

Official Advisory from the Mayor of the City of Chicago

Stay-at-Home Advisory

Additional COVID-19 Alerts and Regulations

Amended and Effective: November 20, 2020

WHEREAS, The City of Chicago is experiencing a rapid increase in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations, which left unchecked poses a risk to our healthcare system; and

WHEREAS, Additional intervention is warranted to moderate case growth and preserve hospital capacity; and

WHEREAS, It is more important than ever to follow guidance from local, state, and federal officials on how to stop the spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, Taking the steps listed below is critical to preventing the spread of the virus, protecting the lives of you and your loved ones, and preserving our acute-care-hospital- and other healthcare-systems-capacity; now, therefore,

The Mayor of the City of Chicago hereby states the following:

Section 1. *Stay at Home Advisory*

Beginning on Monday, November 16, 2020, the Mayor of the City of Chicago, Lori E. Lightfoot, as well as the Commissioner of Health for the City of Chicago, Dr. Allison Arwady, advise all residents of Chicago to stay at home in response to the rapid rise of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations in the city. Residents are advised to only leave home to go to work or school, or for essential needs such as seeking medical care, going to the grocery store or pharmacy, picking up food, or receiving deliveries. If you do leave home, you must always wear a face covering and practice social distancing by staying six feet away from others in accordance with the City's [Executive Order 2020-9](#).

Additionally, residents are strongly advised to:

- a) Not have guests in their homes unless they are essential workers (e.g., home healthcare providers, childcare workers or educators).
- b) Cancel traditional Thanksgiving celebrations.
- c) Avoid travel.

This advisory shall remain in place for 30 days from the effective date or until such time as the Commissioner of Health determines a change to the guidance is appropriate.

Section 2. *Travel Restrictions Remain in Place*

In accordance with City's [Emergency Travel Order](#), residents should avoid all non-essential out-of-state travel. The Order is applicable to individuals coming into the City of Chicago from high-risk states. Anyone traveling from a state that has a case rate between 15 average daily cases per 100k population and Chicago's rate, as defined by the most recent travel order update, is directed to obtain a negative COVID-19 test result within 72 hours prior to arrival in Chicago or quarantine for a 14-day period (or the duration of their time in Chicago, whichever is shorter).

Anyone traveling from a state that has a higher case rate than Chicago's must quarantine for a 14-day period or the duration of their time in Chicago, whichever is shorter. The Order is subject to limited exemptions.

Section 3. *Further Limitations on Indoor and Outdoor Meetings and Social Events*

Per the State's [Tier 3 Resurgence Mitigations](#) and the City's [Reopening Guidelines](#), meeting rooms, banquet centers, party rooms, private clubs, country clubs and other event venues may not host indoor or outdoor gatherings. No events can be held in hotel guestrooms or rental properties. Special events at places of worship, such as weddings, wakes, potlucks, and other community events are limited to 10 individuals. Funerals are limited to 10 family members of the decedent, not including staff.

Section 4. *Increased Enforcement of Limits on Private Gatherings*

Per the City's [Executive Order 2020-9](#), indoor gatherings within private residences cannot exceed six non-household members. However, residents should not have any guests in their homes unless they are essential workers (e.g., home healthcare providers, childcare workers or educators).

Section 5. *Continued Closure of Indoor Service at Restaurants and Bars*

Per the Governor's [Executive Order 2020-64](#), all restaurants and bars must suspend indoor dining and service. All customers eating or drinking on premises must be seated at outdoor tables spaced at least six feet apart, including tables within eight feet of a wall that is at least 50% open. Party size cannot exceed six people per table.

Section 6. *Continued Restrictions on Non-Essential Business Hours of Operation*

Per the City's [Executive Orders 2020-5](#) and [2020-11](#), non-essential businesses must be closed to the public between the hours of 11:00PM and 6:00AM. Bars, restaurants and other establishments with a Tavern or Consumption on Premises-Incidental Activity license can sell alcohol onsite or to-go until 11:00PM. Liquor stores, grocery stores and other establishments with a Package Goods license must still cease alcohol sales at 9:00PM. Restaurants may continue to sell food via delivery, takeout, or curbside pickup at all hours.

Section 7. *Industry Restrictions with Increased Enforcement*

Establishments should reference [Phase IV Gradually Resume guidelines](#), which have been updated to include some State-mandated indoor closures. These guidelines include strict adherence to physical distancing, masking, screening and sanitation protocols in all settings. Specific capacity restrictions include, but are not limited to:

- a. [Places of Worship](#) must limit regular services to 50 individuals, while practicing social distancing, or 25% capacity (whichever is fewer). However, special events such as weddings, wakes, potlucks, and other community events can have no more than 10 individuals. It is also strongly advised that regular services operate at no more than 10 individuals, when possible. Funerals are limited to 10 family members of the decedent, not including staff.

- b. Retail Stores must limit capacity to 25%, including general merchandise stores, “big box” stores that offer groceries and pharmacy, and convenience stores. Grocery stores and pharmacies may continue to operate at up to 50% capacity. Gatherings of employees and customers at choke points must be limited to no more than 50 individuals while ensuring six feet of social distancing.
- c. Health and Fitness Centers must limit indoor use to a maximum of 25% capacity, with gatherings limited to 50 individuals while practicing social distancing. Indoor fitness classes must cease. Outdoor activities allowed at 25% capacity with group activities limited to 10 people or fewer. Locker rooms should be closed, as well as other ancillary accommodations in which social distancing is not possible such as saunas and steam rooms
- d. Personal Services such as hair salons, barbershops and nail salons must limit each indoor space to 25 individuals, while practicing social distancing, or 25% capacity (whichever is fewer). Services that require the removal of face coverings must cease (e.g., facials, beard trimmings).
- e. Performance venues, Movie Theaters, Museums, and Indoor Recreation Centers (e.g., bowling alleys, arcades) must cease all indoor operations. If the facility has an outdoor component, limit each outdoor space to a maximum of 100 individuals, while practicing social distancing, or 25% capacity, whichever is fewer. Outdoor group activities must be limited to 10 individuals or fewer.
- f. Hotels must limit gatherings in common spaces such as the lobby area to 25% capacity, with no more than 50 individuals in the same area at any given time. Hotel room occupancy should be limited to registered guests only. Fitness centers should be closed, or operated only on a reservation model, with capacity limited to 25% of the maximum occupancy for the room. Event and meeting spaces must be closed.
- g. Commercial buildings with employees who can work remotely should work remotely. If remote work is not possible, limit capacity to 25% for all indoor spaces, including tenant spaces.

Section 8. *Continue to Shelter in Place When Sick*

Per the City’s [Executive Order 2020-1](#), residents of the City of Chicago that are exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms must shelter in their place of residence. They shall not go to their workplace or congregate setting and shall only leave their place of residence to seek necessary clinical care, or for essential life sustaining needs, such as obtaining medicine or food. COVID-19 symptoms include, but are not limited to, new onset of fever, cough, shortness of breath, congestion or runny nose, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, body aches, or unusual fatigue. Chicago’s [Anti-Retaliation Ordinance](#) prohibits Employers from retaliating against Covered Employees for obeying a quarantine order, isolation order, or other order from public authorities having to do with COVID-19.