

Summary of changes announced May 6, 2021

Effective May 7, all outdoor businesses will no longer be subject to occupancy limits or distancing requirements. Face coverings continue to be required indoors. Outdoors, face coverings for patrons will be required only in venues with more than 500 people in attendance. The mandatory closing time for bars, restaurants, and other places of public accommodation will be eliminated.

Effective May 28, businesses will no longer be subject to occupancy limits, distancing or other sector-specific requirements and need follow only the 2021 Universal Guidance and face covering requirements.

Last updated 5/6/2021 6:00 a.m.

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Social Settings	<p>Indoor social gatherings are limited to 15 people, outdoor gatherings to 50 people max. Social distancing between households must be maintained.</p> <p>Fully vaccinated people may be able to gather without masks and social distancing in specific settings. For more information, visit About COVID-19 Vaccine.</p> <p>Beginning May 7, 2021 at 12 p.m. Indoor social gatherings are limited to 50 people, outdoor social gatherings have no maximum group size.</p> <p>Beginning May 27, 2021, at 11:59 p.m. No limits on size and no social distancing requirements.</p>
Critical Businesses	<p>Open (must have COVID-19 preparedness plan)</p> <p>Work from home is strongly recommended. Employers are also strongly encouraged to implement reasonable accommodations for at-risk employees, or employees with one or more members of their household who have underlying medical conditions and are not yet vaccinated.</p>
Non-critical Businesses (non-customer facing)	<p>Open (must have COVID-19 preparedness plan)</p> <p>Work from home is strongly recommended. Employers are also strongly encouraged to implement reasonable accommodations for at-risk employees, or employees with one or more members of their household who have underlying medical conditions and are not yet vaccinated.</p>
Retail	<p>Open (must have COVID-19 preparedness plan)</p>

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Restaurants and Bars

Indoor dining: 75% capacity, 250 people max.

Outdoor dining: no occupancy limits.

Parties of no more than 10 people must remain six feet from other parties; bar seating is open to parties of four. All patrons must be seated and wearing a mask, unless eating or drinking. No masking for outdoor dining unless there are 500 or more patrons.

Restaurants and bars with sufficient normal occupant capacity may exceed 250 people per applicable percentage limits and [guidance](#).

Beginning May 7, 2021, at 12 p.m.

No mandatory closing time established by state.

Indoor dining: 75% capacity up to 250 people. Restaurants and bars with sufficient normal occupant capacity may exceed 250 people per applicable percentage limits and guidance.

Parties of no more than 10 people must remain six feet from other parties; with no bar seating restrictions. All patrons must be seated and wearing a mask, unless eating or drinking.

Outdoor dining: no occupancy limits, no distancing requirement, or table size restrictions. Patrons may stand. Masks are only required if there are 500 or more patrons and only unless eating and drinking.

Beginning May 27, 2021, at 11:59 p.m.

All capacity restrictions, party size limitations, and distancing requirements are lifted.

Personal services (salons, tattoos, barbershops)

Open at 100% capacity, but 6 feet of distance must be maintained between parties.

Beginning May 27, 2021, at 11:59 p.m.

Distancing requirement is lifted.

Gyms, personal fitness and yoga studios, martial arts

Gym capacity is capped at 50%, maximum capacity remains at 250.

Machines and people should maintain 6 feet of distance.

Gyms, personal fitness and yoga studios, or martial arts spaces with sufficient normal occupant capacity may exceed 250 people per applicable percentage limits and [guidance](#).

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Use the [Venue Occupancy Calculator](#) to calculate reduced capacity of your facility/venue.

Beginning May 7, 2021, 2021 at 12 p.m.

Gym capacity is capped at 50%, maximum capacity remains at 250.

Machines and people should maintain 6 feet of distance. Gyms, personal fitness and yoga studios, or martial arts spaces with sufficient normal occupant capacity may exceed 250 people indoors per applicable percentage limits and guidance.

Face coverings must be worn by workers, members, and visitors at all times when indoors.

Indoor classes are limited 50 people.

No size limit on outdoor classes, and masks are not required outdoors.

Beginning May 27, 2021, 2021 at 11:59 p.m.

All capacity restrictions, class size limitations, and distancing requirements are lifted. Face coverings must be worn by workers, members, and visitors at all times when indoors.

Indoor events and entertainment

Open at 50% capacity, no more than 250 people.

Venues with occupant capacity greater than 500 may increase patron count as follows:

- For seated indoor venues: the venue may operate with an additional 25% of the occupant capacity above 500 (seated venues must have assigned seating, and patrons must remain seated).
- For non-seated indoor venues: the venue may operate with an additional 15% of the capacity above 500.
- Use the [Venue Occupancy Calculator](#) to calculate reduced capacity of your facility/venue after April 1.

Masks required. No food service between 11 p.m. and 4 a.m.

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Beginning May 7, 2021, at 12 p.m.

All venues may open at 50% capacity up to 250 people. Maximum party size is 10 with 6 feet of distance between parties.

