What You Need to Know About New York State Localized Zone Restrictions

COVID-19 continues to spread in New York City (NYC) with concerning increases in community transmission in certain neighborhoods. The New York State (NYS) cluster action initiative requires restrictions in zones identified by the State as having increased transmission. Zones can be red, orange or yellow, with each color having different restrictions. To find your zone, visit nyc.gov/covidzone. Please check this website regularly for up-to-date designations. For more information on the cluster action initiative, visit the NYS website.

Red Zone

Schools
All NYC public, nonpublic and charter schools must close and return to remote learning. Schools can reopen if they meet certain requirements. See here for more information about nonpublic schools and here for public schools.

Businesses
All nonessential businesses are required to close. Only essential businesses as designated by New York State Empire State Development Corporation can remain open.

Food Service Establishments
Restaurants, bars, cafes and other food service establishments can provide takeout and delivery service only. No indoor or outdoor dining is allowed.

Houses of Worship
Houses of worship may remain open at 50% maximum capacity.

Gatherings
Nonessential gatherings of any size are prohibited and must be postponed or cancelled. Any individual who encourages, promotes or organizes mass gatherings may be fined up to $15,000 per day.

Orange Zone

Schools
All NYC public, nonpublic and charter schools must close and return to remote learning. Schools can reopen if they meet certain requirements. See here for more information about nonpublic schools and here for public schools.

Businesses
Businesses for which there is a higher risk of COVID-19 transmission, including gyms, fitness centers and personal care services (such as barbers, hair salons, spas, tattoo or piercing parlors, nail technicians and nail salons, cosmetologists, estheticians, laser hair removal and electrolysis services) must close.

Food Service Establishments
Restaurants, bars, cafes and other food service establishments can provide outdoor dining and takeout and delivery service only. There is a four-person maximum per table. No indoor dining is allowed.
Houses of Worship
Houses of worship may remain open at 50% maximum capacity.

Gatherings
Nonessential indoor and outdoor gatherings must be limited to no more than 10 people. Any individual who encourages, promotes or organizes mass gatherings may be fined up to $15,000 per day.

Yellow Zone

Schools
NYC nonpublic and charter schools may remain open if NYS testing requirements are met. All NYC public schools are closed but can reopen when they meet certain requirements. See here for more information about nonpublic schools and here for public schools.

Businesses
All businesses may remain open but must follow COVID-19 requirements for their sector.

Food Service Establishments
Indoor and outdoor dining is allowed. There is a four-person maximum per table.

Houses of Worship
Houses of worship may remain open at 50% maximum capacity.

Gatherings
Nonessential indoor and outdoor gatherings must be limited to no more than 25 people. Any individual who encourages, promotes or organizes mass gatherings may be fined up to $15,000 per day.

All Zones

All New Yorkers can take some simple steps to help prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- **Stay home:** Stay home if you are not feeling well or if you recently tested positive for COVID-19, were in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 or were traveling. You can leave home for essential medical care and other essential errands.
- **Physical distancing:** Stay at least 6 feet from others, even when wearing a face covering. Do not attend large gatherings, especially indoors.
- **Wear a face covering:** Protect those around you. You can be contagious without having symptoms and spread the disease when you cough, sneeze, talk or breathe. When worn correctly (covering both your nose and mouth), face coverings reduce the spread of COVID-19.
- **Practice healthy hand hygiene:** Wash your hands often with soap and water and use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available; clean frequently-touched surfaces regularly; avoid touching your face with unwashed hands; and cover coughs and sneezes with your arm, not your hands.
- **Get tested:** To find a COVID-19 testing site near you, visit nyc.gov/covidtest or call 212-COVID19 (212-268-4319). Testing is provided at no-cost at many sites, including all sites operated by NYC Health + Hospitals and the NYC Health Department.

For general information on COVID-19, visit nyc.gov/health/coronavirus or text “COVID” to 692-692. Message and data rates may apply. For updates on the State’s COVID-19 response, visit coronavirus.health.ny.gov.

New York City may change recommendations as the situation evolves. 12.2.20