

Phase III guidance for fall activities

This guidance provides recommendations for taking part in fall-related recreational and entertainment activities as safely as possible to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. Under Phase III of Rhode Island's reopening plan, all people and entities must follow all applicable Rhode Island statutes, [Executive Orders](#), and [regulations](#). General business guidance may be found at reopeningri.com.

General guidance

Face coverings

- All persons must wear a face covering in compliance with [Rhode Island Department of Health \(RIDOH\) regulations](#) and active [Executive Orders](#).
 - All individuals in public or in an establishment shall wear a face covering unless they can easily and continuously stay six feet apart from others.
- A face covering or mask should fit snugly but comfortably over the nose, mouth, and chin without any gaps. For additional information about face coverings, refer to the following resources:
 - [Wear a mask that protects you and others](#)
 - [Frequently asked questions for wearing face masks outdoors](#)
- Masks should not be worn by children younger than age two, anyone who has trouble breathing, or anyone who is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the mask without help.

Physical distancing

- Physical distancing means keeping space between oneself and others when outside of the home to prevent the spread of disease. It includes:
 - Staying at least six feet apart from people outside the same household, unless separated by a physical barrier that prevents people from having direct contact and contact with any droplets from another person's coughing, sneezing, or talking;
 - Not gathering in groups larger than 15 people inside or outside;
 - Staying out of crowded places; and
 - Avoiding mass gatherings.
- Anyone in public or in an establishment should stay six feet apart from others at all times, to the extent possible.
 - When physical distancing is not feasible, people should limit their time of exposure to others the extent possible and must wear a face covering.

Other general guidance

- Outdoor activities are preferred. Open windows or doors, when possible, to improve air flow in indoor spaces.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, for at least 20 seconds, or use hand sanitizer that is at least 60% alcohol.
- Keep a list of people you come in close contact with each day. A close contact is someone you have been within six feet of for at least 15 minutes.

Indoor and outdoor venues of assembly

Social gatherings (such as weddings, parties, networking events):

- Indoor: limit of 15 people; events with a licensed caterer can have up to 50 people
- Outdoor: limit of 15 people; events with a licensed caterer can have up to 100 people
- The smaller the group, the lower the risk.

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Public events and venues of assembly (such as performances, festivals):

- Indoor: limit of 125 people, or up to 66% capacity with six-foot spacing between people
- Outdoor: limit of 250 people, or up to 66% capacity with six-foot spacing between people
- Organizations are required to submit a plan to the Department of Business Regulation (DBR) for any event at which there will be more than 250 in attendance. [Submit the plan to DBR online](#) or use the [Event Template: COVID-19 Control Plan](#).

Other places of public interaction (such as retail, restaurants, gyms, museums, close-contact business, office-based businesses, parks, beaches):

- Indoor venues operating at a percent capacity in a previous phase can increase up to 66% capacity while keeping six-foot spacing between people.
- Indoor venues operating at a square footage capacity in a previous phase can increase to up to one person per 100 square feet while keeping six-foot spacing between people.

Sector activity guidance

Halloween and COVID-19

- For safer ways to celebrate Halloween during COVID-19, see [Tips for a Safer Halloween](#).

Farmer's markets and agri-tourism

- **Activities may include** *corn mazes, hay rides, farm tours, and pumpkin or apple picking.*
- Vendors and operators selling agricultural and seafood products at farmer's markets, on-farm markets, agri-tourism sites, and pick-your own farms should refer to [Phase III guidelines for farmer's markets, on-farm markets and agritourism, and pick-your-own farms](#).
- Farmer's markets, on-farm markets and agri-tourism, and pick-your-own farms must develop a [COVID-19 Control Plan](#) which shall be available for inspection by the Task Force.

Recreation and entertainment

- **Activities may include** *historical and cultural sites, such as museums and art galleries; entertainment establishments, such as movie theaters, performing arts venues, and comedy clubs; and spectator sports.*
- Recreational and entertainment establishments and nonstate-owned historical and cultural sites should refer to the [Phase III Guidelines for Recreational, Historical, Cultural, and Entertainment Establishments](#).
- All indoor and outdoor recreational and entertainment establishments that are not venues of assembly, including historic and cultural establishments, must develop a [COVID-19 Control Plan](#) which shall be available for inspection by the Task Force.

Food services

- **Activities may include** *limited indoor dining in addition to outdoor dining (subject to applicable municipal approval) as well as pick-up, delivery, and drive-through operations.*
- Restaurants, cafeterias, other food service establishments, breweries, distilleries, farmer wineries, and bars should refer to [Phase III Guidelines for Restaurants](#).
- All restaurants operating in Phase III must develop a [COVID-19 Control Plan](#) which shall be available for inspection by the Task Force.