UNDER MY HAND in the CITY OF SCRANTON, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, this 6<sup>TH</sup> Day of April, 2020.**

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Paige G. Cagnetti".

**Paige G. Cagnetti  
Mayor, City of Scranton**