

# Protect Your Household, Your Business, and Rhode Island's Progress

## Updated Guidance (5-7-2021)

Rhode Island continues to make progress in the fight against COVID-19 while balancing public health and economic needs. The guidance and requirements below outline frequently asked questions relating to sector-specific restrictions and mitigations. Individuals and business owners are encouraged to review guidance in this document. Additional public health guidance relating to quarantine, isolation, and travel can be found on the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH) website at [www.covid.ri.gov](http://www.covid.ri.gov).

The following table summarizes Rhode Island Executive Order changes that will go into effect on the dates noted in the top row. On each of those dates, this document will also be updated to reflect any additional or necessary changes.

**Reopening: Stay the course on safety** → **What you can safely do if you're vaccinated – if you're partially vaccinated or not vaccinated, you're more likely to get and spread COVID-19 doing these activities.**  
Fully vaccinated means you have all recommended doses of a COVID-19 vaccine and more than 14 days have passed since your final dose

CATEGORY	BEGINNING May 7 <sup>th</sup>	BEGINNING May 28 <sup>th</sup>
MASK WEARING	Required indoors and if less than 3ft spacing outdoors	Required indoors and if less than 3ft spacing outdoors
INDOOR DINING	80% indoors, 100% outdoors, 3 ft spacing	100% capacity, 3 ft spacing indoors
BAR AREAS	For indoors: seated-only and plexiglass required	Indoor standing service, no plexiglass required
CATERED EVENTS	80% up to 200 indoors, 500 outdoors, recommended/required testing*, outdoor only: standing bar service and cocktail hours	100% capacity with no cap, indoor standing bar service and cocktail hours, open dance floors
HOUSES OF WORSHIP	80% capacity, 3 ft spacing	100% capacity, 3 ft spacing indoors
RETAIL	80% capacity, 3 ft spacing	100% capacity, 3 ft spacing indoors
GYMS, SPORTS & REC	80% capacity, 3 ft spacing	100% capacity, 3 ft spacing indoors
PERSONAL SERVICES	80% capacity, 3 ft spacing	100% capacity, 3 ft spacing indoors
VENUES OF ASSEMBLY	80% up to 500 indoors, no cap outdoors, 3 ft spacing DBR/municipal approval for 2,500+ events	100% capacity with no cap, 3 ft spacing indoors DBR/municipal approval for 2,500+ indoor events
FUNERAL HOMES	80% capacity, 3 ft spacing	100% capacity, 3 ft spacing indoors
OFFICES	80% capacity, 3 ft spacing	100% capacity, 3 ft spacing indoors
SOCIAL GATHERINGS	Up to 25 people indoors, 75 people outdoors	No limit
SPORTS	Apr. 26: Expanded Youth Sports attendance; high-risk indoor sports permitted to have competitions	Out-of-state teams can attend in-state tournaments

**Required for student catered events, strongly recommended for other catered events**

All Rhode Islanders are encouraged to continue protecting themselves and others by taking actions to reduce the spread of COVID-19, including but not limited to:

- (1) [Wearing a mask](#) that fits snugly but comfortably over their nose, mouth and chin without any gaps and in accordance with state requirements
- (2) Maintaining a physical distance of at least 3 feet from those not in their household
- (3) Cleaning frequently touched or shared objects and washing hands frequently
- (4) Limiting interactions with people outside of their household to those who are fully vaccinated.
- (5) Getting tested often, especially if you work in the service industry
- (6) Getting fully vaccinated as soon as you can

In addition, Rhode Island businesses, institutions, and organizations can help minimize transmission of COVID-19 by:

- (1) Cooperating fully with RIDOH when a cluster of cases is detected within any given setting. This includes providing critical information to RIDOH required to evaluate and assess the severity of any detected cluster of cases;
  - (2) Implementing, in partnership with RIDOH, active control measures to prevent further disease transmission in a cluster of cases scenario; and
  - (3) Maintaining communication with RIDOH until confirmed clusters of cases have been fully resolved.
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## Mask-wearing

### [Where am I still required to wear my mask?](#)

The CDC's updated guidance is that fully vaccinated people no longer need to wear a mask outdoors, except in crowded settings and venues.

Someone is considered fully vaccinated once they have received all recommended doses of a COVID-19 vaccine authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or World Health Organization (WHO) and more than 14 days have passed since the final dose.

A crowded setting is defined as one where someone cannot consistently maintain 3 feet of distance. People still need to wear masks when indoors in public settings. Additionally, people should keep their groups consistent and avoid crowds whenever possible.

