

Where Can You Hold Events? Here's the State-by-State Reopening Status

Nevada has increased attendee limits to 250 or 50 percent capacity per room, whichever is less, with allowances for groups up to 1,000 in larger facilities.



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While a surge in new Covid-19 cases led many states to slow or reverse their reopenings, some state leaders have announced the loosening of some restrictions around meetings and events. On Oct. 1, Nevada increased gathering limits to 250 people or 50 percent capacity, whichever is less, with as many as 1,000 per group for larger event facilities with multiple rooms ([see below](#)). As of Sept. 21, meetings of up to 200 people are permitted indoors in Washington state and Seattle is reopening its convention center ([see below](#)), and beginning Sept. 26, gatherings of any size will be permitted in Indiana, with some restrictions ([see below](#)). On Sept. 4, Maryland moved

to phase 3 of reopening.

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But the surge of COVID-19 infections continues in the U.S., accounting now for nearly 7 million cases and more than 200,000 deaths, [according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#).

In response, a number of states have imposed quarantine rules on those arriving from states that have seen recent increases of cases. As of Sept. 22, leaders in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut require visitors from [33 states](#) as well as Puerto Rico and Guam to quarantine for 14 days upon arrival. Meanwhile, Hawaii extended its requirement that out-of-state visitors must quarantine for two weeks upon arrival, and Washington, D.C., now requires a 14-day quarantine for dozens of states considered "high risk."

Many states have slowed their reopening plans or imposed new restrictions. On Aug. 28, California Gov. Gavin Newsom unveiled a new, color-coded Blueprint for a Safer Economy plan that imposes additional criteria for tightening and loosening restrictions ([see below](#)). In recent weeks, states including Hawaii, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Washington and Kentucky have imposed stricter limits on gatherings. For example, beginning Aug. 3, gatherings in Hawaii were lowered to 10 people ([see below](#)), while on Aug. 7, the limit to outdoor gatherings in Massachusetts was lowered to from 100 to 25 people ([see below](#)).

The widespread rise in cases has caused some state officials — including those in Louisiana, North Carolina, Utah and Washington — to pause their reopening plans. Others have reinstated restrictions that had been lifted, as in Texas and Florida, where bars have again been closed, and in New Mexico and Oregon, where limits to indoor activities have been reinstated. Mask mandates have also spread throughout the country, with [more than 30 U.S. states](#) now requiring facial coverings to be worn in public — most recently in Mississippi and Vermont.

State-by-state updates follow. See anything missing? Please [email us](#) with new information.

Reopening Status and Event Restrictions for Each State

Alabama

Gov. Kay Ivey extended the statewide [Safer at Home order](#) until [at least Oct. 2](#), including a statewide [mask requirement](#). Under that order, non-work gatherings of all sizes are prohibited if six feet of distance can't be maintained between participants. Restaurants and retail stores can reopen at up to 50 percent maximum occupancy. Beaches are open, with social-distancing guidelines. Barbershops and hair salons have been allowed to reopen, while night clubs, theaters and bowling alleys remain closed.

Current meeting limits: Gatherings of any size are permitted, as long as social-distancing rules can be followed.

Alaska

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Alaska, which has the fewest coronavirus cases of any state, entered phase 3 of Gov. Mike Dunleavy's "[Reopen Alaska Responsibly Plan](#)" on May 22 — allowing most businesses to reopen at full capacity, with a handful of restrictions still in place. Large gatherings are again permitted, but with strict social-distancing and hygiene practices. Visitors [are required](#) to be tested within 72 hours to five days prior to arrival (beginning Aug. 11, the state no longer offers nonresidents these tests), and may only enter the state if they test negative. Those who do not get a test must self-quarantine for 14 days upon arrival. Alaskans are asked to contact health officials before organizing a major event to coordinate communication and ensure a proper plan is in place.

Current meeting limits: Large gatherings are permitted, with social distancing and permission of state public health officials.

Arizona

On Aug. 27, bars, gyms and theaters were again [allowed to reopen with limits](#), as long as their county had met specific safety benchmarks. This came after Gov. Doug Ducey "paused" operations at the end of June following a spike in Covid-19 cases, partially reversing a number of steps taken as part of [phase 1](#) of the state's "[Returning Stronger](#)" plan. A July 9 [executive order](#) required restaurants with indoor seating to operate at less than 50 percent capacity. The order also prohibited public gatherings of more than 50 people. During a news conference, Ducey urged Arizonans to "arm yourself with a mask," but he has stopped short of requiring that masks be worn in public. Ducey [has said](#) he has no plans for cancelling upcoming summer events.

Current meeting limits: Public gatherings are limited to 50 people or fewer. Private events limited to 50 percent of venue capacity.

