



**CITY OF PHILADELPHIA**  
**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

**THIRD AMENDMENT REGARDING EASING OF VARIOUS RESTRICTIONS AND  
EXTENSION OF ORDER TO THE**

**SPRING EMERGENCY ORDER OF 2021  
ESTABLISHING SAFETY MEASURES TO PREVENT  
THE SPREAD OF THE 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) AND  
CONTINUING TO ADVISE THAT PHILADELPHIANS ARE SAFER AT HOME**

**WHEREAS**, on February 27, 2021, the Mayor and Health Commissioner issued the “Spring Emergency Order of 2021 Establishing Safety Measures to Prevent the Spread of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) and Continuing to Advise that Philadelphians are Safer at Home,” which allowed additional activities, subject to certain limitations (“Spring 2021 Safer at Home Order”); and

**WHEREAS**, the introductory clauses from the Spring 2021 Safer at Home Order are incorporated herein by reference; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 1, 2021, the Governor of Pennsylvania and Secretary of the Pennsylvania Department of Health issued amended orders which operated to increase the permissible gathering and events sizes in the Commonwealth; and

**WHEREAS**, the City determined that it was appropriate to modify its gathering and event size limits in order to more closely align with the Commonwealth’s March 1, 2021 amendments and issued an Amendment Regarding Gathering Size to the Spring 2021 Safer at Home Order effective March 2, 2021, that continued significant restrictions on food and drink consumption at indoor gatherings and events; and

**WHEREAS**, in late March 2021, the City determined that it was further appropriate to modify its restrictions concerning gatherings and events to allow for food and drink consumption during certain indoor events and gatherings, and increase the number of people that can participate in outdoor gatherings with food, when certain restrictions are in place and strictly enforced, to further align the City with the Commonwealth’s March 1, 2021 amendments and any further amendments; and

**WHEREAS**, the City also determined that it was appropriate to increase capacity limits for sports stadiums under certain conditions; and

**WHEREAS**, in coordination with easing restrictions, the City further extended the Spring 2021 Safer at Home Order, as amended, through April 30, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, although daily COVID-19 case counts have remained high, daily case counts have fallen significantly from counts in November and December because of social-distancing actions and compliance with the various City Orders protecting the public health, and vaccinations; and

**WHEREAS**, at this time case counts remain high in Philadelphia and across the region, and the City has determined that it is advisable to further extend the Spring 2021 Safer at Home Order, as amended, while also easing additional restrictions; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to authority set forth in The Philadelphia Code and The Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, the Mayor has broad authority to set forth limitations on public activities during a state of national health emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, Sections 6-205 and 6-206 of The Philadelphia Code, the Disease Prevention and Control Law of 1955, 35 P.S. § 521.1 *et seq.*, and Board of Health regulations provide that the Department of Public Health may by order forbid the congregation of persons when necessary to prevent the further spread of a communicable and quarantinable disease and may take such other measures as are necessary to prevent the spread of such disease;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, James F. Kenney, Mayor of the City of Philadelphia, and Dr. Thomas A. Farley, Health Commissioner of the City of Philadelphia, pursuant to all authority granted under the Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, The Philadelphia Code, the Regulations of the Board of Health of the City of Philadelphia and applicable state law, hereby **ORDER** as follows:

**SECTION A.** Effective **April 23, 2021**, Section 7 of the Spring 2021 Safer at Home Order, as amended, is hereby further amended as follows (*bold italics* indicates new matter added; ~~strike through~~ indicates matter deleted):

**Section 7. ~~Restaurants and Catering~~ *Restaurants.***

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**B. **Indoor Dining at Restaurants.**** Indoor on-site dining activities at restaurants, cafes, and retail food service businesses may operate subject to the following:

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5. Service at bars within restaurants ~~remains prohibited.~~ *is permitted,*

*provided a plastic barrier consistent with Department guidelines separates those seated at the bar from staff behind the bar, or bartenders wear face shields in addition to masks, dining parties at the bar are limited to 6 or fewer people, and those parties seated at a bar are not within six feet of any other seated customer or those passing by in any direction.*

**SECTION B.** Effective **May 1, 2021**, Section 5 of the Spring 2021 Safer at Home Order, as amended, is hereby further amended as follows (*bold italics* indicates new matter added; ~~strike through~~ indicates matter deleted):

**Section 5. Limitations for Specific Businesses and Other Activities**

In addition to all other requirements of this Order, which apply to all businesses and activities, including the face covering and social distancing requirements provided in Section 9 of this Order, the following businesses and activities are permitted only in compliance with the following additional restrictions, and only if all applicable Commonwealth and City guidance is strictly followed. City guidance applicable to particular businesses and activities is available at <https://www.phila.gov/programs/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/guidance/guidance-documents/#/>.

