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## Reopening Massachusetts COVID-19 FAQs

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Sectors are categorized into its initial reopening phase. Guidance for all sectors are continually updated through each phase and change often. Please refer to [mass.gov/reopening](https://www.mass.gov/reopening) for the most up to date information and guidance.

## General

If I am at an ice cream stand, should I wear a face covering?

- Yes, you should wear a face covering while waiting in line and interacting with others.
- You may remove your face covering when you can safely remain 6 ft. apart from others in order to enjoy your food or drinks.
- People with medical conditions are exempt from this.

I want to host a summer get together, should I?

- Residents are strongly encouraged to limit social gatherings and summer events. No-risk activities such as staying at home, connecting with friends and family virtually, and watching virtual events are the safest actions to protect against the spread of COVID-19 and are strongly encouraged.
- We recognize, however, that this may not always be realistic. Whenever possible, we encourage residents to participate in and create low risk activities rather than high-risk ones.
- If you chose to hold a social gathering you can follow some of these tips to help decrease the risk of spreading COVID-19:
  - Bring your own items from home with no sharing of foods, drinks, or utensils
  - Wear cloth face coverings
  - Practicing physical distancing
  - Host it outdoors
    - Limit the time and number of people inside if you must have people enter your home
  - Limit the number of people to less than 10
- Remember, low-risk activities are not no-risk activities and the safety of yourself and others remains in your actions.

I have recently traveled, am returning from travel, or have crossed state lines for a period of time, do I need to self-quarantine?

- All travelers arriving to Massachusetts – including Massachusetts residents returning home – are instructed to self-quarantine for 14 days.
- Beginning July 1, 2020, travelers from Rhode Island, Connecticut, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, New York, and New Jersey arriving in Massachusetts are **exempt** from this directive and need not self-quarantine for 14 days.
- Workers designated by the federal government as essential critical infrastructure workers are **exempt** from the directive to self-quarantine for 14 days if traveling to Massachusetts for work purposes.
- All persons are instructed not to travel to Massachusetts if they are displaying symptoms of COVID-19.

## Phase 3

### Fitness Centers and Health Clubs

Guidance as of July 1, 2020

For full guidance click [here](#)

- When can fitness and health clubs reopen?
  - Fitness centers and health clubs including but not limited to Weight and resistance training, Cross training, Yoga, Martial arts, Spin classes, and Boot camp training are able to reopen on July 6, 2020
  - Indoor and outdoor athletic facilities, such as those for gymnastics, tennis, and swimming (whether a standalone facility or part of a Fitness Center or Health Club) must follow the Youth and Adult Sports guidance and the Pools guidance, available on the EEA Reopening Site.
- What sector specific safety measures are in place?
  - 40% of the facility's maximum permitted occupancy as documented in its occupancy permit on record with the municipal building department or other municipal record holder
  - Facilities for which no permitted occupancy limitation is on record may allow 8 persons per 1,000 square feet of accessible indoor or outdoor space
  - In any case, no enclosed space within the facility may exceed occupancy of 8 persons per 1,000 square feet
  - All occupancy counts and calculations shall include visitors, staff, and other workers
  - Arrange all equipment (weights, machines, treadmills, bikes, etc.) so exercise areas are spaced out at least 14 feet apart. Spacing of machines may be adjusted to at least 6 feet apart if barriers are installed
  - If spacing of equipment is not possible, equipment should be blocked off (e.g., every other machine) to maintain 14 feet distancing
  - If customers cannot wear a face covering during strenuous fitness activities, physical distancing must be at least 14 feet. If customers are wearing face coverings during fitness activities, physical distancing must be at least 6 feet
  - In group fitness classes, 14 feet of physical distancing must be maintained between attendees at all times. If physical barriers are installed between group fitness equipment, 6 feet of physical distancing should be maintained
  - All equipment must be sanitized between uses. No equipment should be used by another customer or returned to the storage rack / container without being sanitized
  - Encourage customers to use one piece of equipment at a time (e.g., limit circuit training or "super sets" with multiple pieces of equipment) in order to facilitate required sanitizing. Facilities must provide sanitization supplies at each piece of equipment in order for customers to clean in between each use
  - Encourage outdoor exercise, classes, sessions, etc. where possible, so long as appropriate physical distancing is maintained at all times and any equipment used is sanitized after each use
  - Close or limit waiting areas and, for class-based activities with distinct session times, ask customers to wait outside or in cars until 10 minutes prior to their class

