

The initiative will divide clusters and the areas around them into three categories with successively higher restrictions within each one: Red Zone - cluster itself; Orange Zone - warning zone; and Yellow Zone - precautionary zone.

The chart below is a summary and is not exhaustive. For full details please see [Empire State Development's Guidance Related to New York's Cluster Action Initiative](#).

Where permitted to operate within the cluster action initiative, businesses and other entities must continue to follow the relevant industry-specific guidelines provided by Department of Health as available on the [New York Forward website](#) for their applicable operations and activities.

**Visitation restrictions at congregate facilities:** The Department of Health has [issued guidance for limitations on visitation in residential congregate settings located in "red" and "orange" zones](#).

Type of Activity	Red	Orange	Yellow
Non-Essential Gatherings	Prohibited	10 people maximum, indoors and outdoors	25 people maximum, indoors and outdoors
House of Worship	Lesser of: 25% of maximum capacity 10 people	Lesser of: 33% of maximum capacity 25 people	50% of maximum capacity
Businesses	Non-essential businesses are closed	Certain high-risk non-essential businesses (eg., gyms, fitness centers and classes, barber shops, hair salons, personal care services) are closed.	Open
Dining	Takeout or delivery only	Outdoor dining, takeout or delivery only, 4 person maximum per table	Indoor and outdoor dining permitted, 4 person maximum per table
Schools	Closed* Remote-only	Closed* Remote-only	Open Mandatory weekly testing of students and school personnel, in accordance with DOH guidance to be issued by October 9, 2020.

\*Schools may reopen if they follow new guidelines that require mass testing in schools before they reopen followed by vigilant symptom and exposure screening conducted daily. [See new guidelines](#).