

City of Chicago

Phase IV: Gradually Resume Guidelines

Capacity Specifications by Industry / Activity

The City of Chicago continues to experience COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations, which left unchecked poses a risk to our healthcare system. It is more important than ever to follow guidance from local, state, and federal officials on how to stop the spread of the virus. In addition to this document, **establishments should also reference industry-specific Gradually Resume guidelines** at chicago.gov/reopening, all of which include strict adherence to physical distancing, masking, health screening and sanitation protocols. **In each setting, six feet of physical distance must be maintained between different parties. If necessary, facilities should operate a lower capacity to achieve six feet between all parties.**

Capacity restrictions by setting include:

Setting	Description	Phase 4	Chicago Bridge Phase
Restaurants & bars	Indoor and outdoor dining at restaurants and bars with tables spaced 6-feet apart	<i>Indoors: 50% capacity with no more than 100 people per space; table size ≤ 6</i>	75% capacity with at least 6 ft. between parties; table size ≤ 10
		<i>Outdoors: 6 feet between parties; table size ≤ 10</i>	<i>Seating at bars/counters limited to 6 per party indoors and outdoors</i>
		<i>Seating at bars/counters limited to 4 per party indoors and outdoors; Standing areas remain closed</i>	<i>Standing areas limited to 25% capacity</i>
Health & fitness	Gyms, fitness centers, yoga, dance, cycling, pilates, barre studios, and other customer-facing fitness centers	50% capacity; group classes limited to 50 indoors or 100 outdoors	60% capacity; group fitness classes limited to 50 indoors or 100 outdoors
Offices & residential buildings	Non-customer-facing offices such as: legal; accounting services; architectural/engineering design; and other professional services; condo buildings etc.	50% capacity	60% capacity
Outdoor festivals	Outdoor, general admission spectator events	15 people per 1,000 sq. ft.	30 people per 1,000 sq. ft.

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Flea and farmers markets	General admission pop-up markets with vendors	25% capacity or 15 people per 1,000 sq. ft.	<i>Indoors:</i> 15 people per 1,000 sq. ft. <i>Outdoors:</i> 30 people per 1,000 sq. ft.
Meetings, conferences & conventions	Hotel meeting rooms, convention centers, arenas, and large-scale meeting rooms	<i>Small venues (<200 capacity):</i> 50% capacity with no more than 50 people <i>Large venues (≥ 200 capacity):</i> 25% capacity with no more than 250 people	60% capacity or 1,000 people, whichever is fewer
Social events (e.g., weddings potlucks, & other community events)	Hotel ballrooms, banquet centers, restaurant event rooms, & other indoor/outdoor venues; Excludes arenas, stadiums, & other mass gathering venues	<i>Indoors:</i> 50% capacity with no more than 50 people <i>Outdoors:</i> 50% capacity with no more than 100 people <i>Fully vaccinated individuals can be excluded from capacity at private events. See the Event Venue guidelines for more details</i>	<i>Indoors:</i> Lesser of 250 people <i>Outdoors:</i> Lesser of 500 people
Seated spectator events (e.g., sports, theaters, concerts) (ticketed and seated)	Seated theaters, cinemas, and performing arts centers primarily engaged in showing live or pre-recorded performances; Seated sports venues, arenas, stadiums, facilities, fields or courts engaged in showing live sports games	<i>Small venues with capacity < 200:</i> 50% capacity with no more than 50 people <i>Large venues with capacity ≥200:</i> 25% capacity	60% capacity
Personal care	Hair salons, hair braiders, barber shops, nail salons, spas, massage therapy clinics, waxing centers, tattoo parlors	50% capacity	60% capacity
Retail	Retailers and merchandisers such as: grocery stores; hardware stores; clothing stores; pharmacies; department stores	50% capacity	60% capacity

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Places of worship	Churches, synagogues, mosques, and other places of worship	<p><i>Small indoor venues (< 200 capacity): 50% capacity with no more than 50 people</i></p> <p><i>Large indoor venues (≥ 200 capacity): 25% capacity</i></p> <p><i>Outdoor venues: Maintain at least 6 ft. between parties</i></p>	<p><i>Indoor venues: 60% capacity</i></p> <p><i>Outdoor venues: Maintain at least 6 ft. between parties</i></p>
Film production	Stage and location operations that support the production of film and television	50% capacity	60% capacity
Recreation	Customer-facing establishments primarily engaged in providing indoor and outdoor recreational services (e.g., arcades, bingo halls, escape rooms, ice skating, roller skating, laser tag, driving ranges, outdoor shooting ranges, paintball courses, pools)	<p><i>Indoors: 50% capacity with no more than 50 people</i></p> <p><i>Outdoors: groups limited to 50; multiple groups allowed</i></p>	<p><i>Indoors: 50% capacity with no more than 100 people</i></p> <p><i>Outdoors: groups limited to 100; multiple groups allowed</i></p>
Museums	Establishments primarily engaged in the preservation and exhibition of objects of historical, cultural, and/or educational value	25% capacity	60% capacity
Zoos	Establishments primarily engaged in the preservation and exhibition of live plant and animal life displays	25% capacity outdoors; 50% capacity with no more than 50 people for indoor exhibits	60% capacity

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Higher education	Classrooms and programming at colleges, universities, trade schools, and other institutions of higher learning	Limit classrooms, cafeterias, and other common spaces capacity to 50% occupancy with no more than 50 people per room	Limit classrooms, cafeterias, and other common spaces capacity to 60% occupancy
Short term rentals	Short-term living accommodations, vacation rentals, and other homestays	Limit gatherings of guests to no more than 10 individuals in a single rental property or associated building common area/room, following building and individual property owner guidance	Limit gatherings to vaccinated individuals or single households when possible
Taxi & ride hail	Taxis and other ride sharing services	Restrict taxis or ride-hail vehicles to no more than 9 individuals, including the driver	Restrict taxis or ride-hail vehicles to no more than 9 individuals, including the driver
Manufacturing, Construction, Warehousing, & Healthcare	Workplaces in the manufacturing, construction, transportation and warehousing, and healthcare industries	Limit gatherings in cafeterias, meeting rooms, and choke points to 50% capacity (while maintaining 6ft physical distancing)	Limit gatherings in cafeterias, meeting rooms, and choke points to 60% capacity (while maintaining 6ft physical distancing)