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*Note correction on Travel Order: RI is no longer considered an exempted state



BREAKING: Following a careful review of public health data and working with health officials, Governor Baker and Lt. Governor Polito are made an announcement Friday, Aug 7 regarding updates aimed at reducing further COVID transmission and maintaining the progress Massachusetts has made thus far.

The state is creating an interagency COVID-19 Enforcement and Intervention Team to provide coordinated, targeted interventions in high-risk areas and scale up statewide enforcement on the various measures in place to combat the COVID-19 outbreak. The Enforcement and Intervention Team will consist of a number of state agencies.

Effective Tuesday, 8/11, the Baker-Polito Administration will also update the Executive Order on gatherings to reduce the cap on outdoor gatherings from 100 to 50. The inside gathering limit will remain at 25 people. Please know, this will now apply to both public and private spaces.

The restaurant protocols will now require that alcohol can only be ordered at a restaurant if it is accompanied by food.

At this time, Step 2 of Phase 3 is postponed indefinitely.

Updates to Sector Specific Protocols will be posted online later today at www.mass.gov/reopening.

TRAVEL ORDER EFFECTIVE AUG 1: Governor Baker announced that effective August 1st, all travelers entering Massachusetts—both out of state residents and Massachusetts residents returning home—must comply with a new travel order. This includes students returning to campuses for the fall semester.

The new travel order requires all visitors and returning residents to fill out a <u>Massachusetts Traveler Form</u> unless they are coming from a state that has been designated a lower risk COVID-19 state or fall into an exemption category. Currently, the lower COVID-19 states are NY, NJ, CT, ME, VT, NH and HI.

Please note that all lodging and short term rental entities are required to inform guests at time of booking, on websites and on-site. All lower risk states will be updated regularly by DPH.

The new travel order also provides that visitors and returning residents arriving in Massachusetts from any place other than a COVID-19 lower risk state **must quarantine for 14 days unless they can produce a negative COVID-19 test result** administered on a sample taken not more than 72 hours prior to arriving in Massachusetts.

Click here to read the full details of this travel order.

FOR OUR LODGING AND SHORT TERM RENTAL MEMBERS

Here is some copy you can use to inform your customers:

Cape Cod is ready to host you! Our beautiful beaches and plentiful accommodations are awaiting. Enjoy unique shopping, unparalleled outdoor recreation, and indoor / outdoor dining, with more activities soon to follow. We are working together to keep you safe so all are following the <u>Commonwealth's Mandatory Safety Standards</u>.

If you are traveling to Cape Cod from within Massachusetts, Connecticut, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, New York, New Jersey and Hawaii you need not to self-quarantine. This list of lower risk

COVID-19 states will be updated regularly. Visitors from other states must complete a Massachusetts Traveler Form. Read more >



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