Memorandum

Entering and Exiting Requirements
For
All Mercantile Type Occupancies

Due to the COVID-19 concerns, the following instruction is provided to clarify the Means of Egress requirements to help prevent mishap or injury and to help ensure safety:

- **Main Entrance and Exits**: No hard barricades can be placed blocking the exterior doors. Cones and Caution Tape can be used. (Up turned shopping carts or benches are NOT ALLOWED.)

- **There cannot be any LOCKED or BLOCKED Emergency Exits including**: No hard barricades or Up turned shopping carts or benches.

- **Caution Tape** can be used to help with directing the shoppers.

- **Aisleways cannot be blocked with hard barricades or Up turned shopping carts or benches which causes dead end corridors.** (Cones and Caution Tape may be permitted)

- **All fire protection systems shall be maintained and operational.**

Please Note: Random inspections may occur by fire code enforcement personnel (fire marshals and/or fire inspections) to ensure compliance with the applicable codes and statutes.

Any questions or concerns contact our office at (304) 558-2191 to contact the Inspection Division.

Sincerely,

Kenneth E. Tyree Jr.
State Fire Marshal