

Session Meeting Plans

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Alabama	The Capitol is closed to the public. Only individuals with an appointment may enter the building.	The legislature will meet in-person for the 2021 session.	Committee hearings will be held in-person with some public access.	The 2021 session is expected to convene on 2/2/2021 and will adjourn on 5/17/2021, but sine die is tentative. The 2021 session will have 105 legislative session days.	The prefiling deadline is 2/1/2021.
Alaska	The Capitol is closed to the public.	The legislature will meet in-person for the 2021 session. Face masks will be required in each chamber. Any member that chooses not to comply will be asked to work remotely from their office.	Plans are still undetermined, but expected in the coming weeks.	The 2021 Legislative Session is expected to convene on 1/19/2021 and last for 90 legislative session days. Per the rules, a session cannot exceed 120 calendar days.	Prefiles are usually released two Fridays prior to the start of session, but this can change depending on holidays and workload. Members can formally introduce bills after the start of session.
Arizona	The Capitol is closed to the public. Only individuals with an appointment may enter the building.	The legislature plans to meet in-person for the 2021 session with some flexibility for members.	Committee hearing procedure is at the discretion of the chair. Some public access may be permitted during House meetings, but the Senate plans to accept virtual testimony only.	The 2021 Legislative Session convened on 1/11/2021 and will adjourn on 4/24/2021.	The prefiling deadline is 1/11/2021.
Arkansas	The Capitol is open to the public, but face masks are required for entry.	The legislature will meet in-person for the 2021 session.	Committee chairs have discretion over committee meetings being held virtually or in-person. Committee hearings will be open to the public. There are social distancing and face mask requirements. Testimony can be submitted remotely by emailing the Committee Chair.	The 2021 Legislative Session convened on 1/11/2021 and is expected to last 60 session days.	The prefiling deadline is 1/11/2021.
California	While the Capitol is open to the public, but in-person attendance is strongly discouraged.	The legislature will meet in-person for the 2021 session.	Committee hearings will be held in-person. Hearings will have capacity requirements to allow for social distancing and overflow rooms will also be available. The public will be allowed to submit testimony in-person.	The 2021 Legislative Session convened on 1/11/2021 and will adjourn on 9/11/2021.	The prefiling deadline is 1/4/2021.
Colorado	The Capitol is closed to the public. Only Capitol employees are permitted inside the building.	The legislature will meet in-person for the 2021 session.	Committee hearings will be held in-person with some public access.	The 2021 Legislative Session is set to convene on 1/13/2021 and will adjourn on 5/12/2021. The session is expected to have 120 session days.	The prefiling deadline is set between 1/8/2021-1/11/2021. By 12/1/2020, legislators must inform leadership what will be their first 3 bills of the session. The first 3 bills introduced by each legislator must be introduced before 1/15/2021.
Connecticut	The Capitol is closed to the public.	The legislature will meet remotely for the 2021 session.	Committee hearings will be held virtually and the public will be allowed to submit testimony virtually.	The 2021 Legislative Session convened on 1/6/2021 and will adjourn on 6/9/2021.	The proposed prefiling deadline is currently 7 days after the official start of session. Prefiled bills are not made public until the first day of session, but bill drafts may be released whenever the legislator wishes.
Delaware	The Capitol is closed to the public.	The legislature will meet remotely for the 2021 session.	Committee hearings will be held virtually and the public will be allowed to submit testimony virtually.	The 2021 Legislative Session is set to convene on 1/12/2021 and will adjourn on 6/30/2021. The legislature will immediately go into a special session following adjournment for the rest of the year.	While no official date has been announced, prefiling deadlines are typically in December.

