Questions & Answers Process

Please note that we will be unable to take questions by phone today.

Please use the webinar Q&A function for questions or comments.

Thank you.
Inter-agency Staff on the Webinar

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Webinar Agenda

• Welcome and Introductions
• Reminders
• Agency Announcements and Updates
• Questions and Answers
• This webinar is intended for local boards of health. Any media who may have joined should disconnect.
• Recording is not consented to and not permitted.
• In addition to the questions that we have received in advance, we will take questions in the Q&A space on the webinar.
• Please include your name and city/town before entering your question.
• We welcome your questions on the webinar and we want to respond to as many of your questions as possible. Please keep your questions of general interest and concise.
Governor’s Orders - November 2, 2020

Order #53 – Early Closing and Alcohol Order
Order #54 – Further Revised Gatherings Order
Order #55 – Revised Face Coverings

Effective Friday, November 6, 12:01 a.m.
Stay at Home Advisory

• Beginning on Friday, November 6, 2020, all residents of Massachusetts are advised to stay home between the hours of 10pm and 5am.

• Only leave home to go to work or school, or for essential needs such as seeking emergency medical care, going to the grocery store or pharmacy, picking up take-out food, or receiving deliveries. If you do leave home, practice social distancing by staying 6 feet away from others and wearing a face covering.

• Do not have gatherings in your home with anybody outside of your household.

• Comply with all Governor’s Orders, including orders requiring face coverings, limiting gatherings, and mandating early closure of businesses.

• Practice social distancing and avoid touching surfaces frequently touched by others if you go outside to get fresh air.

• Use remote modes of communication (phone or video) instead of visiting friends or family.
Early Closure and Alcohol Order - #53

• Mandatory Night-time Closing Period – 9:30 pm – 5:00 am

  • Doesn’t apply to religious services or political demonstrations

  • Businesses (other than retail) that are open to the public or admit customers, patrons, or members must close during those hours.

  • Restaurants may continue to sell take-out food with non-alcoholic beverages, but no diners may be seated or served.

  • No serving or sale of alcohol or sale of adult-use cannabis during the closing period.
• Required social distancing of at least 6 ft at all events (except between members of the same household).

• Gatherings at private residences:
  • Indoors, no more than 10 people;
  • Outdoors, no more than 25 people.

• Gatherings at event venues or in public spaces:
  • Indoors, no more than 25;
  • Outdoors, higher risk communities – not more than 50
  • Outdoors, lower risk communities – not more than 100
Further Revised Gatherings Order- #54

• If event exceeding 50 is organized in a Lower-risk Community, the event organizer or venue must notify the LBOH at least a week in advance, if possible.

• All gatherings – no matter the size or location – must end and people must disperse by 9:30.
  • Exceptions are religious gatherings and political gatherings

• Face coverings are required at all public gatherings in accordance with face covering order.

• Face coverings are encouraged in private residences but are only required where non-household members are present and gathering exceeds 10.
Further Revised Gatherings Order- #54

• Host and event venues must notify the LBOH if they learn an attendee or worker tests positive for COVID-19.

• Hosts and event venues must cooperate with contact tracing, including providing lists of attendees/contact information upon request.

• Hosts and event venues may be subject to penalties.
  • Enforcement by DPH, LBOH, State or municipal police
Further Revised Gatherings Order- #54

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  • Enforcement by DPH, LBOH, State or municipal police

  • May result in a civil fine of up to $500. Each individual over the gathering size limit constitutes a separate violation.

  • Assessed on any person, business or organization that allows the gathering to be conducted in violation of the Order. The penalty can be issued against the owner/lessee with legal control of the property.
Revised Face Coverings Order #55

- All persons over the age of 5 must wear a face covering whenever in public, indoors or outdoors.
  - Face coverings are required when carpooling with non-household members.
  - The exclusion for social distance has been removed.
  - Children between the ages of 2-5 are encouraged, but not required to wear a face covering.
  - Medical and other exemptions still apply
  - Employers can require employees to provide proof of exempted conditions. Schools may require that students participating in in-person learning provide proof of such a medical or disabling condition.
  - Enforcement by DPH, LBOH, with assistance from state and local police with fines up to $300.
Next Webinar – Friday, November 6th at 9

No webinar on Tuesday, November 3rd – Election Day

**Eviction Diversion Initiative**
Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development

Please send questions in advance to
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Thank You!

We welcome your feedback on the webinar format and suggestions for future topics.