Masks are required indoors and within three feet of others outdoors. Choose safer activities depending on whether or not you're fully vaccinated.

### [Learn more about mask requirements.](#)

## Social Gatherings

### [What is the current social gathering limit?](#)

You may gather with up to 25 people inside and up to 75 people outside. To prevent the spread of COVID-19, RIDOH strongly recommends that you limit your interactions with those who don't live with you.

**Warning:** The most common way COVID-19 spreads is in social settings between friends and family who are not wearing masks and have not yet been vaccinated. The more a person interacts with others, and the longer that interaction lasts, the higher the risk of COVID-19 spread in the community.

## Catered Events

### [What are the requirements and guidelines for catered events?](#)

Catered events are allowed if they comply with seated capacity limits and restaurant rules, if a licensed caterer is present on site, and if a point of contact is designated by responsible parties (see below). Student catered events must also require pre-event testing or collect proof of full vaccination, as verified by the point of contact designated by the event's responsible parties (see below). Indoor and outdoor catered events are permitted to take place, provided that indoor events do not exceed 80% of the venue's seated capacity. Capacity limits are as follows:

- **Current:** 80% capacity capped at 200 people indoors and 500 people outdoors (note that pre-event testing is encouraged but no longer required for non-student catered events).

**Beginning May 28:** 100% capacity without limits indoors and outdoors  
*\*\*Note that event vendors and staff are not included in the capacity limits*

Additional catered event information:

- **Table Spacing:** The required distance between tables is 3 feet indoors and outdoors.
- **Table Size:** There is no limit on table sizes.
- **Outdoor Standing Bar Service:** Standing bar service is permitted outdoors. Plexiglass or a similar barrier is no longer required at bars outdoors. **Standing bar service is still not permitted indoors unless there is pre-event testing or collection of proof of full vaccination in place, and plexiglass or a similar barrier is still required at bars indoors.**
- **Outdoor Standing Cocktail Hours:** Standing cocktail hours with passed hors d'oeuvres are permitted outdoors. **Standing cocktail hours are still not be permitted indoors unless there is pre-event testing or collection of proof of full vaccination in place.**
- **Self-Service Stations and Buffets:** Please see [RIDOH's Safe Activities Regulations](#) for the most up-to-date changes to self-service stations and buffets.

[What additional flexibility will be allowed starting May 28?](#)

Beginning May 28, the following will be allowed for catered events:

- **Table Spacing:** The required distance between tables will remain at 3 feet indoors, and there will be no spacing requirement outdoors.
- **Table Size:** There will be no limit on table sizes.
- **Standing Bar Service:** Standing bar service will be permitted both indoors and outdoors, and plexiglass or a similar barrier will no longer be required in bar areas.
- **Standing Cocktail Hours:** Standing cocktail hours with passed hors d'oeuvres will be permitted both indoors and outdoors.
- **Dancing:** As referenced above, open dance floors will be permitted for both indoor and outdoor catered events if the dancers wear masks at all times when indoors and anytime 3 feet cannot be maintained outdoors. It is strongly recommended that event organizers discourage excessive crowding on dance floors.

[Does the updated guidance allow for a licensed caterer to drop off prepared food at a residential location and leave the premises?](#)

Currently, all catered events must have the licensed caterer on site at all times. This will no longer be a requirement beginning May 28, once there are no limits on social gatherings.

[What is pre-event testing and how do I ensure compliance at my catered event?](#)

All attendees and staff at student catered events must test negative for COVID-19 by PCR or rapid testing from a sample collected no more than 48 hours before the event or provide proof of full vaccination. They must also provide proof of a negative test or vaccination status to a point of contact designated by the event's responsible parties (see below). RIDOH recommends that employees and attendees test negative as close to the event date and time as possible. **Pre-event testing is no longer required for non-student catered events.** Pre-event testing is not required for student catered events beginning May 28. However, it remains strongly encouraged.

[Who are the event's responsible parties and how do I ensure compliance at my catered event?](#)

Responsible parties of an event include event hosts, organizers, venue operators, and vendors, all of whom must be familiar with and follow COVID-19 executive orders, regulations, and guidance. They must also ensure that the venue has a completed [COVID-19 Control Plan](#) and/or [COVID-19 Event Template](#) on file to share with the Department of Business Regulation (DBR) upon request.

Responsible parties of an event must designate a point of contact for RIDOH's case investigation and contact tracing efforts. They must also keep a list of contact information for every event vendor, employee, and attendee and make that list readily available for at least 30 days after the event for contact tracing purposes.