Unless a different density limit is specifically provided, activities and businesses that are allowed to operate indoors under Sections 4 and 5 of this Order are subject to the following density limits:

(1) A maximum of 20 people per 1,000 square feet of occupiable space. These density limits include all persons present in a space, including all workers and any in-person clientele.

(2) Office locations, a maximum of 2 people per 1,000 square feet, *provided that for those offices where remote work is impossible, employees may work at a density higher than 2 people per 1,000 so long as the actual density is the lowest possible needed to allow operations to continue.* ~~except as follows:~~

~~i. As otherwise provided in a health and safety plan approved by the Department where it is impossible to accommodate the office workforce through a combination of remote and in-person work.~~

~~ii. Upon certification by an HVAC maintenance company or the owner or manager that an office space has met the ventilation standards for offices as provided in Department of Health guidance, a maximum of 4 people per 1,000 square feet. Such certification and any supporting paperwork must be kept onsite and is subject to inspection. Such~~

approval may be revoked based upon City inspection or other evaluation of the accuracy of the certification. \_\_\_\_\_

For allowable businesses or activities that take place in multiple spaces within a single facility, the density limit for office spaces applies to those spaces that are offices.

**A. Educational and Camp Settings.**

In person instruction is permitted in all child daycare ~~settings~~ *settings, camp settings*, and all educational settings, including colleges universities and all other types of vocational, trade or other classroom-based educational programs, provided they must remain in strict compliance with all applicable City and Commonwealth orders and guidance, including masking, social distancing, and density requirements, as well as gathering size limitations and specific guidance applicable to non-instructional periods.

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**D. Recreational facilities.**

*1. Indoor recreational facilities, such as pool halls, arcades, laser tag facilities, bowling alleys, and casinos may operate, provided no eating, drinking, or smoking is permitted on site to assure 100% compliance with masking requirements.*

Skating rinks, trampoline parks, bowling alleys, and other recreational facilities involving significant physical exertion may operate with a maximum occupancy of 10 people per 1,000 square feet of occupiable space.

*2. Outdoor pool facilities may operate with 20 people per 1,000 square feet. Face coverings are required consistent with Section 9(B) except when individuals are in the pool.*

*3. Those portions of an indoor or outdoor recreational facility that include a restaurant shall be subject to the requirements of Section 7, as applicable, with respect to such restaurant. Any gatherings of individuals in any portion of the facility that is not a restaurant shall follow the requirements of Section 3, except to the extent this section or Department guidance for outdoor pool facilities is more restrictive.*

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**J. Adult Day Care Centers.** Operation of older adult daily living centers, colloquially referred to as Adult Day Care Centers, that are required to be licensed by the State

*Commonwealth* of Pennsylvania under the Older Adult Daily Living Centers Licensing Act, ~~remain prohibited at this time.~~ ***may operate beginning May 1, 2021. All staff and attendees must either wear KN-95 masks (or equivalent) or double mask (fitted cloth mask over procedural mask).***

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**SECTION C.** Effective **May 7, 2021**, Sections 3, 5, 6, 7, and 9 of the Spring 2021 Safer at Home Order, as amended, are hereby further amended as follows (***bold italics*** indicates new matter added; ~~strike through~~ indicates matter deleted):

**Section 3. Permissible Gatherings and Events**

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A. **Indoor gatherings or events.** Except as otherwise provided in this Order, indoor gatherings or events ***that comply with this Order and all applicable City and Commonwealth regulations, orders, and guidance*** may take place only with the following ~~size and density~~ limitations:

~~1. Indoor gatherings and events in private homes or other spaces that do not meet the requirements of Section 3(A)(2) may consist of no more than two households.~~

~~2. Indoor gatherings and events in appropriately licensed non-residential spaces that are supervised for compliance with this order and all applicable City and Commonwealth regulations, orders, and guidance by staff at the location may take place as follows:~~

**1. Density Limitations.**

a. The number of individuals present is limited to ~~15%~~ **25%** of the maximum occupancy of the space used, inclusive of attendees and staff; and

b. The number of attendees at a fixed-seat gathering or event is further limited to ~~15%~~ **25%** of the fixed-seating capacity of the occupied space at issue.

**2. Additional Limitations if Food and Drink Are Served.**

***a. Catered Events of Less Than 75 People. If food or drink is served or***

*consumed and the attendance at the event is seventy-five (75) individuals (inclusive of staff and attendees) or fewer, the following additional restrictions apply, unless different restrictions are otherwise specified in this Order for a particular activity:*

*i. All participants must be preregistered and a detailed log of individuals with contact information must be maintained by the licensed business entity responsible for monitoring compliance with this Order.*

*ii. Any person addressing the gathering, such as a speaker, must be masked whenever feasible, and when not masked shall maintain a distance of at least twenty (20) feet from all other individuals.*

*iii. Participants must remain in their seats while eating or drinking; and must be masked while not eating or drinking.*

*iv. Food and drink must be individually portioned and may only be served to participants when seated.*

*v. Tables are limited to six individuals per table.*

*vi. All tables must be at least six feet apart from all other tables, from individuals sitting at other tables, and from individuals passing by, in all directions.*

*e. b. Limited Interaction Events - Additional Limitations for Catered Events of 75 People or More.* If food or drink is served or consumed *and attendance at the event is greater than seventy-five (75) individuals (inclusive of staff and attendees), in addition to the requirements set forth above in subsection (A)(2)(a), the following additional restrictions apply, unless different restrictions are otherwise specified in this Order for a particular activity:*

~~i. All participants must be preregistered and a detailed log of individuals with contact information must be maintained by the licensed business entity responsible for monitoring compliance with this Order.~~

~~ii. i. No music (live or recorded), dancing, or live performances are permitted.~~

~~iii. Any person addressing the gathering, such as a speaker, must be masked whenever feasible, and when not masked shall maintain a distance of at least twenty (20) feet from all other individuals.~~

~~iv. Participants must remain in their seats while eating or drinking; and must be masked while not eating or drinking.~~

- v. ~~Food and drink must be individually portioned and may only be served to participants when seated.~~
- vi. *ii.* Alcohol may not be served or consumed.
- vii. ~~Tables are limited to a single household.~~
- viii. ~~All tables must be at least six feet apart from all other tables, from individuals sitting at other tables, and from individuals passing by, in all directions.~~

**B. Outdoor Gatherings or Events.** ~~Outdoor~~ *Except as specified in paragraph 3, below*, gatherings or events may take place only with the following density limitations, provided that if food or drink is served the maximum number of individuals at an outdoor event shall be the lesser of 250 individuals, or the number calculated pursuant to subsections (B)(1) and (B)(2), unless otherwise expressly authorized under this Order:

1. The number of individuals present is limited to ~~20%~~ **50%** of the maximum occupancy of the space used, inclusive of attendees and staff. If no maximum occupancy is posted or reasonably ascertainable, the permitted density for outdoor gatherings shall be ~~13~~ **33** people per 1,000 square feet of occupiable space.

2. The number of attendees at a fixed seat gathering or event is further limited to ~~20%~~ **50%** of the fixed seating capacity of the occupied space at issue.

**3. *Public events operating pursuant to a special event or demonstration permit and a health and safety plan approved by the Department are exempt from this subsection B.***

**C. Other Provisions.** The size and density limitations set forth above are calculated proportionally based upon the portion of a venue occupied for the gathering or event at issue. For events or gatherings that take place in both indoor and outdoor portions of a facility, the outdoor limitations apply to the portions of the facility that are outdoors, and the indoor limitations apply to the portion that is indoors.

