

COVID-19 Update for Devens: August 12, 2020



Updated Executive Order on Gatherings effective Tuesday, August 11:

- Reduces the limit on outdoor gatherings from 100 to 50 people (indoor gatherings limit will remain at 25 people)
- Applies these limits to all types of gatherings, on both public and private property
- Requires face coverings where more than 10 people from different households will be mixing.

Public safety officials, including state and local law enforcement, have the jurisdiction to enforce these orders and event hosts in violation of these orders will be subject to fines or cease and desist orders. [Read revised order.](#)

Restaurant rules updated: alcoholic beverages may only be served for on-site consumption if accompanied by orders for food prepared on-site. The administration will be taking measures to ensure that bars masquerading as restaurants will be closed. [Read the updated standards for restaurants here.](#)

Updated Travel Order: Rhode Island removed from the list of lower risk states. All visitors and Massachusetts residents returning home, including students returning to campuses for the fall semester, must fill out a “Massachusetts Travel Form” and quarantine for 14 days unless they are coming from a COVID-19 lower risk state or they can produce a negative COVID-19 test result administered no more than 72 hours prior to arriving in Massachusetts, unless they meet one of the exemption criteria. Read the full updated guidance [here.](#)

New Enforcement Measures to help Stop the Spread: a targeted cross-agency COVID Enforcement and Intervention Team that will be responsible for ramping up enforcement statewide, including:

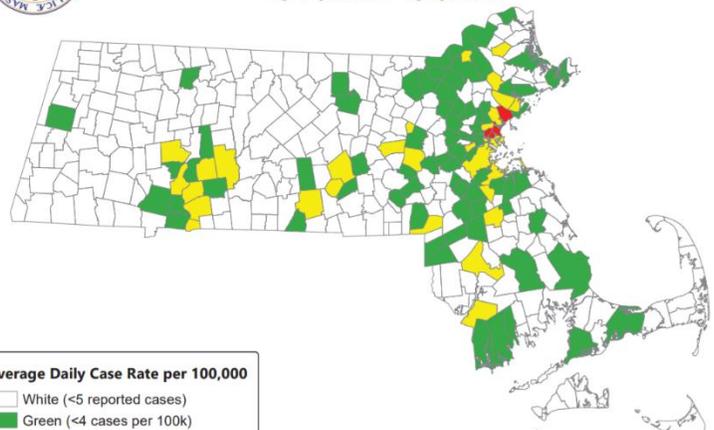
- Targeted interventions and inspections by a range of member agencies, including Local Services, Labor Standards, DPH, MSP and ABCC, coordinated by EOPSS and MEMA
- Increased enforcement, including fines, of sector guidance for businesses to ensure businesses and residents are aware of and following COVID-19 orders
- Support for ABCC and local licensing boards in exercising their existing authority to fine restaurants or suspend or cancel liquor licenses when restaurants do not comply with required COVID-19 safety measures
- Targeted public messaging campaign to alert residents of higher risk COVID communities
- Technical support to local government officials to support enhanced local COVID-19 prevention efforts such as assistance in accessing CARES Act funding
- Potential restrictions or shutdowns for parks, playgrounds, businesses or other entities and locations believed to be contributing to the COVID-19 spread in higher risk COVID-19 communities
- Additional resources for public health support such as testing, tracing and quarantining

[Read the complete details here.](#) **Please note: Devens, Ayer, Harvard and Shirely are currently NOT considered higher risk COVID-19 communities** however residents and businesses should still be diligent and do their part to comply with all social distancing, hygiene and other COVID-19-related guidance and orders by the State to help stop the spread.

New statewide mapping by town: The Administration released [new data](#) on the average daily cases per 100,000 residents, average percent positivity, and total case counts, for all 351 Massachusetts cities and towns over the last two weeks. Based on the average daily cases per 100,000 residents, each city or town has been designated as a higher risk, moderate risk, or lower risk community. Going forward, this information will be updated and included in the [Department of Public Health’s weekly public health dashboard.](#)



Average Daily Case Rate (per 100,000) for COVID-19 in MA by City/Town Over Last Two Weeks 7/22/2020 - 8/5/2020



Updated Workplace Safety Standards: [Click here](#) for a complete list of workplace safety standards.

Get tested: A full list of all COVID-19 testing sites in MA is available at www.mass.gov/gettested . Any individual who needs a safe place to isolate can call (617) 367-5150 to access an isolation and recovery site at no cost.

Due to the recent increase in positive cases, step two of phase III of the Commonwealth's reopening plan has been postponed indefinitely.

COVID-19 Complaints: If you would like to report a potential violation of the travel order or a business or workplace that is non-compliant with the [mandatory workplace safety standards](#) and/or [sector-specific protocols](#), please complete the following form: <https://www.mass.gov/forms/covid-safe-practices-concern-form> or [reach out to us](#).

Please continue to practice social distancing, wear a mask in public, and do your part to prevent the spread of COVID-19 by washing your hands frequently and staying home if you are experiencing any symptoms. More information on COVID-19 for MA businesses and residents can be found at: <http://bit.ly/MADPHCOVID19>.

The Devens Enterprise Commission (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.