

To: Washington State Governors Office - Governor Jay Inslee
CC: WA State Business Response Center & Thurston County Commissioners Office
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Washington's paintball & airsoft outdoor recreational facilities would like to request permission from resuming operations under the phase 1 Proclamation 20-25 & Proclamation 20-25.2 reopening of "stay home, stay healthy" emergency order based on the following parameters.

We are an outdoor activity, that mimics different aspects of a golf course, staffed tennis, guided tour & ORV/motocross facilities. This being said, we can follow a remarkably similar health and safety protocol. CDC guidelines have declared outdoor activities low risk, the governor's office and CDC have both encouraged outdoor exercise with appropriate social distancing and precautions. We take these very seriously and had already begun implementing social distancing procedures upon your announcement of limited group sizes. I have contacted and collaborated with all of paintball & airsoft field owners/managers in Washington. We looked at the situation and crafted the bellow guidelines (based off the CDC & NGCOA, Proc 20-25 & 20-25.2) We as a collaborative, respectfully request an allowance to re-open during phase 1

OUTDOOR PAINTBALL & AIRSOFT FIELD

PHASE 1 COVID-19 REQUIREMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Proclamation 20.25 & 20.25.2 – 5/14/20

All outdoor paintball & airsoft fields have a general obligation to keep a safe and healthy facility in accordance with state and federal law. They must also comply with the following COVID-19 worksite-specific safety practices, as outlined in Gov. Jay Inslee's "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" Proclamation 20-25 & 20-25.2, and in accordance with the Washington State Department of Labor and Industries General Coronavirus Prevention Under Stay Home-Stay Healthy Order (DOSH Directive 1.70: <https://www.lni.wa.gov/safety-health/safetyrules/enforcement-policies/DD170.pdf>) and the Washington State Department of Health Workplace and Employer Resources & Recommendations at <https://www.doh.wa.gov/Coronavirus/workplace>. Outdoor paintball & airsoft facilities should stay updated on advice from the National Golf Course Owners Association (NGCOA) "Park and Play" program and modify these guidelines to appropriately suite the sport of paintball & airsoft- <https://www.ngcoa.org/info-centers/covid19/park-and-playprogram>.

Outdoor paintball & airsoft is widely seen as an activity that is viable and relatively low risk, however there are additional precautions that need to be in place to ensure the safety of players, field staff and managing officials. In order to operate, the following requirements must be implemented at outdoor paintball & airsoft facilities.

Paintball & Airsoft Operations

Any Paintball or Airsoft facility planning to be reopening during Washington's phase 1 reopening plan, must comply with the following:

1. Utilize on-line or phone play time reservation systems to pre-pay and limit interactions and restrict payments to credit cards only to eliminate the handling of cash.
2. Maintain a log of all customers, including contact information. (typically, already in place via waiver system)
3. Spot check temperature of any player or staff member exhibiting any sign of illness
4. Require all players and staff to wear no critical cloth face coverings, at all times while on the facilities in accordance with CDC & "30 days slow the spread" guidelines.
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html>
5. Regularly sanitize counter tops, doorknobs, other common surfaces, cash registers, mobile payment tablets, and other frequently touched surfaces including employee used equipment and supplies.
6. Remove any game play styles and objectives that require touching contact with other players, or prop equipment (example; flags for capture the flag games)
7. When outfitting paintball & airsoft rentals of replica gun, face mask and equipment, staff will maintain social distance. All gear must be sanitized between each use. \Close shooting range for all practice and tuning purposes.
8. Close pregame staging areas. Remove staging area tables, chairs, tents, etc.
9. Require players to stage and prepare their equipment from their own vehicle. (typically done in staging area)
10. Eliminate staging area, parking lot and on-course garbage cans, encourage players to carry and properly dispose of their own garbage when leaving the field.
11. Modify parking lot to ensure a minimum 6-foot separation between players vehicles. Place barriers between parking spaces such as road cones, barrels, caution tape, etc.
12. Install signage to discourage group congregation, or to limit numbers of people in a certain area of the paintball/airsoft facilities. Players will be reminded to be especially mindful of social distancing in the parking lot and during game play.
13. Limit office and/or pro shop entrance perform player check-in and card based purchases at individual players vehicles while maintaining appropriate social distancing between players and staff.
14. Marshall the field to ensure physical distancing by reminding players, and where necessary, warning repeat offenders. Institute game rules to help enforce.
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/social-distancing.html>
15. Ask players to leave the paintball/airsoft facilities immediately after playing to eliminate congestion/gathering on the property or in the parking lot.
16. Increase the number of hand sanitizing stations throughout the facilities and in critical bottle neck areas.
17. Restrict access to facilities for players only. No spectators or unauthorized visitors may enter the facilities.
18. Ensure restrooms are frequently cleaned and appropriately sanitized throughout the day.

19. Eliminate any sit-down food, snack and beverage services, and recommend customers use pre-order “takeout” or “to go” services only. Offering pro-shop-to-parking lot delivery if feasible.
20. During phase 1, players and staff would be limited to 4 person per acre of “playable” facility <25% capacity
21. During phase 2, players and staff would be limited to 8 person per acre of “playable” facility <50% capacity
22. During phase 3, players and staff would be limited to 12 person per acre of “playable” facility <75% capacity
23. During phase 4, players and staff would resume operations at 100% capacity
24. General rules of operation must follow the most recent proclamation for “Stay Home, Stay Healthy” emergency order

Employee Safety and Health

Ensure operations follow L&I requirements to protect workers, including:

- Maintain minimum six-foot separation between staff and customers in all interactions. When strict social distancing is not feasible for a specific task, other prevention measures are required, such as use of barriers, personal protective equipment or other acceptable protection.
- Ensure frequent and adequate hand washing. Use gloves when possible (if not disposal, then ensure they are regularly washed).
- Make sure sick employees stay home or go home if they feel or appear sick, identify and isolate workers who exhibit signs or symptoms of COVID-19 illness, and follow cleaning guidelines set by the CDC to deep clean after reports of an employee with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 illness.
- Educate workers in the language they understand best about coronavirus and how to prevent transmission.
- See the L&I Coronavirus (COVID-19) Prevention: General Requirements and Prevention Ideas for Workplaces for more information. No paintball/airsoft field facility may operate until they can meet and maintain all the requirements in this document, including providing materials, schedules and equipment required to comply.
- All issues regarding worker safety and health are subject to enforcement action under L&I’s Division of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH). Workplace safety and health complaints may be submitted to the L&I Call Center: (1-800-423-7233) or via e-mail to adag235@lni.wa.gov.
- General questions about how to comply with safety practices can be submitted to the state’s Business Response Center at <https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/2562f1caf5814c46a6bf163762263aa5>.
- All other violations related to Proclamation 20-25 can be submitted at <https://bit.ly/covidcompliance>