LPL’s Covid-19 ‘Micro-Cluster’ Protocols

Based on the New York State ‘Micro-Cluster’ Strategy

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**Yellow Zone – Precautionary Zone**

Under NYS ‘Micro-Cluster’ Strategy Such Activity Restrictions Include:

- Non-essential gatherings are limited to no more than 25 people
- Houses of worship are subject to a capacity limit of 50% of its maximum occupancy and shall adhere to Department of Health guidance
- Restaurants and taverns must limit any one seated group or party size to 4 people
- Schools shall adhere to applicable guidance issued by the Department of Health regarding mandatory testing of students and school personnel

*Metrics for Entering Yellow Zone: Geographic area has 7-day rolling average positivity above 2.5% for 10 days AND Geographic area has 10 or more new daily cases per 100,000 residents on 7-day average*

If local region enters a Yellow Zone, LPL will continue all services listed under Phase IV of LPL Reopening Plan, the Library’s safety reopening plan including in person services such as browsing, public computing, access to copy/scan/fax, in-person librarian assistance, and curbside ‘browse and go’ service (no public seating available). The Library will closely monitor the situation and advice from local and state officials.

**Orange Zone – Warning Zone**

Under NYS ‘Micro-Cluster’ Strategy Such Activity Restrictions Include:

- Non-essential gatherings shall be limited to 10 people
- Houses of worship are subject to a capacity limit of the lesser of 33% of maximum occupancy or 25 people, whichever is fewer
- Restaurants and taverns must cease serving patrons food or beverage inside on-premises but may provide outdoor service, and may be open for takeout or delivery, provided that any one outdoor seated group or party must not exceed 4 people

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Schools must close for in-person instruction, except as otherwise provided in Executive Order.

Certain non-essential businesses, for which there is a higher risk of transmission of the COVID-19 virus, shall reduce in-person workforce by 100%; such businesses include:
- Gyms, fitness centers or classes
- Hair salons and barbershops
- All other personal care services including but not limited to spas, tattoo or piercing parlors, nail technicians and nail salons, cosmetologists, estheticians, the provision of laser hair removal and electrolysis

**Metrics for Entering Orange Zone:** Geographic area has 7-day rolling average positivity above 3% for 10 days AND Geographic area has 10 or more new daily cases per 100,000 residents on 7-day average

If local region enters an Orange Zone, LPL will curtail all in-building services to the public. No patrons will be allowed inside the Library. All staff will continue to report for work on-site. Curbside 'grab and go service' will continue. All virtual events and services will also continue.

**Red Zone – Micro-Cluster or Emergency Stop**

**Under NYS 'Micro-Cluster' Strategy Such Activity Restrictions Include:**

- No non-essential gatherings of any size
- Houses of worship are subject to a capacity limit of 25% of maximum occupancy or 10 people, whichever is fewer
- Restaurants and taverns must cease serving patrons food or beverage on-premises and may be open for takeout or delivery only
- Schools must close for in-person instruction, except as otherwise provided in Executive Order.
- All non-essential businesses in the red zone, which do not meet the criteria below, shall reduce in-person workforce by 100%.

**Metrics for Entering Red Zone:** Geographic area has 7-day rolling average positivity above 4% for 10 days AND Geographic area has 10 or more new daily cases per 100,000 residents on 7-day average

If local region enters a Red Zone, LPL will close all in-person services, including curbside service. Staff will be sent home to work remotely with only essential employees, designated by the Director, allowed on-site. All virtual events and services will continue.

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