



## COVID-19 Update for Devens: June 3, 2020

**When can my Business Re-open?** Phase 1 has expanded to allow a number of additional businesses and services to re-open under specific safety guidelines that require context-specific COVID-19 safety measures such as occupancy limitations, operational modifications, social distancing rules, and specialized cleaning requirements. To see what Phase your business or service will be able to re-open, go to: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/reopening-when-can-my-business-reopen>.



The goal of the phased reopening plan is to methodically allow businesses, services, and activities to resume, while avoiding a resurgence of COVID-19 that could overwhelm our healthcare system and erase the progress we've made so far. Each phase will last a minimum of 3 weeks or longer, depending on the health data trends. Have additional questions? Check out the FAQ's on the State website: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-essential-services-faqs>

**Re-open Safely:** After a prolonged shutdown, building owners and employers should ensure that their building is safe. The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection has released guidance addressing the issue of stagnant water in buildings: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/addressing-stagnant-water-in-buildings/download>. Additional guidance on mold and other potential health-related concerns to consider when re-opening buildings can be found at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/building-water-system.html>

**Need help developing a COVID-19 compliance plan?** All businesses re-opening must have a COVID-19 Workplace Safety Program in place and must post a COVID-19 Compliance Attestation Checklist near the entrance to your office, visible to visitors and employees. **You can download a template at:** <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/reopening-massachusetts>. You can also download the Compliance Attestation checklist here: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/compliance-attestation/download>.

**Need Testing?** The state has set up a website with a map of testing sites so you can find a site near you: <https://bit.ly/MACOVIDTest>

**Stay SMART!** The Harvard School of Public Health created a great poster that businesses and communities can use to help raise awareness of the key strategies for reducing exposure to COVID-19 inside and outside:

**#StaySMART**  
PUBLIC HEALTH PRACTICES FOR COVID-19

**FOR HEALTH.org**  
Harvard Healthy Buildings Program

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- Stay home when sick
- Mask when out
- Avoid large groups
- Refresh indoor air
- Ten feet is better than six

For more information, see *Washington Post* opinion piece "The key to stopping covid-19? Addressing airborne transmission." by Joseph G. Allen on May 26, 2020

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**Need food?** Many restaurants and other establishments that sell food and beverages in Devens and the surrounding region are still open for take-out and delivery. **Call ahead** to make sure they are open and be sure to wear your face mask if you are picking up. **Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry** is also currently operating as a drive-thru pantry and will be open this week on Saturday, June 6, 2020 and next Wednesday June 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00AM to 12:00PM. If you are well and able, they are seeking volunteers to assist in their efforts. For complete details, go to: <https://loavesfishespantry.org/>

**Need Safety Supplies?:** The state has a website of resources to help with obtaining hygienic and protective supplies that most businesses will need to re-open and comply with mandatory workplace safety standards: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/reopening-purchasing-hygienic-or-protective-supplies-for-the-workplace>

Remember to continue to practice social distancing and wear a mask when in public and do your part to prevent the spread of COVID-19 by washing your hands frequently and staying home if you are sick. Additional 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.

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