

House Protocols

Visitors should enter the State House through the main entrance facing Union Street or through the Washington Avenue entrance. Do not attempt to use any other entrance.

When entering the State House, all visitors must pass through metal detection equipment that will also read their body temperature. Anyone with a body temperature of 100.4 degrees or more will be denied access to the building.

Anyone who has tested positive for Covid-19, or been exposed to someone who has tested positive for the virus and not completed their quarantine period, should not enter the building. If you are feeling sick or experiencing Covid-19 symptoms, do not enter the building.

In common spaces and meeting rooms, visitors must wear facemasks at all times and maintain social distancing of six feet.

Do not loiter in hallways, lobbies, or meeting rooms. Please conduct your business and then depart from the building.

Only two people should ride an elevator at a time.

Use hand sanitizer often. Please avoid hugging, handshakes, fist bumps, and elbow touches.

Due to the need for social distancing, the **fourth and fifth floors of the State House are closed** to the public. The House leadership is encouraging individuals who want to meet with representatives to do so off site. However, some rooms on the first and second floors have been set aside for small meetings. The rooms can only be reserved by House members, so visitors should contact a member to make a reservation.

The rooms are available from 8:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and meetings will be limited to 15 minutes on the quarter hour. Meetings that begin at the top of the hour must end at a quarter past the hour. Meetings beginning at a quarter past the hour must end at half past the hour, and so on. Specific time slots cannot be reserved beyond a single week.

At the conclusion of meetings, visitors should leave the building unless they have another scheduled meeting somewhere else in the building. In those cases, they should check in with security in the main lobby for further instructions.

Anyone interested in observing House sessions or House committee meetings can view them through live video/audio streaming on the Legislature's website (www.legislature.state.al.us). Click on the "Resources" link.

The House Gallery is closed to the public. Tours of the Chamber are prohibited.

Public hearings will be held during the session. Requests to testify should be submitted to the appropriate committee clerk. Approved speakers should arrive on time for hearings and all speakers should depart upon the conclusion of the hearing. Every committee room has a limit on the number of people who can testify in a meeting and those limits will be enforced by House security.

New lobbyist registration with the Legislature has been suspended for this session.