- Schedule 30-minute windows between classes to allow for thorough cleaning and appropriate ventilation of the fitness room, and to discourage congestion
- Clearly designate staff responsible for sanitizing, cleaning, and supervision during each shift

## Museums and Cultural and Historical Facilities and Guided Tours

Guidance as of July 1, 2020

For full guidance click [here](#)

- When can museums reopen?
  - Museums are allowed to reopen on July 6, 2020
- What sector specific safety measures are in place?
  - 40% of the museum's maximum permitted occupancy as documented in its occupancy permit on record with the municipal building department or other municipal record holder
  - Facilities for which no permitted occupancy limitation is on record may allow 8 persons (including staff) per 1,000 square feet of accessible indoor or outdoor space
  - In any case, no enclosed space within the facility may exceed occupancy of 8 persons per 1,000 square feet
  - All occupant counts and calculations shall include customers, staff, and other workers
  - Mark exhibit rooms and hallways to indicate 6 feet separation
  - Post clearly visible signage regarding the need to maintain 6 feet of social distancing and not to enter a room until that distancing can be maintained
  - Establish directional pathways to manage visitor flow for foot traffic, if possible, to minimize contact (e.g., one-way entrance and exit to rooms / exhibits, one-way pathways). Post clearly visible signage regarding these policies
  - Each tour operator using a bus or other vehicle (such as a trolley, harbor cruise vessel, or duck boat) must limit occupancy at all times to 50% of the tour, vehicle or vessel's maximum permitted occupancy as documented in its occupancy permit on record with the relevant municipal record holder
  - Museums are encouraged to offer exclusive hours or other accommodations for those in high-risk populations as defined by the CDC
  - Encourage online ticket sales and contactless payment methods if possible
  - Consider using timed entry tickets / reservations and imposing time limits for visits to ensure compliance with occupancy limits
  - Interactive exhibits (i.e., touch and feel exhibits, play areas) should be closed or be configured with 6 feet of distancing clearly marked and receive frequent cleaning and disinfection. Hand hygiene station (soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer) should be accessible to promote safe use

## Indoor Recreation with Low Potential for Contact

Guidance as of July 1, 2020

For full guidance click [here](#)

- When can indoor recreation reopen?

- Limited indoor recreation facilities including but not limited to batting cages, driving ranges, bowling alleys, go karts, and rock-climbing facilities are allowed to reopen on July 6, 2020
- What cannot reopen in Phase 3, Step 1?
  - Other Phase 3 Indoor Recreation Businesses with greater potential for contact must remain closed until authorized to open under a subsequent order. These include roller skating rinks, trampolines, obstacle courses, and laser tag. Arcades and indoor and outdoor “ball pits” must continue to remain closed until Phase 4.
- What sector specific safety measures are in place?
  - 40% of the museum’s maximum permitted occupancy as documented in its occupancy permit on record with the municipal building department or other municipal record holder
  - Facilities for which no permitted occupancy limitation is on record may allow 8 persons (including staff) per 1,000 square feet of accessible indoor or outdoor space
  - In any case, no enclosed space within the facility may exceed occupancy of 8 persons per 1,000 square feet
  - All occupant counts and calculations shall include customers, staff, and other workers
  - Distance shall be measured from the closest boundary of one customer recreation area to the closest boundary of another customer recreation area
  - All commonly touched physical materials must be discarded or sanitized between use
  - Any self-serve equipment or other physical materials should be removed, and instead all materials must be handed out individually by employees
  - Stagger activity / event times / encourage reservations (such as for bowling lanes) to avoid congregation of customers in different groups and to allow for thorough cleaning of the activity space (e.g., seating areas or tables) before new customers arrive
  - For group activities, do not combine persons or small groups with other non-related or non-associated persons or small groups
  - Disinfect all recreation equipment and other objects distributed to customers (e.g., golf putters, pool cues, etc.) immediately when returned after each use. Shared equipment provided to customers may not be re-distributed without first being disinfected according to CDC guidelines

## Indoor and Outdoor Events

Guidance as of July 1, 2020

For full guidance click [here](#)

