

# JEFFERSON COUNTY VARIANCE TO SAFER-AT-HOME AND IN THE VAST, GREAT OUTDOORS

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The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) approved Jefferson County's request for a variance to the statewide [Safer-at-Home and in the Vast, Great Outdoors](#) public health order with modifications effective June 7, 2020. That means in Jefferson County, public health requirements are different than the state for several industries and topics. For industries and topics not addressed in the local variance, residents and the business community must continue to follow the state's public health order.

## What is different in Jeffco?

### Gatherings

Indoor settings can have up to 50% occupancy or 50 people (whichever is less) in each confined indoor space. In outdoor settings, the variance allows for 125 people. For life rites such as weddings and funerals, please refer to the state's latest order.

### Places of worship

Jeffco's first variance allows places of worship to open to 50% capacity, not to exceed 50 people per room indoors and 125 people outdoors. **Because the state's Seventh Amended Public Health Order is less restrictive than Jefferson County's variance for Houses of Worship, the county rescinds its first variance request for Houses of Worship and follows the state's order instead.**

### Gyms and indoor pools

Gyms may open at 50% capacity or 50 people per room inside (whichever is less). This applies to indoor pools. (Outdoor pools are addressed below).

### Indoor retail malls

Indoor malls may open with a plan approved by Jefferson County Public Health. Contact JCPH at 303-232-6301 for approval.

### Outdoor recreation

Outdoor facilities like batting cages, outdoor pools and sports courts may operate at 50% capacity or 125 people (whichever is less). Athletic fields can open with up to 50 people per field.

### Indoor and outdoor museums and educational experiences

These establishments, including the Denver Botanic Gardens at Chatfield Farms, Butterfly Pavilion, and similar establishments, may operate at 50% occupancy, or 50 people per room or 125 people outdoors (whichever is less).

### Graduations

Graduations may occur with the approval of Jefferson County Public Health. Contact JCPH at 303-232-6301 to request approval.

### Golf course restaurants

Golf course restaurants may open following all restaurant guidance in the state's public health order. Pro shops may open at 50% capacity or 50 people per room (whichever is less).

### Brew pubs, distilleries and similar establishments

These establishments may open without serving food but must follow all restaurant guidance in the state's public health order.

### Additional businesses not specifically provided for in the state's order

Businesses not specifically included in the state's public health order may open in Jefferson County at 50% capacity.

## IMPORTANT REMINDER

**Industries addressed in Jefferson County's variance must also follow all requirements regarding health and safety precautions, as outlined in the [annotated public health order](#).**

## ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [CDPHE's Safer-at-Home and in the Vast, Great Outdoors Public Health Order](#) (\*Annotated with Jefferson County differences)
- [Approval Letter from CDPHE](#)

For additional information, visit [www.jeffco.us/safer-at-home](http://www.jeffco.us/safer-at-home)