

# Welcome to the COVID-19 Local Boards of Health Webinar

Please be patient, we will be starting shortly!



# Local Boards of Health COVID-19 Webinar Announcements – February 25, 2021

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# Announcements Today

## **Effective March 1st**

Back into Phase 3, Step 2

## **Effective March 22nd (subject to public health data)**

Gathering limits increases

Phase 4, Step 1

# Back into Phase 3, Step 2

## Effective March 1<sup>st</sup>

Indoor performance venues such as concert halls, theaters, and other indoor performance spaces

- Open at 50% capacity with 500 person max

Indoor recreational activities with greater potential for contact: laser tag, roller skating, trampolines, obstacle courses

- Open at 50% capacity

# Industries increasing to 50% capacity Effective March 1st

Employees will be exempt from capacity restrictions in all these industries:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Arcades &amp; Other Indoor and Outdoor Recreation Businesses</li><li>• Close Contact Personal Services</li><li>• Driving and Flight Schools</li><li>• Fitness Centers and Health Clubs</li><li>• Golf Facilities (indoor)</li><li>• Libraries</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Operators of Lodging (common spaces)</li><li>• Museums, Cultural &amp; Historic Facilities, Guided Tours</li><li>• Office Spaces</li><li>• Places of Worship</li><li>• Sectors not Otherwise Addressed</li><li>• Theaters and Performance Venues</li><li>• (Relevant EEA Industries – Youth sports spectators, etc.)</li></ul> |
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*The following industries remain unaffected by capacity limits:*

Drive-in movie theaters, Construction, Laboratories, Manufacturing

# Restaurants

## Effective March 1st

**Effective March 1<sup>st</sup>, restaurants will no longer be subject to a % seated capacity limit and their capacity is limited only by the requirement of 6 feet between tables**

- a. Musical performances allowed in restaurants (with appropriate distancing)
- b. 90-minute time limit on tables *stays in place*
- c. Limit of no more than 6 per table *stays in place*
- d. Food courts *remain closed*



# Fitting Rooms Effective March 1st

## **Effective March 1<sup>st</sup>: Additional Rule changes**

- a. Fitting rooms may open in all retail businesses

# Gathering Limits Increase Effective March 22<sup>nd</sup> (subject to public health data)

Effective March 22<sup>nd</sup>, subject to public health data, the gathering limits will increase for event venues and public settings, but will stay the same in private settings

**a. Event Venues and Public Settings:**

- i. 100 indoor
- ii. 150 outdoor

**b. Private Settings (such as private residences):**

- i. 10 indoors
- ii. 25 outdoors

# Phase 4, Step 1

## Effective March 22<sup>nd</sup> (subject to public health data)

**Effective March 22<sup>nd</sup>, subject to public health data, the Commonwealth will move into Phase 4, Step 1**

Indoor and outdoor stadiums, arenas, and ballparks will reopen with a **12%** capacity limit

- A large venue is defined as a having a capacity of 5,000 or more
- Venues with capacity under 5,000 are subject to the Indoor and Outdoor Performance Venue guidance
- Large venues will be required to submit a safety plan to the Department of Public Health

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- Overnight Camps will be allowed to open for Summer 2021
- Exhibition and Convention Halls may reopen, subject to gathering limits and event rules
- Dance floors may open at weddings and events *only*

All other Phase 4 industries will not be able to open until a future reopening step.

# Questions

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# Next Inter-agency Webinar

Friday, February 26th at 9:00 a.m.

Please continue to send questions to  
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Thank You!