

COVID-19 Update for Devens: February 5, 2021



CHANGE TO CAPACITY RESTRICTIONS:

Effective Monday, February 8th at 5:00 AM, those businesses and other sectors in Massachusetts currently limited to 25% capacity will be permitted to increase to a 40% capacity limit. Businesses and activities affected by the adjustment include:

- Restaurants
- Close contact personal services
- Arcades and Recreational Businesses
- Driving and Flight Schools
- Gyms/Health Clubs
- Libraries
- Museums
- Retail
- Offices
- Places of Worship
- Lodging (common areas)
- Golf (indoor areas)
- Movie Theaters (no more than 50 people per theater)

As under the current 25% limit, workers and staff will not count towards the occupancy count for restaurants and close contact personal services. The Commonwealth remains in Phase 3, Step 1 of the Baker-Polito Administration's reopening plan.

While this is good news, individuals are still urged to be cautious and continue practicing social distancing, washing your hands and wearing a mask at all times when in public or in groups outside your household.

Phase 3, Step 2 businesses, including indoor performance venues and indoor recreation businesses like roller rinks and trampoline parks, remain closed. More details at: <https://www.mass.gov/resource/reopening-sector-specific-protocols-and-best-practices>

GATHERING LIMITS:

The current gathering limits are being extended. Indoor gatherings and events will remain limited to 10 people. Outdoor gatherings and events will remain limited to 25 people. The gathering limits apply equally to private homes, event venues, and other public spaces.

PERSONAL CARE DURING COVID:

This pandemic has created a great deal of stress and anxiety for many of us. Make sure you take time to try and relax and unwind for your own personal health and well-being. The adjacent graphic offers some simple suggestions. If you need help coping, you can always call 2-1-1. We are all in this together. You are not alone.

VACCINE UPDATE:

The state began Phase 2 of the vaccine roll-out this week and those individuals 75 years of age and older are now eligible for the vaccine. Supply remains limited so please be patient as it may take several weeks to get an appointment. The Commonwealth is continuing to add more vaccination sites throughout Massachusetts with appointments released on a rolling basis. View the administration's vaccine website: www.mass.gov/COVIDvaccine for more information. We've also posted a local update at: <http://bit.ly/DECvacupdate>

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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Coping with Stress and Fear from COVID-19

- Take care of your body.**
 - Eat healthy, well-balanced meals
 - Exercise regularly
 - Get plenty of sleep
 - Take deep breaths, stretch, or meditate
- Virtually connect with others.**
Talk with people you trust about your concerns and how you are feeling.
- Take breaks from watching, reading, or listening to news stories, including social media.**
- Make time to unwind.**
Try to do some other activities you enjoy.

Help is available:
Visit Mass.gov/COVID19 or Call 2-1-1

Massachusetts Department of Public Health

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.