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District of Columbia	The Capitol is open to the public. Face masks are required upon entry and social distancing is heavily enforced.	The Council will meet remotely for the 2021 session.	Virtual committee hearings are expected to continue during the upcoming session.	While no official date has been announced, the Council typically take a two week break after their last meeting of the year and reconvenes in early January.	None.
Florida	The Capitol is closed to the public.	The legislature will meet in-person for the 2021 session.	The legislature currently plans to limit access to committee meetings for the public. Instead, the legislature plans to provide meeting rooms where the public may provide their testimony remotely.	The 2021 Legislative Session is set to convene on 3/2/2021 and will adjourn around 4/20/2021. The session will not exceed 60 calendar days.	Members of the House are limited to 6 bills per member of which 2 must be prefiled before the 6th Tuesday prior to the start of session. In 2021, this deadline will be 1/19/2021. The general deadline for the House and Senate will be noon on the first day of session.
Georgia	The Capitol is open to the public. Each visitor must submit to temperature and symptom screening tests.	While no officials plans have been announced yet, staff expect the session to be in-person.	Staff expect committee hearings will allow public access to give testimony.	The 2021 Legislative Session convened on 1/11/2021. It cannot exceed 40 session days.	The prefiling deadline is 1/8/2021.
Guam	The Capitol is open to the public. Each visitor must submit to temperature and symptom screening tests.	While no officials plans have been announced yet, staff expected the session to be in-person.	Committee hearings will not allow public access, public testimony will be submitted virtually.	The 2021 Legislative Session convened on 1/4/2021 and will adjourn on 1/3/2022.	None.
Hawaii	The Capitol is closed to the public.	TBD	Individuals will be able to testify via teleconference during the hearing and allowed to submit written testimony to the legislature's website.	The 2021 Legislative Session is set to convene on 1/20/2021 and last for 60 legislative session days.	Prefiling deadlines have not been announced yet.
Idaho	The Capitol is open to the public, but each visitor must adhere to COVID-19 guidelines.	The legislature will meet in-person for the 2021 session.	The legislature will allow public access to committee hearings.	The 2021 Legislative Session convened on 1/6/2021 and will adjourn on 3/20/2021.	None.
Illinois	The Capitol is closed to the public. Only individuals with an appointment may enter the building.	While no official plans have been announced, staff anticipate the session convening in-person.	Committee hearings will be limited to legislators, the public will be expected to submitted testimony virtually.	The 2021 Legislative Session convened on 1/11/2021 and will adjourn on 1/13/2023.	The prefiling deadline is 1/11/2021.
Indiana	The Capitol is open to the public and each visitor is expected to adhere to COVID-19 guidelines.	The legislature will meet in-person for the 2021 session. The legislature has implemented social distancing guidelines, face mask requirements, and plexiglass shields. The House will meet in the Government Center South building.	Committee hearings will be limited to legislators and staffers. Legislators may participate virtually, but are required to vote in-person. The public will be able to submit testimony remotely.	The 2021 Legislative Session convened on 1/4/2021 and will adjourn on 4/29/2021.	The Senate allows prefiling 30 days prior to the start of session, while the House begins filing at the start of session.

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Iowa	The Capitol is open to the public. Masks are encouraged, but not required. Any tours and events must be registered in advance.	The legislature will meet in-person for the 2021 session.	All subcommittee hearings will be virtual. Committee hearings will be held in-person. The public will be allowed to submit testimony virtually and zoom links will be provided. Lobbyists can request to speak ahead of the scheduled hearing or provide testimony virtually.	The 2021 Legislative Session convened on 1/11/2021 and will adjourn on 4/30/2021.	The prefiling deadline is 12/15/2020.
Kansas	The Capitol is closed to the public.	The legislature will meet in-person for the 2021 session.	Committee hearings will be held in-person with the option of virtual participation. All public testimony must be scheduled with a committee and the committee will then inform individuals on how to testify.	The 2021 Legislative Session is set to convene on 1/11/2021 and will adjourn on 4/11/2021. The session will not exceed 90 legislative session days.	The prefiling deadline date varies by who is filing.
Kentucky	The Capitol is closed to the public. Currently only legislators, staff, reports, and specifically approved individuals are allowed access.	The legislature will meet in-person for the 2021 session with the option for members to vote from their offices.	Committee hearings will be held in-person. The public may submit testimony virtually.	The 2021 Legislative Session convened on 1/5/2021 and will adjourn on 3/30/2021.	The prefiling deadline is 2/5/2021.
Louisiana	The Capitol is open to the public provided each individual submits to a temperature screening.	The legislature will meet in-person for the 2021 session.	Committee hearings will be held in-person. No handouts will be accepted or distributed during committee hearings. Testimony must be submitted in advance of hearings to the committee staff electronically for approval for distribution to the members. Committee meetings will have limited seating and rooms will be sanitized after each meeting.	The 2021 Legislative Session is set to convene on 4/12/2021 and will adjourn on 6/10/2021.	No dates have been announced yet, but the deadline is expected to be sometime in February or March.
Maine	The Capitol is closed to the public.	The legislature will meet in-person for the 2021 session.	TBD.	The 2021 Legislative Session convened on 12/2/2020 and will adjourn on 6/16/2021.	The prefiling deadline was in November.
Maryland	The Capitol is open to the public on a limited basis. Daily access is reduced to members, limited staff, and journalists. All individuals entering the building must wear a masks and maintain social distancing.	The legislature will meet in-person for the 2021 session. Each member must wear a mask and plexiglass barriers will be placed between desks. Each member and their staff will be tested twice a week.	Committee hearings will be held in-person with very limited in-person testimony. A majority of testimony will be provided via videoconference or in writing. Any in-person testimony will be provided via appointment only.	The 2021 Legislative Session is set to convene on 1/13/2021 and will adjourn on 4/9/2021.	The prefiling deadline is 1/13/2021.
Massachusetts	The Capitol is closed to the public.	The legislature will have a hybrid model where members are encouraged to participate remotely.	Committee hearings will be held virtually. The public may submit testimony on the committee website.	The 2021 Legislative Session convened on 1/6/2021 with a year-round session.	The prefiling deadline is 1/15/2021.
Michigan	The Capitol is open to the public, but the public must adhere to COVID-19 safety guidelines. The public will only be permitted in certain areas.	The legislature will meet in-person for the 2021 session.	Committee hearings will be held in-person and testimony will be accepted via Zoom or in person depending on the room capacity.	The 2021 Legislative Session is set to convene on 1/13/2021.	None.