Arkansas

No statewide stay-at-home order was put in place here, and restaurants began serving guest at limited capacity on May 11. On June 15, the state fully [entered Phase 2](#) of reopening, allowing restaurants and other businesses to expand to two-thirds capacity, but with social distancing and mask-wearing encouraged. Outdoor recreation and personal-care locations have reopened. Large indoor venues, including movie theaters, museums and casinos, are open at 33 percent capacity, as are [bars](#) with social-distancing limits. But as cases began to surge, Gov. Asa Hutchinson [announced](#) on June 25 a pause on further reopening and required that masks be worn statewide [beginning July 20](#).

Current meeting limits: Events at indoor and outdoor entertainment venues may be held for up to 66 percent of a venue's capacity. Gatherings of 100 or fewer people are permitted with no approved plan.

California

On Aug. 28, Gov. Gavin Newsom unveiled the [Blueprint for a Safer Economy](#) plan, which "builds on lessons learned from the first six months of the disease," creating a four-tiered reopening plan for counties. Most counties are [currently considered](#) to be in the Purple tier, in which the disease is widespread and most nonessential indoor businesses must remain closed, restaurants are only allowed to operate outdoor dining and retail can only welcome customers to 25 percent of their capacity. A few counties are currently in the Red tier, in which restaurants can resume indoor dining at 25 percent capacity or 100 patrons (whichever is fewer) and retail stores can operate at 50 percent capacity. As of Sept. 25, 11 counties had entered the Orange tier, in which bars and breweries that don't serve food are among the businesses that can open for outdoor services and gatherings; and restaurants, movie theaters and places of worship can permit up to 200 people or 50 percent capacity, whichever is fewer. Everyone older than two is also required to wear a face mask in public.

Current meeting limits: Gatherings prohibited for those counties in the Purple tier of the state's Blueprint for a Safer Economy.

Colorado

Gov. Jared Polis has extended the state's mask mandate until at least Oct. 12. Previously, on June 1, Polis transitioned the state from Safer at Home to "[Safer at Home and in the Vast, Great Outdoors](#)," in which high-risk individuals are now encouraged to spend time out of doors. Indoor gyms, bowling alleys and other recreational facilities are open at 50 percent capacity, with no more than 500 people in one setting at a time. Restaurants are allowed to operate at either 50 percent dine-in capacity or 50 persons maximum, whichever is less. Indoor gatherings are allowed but must be limited to 100 people, among other restrictions. Outdoor events must have no more than 175 people. Bars are now allowed to reopen at 25 percent capacity. On July 16, Polis announced a [statewide face covering requirement](#) for indoor public spaces, including stores and businesses.

Current meeting limits: Indoor gatherings limited to 100 people; outdoor events must have no more than 175 people.

Connecticut

On Sept. 22, the state's leaders joined New York and New Jersey in requiring visitors from [33 states](#), as well as Puerto Rico and Guam, to quarantine for 14 days upon arrival. Previously, on May 20, Gov. Ned Lamont began the first phase of his [four-phase plan](#), allowing offices and stores to open their doors at 50 percent capacity and restaurants to open with outdoor seating. On June 1, hair salons and barbershops were permitted to accept clients again. On June 17, the state began phase 2, in which hotels, gyms and indoor restaurants were allowed to reopen. Outdoor gatherings of up to 100 people and indoor gatherings of up to 25 people [are now permitted](#). Outdoor-gathering limits were expected to increase to 250 people by mid-July, but on July 6, Lamont [announced](#) that phase 3 would be postponed indefinitely.

Current meeting limits: Indoor gatherings of up to 25 people and outdoor gatherings of up to 100 people are permitted.

Delaware

The state remains in Phase 2 of its [recovery plan](#), allowing restaurants, casinos, hotels and retail establishments to expand from 30 percent to 60 percent capacity, with face coverings required. Outdoor gatherings of up to 250 people currently are permitted, but recreation facilities, including bowling alleys, skating rinks and sporting facilities, remain closed.

Current meeting limits: Outdoor gatherings of up to 250 people are allowed, and indoor gatherings up to 60 percent of the venue's capacity.

District of Columbia

On Aug. 24, Mayor Muriel Bowser [updated the list](#) of high-risk states from which visitors must self-quarantine for 14 days upon arrival, raising it to 30 states. Previously, Bowser [issued an executive order](#) requiring that masks be worn by residents age 3 and older outside the home, including outdoors; the mandate will be enforced with a \$1,000 fine for those who do not comply. On June 22, the city [entered phase 2](#) of reopening, allowing for gyms and camps, as well as indoor retail and restaurant dining to resume. Gatherings of up to 50 people are also now permitted.

Current meeting limits: Gatherings of up to 50 people are permitted.

Florida

On Sept. 14, bars were permitted to reopen at 50 percent capacity. The same day, **Miami-Dade County** entered phase 2 of the "[Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step](#)" plan, along with the rest of the state. This allows gyms and stores to operate at full capacity.

