

State COVID-Operation Snapshot for Connecticut

Gov. Ned Lamont's mask order issued April 17 remains in force. It requires a mask or face covering for “any person in a public place in Connecticut who is unable to or does not maintain a safe social distance of approximately six feet from every other person.” It does not cover children under age 2, or children generally when they are in a child-care setting (see link below).

Connecticut's travel restrictions focus on those arriving from areas with higher infection rates. Anyone entering Connecticut from a state with a current daily positive test rate higher than 10 cases per 10,000 residents, or a state with a 10 percent or higher positivity average over the past seven days, must self-quarantine for 14 days from the last date they were in said state. Those states are Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, Utah, and Washington.

Connecticut will be operating under a partial reopening posture beginning May 20, after the expiration of a stay at home order that had first been imposed on March 20.

Gov. Lamont has issued specific guidelines for sectors intending to reopen on that date, including offices and retail locations. Non-essential businesses looking to restart operations on May 20 should follow the sector-specific guidance below. Companies are required to self-certify with the state that they have complied with those guidelines, with a form due later this week.

Manufacturers are not included in these guidelines, as Connecticut had adopted the federal CISA guidance for “essential” businesses exempt from the previous order. The most recent executive order clarifies that the Safe Workplace Rules for Essential Businesses should remain operative for sectors not specified as part of the reopening posture.

As of April 17, individuals working at essential businesses in Connecticut must wear face coverings in public, including places of work, when unable to maintain a safe social distance. Employers must issue face coverings to employees, provide them with materials and a CDC tutorial on how to make their own mask, or “compensate employees for the reasonable and necessary costs employees expend on such materials to make their own masks or cloth face covering.” The requirement takes effect on Monday, April 20 and lasts for the duration of the state of emergency.

In Connecticut, the Department of Economic and Community Development is in charge of issuing clarifying the previously described guidelines and requirements for businesses in the state. Contact the DECD at this email address: COVID19.JIC@ct.gov

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Connecticut Mask Order — [Click Here](#)

- May 18 Return to Work Executive Order — [Click Here](#)
- Reopen Connecticut Return to Work Guidance — [Learn More](#)
- Connecticut Return to Work FAQs — [See Here](#)
- CBIA COVID Self-Certification Context — [Learn More](#)
- Connecticut DECD Safe Workplace for Essential Businesses Guidance — [More Here](#)
- Connecticut Stay at Home Order (March 20) — [View Here](#)
- Extension of Connecticut Stay at Home Order (April 10) — [Here](#)
- Connecticut Face Covering Executive Order (April 17) — [Read Here](#)
- Connecticut Essential Business Guidance — [Click Here](#)
- Connecticut DECD Essential Business Request Form — [View Here](#)
- Connecticut Business and Industry Association COVID-19 Resource Page — [Click Here](#)

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