- When can indoor and outdoor events resume?
  - Indoor and outdoor events that can resume on July 6, 2020 include but are not limited to events held at:
    - Indoor and outdoor event spaces
    - Ballrooms
    - Private party rooms
    - Public places, like parks

- An event that is held for the primary purpose of watching a performance must follow the Theaters and Performance Venues guidance
- What cannot reopen in Phase 3, Step 1?
  - Large capacity event venues and activities organized to draw together large crowds must continue to remain closed until Phase IV. This includes venues used for group or spectator sports, entertainment, business, and cultural events including:
    - Stadiums, arenas, and ballparks
    - Dance floors
    - Exhibition and convention halls
    - Street festivals and parades and agricultural festivals
    - Road races and other large, outdoor organized amateur or professional group athletic events
- What sector specific safety measures are in place?
  - Operators of an indoor event must monitor attendee entries and exits and limit occupancy at all times to:
    - 8 persons per 1,000 square feet of accessible, indoor floor space, and no more than 25 persons
  - Operators of an outdoor event must monitor attendee entries and exits and limit occupancy at all times to:
    - 25% of the facility's maximum permitted occupancy as documented in its occupancy permit on record with the municipal building department or other municipal record holder, and no more than 100 persons
    - Facilities for which no permitted occupancy limitation is on record may allow 8 persons per 1,000 square feet of accessible space, and no more than 100 persons
  - Occupancy counts in all cases must include all attendees, staff, or other workers
  - Require that any equipment that cannot be disinfected between use to be removed from service for 24 hours before it can be used by another customer
  - Whether seated or standing, attendees should not gather in groups of more than 6 people
  - Remove non-essential amenities (magazines, customer-facing water or coffee, close coat rooms, etc.) in waiting or other common areas

## Theaters and Performance Venues

Guidance as of July 1, 2020

For full guidance click [here](#)

- When can theaters and performance venues reopen?
  - In Step 1 of Phase 3, only outdoor Theater and Performance Venues and indoor movie theaters may reopen. Drive-in movie theaters may continue to operate under guidance issued for Drive-In Movie Theaters.
- What cannot reopen in Phase 3, Step 1?
  - Other indoor Theater and Performance Venues must remain closed until authorized to open under a subsequent order.

- Large capacity event venues must continue to remain closed until Phase IV. This includes venues used for group or spectator sports, entertainment, business, and cultural events including:
  - Stadiums, arenas, and ballparks
  - Exhibition and convention halls
- What sector specific safety standards are in place?
  - Indoor movie theaters must monitor customer entries and exits and limit occupancy at all times to:
    - 40% of each individual theater or screening room's maximum permitted occupancy as documented in its occupancy permit on record with the municipal building department or other municipal record holder, and never more than 25 persons in a single enclosed, indoor space
    - Venues for which no permitted occupancy limitation is on record may allow 8 persons per 1,000 square feet of accessible space, and never more than 25 persons in a single enclosed, indoor space
  - Each outdoor venue must monitor customer entries and exits and limit occupancy at all times to 25% of the venue's maximum permitted occupancy as documented in its occupancy permit on record with the municipal building department or other municipal record holder, but in no event may the venue admit or host more than 100 persons
  - All occupant counts and calculations for indoor and outdoor venues must include customers, workers, and any other persons present
  - Reconfigure seating areas to ensure 6 feet distancing between customers not in the same group
  - Special protocols should be followed for close contact between live performers:
    - Encourage performers to wear face coverings during performances if possible
    - Performers should remain at least 6 feet apart. Any activity requiring performers to be closer than 6 feet must be as brief as possible
    - Activities that require prolonged direct contact (e.g. intimate scenes, fight scenes) are discouraged
    - Prohibit direct interaction between performers and audience before, during, or after performances (including backstage and post-performance meet and greets)
  - For outdoor live performances, singing and the playing of brass and wind instruments is discouraged. For performances involving singing or brass or wind instruments, special distancing should be followed:
    - At least 10 feet between performers
    - At least 25 feet between performers and first row of the audience
    - All commonly touched physical materials must be discarded or sanitized between use
    - Any self-serve racks or containers for these materials should be removed, and instead all materials must be handed out individually by workers

