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Today at 1:00 p.m., Governor Baker announced a temporary Executive Order and revised COVID-19 measures to reduce the spread of the virus in Massachusetts.

The temporary Executive Order outlines the following measures that will take effect at 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, December 26<sup>th</sup> and will continue until Sunday, January 10<sup>th</sup>, with a possibility of an extension of another week based upon available data.

This pause will reduce allowable occupancy from current capacity levels of 40% to 25% in multiple sectors.

- Notably, this capacity limit will now apply to restaurants. Capacity will be set at 25% of pre-COVID seating capacity and distancing between tables and other requirements will remain in place. Indoor and Outdoor seating capacity must be calculated separately (rather than combining them).
- Small spaces (such as personal services) and other spaces without clear occupancy standards may use 5 people / 1000 square feet as an alternative to the 25% occupancy .
- The 25% limit will not apply to manufacturing, laboratories, drive in movie theaters, or construction
- Employees/staff are exempted from the capacity count
- Limits at indoor event venues are being reduced to 10 people.
- Limits at outdoor event venues are being reduced to 25 people.
- Current limits at private residences remain the same (10 indoors and 25 outdoors)
- Limits at movie theaters will be reduced to 25% (no more than 50 people per theater)
- Limits outdoor performance venues will remain 25% (with the max number reduced to 25 from 50).
- Office spaces will be required to reduce capacity to 25%, but there will continue to be allowances for offices with “critical services”, such as public safety, public health, and other critical services. There is no approval required for these exemptions.
- K-12 schools continue to be exempted from these capacity limits and will need to follow DESE standards and guidelines.

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<b>Sector</b>	<b>Current Capacity Limit</b>	<b>New Limit</b>
Construction	None	None
Drive-In Movie Theaters	None	None
Laboratories	None	None
Manufacturing	None	None
Restaurants	None	25% of seating capacity
Close Contact Personal Services	None	25%
Indoor and Outdoor Events	25 indoor / 50 outdoor	10 indoor / 25 outdoor
Performance Venues	Indoor perf venues – Closed Outdoor perf venues – 25%, max 50 ppl	Indoor perf venues – Closed Outdoor perf venues – 25%, max 25 ppl
Office Spaces	40%	25%
Places of Worship	40%	25%
Retail Businesses	40%	25%
Driving and Flight Schools	40%	25%
Golf Facilities	40%	25%
Libraries	40%	25%
Operators of Lodgings	40%	25%
Arcades & Other Indoor & Outdoor Recreation Businesses	40%	25%
Fitness Centers and Health Clubs	40%	25%
Museums / Cultural & Historical Facilities / Guided Tours	40%	25%
Sectors Not Otherwise Addressed	40%	25%

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