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NOTICE

Reopening of Indiana, Missouri, and Iowa (COVID-19)

Indiana

On May 1, Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb announced the “Back on Track Indiana” plan to re-open the state’s economy.

As of May 4, nearly all of Indiana moved to Stage 2 of the governor’s 5-Stage plan. For Lake and Marion counties, Stage 2 may begin on May 11, while Stage 2 may begin on May 18 for Cass County. Local governments may impose more restrictive guidelines. The main elements of Stage 2 include the following:

- Non-essential travel restrictions will be lifted.
- Social gatherings of up to 25 people will be permitted following the CDC’s social distancing guidelines.
- Retail and commercial businesses may open at 50 percent capacity.
- Manufacturing, industrial, and other infrastructure operations that had not previously been considered essential may open in Stage 2.
- Starting May 8, for all of the state’s counties, indoor worship services may also convene, following specific social distancing guidelines.
- Restaurants and bars that serve food may open starting May 11 at 50 percent capacity, but bar seating will remain closed.
- Personal services such as hair salons, barber shops, nail salons, spas, and tattoo parlors may open on May 11 by appointment only and must follow social distancing guidelines.
- Indiana residents who can work from home are encouraged to continue to do so, and residents with high-risk health conditions are advised to remain at home.

To learn more about the different stages and the associated dates visit BackOnTrack.in.gov.

Missouri

On April 27, Missouri Governor Mike Parson announced the “Show Me Strong” recovery plan to re-open the state’s economy. The plan took effect May 4.

- Retail and commercial businesses may open at 10 to 25 percent capacity, depending on square footage of the location.
- Restaurants may offer dining-in services, provided that the limitations on social distancing and other precautionary public health measures are properly adhered to.
- State office buildings will be open to the public as soon as practicable, and essential state functions will continue.
- Local governments may impose more restrictive guidelines.

More details are available at showmestrong.mo.gov.

Iowa

On May 6, Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds announced expanded re-opening plans for the state, through a disaster proclamation effective May 8.

- Dental services may resume and campgrounds, drive-in theaters, tanning facilities, and certain other businesses may reopen state-wide if they meet certain requirements.
- Restrictions on religious and spiritual gatherings are lifted so long as churches and other gathering hosts implement reasonable public health measures.
- In most, but not all, of the state’s counties, restaurants, fitness centers, malls, libraries, race tracks, and certain other retail establishments may reopen in a limited fashion, including operating at no more than 50 percent capacity, with public health measures in place.

More details on the latest and previous state disaster proclamations are available at coronavirus.iowa.gov/pages/proclamations.

Further Contact

Inquiries concerning the impacts of COVID-19 and the associated responsive effort on the operation of foreign missions in the United States should be transmitted by electronic mail to OFM-EmergencyMgt@state.gov.

Resources

Compilation of circular diplomatic notes and notices released by OFM concerning COVID-19: <https://www.state.gov/circular-notes-and-notices-covid-19/>

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