

COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH REQUIREMENTS FOR BUSINESSES



To help slow an alarming surge of COVID-19 cases in our region, there is new statewide guidance for restaurants and businesses operating in the City of Seattle. The guidance outlined below joins existing public health requirements for businesses such as:

- Requiring patrons to wear a protective face covering over their nose and mouth.
- Complying with physical distancing
- Maintaining applicable business occupancy guidelines and other personal protective behaviors required by a statewide order.

Violation of this order is a misdemeanor, punishable by up to 90 days in jail and up to a \$100 fine. Businesses that routinely violate the order could lose their business license.

Effective now

Restaurants

Indoor dining at restaurants may resume to 25 percent capacity through 11 p.m. Table size for indoor and outdoor dining is limited to a maximum of six (6) people and no more than two households per table.

Fitness Facilities and Gyms may resume indoor operations at 25 percent capacity. Outdoor sports may resume but with no more than 200 spectators.

Bowling Centers may open at 25 percent capacity.

Movie Theaters are open at 25 percent capacity. Drive-in movie theaters are permitted and must continue to follow current drive-in movie theater guidance.

Museums/Zoos/Aquariums are open at 25 percent capacity.

Real Estate: Open houses are prohibited.

In-Store Retail shall be limited to 25 percent of indoor occupancy limits.

Professional Services are required to mandate that employees work from home when possible and close offices to the public if possible. Offices that must remain open must limit occupancy to 25 percent of indoor occupancy limits.

Personal Services are limited to 25 percent of indoor occupancy limits. Personal service providers include: cosmetologists, cosmetology testing, hairstylists, barbers, estheticians, master estheticians, manicurists, nail salon workers, electrologists, permanent makeup artists, tanning

salons, and tattoo artists.

Long-term Care facilities are permitted to have outdoor visits. Indoor visits are prohibited, but individual exceptions for an essential support person or end-of-life care are permitted.

Face Coverings Required in Businesses

Business patrons are required to wear a protective face covering unless they are:

- Children younger than five years old.
- People with a medical condition, mental health condition or disability that prevents wearing a face covering. This includes, but is not limited to, people with a medical condition for whom wearing a face covering could obstruct breathing or who are unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove a face covering without assistance.

Acceptable Removal of Face Coverings

Additionally, businesses may allow an individual to remove their face covering under the following circumstances:

- While in an outdoor public area, provided that a distance of at least six feet is maintained from non-household members.
- When any party to a communication is deaf or hard of hearing and not wearing a face covering is essential to communication.
- When obtaining a service that requires temporary removal of the face covering.
- When necessary to confirm the individual's identity
- When federal or state law prohibits wearing a face covering or requires removing a face covering.

Questions about this requirement?

Please call 206-684-2489 or visit

www.seattle.gov/business-regulations/

[business-and-restaurant-requirements-during-covid-19](http://www.seattle.gov/business-and-restaurant-requirements-during-covid-19)

The City has several existing resources to help small businesses stay open during the COVID-19 pandemic.

www.seattle.gov/office-of-economic-development/covid-19

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