

LOUISIANA – COVID-19 – Back to Business Proclamations – Updated through 12/23/20

GOVERNORS PROCLAMATIONS

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REOPENING STANDARDS

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GENERAL TOPIC	SUMMARY	SECTION #
General	<p>Louisiana originally closed or restricted businesses in March 2020, and started reopening in phases beginning May 15, 2020. It reached Phase 3 of reopenings effective 9/11/20.</p> <p>At the end of November, 2020, Louisiana moved back to a “modified Phase 2,” tightening occupancy limits at certain businesses, decreasing gathering sizes and limiting indoor service at bars and restaurants.</p> <p>Opening and closing requirements are imposed by Governor’s Proclamations, and detailed standards on businesses are imposed by the Fire Marshall. Proclamations tend to be updated every three weeks.</p> <p>See Proc 209 JBE 2020, Proclamations and Open Safely Documents for updated proclamations and requirements, including capacity restrictions.</p>	
Stay at Home - Modified	<p>The prior mandatory stay at home order was lifted.</p> <p>Under modified phase 2, individuals who are at higher risk “should” stay at home unless travelling for an essential activity</p> <p>See Proc 209 JBE 2020, Proclamations and Open Safely Documents for updated proclamations and requirements.</p>	
Businesses	<p>Under earlier phases, businesses were restricted and reopened gradually through Phase 3. At the end of November, 2020, Louisiana moved back to a “modified Phase 2,” tightening occupancy limits at certain businesses, decreasing gathering sizes and limiting indoor service at bars and restaurants.</p> <p>Under modified Phase 2, places of public amusement are closed, subject to the ability to submit a reopening plan to the fire marshal. Other businesses are open, subject to compliance with restrictions.</p> <p>See Proc 209 JBE 2020, Proclamations and Open Safely Documents for updated proclamations and requirements for different business sectors, including personal service businesses, event venues, retail, shopping malls, gyms and fitness centers, and other detailed categories of businesses.</p>	
Restaurants/Bars	<p>Restaurants and bars initially closed or subject to drive-up or curb-side delivery service only. Under prior phases, restaurants were allowed to begin dine-in service, subject to certain conditions including capacity, social distancing, closing of waiting areas, etc.</p>	

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	<p>Under modified Phase 2, restaurants are limited to 50% indoor capacity. Bars in parishes less than 5% positivity may open for indoor sale and consumption if the parish opts in, subject to capacity and person limits.</p> <p>See Proc 209 JBE 2020, Proclamations and Open Safely Documents for updated proclamations and requirements</p>	
Face Masks	<p>All individuals required to wear a face covering when inside a commercial establishment or any building or space open to the public, indoor or outdoor, subject to certain exceptions.</p> <p>See Proc 209 JBE 2020, and Proclamations for updated requirements.</p>	
Gatherings	<p>Restrictions on gatherings have changed over time, and from time to time. See Proc 209 JBE 2020, and Proclamations for updated requirements.</p> <p>Under Proc 209 JBE 2020, indoor gatherings at event/receptions centers are limited to 25% capacity or up to 75 individuals. Outdoor gatherings at event/reception centers are limited to 25% capacity or up to 150 individuals when strict physical distancing is not possible.</p>	

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