

Reopening Updates: Governor Baker Announces Phase II Reopening To Begin on June 8, 2020



COVID-19 ADVISORY



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Dear Downtown Community Members:

Today, **Governor Baker** announced that **Phase II of the [Commonwealth's reopening plan](#)** will begin on June 8th. Businesses and sectors set to begin opening in Phase II are subject to compliance with all mandatory safety standards.

On May 18, the Administration [released](#) a [four-phased plan](#) to reopen the state's economy. Key public-health metrics, such as new COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations, have been closely monitored. With a significant decline having been observed, the state has decided to proceed with the initiating Phase II on June 8th.

The [state's public health dashboard](#) designating the progress of key COVID-19 metrics has been updated to green, indicating a positive trend. Since mid-April, the state's **7-day average for the positive COVID-19 test rate is down 82 percent, the 3-day average of hospitalized patients is down 55 percent, and the number of hospitals in "surge" mode is down 76 percent.** A total of 630,000 viral COVID-19 tests have been completed, and testing continues to increase throughout the state.

The following businesses will be eligible to reopen in Step One of Phase II on June 8th, with contingencies:

- Retail (with occupancy limits);
- Childcare facilities and day camps (with [detailed guidance](#));
- Restaurants (outdoor table service only);
- Hotels and other lodgings (no events, functions or meetings);
- Warehouses and distribution centers;
- Personal services without close physical contact, such as home cleaning, photography, window washing, career coaching and education tutoring;
- Post-secondary, higher education, vocational-tech and occupation schools for the purpose of completing graduation requirements;
- Youth and adult amateur sports (with [detailed guidance](#));
- Outdoor recreation facilities;
- Professional sports practices (no games or public admissions);
- Non-athletic youth instructional classes in arts, education or life skills (so long as they are conducted in groups of less than 10);
- Driving and flight schools;
- Outdoor historical spaces (no functions, gatherings or guided tours);

- And funeral homes (with occupancy limits).

The following businesses will be eligible reopen in Step Two of Phase II at a later date to be determined:

- Indoor table service at restaurants;
- Close-contact personal services (with restrictions), including:
 - Hair removal and replacement;
 - Nail care;
 - Skin care;
 - Massage therapy;
 - Makeup salons and makeup application services;
 - Tanning salons;
 - Tattoo, piercing, and body-art services;
 - Personal training (with restrictions)

For a full list and safety protocols, please visit [here](#). In addition, Governor Baker has released other sector-specific guidance:

- [Close Contact Personal Services](#)
- [Sectors Not Otherwise Addressed](#)

Health care providers may also incrementally resume in-person elective, non-urgent procedures and services, including routine office visits, dental visits, and vision care, subject to compliance with public health and safety standards. All other in-person medical, behavioral health, dental and vision services may also resume on June 8th, except for elective cosmetic procedures and in-person day programs, which will be included in Phase III.

Telehealth consultations must continue to be utilized and prioritized to the greatest extent possible, whenever feasible and appropriate. Limited reopening of visitation will also begin, and all visitation is subject to infection-control protocol, social distancing, and face coverings. Given the diversity of facilities and programs, there are specific timetables for visitation, and congregate care programs will be reaching out to families with specific details on scheduling visits. [Read the full guidance on reopening health & human services here.](#)

[Click here for Governor Baker's Phase II Executive Order.](#)

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