For student catered events, the point of contact designated by the event's responsible parties must further verify that all event vendors, employees, and attendees have tested negative for COVID-19 from a sample collected no more than 48 hours before the event or can provide proof of having been fully vaccinated. If any vendor, employee, or attendee has tested positive, they may not attend or work the event and must follow the isolation requirement under [Executive Order 21-26](#). For the latest on quarantine and isolation, check out the Rhode Island Department of Health [website](#).

#### Is dancing allowed?

Currently, dancing is only permitted with mitigation measures, including wearing a mask and pod dancing (see details below). Masks are not required to be worn outdoors if participants can continuously maintain 3 feet of physical distancing.

**Beginning May 28, 2021**, open dance floors will be permitted for both indoor and outdoor catered events, but dancers must wear masks at all times unless they are outdoors and are able to continuously stay 3 feet from one another. It is strongly recommended that event organizers discourage excessive crowding on dance floors.

#### What does pod dancing mean?

Pod dancing is permitted as long as attendees dance only with people seated at their table. It is encouraged that the number of households seated at a table be limited to no more than three households per table. Dancing should take place in designated and clearly marked areas assigned to each pod and spaced at least 3 feet apart from any other dancing areas and tables. Attendees must wear face coverings while in their assigned dancing areas and cannot enter, use, or otherwise visit other dancing areas.

## Funerals and End of Life Ceremonies

#### What are the guidelines and requirements for funeral homes?

Indoor wakes and other group-based ceremonies and activities relating to wakes and funerals are allowed up to 80% capacity. Capacities are not permitted to exceed 500 people indoors. There is no cap outdoors. Members of different households must stay 3 feet apart and everyone in attendance must wear masks at all times when indoors and when 3 feet cannot be maintained outdoors.

#### What additional flexibilities will be allowed starting May 28?

Beginning May 28, the following additional flexibilities will be allowed for funerals and end of life ceremonies:

- **Capacity:** Capacity limits will increase to 100%. In other words, indoor and outdoor caps will be removed.
- **Spacing:** The spacing requirement between members of different households will remain at 3 feet indoors, and there will be no spacing requirement outdoors.

## Venues of Assembly

#### What settings are considered to be venues of assembly?

Venues of assembly can be categorized into three groups:

1. **Indoor:** all areas are contained and entrances can be limited (spectator sporting events, comedy clubs, movie theaters, convention centers, performance venues, etc.)
2. **Ticketed outdoor:** all areas are contained and entrances can be limited (some outdoor events where entrance is ticketed such as concerts, fairs, music festivals, spectator sporting events, etc.)
3. **Additional outdoor:** (parades, fireworks display, road races, walk-a-thons, etc.)

For questions and determinations regarding what classification or category your business or organization is in, please contact DBR at [dbr.ri.gov/covid/plans/plans.php](http://dbr.ri.gov/covid/plans/plans.php) or call 401-889-5550.

#### Venues of Assembly capacity limits are as follows:

- **Current:** 80% capacity up to 500 people indoors and no limit outdoors; 3-foot spacing between parties must

be maintained at all times both indoors and outdoors. Note that with the exception of academic graduations for K-12 and higher education, outdoor events with more than 2,500 attendees must receive DBR and applicable municipal approval.

- **Beginning May 28:** 100% capacity with no limit indoors and outdoors; 3-foot spacing between parties must be maintained at all times indoors (there will be no spacing requirement outdoors). Note that with the exception of academic graduations for K-12 and higher education, indoor events with more than 2,500 attendees must receive DBR and applicable municipal approval.

If your event is required to receive DBR approval, please submit a plan at least 15 days before the event date to DBR at [dbr.ri.gov/covid/plans/plans.php](http://dbr.ri.gov/covid/plans/plans.php). If your event is required to receive applicable municipal approval, please contact the appropriate city or town directly. Events where singing or any other performances occur must comply with [RIDOH regulations](#) for live performances

## Houses of Worship

[Are houses of worship allowed to hold services in person?](#)

When possible, houses of worship are encouraged to provide virtual services as an alternative to in-person services. If a service must be in person, houses of worship may hold services in indoor and outdoor settings at up to 80% capacity, with at least 3 feet of physical distancing between households.

[What additional flexibility will be allowed starting May 28?](#)

Beginning May 28, the following will be allowed for houses of worship:

- **Capacity:** Capacity limits will increase to 100%.
- **Spacing:** The spacing requirement between members of different households will be 3 feet indoors (there will be no spacing requirement outdoors).

