

State Guidelines for Re-opening Restaurant Dining Rooms

State	Indoor Capacity	Distancing Required	Face Mask/Covering Requirements*	Other Restrictions	Link for State Restaurant Guidelines
Alabama	100%	6-ft social distancing	State mandated	8-person party limit	https://alabamapublichealth.gov/covid19/assets/cov-sah-restaurants-bars.pdf
Alaska	100%	6-ft social distancing	None	Provide physical guides to ensure customers remain 6-ft apart & barriers where maintaining distance is difficult	https://www.alaskacharr.com/uploads/1/2/9/0/129096788/covid-19_reopening_guidance_alaska_charr_sdot_final_compressed.pdf
Arizona	50%	6-ft social distancing	Cloth masks required for servers, hosts & other employees who interact w/ guests (many counties/cities have stricter requirements but no state mandate)	10-person party limit; Clearly mark tables/chairs not in use	https://securerusercontent.com/50.62.89.138/520.7f7.myftpupload.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Welcome-Back-to-the-Table-Reopening-Guidance-Final-5.4.2020.pdf
Arkansas	66%	6-ft social distancing	State mandated	10-person party limit; Entryway signage required	https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/images/uploads/pdf/directive_restaurant_dine-in.pdf
California	50% for most (varies by county's color code)	6-ft social distancing (If tables cannot be removed, clearly mark ones not available)	State mandated	Bar areas remain closed; Guests should not touch doors (prop open, use automatic doors, or have employee greet at entrance instead); Host recommended at peak times to monitor entrance & lines; Entry signage required; Recommended that guests are questioned about COVID symptoms at arrival & asked to use sanitizer	https://files.covid19.ca.gov/pdf/guidance-restaurants-bars.pdf
Colorado	50%	6-ft social distancing	State mandated for age 11+	10-person party limit; Max of 175 patrons; Entryway signage required	https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_yyWSUnb40TKDBk9EcvYcSkOzhCDV8NA/view
Connecticut	75%	6-ft social distancing (or barrier between tables)	State mandated	Signage required; Must complete self-certification on DECD website & receive Reopen CT badge before opening	https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DECD/Covid_Business_Recovery-Aug-14-updates/CTReopens_IndoorDining814.pdf
Delaware	60%	Tables 8-ft apart	State mandated for food establishments (signage required at entrance)	Guests can only sit with members of their household; Entryway signage required; Staff members monitoring entry and lines	https://governor.delaware.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/24/2020/09/Delaware-Economic-Reopening-PHASE-2-Revised-9.25.20.pdf
Florida	100%	6-ft social distancing	No state mandate but required in Broward, Dade, Monroe & Palm Beach counties; many cities also have requirements	10-person party limit	https://frla.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/FRLA-Reopening-Guidance-COVID-19-FINAL.pdf?mc_cid=3ef71f2a6a&mc_eid=%5bUNIQID%5d
Georgia	100%	6-ft social distancing	Required for employees interacting w/ guests	Entryway signage required	https://files.constantcontact.com/4fd4b323401/d9915b6f-8ae4-4574-bb7e-39dd98a29ccf.pdf
Hawaii	50%	6-ft social distancing	State mandated (signage required at entrance)	6-person party limit (up to 10 if same household)	https://hawaii.covid19.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/DOH-EHA-Reopening-Food-Service-FINAL-5-21-20.pdf
Idaho	100%	Tables 10-ft apart suggested	Required for employees interacting w/ guests	Varies by district/local health department; Some have specific guidelines & others require restaurants to submit plans for approval; Idaho in Stage 4 of re-opening plan	https://rebound.idaho.gov/wp-content/uploads/stage4-protocols-restaurants.pdf
Illinois	100% (indoor dining closed again in Chicago area)	Tables 6-ft apart	State mandated for age 3+	10-person party limit; Entryway & restroom signage required; 25% capacity in standing areas	https://dceocovid19resources.com/assets/Restore-Illinois/businessguidelines4/restaurantbars.pdf
Indiana	75% (Indianapolis 50%)	6-ft social distancing	State mandated	6-person party limit	https://backontrack.in.gov/files/BackOnTrack-IN_IndustryGuidelines-Restaurants.pdf
Iowa	100%	6-ft social distancing	Recommended for employees w/ direct customer contact	6-person party limit	https://dia.iowa.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2020/06/dia-covid-19-faqs-for-food-businesses_0.pdf
Kansas	100%	Tables 6-ft apart (or physical barriers between tables)	State mandated	10-person party limit	https://covid.ks.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Reopen-Kansas-Framework-v7.pdf