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## **Section 5. Limitations for Specific Businesses and Other Activities**

In addition to all other requirements of this Order, which apply to all businesses and activities, including the face covering and social distancing requirements provided in Section 9 of this Order, the following businesses and activities are permitted only in compliance with the following additional restrictions, and only if all applicable Commonwealth and City guidance, is

strictly followed. City guidance applicable to particular businesses and activities is available at <https://www.phila.gov/programs/coronavirus-disease-2019-covid-19/guidance/guidance-documents/#/>.

Unless a different density limit is specifically provided, ~~activities~~, **activities** and businesses that are allowed to operate indoors under Sections 4 and 5 of this Order are subject to the following density limits:

(1) A maximum of ~~20~~ **33** people per 1,000 square feet of occupiable space. These density limits include all persons present in a space, including all workers and any in-person clientele.

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C. **Gyms and Indoor Exercise Facilities.** Operation of gyms and indoor physical recreation and exercise facilities are generally permitted, provided that ***such facilities are limited to a maximum density of 15 people (inclusive of staff and attendees) per 1,000 square feet***; classes, practices, informal sports activities, and similar group activities must be limited to no more than 15 ~~participants~~ **participants**; and all distancing requirements and applicable guidelines must be followed.

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E. **Theaters and Performance Venues.** Indoor theaters, including movie theaters and live performance venues, may operate subject to the indoor gathering and event density limits in Section ~~3(A)(2)~~ **3(A)(1)**. In addition to the basic social distancing requirements, live performance venues must also comply with guidance such as mandating specific spacing requirements for certain performers. Indoor theaters may not allow smoking, and indoor theaters that do not have assigned seating may not allow eating or drinking on-site in order to achieve 100% mask compliance.

Indoor theaters and performance venues with assigned seating may allow food and drink on site, provided that eating and drinking occurs only while individuals are seated in their assigned seats in groups of ~~four or fewer from the same household~~, **six or fewer** and individuals are reasonably required to remain seated in such assigned seats for the duration of the performance.

Outdoor theaters and performance venues may operate subject to the outdoor gathering and event density limits in Section 3(B). Outdoor theaters and performance venues with assigned seating may allow food and drink onsite, without the ~~100~~ **250** person limit that is



otherwise applicable, provided that eating and drinking occurs only while individuals are seated in their assigned seats in groups of ~~six~~ **ten** or fewer, and individuals are reasonably required to remain seated in such assigned seats for the duration of the performance.

The provisions set forth in this subsection ~~E~~, **E** apply to any facility while such facility is serving in the capacity of a theater or performance venue, regardless of whether the facility is used for other purposes on other occasions.

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**G. Houses of worship and funeral homes.** ~~Indoor Houses~~ **houses** of worship and funeral homes may operate ~~but may not allow eating, drinking, or smoking on site in order to achieve 100% mask compliance,~~ subject to the density requirements provided in Section ~~3(A)(2), 3(A)(1) Section 5(1),~~ or **20% or with a maximum of 33 persons per 1,000 square feet,** of ~~maximum occupancy,~~ whichever is least restrictive. In addition to the basic social distancing requirements, if the facility includes singing or other live musical activity, such venues must also comply with guidance mandating specific spacing requirements for certain musical performers. **Smoking remains prohibited.**

***Outdoor houses of worship may operate subject to the requirements provided in Section 3(B).***

***Eating and drinking may take place subject to the applicable requirements provided in Section 3 or as provided with respect to theaters and performance venues in Section 5(E), whichever is less restrictive and regardless of whether the house of worship is also serving in the capacity of a theater or performance venue, provided there is compliance with the specific requirements of the applicable section.***

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## **Section 6. Sporting and Exercise Activities.**

Formally organized sports competition is permitted, subject to all applicable health and safety requirements, including the face covering and social distancing requirements in Section 9, and all applicable guidance.

Spectators are permitted at such sports activities, in accordance with the applicable density limits for gatherings as provided in Section 3, provided no food or drink is served to spectators at such events.

