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Gatherings of 100 people

- New Zealand will allow gatherings of up to 100 people from noon this Friday 29, the government announced.
- That is an increase from the 10-person limit now and will apply to gatherings at home, events outside of home and at public venues. It will also apply to church services, weddings and funerals.

Germany reopen Hotels and swimming pools:

- This Monday, hotels, swimming pools and campgrounds were allowed to reopen in several states, the [latest step in the country's efforts to carefully revive the economy](#).
- Strict hygiene rules and limitations govern the new steps. Measures include advance online booking for a time slot at Berlin's outdoor pools, buffets giving way to advance orders at distanced tables in hotel breakfast rooms and shuttered campground shower rooms in some states. And people are still required to stay five feet from strangers

Spain will allow tourists to visit without quarantine:

- The government said that beginning July 1, it [would no longer require foreign tourists to enter quarantine upon arrival](#).
- Starting on Monday, parts of Spain, covering areas that are home to almost half the population, **reopened public swimming pools and beaches**, and restaurants and bars can now serve customers indoors with specific restrictions to avoid overcrowding.

Japan lifted a nationwide state of emergency on Monday 25

- Abe declared the state of emergency in Tokyo and several other areas on 7 April before quickly expanding it nationwide. After lifting the restrictions in most areas earlier this month, he said on Monday that [new infections had slowed enough to justify an easing of restrictions on businesses, bars and restaurants throughout the country](#), adding that hospitals were treating far fewer patients than at the height of the outbreak.

All of South Africa moves to Covid-19 lockdown Level 3 on 1 June, including coronavirus hotspot metros such as Cape Town, Johannesburg

- [All manufacturing, mining and construction can fully reopen from 1 June, alongside financial, professional and business services, including IT](#). Wholesale and retail trade will open, as will all spaza shops and informal traders.
- Sectors previously opened, such as agriculture and food production, remain open. Restaurants, shisanyamas and such may open only for delivery, and now also collection of food.
- Exercise is allowed anytime, anywhere – just not in groups. Domestic business air travel will be phased in.

Vietnamese football is the world's earliest returning to normalcy with spectators after Covid-19

- This is the [first official game of Vietnamese football after Covid-19 pandemic](#) has been controlled and also the first of its kind to mark the attendance of spectators when the world is still taking caution to the move. Vietnam's football leagues have been postponed since mid-March after playing several rounds without spectators.
- However, the organizers are asked to conduct Covid-19 **preventive measures such as check body temperature, provide hand sanitizers, wear masks, keep distance** among others in accordance with the instructions of the Vietnam Football Joint-stock Company (VPF).
- **There are only 10,000 tickets**, half of Thien Truong Stadium's seats are available. Usually, Thien Truong Stadium only opens 90 minutes before a game, but due to current circumstances, the time will be increased to 150 minutes to facilitate temperature checks.

NATIONWIDE

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[All 50 states have reopened:](#)

- Ahead of Memorial Day Weekend, all 50 states have reopened to varying degrees
- While some states are entering phase 3 of reopening, others have just embarked cautiously onto phase 1
- In anticipation of people wanting to be outside over the holiday weekend, beaches for the most part have reopened with strict social distancing and public health guidelines in place
- Seattle will close 20 miles to street traffic while NYC converts some streets into bicycle or pedestrian streets.

[Potential ban on travel from Brazil to US:](#)

- Coronavirus cases have been spiking in Brazil, leading to speculation of likely travel suspension between Brazil and the US.
- Brazil now has the largest known outbreak after the United States

[Hard decisions need to be made about Houses of Worship:](#)

- President Trump is pushing to reopen Houses of Worship immediately, deeming them essential services
- Services till now have been mostly restricted to online streaming
- Although, Houses of worship can reopen now in half of the states, many have remained closed while next steps are finalized
- In Minnesota Houses of Worship will be allowed to open at 25% of capacity, if all public health guidelines are strictly adhered to
- Decision to reopen is particularly hard for African-American churches as coronavirus has disproportionately affected the community. Leaders of the Church of God in Christ, a historically black denomination is urging pastors to not begin reopening till July.

