

Returning to Work After COVID-19: Is your State Ready?



All 50 states had begun to reopen in some way after the coronavirus thrust the country into lockdown starting in March. Now, a growing number of states are [pausing plans to reopen](#) (Texas for example), amid rising case counts. **Several are reimposing restrictions** they had lifted earlier — for example, on bars and restaurant dining in many places.

There were already substantial variations in how states were deciding to open up, with some forging far ahead of others. These maps show where several major sectors have reopened.

The changes — and backtracking — reflect the immense pressure on the nation's governors to respond to a crippled economy and an anxious public, even as epidemiologists warn of a second wave of cases.

The New York Times is tracking when broad reopenings are allowed, as well as when reopening plans are paused or reversed. States may shift categories as conditions change, or to account for changes in the national landscape. Even as governors lift orders and allow reopenings, stricter local orders may remain in place.

The graphic on this link shows the status of each state and [will be updated on a regular basis](#). You can hover over your state to see how it is doing and if you are planning on visiting another state, see how they are doing as well. There are also areas on the New York Times website that focus on other issues during this outbreak, so keeping the link where you can find it might come in handy.

There is an immense pressure on everyone during COVID-19 as we continue to monitor differing situations and watch how it all plays out. If you're an employee feeling anxious about returning to work, call a Best Care EAP counselor. **All sessions with a Best Care EAP counselor are FREE and CONFIDENTIAL. The COVID counseling help line is available 24/7, call (800) 801-4182.**

www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/us/states-reopen-map-coronavirus.html