## Child Care and Education

[Will childcare facilities remain open?](#)

Yes. Childcare facilities will remain open. Facilities operators should continually review updated quarantine guidance at [covid.ri.gov/whattodo](http://covid.ri.gov/whattodo).

[I'm a college student. How does this guidance affect me?](#)

The State has worked with the Institutes of Higher Education to implement plans for safe return. Please consult your institution's website for further information.

[Are summer camps permitted to open?](#)

Yes, summer camps are permitted to open. See summer camp guidance here: [Summer-Camp-Guidelines-2021.pdf \(reopeningri.com\)](#)

## Healthcare and Nursing Homes

[Will primary care, specialty providers, and other healthcare businesses remain open?](#)

Yes. Healthcare providers will remain open.

[Nursing homes and hospitals are currently limiting visitation. Will those limitations continue?](#)

RIDOH has issued standards for designated caregiver visitors, but broader visitation continues to be restricted under certain conditions. Please consult the facility's website or call for more information on specific limitations and visitor programs.

## Restaurants and Bars

### Are restaurants allowed to continue in-person dining options?

Outdoor dining is allowed and encouraged at up to 100% of the restaurant's seating capacity. Indoor dining is allowed at up to 80% of the restaurant's regular seating capacity. All members of each party must wear masks when not actively eating or drinking. Establishments must follow other public health protocols including table spacing. Tables must be at least 3 feet apart. Customers are encouraged to limit the number of non-household members they dine with.

### Additional restaurant information:

- **Table Size:** There is no longer a limit on table sizes.
- **Outdoor Standing Bar Service:** Standing bar service is permitted outdoors. Plexiglass or a similar barrier is no longer required at bars outdoors. **Standing bar service is still not permitted indoors, and plexiglass or a similar barrier is still required at bars indoors.**
- **Bar Closure Timing:** There is no longer an early bar closure in effect, and food no longer needs to be ordered alongside alcohol in bar areas after 11:00pm.

### Is self-seating in restaurants and food courts permitted?

Yes, self-seating in restaurant and food court settings is permitted. Responsible entities must continue to separate parties by at least 3 feet, prevent congregating and mingling, prevent standing consumption, and clean tables and chairs between each use.

### What flexibility currently exists for bar service?

Bar areas must follow all restaurant regulations and guidance. Outdoor standing bar service is now permitted. Establishments must maintain 3 feet of spacing between parties in indoor bar areas. If there are functioning bar work areas, such as drink making stations, and bar seating is used, plexiglass or a similar barrier must separate bar work areas from customer seating.

### What additional flexibility will be allowed starting May 28?

Beginning May 28, the following will be allowed for restaurants and bars:

- **Table Spacing:** The required distance between tables will remain at 3 feet indoors, and there will be no spacing requirement outdoors.
- **Table Size:** There will be no limit on table sizes.
- **Standing Bar Service:** Standing bar service will be permitted both indoors and outdoors, and plexiglass or a similar barrier will no longer be required in bar areas.

## Gyms and Fitness Centers

### Can gyms and fitness centers resume operations? What about group classes?

Indoors, gyms and fitness centers may resume operations at 80% of normal operating capacity. Outdoor gym and fitness activities may continue with no capacity restrictions. Customers and members must be separated by 3 feet both indoors and outdoors. Customers and members must wear masks at all times indoors and when 3 feet cannot be measurably and continuously maintained outdoors. Indoor and outdoor group classes are permitted with 3 feet of spacing between participants. One-on-one or personal training is permitted. Partners (e.g. boxing or weightlifting partners) must wear masks throughout the contact and activity.

Gyms and fitness centers must also comply with all other requirements in [RIDOH's Safe Activities regulations](#). With DBR approval and under certain conditions, such as for small studios, plexiglass or equivalent barriers, increased ventilation, and/or on-site testing may be used to reduce spacing between people or to increase capacity above the 80% limit. People in gyms and fitness centers must wear masks at all times except when swimming or during other activities in the water. Fitness facilities are responsible for reminding customers and members of mask-wearing rules.

Requests for DBR approval or clarifications of the above may be made at [dbr.ri.gov/covid/plans/plans.php](https://dbr.ri.gov/covid/plans/plans.php).

[Are close contact partner activities, such as martial arts, dancing, boxing, and Jiu-Jitsu, permitted to resume?](#)

Yes. Close contact partner activities may resume. In settings where close contact is a fundamental part of the activity, such as ballroom dancing, boxing, and jiu-jitsu, gyms or fitness centers should set up consistent pairs of partners when possible. Fitness centers must screen patrons for COVID-19 symptoms and encourage hand washing before and after activities.