- Facilities should develop a seating plan for which customers can reserve spots ahead of time and which is adjustable to the size of the booking party allowing couples and small groups to sit together while maintaining at least 6 feet of distance from other individuals/groups
- Instruct customers to limit seating groups only to related or associated members of same party

## Phase 2

### Restaurants

Guidance as of June 21, 2020

For full guidance click [here](#)

- When can restaurants reopen?
  - Outdoor dining was allowed to reopen on June 8, 2020
  - Indoor dining was allowed to reopen on June 22, 2020
- What sector specific safety measures are in place?
  - Tables must be positioned so to maintain at least a 6 foot distance from all other tables and any high foot traffic areas (e.g., routes to bathrooms, entrances, exits); tables may be positioned closer if separated by protective / non-porous barriers (e.g., structural 2 walls or plexi-glass dividers) not less than 6 feet high installed between tables and high foot traffic areas
  - The size of a party seated at a table cannot exceed 6 people
  - Restaurants may not seat any customers at the bar, but subject to any applicable building and fire code requirements, bar areas may be re-configured to accommodate table seating that complies with all spacing and other requirements in these COVID-19 safety standards
  - All customers must be seated; eat-in service to standing customers (e.g., around bar areas) is prohibited
  - Restaurants may not provide customers with buzzers or other devices to provide alerts that seating is available or orders are ready; restaurants should instead use no-touch methods such as audio announcements, text messaging, and notices on fixed video screens or blackboards

### Retail Stores

Guidance as of June 21, 2020

For full guidance click [here](#)

- When can retail stores reopen?
  - Curbside pick up was allowed to reopen on May 25, 2020
  - Retail stores and in-person shopping was allowed to reopen on June 8, 2020
  - Dressing rooms by appointment only was allowed to reopen on June 22, 2020
- Is there an occupancy limit?
  - Yes, retail stores are limited to 40% of the building's maximum occupancy.
    - i. Retail stores for which no permitted occupancy limitation is on record may rely on the 8 persons per 1,000 square feet method
- Are malls allowed to reopen?
  - Yes, they must adhere to retail store guidelines along with the following additional guidance:



- Operators of enclosed shopping malls and other indoor, multi-tenant retail spaces must monitor customer and worker entries and exits to common areas and limit occupancy of common areas at all times to 40% of maximum permitted occupancy levels. All occupant counts and calculations shall include customers and workers
  - Within enclosed shopping malls and other indoor multi-tenant retail spaces:
    1. Retailers or restaurants serving food and beverage may only provide take-out or delivery service
    2. Any seating areas, including food courts, must be closed
    3. Any children’s play areas must be closed
    4. All arcades must be closed
- What sector specific safety measures are in place?
  - Grocery stores and retail stores with a pharmacy department must provide dedicated hours at least one hour each day of operation, in the early morning, for adults 60 years of age and older. These hours must be conspicuously posted
  - Other retail stores are encouraged to offer exclusive hours or other accommodations for those in high-risk populations as defined by the CDC
  - Retailers may not permit sampling or application of personal goods (i.e., make-up, perfume, lotion)
- Are fitting rooms open?
  - Yes, by appointment only. Retailers, however, are encouraged to keep fitting rooms closed and encourage customers to not try on clothes.
  - Any clothes tried on by a customer must either be quarantined for 24 hours or thoroughly steam cleaned prior to returning to the floor.

## Adult and Youth Sports Practice

Guidance as of June 8, 2020

For full guidance click [here](#)

- Are outdoor athletic facilities open to youth and adult sports?
  - Yes, outdoor athletic facilities shall be open and available for organized youth and adult sports activities
- Are indoor athletic facilities open to youth and adult sports?
  - Yes, indoor athletic facilities are able to open as of Phase 3, Step 1 for both youth and adult usage which include:
    - Gymnastics Facilities
    - Indoor & Outdoor Pools
    - Indoor and Outdoor Athletic Fields and Courts
    - Ice Rinks
    - Tracks
    - Indoor Gymnasiums
    - Martial Arts & Dance Facilities
    - Indoor Racquet Courts
    - Indoor Batting Cage Facilities

