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Massachusetts Reopening Guidance

- 1. Phase 3, Step 2: Effective March 1, 2021, the Commonwealth has moved into Phase 3, Step 2.** This will reopen:
 - 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, including roller skating, trampolines, obstacle courses (Open at 50% capacity)
- 2. Updated Capacity Limits: The following industries can increase to 50% capacity.** Employees are exempt from capacity restrictions in **all** of these industries:
 - Close Contact Personal Services
 - Fitness Centers and Health Clubs
 - Libraries
 - Operators of Lodging (common spaces)
 - Museums, Cultural & Historic Facilities, Guided Tours
 - Office Spaces
 - Places of Worship
 - Sectors not Otherwise Addressed
 - Theaters and Performance Venues
 - Relevant EEA Industries – Youth sports spectators etc.
 - *The following industries remain unaffected by capacity limits: Drive-in movie theaters, Construction, Laboratories, Manufacturing*
- 3. Additional Guidance Changes: Restaurants are no longer subject to a % seated capacity limit; capacity is now limited by the requirement of 6 feet between tables**
 - Musical performances allowed in restaurants (with appropriate distancing)
 - 90 minute time limit on tables *stays in place*
 - Limit of no more than 6 per table *stays in place*
 - Food courts *remain closed*

Additionally, fitting rooms may open in all retail businesses

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4. **Gatherings Limit:** Effective March 22nd, subject to public health data, the gatherings limit will increase for event venues and public settings, but will stay the same in private settings:

Event Venues and Public Settings:

- 100 indoor
- 150 outdoor

Private Settings (such as private residences):

- 10 indoors
- 25 outdoors

5. **Phase 4, Step 1:** Effective March 22nd, 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 Indoor and Outdoor Performance Venue guidance
- Large venues will be required to submit a safety plan to the Department of Public Health

- 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. Those include:
 - Road races, street festivals, and parades, and fairs
 - Amusement parks, theme parks, outdoor water parks
 - Indoor water parks and indoor/outdoor ball pits
 - Saunas, hot-tubs, steam rooms at fitness centers, health clubs, and other facilities
 - Beer gardens / breweries / wineries / distilleries
 - Bars, dance clubs, and nightclubs—venues offering entertainment, beverages, or dancing and not providing seated food service

Updated guidance can be found at www.mass.gov/reopening.

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