

## EMERGENCY ALERTS

## Coronavirus Update

COVID-19 Vaccine: Find an appointment, learn more about the vaccine *May. 3rd, 2021, 12:00 pm* [Read more](#) ♦

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For the latest information on COVID-19: Guidance, reopening, case data *May. 11th, 2021, 5:00 pm* [Read more](#) ♦

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## Reopening Massachusetts

The Baker-Polito Administration's comprehensive plan to safely reopen the Massachusetts economy, get people back to work, and ease social restrictions while minimizing the health impacts of COVID-19.

### CURRENT STATE: Phase IV, Step 2 for certain industries (details

(/news/baker-polito-administration-announces-reopening-of-additional-phase-4-industries-to-go-into-effect-may-10th))

Additional guidance changes will go into effect on May 29, subject to public health and vaccination data. ([latest update](#) (/news/baker-polito-administration-announces-reopening-of-additional-phase-4-industries-to-go-into-effect-may-10th))

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## Important information about Reopening Massachusetts

### Access current safety protocols for certain sectors

(/resource/reopening-sector-specific-protocols-and-best-practices)

### What businesses are currently open

(/info-details/reopening-when-can-my-business-reopen)

### Current indoor and outdoor gathering limits

(https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-state-of-emergency#limits-on-gatherings-)

### How do I report non-compliance

[\(/info-details/reopening-covid-19-compliance\)](/info-details/reopening-covid-19-compliance)

## Submit a Phase 4 Safety Plan

[\(/forms/submit-a-phase-4-safety-plan\)](/forms/submit-a-phase-4-safety-plan)

## Dashboards and reports on COVID-19 cases, testing, and hospitalizations

[\(/info-details/covid-19-response-reporting\)](/info-details/covid-19-response-reporting)

## View current mask and face-covering guidance

[\(/info-details/mask-up-massachusetts\)](/info-details/mask-up-massachusetts)

## Review the Massachusetts travel advisory

[\(/info-details/covid-19-travel-advisory\)](/info-details/covid-19-travel-advisory)

### Effective on May 10:

- Massachusetts will reopen some outdoor Phase 4, Step 2 industries:
  - Amusement parks, theme parks and outdoor water parks will be permitted to operate at a 50% capacity after submitting safety plans to the Department of Public Health.
  - Road races and other large, outdoor organized amateur or professional group athletic events will be permitted to take place with staggered starts and other appropriate safety measures after submitting safety plans to a local board of health or the DPH.
- Additionally, large capacity venues such as indoor and outdoor stadiums, arenas and ballparks currently open at 12% capacity as part of Phase 4, Step 1 will be permitted to increase capacity to 25%.
- Youth and adult amateur sports tournaments will be allowed for moderate and high-risk sports.
- Singing will also be permitted indoors with strict distancing requirements at performance venues, restaurants, event venues and other businesses.
- Grocery stores and retail stores with a pharmacy department should consider dedicated hours of operation for seniors, but will no longer be required to offer senior hours.

### Effective on May 29, Subject to public health and vaccination data:

- Gathering limits will increase to 200 people indoors and 250 people outdoors for event venues, public settings and private settings.
- Additional Phase 4, Step 2 industries will be permitted to open including
  - Street festivals, parades and agricultural festivals, at 50% of their previous capacity and after submitting safety plans to the local board of health.
  - Bars, beer gardens, breweries, wineries and distilleries, will be subject to restaurant rules with seated service only, a 90 minute limit and no dance floors.
- The restaurant guidance will be updated to eliminate the requirement that food be served with alcohol and to increase the maximum table size to 10.

**Effective on August 1:** Subject to public health and vaccination data, remaining industries will be permitted to open including dance clubs, and nightclubs, saunas, hot-tubs, steam rooms at fitness centers, health clubs and other facilities, indoor water parks and ball pits. All industry restrictions will be lifted at that time, and capacity will increase to 100% for all industries, with businesses encouraged to continue following best practices. The gathering limit will be rescinded. *Depending on vaccine distribution and public health data, the Administration may consider re-evaluating the August 1 date.*

## Frequently Requested Protocols

[View all \(/resource/reopening-sector-specific-protocols-and-best-practices\)](/resource/reopening-sector-specific-protocols-and-best-practices) sector-specific protocols.

