

We know many Connecticut businesses are struggling as they deal with the effects of COVID-19. We appreciate their perseverance and know they share our commitment to keeping our residents healthy. The state, working with its federal partners, has several programs and initiatives in place to assist businesses during this difficult period. For specific questions related to small business, email the Joint Information Center at COVID19.JIC@ct.gov, or call the DECD small business hotline at 860-500-2333. Individuals can call 2-1-1 for more information.

Sector Rules and Certification for Reopen

<https://portal.ct.gov/DECD/Content/Coronavirus-Business-Recovery/Sector-Rules-and-Certification-for-Reopen>

Overview

- Provided by:
- [Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development](#)

All businesses subject to the Phase 1 and Phase 2 reopening rules are required to [self-certify](#) prior to opening.

NOTE: If you already self-certified your business during Phase 1, your business will NOT need to certify again during Phase 2.

Visit here for an [updated list of self-certified businesses](#).

Phase 2 Reopen Rules by Sector (for June 17 opening)

- Hotels / Lodging [english](#) / [espanol](#)
- Restaurants (current table limit is 25) [english](#) / [espanol](#)
- Museums, zoos, and aquariums [english](#) / [espanol](#)
- Indoor recreation (e.g., bowling, movie theaters, etc.) [english](#) / [espanol](#)
- Libraries [english](#) / [espanol](#)
- Outdoor events [english](#) / [espanol](#)
- Personal services (e.g., nail salons, tattoo parlors, etc.) [english](#) / [espanol](#)
- Sports and fitness facilities (e.g., gyms, fitness centers, pools, etc.) [english](#) / [espanol](#)

Social Clubs to follow all rules applicable to their operation (e.g. Restaurant, Pool).

Driving Schools to follow Office rules (see below). For on-road training, there can be two-people per car, both must wear masks, windows must be rolled down, and thorough cleanings are required between customers.

Short-term housing rentals are recommended to follow hotels/lodging rules above.

Phase 1 Reopen Rules by Sector

Governor Lamont's Executive Order No. 7PP repeals several previously enacted executive orders to allow for the safe reopening of certain sectors of the economy on May 20, including for the reopening of outdoor dining, offices, retail and malls, museums and zoos, university research and outdoor recreation businesses. The Department of Economic and Community Development shall issue a list of business types permitted to reopen, which may be amended from time to time and shall be incorporated in the Sector Rules.

General Business Rules

As of May 19, 2020, general business rules shall only apply to University Research and Outdoor Recreation activities (defined below).

- **General Business Rules** (Español - **reglas generales para las empresas**)
- University Research
- Outdoor Recreation activities are defined as the following:
 - Equestrian (subject to Dept. of Agriculture **guidance**)
 - Mountain Biking
 - Camping
 - Head, Party, and Tour Boats (one passenger per six feet of rail space)
 - Charter Fishing (one passenger per six feet of rail space)
 - Sport Fishing (one passenger per six feet of rail space)
 - Go Kart Race Tracks, practice only (bring your own, no rentals)
 - Golf
 - Driving Ranges
 - Tennis/Paddleball/Pickleball
 - Group Training (up to 25 people), outdoors maintain 6 feet
 - Race Tracks (practice only, no spectators)
 - Campgrounds (subject to **DPH rules**)
 - Outdoor Shooting Range
 - Kayaking, Sailing, Canoeing and Stand-up Paddleboarding
 - Dirt Biking (practice only)
 - Mini Golf
 - Batting Cages
 - Archery
 - Rope Courses
 - Ziplines
 - Volleyball (2 vs. 2 only)

Downloadable Guidelines by Sector

- [Hair Salons & Barbershops](#) (to open June 1)
- [Offices](#)
- [Retail & Malls](#) (*updated 5/16*)

Downloadable Guidelines by Sector (Español)

- [Peluquerías y Barberías](#) (to open June 1)
- [Oficinas](#)
- [Tiendas Retail y Centros Comerciales](#) (*updated 5/16*)