



State of Nebraska COVID-19 Action Timeline

Closure Orders

- On March 19, 2020, the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services issued Directed Health Measure Order 2020-001, restricting alcohol sales to carry-out and delivery and restricting food and beverage sales at restaurants, bars, taverns, private clubs and other dine-in establishments to carry-out, drive-thru, and delivery only. The restrictions apply to the following counties: Cass, Douglas, Sarpy, and Washington. The Order will remain in effect from March 19, 2020 to April 30, 2020 (except Washington County -- see below).
- On March 25, 2020, Governor Ricketts issued a Media Release adding Dodge, Lancaster, and Saunders counties to the list of locations under the March 19, 2020 Directed Health Measure Order. These three counties, as well as Washington County, will be subject to the Directed Health Measure Order beginning immediately until May 6, 2020.
- On March 26, 2020, Governor Ricketts issued Executive Order No. 20-09, which amended Executive Order 20-06 to allow pre-made cocktails and other alcoholic beverages to be sold so long as the containers are sealed with a lid or other method of securing the product, and not partially consumed.
- On March 28, 2020, Governor Ricketts issued a Media Release adding Butler, Hall, Hamilton, Merrick, Polk, Seward, and York counties to the list of locations under the March 19, 2020 Directed Health Measure Order. The Directed Health Measure Order will remain in effect for these counties until May 6, 2020.
- On March 29, 2020, Governor Ricketts issued a Media Release adding Burt, Cuming, Madison, and Stanton counties to the list of locations under the March 19, 2020 Directed Health Measure Order. The Directed Health Measure Order will remain in effect for these counties until May 6, 2020.
- On March 30, 2020, Governor Ricketts issued a Media Release adding Banner, Box Butte, Cheyenne, Dawes, Deuel, Garden, Grant, Kimball, Morrill, Scotts Bluff, Sheridan, and Sioux counties to the list of locations under the March 19, 2020 Directed Health Measure Order. The Directed Health Measure Order will remain in effect for these counties until May 11, 2020.

- On March 31, 2020, Governor Ricketts issued a Media Release adding Adams, Buffalo, Clay, Dawson, Franklin, Gosper, Harlan, Kearney, Nuckolls, Phelps, and Webster counties to the list of locations under the March 19, 2020 Directed Health Measure Order. The Directed Health Measure Order will remain in effect for these counties until May 11, 2020.
- On April 1, 2020, Governor Ricketts issued a Media Release adding Antelope, Arthur, Boyd, Brown, Cherry, Holt, Hooker, Keya Paha, Knox, Lincoln, Logan, McPherson, Pierce, Rock, and Thomas counties to the list of locations under the March 19, 2020 Directed Health Measure Order. The Directed Health Measure Order will remain in effect for these counties until May 11, 2020.
- On April 3, 2020, Governor Ricketts issued a Media Release adding all remaining counties that are not under a Directed Health Measure. Now all 93 counties are covered by the Directed Health Measure. The Directed Health Measure was also expanded to prohibit elective medical and dental procedures. This Measure will remain in effect in all Nebraska counties until May 11, 2020.
- On April 9, 2020, Governor Ricketts issued a Media Release closing all beauty salons, barber shops, massage services, gentleman's clubs, bottle clubs, indoor theaters, and tattoo parlors until April 20, 2020. All organized sports teams will be suspended until May 31, 2020. Auto racing is now added to the list of closed businesses.

Mass Gathering Limitations

- On March 19, 2020, the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services issued Directed Health Measure Order 2020-001, further restricting gatherings to 10 people or less for the following counties: Cass, Douglas, Sarpy, and Washington. The Order will remain in effect from March 19, 2020, to April 30, 2020.
- On March 25, 2020, the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services issued Directed Health Measure Order 2020-002 reiterating restriction of gatherings to 10 people. This order prohibits gatherings of more than 10 patrons, customers, or invitees, excluding staff, in a single room or single space at the same time, including, but not limited to, a school, daycare facility (including in-home facilities), gymnasium, salon, fitness center, auditorium, stadium, arena, large event conference room, meeting hall, theater, library or any other confined indoor or outdoor space. This order also includes weddings, funerals, parades, fairs, festivals, concerts, and other indoor and outdoor events. This order will remain in effect from March 25, 2020 to April 30, 2020.
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- On April 3, 2020, Governor Ricketts issued a Directed Health Measure (2020-009) which added all remaining counties that are not under a Directed Health Measure. Now all 93 counties are subjected to gathering restriction of 10 people or less. his Measure will remain in effect in all Nebraska counties until May 11, 2020.

Unemployment Insurance

- On March 17, 2020, Governor Ricketts issued Executive Order No. 20-04 which directs the Commissioner of Labor to treat workers in an unpaid status for any reason as a result of COVID-19 exposure or illness as being on a temporary layoff and attached to their employment. The order also suspends the one week waiting period, as well as the work search requirement and the requirement that an individual be available for work.
- On April 2, 2020, Governor Ricketts issued Executive Order No. 20-14 which continues all waivers provided in Executive Order 20-04 until August 1, 2020, except for paragraph 5. The order replaces paragraph 5 to read: "Suspend certain provisions of subdivisions (l)(b) and 3(a) of Neb. Rev. Stat. § 48-652 and grant employers' relief from charging for benefits paid to individuals eligible for unemployment benefits solely as a result of COVID-19 exposure or illness from March 22, 2020 through August 1, 2020"