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Kentucky	50%	6-ft social distancing	State mandated	Bar seating not permitted; 10-person party limit only sitting with household members (unless 6-ft apart); Consider installing barriers between tables; Entryway signage required	https://govsite-assets.s3.amazonaws.com/7faWBGXARnG6KrQ6q21C_Healthy%20At%20Work%20Reqs%20-%20Restaurants%20and%20Bars%20-%20Final%20Version%205.1%20-%20FV%20(002).pdf
Louisiana	75%	Tables 8-ft apart from table edges	State mandated	10-person party limit	https://gov.louisiana.gov/assets/Proclamations/2020/74-JBE-2020-State-of-Emergency-COVID-19-Resilient-Louisiana-Phase-2.pdf
Maine	50%	6-ft social distancing	State mandated	8-person party limit; Max of 100 guests; Entryway signage required	https://www.maine.gov/decd/checklists/seated-service
Maryland	75%	6-ft social distancing (For booth seating, close every other booth)	State mandated for age 10+ (still recommended for age 2-9)	6-person party limit; Establish 6-ft marking system where customers & staff congregate; Signpost direction of foot traffic in main circulation routes; Entryway signage required	https://commerce.maryland.gov/Documents/BusinessResource/Restaurants-bars-COVID-19-Best-Practices.pdf
Massachusetts	100%	Tables 6-ft apart	State mandated for age 3+	10-person party limit	https://www.mass.gov/info-details/safety-standards-and-checklist-restaurants
Michigan	50%	Tables 6-ft apart	State mandated	Waiting areas remain closed; Guests must wait outside or in car	https://www.michigan.gov/documents/leo/COVID-19_Workplace_Guidelines_for_Restaurants_and_Bars_691404_7.pdf
Minnesota	50%	Tables 6-ft apart	State mandated	10-person party limit (4-person limit in bar area; 2-person limit if sitting at counter); Max # of patrons of 250	https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/safedining.pdf
Mississippi	75%	6-ft social distancing	State mandated for restaurant employees/guests in most counties; employees may remove if not in contact w/ guests & over 6 ft of other employees	10-person party limit; Entryway signage required	https://www.sos.ms.gov/content/executiveorders/ExecutiveOrders/1478.pdf
Missouri	100%	6-ft social distancing	No state requirements but requirements in many counties/cities	10-person party limit	https://health.mo.gov/living/healthcondiseases/communicable/novel-coronavirus/pdf/restaurants-bars.pdf
Montana	75%	6-ft social distancing	State mandated for age 5+; Signage at entry required	6-person party limit; QSR dining should remain closed if guidelines (e.g. cleaning of every table between customers) can't be met; Bars/counters should not be used	https://covid19.mt.gov/Portals/223/Documents/Phase%20Two%20Directive%20with%20Appendices.pdf?ver=2020-05-19-145442-350
Nebraska	100%	6-ft social distancing	Required for restaurant employees	8-person party limit	http://dhhs.ne.gov/Documents/COVID-19-Restaurant-In-Room-Dining-Reopening-Guidelines.pdf
Nevada	50%	Tables 6-ft apart	State mandated	6-person party limit	https://nvhealthresponse.nv.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Industry-specific-Guidance-Documents-1-1.pdf
New Hampshire	100% (50% in some counties)	6-ft social distancing	Required for employees; Signage to request guests wear when entering/exiting, using restroom, etc.	6-person party limit; Signage required	https://www.covidguidance.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt381/files/files/inline-documents/guidance-restaurants.pdf
New Jersey	25%	Tables 6-ft apart	State mandated for age 2+	8-person party limit (unless w/ household members)	https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/documents/topics/NCOV/COVID_Restaurants_Bars.pdf
New Mexico	25%	Tables 6-ft apart	State mandated	6-person party limit; Restaurants must close by 10pm; Must complete the New Mexico Safe Certification training program in order to open indoor dining; Logbook of guests must be kept for at least 3 weeks for contact tracing; Any known positive cases must be reported within 4 hours; Recommended to temperature screen both employees & guests; No bar/counter seating	https://www.nmrestaurants.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Reopen_NM_Master_Doc_FINAL-2.pdf
New York	50% (25% in NYC)	Tables 6-ft apart (or physical barriers between tables)	State mandated for age 3+	10-person party limit; Recommended to have option for customers to provide contact info for tracing if needed; All NY is now in Phase 4 of re-opening, but NYC restaurants remain closed for dine-in	https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/Indoor_and_Outdoor_Food_Services_Detailed_Guidelines.pdf

