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## **Phase 2 of Florida's Recovery: Safe. Smart. Step-by-Step.**

### **Highlights and FAQs**

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[Governor Ron DeSantis Executive Order 20-139 – Phase 2: Safe, Smart, Step-By-Step](#)

Updates for Phase 2:

- Phase 2 of Re-Opening will proceed in all counties except Broward, Palm Beach, and Miami-Dade.
- Restaurants will remain open at 50% capacity indoors but can now open their bars for **seated service**.
- Bars in all counties except for Broward, Palm Beach, and Miami-Dade can open at 50% capacity indoors but full capacity outside with appropriate social distancing measures.
- Hotels currently have no restrictions unless there are local ordinances in place.
- Hotel pools may open at full capacity.
- There are currently no restrictions on group size. It is recommended to avoid group gatherings with more than 50 people. Governor Ron DeSantis is **encouraging** practices such as temperature taking and social distancing for gatherings larger than 50 people.
- Vacation rentals are currently open in 52 counties.
- Entertainment facilities such as bowling alleys, movie theaters, etc. can open at 50%.

## Phase 2 Hospitality Industry FAQs

- **What can re-open during Phase 2?**
  - Unless it is specifically addressed in the Executive Order (such as bars and restaurants), everything can open at 100%. Pari-mutuels and casinos opened at 100% with safety plans submitted via the county to DBPR.
- **Are sports venues allowed to open during Phase 2?**
  - Yes, sports venues can be open at 100% if the venue will take precautions to make customers safe.
- **Are restaurants allowed to open at 50% capacity or 75% capacity?**
  - Originally, the Governor's Task Force recommended 75% reopening for Phase 2; however, the [current Executive Order](#) keeps restaurants at 50% indoor capacity with the ability to open up their bars for seated service. Outdoor can be full capacity with appropriate social distancing.
- **Can booths that are back to back have customers seated? Is plexiglass required?**
  - A common-sense approach is recommended for these situations. Plexi-glass is not required, but the restaurant must stay at 50% capacity, and customers should be spread out and social distancing. It is recommended to ask customers what seating they are comfortable with and to comply with the 50% occupancy requirement.
- **Are employees included in the 50% capacity rule?**
  - No, employees are not included in the headcount for 50% capacity.
- **What is 50% capacity? Capacity of seating or the fire code maximum capacity?**
  - Whichever one is greater.

- **Am I required to provide health screenings for employees?**
  - No, but it is recommended to allow customers and employees to feel safe. Recommended questions include the following:
    - 1) Are you currently experiencing signs or symptoms of respiratory infection, such as cough, fever, shortness of breath, or sore throat?
    - 2) Have you had close contact with any person who has been tested and confirmed to be infected with COVID-19?
    - 3) Have you returned from international travel or a cruise within the last 14 days?
    - 4) Have you returned from travel to any area known to have high numbers of positive cases or community spread of COVID-19, including New York, New Jersey, or Connecticut within the last 14 days?
  
- **Are gloves, temperature checks, and masks mandatory?**
  - No, it is up to the operator if they want to require gloves, temperature checks, and/or masks, but you also should do what makes your customers and employees feel safe. Many want to see these measures when patronizing businesses right now.
  
- **How do you interpret social distancing at bars and restaurants?**
  - If you have a bar, use half of the maximum occupancy number, and keep customers spread out throughout the space.
  
- **Seated at bar, can a couple have their seats together or do they need to be 6 feet apart?**
  - Parties who are together may sit together without the 6-foot social distancing.
  
- **Are to-go drinks still allowed?**
  - Yes!
  
- **What time are bars and restaurants required to close?**
  - There is not a time required by Executive Order, but there may be local regulations that address this.

- **Are retail businesses allowed to be open?**
  - Yes, retail can be open at 100% capacity.
- **Are tanning salons and tattoo parlors allowed to reopen during Phase 2?**
  - Yes, the Department of Health has listed services, including tanning salons and tattoo parlors to reopen.
- **Are conventions, events, and weddings allowed?**
  - Yes. While the recommendation is to avoid gatherings larger than 50, conventions and events are not prohibited if there is appropriate social distancing.
- **Is dancing allowed at weddings and events?**
  - Dancing is allowed if the venue allows it.
- **Are nightclubs allowed to reopen?**
  - No, nightclubs are not currently allowed to reopen. Nightclubs are defined by license, must have a dance floor, and 500 or more people. If your establishment offers food service, it may not be considered a nightclub.
- **Are there any specific recommendations for hotel buffets and continental breakfasts?**
  - Hotel buffets and continental breakfasts are permitted. The recommendation is to do what will make customers feel safe and ensure that the area remains clean and sanitized for customers.
- **Is there still a mandatory self-quarantine for people coming to Florida from out-of-state?**
  - Visitors from the Tri-State area of New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut are still required to self-quarantine for 14 days once arriving in Florida.

- **Am I required to allow someone to stay at my hotel even if they have a temperature?**
  - There is nothing in Chapter 509, Florida Statutes, that requires you to allow people to stay at your hotel who have temperatures over 100.4 degrees. It is up to the operator.
  
- **Is valet parking allowed?**
  - It is not prohibited by the State at this time, although many are choosing to keep valet parking closed until they can ensure sanitization and cleanliness procedures.
  
- **Are large public events allowed (for example: 4<sup>th</sup> of July gatherings, etc.)?**
  - Yes. Please practice appropriate social distancing, especially when hosting or participating in gatherings larger than 50 people.
  
- **If we have outdoor seating for a concert venue, may we seat at full capacity with social distancing?**
  - Yes.
  
- **Outside of Miami-Dade, Palm Beach, and Broward counties, are there any additional restrictions required by the state?**
  - No, but there may be additional local ordinances.