



# CITY OF ATLANTA

## MAYOR KEISHA LANCE BOTTOMS

### RECOMMENDED GUIDELINES

# COVID-19 RESILIENCE PLAN

The Advisory Council on Reopening Atlanta recommended that the Mayor supplement the State's reopening criteria with additional, voluntary guidelines, leading to the Reopening Plan for Atlanta. As the pandemic has moved into its second year, this COVID-19 Resilience Plan serves as an update to the guidelines based on the latest public health guidance. The importance and impact of the COVID vaccine is reflected in this plan.

**Based on the current available data, Atlanta is in the Red Zone.**

The City continues to review several additional key metrics, including data for the Atlanta metro area. All data used herein are not owned or maintained by the City of Atlanta. Data have 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.

The City of Atlanta will continue to update our COVID-19 Resilience Plan and Metrics. The metrics are now classified as key metrics and monitored metrics. Key metrics are used to determine our movement between zones. Monitored metrics are observed to provide general updates about the pandemic. The City of Atlanta has consulted with public health experts on the latest updates to this plan.



# ZONE OVERVIEW:

## RED ZONE

- ✓ *Cases average above 250*
- ✓ *Hospitalizations average above 350*
- ✓ *Diagnostic test positivity above 10%*

## YELLOW ZONE

- ✓ *Cases average between 75-249*
- ✓ *Hospitalizations average between 201-349*
- ✓ *Diagnostic test positivity between 5.1-10%*

## GREEN ZONE

- ✓ *Cases average between 20-75*
- ✓ *Hospitalizations average between 50-200*
- ✓ *Diagnostic test positivity between 1-5%*

## BLUE ZONE

- ✓ *Cases average below 20*
- ✓ *Hospitalizations average below 50*
- ✓ *Diagnostic test positivity below 1%*

The City will monitor the data for potential spikes and consult with public health professionals to determine the need to adjust any metrics, targets, or zones. Movement between zones will be based upon reaching and sustaining the threshold levels for the relevant zone.

# KEY METRICS:

## METRICS USED TO DETERMINE MOVEMENT THROUGH ZONES

### Vaccination Tracking Indicators are Monitored Daily

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*Percentage of Population Fully Vaccinated*

### Disease Spread Indicators Are Monitored Over 10 Days

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#### New COVID Cases

**Red Zone:** *Cases average above 250*

**Yellow Zone:** *Cases average between 75-249*

**Green Zone:** *Cases average between 20-75*

**Blue Zone:** *Cases average below 20*

#### COVID Hospitalizations

**Red Zone:** *Hospitalizations average above 350*

**Yellow Zone:** *Hospitalizations average between 201-349*

**Green Zone:** *Hospitalizations average between 50-200*

**Blue Zone:** *Hospitalizations average below 50*

#### 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 between 1-5%*

**Blue Zone:** *Diagnostic test positivity below 1%*

## METRICS MONITORED FOR GENERAL UPDATES ON THE PANDEMIC

### Hospital Capacity Indicators are Monitored Daily

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**Hospital Bed Availability** *Pre-COVID Average is 22.5%*

**Hospital CCU Bed Availability** *Pre-COVID Average is 25%*

### Testing Capacity Indicators are Monitored Daily

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*County standards: > 2,857 tests per day*

# RED ZONE:

Atlanta's Reopening Phases have been replaced in this Resilience Plan with data zones. These zones are intended to provide current information on the key data indicators that help inform public health decisions. The guidance provided below is ongoing and is not tied to a specific zone. The guidance will be regularly updated depending on vaccination rates, disease spread indicators, and guidance from public health professionals.

## RECENT GUIDANCE UPDATES

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- ✓ As a mandate, all persons in a public place citywide shall wear a mask when indoors
- ✓ City accepts Section 42 outdoor event applications with safety measures
- ✓ City facilities are open for transactional services only, such as payments for permits and licenses, and remain closed to public events

## ONGOING GUIDANCE

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- ✓ Vaccination remains the most effective protection against COVID-19
- ✓ Practice social distancing
- ✓ Frequently wash hands
- ✓ Frequent cleaning of public and high touch areas
- ✓ Practice telework and staggered office schedules where feasible, with safety measures
- ✓ Non-essential City facilities may open to the public. Masking will be mandated for now and the number of persons indoors may be limited to avoid crowding