

Governor Hogan Announces Next Stage Two Reopenings, Including Indoor Dining and Outdoor Amusements

*Next Round of Safe and Phased Reopenings Begins on Friday, June 12; Reopenings on Friday, June 19 to Include Gyms, Casinos, Malls
Encourages Protesters to Get Tested, Expands COVID-19 Testing in Baltimore City
State Superintendent Announces Reopenings for Summer Instruction, Child Care, and Outdoor High School Sports*

ANNAPOLIS, MD—With key statewide health metrics continuing to trend in a positive direction, Governor Larry Hogan today announced additional safe and phased reopenings through Stage Two of the [‘Maryland Strong: Roadmap to Recovery.’](#)

“This truly is one of the most daunting challenges our state has ever faced, but sometimes the worst times have a way of bringing out the very best in Marylanders,” said Governor Hogan. “And while I cannot promise you that we will fully recover from all these problems quickly, I will tell you that together we have faced and overcome daunting challenges before, and that we will get through these tough and difficult times together.”

The [state’s critical health metrics](#) continue to trend in a positive direction. Hospitalizations have dropped below 1,000, and to their lowest point in 61 days. ICU beds are also at an eight-week low. The state’s positivity rate has declined to 7.2 percent, and the positivity rate has dropped to single digits in 23 of the state’s 24 jurisdictions.

REOPENINGS EFFECTIVE FRIDAY, JUNE 12 AT 5 PM:

- **INDOOR DINING.** Restaurants can resume indoor operations at 50 percent capacity, with appropriate distancing, and following strict public health requirements consistent with the CDC, FDA, and the National Restaurant Association. [Maryland Department of Health directives.](#)
- **OUTDOOR AMUSEMENTS.** Outdoor amusements and rides, including miniature golf and go-kart tracks, may resume with appropriate health and safety protocols. Capacity restrictions at pools will be increased to 50 percent with strict safety guidelines still in place. [Guidelines and best practices.](#)

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REOPENINGS EFFECTIVE FRIDAY, JUNE 19 AT 5 PM:

- **INDOOR FITNESS ACTIVITIES.** After an extra week of sanitization and safety preparations, indoor gyms, martial arts, dance, and other indoor studio fitness activities may begin to safely reopen at 50 percent capacity with strict health, distancing, and sanitization measures. [Guidelines and best practices.](#)
- **CASINOS, ARCADES, AND MALLS.** Casinos, arcades, and malls may also begin to resume operations with strict safety protocols.

SCHOOLS AND CHILD CARE REOPENINGS

- **GRADUATION CEREMONIES.** The governor is encouraging local school systems to plan and hold safe outdoor graduation ceremonies with appropriate capacity and social distancing measures in place.
- **SCHOOL BUILDINGS.** School systems may now begin bringing small groups of students and staff into school buildings. School systems are encouraged to prioritize summer instruction for vulnerable populations. All nonpublic special education schools may reopen to serve students with disabilities.
- **CHILD CARE PROVIDERS.** All child care providers may begin to reopen, and the number of individuals child care providers can have in one room has been expanded to a maximum of 15.
- **OUTDOOR HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS.** Outdoor high school sports may begin to resume practice and training activities within the same guidelines that were previously announced for youth sports programs.

EXPANDED TESTING IN BALTIMORE CITY. State officials are encouraging anyone who has recently attended peaceful demonstrations to get tested for COVID-19. As part of this effort, beginning next week, the Maryland Department of Health and the Maryland National Guard will open multiple high-volume COVID-19 testing sites across Baltimore City, including at the Baltimore Convention Center.

REOPENING GUIDANCE. As additional industries and activities begin to resume, the Maryland Department of Commerce continues to develop and issue guidance and best practices to help businesses reopen safely. These resources are available at open.maryland.gov/backtobusiness.

COMMUNITY-BASED APPROACH. Stage Two will continue to be implemented with a flexible, community-based approach that allows local leaders to allow reopenings at their discretion.

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