

Neb to loosen more COVID-19 restrictions

**OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska will let bars, zoos, movie theaters and swimming pools reopen and allow small concerts and auctions to resume on June 1 in all but four hard-hit counties.**

**Gov. Pete Ricketts says he plans to further loosen social-distancing restrictions to strike a balance between public health and the need to move back toward normal life as people grow restless.**

**His announcement came as the number of coronavirus deaths continues to rise.**

**Businesses that do reopen will still face mandatory social distancing restrictions.**

**Ricketts is also easing some restrictions in Hall, Merrick, Hamilton and Dakota counties, but rules in those areas will remain more stringent than in the rest of the state.**

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