Reopening Guidance for Businesses and Other Organizations

On June 3, 2020, Governor Hogan issued an amended Executive Order (20-06-03-01) lifting the order requiring the closure of non-essential businesses as of June 5, 2020 at 5 p.m. The purpose of this document is to provide guidance to businesses and organizations that may reopen as part of stage two of the Maryland Roadmap to Recovery.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the reopening plans for your business or organization, please contact the Cecil County Health Department at 410-996-1005 for assistance.

**Businesses and organizations that are permitted to reopen under stage two of the Maryland Roadmap to Recovery include:**

- **Religious Facilities:** Religious facilities may open to the general public at up to 50 percent of the maximum occupancy permitted for that facility by fire code. Religious facilities are encouraged to conduct worship outside and follow additional health and safety guidelines. [Guidance and best practices for religious facilities.](#)

- **Retail Establishments:** Retail establishments that principally sell goods may open to the general public at up to 50 percent of the retail establishment’s maximum occupancy as permitted by fire code. These businesses should follow appropriate health and safety guidelines. [Guidance and best practices for retail stores.](#)

- **Manufacturing Facilities:** Manufacturing facilities that previously did not fall into the category of “essential businesses” can now reopen and resume operations. These businesses should follow appropriate health and safety guidelines. [Guidance and best practices for manufacturing facilities.](#)

- **Foodservice Establishments:** Restaurants and bars and social and fraternal clubs with dining facilities may serve food and beverages to customers for consumption in outdoor seating areas, sell food and beverages on a carry-out or drive-through basis, and deliver food and beverages to customers. These businesses shall: require all staff to wear face coverings; ensure patrons are seated at least six feet apart and not allow groups larger than six persons to be seated together, except for members of the same household. Food may not be served in a buffet format. These businesses should follow appropriate health and safety guidelines. [Guidance and best practices for restaurants and bars.](#)

- **Certain Personal Services:** Beauty salons, barber shops, tattoo parlors, tanning salons, massage parlors, and establishments that provide esthetic services or provide nail technician services may reopen, by appointment only, at up to 50 percent of maximum occupancy as permitted by fire code. These businesses should follow appropriate health and safety guidelines. [Guidance and best practices for personal services.](#)

- **Other Businesses:** Except as otherwise closed by this Order or any other Order of the Governor of the State of Maryland, businesses, organizations, establishments, and facilities that are not part of the critical infrastructure sectors may open to the general public.

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These businesses should follow appropriate health and safety guidelines. General business guidance and best practices.

The following is a non-exhaustive list of businesses and organizations that are not permitted to reopen under stage two of the Maryland Roadmap to Recovery:

- Senior centers
- Restaurants and bars (for indoor dining)
- Gyms and fitness centers
- Enclosed malls
- Theaters
- Bingo halls
- Bowling alleys
- Pool halls
- Amusement parks
- Roller and ice skating rinks
- Miniature golf establishments
- Social and fraternal clubs
- Any other establishment subject to the admission and amusement tax

Best practices for opening businesses can be found at https://open.maryland.gov/backtobusiness/.

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