[New York sports teams resume training:](#)

- Gov. Cuomo gives the go ahead for NY sports teams to reopen their facilities and resume training
- Conversations continue about the logistics and safety protocols of sports in the coming months, especially since most will be played in empty stadiums without an audience

[The importance of wearing masks when outside:](#)

- As many states begin to reopen and relax stay at home orders, officials and experts continue to stress the importance of wearing masks in public
- Many governors have stressed that wearing masks in public should not be politicized and is not a partisan issue, rather one that needs to be taken for the welfare of each citizen

Parameters on When to return to normalcy

[Illinois releases guidelines for businesses to reopen in Phase 3:](#)

- Bars and nightclubs
 - Resume outdoor seating only
 - Tables must be 6 feet apart and must be away from the sidewalks
 - Masks and social distancing measures must be strictly followed
- Outdoor activities
 - All state parks will reopen May 29th
 - All concessions will also reopen in strict adherence to guidelines
 - Indoor and outdoor tennis facilities will also reopen
 - Ten person limit for all gatherings in phase 3
- Personal care services
 - Nail salons, tattoo shops, hair braiders, spas and barbershops can reopen in adherence

with guidelines

[Comprehensive reopening status across the country](#)

STATEWIDE

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- Most recent statistics from MDPH
 - (5/24/2020) [Current Massachusetts statistics](#)
 - 92,675 confirmed cases (*compared to 86,010 last week*)
 - 6,372 deaths (*compared to 5,797 last week*)
 - 2% of all cases currently hospitalized (588 cases currently in ICU) (*compared to 3% and 702 last week*)
 - (5/20/2020) [Current Provincetown statistics](#)
 - Provincetown total cases: 22 (*compared to 21 last week*)
 - Provincetown rate per 100,000: 838.46 (*no change from the last week*)
- (5/24/2020) [British study says Massachusetts coronavirus rates are much higher than reported and could rise steeply](#)
 - Researchers from Imperial College London states that COVID-19 has infected 13% of the 6.9 million residents of Massachusetts
 - This is 896,000 people, which is more than the 91,662 confirmed COVID-19 cases reported by the state on Saturday
- (5/24/2020) [Bostonians Need to Practice Social Distancing For at Least 6 to 8 Months. Walsh Says](#)
 - Boston Mayor, Marty Walsh, says he has no intention to lift the stay-at-home advisory and that strict social distancing will be the norm for the next 6 to 8 months
 - Mayor Walsh encourages residents to honor service members on Memorial Day, even if celebrations are limited this year
 - Mayor Walsh says that restaurants will not return to 100% capacity anytime soon.
- (5/24/2020) [Some Massachusetts houses of worship reopen during coronavirus pandemic. many remain closed](#)
 - Religious leaders across Massachusetts are preparing to reopen their places of worship
 - There is pressure from community members to reopen places of worship

Parameters on When to return to normalcy

- (5/24/2020) [Coronavirus in Massachusetts: Next Businesses Set to Reopen Monday](#)
 - As a part of Phase 1, the second round of reopening will start on Monday, May 25, 2020
 - Parks and outdoor areas will be allowed to open
 - Hair salons, barber shops, and pet grooming businesses will reopen by appointment only.
 - Offices outside of Boston will allow for 25% capacity. Boston offices are allowed to open on June 1st.
- (5/23/2020) [Massachusetts cities hard hit by coronavirus lack resources to enforce reopening standards](#)
 - Municipalities within Boston are having difficulty enforcing safety standards for reopening businesses.
 - Gov. Charlie Baker, and Lt. Gov. Karyn Politico want to depend on self-enforcement for the state's new health and social distancing standards for businesses.
 - Municipalities feel pressured to monitor businesses and addressing COVID-19 related complaints
 - City Manager of Chelsea, Thomas Ambrosino, believes that businesses are aware of the seriousness of the effects of the coronavirus and that those who do not have sufficient

	<p>resources to meet the current requirements may reopen slowly.</p>
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