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Governor Ned Lamont

Sector Rules for June 17th reopen

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SECTOR RULES FOR JUNE 17TH REOPEN

GOAL

Proactively protect public health and speed up the pace of economic, educational, and community recovery while restoring Connecticut's quality of life.

1

SAFETY FIRST

We will reopen society safely and securely with a proactive program that safeguards the health of our vulnerable residents, continues physical distancing, and provides clear safeguard rules for businesses and institutions deemed safe to reopen.

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SCIENCE-DRIVEN

Our strategy will rely on a scientifically validated set of public health interventions. Patient assessment, testing, proactive tracing, field studies, and public health guidance will be deployed simultaneously to contain infection.

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PREPARED

We will work closely with hospitals and health systems to procure and distribute critical personal protective equipment, and assess capacity of beds and ventilators to ensure optimal standard of care.

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CHOICE

Individual businesses within sectors allowed to open are empowered to make their own choice on when they reopen. When they open, they must comply with rules we lay out to safeguard their employees and customers.

5

DYNAMIC

We include a suite of tools to inform an adaptive plan that can be nimbly scaled or rolled back rapidly based on real-time critical health metrics.

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HOW WE WILL OPEN OUR ECONOMY SAFELY

Our plan to open the economy will address two factors:

WHAT businesses can open and when.

HOW businesses must operate **if they choose to open.**

WHAT:

- We know that some businesses put employees and customers at greater risk of transmission.
- We will prioritize opening businesses that pose a lower transmission risk and drive outsized impact on the economy.
- Transmission risk is defined as contact intensity and modification potential of businesses.
 - Contact intensity considers contact proximity, contact length, and number of contacts.
 - Modification potential considers the businesses' ability to socially distance and sanitize in accordance with regulations.
- We will assess the impact on state economic health with a focus on number of employed individuals, total GDP impacted, and impact on small businesses that make up the backbone of our economy.

HOW:

- We will provide clear operational guidance to businesses on how to reopen while ensuring the safety of both employees and customers.
- Guidance will include social distancing and hygiene, as well as the use of personal protection – for business operators, workers, and customers.
- The goal is to not only open safely, but create confidence in our society across employers, employees, and customers.
- The level of guidance will gradually become less restrictive over time, as our confidence in the ability to monitor and contain the disease increases.

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WHAT: SECTOR REOPENING OVER TIME

The state will open its economy with a gradual approach.

The first set of businesses started reopening when we saw a sustained 14-day decline in hospitalizations, had adequate testing capacity, had a contact tracing system in place, and had procured sufficient PPE. The timing for that reopen was May 20th.



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HOW: SAFEGUARDS

As we continue to reopen select businesses on June 17th, we will open at our strictest controls on business operations and societal interaction. This will include, among other measures:

- Capacity limit of 50% for most businesses that reopen.
- Strict cleaning and disinfection protocols in all settings.
- Those who can work from home should continue to do so.
- Those in high-risk groups (comorbidities) and over the age of 65 should continue to stay safe and stay home.
- Facemasks should continue to be worn in public at all times.
- Social gatherings will be restricted in accordance to the Governor's executive order.

As we see progress on a defined set of public health metrics (detail to follow), we will gradually loosen safeguards. This will allow for the next set of businesses to open and potentially for businesses already open to operate with additional leeway. We expect this will occur over the coming months.

As always, we will make decisions based on data and science. Our plan intentionally allows for sufficient time for learning, adoption of behaviors, and ultimately the achievement of improved health metrics that create the necessary environment for new business operations. If public health metrics deteriorate, the State may choose to revert back to stricter safeguards.



OUTDOOR EVENTS

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OVERVIEW

As Connecticut enters Phase II, the state wants to enable its citizens to enjoy quality time outdoors. Such activities must be undertaken only after prioritizing the health and safety of attendees and employees. It is the cumulative effects gained from social distancing, hand washing, and mask-wearing that will prevent the spread of COVID-19. Please keep that in mind as you plan and execute your event.

