Feb. 29, 2020

Governor Inslee declares a state of emergency in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

March 16, 2020

Full closure for on-site service (takeout and delivery allowed)

June 5, 2020

Pierce and Snohomish counties move to Phase 2, which allows 25% occupancy in restaurants. King goes to a modified Phase 1, and 14 other counties move into Phase 3.

June 23, 2020

Statewide mask mandate guidance clarifying use in restaurants issued on July 7.

Aug. 6, 2020

Indoor dine-in for tables at restaurants limited to members of the same household, and restaurants must close any game areas (like pool and darts). Alcohol service cutoff at 10 p.m. Both bars and restaurants can serve people outside at 50% capacity with no additional restrictions. Taverns/bars closed unless adding food operations. Maximum capacity set at 20% or 30 people, whichever is fewer. Six feet of social distance maintained at all times.

Nov. 18, 2020

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Restaurants and bars close again for indoor dining. Takeout service and outdoor dining allowed with limitations — no more than five people per table and adhering to current guidelines on outdoor dining capacity.

Jan. 11, 2021

All counties enter Phase 1 — restaurant dining rooms operate at 25% capacity.
Open-air dining allows restaurants to seat customers outdoors per guidelines and indoors at 25% capacity.

May 13, 2021

All counties move to Phase 3. Governor Inslee declares the state will fully reopen by June 30, 2021, or when 70% of Washingtonians over the age of 16 get their first vaccination, whichever is sooner.

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March 23, 2020

Inslee signs Stay Home, Stay Healthy order which requires every Washingtonian to stay home unless they need to pursue an essential activity.

March 13, 2020

Statewide expansion of 250-person maximum ban for large events

March 11, 2020

Emergency proclamation limiting large events in Snohomish, King County (250 max)

May 29, 2020

May 12, 2020

covid cases and less than

restricted indoor dining. A

Counties with no new

75k residents can have

25% capacity limit and

other restrictions apply.

Inslee announces Safe Start
Program with four phases with
varying rules and methods for
each county. Counties differ in
allowances from now until Jan.
2021, but 25% occupancy is
allowed in most cases as a
baseline.

June 27, 2020

July 2, 2020

advance beyond their

service is removed from

modified phase 1 which

allows outdoor seating

All counties cannot

current phase. Bar

phase 3. Benton.

at 50% capacity.

Franklin and Yakima

counties can enter a

All counties barred from moving to Phase 4.

Nov. 13, 2020

Inslee announces travel advisory encouraging Washingtonians to avoid non-essential travel, asking out-of-state travelers to self-quarantine for 14 days.

Oct. 6, 2020

Alcohol cutoff moves from 10 p.m. to 11 p.m. for Phases 2 and 3. Indoor household member restriction for indoor dining eliminated.
Additionally, the guidelines allow for the increase of table size to six in Phase 2 and eight in Phase 3.
Benton, Franklin and Yakima counties remain in modified phase 1.

April 12, 2021

Pierce, Whitman and Cowlitz counties move back to Phase 2; all other counties in Phase 3 allowing restaurants to operate at 50%

March 22, 2021

All counties move to Phase 3 of the latest reopening plan. Indoor dining to increase from 25% to 50% capacity. In addition, table size limits increase from six to 10 people maximum (with no same household rule). Sales of alcohol extended from 11 p.m. to midnight.

Feb. 14, 2021

All western Washington counties move to Phase 2 and allowed to operate at 25% indoors with open-air dining options in effect. Tables at 6-foot distances, face masks, social distancing, maximum six people per table and two households per table (for example, at a wedding reception), alcohol service ends at 11 p.m.