

COVID-19 Restrictions: Purple Tier Reopening in San Francisco*
(Updated January 27, 2021)

**This reopening follows the State’s termination of the Regional Stay at Home Order and is subject to case rates and hospitalizations in San Francisco remaining generally flat or declining. But case rates remain high and businesses and individuals will have to take extreme care and comply with safety precautions to allow reopenings to begin and continue. The Bay Area is at risk of a fourth surge if face coverings, social distancing and other safety measures are not maintained.*

General COVID-19 safety requirements:

- Face coverings. All individuals must wear face coverings when outside their home, including when exercising. There are limited exceptions, such as when people are actively eating or drinking while seated at a table at an outdoor dining establishment.
- Social distancing. Individuals from different households must maintain at least six feet of distance between each other.
- Safety protocols. All allowed business and other activities must be done in compliance with specified safety protocols, including health directives for those businesses and other activities.
- Outdoor shelters. Outdoor businesses and activities may use outdoor shelters that comply with health guidelines, to help protect patrons and participants from the weather. Generally, these guidelines allow two non-adjacent sides to be enclosed as long as there is adequate air flow.
- Capacity monitoring. All indoor businesses that are allowed to open and serve members of the public indoors must comply with requirements to monitor the capacity of patrons. All capacity limits that are based on a percentage of maximum occupancy for the indoor space must be reduced to the capacity that allows all patrons and personnel to maintain at least six feet of physical distance if that capacity is lower.
- Ventilation. All businesses that are allowed to operate indoors at this time are required to post a placard at the entrance to the business showing whether the business is implementing any ventilation measures consistent with DPH guidance.
- Night-time limited hours restrictions. For the time being San Francisco is continuing the night-time hours restrictions that were in the State’s Limited Stay at Home Order requiring that non-essential businesses (such as outdoor dining) and most gatherings cease between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. The Health Officer will assess on an ongoing basis whether health conditions make it appropriate to continue this restriction.
- Employee breakrooms. For all business sectors use by personnel of breakrooms must meet certain safety requirements, including signage, staggered schedules, 25% capacity limits and encouragement to eat outdoors or away from other people.

Key: **Yellow** highlighting below indicates significant changes as of January 28, 2021 for the reopening or expansion of business and other activities in the purple tier under San Francisco’s Stay-Safer-At-Home Order. “Open” or “allowed” means allowed with safety modifications. “Closed” or “prohibited” means suspended until health conditions allow for a safer reopening as the Health Officer determines according to the State’s color-coded four-tier Blueprint.

Business or Activity Category	Purple Tier Baseline/SF Additional Limitations
Retail stores for goods: outdoor curbside	Open.
Standalone grocery stores	Open with capacity limited to 50% of maximum occupancy based on patrons only (increased from 35%). No eating or drinking is allowed in the stores. Additionally, stores should institute special hours for

