

# State COVID-Operation Snapshot for Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania's mask mandate took effect July 1 on orders from state Health Secretary Rachel Levine. It requires most people age 2 and up to cover their faces in public places, indoors and out. It expanded a prior order that made masks mandatory for employees and, where relevant, customers at essential businesses (see order below).

There are currently no travel restrictions, however, travelers from 20 states are asked to quarantine for 14 days upon arrival in the state

Pennsylvania is currently under a stay at home order that lasts through May 8. Businesses that are considered “life-sustaining” under determinations made by the state of Pennsylvania is permitted to continue operating. The state of Pennsylvania is no longer accepting applications from businesses seeking waivers from the stay in place order.

Manufacturers in Pennsylvania are also currently operating under several additional requirements, including a requirement that companies that are maintaining operations in Pennsylvania to provide masks for employees to wear during the normal course of daily operations. Current orders also require businesses to stagger work and break start and stop times, limit access to common areas and enforce social distancing within break spaces, conduct meetings virtually, provide employees with access to regular handwashing, and prohibit visits by non-essential persons.

Current orders also make detailed requirements of businesses that have been exposed to a person with a probable or confirmed case of COVID-19, including:

- Closing off and ventilating areas visited by an infected person for 24 hours before disinfecting those areas
- Identifying employees who were in close contact with a possibly infected person, notify them of such, monitor them for symptoms and dispatch them from work if they become sick, and implement CDC guidance for employees who interacted with an infected person
- Implement temperature screenings before work or work shifts, and send home employees with a temperature above 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit

Previously, Gov. Wolf had required manufacturers in the state to report inventories of PPE and other medical supplies and authorized the state to requisition those materials if needed.

On April 27, Gov. Wolf outlined a phased reopening plan that broadly identifies how business operations might be able to resume. If the state’s current status is “red,” requiring all but life-sustaining businesses to close, the next (“yellow”) phase would allow in-person business operations to resume under the guidance of “Business and Building Safety Orders,” which have not yet been published.

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Pennsylvania Mask Order — [Read Here](#)
- Pennsylvania Original Stay at Home Order — [Read Here](#)
- Pennsylvania Stay at Home Order Extension — [Read Here](#)
- Pennsylvania Department of Health Order — [Read Here](#)

- Pennsylvania List of “Life-Sustaining” Businesses — [Learn More](#)
- Pennsylvania Department of Health Order FAQs — [Read Here](#)
- Pennsylvania E.O. Commandeering PPE — [Read Here](#)
- PEMA Portal for Manufacturers — [Read Here](#)
- Pennsylvania Critical Medical Supplies Guide — [Read Here](#)
- Pennsylvania Phased Reopening Plan — [Read Here](#)

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