



OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL

**INTERPRETIVE GUIDANCE**

**Number:** COVID19-14  
**Date:** May 13, 2020  
**Re:** Order of the Governor of the State of Maryland, Number 20-05-13-01, dated May 13, 2020, Amending and Restating the Order of May 6, 2020, Allowing Reopening of Certain Businesses and Facilities, Subject to Local Regulation

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At this time, the Office of Legal Counsel (“OLC”) recommends that the Administration interpret the above-referenced Order as follows:

1. **Effect of Local Orders on Interpretive Guidance.** A Local Order (as defined in the Order) requiring a business to close takes precedence over any Interpretive Guidance issued by OLC that would otherwise indicate that the business may be open.
2. **Businesses That May Open.** As a result of the Order (but subject to any applicable Local Orders), the following is a non-exhaustive list of Retail Establishments that may re-open pursuant to paragraph III.b of the Order:
  - a. Animal adoption shelters.
  - b. Art galleries.
  - c. Bookstores.
  - d. Car washes.
  - e. Clothing and shoe stores.
  - f. Florists.
  - g. Furniture stores.
  - h. Jewelers.
  - i. Lawn and garden stores.
  - j. Pawn shops.
  - k. Pet groomers.
  - l. Sporting goods stores.
  - m. Tobacco and vape shops.
3. **Prior Interpretive Guidance.** To the extent prior Interpretive Guidance issued by OLC is inconsistent with Order No. 20-05-13-01, such prior Interpretive Guidance is rescinded. Specifically, but without limitation, the following Interpretive Guidance is hereby rescinded:
  - a. Paragraph 1 of Interpretive Guidance COVID19-07 (“Curbside Pickup at Non-Essential Businesses Not Permitted”).
  - b. Interpretive Guidance COVID19-09 in its entirety.
  - c. Interpretive Guidance COVID19-11 in its entirety.

*This Interpretive Guidance maybe revised or rescinded at any time. Citizens are urged to consult with their own legal counsel for advice about the application of the Order and this Interpretive Guidance to their particular facts and circumstances.*