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	seniors and others with chronic conditions or compromised immune systems.
Retail stores for goods: essential, indoors (e.g. pharmacies, hardware, etc.)	Open with capacity limited to 25% of maximum occupancy based on patrons only (increased from 20%). No eating or drinking is allowed in the stores. Additionally, stores should institute special hours for seniors and others with chronic conditions or compromised immune systems.
Retail stores for goods: non-essential, indoors (e.g. clothing stores, book shops, etc.)	Open with capacity limited to 25% of maximum occupancy based on patrons only (increased from 20% based on patrons and personnel). No eating or drinking is allowed in the stores. Additionally, stores should institute special hours for seniors and others with chronic conditions or compromised immune systems.
Shopping centers, including enclosed malls	Open for indoor operations (center as a whole and individual stores) at 25% capacity based on patrons only (increased from 20%), with a safety plan approved by the Health Officer. Indoor food courts and common areas where people can gather must remain closed. Additionally, shopping centers should institute special hours for seniors and others with chronic conditions or compromised immune systems.
Outdoor retail for goods	Open.
Low-contact indoor retail services (pet grooming, shoe repair, etc.)	Open indoors at 25% capacity (patrons only); outdoor curbside pick-up and drop-off by patrons is strongly encouraged to the extent feasible.
Indoor equipment rental business (bike rental, etc.)	Open with a capacity limit of 25% of maximum occupancy based on patrons only (increased from 20% based on patrons and personnel).
Dining: indoors	Closed except for take-out and delivery.
Dining: outdoors	<p>Open outdoors only, with no percentage occupancy capacity limit but with restrictions on table size, spacing and mixing of households.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dining establishments must limit tables to two households of up to six people total per table [State does not cap]. • Six feet minimum distancing is required between tables (i.e. from seated diner at one table to seated diner at another table); per revised State rules, barriers are not allowed in lieu of six-foot minimum distancing. • Seniors and other people with chronic conditions or compromised immune systems – and those who live with seniors and people with such conditions – are urged not to participate in outdoor dining at this time. • Patrons must be seated at a table to eat or drink and may only remove face coverings when eating or drinking, meaning, for instance, they must put on face coverings when staff approach the table to take an order, deliver meals or clear the table.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Take-out and delivery may also continue. Indoor dining is not allowed at this time. • Live entertainment is allowed but no singing or brass or wind instruments at this time. • The dining establishment's designated Worksite Safety Monitor must by February 4 develop and implement a plan to ensure that all patrons and personnel comply with the health directive for dining (e.g., the plan may involve designating a staff member for each shift to monitor for improper crowding or gathering).
Bars: indoors and outdoors	Closed (including wineries and brewpubs and except for bars serving bona fide meals, below).
Bars serving meals	Open for outdoor dining and take-out and delivery.
Coffee shops	Open outdoors and for take-out and delivery, subject to the same restrictions that apply to dining.
Farmers markets	Open outdoors with safety modifications.
Manufacturing and warehousing (essential and non-essential)	Open.
Professional sports – practices, games, and tournaments (no spectators)	Allowed with broadcasting but without live audiences. [SF requires an approved health and safety plan, including testing, bubbles (stable pods of players and staff) and safety restrictions on visiting teams.]
Entertainment venues (no spectators)	Allowed with broadcasting but without live audiences. [SF requires an approved health and safety plan, including testing and bubbles (stable pods and entertainers and staff).]
Film and media production – indoors and outdoors	Allowed if (1) a small production outdoors with face coverings and distancing, or (2) if a large production or occurs indoors, with testing and other safety protocols or an approved health and safety plan; and craft services are also allowed outdoors only with the same safety measures that apply to outdoor dining.
Live streaming or broadcasting	Allowed for personnel necessary to stream (no spectators) up to 12 people, with special requirements for singing or playing wind or brass instruments.
Outdoor fitness classes	Open with safety modifications including distancing and face-coverings. [No State cap; SF cap = 25 people including instructor(s) and participants (increased from 12 people).]
Gyms and fitness centers: indoors	Closed except for one-on-one personal training, which is allowed with implementation of at least one ventilation measure per DPH guidelines. Only one trainer and one client may be in the facility at any one time (plus necessary support staff, such as front desk, security, janitorial and safety monitor personnel).

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Gyms and fitness centers: outdoors	Open with safety modifications including distancing and face-coverings and with no special capacity limit (previously limited to 12 people).
Indoor household services	Allowed.
Non-essential offices	Closed. Remote work and minimum operations only.
Essential offices	Open [SF limits to offices for Essential Businesses (as defined in its Stay-Safer-At-Home Order) and certain limited accessory offices, with required safety protocols].
Outdoor zoos, aquariums, museums	Open, with capacity for zoos limited to 50% of maximum occupancy based on patrons only and with a safety plan approved by the Health Officer; no capacity limit or plan approval is required for outdoor museums. [State = no capacity limit; SF = 50% capacity limit for zoos under existing approved plan. SF has no outdoor aquariums.]
Indoor zoos, aquariums and museums	Closed.
Personal services: indoors (including hair salons and barbershops, nail salons, body art studios and massage studios)	Open indoors with 25% capacity of maximum occupancy based on patrons only [State: no cap; SF = 25% cap consistent with retail generally]; no removal of face coverings [State allows; SF did not in purple before regional order].
Personal services: outdoors (including hair salons and barbershops, nail salons, body art studios and massage studios)	Open outdoors with no special capacity limit. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No removal of face coverings by patrons allowed [State allows; SF did not in purple before regional order]. Per State rules the following personal services cannot be offered outside because they cannot be done safely in an outdoor setting: electrology, tattooing, piercing, microblading, permanent make-up, and other forms of body art that are invasive and require a controlled hygienic environment. Also, shampooing and chemical hair services are prohibited outdoors.
Laundromats and dry cleaners	Open with 25% capacity limit based on patrons only (increased from 20%).
Banks and financial institutions	Open with 25% capacity limit based on patrons only (increased from 20%).
Outdoor family entertainment centers (e.g. mini-golf, skate parks, etc.)	Open outdoors only consistent with State rule that “outdoor activities can include: outdoor playgrounds, outdoor skate parks, outdoor roller and ice skating at 25% capacity, outdoor laser tag, outdoor paintball, batting cages, kart racing, miniature golf, etc.”
Standalone amusement rides (e.g. Ferris wheels, train rides, carousels)	Closed.
Open-air boat operators (e.g., tour boats, fishing boats, etc.)	Open for patrons in outdoor areas only; if more than 12 passengers total, must be in physically separated groups of up to 12 passengers in each group.