Restaurants and movie theaters can operate at 50 percent capacity. Florida's Department of Health has [advised limiting gatherings](#) to fewer than 50 people and masks are mandated in a number of cities.

Current meeting limits: Gatherings of more than 50 are discouraged.

Georgia

As cases rose throughout the state, officials launched a "[Four Things for Four Weeks](#)" campaign, urging that masks be worn in public, physical distancing be practiced, residents wash their hands for 20 seconds throughout the day and follow public health orders. Beginning June 16, Gov. Brian Kemp permitted [gatherings](#) of up to 50 people (with those over 50 banned unless there is at least six feet between each person). Capacity limits have been lifted on movie theaters, restaurants and dining rooms. Bars can now welcome 50 people or 35 percent capacity, whichever is greater. **Atlanta** has moved ahead with its reopening more slowly, and Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms has announced a five-phase plan for the city. On July 1, [conventions began to be permitted](#) and live performance venues will be allowed to reopen, as long as 21 specific guidelines are met. But as cases have surged in the state, Kemp has pushed back on efforts by city leaders to require masks, going so far as to sue Atlanta's mayor over her efforts to require masks be worn.

Current meeting limits: Gatherings of more than 50 people are prohibited when six feet of social distance can't be maintained.

Hawaii

Beginning Sept. 1, visitors to Hawaii or between islands must fill out an online "[Safe Travels](#)" form with their health and travel information. Gov. David Ige has announced that the state won't reopen to tourism until at least October, requiring a 14-day mandatory quarantine for out-of-state and interisland travelers (in Kauai, Hawaii, Maui and Kalawao counties). Currently in the Act With Care phase of reopening, most businesses — including gyms, dine-in restaurants and personal services — have been allowed to accept clients again, with some [variations among islands](#). The state lifted its quarantine requirement on interisland travelers on June 16. Ige has also mandated the wearing of masks when entering a business or waiting in line to enter.

Current meeting limits: Gatherings of up to 10 people are allowed indoors or outdoors.

Idaho

Idaho remains in Phase 4 or Gov. Brad Little's [four-phase reopening plan](#), which allows for gatherings of any size, as long as social-distancing and precautionary measures are in place. Large venues and nightclubs are permitted to reopen, as long as physical distancing is followed. As the state saw new COVID-19 cases rise, Little announced that the state would be "[tapping the brakes](#)" on its reopening further.

Current meeting limits: Gatherings of any size permitted, with social distancing.

Illinois

On June 26, the [state entered phase 4](#) of Gov. J.B. Pritzker's five-step "[Restore Illinois](#)" reopening plan, in which gatherings of up to 50 people or 50 percent capacity are permitted and health and fitness clubs, theaters, museums, zoos and indoor restaurant dining can open or expand with capacity restrictions. Hair salons, gyms and other nonessential businesses can reopen if they have safety measures and other restrictions in place.

Current meeting limits: Gatherings of up to 50 people or 50 percent of a room's capacity are permitted.

Indiana

On Sept. 26, the state entered [stage 5](#) of Gov. Eric Holcomb's [Back on Track Indiana](#) plan, in which restaurants can open at full capacity with social distancing, and gyms and retail can operate at full capacity. The limit on social gatherings is lifted, but events of more than 500 people are required to send a health-safety plan to the state health department. Everyone in the state eight years and older is required to wear masks in public indoor spaces, on public transportation and outdoors when it's not possible to social distance, according to the [statewide mask order](#), which Holcomb has extended to at least Oct. 17.

Current meeting limits: As of Sept. 26, gatherings of any size permitted, but those with more than 500 attendees are required to submit a health-safety plan to local health officials.

Iowa

Beginning May 15, an order from Gov. Kim Reynolds [loosened restrictions on all 99 of Iowa's counties](#). Barbershops, tattoo parlors, massage therapists and salons are allowed to see clients again. Partial reopenings of restaurants, libraries and fitness centers are permitted across the state (previously, these restrictions had been loosened for 77 of the counties). [Effective June 12](#), businesses were permitted to operate at full capacity and theaters, performance venues and swimming pools are allowed to reopen in compliance with state guidance.

Current meeting limits: Gatherings of 10 or fewer are permitted.

Kansas

The state remains in phase 3 of its "[Ad Astra: A Plan to Reopen Kansas](#)," which limits gatherings to fewer than 45 people and removed restrictions on nonessential travel. On July 6, Gov. Laura Kelly [extended](#) the recommendation that the state remain in phase 3 indefinitely. As the state had seen a rise in cases overall, Kelly issued [an executive order](#) mandating the use of masks in stores, restaurants and in any public situation where social distancing cannot be maintained, beginning July 3.

Current meeting limits: Gatherings of 45 or fewer are permitted in most of the state.

