

Mexico City reopening shops, street markets, sport complexes

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A healthcare worker wearing full protective gear is framed by patients' charts in a ward reserved for COVID-19 patients at the Hospital Juarez, in Mexico City, Friday, June 26, 2020. Mexico ranks seventh globally in COVID-19 deaths and third in its mortality rate among the 20 currently most affected countries, according to Johns Hopkins University. (AP Photo / Eduardo Verdugo)

Mexico said Friday that it will allow more businesses to reopen in parts of the country despite continued high infection and death rates.

The federal Health Department said 5,441 more coronavirus cases were confirmed nationwide Friday, for a total of 208,392 since the pandemic began. Confirmed COVID-19 deaths rose by 719, to 25,779.

Mexico City announced that starting next week it would allow the reopening of shops, street markets and athletic complexes but with limited capacity and hours.

On a four-color alert level, in which red is the worst and green the best, Mexico City said it was downgrading the city's alert to "orange" even

though it has the country's largest numbers of infections and deaths.

Hotels and restaurants in the capital will reopen next week at about 30% seating capacity. And despite the announcement on markets, many of the city's street markets never closed during the pandemic.

By July 6, [shopping malls](#) and department stores will open. Bars, gyms, schools and other businesses will remain closed.

The city said hospital bed occupancy had declined somewhat, one indicator that could justify reopening.



A healthcare worker wearing full protective gear checks a patient's heart rate in a ward reserved for COVID-19 patients at the Hospital Juarez, in Mexico City, Friday, June 26, 2020. Mexico ranks seventh globally in COVID-19 deaths and third in its mortality rate among the 20 currently most affected countries, according to Johns Hopkins University. (AP Photo / Eduardo Verdugo)



A patient recovering from the new coronavirus takes part in video call with family, at the Hospital Juarez, in Mexico City, Friday, June 26, 2020. Mexico ranks seventh globally in COVID-19 deaths and third in its mortality rate among the 20 currently most affected countries, according to Johns Hopkins University. (AP Photo / Eduardo Verdugo)



Medical staff wearing full protective gear talk about a patient in the COVID-19 ward at the Hospital Juarez, in Mexico City, Friday, June 26, 2020. Mexico ranks seventh globally in COVID-19 deaths and third in its mortality rate among the 20 currently most affected countries, according to Johns Hopkins University. (AP Photo / Eduardo Verdugo)

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