



## **New round of restrictions to combat coronavirus face blowback**

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In Washington state, Democratic Gov. Jay Inslee put it like this: “We have to understand that the House is on fire right now.”

In Illinois, Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker said at a press conference, "We are asking you to choose Zoom instead of packing people in a room for Thanksgiving"

In Maryland, Republican Gov. Larry Hogan announced on Monday he'd be adding state troopers to be sent to every county to help with enforcement..

“Fifty-seven percent of all the complaints that have been registered have been about restaurants, bars and retail businesses,” said Hogan.

A surge in new COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations has prompted a surge in new restrictions, from mandating masks in North Carolina, to a curfew and ban on indoor dining in California, to travel restrictions in Massachusetts..

It's an attempt to try to slow the spread of the virus and protect healthcare workers as many hospitals near capacity.

“We in America are a very independent people. 'Don't step on my blue suede shoes,' and that's very important, that's a treasure. But this is not just a matter of an individual decision," said Dr. William Schaffner, a professor of preventive medicine in the Department of Health Policy at Vanderbilt University.

But there are some who see this as government overreach. Many critics saying this is a free country and we should be able to decide for ourselves what risks we want to take.

In California, there have been multiple protests by those who say the solution is becoming worse than the problem.

“How many more businesses are you gonna shut down how many more families are you going to destroy their livelihoods?” said Manny Perales, a small business owner in Fresno.

Some even want recall California Gov. Gavin Newsom, with similar calls now resurrected in Michigan to impeach Gov. Gretchen Whitmer.

Some others argue state governments have simply taken the wrong approach from the get-go.

“The government should be focusing on persuasion before these mandates because at least when you’re persuading people you’re treating them with respect,” said Michael Cannon, Director of Health Policy Studies, at the Cato Institute, in an interview Tuesday.

This, as the message from healthcare workers is unwavering.

"I’m so desperate for people to take this seriously," said Mary Turner, an ICU nurse in Minnesota.