

Governor Wolf Announces New COVID-19 Restrictions

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After widespread reports of rising COVID-19 case numbers, hospitalizations and deaths, Gov. Wolf on Thursday announced a tightening of business and school restrictions. The following restrictions will take effect on Saturday, December 12 and will run until January 4, 2021:

- All indoor restaurant dining is suspended. Outdoor dining and takeout service can continue.
- Indoor gatherings of more than 10 people are prohibited. Houses of worship are excluded from this restriction but are encouraged to find alternative methods for worship.
- Outdoor gatherings are limited to 50 people.
- All in-person businesses serving the public may operate only up to 50% capacity.
- Gyms and fitness center operations are prohibited.
- All in-person businesses in the entertainment industry serving the public are prohibited from operations. This includes theaters, concert venues, museums, arcades, casinos, private clubs, and bowling alleys.
- In-person school extracurricular activities are suspended.
- K-12 school sports and youth sports are paused. Professional and collegiate sports can continue but spectators are barred.

Businesses need to review these new, temporary restrictions and assess their impact on operations and on their employees. Businesses that fail to comply with these restrictions face potential enforcement actions by the state. These include penalties, orders, and suspension of state-issued licenses and permits, such as liquor licenses. Attorneys at Barley Snyder are available to assist businesses in navigating the new restrictions. Please contact [Martin Siegel](#) or any of the attorneys in our [COVID-19 Response Service Team](#).

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