- Locker rooms and changing areas may open in Phase III, Step 1, but should be limited to 50% capacity
      - Indoor showers remain closed
    - Specific sports have been outlined as Low Risk, Moderate Risk, and Higher Risk Activities and allowable types of play (Levels 1 - 4) have been assigned to each. Visit the full guidance for allowable activities within each sport.
  - What sector specific safety measures are in place?
    - Group size is limited. Programs must separate participants into groups of no more than 12 participants, including coaches and staff.
    - Programs must separate participants into groups of no more than 12, including coaches and staff. Larger playing areas and surfaces, such as athletic fields, tracks, tennis courts, and full size basketball courts, may be used by more than one group of 12 at one time, provided that adequate social distance and group separation can be maintained.
    - To ensure group separation, groups must be spaced at least 20 feet apart while sharing a playing surface or field.
    - Limit any nonessential visitors, spectators, staff, volunteers, and activities involving external groups or organizations as much as possible.
    - Visitors, spectators, volunteers and staff must wear face coverings.
    - Operators are encouraged to mark off spectator/chaperone viewing sites to allow for social distancing.
    - Spectators/chaperones must practice social distancing including wearing face coverings.
    - Youth sports summer camps must follow all applicable summer camps guidance. Limited sports activity is allowed for players; players must maintain 6 feet of distance at all times and there should be no contact between players. If maintaining physical distance is difficult or impossible because of the nature of the sport, coaches should limit players to workouts, aerobic conditioning, individual skill work, and drills.
    - Participants and coaches/instructors/counselors must be kept in the same small group (cohorts) with dedicated coaches or other staff.

## Close Contact Personal Services

Guidance as of June 21, 2020

For full guidance click [here](#)

- Are tattoo shops, nail salons, piercing and body art services, skin care, massage therapy, makeup salons, tanning salons, and personal training allowed to reopen?
  - Yes, with limitations.
- What sector specific safety measures are in place?
  - Arrange workstations so work areas are spaced out at least 6 feet apart
  - Install visual markers to encourage customers to remain at least 6 feet apart
  - Require face coverings for all customers and workers, except where an individual is unable to wear a face covering due to a medical condition or disability
  - Require workers to wear gloves, gowns or smocks, and prescription glasses, safety glasses or goggles
  - No guests should accompany the customer during the personal service except for persons serving as caretakers or guardians. Guests should observe all other

requirements of customers, including wearing a face covering and maintaining 6 feet of separation from other persons present

- Require glove changes and handwashing before and after each customer
- Do not permit sharing of tools and supplies between workers (e.g., clippers, spacers, brushes, needles, etc.). All tools must be cleaned between each customer
- Workers should change into a clean smock or gown between each customer. Consider using disposable capes and smocks. Reusable capes, towels, gowns should be laundered between each use
- Require customers to make an appointment in advance to receive service
- Close waiting areas and ask customers to wait outside or in cars until it is time for their appointment

## Hotels

Guidance as of June 8, 2020

For full guidance click [here](#)

- Are hotels allowed to reopen to the public?
  - Yes, with limitations
- What sector specific safety measures are in place?
  - Ballrooms, meeting rooms, function halls, and all other indoor or outdoor event facilities must remain closed. Lodging operators are not permitted to host weddings, business events, or other organized gatherings of any kind.
  - On-site restaurants, pools, gyms, spas, golf courses, and other amenities co-located with the lodging operation may operate only as these categories are authorized to operate elsewhere in the Commonwealth and subject to the COVID-19 safety rules that apply to free-standing facilities of the same sort.
  - Lodging operators must inform guests at the time a reservation is made and at check-in of the Commonwealth's policy urging travelers to self-quarantine for 14 days when arriving in Massachusetts from out of state.
  - Require face coverings for all workers and guests when inside hallways and common areas, except where an individual is unable to wear a face covering due to a medical condition or disability
  - Guests should enter through doors that are either propped open, if possible, or are automated or manually operated by a worker that is frequently handwashing and/or using proper hand sanitizer
  - Prohibit gatherings of 10 or more workers during work hours
  - Limit the number of individuals riding in an elevator and ensure the use of face coverings. Use signage to communicate these requirements
- What sanitation measures are in place?
  - Require workers to avoid handshakes and similar greetings that break physical distance
  - Workers should not open the doors of cars or taxis. Valet parking operations should be avoided unless necessary due to physical or geographic constraints in order to accommodate individual guests with disabling conditions
  - Discontinue the use of shared food and beverage equipment in lobbies (including shared coffee brewers). Close manually operated ice machines or use hands free machines

