Safer at Home - Level 3: Frequently Asked Questions

How do restaurants operate under the Level 3 restrictions?
Restaurants may operate at 25% of the posted occupancy-limit indoors, not to exceed 50 people excluding staff, whichever is less, per room.

How many people can gather at places of worship or life rites?
Houses of worship and life rites may operate at 25% capacity, not to exceed 50 people excluding staff, whichever is less, per room. However, if the service is outdoors, the organizer should work with DDPHE to determine appropriate capacity.

How should non-critical places of business operate?
Non-critical manufacturing may operate at 25% of the posted occupancy limit, not to exceed 50 people, whichever is less, per room. Non-critical offices may conduct in-person work with 25% of their employees.

How many people can be in a retail location?
Non-critical retail may operate at 25% of the posted occupancy limit. Critical retail may continue to operate as normal and may allow the number of people necessary to carry out their critical functions.

What’s the new capacity for my salon, barber shop, nail studio, etc.?
Personal services may operate at 25% of the posted occupancy limit, not to exceed 25 people per room.

When is “last call” for establishments serving alcohol?
10 p.m. MST

Does the 10 p.m. last call time only apply to alcohol sales or do restaurants have to close at 10 p.m.?
Only alcohol sales must cease between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. MST.

Can liquor stores sell liquor after 10 p.m.?
Yes.
Why do the Cherry Creek Mall, Denver Zoo and Botanic Gardens not have to reduce capacity?
Site-specific variances that were previously approved by the state public health department remain in effect.

How does Level 3 impact non-professional sports teams?
Organized recreational youth or adult league sports are not authorized for indoor settings. Virtual services may be provided, or outdoor recreational sports in groups of 10 people or fewer may occur, and non-household contacts must maintain, at least, 6 feet social distancing.

What are the rules for indoor fitness facilities, gyms, studios, indoor pools?
Gyms, recreation centers and indoor pools may operate at 25% capacity, not to exceed 25 patrons, whichever is less, per room indoors or per activity or area outdoors.

How will museums operate under Level 3?
Museums must use the Distancing Space Calculator to calculate their capacity. However, no more than 25 people are allowed per room, excluding staff.

How will hotels operate under Level 3?
Hotels are critical businesses. Therefore, they may continue to operate as normal, subject to the guidance for businesses.

What does Level 3 mean to schools K-12?
Will anything change for child-care facilities and learning pods? Does everyone have to transition to remote learning only?
No change to these in Level 3. These facilities should continue to operate under the same guidance that they always have in terms of social distancing, face coverings, sanitizing, disinfecting, etc.

With all these restrictions, do we still need to wear face coverings?
Yes. If you are indoors with people from other households, a face covering must be worn unless you are in a room by yourself with the door closed. In outdoor settings, face coverings are required in any situation where you cannot consistently remain distanced from people outside your household.