Current Business Closure Periods and Stay at Home Restrictions  
(December 8, 2020)

As of 5 PM on December 11, there is a temporary night time public closure period and a modified “Stay at Home” order in place to address the current spike in COVID-19 infection rates and hospitalizations.

**Summary:** Certain businesses are ordered to close to the public between 10:00 PM and 5:00 AM. During this time, all individuals in North Carolina must stay at home or the place they are staying for the night, unless an exception applies such as traveling for purposes of personal safety, work and obtaining essential supplies. Additionally, late night alcohol sales are now prohibited for on-site consumption between 9:00 PM and 7:00 AM.

Business specific requirements and exceptions to the stay at home order for individuals are listed below. For more information, please review the full Executive Order.

**General Businesses/Offices and Organizations**

- Businesses and organizations must close to the public by 10 PM each night and may not reopen before 5 AM on the following morning.
  - Personal care businesses may keep their facilities open from 10 PM-5 AM for employees and other workers to conduct business, as long as no customers or clients are admitted onto the premises.

**Retail Businesses**

- Retail businesses must close to the public by 10 PM each night and may not reopen to the public before 5 AM on the following morning.
  - Retail businesses may keep their facilities open from 10 PM-5 AM for employees and other workers to conduct business, as long as no customers are admitted onto the premises.

**Restaurants**

- Restaurants must close their dining rooms the public by 10 PM each night and may not reopen before 5 AM on the following morning.
  - Restaurants must stop taking new orders for on-site consumption to allow them to close by 10 PM and no longer have Guests eating on-premise.
Restaurants may continue to sell food for off-site consumption after 10 PM, such as through delivery, drive-through, curbside pick-up or carry-out.

Restaurants may keep their facilities open from 10 PM- 5AM for employees and other workers to conduct business, as long as no Guests are admitted onto the premises.

- Restaurants must stop the sale and service of alcoholic beverages for onsite consumption by 9:00 PM and may not resume again until 7:00 AM the following day.

Outdoor Bar Areas

- Bars must close to the public by 10 PM each night and may not reopen before 5 AM on the following morning.
  - Bars may keep their facilities open from 10 PM- 5AM for employees and other workers to conduct business, as long as no customers are admitted onto the premises.
  - Bars must stop the sale and service of alcoholic beverages by 9:00 PM and may not resume again until 7:00 AM the following day.

Indoor and Small/Medium Sized Outdoor Venues

- Venues must close to the public by 10 PM each night and may not reopen before 5 AM on the following morning, unless the event fall under the collegiate or professional sporting event exception.
  - Venues may keep their facilities open from 10 PM- 5AM for employees and other workers to conduct business, as long as no Guests are admitted onto the premises.
  - Venues must stop the sale and service of alcoholic beverages by 9:00 PM and may not resume again until 7:00 AM the following day, including for collegiate or professional sporting events.

Very Large Outdoor Venues

- Venues must close to the public by 10 PM each night and may not reopen before 5 AM on the following morning, unless the event falls under the collegiate or professional sporting event exception.
  - Venues may keep their facilities open from 10 PM- 5AM for employees and other workers to conduct business, as long as no Guests are admitted onto the premises.
  - Venues must stop the sale and service of alcoholic beverages by 9:00 PM and may not resume again until 7:00 AM the following day, including for collegiate or professional sporting events.

Meeting and Event Spaces

- Meeting and event spaces must close to the public by 10 PM each night and may not reopen before 5 AM on the following morning.
  - All events must end no later than 10 PM.
  - Meeting and event spaces may keep their facilities open from 10 PM- 5AM for employees and other workers to conduct business, as long as no Guests or attendees are admitted onto the premises.
  - Must stop the sale and service of alcoholic beverages by 9:00 PM and may not resume again until 7:00 AM the following day.
Movie Theaters and Gaming Facilities

- Movie theaters and gaming facilities must close to the public by 10 PM each night and may not reopen before 5 AM on the following morning.
  - Movie screenings or events must stop or be paused no later than 10 PM.
  - Movie theaters and gaming facilities may keep their facilities open from 10 PM- 5 AM for employees and other workers to conduct business, as long as no Guests are admitted onto the premises.
- Stop the sale and service of alcoholic beverages by 9:00 PM each night and may not resume again until 7:00 AM the following day.

Gyms and Fitness Facilities

- Gyms must close to the public by 10 PM each night and may not reopen before 5 AM on the following morning.
  - Gyms may keep their facilities open from 10 PM - 5 AM for employees and other workers to conduct business, as long as no customers or members are admitted onto the premises.

Pools

- Pools must close to the public by 10 PM each night and may not reopen before 5 AM on the following morning.
  - Pools may keep their facilities open from 10 PM - 5 AM for employees and other workers to conduct business, as long as no customers or members are admitted onto the premises.

Museums and Aquariums

- Museums and aquariums must close to the public by 10 PM each night and may not reopen before 5 AM on the following morning.
  - Museums and aquariums may keep their facilities open from 10 PM - 5 AM for employees and other workers to conduct business, as long as no Guests are admitted onto the premises.

Personal Care Businesses

- Personal care businesses must close to the public by 10 PM each night and may not reopen before 5 AM on the following morning.
  - Personal care businesses may keep their facilities open from 10 PM - 5 AM for employees and other workers to conduct business, as long as no customers or clients are admitted onto the premises.

Tattoo Parlors

- Tattoo parlors must close to the public by 10 PM each night and may not reopen before 5 AM on the following morning.
Tattoo parlors may keep their facilities open from 10 PM - 5AM for employees and other workers to conduct business, as long as no customers or clients are admitted onto the premises.

Amusement Parks
- Amusement parks must close to the public by 10 PM each night and may not reopen before 5 AM on the following morning.
- Amusement parks and amusement transportation may keep their facilities open from 10 PM - 5AM for employees and other workers to conduct business, as long as no Guests are admitted onto the premises.
- Must stop the sale and service of alcoholic beverages by 9:00 PM and may not resume again until 7:00 AM the following day.

Youth and Amateur Sports
- Youth and amateur sports must stop by 10 PM each night and may not resume before 5 AM on the following morning.

Businesses not subject to the night time public closure
- Health care settings
- Government operations
- Child care facilities
- Children’s overnight camps
- Transportation services
- Workplaces in agriculture, construction, and manufacturing

Exceptions from the Stay at Home Order for Individuals
Individuals may leave home during the Stay at Home Period to:
- Travel to or from a place of work when a worker’s presence is required by the worker’s employer
- Travel for work purposes
- Performing work at the workplace or other location directed by the employer when the worker’s presence is required by the worker’s employer
- Travel to obtain groceries, take-out food, medical care, fuel, health care supplies, or social services
- Travel from a business that closed at or after 10 PM
- Travel to a business that will open at 5 AM
- Travel to take care of a family member, friend or pet in another household
- Travel necessary for purposes of personal safety
- Travel into or out of the State
- Travel required by law enforcement or court order
- Travel using or providing shared transportation (including taxicabs, ride shares, buses, trains, airplanes, and travel to airports, train stations, or bus stations)
For more information on any of these requirements or exceptions, please review the latest Executive Order.

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Protect your family and neighbors.

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