



## **COVID-19 Update for Devens: March 30, 2020**

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health has issued a ***“Public Health Advisory: Stay-at-Home Advisory for Individuals over 70 and for those with underlying health conditions; and Safe Practices for the General Public”***. This Advisory is issued to provide guidance regarding Stay-at-Home and Safe Practices to reduce the potential exposure to COVID-19. Everyone has an important role to play to slow the transmission of this virus. This Public Health Advisory is directed to those Massachusetts residents who are 70 years and older and those with underlying health conditions to strongly advise them to stay-at-home with the exception of essential trips for food, medicine, and focused time for exercise and fresh air. This Public Health Advisory also applies the population as a whole advising you to stay-at-home if you are not providing **“COVID-19 Essential Services”** as described below. In every instance, this Advisory requires the adherence for safe hygiene practices and vigilant social distancing. Full details on the Advisory and what this means for you and your family are at: [bit.ly/COVID19PHA](http://bit.ly/COVID19PHA)

**Closure of Non-Essential Services.** Governor Charlie Baker issued an emergency order requiring all businesses and organizations that do not provide **“COVID-19 Essential Services”** to close their physical workplaces and facilities to workers, customers and the public as of Tuesday, March 24th at noon until Tuesday, April 7th at noon. 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> . 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.

**Construction Projects in Devens.** On March 25, 2020, the Governor issued guidance to municipalities that construction is considered a **“COVID-19 Essential Service”** however all construction projects are required to implement the necessary protocols to minimize exposure for workers. These protocols are available at: [bit.ly/MAConstCOVID](http://bit.ly/MAConstCOVID) and MUST be implemented at all times on **all construction sites**. All construction sites MUST conduct a Safety Stand Down day to disseminate these Guidelines to all employees and workers.

The Devens Enterprise Commission (DEC), acting in its capacity as the local Board of Health for Devens, continues to monitor the situation in Devens and the surrounding region in collaboration with the Nashoba Associated Boards of Health, the Devens Public Safety Officer (Devens Fire Chief Tim Kelly), and MassDevelopment and will provide Devens residents with updates as they become available. In the meantime, the DEC encourages all residents to do your part by following the CDC guidelines by staying at home and continuing to practice social distancing by staying at least 6 feet away from others and avoiding public gatherings. Additional details for MA residents can be found at: <http://bit.ly/MADPHCOVID19> .

**For immediate questions and concerns, residents and businesses can dial 2-1-1.**

The DEC will continue to post updates for Devens at: <http://devensec.com/news.html>. 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.