

## WEST VIRGINIA – COVID-19 – Back to Business and Safer at Home [Updated through 11/14/20]

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### ACTIONS AND EXECUTIVE ORDERS

<https://governor.wv.gov/Pages/WV-COVID-19-actions-and-executive-orders.aspx>

### HEALTH ALERTS

<https://ceps.wv.gov/healthalerts/Pages/default.aspx>

### THE COMEBACK PLAN/SECTOR GUIDANCE

<https://governor.wv.gov/The-Comeback/Pages/default.aspx>

GENERAL TOPIC	SUMMARY	SECTION # EO 9-20
General	<p>West Virginia is progressing through <a href="#">The Comeback Plan</a>, which started allowing businesses to reopen starting 5/4/20. It is using a <a href="#">Color Coded Map</a> to determine the level of restrictions in each county. The Comeback Plan contains links to sector specific standards.</p> <p>See <a href="#">Actions and Exec Orders</a> and <a href="#">The Comeback Plan</a> for updates.</p> <p>(Note: The Actions and Executive Orders page does not have a separate listing of the Executive Orders, but combines Executive Orders, announcements and press releases together.)</p>	
Stay at Home - Modifications	<p>The original order required all individuals to stay at home unless performing an essential activity.</p> <p>This was changed from being required to being “strongly encouraged.”</p>	
Businesses	<p>The original stay at home order required all non-essential businesses to cease all activities within the state except for minimum basic operations.</p>	

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	<p>Businesses were reopened in stages under the <a href="#">Comeback Plan</a>. Different restrictions apply (including capacity limits), depending on the level of risk allocated to the county.</p> <p>See the <a href="#">Comeback Plan</a> and <a href="#">Color Coded Map</a> to determine the level of restrictions in each county, and for sector specific standards, including capacity limits.</p>	
Restaurants/Bars	<p>See <a href="#">Restaurant Standards</a>, the <a href="#">Comeback Plan</a> and <a href="#">Color Coded Map</a> to determine the level of restrictions. For example, the standards as of 11/17/20 limited indoor occupancy to 50% of seating capacity</p>	
Gatherings	<p>Social gatherings are capped at 25 people in counties designated green and yellow, and 10 people in red, orange and gold counties. See <a href="#">Exec Order 70-20</a>, <a href="#">Exec Order 51-20</a> and <a href="#">Color Coded Map</a>.</p> <p>The limitation does not apply to any activity, business, or entity that has been deemed essential, such as religious services, weddings, or group meetings, conferences, or other special events held for essential businesses and operations, as defined by <a href="#">Exec Order 9-20</a> as amended.</p>	
Facemasks	<p>Mask mandate was expanded effective 11/14/20:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Face covering must be worn at all times in all public indoor places</li> <li>• Does not apply to children under the age of 9 or anyone who has trouble breathing or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance</li> <li>• Does not apply when you are at a restaurant and actively consuming food or drink, or in a closed room by yourself</li> <li>• All businesses must post signs and ensure requirement is being followed</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="570 296 1187 359">• Takes effect Saturday, November 14, 2020 at 12 a.m.</li> </ul> <p data-bbox="521 394 789 426">See <a href="#">Exec Order 77-20</a></p>	
Other	See <a href="#">The Comeback Plan</a> for sector-specific requirements and best practices	

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