### Restaurants

[\(/info-details/safety-standards-and-checklist-restaurants\)](/info-details/safety-standards-and-checklist-restaurants)

### Places of Worship

[\(/info-details/safety-standards-and-checklist-places-of-worship\)](/info-details/safety-standards-and-checklist-places-of-worship)

### Indoor and Outdoor Events

[\(/info-details/safety-standards-and-checklist-indoor-and-outdoor-events\)](/info-details/safety-standards-and-checklist-indoor-and-outdoor-events)

## General business guidance

Information to help businesses meet the self-certification requirement to reopen. All businesses must meet these requirements before reopening.

- **COVID-19 control plan template** – Template that satisfies the written control plan requirement for self-certification
- **Compliance attestation poster** – Poster that businesses are required to print, sign, and post in an area within the business premises that is visible to workers and visitors
- **Employer and Worker posters** – Posters that businesses can print and display within the business premises to describe the rules for maintaining social distancing, hygiene protocols, and cleaning and disinfecting

General business guidance [documents and translations \(/lists/reopening-general-business-guidance-documents-and-translations\)](/lists/reopening-general-business-guidance-documents-and-translations) [اللغة العربية], Español, 中文 (简体字), 中文 (正體字), Kreyòl ayisyen, ગુજરાતી, ལྷོ་སྐད་, 한국어, Português, Tiếng Việt]

### Mandatory Safety Standards for Workplaces

[\(/info-details/reopening-mandatory-safety-standards-for-workplaces\)](/info-details/reopening-mandatory-safety-standards-for-workplaces)

### COVID-19 control plan template

[\(/https://www.mass.gov/doc/covid-19-reopening-control-plan-template/download\)](https://www.mass.gov/doc/covid-19-reopening-control-plan-template/download)

### Compliance attestation poster

[\(/https://www.mass.gov/doc/compliance-attestation/download\)](https://www.mass.gov/doc/compliance-attestation/download)

### Employer poster

[\(/https://www.mass.gov/doc/employer-reopening-poster/download\)](https://www.mass.gov/doc/employer-reopening-poster/download)

### Worker poster

[\(/https://www.mass.gov/doc/employee-reopening-poster/download\)](https://www.mass.gov/doc/employee-reopening-poster/download)

### Find Supply Vendors

(/info-details/reopening-purchasing-hygienic-or-protective-supplies-for-the-workplace)

## Additional reopening guidance

### Recreation

(/info-details/executive-office-of-energy-and-environmental-affairs-eea-covid-19-guidance-documents)

### Recreational day camps and programs

(https://www.mass.gov/lists/recreational-camps-for-children-community-sanitation#recreational-day-camps-and-programs-reopening-guidance-)

### Reopening health and human services

(/lists/reopening-health-and-human-services-in-massachusetts)

### Child care

(https://eeclead.force.com/apex/EEC\_ChildCareEmergencyReopenInfo)

### Reopening higher education

(/info-details/reopening-higher-education)

### Reopening K-12 schools

(https://www.doe.mass.edu/covid19/)

### Reopening gaming establishments (via MGC)

(https://massgaming.com/news-events/covid19/)

## News and press release archive

- [Baker-Polito Administration Extends Non-Essential Business Closures to May 18th, Announces Reopening Advisory Board](/news/baker-polito-administration-extends-non-essential-business-closures-to-may-18th-announces)  
(/news/baker-polito-administration-extends-non-essential-business-closures-to-may-18th-announces)
- [Baker-Polito Administration Announces Four-Phase Approach to Reopening and Publishes Mandatory Workplace Safety Standards](/news/baker-polito-administration-announces-four-phase-approach-to-reopening-and-publishes-mandatory-workplace-safety-standards)  
(/news/baker-polito-administration-announces-four-phase-approach-to-reopening-and-publishes-mandatory)
- [Reopening Massachusetts: Baker-Polito Administration Initiates Transition to First Phase of Four-Phase Approach](/news/reopening-massachusetts-baker-polito-administration-initiates-transition-to-first-phase-of)  
(/news/reopening-massachusetts-baker-polito-administration-initiates-transition-to-first-phase-of)
- [Governor Baker, Lt. Governor Polito Highlight Workplace Implementation of New COVID-19 Safety Standards at Symmons Industries in Braintree](/news/governor-baker-lt-governor-polito-highlight-workplace-implementation-of-new-covid-19-safety)  
(/news/governor-baker-lt-governor-polito-highlight-workplace-implementation-of-new-covid-19-safety)
- [Baker-Polito Administration Provides Update on Phase II of Reopening Plan, Releases Guidance for Restaurants and Lodging](/news/baker-polito-administration-provides-update-on-phase-ii-of-reopening-plan-releases-guidance)  
(/news/baker-polito-administration-provides-update-on-phase-ii-of-reopening-plan-releases-guidance)
- [Governor Baker Issues Executive Order in Advance of Phase II](/news/governor-baker-issues-executive-order-in-advance-of-phase-ii)  
(/news/governor-baker-issues-executive-order-in-advance-of-phase-ii)
- [Baker-Polito Administration Releases Detailed Guidelines for the Phased Reopening of Child Care, Camps and Summer Recreational Programs](/news/baker-polito-administration-releases-detailed-guidelines-for-the-phased-reopening-of-child-care-camps-and-summer-recreational-programs)  
(/news/baker-polito-administration-releases-detailed-guidelines-for-the-phased-reopening-of-child)