Kentucky

Private gatherings of up to 50 people are now permitted. After a rise in cases led Gov. Andy Beshear to close bars for two weeks, they were allowed to reopen on Aug. 11. Beshear has also ordered that anyone over the age of 5 wear a mask in public indoor spaces, [now in effect](#) until at least Oct. 4. Gyms, bowling alleys, retail stores and movie theaters can operate with restrictions.

Current meeting limits: Private gatherings of 50 or fewer are permitted.

Louisiana

On Sept. 11, Gov. John Bel Edwards moved the state to phase 3 of reopening, in which restaurants, museums, gyms and other businesses can operate at 75 percent capacity but, bars must remain closed for on-premises food-and-drink consumption in select parishes. Indoor social gatherings of up to 250 people, or 50 percent of the venue's capacity, are now permitted. Outdoor gatherings of more than 250 people are permitted if social distancing can be maintained. Previously, Edwards also extended the [requirement that](#) masks be worn in public. The cap on social gatherings has been raised to 50 people, as long as distancing can be maintained. Theme parks, music halls and indoor live-entertainment venues also must remain closed during phase 2.

Current meeting limits: Indoor gatherings of up to 250 people, or 50 percent of the venue's capacity, are permitted. Outdoor gatherings of more than 250 people permitted if social distancing can be maintained.

Maine

On July 29, Gov. Janet Mills raised the limits on outdoor gatherings to 100 people, while indoor gathering remain capped at 50 people. On June 1, Maine began stage 2 of its four-step "[Restarting Maine's Economy](#)" plan, allowing lodging businesses to open to Maine residents or those who have completed a 14-day quarantine. All retail stores and museums are now allowed to reopen. Effective June 17, the state's remaining three counties were allowed to reopen indoor dining with additional health and safety protocols, as well as open bars, breweries, gyms, tattoo parlors and nail salons. While indoor bar service as scheduled to resume beginning July 1, Mills [announced](#) that this would be postponed "until further notice."

Current meeting limits: Outdoor gatherings of 100 or fewer and indoor gatherings of 50 or fewer are permitted.

Maryland

On Sept. 4, Gov. Larry Hogan signed an order moving the state to [phase 3](#) of the "[Maryland Strong: Roadmap to Recovery](#)" reopening plan, in which retail and religious facilities can operate at 75 percent capacity, while fitness centers and personal-service businesses can operate at 50 percent capacity. Movie theaters and concert venues are permitted to open at 50 percent capacity, or up to 100 people, and outdoor events are capped at 250 people or 50 percent capacity, whichever is number is smaller. An

expanded mask order requiring everyone over the age of 5 to wear masks in public spaces of all businesses, and outdoors where social distancing cannot be maintained, went into effect on July 31.

Current meeting limits: Indoor gatherings of 100 or fewer, or 50 percent capacity, and outdoor gatherings of 250 or fewer, or 50 percent capacity, are permitted.

Massachusetts

On Aug. 7, due to an increase in positive cases, Gov. Charlie Baker announced that it would remain indefinitely in step 1 of phase 3 of its [four-phase reopening plan](#). This allows movie theaters, outdoor performance venues, museums, cultural and historical sites, fitness centers and health clubs to be open under industry-specific rules and restrictions. Indoor gatherings are now limited to eight people per 1,000 square feet, with no more than 25 people in a single enclosed space, while the limit to outdoor gatherings [was lowered](#) to from 100 to 50 people.

Current meeting limits: Indoor gatherings of 25 or fewer are permitted. Outdoor gatherings are limited to 50 people.

Michigan

As cases rose in the state, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer lowered the limit to indoor gatherings from 50 to 10 people and outdoor gatherings from 250 to 100. Bars were ordered to stop indoor service and residents [must wear face coverings when indoors or in crowded outdoor spaces. For regions in phase 4 of the state's reopening plan, retail stores, hair salons and other personal-care businesses can reopen. For regions in phase 5, gyms, indoor theaters and other places of public amusement are allowed to open.](#)

Current meeting limits: [Indoor gatherings are capped at 10 people, and outdoor gatherings are limited to fewer than 100 people.](#)

Minnesota

[Beginning July 25, residents are required](#) to wear face masks in stores and indoor gathering spaces. Following the state's "[COVID-19 Preparedness Plan](#)," on June 10, the limit to outdoor gatherings is 25 people and indoor gatherings are capped at 10 people. Restaurants will be open for indoor dining at 50-percent capacity, while entertainment venues open at 25-percent capacity.

Current meeting limits: Gatherings of up to 10 permitted indoors and 25 people outdoors.

Mississippi

On Aug. 31, Gov. Tate Reeves extended the state's "[Safe Return](#)" order for at least two more weeks. This limits indoor gatherings to 10 people and outdoor gatherings to 20, and requires bars to serve alcohol only to seated patrons, among other restrictions.

Current meeting limits: Gatherings of up to 10 people are permitted indoors, and up to 20 people outdoors.

