The Hudson Valley Reopens

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As the COVID-19 pandemic threat wanes, the Hudson Valley is slowly reopening. With Phase 1 complete, the Hudson Valley enters Phase 2. This means that many local businesses and restaurants are open for outdoor seating and a wider variety of curbside pickup options.

Businesses and restaurants that choose to open during Phase 2 must follow these guidelines:

- 50% max capacity
- Both employees and customers must wear face coverings
- Physical barriers must be installed (i.e. plexiglass around the cash registers)
- All water fountains must be closed
- Hand wash stations must be provided
- Workers must wear gloves when handling food
- All tables must be spaced at least 6 feet apart for outside dining

Hair salons and places of worship may also open to the public, although there is a max 25% capacity for places of worship. Real estate offices will be open and open houses can resume.

**Websites to Check for Businesses and Restaurant Openings:**

Dutchess Tourism
Updated regularly with a special section covering all COVID-19 related issues and information, including restaurants offering curbside and open area dining, farmer's markets, and other attractions as it pertains to Dutchess County

Ulster County Alive
[https://ulstercountyalive.com/](https://ulstercountyalive.com/)
Updated lists of restaurants and businesses open for curbside pickup and outside dining as it pertains to Ulster County

**Website to Find Resources for COVID-19 Related Needs/Info:**

City of Poughkeepsie Updates and Resource Guide: Updated regularly
[https://cityofpoughkeepsie.com/coronavirus](https://cityofpoughkeepsie.com/coronavirus)

Dutchess Responds: Connect users to resources they need

New York State Information on Novel Coronavirus: Testing Information