

On May 8, Governor Tom Wolf announced 13 Pennsylvania counties will move to the yellow phase of reopening at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, May 15. Those counties include Allegheny, Armstrong, Bedford, Blair, Butler, Cambria, Fayette, Fulton, Greene, Indiana, Somerset, Washington and Westmoreland.

Gov. Wolf reminded residents and business owners that yellow means caution and that everyone needs to continue to be mindful of their actions and how they affect not only themselves, but their families, friends and community.

We thank everyone for their cooperation during this ordeal. Adhering to the recommendations has helped allow us to be in the yellow phase. Once again, a heartfelt thank you to all of our first responders, our City workers, our Water and Sanitary Authority workers, our nurses, physicians and medical staff, the people working at our grocery stores, our pharmacies and at all of our essential places, our volunteers and everyone who has helped and provided for us throughout this period. We will continue to get through this together.

The specifics of Governor Wolf's announcement are as follows:

Yellow Phase	
Work & Congregate Setting Restrictions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Telework Must Continue Where Feasible• Businesses with In-Person Operations Must Follow Business and Building Safety Orders• Child Care Open Complying with Guidance• Congregate Care and Prison Restrictions in Place• Schools Remain Closed for In-Person Instruction	
Social Restrictions	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stay at Home Order Lifted for Aggressive Mitigation• Large Gatherings of More Than 25 Prohibited• In-Person Retail Allowable, Curbside and Delivery Preferable• Indoor Recreation, Health and Wellness Facilities and Personal Care Services (such as gyms, spas, hair salons, nail salons and other entities that all provide massage therapy), and all Entertainment (such as casinos, theaters) Remain Closed• Restaurants and Bars Limited to Carry-Out and Delivery Only• All businesses must follow CDC and DOH guidance for social distancing and cleaning• Monitor public health indicators, adjust orders and restrictions as necessary•	

As regions or counties move into the yellow phase, some restrictions on work and social interaction will ease while others, such as closures of schools, gyms, and other indoor recreation centers, hair and nail salons, as well as limitations around large gatherings, remain in place. For example, retail locations will be able to open with forthcoming guidance in place that is substantially similar to the worker safety and building safety order. Otherwise retail will be able to allow for curbside pickup. The purpose of this phase is to begin to power back up the economy while keeping a close eye on the public health data to ensure the spread of disease remains contained to the greatest extent possible.