

## MAINE – Back to Business Orders and Restarting Plan (Updated 12/11/20)

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### Executive Orders

[https://www.maine.gov/governor/mills/official\\_documents](https://www.maine.gov/governor/mills/official_documents)

### Restarting Plan

<https://www.maine.gov/covid19/restartingmaine>

### Restarting Plan FAQ

<https://www.maine.gov/decd/covid-19-prevention-checklists-FAQ>

### Reopening Checklist Standards

<https://www.maine.gov/decd/covid-19-prevention-checklists>

GENERAL TOPIC	SUMMARY	
General	<p>Maine is in the fourth phase of its <a href="#">Restarting Plan</a>, which has been updated to tighten restrictions on social gatherings and certain businesses.</p> <p>Exec Order <a href="#">Exec Order 49 FY 19/20</a> and <a href="#">Exec Order 55 FY 19/20</a> implemented the <a href="#">Restarting Plan</a> and identified businesses and activities where current restrictions may be adjusted to safely allow for more economic and personal activity.</p> <p>See <a href="#">Executive Orders</a> and <a href="#">Restarting Plan</a> for updates.</p>	
Shelter in Place - Modifications	<p>Prior stay at home orders (<a href="#">Exec Order 28 FY 19/20</a> and <a href="#">Exec Order 49 FY 19/20</a>) were eased to the extent that people may access the increased business and personal activities that are being reopened. See <a href="#">Exec Order 55 FY 19/20</a>. All businesses should, if possible, continue to have their employees work remotely (<a href="#">Exec Order 19</a>).</p>	<p>Exec Order 49</p> <p>Exec Order 55, I.D., I.E.</p>
Reopened Businesses - in Phases	<p>Starting May 1, 2020, businesses permitted to open in stages, per the <a href="#">Restarting Plan</a>. The plan sets forth specific businesses to open by certain dates, subject to certain checklist requirements, including capacity restrictions. See <a href="#">General Guidance All Businesses</a> and <a href="#">Reopening Checklist Standards</a></p> <p>Rural counties are on a faster schedule, as there have been fewer outbreaks.</p>	<p>Exec Order 55, I.B.</p> <p><a href="#">Restarting Plan</a></p>

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	Per announcements, from 11/20/20 through 12/6/20, all indoor and outdoor amusement venues, movie theaters, performing arts venues, casinos and businesses that provide seated food and drink service must close by 9 pm. See <a href="#">Governor Announcement</a> and <a href="#">Reopening Checklist Standards</a> .	
Restaurants, Bars	See <a href="#">Seated Service Guidance</a> and <a href="#">Reopening Checklist Standards</a>  Beginning Friday, November 20, 2020, Seated Food and Drink Service establishments must close for the night by 9:00 p.m. This does not apply to take-out or delivery. The state <a href="#">postponed</a> the reopening date for <a href="#">indoor service</a> at bars, breweries and tasting rooms until further notice.	Exec Order 55I.B.  <a href="#">Reopening Checklist Standards</a>
Facemask Requirements	Individuals must wear cloth face coverings in public settings (indoor and outdoor) and at large gatherings, including those held outside. Each place of business accessible to the public must post signs notifying customers of the requirement to wear a cloth face covering and may deny entry to a person who is not wearing one (and who is not otherwise exempt from the requirement to wear one). Employers in settings that are not accessible to the public may determine who in the workplace should wear a mask. Masks are not a replacement for adhering to social distancing protocols. Exceptions for children under 2, childcare settings, medical conditions. See Exec Order 49, Exec Order 55 FY 19/20.  Per an updated order effective 11/4/20 ( <a href="#">Exec Order 16 FY 20/21</a> ), face masks are required to be worn in public regardless of whether social distancing is feasible.  Per an order effective 12/11/20, owners and operators of indoor public settings are responsible to require all persons to wear face coverings. See <a href="#">Exec Order 19 FY 20/21</a>  Per an Order strengthening the use of face coverings ( <a href="#">Exec Order 2 FY 20/21</a> , effective 7/8/2020), retail stores with over 50,000 sq. ft. of shopping space, restaurants, bars, tasting rooms, and lodging located in specific counties must require customers to wear face coverings.	Exec Order 49, V  Exec Order 55, I.H.  <a href="#">Exec Order 2 FY 20/21</a>  <a href="#">EO 16 FY 20/21</a>  <a href="#">Exec Order 19 FY 20/21</a>

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Gatherings	<p>Indoor gatherings are limited to a maximum of 50 people as of 11/4/20.</p> <p>Outdoor gatherings remain capped at 100 people.</p> <p>See <a href="#">Exec Order 16 FY 20/21</a>, <a href="#">Exec Order 14 FY 20/21</a>.</p>	<p><a href="#">Exec Order 16 FY 20/21</a>,</p> <p><a href="#">Exec Order 14 FY 20/21</a>.</p>
Travel	<p><a href="#">Exec Order 57 FY 19/20</a>, effective 6/9/20, requires all persons traveling into Maine, including residents and non-residents of Maine, to either (a) receive a negative COVID-19 test, or (b) quarantine for 14 days upon arrival in Maine consistent with <a href="#">Exec Order 34 FY 19/20</a>. Compliance by an individual is ascertained through a certificate of compliance developed by the Department of Economic and Community Development and will be used by lodging accommodations as a prerequisite to check-in. This <u>does not</u> apply to residents of New Hampshire and Vermont or to Maine residents returning from New Hampshire or Vermont.</p> <p>See <a href="#">Travel FAQs</a></p>	Exec Order 57
DEFINITIONS/APPENDIX		
Resumed/Reopened Businesses	See <a href="#">Reopening Checklist Standards</a>	
Standards for Reopened Businesses	See <a href="#">General Guidance All Businesses</a> and <a href="#">Reopening Checklist Standards</a>	

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