[Are pool and other aquatic venues permitted to open?](#)

Yes, indoor pool and aquatic venues are permitted to open. Masks must be worn at all times outside the pool itself. Three-foot distancing must be maintained at all times in and out of the water except when swimmers briefly swim past each other while in the pool.

[Can people take showers in a gym or aquatic setting?](#)

Yes, people may use both communal and individual showers. Both types of showers must be routinely cleaned.

[What additional flexibilities will be allowed starting May 28?](#)

Beginning May 28, the following additional flexibilities will be allowed for gyms and fitness centers:

- **Capacity:** Capacity limits will increase to 100%.
- **Spacing:** The spacing requirement between individuals remain at 3 feet indoors (there will be no spacing requirement outdoors).

## Sporting Facilities and School Sports

[Are all sports currently allowed?](#)

Games and competitions are allowed for all sports. Regular testing is strongly encouraged for athletes who participate in higher-risk sports. Additional information can be found at [reopeningri.com/parks-recreation](https://reopeningri.com/parks-recreation).

A list of sports sorted by risk level can be found at [reopeningri.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Sports-Risk-Slide\\_2021.pdf](https://reopeningri.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Sports-Risk-Slide_2021.pdf).

[Are masks still required for athletes while practicing or competing?](#)

Yes, with the exception of swimming and water sports. Masks are required indoors but are not required in outdoor settings when 3 feet of distancing can be measurably and continuously maintained.

[How will the current mask rules affect lower-risk and moderate-risk outdoor sports where distancing is often easily maintained, like cross country or golf?](#)

For lower- and moderate-risk sports that take place outdoors where 3 feet or more of distancing can continuously be maintained, masks are encouraged but not required.

[At what capacity can indoor sporting facilities operate?](#)

Indoor sporting facilities are allowed to operate at 80% capacity with 3 feet of physical distancing. On May 28 and moving forward, these facilities can open up at 100 percent capacity with 3 feet of physical distancing. Indoor sporting facilities that also serve as venues of assembly (e.g., for spectator sports) are subject to venues of assembly caps and requirements.

[At what capacity can indoor swimming pools, karate studios, roller skating rinks, climbing gyms, gymnastics studios, and tennis and racquet clubs operate?](#)

Yes. Currently, these facilities may operate at 80% capacity with 3 feet of physical distancing. On May 28 and moving forward, these facilities can open up at 100 percent capacity with 3 feet of physical distancing.

[Are there any exceptions when it comes to sports?](#)

Yes. Professional and collegiate interscholastic athletic programs will be permitted to conduct competitive sports, Page 7 of

including indoor activities. College and professional indoor sporting facilities and teams are highly regulated under NCAA rules and league rules (Big East, Ivy League, etc.) or associated professional rules. For example, college athletes are being tested for COVID-19 several times per week, and every day in some instances.

#### Are interstate athletic competitions allowed?

Interstate sporting activities are allowed with sports teams and groups from states that are not on RIDOH's list of states that have a high community spread rate (found at [covid.ri.gov/travel](https://www.covid.ri.gov/travel)). Sports teams or groups that play outside of Rhode Island are subject to applicable laws, including executive orders, and regulations in that jurisdiction. Likewise, when any individual, sports team, or group plays in Rhode Island, they are subject to Rhode Island laws, including executive orders and regulations, related to testing, quarantine, and other measures to prevent risks associated with COVID-19.

Tournaments with teams from out of state are not currently allowed. That means no formal contests that consist of multiple competitions or a series of games between multiple persons or teams, that might include multiple stages played in a condensed period of time, such as over the course of a single day or multiple days in a row. A series of games, such as a "jamboree," "weekend series," "showcase," or tournament style play (one team playing multiple games vs. multiple opponents in a single day or over the course of a weekend), is deemed to be a tournament even in the absence of an overall prize, scores, eliminations, brackets, or otherwise.

#### Are spectators allowed at athletic events?

Outdoor sporting facilities can resume operations if they meet all other COVID-19 safety protocols including mask wearing, screening, and physical distancing. Indoor sporting facilities must maintain 3 ft physical distancing during practices and training along with capacity limits for venues of assembly during spectator sporting events such as competitions.

Spectators are allowed at all sporting events if they follow the capacity restrictions for venues of assembly. Sporting venues may impose additional conditions or restrictions.