Missouri

Missouri became the first state to allow the resumption of live events when Gov. Mike Parson's "[Show Me Strong Recovery](#)" plan went into effect on May 4. It [entered Phase 2](#) on June 16, in which all businesses, including large concert venues and theaters, have resumed operations, at limited capacity and with social-distancing measures in place. The March 21 ban on large gatherings has been allowed to expire.

Current meeting limits: Gatherings of any size are permitted, as long as social-distancing practices are followed.

Montana

The state's [stay-at-home order](#) expired April 26, and Gov. Steve Bullock began the three-phased "[Reopening the Big Sky](#)" plan, beginning with houses of worship, retail, restaurants and bars, and a few schools. The state entered Phase 2 of reopening on June 1, raising the cap on gatherings to 50 people and for restaurants, bars, pools and gyms were allowed to fill up to 75-percent capacity. On July 15, Gov. Steve Bullock issued a [directive](#) requiring that face masks be worn in certain indoor spaces and outdoor areas where social distance could not be maintained.

Current meeting limits: Gatherings of 50 or fewer are permitted.

Nebraska

Twenty-seven counties are currently in phase 4 of Gov. Pete Ricketts' "[Steps to Get Nebraska Growing](#)" plan, allowing indoor gatherings at 75 percent capacity and outdoor gatherings at 100 percent capacity, with no gatherings to exceed 10,000 people. On Sept. 14, 66 additional counties are expected to move from phase 3 (in which indoor gatherings are kept below 50 percent of the venue capacity and outdoor gatherings at 75 capacity) to phase 4. All indoor and outdoor venues that hold 500 or more individuals must submit plans to their local health department for approval before reopening or expanding to new capacity limits. Restaurants and bars can expand to 100 percent occupancy, although groups are limited to eight individuals or fewer. Gyms, fitness centers and health clubs can operate at 75 percent capacity.

Current meeting limits: For those counties in phase 4 of reopening, gatherings of up to 10,000 people permitted, following capacity and social-distancing guidelines (including 75 percent capacity for indoor venues and 100 percent capacity for outdoor venues).

Nevada

As of Oct. 1, attendee-limits have been raised to 250 people per room or 50 percent capacity, whichever is less, with a limit of 1,000 per group, not including staff or talent. This applies to both indoor and outdoor events, including houses of worship. The state simultaneously released a 22-page "[Nevada Guidelines for Safe Gatherings](#)" document,

with which all events, ceremonies and celebrations must comply. The guidance covers everything from capacity limits and spacing restrictions to entertainment parameters and much more. Gov. Steve Sisolak's mask mandate remains in effect, which means masks be worn in public, including at casinos. The state began Phase 2 of its "[Roadmap to Recovery](#)" on May 29, with restaurants allowed to welcome guests in their dining rooms, with restrictions. Casino resorts began reopening on June 4, with strict social distancing and hygiene practices in place, and have continued to gradually reopen as demand warrants. Sinks for hand-washing, mask and glove dispensers and plexiglass around table games are among the safety measures that have been put in place. The Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority has just launched the [Meet Smart, Vegas Smart](#) citywide campaign to encourage a responsible return to business. See latest updates from LVCVA [here](#).

Current meeting limits: Gatherings of 250 or 50 percent capacity, whichever is less, are permitted. As many as 1,000 can gather per group, with capacity limits applying to each room for larger facilities.

New Hampshire

On Aug. 11, Gov. Chris Sununu imposed a mask requirement on all gathering of 100 people or more. Previously, the state's "[Stay at Home 2.0](#)" order expired on June 15, lifting the cap on gatherings, which had been limited to 10 people. Museums, art galleries, bowling alleys and more are allowed to reopen following state guidance. Beginning June 5, hotels were allowed to resume business for in-state residents and out-of-state travelers who had completed a 14-day quarantine. Beginning June 29, indoor movie theaters, performing arts centers, amusement parks and adult day centers were allowed to open with capacity limits, while large hotels [can operate](#) at full capacity.

Current meeting limits: Gatherings of more than 10 people permitted.

New Jersey

On Sept. 22, the state's leaders joined New York and New Jersey in requiring visitors from [33 states](#), as well as Puerto Rico and Guam, to quarantine for 14 days upon arrival. On Sept. 4, indoor dining will resume and movie theaters will reopen at 25 percent capacity. Previously, Gov. Phil Murphy had slowed reopening plans, lowering the limit for indoor gatherings from 100 to 25 people, though the 500-person limit to outdoor gatherings remains. In mid-June, following "[The Road Back: Restoring Economic Health Through Public Health](#)," the state entered phase 2, in which nonessential retail businesses reopened at 50 percent capacity and outdoor dining resumed. On July 8, Murphy expanded the state's mask requirement to outside public spaces where social distancing cannot be maintained. Retail stores can have a limited number of customers inside, and restaurants can continue to provide outdoor service.

