To whom it may concern,

When our community reopens our restaurants, even take out restaurants, hotels/motels, grocery stores and <u>all public restrooms</u>, the following requirements should be met in order to open. These requirements are meant to reduce the spread of **Corona** as well as numerous other illnesses. These changes will reduce many illnesses presently being passed to other individuals, **not limited to CORONA**.

Subj: Properly washing hands, properly drying hands and Properly exiting restrooms.

Water Faucets:

Many restaurants have press timers on water faucets, when washing hands, one is obligated to touch the faucets numerous times to wash one's hands. Other faucets require one to physically touch the faucets to turn the water on and retouch the hardware to turn the water off after one has washed. This re-contaminates one's hands that have just been cleaned. <u>ALL</u> <u>faucets should be hands free.</u> Also, restaurants are allowed to restrict faucet waterflow too low to wash hands properly, a practice not allowed by law in meat processing plants. Violations of low water flow in meat processing plants results in closing the plant.

Soap Dispensers:

Many restrooms require one to touch the soap dispenser to dispense soap, which will also contaminate one's hands, that may not have been contaminated prior to touching the dispenser. **ALL soap dispensers should be hands free.**

Paper Towel Dispensers:

Air hand dryers are also a problem which agitates contaminated air flow in the restroom. Often restrooms with air dryers provide **no** paper towels, or have dispensers that requires one to touch the devise to receive a paper towel. This situation also requires one to touch barehanded a contaminated door handle to exit the restroom, which may have been

touched by someone which did not wash their hands after using the toilet. ALL paper towel dispensers should be hands free.

Fortunately, these lifesaving adjustments are inexpensive and do not, in most cases, require construction changes such as plumbing or electrical. The soap and paper towel dispenser can be battery operated; no construction required. Soap dispensers can also be operated with foot pumps or battery. The no touch water faucets may require minimal electrical changes. Keep in mind, electrical is already in the room somewhere to operate lights and fans. A minimum water flow should also be established.

Please consider these illness and **lifesaving adjustments** in order to create a much safer environment for all us including our seniors and children. Included in these requirements, should be stated that these devises should always be in good working condition. All locations should meet these regulations to remain open. Restaurant inspectors can easily include this in their checklist.

Corona lives on metal for 72 hours' influenza 24 hours, Hepatitis 7 days, one could be infected from a person that touched the facets, door handles or soap dispenser 7 days previous or more.

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