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Open-air tour bus operators	Open for patrons in outdoor areas only; if more than 12 passengers, must be in physically separated groups of up to 12 passengers in each group [SF requirement].
Hotels and other lodging facilities (e.g., shared rentals)	<p>Open for tourist use (subject to the SF travel quarantine order as summarized below) as well as COVID-19 mitigation and containment measures, treatment measures, providing accommodation for essential workers, or providing housing solutions, including measures to protect homeless populations. Consistent with the SF travel quarantine order (and as long as it remains in effect) hotels and other lodging facilities may not accept or honor reservations for people from outside the Bay Area (including from other states or countries) for non-essential travel unless:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The reservation is for at least 10 days (the minimum time period required for quarantine), and ○ The people identified in the reservation will quarantine in the hotel or lodging entity for at least 10 days. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Indoor gyms, indoor pools, ballrooms, conference rooms, business centers, lounge areas, and other indoor gathering places all must remain closed. ● Outdoor dining on the lodging premises may reopen subject to outdoor dining health directive. ● Outdoor fitness areas, outdoor tennis courts and outdoor pools on the lodging premises may reopen subject to applicable health directives. ● The SF travel quarantine order remains in place for now. It strongly discourages non-essential travel of any kind and within any distance, including from one location to another within the Bay Area. Additionally, it generally requires people travelling or returning to San Francisco to quarantine for 10 days if they spent time outside the following nine other Bay Area counties: San Mateo, Santa Clara, Alameda, Contra Costa, Solano, Sonoma, Napa, Marin and Santa Cruz. There are limited exemptions under the quarantine requirement, including for medical professionals, first responders, official government business, essential infrastructure work, and people engaging in certain other designated activities. ● The State travel advisory continues to apply, recommending that Californians avoid non-essential travel to anywhere in California more than 120 miles from their residence or to other states or countries and also strongly discouraging non-essential travelers from other states or counties from entering California and to follow quarantine procedures if they do. ● Any guest who has COVID-19 symptoms or has a close contact with someone who has COVID-19 is

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	also subject to the City’s isolation and quarantine directives.
Indoor movie theaters	Closed.
Drive-in events (e.g., drive-in movies and drive-in performances)	Open for drive-in movies only with up to 100 vehicles and one household only per vehicle; food and beverage concession services are allowed with on-line or remote ordering only and delivery of ordered items to occupants in vehicles and other safety modifications; and live performances are prohibited.
Real estate showings	Real estate viewings must only occur virtually or, if a virtual viewing is not feasible, by appointment with no more than two visitors at a time residing within the same household and one individual showing the unit (except that in-person visits are not allowed when the occupant is present in the residence); no open houses are allowed. [SF = additional limits on in-person showings]
Commercial parking garages	Open.
Conventions and trade shows.	Prohibited.
Construction – private construction projects and public works	Allowed (indoors and outdoors).
Home and business building maintenance related services (e.g. plumbers, electricians, HVAC repair, handypersons, appliance repair, landscapers, etc.)	Allowed.
Auto repair shops, gas stations and car washes	Open with 25% capacity limit based on patrons only (increased from 20% based on patrons and personnel) for indoor spaces open to the public.
Taxis and ride share	Open with safety modifications.
Parks and beaches	Open to the public.
Outdoor botanical gardens and historical sites	Open to the public.
Golf	Open for up to foursomes (increased from twosomes), with all tee times staggered at least 10 minutes apart, and one household only per cart (no sharing of a cart by members of different households), and players from different households must maintain at least six feet of distance at all times. No spectators allowed.
Tennis	Open outdoors (not indoors), singles and doubles with no more than three households, and if the players are members of different households they cannot share equipment and must maintain at least six feet of distance at all times. No spectators allowed.
Pickleball	Open outdoors singles only per State rules. No spectators allowed.
Dog parks	Open outdoors.

