



FAQs for PHASE 2 Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan For Florida's Recovery

GENERAL QUESTIONS

What phase of re-opening is Florida in?

Pursuant to Governor DeSantis' [Executive Order 20-139](#), all counties in Florida except Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach may enter Phase 2 of the Governor's *Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery* effective June 5, 2020.

Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties may seek approval to enter Phase 2 with a written request from the County Mayor, or if no mayor, the County Administrator.

When did the Governor's Executive Order take effect for Phase 2? Does this order apply to all counties? How long does it last?

The executive order for Phase 2 ([20-139](#)) is effective from 12:01 a.m. on June 5, 2020, until further notice.

All Florida counties except Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach may enter Phase 2. Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach Counties may seek approval to enter Phase 2 with a written request from the County Mayor, or if no mayor, the County Administrator.

What does Phase 2 mean for Floridians?

Pursuant to Governor DeSantis' [Executive Order 20-139](#) Phase 2 includes:

- ✓ RESTAURANTS may continue operating at 50% indoor seating capacity and full capacity outdoors with appropriate social distancing. Restaurants may allow bar-top seating.
- ✓ BARS, PUBS AND TAVERNS may operate at 50 percent seating capacity inside and full capacity outside with appropriate social distancing. Patrons may only receive service if seated.
- ✓ GYMS may operate at full capacity with appropriate social distancing and frequent sanitization.
- ✓ RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS may operate at full capacity with appropriate social distancing and sanitization protocols.
- ✓ MUSEUMS AND LIBRARIES may operate at full capacity if permitted by local governments.
- ✓ PROFESSIONAL SPORTS VENUES may remain open and continue operating for games, events, competitions and training.
- ✓ AMUSEMENT PARKS may re-open if they submit a re-opening plan to the State. The plan must have already received approval from the county.
- ✓ ORGANIZED YOUTH ACTIVITIES, including youth sports teams and leagues, youth clubs and programs and childcare, may operate. Summer camps and youth recreation camps may also operate. (See [Executive Order 20-131](#) for additional information).



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- ✓ **ENTERTAINMENT BUSINESSES**, including but not limited to movie theaters, concert houses, auditoriums, playhouses, bowling alleys and arcades may operate at 50 percent capacity with appropriate social distancing and sanitization protocols.
- ✓ **BARBER SHOPS AND COSMETOLOGY SALONS** (hair and nails) may continue operating while adhering to safety protocols. Additional guidance for barber shops and cosmetology salons is available on [the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation website](#).
- ✓ **PERSONAL SERVICES BUSINESSES**, including but not limited to tattoo parlors, acupuncture establishments, tanning salons and massage establishments may operate while adhering to guidance from the Florida Department of Health. Additional guidance regarding personal care services is available on the [Florida Department of Health website](#).
- ✓ **HOSPITALS** may continue to conduct elective surgeries provided they have adequate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and abide by safety protocols.
- ✓ **HOSPITALS** are required to test all individuals for COVID-19 before being discharged to long-term care facilities.
- ✓ **LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES** are required to transfer residents that have tested positive for COVID-19 if the facility is not equipped for appropriate care. When Department of Health testing takes place at a facility, all facility staff members are required to submit to COVID testing as well.
- ✓ **COUNTIES MAY SEEK APPROVAL TO OPERATE VACATION RENTALS** by submitting a written request and a county vacation rental safety plan to the [Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation \(DBPR\)](#).
- ✓ **PARI-MUTUEL FACILITIES** may seek to operate with a written request from the County Mayor, or if no mayor, the county administrator. The request should be submitted to [DBPR](#) for approval.
- ✓ **INDIVIDUALS OVER 65 OR WITH UNDERLYING MEDICAL CONDITIONS** are strongly encouraged to avoid crowds and take measures to limit their risk of exposure to COVID-19.
- ✓ **ALL PERSONS** in Florida are encouraged to avoid congregating in groups larger than 50.

How is Phase 2 different from Full Phase 1?

Effective May 18, 2020, all Florida counties were permitted to enter Full Phase 1 of the Governor's Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step. Plan for Florida's Recovery.

Phase 2 applies to all counties in Florida except Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach and is effective beginning Friday, June 5, 2020.

Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach may seek approval to enter Phase 2 with a written request from the County Mayor, or if no mayor, the County Administrator.

For additional information on what's new in Phase 2, please review the [presentation provided by Governor Ron DeSantis provided on June 3, 2020](#).

Does this executive order supersede local law?

No.

Do any businesses remain closed during Phase 2?

Nightclubs remain closed during Phase 2.

When can we expect Phase 3 to start?

Phase 2 is in effect in all counties except for Miami-Dade, Broward and Palm Beach, until further notice.



SCHOOLS

Will K-12 schools open for the Fall 2020 semester?

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) has been working diligently with Florida school districts, colleges, career and technical centers and early learning centers to develop recommendations for the 2020-2021 school year. FDOE will have further recommendations in the coming weeks. Visit the [Florida Department of Education's website](#) for additional information.

Will universities open for the Fall 2020 semester?

Florida's state universities developed a task force to create a framework to re-open Florida's campuses in the fall and universities will present their plans on June 23, 2020. Visit the [State University System of Florida's website](#) for additional information.