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North Carolina	50%	6-ft social distancing	Required for restaurant employees (unless not within 6 ft of other people) & guests when not seated	10-person party limit; Entryway signage required	https://files.nc.gov/governor/documents/files/EO169-Phase-3.pdf
North Dakota	25-100% (varies by county/risk-level)	6-ft social distancing	Encouraged for employees (required in Bismarck)	10-person party limit; About half of state is currently yellow (50% capacity, max of 100 guests) or orange (25% capacity, max of 50 guests); Recommended that orange counties not open dining areas but 25% capacity still allowed	https://ndresponse.gov/sites/www/files/documents/covid-19/ND%20Smart%20Restart/Restaurants/Restaurants%20Standards.pdf
Ohio	100%	6-ft social distancing	State mandated	10-person party limit; Signage required; Barriers recommended in high volume areas	https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/responsible/Restaurant-Food-Establishment-Guidance.pdf
Oklahoma	100%	Tables 6-ft apart	Recommended for employees when within 6 ft of others; stricter requirements in some municipalities		https://d15k2d11r6t6rl.cloudfront.net/public/users/Integrators/c2036c03-dbf6-4270-99c5-7afb8a06e2b9/OKRA/Food-Establishment-Reopening%20Final-ENG.pdf
Oregon	100%	Tables 6-ft apart	State mandated	10-person party limit; Max capacity of 100; All restaurants must close by 10pm or midnight (varies by phase county is in); Signage recommended; Recommended to have greeter/host managing customer flow at entrance/line & staff also monitoring restrooms & other areas people may congregate; No counter/bar seating unless facing window or wall	https://sharesystems.dhsosha.state.or.us/DHSForms/Served/le2342B.pdf
Pennsylvania	50%	6-ft social distancing (or physical barriers)	State mandated	10-person party limit	https://www.governor.pa.gov/covid-19/restaurant-industry-guidance/
Rhode Island	66%	Tables 8-ft apart or separated by barriers; All seats must also be 6-ft away from foot traffic to bathrooms, entrances & exits	State mandated	8-person party limit; Self-service seating prohibited (including at QSRs). Staff may designate a table # at checkout or host can guide to table; Log w/ contact info of at least 1 member of each dining party must be kept for tracing; Visitors must be screened at entrance	https://reopeningri.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Restaurant-Guidance-Phase-3-063020.pdf?189db0&189db0
South Carolina	100%	6-ft social distancing	State mandated	8-person table limit; Signage recommended at entry & on tables not to be used	https://accelerate.sc.gov/sites/default/files/Documents/SCrestaurantreopeningguidelinesPhaseTwoFINAL.pdf
South Dakota	100%	6-ft social distancing recommended but not enforced	No requirements; Mandated in Brookings for age 5+, and recommended in Sioux Falls	6-person party limit recommended; State never had a stay-at-home order forcing restaurants to close. While providing guidelines, leaving it up to businesses & communities to decide	https://doh.sd.gov/documents/COVID19/COVID19_Restaurant_Business_Checklist.pdf
Tennessee	100%	Tables 6-ft apart or separated by barrier	Required for employees (along w/ gloves); Strongly recommended for guests	10-person party limit; Guests are to be screened at entry (temperature check recommended but asking questions acceptable); Bar areas to remain closed (unless used for seated tables); Restaurants in Nashville to close at 10:30pm	https://www.tn.gov/governor/covid-19/economic-recovery/restaurant-guidelines.html
Texas	75%	6-ft social distancing	State mandated	10-person party limit; Signage recommended	https://gov.texas.gov/uploads/files/organization/opentexas/OpenTexas-Checklist-Restaurants.pdf
Utah	100%	6-ft social distancing	State mandated in all high risk counties (currently most of state); Required for all restaurant employees statewide		https://coronavirus-download.utah.gov/Health/Health_guidance_for_all_levels.pdf
Vermont	50%	Tables 6-ft apart	State mandated	50% capacity or 1 person per 100 sq ft; No more than 75 diners; Signage required; Counter/bar seating can only be used if there's a barrier separating diners & those serving/preparing beverages/food; Name & contact info of at least 1 person from each party must be kept for 30 days	https://accd.vermont.gov/news/update-new-work-safe-additions-be-smart-stay-safe-order#restaurants-catering-food-service-and-bars

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Virginia	50%	6-ft social distancing; If employee is not seating guests, tables not in service should be clearly marked	State mandated for age 10+	10-person party limit; Max of 10 guests in lobby area waiting (to order or for food); entry signage required; Counter/bar seating not allowed if facing a food service area	https://www.governor.virginia.gov/media/governorvirginiagov/governor-of-virginia/pdf/Forward-Virginia-Phase-Three-Guidelines---8-21-2020.pdf
Washington	50%	6-ft social distancing between diners (or barriers between tables)	State mandated	6 or 8-person party limit (depending on what phase county is in); Signage required at entry; Must designate a site-specific COVID-19 Supervisor to monitor health & safety, and have a COVID Safety Plan prepared & available at the restaurant before opening indoor dining	https://www.governor.wa.gov/sites/default/files/COVID19%20Phase%20and%203%20Restaurant%20and%20Tavern%20Guidance.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery
West Virginia	50%	6-ft social distancing	State mandated for age 9+	Signage required at entry	https://coronavirus.wvgovstatus.com/2020.04.28%20Restaurant%20Guidelines.pdf
Wisconsin	100%	6-ft social distancing	State mandated for age 5+	6-person party limit recommended	https://wedc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/COVID-19-Restaurants-and-Food-Service-Guidelines-cl.pdf
Wyoming	100%	Tables at least 6-ft apart (preferably 10 ft)	Required for employees (gloves required when handling prepared food & food containers)	8-person party limit	https://health.wyo.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/WDH-COVID-19-Guidance-for-Restaurants-10.1.2020-b.pdf

* Face masks can typically be removed for indoor diners after being seated

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