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Minnesota	The Capitol is closed to the public. Only leadership, legislators, and staff are permitted inside.	The legislature will have a hybrid model. The House will meet virtually while the Senate plans to meet in-person.	Committee hearings will be held via livestream. Testimony requests must be submitted prior to the hearing.	The 2021 Legislative Session convened on 1/5/2021 and will adjourn May 17th.	The date of prefiling is determined by the speaker, but prefiling deadline is not public until a new speaker sets it.
Mississippi	The Capitol is open to the public provided individuals wear face masks.	The legislature will meet in-person for the 2021 session.	Committee hearings will be held in-person. Staff currently anticipate little to no public access to committee hearings.	The 2021 Legislative Session convened on 1/5/2021 and will adjourn on 4/4/2021.	The prefiling deadline is 1/18/2021.
Missouri	The Capitol is open to the public.	The legislature will meet in-person for the 2021 session.	Committee hearings will be held in-person with some public access.	The 2021 Legislative Session convened on 1/6/2021 and will adjourn on 5/30/2021.	The prefiling deadline is 1/6/2021.
Montana	The Capitol building is open to the public, but the public must adhere to COVID-19 safety guidelines.	The legislature will meet in-person for the 2021 session.	Committee hearings are expected to allow some public access. Testimony may be provided in-person or virtually.	The 2021 Legislative Session convened on 1/4/2021 and will not exceed 90 legislative days.	Members can start requesting drafts now until 12/5/2020, but can only request 7 more until the start of session.
Nebraska	The Capitol is open to the public provided individuals wear masks and maintain social distance.	The legislature will meet in-person for the 2021 session.	Committee hearings will be held in-person with some public access. Anyone testifying is expected to wear a mask. Individuals will also have the option to testify remotely.	The 2021 Legislative Session convened on 1/6/2021 and will adjourn on 6/10/2021.	None.
Nevada	The Capitol is closed to the public.	No plans have been made yet, but the legislature is expected to meet virtually.	No official information has been announced yet.	The 2021 Legislative Session is set to convene on 2/1/2021 and will most likely last the allotted 120 days.	The prefiling deadline varies by who is filing.
New Hampshire	The Capitol is closed to the public.	The legislature will have a hybrid model. Members will meet in-person during floor sessions.	Legislators will have the option to attend committee hearings in-person or remotely. All public testimony will be submitted virtually.	The 2021 Legislative Session convened on 1/6/2021 and will adjourn on 6/28/2020	None.
New Jersey	The Capitol is open to the public provided they have registered in advance.	The legislature will meet in-person for the 2021 session with the option of virtual meetings.	The public is expected to submit testimony virtually.	The 2021 Legislative Session is set to convene on 1/14/2021 and will adjourn on 1/11/2022.	None.