Collegiate and professional sports may operate in accordance with the requirements of Section 3; provided that to the extent provided in an approved health and safety plan, the applicable density limits for sports stadiums may be up to ~~20%~~ **25%** of the maximum occupancy of the space used, inclusive of attendees and staff for indoor spaces, and up to ~~25%~~ **50%** for outdoor spaces; and provided further that such collegiate and professional sports shall only operate pursuant to health and safety plans specifically approved by the Department of Public Health.

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**Section 7. Restaurants.**

**A. Outdoor Dining at Restaurants.** Outdoor dining service may continue with the following restrictions:

1. Outdoor dining is limited to no more than ~~six~~ **ten** people per table.

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**B. Indoor Dining at Restaurants.** Indoor on-site dining activities at restaurants, cafes, and retail food service businesses may operate subject to the following:

1. Servers must wear both face shields and masks indoors.
2. Indoor dining parties are limited to ~~4~~ **6** or fewer people at a table.
- ~~3. Persons at a given table may be from no more than one household.~~
- ~~4.~~ **3.** Former smoking or vaping areas must remain closed.
- ~~5.~~ **4.** Service at bars is permitted, permitted, provided a plastic barrier consistent with Department guidelines separates those seated at the bar from staff behind the bar, or bartenders wear face shields in addition to masks, dining parties at the bar are limited to 6 or fewer people, and those parties seated at a bar are not within six feet of any other seated customer or those passing by in any direction.
- ~~7.~~ **5.** Alcohol can be served for on-premises consumption only when in the same transaction as a meal.
- ~~8.~~ **6.** Businesses must adjust work assignments to ensure employees can stay six (6) feet from each other throughout their shifts.

9. 7. Occupancy limits and spacing requirements:

a. Indoor occupancy must be limited to ~~25%~~ **50%** of the stated fire code occupancy for seated ~~dining~~, **dining (33 people per 1,000 square feet)**, except as follows:

i. Upon certification by an HVAC maintenance company or the restaurant owner or manager that a restaurant has met the following ventilation standards, through submission of a completed certification to the Department of Public Health in a form and manner as established by the Department, and notification of approval of such certification by the Health Department, indoor occupancy at ~~50%~~ **75%** of the stated fire code occupancy for seated dining is permitted. Such approval may be revoked based upon City inspection or other evaluation of the accuracy of the restaurant certification.

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**Section 9. Generally Applicable Requirements for Social Distancing and Face Coverings.**

A. **Social Distancing.** Specific social distancing requirements are provided in guidance applicable to the specific businesses or activity at issue. If no specific guidance applies participants must maintain at least six (6) feet of space between **individuals from different households**; sanitize frequently touched surfaces often; frequently wash hands with soap and running water for at least twenty (20) seconds or using hand sanitizer, refraining from shaking hands; and cover coughs or sneezes with a sleeve or elbow (not hands).

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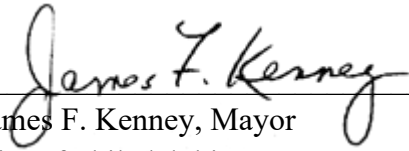
**SECTION D.** Effective immediately, Section 11 of the Spring 2021 Safer at Home Order, as amended, is hereby further amended as follows (**bold italics** indicates new matter added; ~~strike-through~~ indicates matter deleted):

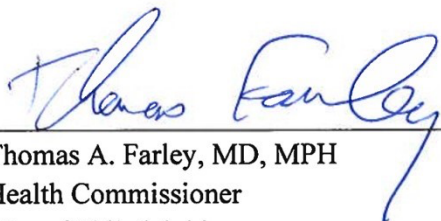
**Section 11. Interpretation and Implementation.**

E. This Order shall be effective on **May 1, 2021 at 12:00 a.m.**, and shall expire on ~~April 30, 2021 at 11:59 p.m.~~, **May 31, 2021 at 11:59 p.m.**, unless otherwise rescinded, superseded, or amended by further Order.

**SECTION E.** This Third Amendment to the Spring 2021 Safer at Home Order shall be effective as provided in each section and shall remain in effect until rescinded, superseded, or amended by further Order.

Date: April 30, 2021

  
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James F. Kenney, Mayor  
City of Philadelphia

  
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Thomas A. Farley, MD, MPH  
Health Commissioner  
City of Philadelphia