

Official Advisory from the Mayor of the City of Chicago

Stay-at-Home Advisory

Additional COVID-19 Alerts and Regulations

Issued: November 12, 2020

Effective: November 16, 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 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 City's [Executive Order 2020-9](#) and the City's [Reopening Guidelines](#), meetings and social events are limited to 10 individuals, effective November 16 at 6:00AM. The limitation applies to both indoor and outdoor events, such as weddings, birthday parties, and other events taking place at banquet halls, event venues or similar spaces. The 10-person limit applies to events held in hotel guestrooms and rental properties. Furthermore, places of worship cannot have more than 10 individuals gather for events such as weddings or funerals. Regular services can continue to operate at Phase IV capacity levels of 40%/max. 50 individuals. The 10-person limit does not supersede industries that have specified capacity guidelines in place such as fitness clubs, retail stores or movie theaters. However, a meeting or social event that is outside of normal operations must be within the 10-person limit (e.g., bowling alley hosting a birthday party, or museum holding a book talk).

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 are strongly advised to 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. *Continued Industry Restrictions with Increased Enforcement*

Outside of restaurants, bars and event venues, other establishments can continue operations based on [Phase IV Gradually Resume guidelines](#). This includes 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 each indoor space to 50 individuals, while practicing social distancing, or 40% capacity (whichever is fewer). However, events such as weddings or funerals can have no more than 10 individuals.
- b. Non-essential retail stores must limit capacity to 40%, while essential retail is limited to 50% capacity, for all indoor spaces. 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 40% capacity, with gatherings limited to 50 individuals while practicing social distancing. Fitness classes can include up to 15 individuals, while practicing social distancing, or 40% capacity (whichever is fewer).
- d. Personal services such as hair salons, barbershops and nail salons must limit capacity to 40%. Gatherings of employees and customers in common areas must be limited to no more than 50 individuals while ensuring six feet of social distancing.
- e. Performance venues and movie theaters must limit each indoor space to 50 individuals, while practicing social distancing, or 40% capacity (whichever is fewer).
- f. Indoor recreation businesses must limit capacity to 40%. Gatherings of employees and customers in common areas must be limited to no more than 50 individuals while ensuring six feet of social distancing.

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.