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New Mexico	The Capitol is closed to the public.	The legislature will have a hybrid model. Floor sessions will be webcasted.	Committee hearings will be held through Zoom and the public will be allowed to view these meetings virtually. Testimony will be allowed at the discretion of the chair.	The 2021 Legislative Session is set to convene on 1/19/2021 and will adjourn on 3/20/2021.	The prefiling deadline is 1/15/2020.
New York	The Capitol is closed to the public.	The legislature will meet remotely for the 2021 session.	The public is expected to submit testimony virtually.	The 2021 Legislative Session convened on 1/6/2021 and will adjourn in June 2021.	TBD.
North Carolina	The Capitol is open to the public, but capacity limits have been implemented.	The legislature will meet in-person for the 2021 session.	Committee hearings will be held in-person with virtual public participation.	The 2021 Legislative Session is set to convene on 1/27/2020.	None.
North Dakota	The Capitol is open to the public provided they submit to a COVID-19 screening process. Tours are suspended.	The legislature will meet in-person for the 2021 session with plans to allow legislators to participate remotely if sick or from their office space in the Capitol.	The legislature plans to allow some public access to committee hearings.	The 2021 Legislative Session convened on 1/5/2021 and will adjourn on 4/28/2021.	None.
Northern Mariana Islands	No information regarding the operations of the capitol is available at this time.	The legislature will meet in-person for the 2021 session.	Committee hearings will be held in-person with virtual public participation.	The 2021 Legislative Session convened on 1/11/2021.	None.
Ohio	The Capitol is open to the public, but face masks must be worn.	The legislature will meet in-person for the 2021 session.	Committee hearing are open to the public, but they can be livestreamed.	The 2021 Legislative Session convened on 1/4/2021 and will adjourn on 12/31/2021.	None.
Oklahoma	The Capitol is open to the public, but the public must adhere to COVID-19 safety guidelines.	The legislature will have a hybrid model for the 2021 session. Legislators will have a choice if they want to attend in-person or virtually via Microsoft Teams.	Legislators will have the ability to choose between meeting in a public hearing room or using Microsoft Teams. The public will have access to committee meetings.	The 2021 Legislative Session is set to convene on 2/1/2021 and will adjourn on 5/28/2021.	The prefiling deadline is 12/11/2020.

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Oregon	The Capitol is closed to the public.	The legislature will meet in-person for the 2021 session.	The Oregon Legislative Information System (OLIS) streams all hearings, contains committee meeting materials and offers ability for people to submit written testimony from each committee overview page. Members of the public wishing to speak to a committee verbally must either pre-register or use a public access station in front of the Capitol building at the designated meeting time. People will also be able to view all hearings on a large video screen in front of the Capitol.	The 2021 Legislative Session is set to convene on 1/19/2021 and will adjourn on 6/27/2021.	Bills may still be filed once session convenes, they will just not be officially introduced on 1/19/2021.
Pennsylvania	The Capitol is open to the public, however social distancing and masks are required.	Plans are still undetermined, but leadership is expecting a hybrid model.	Plans are still undetermined, but staff expected the public will not be allowed in committee hearings and testimony will be submitted virtually.	The 2021 Legislative Session convened on 1/5/2021 and will adjourn on 11/30/2022.	None.
Puerto Rico	The Capitol is open to the public provided each individual has scheduled their testimony in advance and they must follow social distancing guidelines.	The legislature will meet in-person for the 2021 session.	Committee hearings will be held in-person, but the public will have limited access.	The 2021 Legislative Session convened on 1/11/2020 and will adjourn on 6/30/2024.	None.
Rhode Island	The Capitol is closed to the public.	The legislature will meet in-person for the 2021 session.	Committee hearings will be limited to legislators, the public will be expected to submitted testimony virtually.	The 2021 Legislative Session convened on 1/5/2021 and will adjourn 6/30/2021.	None.
South Carolina	The Capitol is open to the public provided each individual adheres to social distancing guidelines and must sign-up in advance.	The legislature will meet in-person for the 2021 session.	The legislature currently plans to have hybrid hearings.	The 2021 Legislative Session is set to convene on 1/12/2021 and will adjourn sometime in May or June.	None.
South Dakota	The Capitol is open to the public and each individual must adhere to COVID-19 safety guidance.	The legislature will meet in-person for the 2021 session. with the option for virtual meetings.	Committee hearings will be held in-person with some public access. Remote testifying is encouraged.	The 2021 Legislative Session is set to convene on 1/12/2021 and will adjourn on 3/29/2021.	The prefiling deadline is 12/13/2020.
Tennessee	The Capitol is open to the public, but tourists will not be allowed entry and everyone will be required to wear a mask for entry.	The legislature will meet in-person for the 2021 session.	Committee hearings will be held in-person. Each chamber is making its own rules regarding public access. The Senate will only allow public participation via Zoom. The House has limited availability for in-person public attendance.	The 2021 Legislative Session is set to convene on 1/12/2021 and will adjourn late April or early May.	The prefiling deadline is 1/25/2021.

