



Updated COVID-19 Directives & Restrictions from Montana Governor Steve Bullock as of November 20, 2020. Mandates apply to visitors and residents of all Montana counties regardless of the number of active COVID-19 cases.

## **RESTAURANTS, BARS, BREWERIES, DISTILLERIES AND CASINOS TO OPERATE AT 50 PERCENT CAPACITY AND CLOSE NO LATER THAN 10:00 PM**

- Capacity in all restaurants, bars, breweries, distilleries and casinos must be limited to 50 percent of normal operating capacity to allow for adequate group spacing.
- Tables must be limited to six people per table.
- Establishments must provide for 6 feet of physical distancing between groups and or tables by: Increasing table spacing, removing tables, or marking tables as closed or
- providing for a physical barrier between tables. (Note: back-to-back booth seating provides adequate separation.)
- These businesses will be required to close their doors and have all patrons out by 10:00 p.m. Businesses may reopen after 4:00 a.m.
- Breweries and distilleries shall follow existing laws on closing time.

## **PUBLIC GATHERINGS AND EVENTS LIMITED TO 25 INDIVIDUALS WHERE SOCIAL DISTANCING IS NOT POSSIBLE OR OBSERVED**

- Any public gatherings or events where it is not possible to practice social distancing or where social distancing is not being practiced must be strictly limited to 25 people or fewer.
- Anyone planning an event with more than 25 people should consult with their local public health office on a plan to implement adequate social distancing.
- This Directive does not alter existing requirements for houses of worship. Faith leaders are urged to continue to ensure that social distancing is possible and practiced for all in-person services, and to encourage the use of virtual services where possible.
- This Directive does not alter existing requirements for public and private K-12 schools.
- The 25-person limit does not apply to bars, restaurants, breweries, distilleries, and casinos operating under the requirements set forth in [Part I](#) of this Directive.
- Though the group size limit applies only to public gatherings and events involving more than 25 people where social distancing is not possible or observed, Montanans are urged in the strongest terms to limit their involvement in any in-person gatherings of 15 or more people—including private gatherings inside a home. Such gatherings are a significant contributor to the spread of the virus.
- Montanans are urged to practice social distancing in any gathering of any size outside their own household.

## FACE COVERING REQUIREMENT IN INDOOR SPACES OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

All businesses, government offices, or other persons responsible for indoor spaces open to the public shall require and take reasonable measures to ensure that all employees, contractors, volunteers, customers, or other members of the public wear a face covering that covers their mouth and nose at all times while entering or remaining in any indoor spaces open to the public.

- Face coverings shall be provided for all employees and volunteers.
- All points of entry open to the public shall have a clearly visible sign posted stating: "Mask or face covering use required for ages five and older."

## FACE COVERING REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN ORGANIZED OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

- For any organized outdoor activity where social distancing is not possible or is not observed, sponsors shall require and take reasonable measures to ensure that all persons attending an organized outdoor activity wear a face covering that covers their mouth and nose at all times.
- This section applies only where the nature of the organized outdoor activity makes it
- impracticable for all attendees to maintain at least six feet of physical distance from each other, or any organized outdoor activity where attendees are not observing at least six feet of physical distance from others.
- At all outdoor gatherings of 25 or more people, whether or not it constitutes an organized outdoor activities, all individuals except those excluded from this Directive are required to wear face coverings while in attendance where it is impracticable to maintain six feet of physical distance at all times, or whether attendees are not observing at least six feet of physical distance from others.

## EXCEPTIONS

Businesses, government offices, other persons responsible for indoor spaces open to the public, and sponsors of organized outdoor activities are not required to ensure the following individuals wear face coverings:

- Children under the age of five. All children between the ages of two and four, however, are strongly encouraged to wear a face covering in accordance with the provisions of this
- Directive. Children under the age of two should not wear a face covering.
- Persons consuming food or drinks in an establishment that offers food or drinks for sale.
- Persons engaged in an activity that makes wearing a face covering impractical or unsafe such as strenuous physical exercise or swimming.
- Persons seeking to communicate with someone who is hearing impaired.
- Persons giving a speech or engaging in an artistic, cultural, musical, or theatrical performance for an audience, provided the audience is separated by at least six feet of distance.
- Persons temporarily removing their face covering for identification purposes.
- Persons required to remove face coverings for the purpose of receiving medical evaluation, diagnosis, or treatment.
- Persons who have a medical condition precluding the safe wearing of a face covering.