Current meeting limits: Indoor gatherings of 25 percent of a building's capacity or 25 people (whichever is lower) are permitted, as are outdoor gatherings of up to 500 people.

New Mexico

The state had begun its "[All Together New Mexico](#)" plan, allowing the partial reopening of retail, restaurants and more. Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham again allowed indoor dining to resume, at 25 percent capacity, as well as outdoor dining service. Gatherings remain limited to a maximum of five people. "We're going to continue to prohibit congregating in large groups and numbers of people. We're going to keep that tight and small, we're going to be in our bubbles of five," said Lujan Grisham. Individuals are required to wear face masks in public, including, as of July 13, while exercising or at the gym. Out-of-state travelers are also required to self-quarantine for 14 days upon arrival.

Current meeting limits: Gatherings of up to 5 people are permitted.

New York

The state's leaders joined New York and New Jersey in requiring visitors from [33 states](#), as well as Puerto Rico and Guam, to quarantine for 14 days upon arrival. Museums, bowling alleys and other entertainment venues are now allowed to reopen, with precautions. Beginning July 14, the state also [placed enforcement teams](#) at airports to ensure travelers have filled out their State Department of Health traveler forms. Those who refuse to fill out the form, which includes contact information and details about where the traveler came from and where they are going, will face a \$2,000 fine.

Previously, on July 20, **New York City** [entered phase 4](#) of Gov. Andrew Cuomo's four-step "[New York Forward](#)" plan for reopening, allowing outdoor arts and entertainment venues to reopen at 33 percent capacity, indoor arts and entertainment venues to open at 25 percent capacity and social gatherings of up to 50 people to take place, though indoor dining remains prohibited. It joins the rest of the state, which entered this final phase on June 26. On July 9, New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio announced that he would extend the city's ban on large-scale events requiring a city permit (such as parades and street fairs) until at least Sept. 30. "No, we don't need big events anytime soon," he [said on CNN](#). "We've had a lot of success making New York City healthier and we've got to stick to that plan."

Current meeting limits: Gatherings of up to 50 people are permitted.

North Carolina

On Sept. 4, Gov. Roy Cooper moved the state to Phase 2.5 of the "[North Carolina: Staying Ahead of the Curve](#)" plan, until at least Oct. 2. Face coverings are required in public. Gatherings of 25 or fewer people indoors and 50 or fewer outdoors are allowed if social distancing can be maintained. Entertainment and fitness venues, including bars and gyms, remain closed.

Current meeting limits: Gatherings of 25 or fewer people indoors and 50 or fewer outdoors are allowed if social distancing can be maintained.

North Dakota

On May 29, the state moved from moderate to low risk on Doug Burgum's "[ND Smart Restart](#)" plan, allowing for dine-in service at restaurants at 75-percent capacity, movie theaters to expand to 65-percent capacity and gatherings of up to 500 people "provided that health criteria is met."

Current meeting limits: Gatherings of 500 or fewer are permitted.

Ohio

Beginning July 23, face masks are [required to be worn](#) in public spaces statewide. The state entered the latest phase of Gov. Mike DeWine's "[Responsible Restart Ohio](#)" plan on June 1, in which catering services, banquet halls and day care centers were allowed to reopen, under strict safety rules. On June 10, entertainment facilities including art galleries, museums and movie theaters reopened, and on June 19, this was extended to casinos, amusement parks and water parks.

Current meeting limits: Gatherings of up to 10 people are permitted.

Oklahoma

On June 1, the state entered [phase 3](#) of Gov. Kevin Stitt's three-phase "[Open Up & Recover Safely \(OURS\) Plan](#)," under which businesses can resume unrestricted staffing and summer camps can reopen, in addition to the loosening of restrictions permitted under previous phases (such as allowing bars to open and sports activities to resume, while practicing social distancing). As cases in the state have risen, face coverings have begun to be required in some cities.

Current meeting limits: People are directed to avoid groups "that do not readily allow for appropriate social distancing."

Oregon

Gov. Kate Brown's county-by-county, multiphase "[Building a Safe & Strong Oregon](#)," plan was slowed as cases surged in the state. Brown [announced](#) that beginning July 15, indoor social gatherings such as birthday or dinner parties will be limited to 10 or fewer people (with the exemption of faith-based events and businesses). Previously, [seven counties imposed](#) a requirement that masks be worn in indoor public spaces, and this was [expanded statewide](#) beginning July 1 and to outdoor public spaces on July 15.

"Today, I am sounding the alarm: We are at risk of COVID-19 getting out of control in Oregon," Brown tweeted. "Each of us needs to take immediate action to slow the spread of this disease."

Current meeting limits: Indoor gatherings of more than 10 people prohibited.