- Remove or limit paper amenities in guest rooms. Remove pen, paper and guest directory, magazines and brochures; supplement with digital material or make materials available upon request
- Practice enhanced room sanitation by cleaning and sanitizing all hard surfaces at a minimum each time a guest checks out and before the next guest is admitted, and laundering all linens, bedspreads and covers
- Dirty linens should be removed and transported from guest rooms in single-use, sealed bags, and pillow protectors on the guest room beds should be changed in between guests at a minimum. Bagging of these items should be done in the guest room to eliminate excess contact while being transported.
- All bed linen and laundry should be washed at a high temperature and cleaned in accordance with CDC guidelines
- Following each departure, consider leaving guest rooms vacant for 24 hours as part of cleaning protocol to allow for deep cleaning, disinfectant and cleaners to dry, and reasonable air exchange
- Housekeeping should not enter a guest room while the guest is physically present within the room except at the guest's specific request; Housekeeping must otherwise only service rooms when guests are not present and minimize contact with guest personal belongings; Housekeepers should open the doors and windows when possible to increase air circulation

## Campgrounds

Guidance as of June 8, 2020

For full guidance click [here](#)

- Are campgrounds allowed to reopen?
  - Yes, operators of campgrounds are permitted to open sites for reduced capacity camping for tents, non-self-contained campers, and campsites accessed by trail or water (these may include privies, primitive cabins, lean-tos or tent platforms).
- What sector specific safety measures are in place?
  - Campgrounds must allow for:
    - social distance between individuals in outdoor areas,
    - at least 20 feet of spacing between campsites, and
    - use of bathroom facilities in a manner that will not result in compromising social distancing protocols.
  - Any food service activities must follow any applicable restaurant or food service guidance for such activities.
  - Occupancy of each campsite is limited to a maximum of 10 occupants per campsite. Individual campgrounds may set or maintain lower campsite occupancy limits.
  - Laundry facilities may be open to maintain six-foot social distancing. High touch surfaces in laundry facilities must frequently be disinfected and the facility cleaned and disinfected by campground staff on a daily basis.
  - Employees and visitors must wear face coverings while away from the visitor's campsite and on the campground.
  - Fishing, biking, and hiking are allowable activities provided that social distancing and any applicable guidelines for such activity are followed.

- Campgrounds that have access to beaches and pools must follow the guidance for such activities, including the Safety Standards for Public and Semi-Public Swimming Pools and Safety Standards for Coastal and Inland Beaches.
- Campgrounds that have access to playgrounds must follow the guidance for the operation of playgrounds: Safety Standards for Playgrounds, Spray Decks and Outdoor Fitness Areas
- What is not allowable during Phase II at campgrounds?
  - Visitor centers, recreational halls, fitness centers and other indoor common areas must remain closed to the public.
  - Activities between or among more than one campsite group are not permitted.
  - Campsite groups may not invite persons not staying at the campsites to visit.
  - Picnic and grill areas should be closed if social distancing cannot be maintained and sanitization cannot occur between uses.

## Public and Semi-Public Swimming Pools

Guidance as of June 8, 2020

For full guidance click [here](#)

- Are swimming pools allowed to reopen?
  - Yes, outdoor pool facilities may reopen, but indoor facilities may only reopen to supervised youth sports leagues and summer sports camps for participants under 18 years old in accordance with the Workplace Safety and Reopening Standards for Businesses and Other Entities Providing Outdoor Adult Sports Supervised Youth Sports Leagues, Summer Sports Camps guidance. Hot tubs and whirlpools should be closed in Phase II.
- What sector specific safety measures are in place?
  - Pool operators, taking into consideration bather load, any building occupancy limits, and social distancing on deck areas should manage capacity to accommodate social distancing to the greatest extent possible, such as setting a maximum number of individuals that can be in a pool facility or pool area at one time. This number should not exceed 40% of existing facility capacity.
  - No groups larger than 10 are allowed to gather
  - The temporary shutdown or reduced operation of a building and reductions in normal water use can create hazards for returning occupants; these hazards can include mold and Legionella. After a prolonged shutdown, building owners and employers should ensure that their building does not have mold and that the water system is safe to use to minimize the risk of Legionnaires' disease.
  - Recreational activities, including swimming and wading, should be conducted with adherence to social distancing recommendations of 6 feet between individuals and the proper use of face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain.
  - Restroom or shower facilities (if access is required) can be accessed through a locker room, but operators must ensure that guests do not use the lockers or changing area.
  - Indoor and outdoor pool facilities must provide access showers in compliance with 105 CMR 435. If outdoor showers are not available, facilities may meet this requirement by providing access to indoor showers. If outdoor showers are available, facilities should keep indoor showers closed.

