

# COVID-19 Update for Devens: February 26, 2021



## CHANGES TO CAPACITY RESTRICTIONS EFFECTIVE MARCH 1:

As the state moves into Step 2 of Phase 3 on March 1, 2020, capacity restrictions in restaurants will be lifted so restaurants will be able to run at full capacity however there are still restrictions that require tables to still be spaced 6' apart, there is a 90 min limit on tables stays, and a limit of 6 people at each table. Musical performances in restaurants is allowed with appropriate social distancing. Additional changes include:

- Indoor performance venues such as concert halls, theaters, and other indoor performance spaces will be allowed to reopen at 50% capacity with no more than 500 persons
- Indoor recreational activities with greater potential for contact (laser tag, roller skating, trampolines, obstacle courses) will be allowed to reopen at 50% capacity
- Capacity limits across all sectors with capacity limits will be raised to 50% and exclude employees

**While this is good news, residents must continue to wear masks to prevent the spread of COVID-19, and are encouraged to avoid contact outside of their immediate households, wash hands frequently, and respect social distancing.** You can find more information at: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/reopening-massachusetts>

## TRAVEL ORDER REMAINS IN EFFECT:

If you are travelling to states that are not considered low risk ( there are only three – Hawaii, North Dakota and Puerto Rico) they must comply with the orders! <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-travel-order>

## EMPLOYERS:

Remember, everything your employees do outside of work can impact the staff and business when they come to work. Encourage staff to have lunch/breaks separately and avoid carpooling. Improve ventilation in your establishment by opening windows and doors where feasible.

## PHASE 4 STEP 1 TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO START MARCH 22, 2020:

Provided public health metrics continue to improve, effective on March 22nd, all communities in Massachusetts will move into Step 1 of Phase 4 of the state's reopening plan. This will open a range of previously closed business sectors under tight capacity restrictions that are expected to be adjusted over time if favorable trends in the public health data continue. Also effective on March 22nd, gathering limits for event venues and in public settings will increase to 100 people indoors and 150 people outdoors. Outdoor gatherings at private residences and in private backyards will remain at a maximum of 25 people, with indoor house gatherings remaining at 10 people. Additionally, dance floors will be permitted at weddings and other events only, and overnight summer camps will be allowed to operate this coming summer. Exhibition and convention halls may also begin to operate, following gatherings limits and event protocols. Other Phase IV sectors must continue to remain closed. Click [here](#) to access complete Reopening information from the Commonwealth.

## VACCINE UPDATE:

As of right now, all vaccines are going through the mass vaccination sites or other approved locations. Locations and booking details can be found [here](#). The Centers for Disease Control has also launched a website that can assist you in finding vaccination locations near you: <https://vaccinefinder.org/search/>. **Please remember, vaccine supply is still extremely limited and demand is very high so please be patient. More and more appointments are becoming available every day so keep looking! We will all get through this together!**

## COVID-FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR SMALL BUSINESSES:

Resources and information for funding available to small businesses hardest hit by the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as workforce training efforts, can be found [here](#).

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**Take the COVID-19 Vaccine Hesitancy Survey today!**

Tell us how you feel about COVID-19 vaccines and what would make you feel safer about getting vaccinated.

## STAY SAFE.

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.