- [Baker-Polito Administration Initiates Transition to Second Phase of Four-Phase Approach](#)  
(/news/reopening-massachusetts-baker-polito-administration-initiates-transition-to-second-phase-of)
- [Baker-Polito Administration Initiates Transition to Step Two of Second Phase of Four-Phase Approach](#)  
(/news/reopening-massachusetts-baker-polito-administration-initiates-transition-to-step-two-of-second)
- [Baker-Polito Administration Announces Updated Travel Guidelines to Support COVID-19 Response](#)  
(/news/baker-polito-administration-announces-updated-travel-guidelines-to-support-covid-19-response)
- [Reopening Massachusetts: Baker-Polito Administration Initiates Transition to Third Phase of Four-Phase Approach](#)  
(/news/reopening-massachusetts-baker-polito-administration-initiates-transition-to-third-phase-of)
- [Baker-Polito Administration Announces Transition to Step II of Phase III for Lower Risk Communities Effective October 5th](#)  
(/news/baker-polito-administration-announces-transition-to-step-ii-of-phase-iii-for-lower-risk)
- [Baker-Polito Administration Announces Targeted Measures To Curb Rising COVID-19 Cases, Hospitalizations](#)  
(/news/baker-polito-administration-announces-targeted-measures-to-curb-rising-covid-19-cases)
- [Baker-Polito Administration Announces Statewide Rollback to Phase Three, Step One, Additional Restrictions Effective December 13th](#) (/news/baker-polito-administration-announces-statewide-rollback-to-phase-three-step-one-additional)
- [Baker-Polito Administration Announces Further Measures to Stop the Spread of COVID-19](#)  
(/news/baker-polito-administration-announces-further-measures-to-stop-the-spread-of-covid-19)
- [Baker-Polito Administration Awards Another \\$37 Million in Grants to 638 Businesses, Extends Capacity Limits and Lifts Early Closing Requirement for Businesses](#) (/news/baker-polito-administration-awards-another-37-million-in-grants-to-638-businesses-extends)
- [Baker-Polito Administration Awards Nearly \\$174 Million in Grants to 4,043 Additional Small Businesses for COVID Relief, Increases Capacity Limits for Businesses and Other Activities](#)  
(/news/baker-polito-administration-awards-nearly-174-million-in-grants-to-4043-additional-small)
- [Baker-Polito Administration Announces Plans for Continued Reopening](#)  
(/news/baker-polito-administration-announces-plans-for-continued-reopening-0)
- [Baker-Polito Administration Announces Transition to Phase IV of Reopening Plan](#)  
(/news/baker-polito-administration-announces-transition-to-phase-iv-of-reopening-plan)
- [Baker-Polito Administration Announces Plans for Continued Reopening](#)  
(/news/baker-polito-administration-announces-plans-for-continued-reopening)
- [Baker-Polito Administration Announces Reopening of Additional Phase 4 Industries to Go Into Effect May 10th](#)  
(/news/baker-polito-administration-announces-reopening-of-additional-phase-4-industries-to-go-into-effect-may-10th)

## Additional Resources

**Reopening Massachusetts Plan - English** (<https://www.mass.gov/doc/reopening-massachusetts-may-18-2020/download>)

**Reopening Massachusetts Plan - Español** (<https://www.mass.gov/doc/reopening-massachusetts-may-18-2020-espanol/download>)