Pennsylvania

All of the state's county's had moved to the green phase of Gov. Tom Wolf's "[Process to Reopen Pennsylvania](#)," by July 3, but new restrictions were introduced on July 16. This includes the closing of nightclubs, gyms and fitness facilities have been asked to

prioritize outdoor physical fitness activities and businesses must conduct operations entirely or in part remotely through teleworking when possible. Gatherings are limited to 25 people indoors and 250 people outdoors. On July 1, the State Department of Health issued an [updated order](#) requiring the use of face masks in indoor public spaces and in outdoor public spaces when social distancing is not possible.

Current meeting limits: Gatherings of up to 250 people outdoors and 25 people indoors are permitted for those counties in the "green" phase.

Puerto Rico

On June 16, Puerto Rico entered phase 3 of Gov. Wanda Vázquez Garced's "[slow and gradual](#)" reopening, allowing beaches, movie theaters and gyms to reopen, and restaurants to expand capacity to 50 percent. Indoor venues such as the Puerto Rico Convention Center reopened on July 1. While the island was expected to begin welcoming tourists on July 15 (as long as each visitor produces [evidence of a negative result](#) to a COVID-19 test or to quarantine for 14 days upon arrival) this has been postponed until further notice as cases throughout the United States continue to rise. Effective July 1, casinos can open at 75 percent capacity, and shops and restaurants can expand to 75 percent capacity. Public transportation services, wakes and funerals can resume in line with health and safety protocols. Additional updates and resources are available at the Puerto Rico Health Department's [online portal](#). These restrictions will remain in effect until at least Aug. 15.

Current meeting limits: Gatherings of up to 10 people are permitted.

Rhode Island

The state is currently in phase 3 of Gov. Gina Raimondo's "[Reopening RI: Charting the Course](#)" plan, which has been extended until at least Sept. 28. In this phase, restaurants are allowed to expand indoor dining to 66 percent capacity, retail stores can resume operations with capacity limits, and gyms and hair salons can reopen with restrictions. On July 29, Raimondo [lowered the limit](#) for social gatherings to 15 people.

Current meeting limits: Social gatherings are limited to fewer than 15 people, or 50 people with a licensed caterer. Outdoor gatherings are limited to fewer than 15 people, or 100 people with a licensed caterer.

South Carolina

Effective Aug. 5, Gov. Henry McMaster has required that face coverings be worn in all state government buildings. Restaurants also must limit dine-in service to 50 percent capacity and require patrons to wear a face covering when inside the establishment except when they are eating or drinking. Entertainment venues, such as theaters and concert halls, and other types of mass gatherings cannot exceed 50 percent capacity or 250 people (whichever is smaller). Masks are required.

Current meeting limits: Mass gatherings limited to 250 people or 50 percent of venue capacity (whichever is fewer).

South Dakota

Gov. Kristi Noem's "[back to normal](#)" plan permitted businesses to reopen, beginning April 28, if the surrounding area had seen cases decreasing for 14 days. There is no cap on the number of people who can meet, but the plan urges individuals to "consider steps to maintain reasonable physical distancing."

Current meeting limits: Gatherings of any size are permitted, as long as social distancing is practiced.

Tennessee

When the statewide [stay-at-home order](#) expired on April 30, "the [vast majority of businesses](#) in 89 counties" were allowed to reopen, entering phase 1 of Gov. Bill Lee's "[Tennessee Pledge](#)" plan. Currently, restaurants must limit parties to 10 people, among other restrictions, while retail stores are also required to limit customers. Gyms, hair salons, spas and similar close-contact businesses are required to implement strict social distancing and sanitation practices. Amusement parks, movie theaters and other large venues have reopened, with social-distancing requirements in place. On May 21, Lee signed an executive order that raised the maximum number of people allowed to gather for social and leisure activities from 10 to 50. On July 3, as cases in the state rose, Lee [signed an order](#) permitting local mayors to institute face-mask requirements at their discretion.

Current meeting limits: Gatherings of up to 50 people are permitted.

Texas

Gov. Greg Abbott [paused the state's reopening plan](#) and then reinstated some restrictions. The governor has again closed bars and reduced indoor dining at restaurants to less than 50 percent capacity (it had previously increased to 75 percent), and shut down river rafting and tubing. Public outdoor gatherings of 100 people or more will now require approval by local officials; officials may choose to prohibit gatherings of more than 10 people. "Large gatherings are a clear contributor to the rise in COVID-19 cases," [Abbott stated](#). "Restricting the size of groups gatherings will strengthen Texas' ability to corral this virus and keep Texans safe." As of July 3, residents in counties with 20 or more active COVID-19 cases are required to wear face coverings in public.

Current meeting limits: Outdoor gatherings of more than 10 people require approval by local officials.

