



# CITY OF ATLANTA

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## RECOMMENDED GUIDELINES

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# REOPENING PHASES

The Advisory Council on Reopening Atlanta recommended that the Mayor supplement the State's reopening criteria with additional, voluntary guidelines. These guidelines are organized into phases that reflect Federal guidelines and reinforce the principles and goals outlined in the Advisory Council's report. The phases, voluntary guidelines, and metrics to determine when to move between phases are included below.

**Based on the current available data, Atlanta is in Phase 1.**

*The City continues to base our guidance, particularly in regards to social distancing and appropriate safety measures, on public health and CDC recommendations. This applies to all Phases and recommended actions.*



# REOPENING PHASES OVERVIEW:

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## PHASE 1: STAY AT HOME

- ✓ Essential business and city services only

## PHASE 2: EASING

- ✓ Limited industries resume operations with severe restrictions

## PHASE 3: MAINTAIN

- ✓ Additional industries resume operations with restrictions and capacity limitations

## PHASE 4: RECOVERY

- ✓ Additional industries resume operations with guidance

## PHASE 5: “NEW NORMAL”

- ✓ Development of vaccines and/or treatments enable resumption of “new normal”



# PHASE 1: STAY AT HOME

## GUIDELINES

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### INDIVIDUALS

- ✓ Stay home except for essential trips
- ✓ Wearing a face mask in public is a mandate
- ✓ Frequent hand washing
- ✓ Social distancing followed and enforced where practical

### BUSINESSES/ NON-PROFITS

- ✓ To-go and curbside pickups from restaurants and retail establishments
- ✓ Continue practicing teleworking
- ✓ Frequent cleaning of public and high touch areas

### CITY GOVERNMENT

- ✓ Non-essential City facilities remain closed
- ✓ Moratorium on special event applications
- ✓ Establish and continue communication with local and State authorities to monitor public health metrics

## METRICS

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- ✓ Consistent decrease over a 14-day span (using 7-day trailing average) of:
  - COVID cases
  - COVID hospitalizations
  - Percent of positive COVID tests
- ✓ Percent of hospital bed, or critical care bed capacity remains above 50% of pre-COVID available average beds
- Continue to Phase 2 after reaching and sustaining Phase 1 metrics

# PHASE 2: EASING

## GUIDELINES

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### INDIVIDUALS

- ✓ Stay home except for essential trips
- ✓ Wearing a face mask in public is a mandate
- ✓ Frequent hand washing
- ✓ Social distancing
- ✓ ***Small, private gatherings of no more than 10 people, with social distancing***

### BUSINESSES/ NON-PROFITS

- ✓ To-go and curbside pickups from restaurants and retail establishments
- ✓ Continue practicing teleworking
- ✓ Frequent cleaning of public and high touch areas

### CITY GOVERNMENT

- ✓ Non-essential City facilities remain closed
- ✓ Continue moratorium on special event applications
- ✓ Continue communication with local and State authorities to monitor public health metrics

## METRICS

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- ✓ Continue to meet previous metrics during this phase and:
  - *Capacity to conduct 90 diagnostic tests for every 1,000 residents per month*
  - *15 contact tracers per 100,000 residents*
- ◀ Revert to Phase 1 if there is a sustained increased in new COVID cases, or hospital bed, or critical care bed capacity falls below 50% of pre-COVID available average beds
- Continue to Phase 3 after reaching and sustaining Phase 2 metrics

# PHASE 3: MAINTAIN

## GUIDELINES

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### INDIVIDUALS

- ✓ **Limited trips outside; vulnerable populations should continue to stay home**
- ✓ Wearing a face mask in public is a mandate
- ✓ Frequent hand washing
- ✓ Social distancing

### BUSINESSES/ NON-PROFITS

- ✓ Limited occupancy in food and retail establishments to accommodate social distancing
- ✓ Continue practicing teleworking where feasible.  
**Workers that cannot complete their functions remotely begin to return to work, with appropriate safety precautions and operational changes.**
- ✓ Frequent cleaning of public and high touch areas
- ✓ **Small, public gatherings with social distancing**

### CITY GOVERNMENT

- ✓ Non-essential City facilities remain closed
- ✓ **City begins to accept special event applications for events with appropriate safety precautions**
- ✓ Continue communication with local and State authorities to monitor public health metrics

## METRICS

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- ✓ Continue to meet previous metrics during this phase
  - City will consult with public health and childcare representatives prior to moving to next phase
- ◀ Revert to Phase 1 or 2 if there is a sustained increased in new COVID cases, or hospital bed, or critical care bed capacity falls below 50% of pre-COVID available average beds
- Continue to Phase 4 after reaching and sustaining Phase 3 metrics

# PHASE 4: RECOVERY

## GUIDELINES

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### INDIVIDUALS

- ✓ Limited trips outside
- ✓ Wearing a face mask in public is a mandate
- ✓ Frequent hand washing
- ✓ Social distancing

### BUSINESSES/ NON-PROFITS

- ✓ Increased occupancy in food and retail establishments, with social distancing and other protective measures
- ✓ ***Begin phasing in non-essential workers to return to work with safety precautions, including social distancing, temperature checks, and frequent cleaning as appropriate***
- ✓ ***Medium, public gatherings with social distancing***
- ✓ Frequent cleaning of public and high touch areas

### CITY GOVERNMENT

- ✓ ***Some non-essential City facilities and programs open with safety precautions***
- ✓ City continues to accept special event applications
- ✓ Continue communication with local and State authorities to monitor public health metrics

## METRICS

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- ✓ Continue to meet previous metrics during this phase  
– *City will consult with public health and childcare representatives prior to moving to next phase*
- ◀ Revert to Phase 1 or 2 if there is a sustained increase in new COVID cases, or hospital bed, or critical care bed capacity falls below 50% of pre-COVID available average beds
- Continue to Phase 5 after reaching and sustaining Phase 4 metrics

# PHASE 5: “NEW NORMAL”

## GUIDELINES

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### INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES/ NON-PROFITS

- ✓ Frequent hand washing
- ✓ Frequent cleaning of public and high touch areas
- ✓ *Larger gatherings and live events, with appropriate social distancing and safety precautions*

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### CITY GOVERNMENT

- ✓ *Non-essential City facilities open with safety precautions and routine cleaning*
- ✓ City continues to accept special event applications

## METRICS

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- ◀ Revert to earlier phases if there is a sustained increased in new COVID cases, or hospital bed, or critical care bed capacity falls below 50% of pre-COVID available average beds
- While the City has not established any additional Phases beyond this New Normal, consideration will be given to CDC and public health guidance available at the time, the timeline and potential for broad availability of a vaccine, and any other new factors that may arise before progressing through any additional reopening measures.