



## **COVID-19 Update for Devens: April 6, 2020**

**Wear a face covering:** As of April 3, CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings over your nose and mouth in public settings. It is critical to emphasize that social distancing measures remain in effect and keeping 6 feet apart from others remains important to slowing the spread of the virus. Learn more at the [CDC website](#) including how to make your own face covering. **Please make your own so that we can save the medical-grade facemasks for our healthcare workers on the frontlines.**

**Stay at Home:** A Stay-at-Home Advisory remains in effect. Full details on the Advisory are at: [bit.ly/COVID19PHA](http://bit.ly/COVID19PHA)

**Public Gatherings:** The Governor's Order limits gatherings to 10 people during the state of emergency. This includes community, civic, public, leisure, faith-based events, and any similar event or activity that brings together more than 10 persons in any confined indoor or outdoor space. Please note, Devens playground is closed and recreational events and facilities such as Red Tail Golf Course and Devens Disc Golf Courses are considered non-essential services and closed as part of this order. Devens recreational fields, trails and open spaces remain open to the general public however we urge all users to practice social distancing by remaining at least 6 feet apart from others and avoiding any gatherings or any organized games/activities. **Additional information on COVID-19 for MA residents can be found at:** <http://bit.ly/MADPHCOVID19>

**Closure of Non-Essential Services.** All businesses and organizations that do not provide "COVID-19 Essential Services" remain closed to the public. Businesses are encouraged to continue operations remotely. Full details on the order and the list of "COVID-19 Essential Services" can be viewed at: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-essential-services> . Restaurants, bars, and other establishments that sell food and beverage products to the public are encouraged to continue to offer food for take-out and by delivery if they follow the social distancing protocols set forth in Department of Public Health guidance. On-premises consumption of food or drink is prohibited. Restaurants with licenses to sell alcohol are temporarily authorized to sell wine and malt beverages for off-site consumption as part of a transaction for the purchase of food. Additional details on this advisory can be found at: [bit.ly/ABCCDevens](http://bit.ly/ABCCDevens) .

**Small Business Assistance:** a guide to the CARES ACT COVID-19 Federal Stimulus package for Small Businesses can be found at: [bit.ly/CaresActDevens](http://bit.ly/CaresActDevens) .

**Construction Projects in Devens.** Only construction projects that are considered "COVID-19 Essential Services" as defined in the Governor's Executive Order are permitted to continue operating. The list of "COVID-19 Essential Services" can be viewed at: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-essential-services> . Construction projects that are continuing to operate under the Governor's Executive Order must provide the Devens Enterprise Commission (DEC) with written confirmation that their project specific work meets the definition of "COVID-19 Essential Services". Projects must also comply with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts COVID-19 Guidelines and Procedures for all Devens Construction Sites and Workers - available at: <http://devensec.com/news.html> .

The DEC, acting in its capacity as the local Board of Health for Devens, continues to monitor the situation in Devens in collaboration with the Nashoba Associated Boards of Health, the Devens Public Safety Officer (Devens Fire Chief Tim Kelly), and MassDevelopment. **For immediate questions and concerns, residents and businesses can dial 2-1-1.** Any Questions for the DEC can be directed to 978.772.8831.

**We appreciate everyone's cooperation in helping to minimize the spread of this virus.**