



On September 24, 2020,, Governor Ned Lamont announced details to move Connecticut into Phase 3 of the State’s reopening amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The plan, which is targeted to take effect on **Thursday, October 8, 2020**, will ease some of the restrictions that were put into place on businesses and gatherings, while ensuring that the State continues taking a safe approach to limit spread of the virus.

Business changes in Phase 3 will include:

- Increase from 50% to 75% capacity indoors – subject to COVID-19 safety requirements – for restaurants, personal services, hair salons, barber shops, and libraries;
- Outdoor event venues (e.g. amphitheatres, race tracks, etc.) will increase from 25% to 50% capacity with masks and social distancing requirements;
- Indoor performing arts venues will be able to open at 50% capacity with masks and social distancing requirements; and
- Bars and nightclubs will continue to remain closed.

In addition, Phase 3 also includes the following changes to the sizes of gatherings:

	Indoor		Outdoor	
	Phase 3	Current	Phase 3	Current
Private – Social and Recreational	Occurs at commercial establishment / places of business: 50% capacity, capped at 100 people Occurs at private residence: 25 people	Capped at 25 people	Capped at 150 people	Capped at 100 people
Graduations	50% capacity, capped at 200 Masks and social distancing	Not allowed	50% capacity of 6-foot spacing, no cap. Masks and social distancing	One-time exemption capped at 150 Masks and distancing
Religious	50% capacity, capped at 200 Masks and social distancing	25% capacity, capped at 100 people	50% capacity and 6-foot spacing, no cap. Masks and social distancing	Capped at 150 people

Visit the Governor’s press release [here](#) to read the announcement.