

**Fishing Charters**  
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- I. **Applicability:** This attachment applies to day fishing charter operations and modifies the restrictions outlined in Mandate 011.
  
- II. **Day fishing charters can resume operations only if they meet all of the following requirements:**
  - a. Social Distancing:
    - i. Passengers must bring their own food and drinks onboard. Food and drinks must be kept separate from the crew's food and drinks.
    - ii. Passengers and crewmembers should not pass or share fishing rods or equipment, to the maximum extent possible.
    - iii. Passengers and crewmembers must wear cloth face coverings that meet the recommendations contained in Health Alert 010.
    - iv. Crewmembers shall clean or dispose of face coverings in accordance with Health Alert 010.
    - v. If possible, social distance of at least six feet is maintained between individuals; if not possible, crewmember and patrons must maintain as much social distancing as allowed on the vessel, depending on its size and configuration. Passengers and crewmembers from the same household are not required to social distance from each other.
    - vi. The vessel captain must establish a COVID-19 Mitigation Plan addressing the practices and protocols to protect staff and the public.
    - vii. Signage must be posted on the vessel to notify the public of the vessels COVID-19 Mitigation Plan and clearly state that any person with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 may not enter the vessel.
  
  - b. Capacity:
    - i. If patrons are household members, the charter may be for the full legal load/capacity of the boat or vessel.
    - ii. If patrons are non-household members, fishing charters may only take the number of patrons that can maintain social distancing requirements if their vessel is not large enough to allow each patron and crewmember to social distance at legal load/capacity.
  
  - c. Hygiene Protocols:
    - i. Crewmembers must provide handwashing capability or sanitizer on the vessel.
    - ii. Frequent handwashing by employees, and an adequate supply of soap, disinfectant, hand sanitizer, and paper towels must be available.

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- iii. Crewmembers must provide for hourly touch-point sanitization (e.g. workstations, equipment, screens, doorknobs, restrooms).
- d. Staffing:
- i. Vessel captains must provide training for crewmembers regarding the COVID-19 Mitigation Plan, train their crewmembers in basic hygiene practices, such as frequent and thorough hand washing, respiratory etiquette (e.g., covering coughs and sneezes), and discourage crewmembers or passengers from using others' personal property, work tools, and equipment.
  - ii. Vessel captains must conduct pre-shift staff screening and maintain staff screening log.
  - iii. No crewmembers displaying symptoms of COVID-19 may provide services to customers. Symptomatic or ill employees may not report to work.
  - iv. No crew member may report to the work site within 72 hours of exhibiting a fever.
  - v. Employer must establish a plan for employees getting ill and a return-to-work plan following CDC guidance, which can be found online at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html>.
- e. Cleaning and Disinfecting:
- i. Cleaning and disinfecting must be conducted in compliance with CDC protocols weekly or, in lieu of performing the CDC cleaning and disinfecting, the vessel may shut down for a period of at least 72 consecutive hours per week to allow for natural deactivation of the virus, followed by site personnel performing a comprehensive disinfection of all common surfaces.
  - ii. When an active employee is identified as being COVID-19 positive by testing, CDC cleaning and disinfecting must be performed as soon after the confirmation of a positive test as practical. In lieu of performing CDC cleaning and disinfecting, vessels or facilities may shut down for a period of at least 72 consecutive hours to allow for natural deactivation of the virus, followed by site personnel performing a comprehensive disinfection of all common surfaces.
  - iii. CDC protocols can be found online at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html> and <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html>.

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