

## **NYSPBA TALKING POINTS TO GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS**

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I own \_\_\_\_\_, which is in your district. We employ \_\_\_\_\_ people. My reason for calling was to ask for your help. We are as concerned as most about the safety of our community and customers, and WE NEED YOUR HELP.

The NY Forward Plan has mistakenly lumped bowling into Phase four with Major League Baseball, NFL and Theme Parks. We believe given our size and ability to social distance that we should be considered for Phase 3. We do not have the same issues as professional sports and theme parks and can easily social distance. The livelihood of our workers and business are dependent on opening soon.

**Our state association has sent a letter to the Governor, but he needs to hear from legislators on this issue.**

- We have come up with a safety plan for our employees and patrons that strictly follow CDC Guidelines.
- Many states have reopened bowling centers at 50% capacity and there have been no known issues.
- We are struggling to stay open and without being moved to Phase 3, it's likely our doors will stay closed.
- Our state association working in conjunction with our national association has developed comprehensive reopening guidelines.
- We also have access to PPE, and other critical supplies (through our national network) needed to keep our facilities clean and safe.

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Here are some of the protocols that we have put in place to protect our staff and customers:

- Clean the seating, ball return, and scoring area using a disinfectant rated for COVID-19. Cleaning will be done between each lane usage.
- Disinfect each bowling center rental ball before AND after each use.
- Disinfect each shoe rental before AND after each use.
- Provide Social Distancing throughout the facility to eliminate shared spaces.
- Provide cashless payment options where possible.
- Provide separate entrance and exit for guests.
- Apply strict safety measures for staff including temperature checks, appropriate PPE, social distancing, and COVID-19 online training.
- Place signage and posters throughout each center informing our guests of our commitment to stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus through your sanitation and social distancing policies.
- Utilize hand sanitizers throughout facility in guest facing areas.
- Use stanchions or floor decals to control social distancing.
- Establish limited reopening operating hours.
- Install plexiglass barriers at counters, between your employees and guests.
- Use every other lane to insure social distancing of greater than 6 feet.
- Utilize online reservations to minimize guest count.
- Limit groups reservations to 6 or less.