



Reopening Guidance for Businesses and Other Organizations

On May 13, 2020, Governor Hogan issued an amended [Executive Order \(20-15-13-01\)](#) relaxing some restrictions as part of the Maryland Roadmap to Recovery. The purpose of the document is to provide guidance on businesses and organizations that may reopen as part of the amended Executive Order.

Businesses and organizations that are permitted to reopen under stage one of the Maryland Roadmap to Recovery include:

- **Religious Facilities:** Religious facilities may open to the general public at up to 50 percent of the facility’s maximum occupancy permitted of that facility by fire code. Religious facilities are encouraged to conduct worship outside and follow additional health and safety guidelines. [Guidance and best practices for religious facilities.](#)
- **Retail Establishments:** Retail establishments that principally sell goods may open to the general public at up to 50 percent of the retail establishment’s maximum occupancy permitted for that facility by fire code. These businesses should follow appropriate health and safety guidelines. [Guidance and best practices for retail stores.](#)
- **Manufacturing Facilities:** Manufacturing facilities that previously did not fall into the category of “essential businesses” can now reopen and resume operations. These businesses should follow appropriate health and safety guidelines. [Guidance and best practices for manufacturing facilities.](#)
- **Certain Personal Services:** Beauty salons and barber shops may reopen with up to 50 percent capacity, by appointment only, for hair services including blow drying only. These businesses should follow appropriate health and safety guidelines. [Guidance and best practices for personal services.](#)

The following is a non-exhaustive list of other businesses and organizations that may reopen under stage one of the Maryland Roadmap to Recovery:

- Animal adoption shelters
- Art galleries
- Bookstores
- Car washes
- Clothing and shoe stores
- Florists
- Furniture stores
- Jewelers
- Lawn and garden stores
- Pawn shops
- Pet groomers
- Sporting goods stores
- Tobacco and vape shops

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The following is a non-exhaustive list of businesses and organizations that are not permitted to reopen under stage one of the Maryland Roadmap to Recovery:

- Senior centers
- Restaurants and bars (may open for takeout and delivery only)
- Gyms and fitness centers
- Nail salons
- Tanning salons
- Massage parlors
- Tattoo parlors
- Wedding venues
- Enclosed malls
- Movie theaters
- Bingo halls
- Bowling alleys
- Pool halls
- Amusement parks
- Roller and ice skating rinks
- Miniature golf establishments
- Social and fraternal clubs
- Any other establishment subject to the admission and amusement tax

Interpretive guidance on Executive Order (20-15-13-01) can be found at <https://governor.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/OLC-Interpretive-Guidance-COVID19-14.pdf>.

Interpretive guidance on essential businesses can be found at <https://governor.maryland.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/OLC-Interpretive-Guidance-COVID19-04.pdf>.

Best practices for opening businesses can be found at <https://open.maryland.gov/backtobusiness/>.