MEDICAL

Can I go to my doctor if it's not COVID-19 related?

All medical services, including dental offices and other health care practitioners' offices, may continue to operate. As a condition of resuming elective procedures, hospitals are required to assist nursing homes and long-term care facilities in their efforts to protect the vulnerable.

Hospitals, surgery centers and other medical facilities must maintain adequate bed capacity and PPE. They must also have the capacity to immediately convert additional surgical and intensive care beds in a surge situation and must not have received or sought any additional federal, state or local government assistance regarding PPE after resuming elective procedures.

Are there any restrictions on a person's movements or interactions?

No. Individuals over 65 or with underlying medical conditions are strongly encouraged to avoid crowds and take measures to limit their risk of exposure to COVID-19.

Can individuals visit nursing homes and long-term care facilities?

No, those restrictions remain in place during Phase 2 with conditions set by the [Agency for Health Care Administration \(AHCA\)](#).

TRAVEL

Are travel restrictions and airport screening and isolation still in effect for visitors from highly-impacted COVID-19 areas?

Yes. Travelers from the New York Tri-State area must continue to self-quarantine for 14 days upon arriving in Florida, unless travelers meet the emergency, commercial or education activity exceptions. See Executive Orders [20-80 and 20-82](#) for additional information.



BUSINESS

Can I open my business? Are there any regulations I need to follow?

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IN ALL COUNTIES: If your business is open, it may remain open and should continue appropriate social distancing and sanitization measures. Also, any activity or work that has been available under the previous order remains available. Businesses should adopt appropriate social distancing and sanitization measures.

Are there minimum health protocols that must be met to open my business?

Regulated businesses should adhere to [agency guidance](#). Additionally, businesses should consult with the most up-to-date guidance from the [Florida Department of Health \(DOH\)](#), [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) and the [Occupational Safety and Health Administration \(OSHA\)](#).

What do I need to do to open my business?

Review the requirements of the Governor's Executive Orders [20-112](#), [20-120](#), [20-122](#), [20-123](#), [20-131](#) and [20-139](#). Also, review any guidance that has been provided from state and federal regulatory agencies including the [Centers for Disease and Control and Prevention](#), the [Occupational Safety and Health Administration \(OSHA\)](#), the [Florida Department of Health](#) and the [Department of Business and Professional Regulation](#).

Are masks required for employees and customers?

The Governor's Executive Order does not mandate the use of masks, however, [DBPR guidance for barbershops and cosmetology salons](#) does require masks for those licensed employees while performing personal services. Additionally, [Department of Health guidance](#) requires masks for tattoo parlors, acupuncture establishments, tanning salons and massage establishments for licensed employees or employees of licensed facilities.

If a restaurant, bar or entertainment business exceeds 50 percent capacity, can they get fined?

Yes, enforcement penalties remain in place, including a second-degree misdemeanor with a fine up to \$500. Certain regulated businesses may face enforcement action for violations from their regulatory agency.

Who enforces compliance?

Local law enforcement may enforce Executive Orders, along with the regulatory agencies, such as the [Department of Business and Professional Regulation](#), that oversee businesses.



ACTIVITIES

Can I visit or travel to a family member?

Yes. Individuals should continue to practice appropriate social distancing.

Visitation to long-term care facilities, including nursing homes and assisted living facilities, continues to be prohibited.

May I exercise outside or participate in recreational activities?

Yes. Individuals are encouraged to continue practicing social distancing and abide by [CDC](#) and [DOH](#) guidelines.

Can I go to a professional sporting event?

Professional sporting events and sports teams are welcome in Florida and may open and operate for games, events, competitions and training.

Floridians are encouraged to reach out to the entity or organization hosting a professional sporting event for additional information.

May churches, synagogues, or other houses of worship hold services?

Yes. Any building or venue that is open should continue to follow appropriate social distancing and sanitization procedures. The Florida Department of Health encourages them to follow [CDC](#) guidance specific to faith organizations.

Can I rent or stay at a vacation rental?

Yes, in certain counties. Counties may seek approval to operate vacation rentals by submitting a written request and county vacation rental safety plan to the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation. Many counties have approved plans in place. Visit [DBPR's website](#) for additional information.

Are state parks and beaches open?

Florida State Parks have started re-opening for day use with access to trails, limited camping and some beach access with limited facilities. Visit the [Florida State Parks website](#) for additional information.

Are childcare centers allowed to be open?

Yes.

Are museums and libraries open?

Museums and libraries may operate at full capacity if permitted by local governments.

May organized youth activities operate?

Organized youth activities may operate, including youth sports teams and leagues, youth clubs and programs and childcare. Summer camps and youth recreation camps may also operate. See [Executive Order 20-131](#) for additional information.

LOCAL GOVERNANCE & ENFORCEMENT

Are local authorities allowed to adopt requirements directly on businesses, operations or venues, including buildings, beaches and local parks, that may be stricter than the Governor's Executive Order regarding Phase 2?

Yes.

How is the Governor's Executive Order on Phase 2 enforced?

Restrictions on business are enforceable by the appropriate regulatory agency and/or local law enforcement.