## Retail Stores

#### Will retail stores remain open?

Customers may shop at retail stores. Retail stores are permitted to operate at 80% of normal operating capacity so long as shoppers are able to measurably and continuously maintain 3 feet of physical distancing. Retail stores must manage their capacity limits by monitoring store entrances. Capacity limits do not apply to outdoor retail areas, such as garden centers and farmer's markets, if 3-foot spacing can be maintained.

All retail stores are required to have the number of people that can be in their establishment posted at the entrance, and to maintain their COVID-19 Control Plan and other requirements established in [Executive Order 21-29](#).

#### Will common areas in multi-tenant retailers, like a mall, be open?

Restaurants with their own seating areas are permitted to be open and follow restaurant rules. For malls and other multi-tenant retailers, both the overall structure and the individual stores within it must comply with the capacity limits. Mall and multi-tenant facility management must work actively and continuously to ensure such compliance.

#### What additional flexibilities will be allowed starting May 28?

Beginning May 28, the following additional flexibilities will be allowed for retail stores:

- **Capacity:** Capacity limits will increase to 100%.
- **Spacing:** The spacing requirement between individuals will remain at 3 feet indoors (there will be no spacing requirement outdoors).

## Recreation, Entertainment, Museum, and Historical Sites

### May recreation, entertainment, museum, and historical facilities resume operations?

Yes. Indoor recreation, entertainment, museum, and historical facilities and operations may operate at 80% of normal operating capacity and must ensure that individuals remain 3 feet apart from members outside their party. This includes, but is not limited to, bowling centers, casinos, arcades, karaoke, and pool or billiards. For further clarifications or determinations, please consult DBR at [dbr.ri.gov/covid/plans/plans.php](http://dbr.ri.gov/covid/plans/plans.php).

Establishments with outdoor operations, including drive-in operations, may remain open as long as they can maintain public health protocols. Requests for clarifications may be made at [dbr.ri.gov/covid/plans/plans.php](http://dbr.ri.gov/covid/plans/plans.php).

### What additional flexibility will be allowed starting May 28?

Beginning May 28, the following will be allowed for recreation, entertainment, museum, and historical facilities and operations:

- **Capacity:** Capacity limits will increase to 100%.
- **Spacing:** The spacing requirement between parties will remain at 3 feet indoors (there will be no spacing requirement outdoors).

## Offices and Other Businesses

### I work in an office. Are offices closed?

Offices are allowed to have up to 80% of workers on-site in person at a time so long as 3 feet of distance can be maintained between employees. Employees who have the ability to work remotely are strongly encouraged to do so. Masking at all times at indoor spaces will be required.

### Can breakrooms be open?

Yes. Employees must continue to follow masking and physical distancing requirements. Where possible, open windows to increase ventilation.

### I operate another type of service or repair type business, such as pet services, cleaning service, etc. What are the rules for my business?

Other types of public-facing businesses may remain open but must follow applicable requirements in [RIDOH's Safe Activities regulations](#). Please review the latest general and industry-specific guidance available at [www.ReopeningRI.com](http://www.ReopeningRI.com).

### What additional flexibility will be allowed starting May 28?

Beginning May 28, the following will be allowed for offices and other businesses:

- **Capacity:** Capacity limits will increase to 100%.
- **Spacing:** The spacing requirement between individuals will remain at 3 feet indoors (there will be no spacing requirement outdoors).

## Manufacturing and Construction

### Are manufacturing and construction impacted?

Manufacturing and construction may continue to operate in keeping with [RIDOH's Safe Activities regulations](#) and guidance.

## Personal Services

### At what capacity can personal services, such as cosmetology and barber businesses, operate?

Personal service businesses may continue to operate at up to 80% of normal operating capacity, in compliance with [RIDOH's Safe Activities regulations](#) and guidance. The spacing requirement between professional-client pairs has been reduced to 3 feet.

### What additional flexibility will be allowed starting May 28?

Beginning May 28, the following additional flexibilities will be allowed for personal services:

- **Capacity:** Capacity limits will increase to 100%.
- **Spacing:** The spacing requirement between professional-client pairs will remain at 3 feet indoors (there will be no spacing requirement outdoors).

## Classification of Businesses and Organizations

How can I get clarification on the classification or category my business or organization falls under and what rules apply?

For questions and determinations regarding what classification or category your business or organization is in, please contact DBR at [dbr.ri.gov/covid/plans/plans.php](http://dbr.ri.gov/covid/plans/plans.php) or call 401-889-5550.