

# Mexico's COVID-19 Traffic Light Monitoring System: News for October 26, 2020, to November 8, 2020

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This chart presents the traffic light status of each state, and, as applicable, variations between federal and local traffic light statuses based on publications of the federal [Ministry of Health](#) and status reports provided

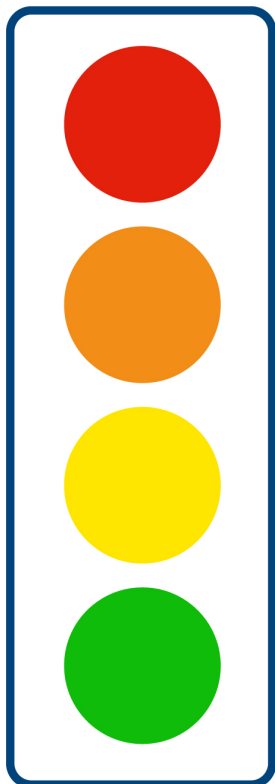
by each state.

In this edition of the traffic light report, we can observe that only Campeche is in green status, while 11 states are in yellow status, and 19 states are in orange status. In the [previous report](#), Chihuahua was in orange status, but due to the outbreak of cases in the state, it has returned to red status. The following restrictions now apply to Chihuahua:

- vulnerable employees must work remotely;
- nonessential activities are suspended or reduced in their allowed capacity; and
- the sale of alcoholic beverages is subject to a special schedule.

It is important to point out that COVID-19 cases are also increasing in several other states, and it is reasonable to expect that the states will impose restrictions in response to the heightened risk levels.

## Traffic Light Monitoring System for Epidemiological Risk of COVID-19 (Federal Mexico)



### Red

Only essential economic activities will be allowed, and people will be limited to move outside their homes during the day.

### Orange

In addition to essential economic activities, companies with nonessential economic activities may conduct operations with 30 percent of their personnel, always taking into account the greatest degree of care for people with the highest risk (High Risk Individuals) of presenting severe COVID-19-related symptoms. Public spaces will be reopened with reduced capacity.

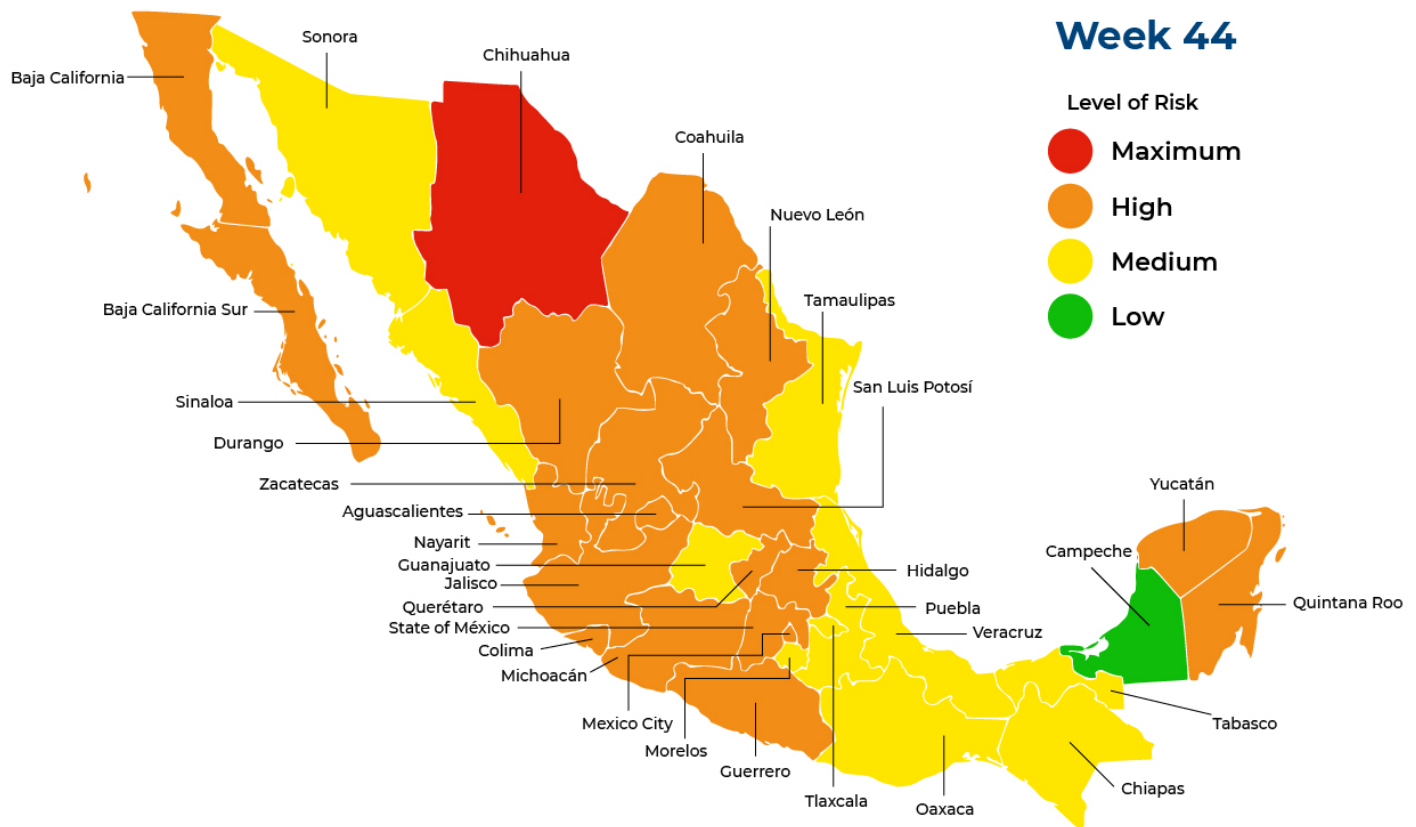
### Yellow

"All work activities are allowed." The guidance states that it is still necessary to take care of High Risk Individuals. Public spaces are reopened on a regular basis, and closed public spaces can be opened with reduced capacity. Activities should be carried out with preventive measures and maximum care for High Risk Individuals.

### Green

"All activities, including school activities, are allowed."

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In addition, Ogletree Deakins will continue to monitor and report on developments with respect to the COVID-19 pandemic and will post updates in the firm's [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Resource Center](#) as additional information becomes available. Important information for employers is also available via the firm's [webinar programs](#).

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