

As of June 30th, this document is no longer in force. It may be used as guidance.

Card Rooms COVID-19 Requirements

Summary of June 2 changes:

- Clarified changes for fully vaccinated individuals.
- Linked updated Department of Labor & Industries guidance.
- Removed language that is duplicated in the Labor & industries guidance or outdated.

Summary of March 18 changes:

- Added Phase 3 capacity – 50% occupancy, up to 400 people (excluding staff), whichever is fewer, if proper physical distancing can be achieved.
- Removed requirement to use disposable glassware/tableware.

Card room establishments must adopt a written procedure that is at least as strict as the requirements in this document and that complies with the appropriate safety and health requirements and guidelines established by the Washington State Department of Labor & Industries and the Washington State Department of Health.

Prior to recommencing on-site services, all card room owners are required to develop at each establishment, a comprehensive COVID-19 exposure control, mitigation, and recovery plan which must be adhered to. A site-specific COVID-19 monitor shall be designated at each location to monitor the health of individuals and enforce the COVID-19 job site safety plan. A copy of the plan must be available at all locations and available for inspection by state and local authorities. Failure to meet this requirement may result in sanctions up to, and including, license suspension.

Card room industry specific requirements

Below is a list of additional requirements that must be met before resuming operations for card rooms activities.

Phase 1

1. Cardroom activities and dining are limited to outdoor or in open-air areas only. See Outdoor and Open-air Seating Guidance [here](#). Guests may still enter indoor facility to access cage, automated teller machine, and restrooms.
2. Occupancy is limited to 25%, up to 200 individuals (excluding staff), if six feet physical distancing can be achieved.

Phase 2

1. Indoor card room activities and dining are allowed.
2. Indoor, Outdoor or Open-air occupant seating limitations are limited to 25% capacity, up to 200 individuals, (excluding staff), if six feet physical distancing can be achieved.

Phase 3

1. Indoor, Outdoor or Open-air occupant seating limitations are limited to 50% capacity, up to 400 individuals, (excluding staff), if six feet physical distancing can be achieved.

All Phases

1. **Temperature Screening.** Points of entry will be limited to allow our security team to conduct temperature checks utilizing thermal cameras or infrared thermometers. Employees or guests confirmed to have a temperature over 100.4°F (38°C) will not be allowed entry to the property and will be directed to contact appropriate medical care.
2. **Hand Sanitizer and Hand Washing.** Hand sanitizer bottles and/or dispensers will be placed at main entrances and high traffic areas such as the casino floor, restaurant and bar entrances, meeting and banquet spaces, elevator landings, and restrooms. All guests will be advised by the security team to use hand sanitizer before entering property. Employees are required to use hand sanitizer before and after starting a shift, entering and leaving the gaming floor and when going on break. All employees will be reminded to wash their hands for 20 seconds after any of the following activities: using the restroom, sneezing, blowing their nose, cleaning, sweeping, mopping, smoking, and eating. All soap and hand sanitizer dispensers will be included on a cleaning and restocking schedule to verify adequate supply.
3. All employees will be trained to advise guests to practice physical distancing by standing at least six feet away from other groups of people not traveling with them while standing in lines and moving around the property. Employees will be reminded not to touch their faces and to practice physical distancing by standing at least six feet away from guests and other employees whenever possible.
4. **Floor Plan Reconfiguration.** Restaurant tables, table games, and other physical layouts, including seating, will be reconfigured to provide appropriate distancing. All properties will comply with local or state mandated occupancy limits.
5. **Non-permeable barriers.** Encourage placement of non-permeable barriers at locations such as security, cages, restaurants and bars reception and pickup, off-track-betting and lottery workstation, and rewards club. Additional sanitation should also be considered for barriers.
6. **Cleaning Products and Protocols.** Use cleaning products and protocols which meet EPA guidelines and are approved for use and effective against viruses, bacteria, and other airborne and bloodborne pathogens.
7. **Air Filter and HVAC Cleaning.** The frequency of air filter replacement and HVAC system cleaning will be increased, and the amount of air exchange will be maximized to increase external air flow into the building.
8. Follow the [Eating and Drinking Guidance](#) for food and beverage service.
9. For liquor licensees who want to add outdoor service to their premises, please go to the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board (WSLCB) website, here, to access the Liquor Alterations Request Form. Please submit completed forms to liquoralterations@lcb.wa.gov.

Fully Vaccinated Individuals

*** Nothing in this section repeals any of the other provisions found in this document. Rather, this section creates limited exemptions for fully vaccinated individuals. ***

1. **Customers:** In accordance with the Secretary of Health's [Order 20-03.2](#), fully vaccinated individuals are exempt from the requirement to wear a face covering. A person is fully vaccinated against COVID-19 two weeks after they have received the second dose in a two-dose series (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna) or two weeks after they have received a single-dose vaccine (Johnson and Johnson/Janssen).

Fully vaccinated individuals are also exempt from physical distancing requirements.

To implement this section, businesses may:

- a. Implement an honor system;
- b. Engage with customers to ask about vaccination status;
- c. Require proof of vaccination status; or
- d. Continue mandating the use of face coverings.

2. Employees: Follow the requirements from the Department of Labor & Industries [here](#).

Safety and Health Requirements

All card room owners have a general obligation to maintain a safe and healthy workplace in accordance with state and federal law and safety and health rules for a variety of workplace hazards. Employers must specifically ensure operations follow the main Labor & Industries COVID-19 requirements to protect workers. COVID-19 workplace and safety requirements can be found [here](#).

Additional information is available at [Novel Coronavirus Outbreak \(COVID-19\) Resources](#) and [Paid Leave under the Washington Family Care Act and the Families First Coronavirus Response Act](#).