- Exceptions to the social distancing guidance include:
  - Anyone rescuing a distressed swimmer, providing first aid, or performing cardiopulmonary resuscitation, with or without an automated external defibrillator.
  - Individuals in the process of evacuating an aquatic venue or entire facility due to an emergency.
- Set up a system so that furniture (for example, lounge chairs) or objects (for example, kickboards, noodles) that need to be cleaned and disinfected is kept separate from already cleaned and disinfected furniture or objects. Label containers for used equipment that has not yet been cleaned and disinfected and containers for cleaned and disinfected equipment.
- If provided, launder towels and clothing according to the manufacturer's instructions. Use the warmest appropriate water temperature and dry items completely
- What is not allowed in Phase II of swimming pool operations?
  - Organized activities in the pool, including but not limited to ball games or swim tournaments should not be allowed.
  - Swimming lessons which would require physical contact are not allowed in Phase II. Organized swimming programs should ensure compliance with the Workplace Safety and Reopening Standards for Businesses and Other Entities Providing Outdoor Adult Sports Supervised Youth Sports Leagues, Summer Sports Camps.
  - Snorkels, goggles, etc., may not be rented or provided by a facility.
  - Locker rooms and changing areas should be closed in Phase II.

## Phase 1

### Beaches

Guidance as of June 8, 2020

For full guidance click [here](#)

- Are beaches allowed to reopen?
  - Yes, at limited capacity.
- What sector specific safety measures are in place?
  - Beach visitors are required to maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet or more at all times and visitors should maintain at least 12 feet minimum distance between towelings/beach blanket areas. Toweling/Beach blanket groups are limited to groups no larger than 10.
  - No-contact ball games such as catch, kadima, Kan Jam and bocce can be allowed provided that social distancing can be maintained, and group size guidelines followed. No games, scrimmages, or tournaments.
  - Beach visitors shall abide by social distancing standards for bathroom lines and follow any established visual guidelines for maintaining a 6 feet distance in all restroom facilities.

### Places of Worship

Guidance as of June 8, 2020

For full guidance click [here](#)

- When can places of worship reopen?

- May 18, 2020
- Is there an occupancy limit?
  - Yes, the occupancy is limited to 40% of the building's max occupancy capacity.
- What sector specific safety measures are in place?
  - Attendees who are not part of the same immediate household must be seated at least 6 feet apart. Members of the same immediate household are permitted to sit together and less than 6 feet apart
  - A leader or celebrant engaged in conducting the service or making an address may remove his or her face covering while doing so, provided that he or she is able to maintain a distance of at least 6 feet from other persons present; installation of protective, Plexiglas or other transparent barriers are recommended for lecterns and other points of address
  - Signage or floor markings should be posted to have one-way aisles or otherwise direct attendees to follow certain pathways for entering and exiting the service
  - Places of worship shall not have communal gathering pre or post service (e.g., coffee hours or other food services)
  - Places of worship are encouraged to modify the means to collect any financial contributions from attendees so as to eliminate shared contribution trays and baskets and to minimize contact. Consider setting up a no-touch method to collect contributions, and encouraging contributions through mail or electronic means
  - Places of worship are encouraged to modify communal rituals, like taking communion or passing of the peace, so as to limit contact with others. Consider distributing, where applicable, prepackaged communion or sacraments

## Yard Sales

Guidance as of June 8, 2020

- Can I have a yard sale?
  - Yard sales are permissible on your own personal property.
- What sector specific safety measures are in place?
  - All participants must wear a cloth face covering
  - Disinfect items before selling them
  - Provide hand sanitizer for customer use
  - Post signage to have customers avoid touching items unnecessarily,
  - Require customers to remain at least 6 ft. apart whenever possible.