

Staying Ahead of the Curve

Effective 5 p.m. on October 2, 2020, cloth face coverings are required in public places with some exceptions.

	Phase 2 + Face Coverings	Phase 2.5	Phase 3
Face Coverings	Required in public spaces (indoor or outdoor) where 6 feet distancing is not possible, and for certain businesses; required for adults and children 11 years or older, unless person has an exception; For full set of requirements around face coverings, see Face Covering Guidance		
Limiting Alcohol Sales	No Limitations	Prohibiting sales of alcohol for onsite consumption after 11pm	
Mass Gatherings	10-person limit indoor 25-person outdoor	25-person limit indoors 50-person limit outdoors	
Private & Critical Infrastructure Businesses		●	
Child Care		●	
Day & Overnight Camps		●	
Places of Worship		●	
Parks and Recreation		●	
Very Large Venues*	● Subject to mass gathering limit		⤵ 7% occupancy outdoor Only
Retail Businesses		◐	
Restaurants*		◐	
Salons, Personal Care & Tattoo		◐	
Pools		◐ Outdoor & indoor	
Outdoor Playgrounds	■		●
Museums & Aquariums*	■		◐
Bars*		■	◐ Outdoor only, 30% occupancy or a 100-person cap, whichever is less
Gyms & Indoor Exercise*	■		◐
Movie Theaters & Gaming*		■	◐ 30% occupancy or a 100-person cap, whichever is less
Amusement Parks		■	◐ Outdoor only
Indoor & Outdoor Venues		■	◐ Indoor subject to mass gathering limit; Outdoor 30% occupancy or a 100-person cap, whichever is less
Meeting/Event Spaces	● Subject to mass gathering limit		◐ 30% occupancy or a 100-person cap, whichever is less

***NOTES: General Note:** Different settings may have [specific requirements and recommendations](#). • **Very Large Venues:** include an outdoor seating capacity of 10,000+ • **Restaurants, Bars:** Face covering exception for patrons when eating or drinking. • **Gyms and Indoor Exercise:** Includes yoga studios, dance studios, martial arts, indoor trampoline and rock climbing facilities, indoor fitness (basketball courts, volleyball courts, racquetball courts, squash courts, tennis courts), health clubs and fitness centers, skating rinks, bowling alleys. Face covering exception for patrons when vigorously exercising. • **Museums, Aquariums:** Open subject to reduced occupancy and mass gathering cap per room. • **Gaming** includes video poker, bingo parlors, sweepstakes, and other gaming settings. • **Indoor and Outdoor Venues:** Includes music halls, arenas, stadiums, and certain other entertainment facilities with a capacity below 10,000.

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● Open ◐ 50% Capacity ◑ 30% Capacity ⤵ 7% Capacity ■ Closed

Guidance on the requirements and recommendations for each phase is available online at covid19.ncdhhs.gov/guidance.