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Phase 3 Starts This Wednesday (July 1)



At a press conference earlier this week, Governor Northam confirmed that Loudoun County will enter Phase 3 on this coming Wednesday, July 1.

This is good news indeed. As we enter Phase 3, most of our restaurants and other local businesses will finally be able to reopen to full capacity. For many, that will make the difference between staying afloat or going out of business.

In Phase 3 we will still have to follow social distancing, teleworking, and wearing face coverings in indoor public settings. Businesses will need to keep up their physical distancing, workplace safety measures, and heightened cleaning and disinfecting (especially on publicly used surfaces, such as payment keypads). But other important restrictions will now be lifted:

- We can have up to 250 people at a social gathering.

- Restaurants and beverage service can open their indoor and outdoor dining to 100% capacity.
- Non-essential brick-and-mortar retail can open to 100% capacity.
- Entertainment venues can open to 50% capacity.
- Fitness and exercise venues can open to 75% capacity.
- Personal grooming can open completely, instead of being restricted to appointments only.
- Swimming pools can expand their free swimming options, in addition to their existing indoor & outdoor exercise, diving, and swim instruction.

I also want to give a shout-out to our local business community. They've done a remarkable job throughout this whole messy situation. And while they are still in the midst of preparing for this Phase 3 reopening, many of them have [signed a public pledge](#) to follow the most up-to-date cleaning and health practices, so they can keep their customers and employees safe.

At this time, the governor has not yet issued his Executive Order moving Virginia into Phase 3, but he has published some guidelines for businesses in Phase 3. I've included a link to the full document below. Here's the summary of what those guidelines say.

Phase 3 Guidance for Businesses

Phase 3 Guidance for Businesses - Key Takeaways:

- **Guidelines For All Business Sectors (p. 1)** gives rules and best practices for all businesses, including physical distancing for customers and employees, cleaning and disinfection, and workplace safety.
- **Guidelines for Social Gatherings (p. 5)** gives rules and best practices for social gatherings, including setting entry & exit points so people don't bottleneck, social distancing, and keeping the area disinfected.
- **Sector-Specific Guidelines** give more detailed rules and guidelines for the following industries:
 - Restaurant and Beverage Service (p. 8)
 - Farmers Markets (p. 12)
 - Brick and Mortar Retail (p. 14)
 - Fitness and Exercise Facilities (p. 17)
 - Swimming Pools (p. 20)
 - Recreational Sports (p. 22)

- Personal Care and Personal Grooming Services (p. 24)
- Campgrounds and Overnight Summer Camps (p. 27)
- Entertainment and Public Amusement (p. 29)
- Religious Services (p. 32)
- Horse and Other Livestock Shows (p. 36)

Forward Virginia: Phase Three		
	PHASE TWO	PHASE THREE
NON-ESSENTIAL RETAIL	Open with 50 percent capacity	Open
RESTAURANTS AND BEVERAGE SERVICES	Indoor and outdoor seating at 50 percent capacity	Open
ENTERTAINMENT VENUES	Low-contact indoor and outdoor open; high-contact closed	Open with 50 percent capacity
FITNESS AND EXERCISE	Open with 30 percent capacity	Open with 75 percent capacity
BEACHES	Open	Open
GATHERINGS	50-person limit	250-person limit
TELEWORKING	Strongly encouraged	Strongly encouraged
FACE COVERINGS	Required	Required
CHILDCARE	Open	Open
PERSONAL GROOMING	Appointment only	Open
PRIVATE CAMPGROUNDS	Open	Open
OVERNIGHT SUMMER CAMPS	Closed	Closed
STATE PARKS	Open	Open

[Read the Phase 3 Guidelines](#)

Sincerely,

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