



COVID-19 Update

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Governor's Polis Announces Draft Guidelines to Reopen Indoor & Outdoor Events as Well as Next Phase: "Protect Our Neighbors"

At yesterday's press conference, Governor Polis made several announcements related to events including publishing draft guidelines for indoor and outdoor events and announcing the "Protect Our Neighbors" phase of reopening.

Indoor Event Guidelines - The Governor announced [draft guidelines](#) to reopen indoor events, including conferences and receptions. The draft guideline allow for indoor events to resume based on the following capacities:

Limit capacity depending on venue size:

- Standard venues under 5,650 square feet: Up to 25% or 50 people, whatever is fewer.
- Large venues over 5,650 square feet: Up to 25% or 75, whatever is fewer.*
- Extra large venues over 11,300 square feet: Up to 25% or 100 people, whatever is fewer.*

The draft guidelines have several other requirements for the venue, organizers and attendees - [click here to read the full guidance](#). Please note: these are draft guidelines that will be made final later this week - this is not yet in effect!

Outdoor Event Guidelines - The Governor announced [draft guidelines](#) to

reopen outdoor events, including receptions, fairs, and concerts. The draft guideline allow for indoor events to resume based on the following capacities:

- Standard venues under 5,650 square feet: Up to 50% or 50 people per designated activity*, whatever is fewer.
- Large venues over 5,650 square feet: Up to 50% or 125 people per designated activity, whatever is fewer**.
- Extra large venues over 11,300 square feet: Up to 50% or 175 people per designated activity, whatever is fewer.***

The draft guidelines have several other requirements for the venue, organizers and attendees - [click here to read the full guidance](#). Please note: these are draft guidelines that will be made final later this week - this is not yet in effect!

"Protect Our Neighbors Phase" - In addition, the Governor is starting to move control over reopening to the County level. The next phase "[Protect Our Neighbors](#)" will allow Counties where "viral transmission is low, the number of outbreaks is small and able to be managed, and local public health and health care capabilities are scaled to a level that can respond effectively to current and future surges in disease transmission" to reopen as follows under public health orders from the County:

- "Allow them to permit all activities to occur at 50 percent of pre-pandemic capacity, with at least 6 feet between non-household members and no more than 500 people in one setting at a time. Local or regional agencies will have more flexibility within this broad statewide framework on how to continue to prevent virus transmission."
- "Over time, the 50 percent threshold may be increased up to even 60 percent or 75 percent if a region holds their transmission levels steady and continues to demonstrate they are capable of meeting the performance metrics of treatment, testing, case investigation, contact tracing, and outbreak response."

We do not yet know which counties qualify to move to the "Protect Our Neighbors" phase, but are working to get that information. **Please remember that neither of these orders are in effect yet and the only indoor meetings that can take place until Thursday are for 50 or fewer people or 50% of room capacity (whichever is less) using [these guidelines](#).**



Denver Business Journal: Colorado's events sector finally got reopening guidelines. Here's what they look like so far

Colorado venues can start hosting special events as soon as possibly this weekend — though they'll be able to do so at capacities of no more than 100 people indoors, and with attendees being forced to refrain from mingling with those outside their household as much as possible.

Gov. Jared Polis released draft guidance on the reopening of such events Monday, following several weeks of [intense calls from hotels and event planners](#) who had warned that failing to do so would lead to layoffs and business closings in numbers even greater than the state has seen. [Click here to continue reading...](#)

Public Health Variances by County

More than forty counties have received variances for various activities from CDPHE. This [interactive map](#) provides an overview of approved variances by county. In addition, you can [click here to view the full variances by county that have been approved the Colorado Department of Health and Environment](#).

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