



# CITY OF ATLANTA

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## RECOMMENDED GUIDELINES

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# REOPENING PHASES

The Advisory Council on Reopening Atlanta recommended that the Mayor supplement the State's reopening criteria with additional, voluntary guidelines. These guidelines are organized into phases that reflect Federal guidelines and reinforce the principles and goals outlined in the Advisory Council's report. The phases, voluntary guidelines, and metrics to determine when to move between phases are included below.

**Based on the current available data, Atlanta is in Phase 1.**

*The City continues to review several additional key metrics, including data for the Atlanta metro area. All data used herein is not owned or maintained by the City of Atlanta. Data has been sourced from Fulton County Board of Public Health (FCBOH) and the Atlanta-Fulton County Emergency Management Agency (AFCEMA). Fulton County-wide data are used as a proxy for City of Atlanta jurisdiction to monitor each gateway metric. Data will be updated based on recommendations from local, state, and federal public health experts, including FCBOH, AFCEMA, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The City of Atlanta does not claim responsibility for the accuracy of the source data.*



# REOPENING PHASES OVERVIEW:

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## PHASE 1: **STAY AT HOME** (RED ZONE)

- ✓ Essential business and city services only

## PHASE 2: **EASING** (YELLOW ZONE)

- ✓ Limited industries resume operations with severe restrictions

## PHASE 3: **MAINTAIN** (GREEN ZONE)

- ✓ Additional industries resume operations with restrictions and capacity limitations

## PHASE 4: **RECOVERY** (GREEN ZONE)

- ✓ Additional industries resume operations with guidance

## PHASE 5: **“NEW NORMAL”** (GREEN ZONE)

- ✓ Development of vaccines and/or treatments enable resumption of “new normal”

The City will monitor the data for potential spikes and consult with public health professionals to determine the need to adjust any metrics, targets, trends, or transition to between phases.

# METRICS:

## Disease Spread Indicators Are Monitored Over 14 Days

### New COVID Cases

**Red Zone:** Cases average above 300

**Yellow Zone:** Cases average between 75-300

**Green Zone:** Cases average below 75

### COVID Hospitalizations

**Red Zone:** Hospitalizations average above 400

**Yellow Zone:** Hospitalizations average between 201-400

**Green Zone:** Hospitalizations average between 0-200

### Percent of Positive COVID Tests

**Red Zone:** Diagnostic test positivity above 10%

**Yellow Zone:** Diagnostic test positivity between 5.1-10%

**Green Zone:** Diagnostic test positivity below 5%

## Hospital Capacity Indicators are Monitored Daily

### Hospital Bed Availability

**Red Zone:** Hospital bed availability below 15%

**Yellow Zone:** Hospital bed availability between 15-25%

**Green Zone:** Hospital bed availability above 25%

### Hospital CCU Bed Availability

**Red Zone:** Hospital critical care bed availability below 15%

**Yellow Zone:** Hospital critical care bed availability between 15-25%

**Green Zone:** Hospital critical care bed availability above 25%

## Testing Capacity Indicators are Monitored Daily

**Red Zone:** Testing capability below 25%

**Yellow Zone:** Testing capability between 25-75%

**Green Zone:** Testing capability above 75-100%

# PHASE 1: **STAY AT HOME** (RED ZONE)

## GUIDELINES

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### INDIVIDUALS

- ✓ Stay home except for essential trips
- ✓ Wearing a face mask in public is a mandate
- ✓ Frequent hand washing
- ✓ Social distancing followed and enforced where practical

### BUSINESSES/ NON-PROFITS

- ✓ To-go and curbside pickups from restaurants and retail establishments
- ✓ Continue practicing teleworking
- ✓ Frequent cleaning of public and high touch areas

### CITY GOVERNMENT

- ✓ Non-essential City facilities remain closed
- ✓ Moratorium on special event applications
- ✓ Establish and continue communication with local and State authorities to monitor public health metrics

