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Subject: Important Reopening Update

Dear Local Public Health Colleagues,

Today at 1:00pm, Governor Baker and Lt. Governor Polito will announce an update to the state's reopening process as well as several updates to sector-specific guidance in order to combat the rising cases of COVID-19 across the Commonwealth. The measures outlined below will go into effect at **12:01 a.m. on Sunday, December 13.**

- Here is a link to the press conference <https://www.mass.gov/governor-updates> – today at 1:00 p.m.
- We will send you the final, signed orders as soon as they become available.
- We will discuss these updates during the Inter-agency Local Boards of Health COVID-19 Webinar – today at 3:00 p.m.

Register

here: <https://statema.webex.com/statema/onstage/g.php?MTID=e32924136f663a6afedb7437aa307af73>

1. Statewide Rollback to Phase 3, Step 1: The entire Commonwealth will move to Phase 3, Step 1 of the Reopening Plan. In addition, the following updates to capacity limits will go into effect:

- Outdoor gatherings at event venues and public spaces to 50 people
- Outdoor Theaters and Performance Venues to 25% and no more than 50 people
- Close Indoor Theaters and Performance Venues and a few smaller indoor recreation businesses like roller rinks and trampoline parks
- Reduce capacity from 50% to 40% for several industry sectors noted below:
 - Arcades/Indoor and Outdoor Recreational Businesses
 - Driving and Flight Schools
 - Gyms/Health Clubs
 - Libraries
 - Museums
 - Retail
 - Offices
 - Places of Worship
 - Lodging (common areas)
 - Golf
 - Movie theaters (no more than 50 people per theater)

2. Restaurants and Event Venues Protocols Updates: The following updates will be made to restaurant and event venue protocols with regard to face coverings, seating, and performances

- Wear masks at all times except when eating and drinking
- Seat no more than six per table and encourage customers to only dine with same household
- Put a 90-minute time limit on tables
- Prohibit all musical performances at restaurants
- Close food court seating

- 3. Workplaces and Fitness Centers Protocols Updates:** The following updates will be made to the Office Spaces and Fitness Centers protocols with regard to face coverings
- Require mask wearing in offices when not in your own workspace and alone
 - Require mask wearing at all times in gyms
 - Encourage teleworking

All updates to sector specific guidance can be found on www.mass.gov/reopening later this week.

If you have questions prior to today's webinar, please send them to michael.j.coughlin@mass.gov . You may also ask questions in the Q&A panel during the webinar.

Thank you for all you have done and continue to do to keep people safe and save lives.

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