



Hospitality, Tourism & Accommodations

Utah's Low Risk Phase Guidelines

Version 4.9 Guidelines



Moving to yellow

A color-coded health guidance system has been developed by the State of Utah to guide health behaviors for individuals and businesses. Each level of the dial is guided by a rigorous measurement system which can be different by each region, county, city, or community.

Precautions taken with shared spaces; additional caution is taken with extra sanitation of all areas of the property

- Follow all employer guidelines (see below)
- Face coverings worn in settings where other physical distancing measures are difficult to maintain
- Maintain signage to remind groups to follow physical distancing guidelines and avoid congregating in common areas
- Digital check-in and checkout encouraged
- Symptomatic guests should stay in their room and wear a face covering anytime they leave the room
- Consider designating one staff member to attend to sick guests
- Launder all exposed linens and cleaning supplies separately

Pool guidelines

- Open plunge operates at a reduced capacity that enables appropriate physical distancing to be maintained between household groups on pool deck
- Face coverings are worn by individuals on the pool deck when physical distancing is not feasible
- Lap swimming resumes to normal capacity
- Swim team and swim lessons are allowed as long as physical distancing is followed on pool deck
- Lifeguard training is allowable; safeguards encouraged as much as possible during training including symptom checking of trainees (checklist or verbal), including temperature checks when feasible
- Maintain signage that encourages physical distancing guidelines to be met at all times

Fitness center guidelines

- Employees must go through symptom checking before every shift (checklist or verbal), including temperature checks when feasible. Log must be kept and available for inspection by health department



- Symptom checking of participants prior to each competition or practice (checklist or verbal), including temperature checks when feasible
- Spectators wear face coverings when physical distancing guidelines are difficult to maintain
- Employees working within 6 feet of patrons must wear face coverings
- Patrons of different households must maintain 6 feet of distance when feasible; this may be increased based on data and milestone trends. Limit the number of patrons, space or close off equipment accordingly
- Roster or list of participants and their contact information must be maintained when engaging in formal competitive events to assist with contact tracing efforts when physical distancing is not feasible
- Make chemical disinfectant supplies available throughout the establishment and post signs encouraging patrons to thoroughly disinfect equipment after use

Restaurant guidelines

Dine-in services, including buffets and bars, may be open under the following requirements

- Limit tables to groups of 10, preferably members of the same household
- Groups of patrons at a table must maintain a distance of 6 feet from patrons of other parties at all times. Either move tables or mark off tables not to be used
- In waiting areas, a 6-foot distance must be maintained between parties, whether indoor or outdoor
- Maintain signage to remind individuals from separate parties to stand at least 6 feet apart; waiting area has floor markers to indicate proper spacing
- Hosts preferably open doors for customers and guide them to their seats to prevent traffic or congregating; hand sanitizer available at door
 - Recommendation that upon entry, hosts point guests to signage that includes the following information:
 - Outlines symptoms and encourages that if the patron, or someone they live with, has experienced COVID-19 symptoms, to please order takeout instead
- Recommendation for higher-risk individuals to order takeout/delivery instead of dining in for the protection of that individual
- Manager checks each employee for symptoms before every shift and asks if any member of the employee's household has tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days. Log must be kept and available for inspection by the local health officer or designee
- Staff must wear face coverings at all times and perform hand hygiene between interactions with each table
- Cups, lids, napkins and straws must be handed directly to customers by staff
- Do not place utensils on table until patron is seated



- Encourage contactless and non-signature payment; when not possible, card and payment stations must be sanitized after each use. Staff must sanitize hands between handling payment options and food/containers
- Staff avoid touching items that have been placed on the table (menus, plates, utensils, pens, cups, etc.). The table will be cleared by a dedicated staff member once all guests have left
- Staff member sanitizes the area occupied by customers upon departure including tables, menus, pens, salt and pepper shakers, etc. and conducts sanitization of high-touch surfaces throughout the day as needed
- Consider use of disposable items if possible
- The restaurant may not operate if PPE, EPA-approved disinfectants and sanitizers, soap, and other necessary cleaning supplies are not available; sanitizer is effective against COVID-19
- Hand sanitizer must be available immediately adjacent to bathrooms
- Close restaurant for cleaning and disinfecting in the morning. If the restaurant operates 24 hours per day, close restaurant for cleaning and disinfecting each morning and evening. Cleaning and disinfecting includes all tables, chairs, door handles, floors, bathrooms, and any high-touch surfaces
- Buffet and self-serve restaurants will hand utensils, cups, plates and other service items directly to patrons. None of these items will be set out for patrons to self-serve. Buffet restaurants will either provide staff who serve meals from the food bars, or patrons may self-serve from food bars if hand sanitizer is used by each patron each time they enter a different food bar line. Where patrons are allowed to self-serve, serving utensils are replaced with clean serving utensils every 30 minutes. Face coverings must be worn by patrons in food serving areas
- Stagger workstations so employees are not facing one another and are 6 feet apart unless barriers are used, or face coverings are worn
- To-go boxes, pizza boxes, paper cups, and any other paper product that touches food must be treated as food
- Staff are only required to use gloves when handling ready-to-eat foods (including ice). Gloves are not required when handling foods that have yet to be cooked
- Indoor playgrounds in restaurants remain closed

General employer guidelines

Employers encourage flexible working arrangements (rotating shifts, remote work, etc.). Comply with distancing guidelines. Increased cleaning regimen of high-touch areas. Monitor employees for symptoms and well-being.

- All businesses operational if they can meet and adhere to all guidelines
- Employers take reasonable precautions
- Provide accommodations to higher-risk employees; minimize face-to-face contact, assign tasks that allow these individuals to maintain a 6-foot distance from other employees or customers, implement flexible work hours or staggered shifts, allow higher-risk individuals to work remotely



- Symptom* checking in business interactions
- Face coverings worn in settings where other physical distancing measures are difficult to maintain; ensure that face coverings are available
- Encourage remote work when possible; employers exercise discretion with returning to onsite work
- Workplaces comply with distancing and hygiene guidelines
- Limit unnecessary travel
- Require employees to self-quarantine when returning from higher-risk*** areas
- Employers evaluate workforce strategy and concerns and enact strategies to minimize economic impact
- Employers must not allow any individuals under isolation or quarantine to come to work at any time unless authorized by LHD

* Symptoms include fever of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or above, cough, trouble breathing, sore throat, sudden change in taste or smell, muscle aches or pains; refer to CDC symptoms list for updated details <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

** Higher-risk individuals at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19 are people of any age with underlying medical conditions such as: chronic kidney disease; COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease); immunocompromised state (weakened immune system) from solid organ transplant; obesity (body mass index of 30 or higher); serious heart conditions, such as heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies; sickle cell disease; type 2 diabetes mellitus

Children who are medically complex, who have neurologic, genetic, metabolic conditions, or who have congenital heart disease are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19 than other children

Risk increases with age; to see if your age puts you at higher risk, visit

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/older-adults.html>

Risk increases with certain underlying medical conditions, visit

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/people-with-medical-conditions.html>

*** <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/map-and-travel-notice.html>

