



## **Summary of Executive Order 2020-50 August 3, 2020**

### **State Government Offices and Buildings**

Face coverings will be required in state government offices, buildings, and facilities in accordance with guidelines and procedures developed by the South Carolina Department of Administration in consultation with DHEC.

Exceptions include children under two years of age, persons with disabilities that preclude the wearing of face coverings, people actively engaged in eating or drinking, people engaged in strenuous exercise or activity, or people who are incarcerated.

The order on face coverings does not apply to buildings occupied or controlled by agencies, departments, officials, or employees of the Legislative or Judicial Branches of the State of South Carolina, which shall be governed by their respective orders, rules, or regulations.

### **Local and County Governments**

Counties and municipalities are encouraged to enact and enforce appropriate and narrowly tailored emergency ordinances requiring individuals to wear face coverings in public settings where it is not feasible to practice effective “social distancing” in accordance with CDC and DHEC guidance.

### **Restaurants**

Restaurants that elect to offer on-premises or dine-in consumption must comply with and adhere to applicable sanitation guidelines promulgated by the CDC, DHEC, or any other state or federal public health officials, as well as relevant industry guidance.

Restaurants must require that all employees, customers, patrons, suppliers, vendors, and other visitors wear face coverings, except while actively engaged in eating or drinking.

The number of customers and patrons receiving indoor, dine-in service on the premises at any given time must not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the restaurant’s occupancy limit as determined by the fire marshal.

The sale or consumption of beer, wine, or alcoholic liquor between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. is prohibited. Violations may result in suspension or revocation of a restaurant or bar's beer, wine and liquor permit by the Department of Revenue and State Law Enforcement Division.

Indoor and outdoor tables must be spaced at least six (6) feet apart to ensure that customers and patrons are at least six (6) feet apart from any other party or group.

Seating at each table is limited to no more than eight (8) customers and patrons, exclusive of family units or members of the same household.

Patrons and customers may not be allowed to stand or congregate in any bar area.

For the complete list of requirements: [Executive Order](#).

### **Large Crowds or Gatherings**

A large crowd or gathering is defined as a planned or spontaneous indoor or outdoor event that involves or is reasonably expected to involve a large number of people physically present, congregating together, or otherwise simultaneously in attendance at a single indoor or outdoor location.

Examples include: festivals, parades, concerts, theaters, stadiums, arenas, coliseums, auditoriums, grandstands, event venues, dance halls, concert halls, amphitheaters, gymnasiums, chambers, assemblies, nightclubs, performing arts centers, parks, racetracks, or similarly situated or operated businesses, facilities, venues, services, activities, events, or mass gatherings.

Attendance shall be limited to 250 people or to fifty percent (50%) of the location's occupancy limit as determined by the fire marshal. WHICHEVER IS LESS.

All persons in attendance must wear a face covering as a condition of entry or participation.

No alcohol sales between 11:00 pm and 10:00 am.

Rules on "social distancing" and hygiene promulgated by the CDC, DHEC, or any other state or federal public health officials, as well as relevant industry guidance shall be followed. [www.accelerate.sc.gov](http://www.accelerate.sc.gov)

The following are exempt from restriction:

- Military, healthcare, public safety, or emergency response operations.
- Religious activities or services, including those conducted in churches, synagogues, or other houses of worship.
- Official business conducted by, or meetings of, any agency or department of the State of South Carolina or any political subdivision thereof, to include the

operations of public and private schools and higher education institutions and the conduct of elections and related activities.

The Department of Commerce is authorized to grant exceptions to this limitation only upon a thorough and satisfactory demonstration that any particular gathering will comply with, and operate according to, any applicable sanitation, “social distancing,” and hygiene guidelines promulgated by the CDC, DHEC, or any other state or federal public health officials.

Requests for exception can be submitted by email to [covid19sc@scommerce.com](mailto:covid19sc@scommerce.com) or by telephone at 803-734-2873.

### **Enforcement**

In accordance with the South Carolina Code of Laws, State, county, or city official have been authorized and directed to enforce the provisions of Executive Order 2020-50 and any prior orders issued in connection with the present State of Emergency.

The penalty for violation of any provision of this and prior executive orders is a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction, the violator must be fined not more than one hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than thirty days.

### **Resources**

[Link to Executive Order 2020-50](#)

[Link to AccelerateSC](#)