

COVID-19 Update for Devens: June 1, 2021



COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS UPDATE:

Effective May 29, 2021, all industry restrictions are lifted, and capacity will increase to 100% for all industries. Gathering limits are also rescinded.

Face Covering Requirements Still in Effect for Certain Locations:

Effective May 29, 2021, masks are still required for both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals at all times in the following locations, subject to the exemptions listed below:

1. **On Public and Private Transportation**, including on the MBTA, commuter rail, buses, ferries, and airplanes, and while in rideshares (Uber and Lyft), taxis, and livery vehicles. Face coverings are also required at all times in transportation hubs, including train stations, bus stops, and airports. This applies to riders and workers.
2. **Inside K-12 public schools, collaboratives, approved special education schools** and as otherwise required by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). This applies to students, teachers, and staff.
3. **Healthcare facilities** including nursing homes, rest homes, emergency medical services, hospitals, physician and other medical and dental offices, urgent care settings, community health centers, vaccination sites, behavioral health clinics, and Bureau of Substance and Addiction Services (BSAS) facilities. This requirement applies to patients, residents, staff, vendors and visitors.
4. **Congregate care facilities** including the common areas of assisted living residences, group homes, residential treatment programs, and facilities operated, licensed, certified, regulated, authorized, or funded by the Department of Children and Families (DCF), the Department of Youth Services (DYS), the Department of Mental Health (DMH), the Department of Public Health (DPH), the Department of Developmental Services (DDS), the Department of Veterans' Services (DVS), the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind (MCB), the Executive Office of Elder Affairs (EOEA) and the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission (MRC). This requirement applies to clients, residents, staff, vendors and visitors.
5. **Emergency shelter programs**, including individual and family homeless shelters, domestic violence and sexual assault shelters, veterans' shelters, and shelters funded by the Department of Housing and Community Development. This requirement applies to guests, staff, vendors and visitors.
6. **Houses of Correction, Department of Correction prisons, jails, and other correctional facilities.** This requirement applies to people who are detained or incarcerated, staff, vendors and visitors.
7. **Health Care and Day Services and Programs operated, licensed, certified, regulated, or funded by the Commonwealth including the Executive Office of Health and Human Services or one of its agencies.** These settings include adult day health, day habilitation, Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), psychosocial rehabilitation club houses, brain injury centers and clubhouses, day treatment, partial hospitalization and intensive outpatient programs, recovery support centers and center-based day support programs. This requirement applies to staff, visitors, vendors and consumers.
8. **Home health care workers**, including Personal Care Attendants (PCAs) and Home Health Aides in community and home-based settings where they are providing patient-facing care; provided, however, the requirement shall only apply to the worker providing care.

There are certain exemptions in place for the above face coverings requirement, including children under 5 years old, and for persons whom a face mask or covering creates a health risk or is not safe because of specific health conditions or circumstances. For complete details on masking requirements still in effect and exemptions, go to:

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-mask-requirements>

Governor Baker is expected to end the State of Emergency on June 15, 2021.

GET VACCINATED in DEVENS!

NASHOBA VALLEY/DEVENS REGIONAL VACCINATION COLLABORATIVE – 6/2/21 and 6/9/21 from 1:00PM – 6:00PM:

The Nashoba Valley/Devens Regional Vaccine Collaborative will be hosting clinics at the Clear Path for Veterans New England building at 84 Antietam St. Devens for persons 12 years of age and older. **To schedule an appointment, go to: <https://vaxfinder.mass.gov/>, search by Local Board of Health Clinic and look for the Clear Path for Veterans New England/Devens site. Walk-ins will also be accepted. These clinics are offering the Pfizer vaccine only at this time.**