

ARKANSAS – COVID-19 – Back to Business Orders Issued 5/5/20 through 7/16/20

EO 20-25

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All Executive Orders

<https://governor.arkansas.gov/our-office/executive-orders/>

DOH Directives:

<https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/novel-coronavirus>

GENERAL TOPIC	SUMMARY	EO SECTION #
Effective Period	EO 20-25: Effective 5/5/20 EO 20-37: Effective 6/18/20 EO 20-41: Effective 7/3/20 EO 20-43: Effective 7/20/20	
General	Arkansas reopenings started as early as 5/5/20. While some executive orders and DOH directives describe the reopenings as occurring in phases, it is not always clear from the orders and directives what particular phase is in effect. Phase 1 is often described as going into effect 5/11/20 and Phase 2 is described as going into effect 6/15/20.	
Gatherings	Per EO 20-25, all public and private gatherings “of any number” shall be subject to the directives and guidance issued by the DOH. [Prior executive orders had limited gatherings to 10 persons. There is a 3/26/20 DOH Directive on gatherings which limited gatherings to 10 persons, but it appears likely that directive’s limitation on numbers no longer remains in effect.]	EO 20-25 EO 20-37 DOH Directives
Shelter in Place	No stay at home order had been issued	
Restaurants/Bars	Under prior orders, restaurants/bars were restricted to take-out and delivery only. Effective 5/11/20, restaurants and “food establishments” may reopen, subject to DOH Directives. Clubs and bars were permitted to reopen 5/26/20 subject to DOH Directives.	EO 20-25 DOH Directives

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Gyms/Fitness	Under prior orders, gyms/fitness centers were closed. Effective 5/4/20, allowed to resume operations subject to DOH Directives.	EO 20=25 DOH Directives
Personal care (barbers, hair salons, etc)	Under prior orders, close contact personal services businesses were closed. Effective 5/6/20, permitted to reopen subject to DOH Directives.	EO 20=25 DOH Directives
Entertainment Venues	Under prior orders, casinos and entertainment venues were closed. Casinos were permitted to reopen 5/18/20, subject to restrictions under DOH Directives.	EO 20=25 DOH Directives
Business Restrictions	Under prior orders, only certain businesses were required to close (e.g. personal care, casinos and entertainment venues), and all businesses were subject to specific social distancing requirements. Effective 6/18/20, all businesses, manufacturers, construction companies places of worship, long term care facilities, medical and dental providers, community and school sponsored team sports, shall adhere to the social distancing and other directives and guidance issued by DOH.	EO 20=25 EO 20-37 DOH Directives
Elective Procedures	Elective procedures permitted to resume, per Directive re Elective Procedures	Directive re Elective Procedures
Immunity from Liability	Immunity from liability is provided to healthcare workers and businesses, subject to certain restrictions and conditions	EO 20-34 EO 20-33
Face Masks	Required under certain DOH Directives , including relating to restaurants. Recommended for general public, under Guidance re Face Coverings Per EO 20-41, cities may issue orders requiring face coverings, subject to certain requirements. Effective 7/20/20, all persons to wear face masks in indoor and outdoor settings where social distancing cannot be assured. Certain listed exceptions, including children under 10, certain low-risk counties,	DOH Directives EO 20=41 EO 20-43
Travel Restrictions	Under EO 20-25, all travelers from NY, NJ, CT, New Orleans, and all international jurisdictions were subject to quarantine directives of DOH. However, effective 6/15/20, DOH stated that all domestic and international travel restrictions were lifted. DOH Directive Phase 2	EO 20=25
Impact on Other Orders	EO 20-25 superseded EO 20-13. Per EO 20-25, city and county curfews may not restrict certain activities, such as travel to work, obtaining essential services, exercise or pet walking. Not interpreted as quarantine orders. Per EO 20-37, cities and counties may not issue orders more restrictive than state and DOH orders and directives	EO 20=25 EO 20-37
Other	EO 20-25 and EO 20-37 contained provisions regarding K-12 schools. EO 20-37 also contains provisions re extension of various orders. DOH may	EO 20-37

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	issue orders re quarantine.	
	APPENDIX	
DOH Directives	See DOH Directives , including directives regarding general business restrictions, dining, bars, personal service businesses, large outdoor venues, casinos, gyms and fitness centers, team sports, elective procedures, pools, summer camps, etc.	

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