

On May 4th, 2020, Governor Inslee signed [Proclamation 20-25.3](#) and outlined the “Safe Start” plan, a phased approach to re-open Washington’s economy. Under the plan, businesses and activities will re-open in phases with adequate social distancing measures & health standards in place. Businesses may also need to meet additional requirements developed specifically for their industry. The governor’s website is continually updated and provides [businesses specific requirements](#).

On November 15th, 2020, Governor Inslee announced a four-week statewide set of restrictions in response to the rapid spread of the COVID-19 virus. The new restrictions are outlined [here](#).

The Safe Start plan contains other requirements which may make occupant loads calculated using this method impractical. Please use the links provided above to read the governor's orders related to reopening your business in its entirety. Any questions about the governor's orders must be directed to the governor's office. While City of Tacoma staff can provide assistance with occupancy of your establishment, we cannot provide interpretations of the governor's orders.

Who can I ask questions about the governor’s orders?

All issues regarding worker safety and health are subject to enforcement action under L&I’s Division of

Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH).

- Employers can request COVID-19 [prevention advice and help](#) from L&I’s Division of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH).
- Employee Workplace safety and health complaints may be submitted to the L&I DOSH Safety Call Center: (1-800-423-7233) or via e-mail to adaq235@lni.wa.gov.
- General questions about how to comply with the agreement practices can be submitted to the state’s [Business Response Center](#).
- Violations related to Proclamation 20-25 can be submitted [here](#).