

Governor Cooper issued Executive Order 180, which becomes effective at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 25. A link to the order can be found here - [Executive Order 180](#); and an FAQ sheet can be found here - [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

Among other things, the Order extends the current phase of operations in North Carolina (Phase 3) to December 11 at 5:00 p.m.

Note: Although the term “schools”, as used in the Order, is defined to mean public and private K-12 schools; nevertheless, the Order adds some restrictions to the operation of offices, business establishments, and other places where people may travel or congregate.

Major changes under the Order are:

1. “For any place outside the home, including but not limited to businesses, schools, and other establishments and spaces”:
 - a. “Face Coverings must be worn **indoors** if anyone else is in that space who is not a member of the same household.”
 - i. Previously face coverings were required only if there were people within six feet.
 - ii. **Important Note:** Although the Order states that it applies “For any place outside the home”, the accompanying FAQ states at page 3 that **if a person is attending an indoor social event at a friend’s home with non-household members** that, “Face coverings must be worn indoors if anyone else is in that space who is not a member of the same household.”
 - iii. In addition, “Individuals traveling in a personal vehicle with non-household members are required to wear a face covering.” An exception applies for “...anyone who finds that his or her face covering is impeding visibility to operate equipment or a vehicle.” See FAQ at p. 4.
2. “Face Coverings must be worn **outdoors** if it is not possible to consistently be physically distant by more than six (6) feet from non-household members.”
3. Collegiate athletes **must** wear a Face Covering on sidelines and in practice at any time they are not strenuously exercising or recovering from recent exercise.
 - a. Face Coverings are encouraged, but not required, if collegiate athletes are strenuously exercising or recovering from exercise.
4. Exercise Related Provisions:
 - b. Face Coverings are required at all times in indoor gyms and fitness facilities.
 - c. When people are exercising outdoors, they must wear Face Coverings when they are within six (6) feet of a non-household member.

Summary of Important Provisions in the Order:

1. This Order does not apply to the home **unless individuals who are not part of the household are present.**
2. It restricts the movement of people in Public Places; and, adds restrictions to the operation of offices, business establishments, K-12 schools, and other places where people may travel or congregate.
3. “In restaurants, guests are required to wear face coverings at their table unless they are actively eating or drinking.” See FAQ at p. 2.
4. No changes have been made to the current Mass Gathering provisions.