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**Long Beach Enters “Minimal – Yellow Tier”**

California’s county risk levels

The City of Long Beach entered the state’s least restrictive “yellow” tier of coronavirus restrictions which took effect on May 5, 2021 at 12:01am. This allows businesses to increase indoor capacity limits as soon as Thursday. The state is expected to fully reopen the economy on June 15 by dropping almost all restrictions.

General requirements for individuals are:

- Stay home with limited exceptions.
- All outdoor private gatherings limited to 100 people
- All indoor private gatherings limited to 50 people
- Older adults and those of any age with underlying health conditions should avoid any gatherings and employers should offer telework or other accommodations whenever possible
- Six-foot social distancing is still mandatory outside of their place of residence
- Wear a face covering whenever you leave your place of residence, which includes patronizing a business. To the extent feasible, all persons should avoid eating and drinking in public places to prevent the need to remove their face covering.
For person(s) who are fully vaccinated (having received their first and second vaccine shot, and have had at least two weeks expire after the second shot) with the exception of crowded settings and venues, fully vaccinated people may gather or conduct activities outdoors without wearing a mask when alone, when with members of their household, when with a small group of fully vaccinated people, and when with a small group of people who are not fully vaccinated and not at high risk for severe illness or death from COVID-19. Fully vaccinated people must wear a mask at crowded outdoor events, such as live entertainment, parades, or sporting events, among others, in crowded spaces where physical distancing cannot be maintained and it is not known if everyone in the space is fully vaccinated or at high risk for severe illness or death from COVID-19, in indoor public settings, unless expressly permitted at worksites and businesses, and in any setting where masking is required.

Although Long Beach and county officials could set stricter regulations, here are some of state’s guidelines for businesses under the yellow tier:

- Amusement parks: Can open with a maximum capacity of 35% with indoor spaces limited to 25%. Attendance is still limited to in-state visitors but walk-up ticket purchases are allowed.
- Bars: Can operate indoors for the first time without serving food. Capacity is capped at 25% or 37.5% if proof of a negative test or full vaccination is provided.
- Bowling alleys: Can open at 50% capacity or 75% capacity if proof of negative COVID-19 test or full vaccination is provided.
- Restaurants, breweries, wineries and distilleries: Can open indoors at 50% capacity or 75% if proof of negative test or full vaccination is shown.
- Museums, aquariums and zoos: Can open indoor operations at full capacity with masks and physical distancing still required.
- Places of worship: Can open indoors with modifications with a maximum 50% capacity. However, state guidelines for capacity for places of worship are not mandatory but strongly recommended.
- Endurance events and marathons: Can open with max capacity of 500 participants per hour with 1,500 total participants. That maximum rises to 3,000 participants if proof of negative test or full vaccination is provided.
- Saunas, spas and steam rooms: Can open with 50% capacity.
- Schools: Can fully reopen for in-person instruction, but local school officials will decide when that happens.
- Concert venues: Are still closed.
- Conferences: Can open with tickets or a guest list and assigned seating. Maximum capacity of 200 outdoor, or 400 if all show proof of negative test or full vaccination. Indoor capacity is limited to 200 with proof of negative test or full vaccination.
• Weddings and private events: Indoor and outdoor events limited to a maximum of 200 persons or 400 if the event is outside and guests show proof of negative test or full vaccination.
• Gyms and yoga studios: Can open at 50% capacity or 75% if proof of negative test or full vaccination is provided.

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