



Yakima Health District

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Increased Opportunities added to Yakima County’s “Roadmap to Recovery”

YAKIMA, WA- The Yakima Health District has successfully advocated for additional activities to be added into Yakima County’s “Roadmap to Recovery.” Through feedback from community members, business leaders and local elected officials, and in partnership with the Washington State Department of Health, four new activities have been identified as being safe to add to Yakima County’s “Roadmap to Recovery” starting **August 1, 2020**.

- 1. Increasing retail capacity**
 - a. From 15% to 25% of total capacity with indoor activities limited to 30 minutes
- 2. Allowing drive-in movies**
 - a. Only household members can be in the same car
 - b. No concessions can be sold at the location of these activities
- 3. Wineries, breweries and bars will follow the same guidance as restaurants.**
 - a. No indoor seating is permitted
 - b. Only members of the same household may be seated together
 - c. Alcohol service at all establishments must end at 10PM.
- 4. Regulated pools with a supervisor present**
 - a. Limited to lap swimming, water safety classes and swim lessons (5 or fewer people with proper distancing)

Other updates include conducting a community masking survey every other week rather than weekly given that the masking has sustained at 95% for the last three weeks. Additionally, the Washington State Department of Health clarified that outdoor spiritual gatherings can occur under open-air tents/canopies (no walls). Outdoor spiritual gatherings must continue to follow the guidance as outlined for Yakima County.

A reminder that these additional activities are being allowed within Yakima County’s current “Roadmap to Recovery.” This does not mean we have moved out of Modified Phase 1. These modifications can take place starting Saturday, **August 1, 2020**.

To ensure that Yakima County can continue to see a reduction in COVID-19 transmission, community members should keep in mind that Yakima County is still one of the communities with the highest rates of COVID-19 for its population size. For this reason, it is critical that all community members follow the public health recommendations.

Additional Information:

[Safe Start Yakima County](#)

[Washington State COVID-19](#)

[WA State Risk Assessment Dashboard](#)



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Public Health Recommendations:

1. Stay at home as much as possible
2. Do not gather with other people outside of your immediate household for things like parties, barbecues, large family dinners
3. If you must go out, ensure at least 6 feet, or 2 meters, of distance between yourself and another person
4. Wear a mask every time you are in a public setting where you can't maintain physical distance
5. Wash your hands frequently, sanitize surfaces frequently
6. If you experience symptoms of COVID-19, or have been in close contact with someone with COVID-19, get tested within 24 hours.
7. If you experience any time of illness symptoms, stay at home

Quotes:

“We are happy to be in the position to successfully advocate for additional activities that can be conducted safely in Yakima County. We have seen remarkable resilience from our community and commitment to contain the spread of COVID-19. As we continue to see the spread of COVID-19 disease in our community reduce, we hope to be able to continue to open more activities as soon as is safely possible.” Said Dr. Teresa Everson, Health Officer at the Yakima Health District.

“Opening up additional, approved activities is a recognition of Yakima County’s commitment to keeping the community safe. This accomplishment is the result of the hard work of community members, local elected officials, business associations and medical partners who have worked collectively to improve health outcomes in our valley.” Said Andre Fresco, Executive Director of the Yakima Health District.

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