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The Franklin Beer Garden at Croatian Park is an open pavilion structure with a spacious seating area located in the core of the Croatian Park. Surrounded by 30 acres of walkable, bikeable, and picnic terrain, The Franklin Beer Garden functions more like a park than a typical bar or restaurant.

To address public health concerns related to the spread of COVID-19, The Franklin Beer Garden collaborated with the City of Franklin to operationalize proper safety protocols and procedures for its 2020 season, which adhere to the mandatory requirements set by national, state, and local officials. Among the safety requirements are: ensuring management is on-site at all times during hours of operation, prohibiting sick employees in the workplace, establishing handwashing protocols, and cleaning and sanitizing surfaces on a strict schedule.

The Franklin Beer Garden at Croatian Park is committed to doing everything possible to ensure that guests have a safe, fun, family and pet-friendly experience this summer. The large outdoor space at the Croatian Park is ideal for safely supporting events exceeding 1,500 people with ample room for having fun while practicing social distancing. In addition, the Outdoor Pavilion – the location of the Beer Garden – offers an abundance of open space on three sides to ensure picnic tables are properly arranged and guests at the bar have sufficient space to spread out.

The Croatian Park has implemented the following safety measure for the 2020 season in response to national, state, and local guidelines:

1. Operational occupancy is set at 50% of maximum.
2. Facemask are required for all employees, bartenders and food handlers.
3. Face masks are available for any guest that requests one.
4. No-touch trash receptacles are available for used masks.
5. Multiple hand sanitization stations are available to all guests.
6. Prominent signage instructs guests to comply with social distancing.
7. Visual cues and physical barriers are set-up to support social distancing.
8. 100 picnic tables are set up throughout the park grounds and setback 10 feet from each other.
9. Guests are encouraged to bring their own chairs/blankets.
10. Dedicated team members are continually cleaning and disinfecting bar tops and public areas.
11. Food sales is relocated to the kitchen area to reduce congestion near the Pavilion.
12. Service stations/lines at the bar allow 6 feet of distance between guests.
13. Different employees are assigned to handle cash versus food/beverage service.
14. All beverages are served in single serve/disposable cups.

Croatian Park COVID-19 Readiness Plan

GENERAL STATEMENT • On behalf of the Croatian Park, the practices outlined below represent practical best efforts to proactively invest and keep the community safe when attending functions, events, and beer gardens in 2020. The outlined steps and initiatives are intended to preserve the safety of employees and guests. The Croatian Park will continue to follow the guidance of national, state and local agencies to develop policies and determine the appropriate time for hosting events. The input of local and regional medical and health partners will also play a significant role in informing the below policies.

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SANITATION • Increased regularity (hourly) and scope of wash downs and cleanings. Concessions, restrooms and areas of hand traffic will be disinfected prior to each event. Additional hand sanitizing stations available for public and employee use around the park,

SOCIALLY DISTANT SEATING • The Croatian Park has setback its existing seating to allow for proper distancing, thus decreasing overall capacity. All picnic tables will be setback 10 feet apart from each other throughout the park grounds.

STAFFING & OPERATIONAL POLICIES • The Croatian Park will temperature check all contracted employees and volunteers prior to starting operations. All operational employees will be required to wear protective masks, as necessitated by current guidelines and best practices policies. Employees will be instructed to make the following changes to guest interactions, without limitation:

- Handshaking and physical contact is prohibited with guests and other employees.
- Employees are required to wear protective masks when handing items to guests.
- Employees are required to wash or sanitize their hands prior to the start of each shift, and continuing when appropriate.
- Employees will receive ongoing training to educate them on new and/or updated guidelines and procedures.

CROATIAN PARK ENTRY / EXIT • The Croatian Park will encourage proper distancing upon entry and exiting, including, without limitation, walkways and sidewalks leading to the Croatian Park entrances/exits. Signage and/or spacing markers will promote proper distancing between customers waiting in lines and enjoying park activities. Employees will direct traffic and instruct guests on proper parking, entry, and exit policies.

GUEST EXPERIENCE • Traffic areas will be separated to create defined traffic flow (e.g., each side of each line is one-way-only traffic) and to keep proper distancing. Signage and/or spacing markers will promote proper distancing between customers waiting in lines on all main areas. All restrooms doors will be propped open to encourage touchless entry/exit, and will be sanitized each hour with disinfectant along all surfaces.

FOOD AND BEVERAGE POLICIES • The Croatian Park will work with the City of Franklin to develop standards consistent with national, state, and local guidelines. All contracted employees will be required to wear protective masks and gloves. Additional employee positions will be hired specifically to disinfect surfaces before, during and after events. Condiments and similar items will be served using pre-packaged servings as opposed to communal servings.

COMMUNICATION/MESSAGING • “Stop the Spread” and “COVID-19” signage is posted in areas with high visibility to employees and guests. Other awareness and instructional signage is posted throughout the Croatian Park. The Croatian Park will develop and execute a social media awareness campaign on best practices for fans and guests visiting any Croatian Park events.

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