

RECENT STATE OF FLORIDA GOVERNMENT ACTIONS

Full Phase 1 | Executive Order [20-123](#) | Florida's [Full Phase 1](#) is now implemented in all Florida Counties. The Executive Order loosens restrictions on restaurants, retail, museums, gyms, professional sport venues, amusement parks, and vacation rentals.

Restaurants and food establishments may allow indoor seating up to 50% capacity and outdoor seating provided distancing measures are observed. Bar counters must remain closed. The Department of Business and Professional Regulation (DBPR) has issued [Mandatory Measures and Best Practices](#) and [FAQs](#) for restaurants and food establishments. In addition to the 50% capacity limitation, these mandatory measures include:

- Tables must be separated by at least six feet;
- Parties cannot exceed 10 people at a single table;
- Disallow patrons from congregating in bar areas or waiting areas;
- Disinfect food contact services after each use;
- Frequently disinfect commonly touched areas, such as door knobs and checkout counters;
- Employees who appear sick must be sent home.

The following best practices are recommended for restaurants and food establishments:

- Provide hand sanitizer, disinfecting wipes, or similar disinfectant for use by customers;
- Remove unnecessary, frequently touched items;
- Provide physical demarcations to promote social distancing in high-traffic areas;
- Promote reservations to manage spacing effectively;
- Limit access to buffets, salad bars, and beverage service stations to employees only;
- Encourage third-party delivery staff to wait outside or in other non-congested areas.

In-store retail establishments may operate at 50% building capacity but must abide by the safety guidelines issued by the CDC and OSHA.

Museums and libraries may also operate up to 50% building capacity. However, local public museums and local public libraries may operate only if permitted by the local government.

Gyms and fitness centers may operate at 50% building capacity provided they adopt appropriate social distancing measures and sufficient cleaning supplies are provided to ensure, at a minimum, that patrons' individual self-cleaning of surfaces and machines occur following each use. DBPR has issued [Mandatory Measures and Best Practices](#) for gyms and fitness centers. In addition to the 50% capacity limitation, these mandatory measures include:

- Offer readily-available dispensers of disinfectant;
- Instruct patrons to clean touched surfaces upon each use of fitness equipment;
- Thoroughly clean equipment upon closing each day;
- Routinely clean frequently touched surfaces;
- Employees who appear sick must be sent home.

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The following best practices are recommended for gyms and fitness centers:

- Display posters and signs to remind visitors to sanitize touched surfaces;
- Open doors between fitness areas to reduce surface touching;
- Open windows to improve ventilation;
- Remove unnecessary, frequently touched items.

The Executive Order further allows professional sports to operate and allows venues to host training, competitions, events and games, despite any local rule stating otherwise.

Additionally, the Executive Order allows amusement parks to submit a re-opening plan to the State provided the amusement parks have approval from their local government.

Counties may also seek approval from the State to re-open vacation rentals with a safety plan. DBPR has issued [Recommended Safety Measures and Other Best Practices](#) for vacation rentals. Recommended safety measures include:

- Clean and disinfect all frequently-touched surfaces between each guest stay;
- Wash all linens, dishware and other service items available for guest use;
- Provide sufficient soap and sanitation supplies for guests to utilize in the vacation rental property;
- Ensure adequate safety protocols are in place and publicly displayed regarding shared or multi-residence amenities.

Finally, the Executive Order extends Executive Order [20-69](#), which allows local governments to meet virtually, for the duration of Executive Order 20-123.