

Changes to Public Health Orders Related to COVID-19

February 25, 2021

Summary

- Changes to the current public health orders will take effect on **March 1, 2021**.
- Due to improving metrics around the state (case counts, hospitalizations, etc.), changes to the next round of orders include:
 - ◆ Elimination of Order #3 (salons, barber shops, cosmetology, etc.) Please note, these businesses shall still comply with the statewide mask protocol provided in Order #4.
 - ◆ Further easing of restrictions on indoor and outdoor events.
 - ◆ Further easing of restrictions on organized sports and artistic performances.
 - ◆ Further easing of restrictions on restaurants.
 - ◆ Easing of requirements for staff screening logs and signage.

Additional detail on the changes to each public health order is provided below.

Changes to Public Health Order #1

- **Further easing restrictions on restaurants and theaters.** Groups of up to 10 will now be permitted to sit together, up from 8 (see Order #2 as well).
- **Buffets and self-service** will be allowed in restaurants.
- **Staff screening logs and signage** requirements will be relaxed.

Changes to Public Health Order #2

- **Gatherings** (without required distancing between groups) are limited to 50 individuals (previously 25).
- **Indoor events** may allow up to 25% of venue capacity with a maximum of 1,000 people (up from 500). Groups of up to 10 will now be permitted to sit together, up from 8.
- **Outdoor events** may allow up to 50% of venue capacity with a maximum of 2,000 people (up from 1,000). Groups of up to 10 will now be permitted to sit together, up from 8.
- Participants in **organized sporting events and artistic performances** shall not congregate in groups larger than 50 individuals (up from 25).

Changes to Public Health Order #3

- Order #3 will be eliminated, however these businesses shall still comply with the statewide mask protocol provided in Order #4.

Continuation of Statewide Order for Mask Use (Public Health Order #4)

- Use of masks statewide will continue with this round of orders.