

COVID-19 Update for Devens: May 10, 2021



VACCINATION UPDATE:

ELIGIBILITY: People age 16 and older who live, work, or study in Massachusetts can get vaccinated.

NASHOBA VALLEY/DEVENS REGIONAL VACCINATION COLLABORATIVE - Opening 5/12/21:

The Nashoba Valley/Devens Regional Vaccine Collaborative will be opening on 5/12/21 at the Clear Path for Veterans New England building at 84 Antietam St. Devens. **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.**

Other Ways to get a Vaccine Appointment:

- You can still register for an appointment at one of the mass vaccination sites at VaccineSignUp.mass.gov. It is quick and easy. Some of the State's Mass vaccinations sites are now also accepting walk-ins (please call ahead to verify or check the website).
- Use VaxFinder.mass.gov to search for appointments at pharmacies, health care providers, and other community locations.

We are excited to be turning the corner in this pandemic but in the meantime, please continue to practice social distancing, wear your mask when in public, and wash your hands frequently!

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS UPDATE:

PHASE 4 STEP 2 INDUSTRIES AND GATHERING CHANGES*:

Effective Monday, May 10th :

As public health metrics continue trending in a positive direction, the Governor has announced that Massachusetts will implement the following changes to the current COVID-19 restrictions:

- Large venues such as indoor and outdoor stadiums, arenas and ballparks currently open as part of Phase 4, Step 1 at 12% will be permitted to increase capacity to 25%.
- Reopen some industries including amusement parks, theme parks and outdoor water parks that will be permitted to operate at a 50% capacity after submitting safety plans to the Department of Public Health.
- Road races and other large, outdoor organized amateur or professional group athletic events will be permitted to take place with staggered starts after submitting safety plans to a local board of health or the DPH.
- Youth and adult amateur sports tournaments will be allowed for moderate and high risk sports.
- Singing will also be permitted indoors with strict distancing requirements at performance venues, restaurants, event venues and other businesses.

For complete details and sector-specific guidance, go to: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/covid-19-workplace-safety-measures-for-reopening>

**Please remember that although the face coverings order has been relaxed for some outdoor settings, they are still required outside in public when it is not possible to socially distance, and at other times required by sector-specific guidance. Face coverings will still be required at all times in indoor public places. Face coverings will also continue to be required at all times at events, whether held indoors or outdoors and whether held in a public space or private home, except for when eating or drinking. At smaller gatherings in private homes, face coverings are recommended but not required.*

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

Support for Residences: Everyone has a role to play in helping to fight this pandemic. While the vaccine rollout continues, please continue to do your part by respecting social distance protocols, washing your hands frequently, and wearing a mask when in public settings or when social distancing is not possible. Additional prevention and treatment resources are available at <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-prevention-and-treatment>

Support for Businesses: 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. 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](#).

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.