## METRICS

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➤ **TRANSITION TO PHASE 2** after reaching Yellow Zone targets and sustaining each target over 14 days (i.e. COVID cases, hospitalizations, and positive test results) and the daily target average (i.e. hospital bed availability and testing capacity)

### YELLOW ZONE TARGETS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- ✓ **New COVID Cases:** Cases average between 75-300
- ✓ **COVID Hospitalizations:** Hospitalizations average result between 201- 400
- ✓ **Percent of Positive COVID Tests:** Diagnostic test positivity result between 5.1-10%
- ✓ **Hospital Bed Availability:** Remain between 15-25% in bed availability
- ✓ **COVID Testing Capacity:** between 25-75% of testing capability

# PHASE 2: **EASING** (YELLOW ZONE)

## GUIDELINES

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- ✓ Stay home except for essential trips
- ✓ Wearing a face mask in public is a mandate

### INDIVIDUALS

- ✓ Frequent hand washing
- ✓ Social distancing
- ✓ **Small, private gatherings of no more than 10 people, with social distancing**

### BUSINESSES/ NON-PROFITS

- ✓ To-go and curbside pickups from restaurants and retail establishments
- ✓ Continue practicing teleworking
- ✓ Frequent cleaning of public and high touch areas

### CITY GOVERNMENT

- ✓ Non-essential City facilities remain closed
- ✓ Continue moratorium on special event applications
- ✓ Continue communication with local and State authorities to monitor public health metrics

## METRICS

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➤ **TRANSITION TO PHASE 3** after reaching Green Zone targets and sustaining each target over 14 days (i.e. COVID cases, hospitalizations, and positive test results) and the daily target average (i.e. hospital bed availability and testing capacity)

### GREEN ZONE TARGETS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- ✓ **New COVID Cases:** Cases average below 75
- ✓ **COVID Hospitalizations:** Hospitalizations average result below 200
- ✓ **Percent of Positive COVID Tests:** Diagnostic test positivity result below 5%
- ✓ **Hospital Bed Availability:** Remain above 25% in bed availability
- ✓ **COVID Testing Capacity:** Remain above 75% of testing capability

### AND\*

- ✓ **15 contact tracers per 100,000 residents**  
*\*contact tracing data are not currently available through the local and state public health departments*
- ✓ **City will consult with public health representatives prior to transition to next phase**

◀ **REVERT TO PHASE 1** (RED ZONE) if there is a sustained (14 Day) increase in new COVID cases, hospitalizations, or positive test results, and hospital bed/critical care bed capacity falls below 15% all available beds and testing capacity falls below 25%.

# PHASE 3: MAINTAIN (GREEN ZONE)

## GUIDELINES

### INDIVIDUALS

- ✓ **Limited trips outside; vulnerable populations should continue to stay home**
- ✓ Wearing a face mask in public is a mandate
- ✓ Frequent hand washing
- ✓ Social distancing

### BUSINESSES/ NON-PROFITS

- ✓ Limited occupancy in food and retail establishments to accommodate social distancing
- ✓ Continue practicing teleworking where feasible.
- ✓ **Workers that cannot complete their functions remotely begin to return to work, with appropriate safety precautions and operational changes.**
- ✓ Frequent cleaning of public and high touch areas
- ✓ **Small, public gatherings with social distancing**

### CITY GOVERNMENT

- ✓ Non-essential City facilities remain closed
- ✓ **City begins to accept special event applications for events with appropriate safety precautions**
- ✓ Continue communication with local and State authorities to monitor public health metrics

## METRICS

➤ **TRANSITION TO PHASE 4** after sustaining Green Zone targets over 14 days (i.e. COVID cases, hospitalizations, and positive test results) and the daily target average (i.e. hospital bed capacity and testing capacity)

### GREEN ZONE TARGETS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- ✓ **New COVID Cases:** Cases average below 75
- ✓ **COVID Hospitalizations:** Hospitalizations average result below 200
- ✓ **Percent of Positive COVID Tests:** Diagnostic test positivity result below 5%
- ✓ **Hospital Bed Availability:** Remain above 25% in bed availability
- ✓ **COVID Testing Capacity:** Remain above 75% of testing capability

### AND\*

- ✓ 15 contact tracers per 100,000 residents  
*\*contact tracing data are not currently available through the local and state public health departments*
- ✓ City will consult with public health representatives prior to transition to next phase

⚡ **REVERT TO PHASE 2** (YELLOW ZONE) if there is a sustained (14 Day) increase in new COVID cases, hospitalizations, or positive test results and hospital bed/critical care bed capacity falls below 25% of all available beds and testing capacity falls below 75%.