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Outdoor gatherings (including social gatherings)	<p>Prohibited except the following are allowed:</p> <p>(1) small outdoor gatherings of no more than three households up to 12 people total, with face coverings required (no food or beverage) [State: no cap on number of people; SF cap = 12];</p> <p>(2) small outdoor meal gathering where face coverings are removed to eat or drink of no more than two households up to six people total [State cap = three households, no cap on number of people; SF = lower cap]; and</p> <p>(3) gatherings otherwise allowed for particular sectors with conditions (e.g. outdoor religious gatherings, outdoor fitness classes).</p>
Libraries: outdoor curbside	Open.
Outdoor recreation	<p>Allowed (1) for individuals from up to three households of no more than 12 people total to recreate together with distancing between household members, including outdoor low-contact sports that State guidance allows in purple (such as bocce ball, lawn bowling, walking, running, hiking, biking, dance and martial arts with no contact, etc.) and they can also share projectiles (e.g. throw a ball or frisbee) or (2) with members from other households as otherwise expressly provided for specific facilities, including outdoor pools).</p>
Outdoor swimming pools	Open (except for water slides, rides and other attractions) [SF specific rules: one person per lane, etc.].
Indoor swimming pools	Closed.
Recreation facilities (e.g. sports fields, basketball courts, tennis courts, etc.)	Open for activities as provided above for outdoor recreation. No spectators and no food or beverage sales are allowed.
Youth sports	<p>Allowed for outdoor low-contact sports subject to State guidance for the purple tier (consistent with the examples above for outdoor recreation). Also allowed if part of a childcare or out of school time (OST) program or part of an organized and supervised youth sports program with distancing and face coverings at all times. Any youth sports or exercise taking place as part of an OST program or organized and supervised youth sports program must take place outdoors only (indoors not allowed). No competitions or spectators allowed.</p>
Outdoor Playgrounds	Open with safety modifications for public children's playgrounds operated by government entities; public school playgrounds are subject to schools guidance.
Indoor Playgrounds	Closed.
Religious activities: indoor individual prayer/counseling	Open.
Religious activities: indoor services	Closed.

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Religious activities: outdoor services	Allowed with no special capacity limit on the maximum number of people (previous SF limit = 200 people).
Political demonstrations - outdoors	Allowed with no special capacity limit on the maximum number of people (previous SF limit = 200 people).
Schools (TK-12) for in-person learning	Schools that are open may remain open with a new COVID-19 safety plan approved by the Health Officer by February 1. But no new indoor in-person instruction may open except for elementary schools (TK-6), which may open with an approved COVID-19 safety plan by the Health Officer.
Childcare and youth: Pre-K and childcare programs	Open with a capacity limit of 16 people (including both adults and children), stable group restrictions and other safety requirements.
Childcare and youth: out of school time (OST) programs	Open with a capacity limit of 16 people (including both adults and children or youth), stable group restrictions and other safety requirements.
Institutions of higher education (e.g. universities and colleges) and adult vocational training	Remote learning only, except in-person instruction is allowed for classes involving training for essential functions or services relating to public health or safety or essential government service and (1) outdoors with a capacity limit of 25 people per class (including instructors and students) and (2) indoors for classes that cannot be held remotely because of special settings and with a COVID-19 prevention plan; indoor lecture classes are prohibited. [SF = additional limits on outdoor class size and scope of allowed indoor in-person classes.]
Collegiate sports – practices, games and tournaments	Allowed without in-person spectators and with an approved safety plan subject to similar COVID-19 safety requirements as for professional sports.
Public transportation	Open with safety modifications.
Non-urgent ambulatory/medical and dental care	Allowed.
Elective surgeries	Allowed.
Funerals	Allowed outdoors (per religious services safety requirements) and indoors with up to 12 people (including personnel and people attending).