Utah

Much of the state has entered the "low-risk" phase of Gov. Gary Herbert's "[Utah Leads Together 2.0](#)" plan, in which team sports are allowed, all businesses can operate and groups of up to 50 people can gather. On June 12, Herbert released [updated reopening guidelines](#) and moved one county to the "new normal" phase, which lifts restrictions on gatherings with the caveat that "hygiene measures, physical distancing, face coverings

and symptom monitoring are encouraged for all group gatherings." But as the state saw an increase in cases, Herbert announced on July 10 that he is extending Utah's risk status, leaving Salt Lake City as moderate risk (orange), ten counties as normal risk (green) and the rest of the state in low risk (yellow).

Current meeting limits: Gatherings of up to 50 people permitted for those counties in the "low risk" phase.

Vermont

Effective Aug. 1, all residents are [required to wear face masks](#) when six feet of distance cannot be maintained. Beginning June 26, following Gov. Phil Scott's "[Play Smart and Play Safe](#)" plan, events can now have up to 75 people indoors and up to 150 outdoors, while cultural and entertainment venues, as well as restaurants, can expand capacity for events and dining to 50 percent. Gyms, fitness centers and spas have reopened and restaurants and entertainment venues are permitted to expand to 50 percent of capacity.

Current meeting limits: Gatherings of up to 75 people indoors and up to 150 outdoors are permitted.

Virginia

While much of Virginia has entered phase 3 of its "[Forward Virginia Plan](#)", allowing for social gatherings of up to 250 people and for restaurants to open at full capacity, on July 28, Northam ordered additional restrictions for the **Hampton Roads area**. Effective July 31, no alcohol can be consumed at different businesses and establishments after 10 p.m., and indoor dining in the area is limited to 50 percent capacity, while social gatherings of 50 or more people are prohibited. For the rest of the state in phase 3, gyms, movie theaters and concert venues to reopen, following social-distance guidelines, though bars are to remain closed and face masks required at all indoor public places.

Current meeting limits: Gatherings of up to 250 people are permitted in those areas that are in phase 3 of reopening.

Washington

[Effective Sept. 21, counties in Phase 2 or Phase 3 of Gov. Jay Inslee's Safe Start reopening program can permit meetings and business events](#) to be held at 30 percent capacity of indoor venues or 200 guests, whichever is fewer (excluding venue staff). This allows the Washington State Convention Center in Seattle to begin hosting events again. "The convention center has bolstered its already stringent cleaning protocol to provide an even safer, but still comfortable, environment for event-goers. We look forward to collaborating with clients to mitigate known risk factors for in-person events so they and their attendees can focus on program content," said Jeff Blosser, president and CEO of the convention facility.

Previously, on July 20, Inslee had reduced the maximum number of individuals allowed in social gatherings in Phase 3 from 50 to 10, while those in Phase 2 counties remain capped at 5 people. All indoor and outdoor live entertainment, including drive-in concerts, still are prohibited. Inslee [issued an order](#), effective June 26, requiring that face masks be worn in public or outdoors when social distancing is not possible. On July 7, this was extended to require businesses to enforce the use of face coverings by all customers or visitors.

Current meeting limits: Gatherings of up to 200 attendees or 30 percent of a venues capacity (whichever is fewer) for counties in phase 2 or phase 3 of reopening.

West Virginia

As cases rose in the state, Gov. Jim Justice tightened up restrictions, following the "[West Virginia Strong - The Comeback](#)" plan, which allows in-restaurant dining, as well as the reopening of fitness centers and large retail stores. Gatherings are limited to 25 people or fewer. Beginning July 9, anyone over the age of nine years is required to wear a face mask anytime they are in public and where they are unable to maintain six feet of social distancing.

Current meeting limits: Gatherings of up to 25 people are permitted.

Wisconsin

Beginning Aug. 1, all individuals aged five and older must wear face coverings. As Gov. Tony Evers' "[Safer at Home](#)" initiative expired at the end of May, much of the state entered Phase 1 of his "[Badger Bounce Back](#)" plan, allowing for the gathering of up to 10 people, and up to 50 people outdoors. Most businesses, including restaurants and gyms, opened at 25-percent capacity. as well as the reopening of K-12 schooling and childcare services. Phase 2 will expand the limit on gatherings to 50 people, and Phase 3 will remove any cap.

Current meeting limits: Gatherings of up to 10 people indoors and 50 people outdoors are permitted.

Wyoming

While Gov. Mark Gordon never issued a stay-at-home order, he [began lifting restrictions](#) on gyms, personal-care services and more, on May 1. As of July 1, gatherings in a confined space, indoors or outdoors, are limited to 50 people. Some gatherings, such as those at hotels, livestock auctions and faith-based organizations are exempt, while certain gatherings of up to 250 people are allowed, such as outdoor concerts and sporting events, if social distancing can be maintained. Outdoor gatherings are limited to 1,000 people, or 50 percent of a venue's capacity, whichever is lower.

Current meeting limits: Gatherings of up to 250 people are permitted, if social distancing is followed. Outdoor gatherings are limited to 1,000 people, or 50 percent of a venue's capacity, whichever is lower.

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