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Texas	The Capitol is open to the public.	The legislature will meet in-person for the 2021 session.	Committee hearings will be held in-person with some public access. Members and the public are required to wear face masks at hearings unless they are speaking.	The 2021 Legislative Session is set to convene on 1/12/2021 and will adjourn on 5/31/2021.	None.
U.S. Virgin Islands	The Capitol is open to the public.	The legislature will meet in-person for the 2021 session.	Committee hearings will be held in-person with virtual public participation.	The 2021 Legislative Session convened on 1/11/2021 and will adjourn sometime in December 2021.	None.
Utah	The Capitol is closed to the public.	The legislature will meet in-person for the 2021 session with an option to continue to work remotely. Once session begins, legislators and their staff will be tested daily.	All committee hearings will be held remotely via Zoom. Members of the public may listen to the live broadcast or join the Zoom meetings.	The 2021 Legislative Session is set to convene on 1/19/2021 and will adjourn on 3/5/2021.	The prefiling deadline is 1/29/2021.
Vermont	The Capitol is closed to the public.	The legislature will meet remotely for the 2021 session.	Committee hearings will be held remotely.	The 2021 Legislative Session convened on 1/6/2021 and will adjourn sometime in April or May.	None.
Virginia	The Capitol is closed to the public.	The House plans to meet virtually, but the Senate plans to meet in-person at the Science Museum of Virginia.	House committee hearings will be held remotely while Senate committee hearings will meet in-person and be closed to the public. Public testimony may be submitted virtually.	The 2021 Legislative Session is set to convene on 1/13/2021 and will adjourn on 2/27/2021.	The prefiling deadline is 1/13/2021.
Washington	The Capitol is closed to the public. Only staff are permitted inside the building and must follow social distancing guidelines.	The legislature will meet remotely for the 2021 session.	Committee hearings will be held remotely.	The 2021 Legislative Session convened on 1/11/2021 and will adjourn on 4/24/2021 with 105 legislative session days.	The prefiling deadline is 1/11/2021.
West Virginia	The Capitol is closed to the public. Only badge holders can enter for official business and must follow COVID-19 guidelines.	No decisions have been made yet, but are expected during the organizational session on January 13.	Committee hearings will be live streamed through the legislative website. No plans have been determined if the public will have in-person access to hearings during session.	The 2021 Legislative Session is set to convene on 2/10/2021 and will adjourn on 4/10/2021.	The prefiling deadline is 2/10/2021.
Wisconsin	The Capitol is currently closed to the public, but a recent resolution passed by both chambers requires the building be opened to the public.	The legislature will have a hybrid model with some in-person and virtual meetings.	Committee hearings will be held in-person. Some public access to committee hearings is expected.	The 2021 Legislative Session convened on 1/4/2021 and will adjourn on 1/3/2023.	None.

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<p>Wyoming</p>	<p>Capitol is currently closed to the public, but the public will be allowed entry during session provided they follow COVID-19 guidelines.</p>	<p>The legislature will meet virtually during January and February with plans to meet in-person starting in March.</p>	<p>For now, committee hearings will meet remotely and the public may submit testimony virtually.</p>	<p>The 2021 Legislative Session is set to convene on 1/12/2021. The adjournment is undetermined as the legislature has voted to delay their session after their convening day. The reconvene date has not been determined yet.</p>	<p>The prefiling deadlines are the 12th working day in Senate and the 15th working day for House.</p>