# PHASE 4: RECOVERY (GREEN ZONE)

## GUIDELINES

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### INDIVIDUALS

- ✓ Limited trips outside
- ✓ Wearing a face mask in public is a mandate
- ✓ Frequent hand washing
- ✓ Social distancing

### BUSINESSES/ NON-PROFITS

- ✓ Increased occupancy in food and retail establishments, with social distancing and other protective measures
- ✓ **Begin phasing in non-essential workers to return to work with safety precautions, including social distancing, temperature checks, and frequent cleaning as appropriate**
- ✓ **Medium, public gatherings with social distancing**
- ✓ Frequent cleaning of public and high touch areas

### CITY GOVERNMENT

- ✓ **Some non-essential City facilities and programs open with safety precautions**
- ✓ City continues to accept special event applications
- ✓ Continue communication with local and State authorities to monitor public health metrics

## METRICS

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➤ **TRANSITION TO PHASE 5** after sustaining Green Zone targets over 14 days (i.e. COVID cases, hospitalizations, and positive test results) and the daily target average (i.e. hospital bed capacity and testing capacity).

### GREEN ZONE TARGETS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- ✓ **New COVID Cases:** Cases average below 75
- ✓ **COVID Hospitalizations:** Hospitalizations average result below 200
- ✓ **Percent of Positive COVID Tests:** Diagnostic test positivity result below 5%
- ✓ **Hospital Bed Availability:** Remain above 25% in bed availability
- ✓ **COVID Testing Capacity:** Remain above 75% of testing capability

### AND\*

- ✓ **15 contact tracers per 100,000 residents**  
*\*contact tracing data are not currently available through the local and state public health departments*
- ✓ **City will consult with public health representatives prior to transition to next phase**

◀ **REVERT TO PHASE 3** (Green ZONE) if there is a sustained (14 Day) increase in new COVID cases, hospitalizations, or positive test results and hospital bed/critical care bed capacity falls below 25% of all available beds and testing capacity falls below 75%.

# PHASE 5: NEW NORMAL (GREEN ZONE)

## GUIDELINES

### INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES/ NON-PROFITS

- ✓ Frequent hand washing
- ✓ Frequent cleaning of public and high touch areas
- ✓ Wearing a face mask in public is recommended
- ✓ *Larger gatherings and live events, with appropriate social distancing and safety precautions*

### CITY GOVERNMENT

- ✓ *Non-essential City facilities open with safety precautions and routine cleaning*
- ✓ City continues to accept special event applications

## METRICS

### GREEN ZONE TARGETS INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

- ✓ **New COVID Cases:** Cases average below 75
- ✓ **COVID Hospitalizations:** Hospitalizations average result below 200
- ✓ **Percent of Positive COVID Tests:** Diagnostic test positivity result below 5%
- ✓ **Hospital Bed Availability:** Remain above 25% in bed availability
- ✓ **COVID Testing Capacity:** Remain above 75% of testing capability

### AND\*

- ✓ City will consult with public health representatives prior to transition to next phase

◀ **REVERT TO PHASE 4** (Green ZONE) if there is a sustained (14 Day) increase in new COVID cases, hospitalizations, or positive test results and hospital bed/critical care bed capacity falls below 25% of all available beds and testing capacity falls below 75%.

While the City has not established any additional Phases beyond this New Normal, consideration will be given to CDC and public health guidance available at the time, the timeline and potential for broad availability of a vaccine, and any other new factors that may arise before progressing through any additional reopening measures.