

Full Reopening: Six Things Businesses Should Know

Beginning May 16, Jefferson County will transition to a full reopening, also known as Level Clear on the Simplified Dial, per [JCPH's Public Health Order 21-001](#). This means businesses are able to operate with no capacity limits or mitigation requirements, with the exception of [statewide mask requirements in certain high risk settings for unvaccinated individuals](#) and [any other requirements](#) set by the State of Colorado or Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). Here are the top things businesses should know as they phase into a full reopening.

1. Our communities are able to fully open because of the progress residents and visitors have made to get vaccinated against COVID-19. In order to control the spread of COVID-19 and remain fully open, we need everyone who is eligible to get a COVID-19 vaccine. Vaccines are now widely available, and individuals can find out how and where to get a vaccine at www.jeffco.us/covid-vaccine.
2. Most counties in the Denver Metro Area – including Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield and Denver – fully opened at the same time. This will help ensure consistency across businesses for staff and customers.
3. While capacity limits and mitigation requirements will go away in Level Clear, there is a snapback provision in Public Health Order 21-001. For 90 days (May 16-August 15), JCPH will closely monitor hospitalizations, a health metric indicative of severity of COVID-19 infections. If needed, JCPH will apply capacity limits based on hospitalization rates. (For example, if the county surpasses 2.0 or more hospital admissions per 100,000 residents over a 14-day period, public health officials will implement restrictions as described in the public health order).
4. COVID-19 is still circulating, and variants are threatening our progress. Even though mitigation steps are no longer required in Level Clear, with the exception of any State of Colorado or CDPHE requirements, businesses are strongly encouraged to continue to take steps needed to keep their staff and customers safe, and to keep hospitalizations due to COVID-19 low. That means basic but important safety measures like providing space for proper social distancing; encouraging masking in crowded situations especially for unvaccinated individuals; continuing good hygiene, cleaning and disinfecting practices; staying home when sick; and encouraging all staff to get a COVID-19 vaccine as soon as they can.
5. Businesses can still require COVID-19 mitigation steps, such as continued mask wearing and social distancing measures, even if they are not required by the county or state. JCPH supports the rights of all businesses to determine how best to protect their customers and employees given their specific business environment and requests that residents respectfully comply when visiting any business.
6. Jefferson County residents and visitors will have varying levels of comfort as we fully open. As a community, we will need to be considerate of one another's choices.

To learn more, visit www.jeffco.us/4047/Dial-Status.

What about masks?

Along with other Denver Metro Area counties, Jefferson County Public Health [rescinded](#) its countywide mask order (Public Health Order 20-008) effective May 15. Now, all residents should follow the more relaxed mask requirements from the State of Colorado per [Executive Order D 2021 103](#) and according to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's (CDPHE) Second Amended [Public Health Order 20-38](#).

Learn more at:

www.jeffco.us/4056/Mask-Guidance.