

PA to Relax COVID Restrictions on Restaurants, Others

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Gov. Tom Wolf announced on Monday that Pennsylvania <u>plans to relax capacity limitations on restaurants and</u> other businesses next month.

Effective April 4, restaurants, personal service facilities, gyms, and entertainment venues such as casinos, theaters and malls can increase their capacity to 75%. Restaurants will also be allowed to resume bar service, allow alcohol service without the purchase of food and sell alcoholic beverages after 11 p.m. Finally, occupancy limits for indoor events will be increased to 25% of capacity, with outdoor events being increased to 50% of capacity.

Businesses will still need to comply with other COVID-related restrictions, such as mask wearing, social distancing and stringent cleaning. Restaurants must self-certify that they are complying with these restrictions to increase capacity to 75%. Otherwise, they are limited to 50% capacity. Learn how to <u>self-certify your restaurant</u> here, and find the <u>self-certification documents here</u>.

With the capacity-limit restriction not easing for three weeks, businesses should continue to monitor announcements from the state on COVID restrictions in case anything changes between now and then. Monday's announcement deals only with capacity limits, and does not mention anything about the state's current recommendation of teleworking when possible.

If you have any questions about how this could affect your business, contact **Dan Desmond** or **Martin Siegel**.

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