Large gatherings and community events bring people from multiple communities into close contact with each other and have the potential to increase COVID-19 transmission. The goals of these rules are to protect people attending and working at the event, and the local community from COVID-19 infection.

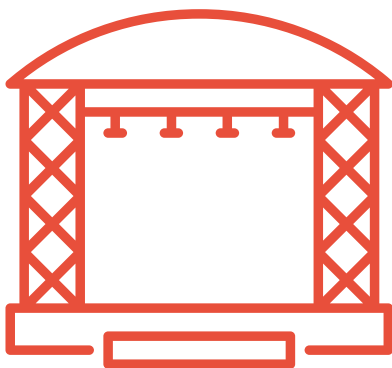
Note that event organizers still need to obtain any permits or licenses and adhere to municipal or state guidelines that would otherwise be required in addition to complying with these rules.

OUTDOOR EVENT SCOPE

Individuals gathering for a defined purpose by invitation, taking place on a specific date, and within a specific range of times (e.g. starting at 10am and ending at 1pm).

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Except as otherwise prohibited, outdoor gatherings are permitted provided that any such large outdoor public gatherings shall comply with these rules and all other applicable executive orders governing conduct in public places. The maximum permitted gathering size will be updated by executive order periodically in response to current public health data.



FURTHER RESOURCES

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/youth-sports.html>

EVENT SAFETY ALLIANCE

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5aec979d3e2d09db8bcad475/t/5eb86f694a67d30048528163/1589145456606/2020-05-11+Event+Safety+Alliance+Reopening+Guide.pdf>

WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

<https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/key-planning-recommendations-for-mass-gatherings-in-the-context-of-the-current-covid-19-outbreak>

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

<https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3990.pdf>

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ISOLATION PLAN

Develop a detailed plan in case any attendee becomes ill with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 during the event. The plan should include a designated isolation area and align to local municipality COVID-19 health protocols.



SOCIAL DISTANCING

Attendees shall remain 6 ft apart, excluding immediate family members, caretakers, and household members except when eating.

DISTANCING MARKERS



- Use signage and barrier protection to limit movement and maintain distancing, and direct the flow of traffic.
- If the event is an organized gathering, the organizer shall demarcate 6 ft of spacing in the area of the gathering to demonstrate appropriate spacing for social distancing.



PERSONAL PROTECTION

All event attendees including employees, volunteers and officials shall wear a surgical style mask or other face covering (e.g. cloth mask) that completely covers the nose and mouth within 6 ft of those not in the same household, unless doing so would be contrary to his or her health or safety due to medical conditions, and except when eating.



LOG EMPLOYEES, VOLUNTEERS, OR OFFICIALS

Maintain a log of employees, volunteers, or officials working at the event to support contact tracing.



ENTRY & EXIT

Consider an exit from the facility separate from the entrance to allow for one-way foot traffic.

POSTPONEMENT OR CANCELLATION PREPARATIONS

- Create an emergency contingency plan for how to modify, cancel, or postpone the event if necessary (e.g. remote participation through live stream).
- Consider flexible refund policies for participants to discourage people who are sick from attending events.

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TICKETING



Encourage contactless &/or digital ticketing where possible.



VIRTUAL QUEUING

Consider ways to schedule staggered ingress in order to minimize lines.



FOOD SERVICE

All food service shall adhere to the Sector Rules for Restaurants.



HAND SANITIZER

Provide hand sanitizer at entrance points and common areas, where possible.



CLEANING, DISINFECTANT PRODUCTS, &/OR DISPOSABLE DISINFECTANT WIPES

Make available near commonly used surfaces, where possible (e.g. chairs and bathrooms).



BATHROOMS

Clean and disinfect frequently, and implement use of cleaning log for tracking.



PERFORMERS

Performers are exempt from wearing a mask when they are performing and are at least 12 ft away from the nearest person (including other performers).



SPORTS

- Sports activities shall adhere to industry rules governing youth sports, gyms, and fitness, etc. depending on relevance.
- Professional sporting event organizers should contact DECD for approval of event plans and protocols.