

## COVID-19 Update September 1, 2020

### Governor Cooper's Announcement

Today, Governor Cooper signed an Executive Order to allow North Carolina to enter into Safer at Home Phase 2.5. This order will go into effect Friday, September 4th at 5 p.m.

Here are the guidelines outlined in Phase 2.5:

#### Phase 2.5:

- Limits on mass gatherings will increase to 25 people indoors and 50 people outdoors
- Playgrounds will be allowed to open
- Museums and aquariums can open at 50 percent capacity
- Gyms and other exercise facilities can open at 30 percent capacity
- Age requirement for mask wearing will include children down to age 5
- Capacity limits at restaurants and personal care businesses like hair and nail salons remain the same
- The 11 pm curfew on alcohol sales at restaurants has been extended to October 2

Some places will remain closed:

- Bars
- Nightclubs
- Movie Theaters
- Indoor Entertainment
- Amusement Parks

The Executive Order to enter into Phase 2.5 of reopening businesses is set to expire on October 2nd. For more information, read the official [Executive Order](#).

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