

Dear County Council,

I am writing with comments on County Executive Order #122-20. As a 77 year old retired physician, I am very careful about exposure to Covid 19. I bowl at Bowl America Gaithersburg in a senior bowling league which consists of 6 – four person teams. We are in a building which has a normal capacity of at least 250 people but we function as 6 four person groups who bowl together. Masked, we arrive individually and proceed to our assigned lanes, put on our bowling shoes and bowl for 2 hours with our three other team members. No interaction is required with any of the center staff or other teams. We bowl on a pair of lanes and the pair on either side is not utilized. During our session, we are physically separated and do not sit down and socialize without physical separation. We have completed 6 weeks of league competition.

We are well aware of potential Covid exposure and if anyone develops an illness, they will inform the center staff and the other team members would be notified and asked to be tested and to quarantine for 14 days. All our individual contact information is available. The center and our bowlers all follow all health recommendations which have been prescribed. The center has been inspected and has been approved for operations. I am unaware of any cases of disease at the center.

This proposal to reduce the number of people allowed in the bowling center would result in the suspension of our league which has provided needed relief from previous restrictions on movement and assembly of our citizens. We would like to request an exemption from this reduction of numbers allowed in the bowling center from 50 to 25.

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