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## Cluster Action Initiative

### RESTRICTIONS WITHIN THE CLUSTERS

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 (<https://esd.ny.gov/ny-cluster-action-initiative-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 (<https://forward.ny.gov/>) 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 ([https://forward.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2020/10/congregate\\_facility\\_visitation](https://forward.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2020/10/congregate_facility_visitation)).


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:	Lesser of:	50% of maximum capacity

Yellow

25% of maximum capacity  
33% of maximum capacity  
25 people  
10 people

**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  
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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 (<https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-releases-guidelines-testing-protocol-schools-reopen-red-or-orange-micro-cluster>).

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