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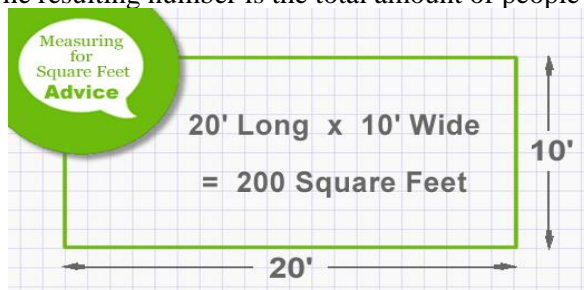
The City of Punta Gorda Fire Department would like to provide all businesses information as our community begins to reopen in phases as described in the most recent State of Florida Executive Order 20-112 specifically to clarify sections 3 and section 4 with regard to the 25% reduction in occupant load.

Restaurants and Food establishments inside the City of Punta Gorda Fire Department jurisdiction licensed by FL Statute Chapter 500 or 509 have been provided with their occupant loads as required during the normal licensing process of operating these types of business. **These locations shall use their normal occupant load previously assigned by the City of Punta Gorda and reduce that number to 25% to meet the intent of the Executive Order 20-112.** In addition these locations shall also maintain six foot spacing between parties, only seating parties of 10 or fewer people and keeping bar counters closed. Bars, personal services, gyms and nightclubs continue to remain closed under executive order.

Other affected businesses that were not considered as essential businesses before Executive Order 20-112 and are not currently considered personal services as identified by the State of Florida and Governor DeSantis are now permitted to open to the public at 25% capacity.

In-store retail sales establishments are now permitted to open to the public at 25% capacity. The City of Punta Gorda Fire Department utilized the Florida Fire Prevention Code NFPA 101 Life Safety occupant load factor table to develop the following formula to help business owners determine capacity for their retail business:

- Determine total square footage of building (Area=length x width)
- Take the total square footage and divide by 100
- The resulting number is the total amount of people allowed in the retail space



Example:

20 feet long X 10 Feet wide = 200 square feet. Divide this total by 100 = 2 people total allowed which includes patrons and staff.

Additional information regarding strategies to keep your employees and customers safe can be found at [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) and [Floridahealth.gov](https://www.floridahealth.gov). If you have any questions or need clarification please contact the Punta Gorda Fire Department at (941) 575-5529.