

Phase 2 Starts This Friday (June 12)

At his press conference today, Governor Northam confirmed that Loudoun County will enter Phase 2 this Friday, June 12.

This is good news for the Catoctin District. We're moving in the right direction at last, and are starting to take the steps we need to reopen our businesses and get back to something like normal life.

In Phase 2, we will still have to follow social distancing, teleworking, and wearing face coverings in indoor public settings. Businesses will still need to follow physical distancing guidelines, frequently clean and sanitize, and maintain their workplace safety measures.

Other restrictions will now be lifted:

- We can have up to 50 people at a social gathering instead of 10.
- Restaurant and beverage establishments can now offer indoor dining at 50% occupancy.
- Fitness centers can open indoor areas at 30% occupancy.
- Some recreation and entertainment venues that don't use shared equipment (like museums, zoos, and outdoor concert venues) can open with restrictions.
- Swimming pools can expand their limited operations to indoor and outdoor exercise, diving, and swimming lessons.

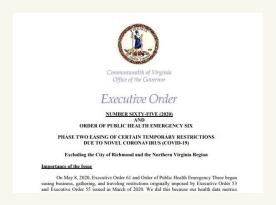
While I'm glad for this news, I'm still pushing for us to start Phase 3 as soon as possible. Forcing our businesses to operate at 50% capacity is still devastating for them. We need to get to Phase 3 ASAP, so we can end these restrictions on social gatherings and on our businesses while continuing to use heightened cleaning and disinfecting.

To move us into Phase 2, the governor has issued two main documents: Executive Order 65, and a written set of guidelines for businesses in Phase 2. I've included links to both documents below. Here are the highlights.

Executive Order 65

Executive Order 65 - Key Takeaways:

- Relaxes restrictions on a lot of industries, including restaurants, wineries, breweries, distilleries, and brick-and-mortar retail that hasn't been defined as essential.
- Still orders certain entertainment and recreation businesses (like movie theaters) to stay closed.
- The maximum number of people allowed at a public or private gathering will go up to 50 people.
- A restatement of the rules (with some changes) for religious services, higher education, and overnight summer camps.
- A restatement of the rules for essential retail, face coverings, travel outside of Virginia by state employees, and a handful of other topics.



Read Executive Order 65

Phase 2 Guidance for Businesses

Phase 2 Guidance for Businesses - Key Takeaways:

- Guidelines For All Businesses (p. 1) gives rules and best practices for all businesses, including physical distancing for customers and employees, cleaning and disinfection, and workplace safety.
- Guidelines for Social Gatherings (p. 5) gives rules and best practices for social gatherings, including setting entry & exit points so people don't bottleneck, social distancing, and keeping the area disinfected.
- **Sector-Specific Guidelines** give more detailed rules and guidelines for the following industries:
 - Restaurant and Beverage Service (p. 9)
 - Farmers Markets (p. 14)
 - Brick and Mortar Retail (p. 17)
 - Fitness and Exercise Facilities (p. 20)
 - Swimming Pools (p. 23)
 - Recreational Sports (p. 25)
 - Personal Care and Personal Grooming Services (p. 27)
 - Campgrounds and Overnight Summer Camps (p. 30)
 - Entertainment and Public Amusement (p. 32)
 - Religious Services (p. 37)



Read the Guidelines

Sincerely,

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