Venues with occupant capacity greater than 500 may increase patron count as follows:

- For seated indoor venues: the venue may operate with an additional 25% of the occupant capacity above 500.
- For non-seated indoor venues: the venue may operate with an additional 15% of the capacity above 500.
- Use the [Venue Occupancy Calculator](#) to calculate reduced capacity of your facility/venue after May 7.

Masks required indoors.

Beginning May 27, 2021, at 11:59 p.m.

Capacity limits and distancing requirements are lifted.

Outdoor events and entertainment

Open at 50% capacity, no more than 250 people.

Venues with occupant capacity greater than 500 may increase patron count as follows:

- For seated outdoor venues: the venue may operate with an additional 25% of the occupant capacity above 500, with a maximum capacity not to exceed 10,000 for the entire venue (seated venues must have assigned seating, and patrons must remain seated).
- For non-seated outdoor venues: the venue may operate with an additional 15% of the capacity above 500, with a maximum capacity not to exceed 10,000 for the entire venue.
- Use the Venue Occupancy Calculator to calculate reduced capacity of your facility/venue after April 1.

Social distancing is required.

No food or beverage service or consumption between 11 p.m. and 4 a.m.

Masks are required in venues with more than 500 people in attendance.

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Beginning May 7, 2021, 2021 at 12 p.m.

All capacity limits and distancing requirements for outdoor events are eliminated.

School Buildings All public and private schools will follow the [Safe Learning Plan](#).

Child Care Open per [CDC guidance](#)

Youth Programming Open per [MDH guidance](#) and [CDC guidance](#)

Organized Sports (Adult and Youth) Practices and games open with limited spectators according to appropriate venue capacity restrictions. See [Guidance for Entertainment Venues](#).

Tournaments are allowed but discouraged. Out of state play is discouraged. Masks are required for all, at both practices and games. See [COVID-19 Sports Practice Guidance for Youth and Adults](#).

Beginning May 7, 2021, at 12 p.m.

Athletes and spectators for outdoor sports are no longer subject to occupancy limits or distancing requirements. Masks are required for venues with 500 people or more in attendance.

Athletes participating in indoor sports must pod in groups of 50. Face coverings are required for practice and games.

Indoor spectator capacity is based on indoor venue guidance. See [Guidance for Entertainment and Meeting Venues](#).

Beginning May 27, 2021, at 11:59 p.m.

All capacity limits and distancing requirements are lifted.

Outdoor Recreation Activities and Facilities Open per [DNR's Outdoor Recreation Guidelines](#).

Up to 50 people may engage in outdoor activities together, with at least 6 feet of separation between households. Guided and instructional activities may now include more than one guide or instructor.

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Outdoor recreational activities and facilities are no longer subject to distancing and masking requirements.

Indoor settings associated with outdoor recreation (e.g. restaurants, venues) will continue to follow applicable indoor guidance.

Places of Worship, religious services, weddings, and funerals

Open at 100% capacity. Masks required.
6 feet of social distance must be maintained between households.
No food or drink except when essential to perform a ritual or service (e.g., Communion), and singing is permitted as long as congregants remain masked.

Beginning May 7, 2021, at 12 p.m.

Group size increases to 10 or household.

Beginning May 27, 2021, at 11:59 p.m.

Distancing requirements and group size limits are eliminated.

Reception spaces for celebrations or private parties

These events are now only subject to the entertainment venue capacity limits for the setting where they are held.
See [entertainment guidance for details](#). Table size is limited to 6 and guests must be seated while eating and drinking.

These events may not occur between 11 p.m. and 4 a.m.

Reception spaces for celebrations or private parties with sufficient normal occupant capacity may exceed 250 people per applicable percentage limits and guidance for the venue. See [Guidance for Entertainment and Meeting Venues](#).

Beginning May 7, 2021, at 12 p.m.

These events are subject to the entertainment venue capacity limits for the setting where they are held. See [entertainment guidance for details](#).

Campgrounds and charter boats

Open with guidance.
Three households may gather outdoors, 15 people max.

Beginning May 7, 2021, at 12 p.m.

There are no outdoor gathering limits.

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Pools and swim parks

Open at 50% capacity, max 250 people, and 6 feet of social distancing is required. See [COVID-19 Public Pools under Executive Order 20-104](#). Pools and swim parks with sufficient normal occupant capacity may exceed 250 people per applicable percentage limits and guidance for the venue, as seen in the [indoor and outdoor venue guidance](#). Use the [Venue Occupancy Calculator](#) to calculate reduced capacity of your facility/venue.

Beginning May 7, 2021, at 12 p.m.

Indoor pools open at 50% capacity, but 6 feet of social distancing is required indoors.

Indoor pools and swim parks with sufficient normal occupant capacity may exceed 250 people per applicable percentage limits and guidance for the venue, as seen in the [indoor and outdoor venue guidance](#).

Use the [Venue Occupancy Calculator](#) to calculate reduced capacity of your facility/venue.

For outdoor pools and spas, capacity limits and distancing requirements are lifted.

Saunas remain closed.

Beginning May 27, 2021, at 11:59 p.m.

All capacity, other restrictions, and requirements are lifted.