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MARSHFIELD'S COVID – 19 TASK FORCE UPDATE

March 4, 2021

Task Force: Police, Fire, Board of Health, Board of Selectmen, Emergency Operation Center, Town Administrator, Schools, DPW and Council on Aging, Building Commissioner, Treasurer, Town Counsel and IT:

To All Marshfield Residents: This update is intended to inform Marshfield residents and visitors that the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, per the MAVEN database that as of Thursday, March 04, 2021 the number of confirmed cases in Marshfield is 1,596. The number of probable cases (positive antigen tests) is 430 which we are now reporting separately, and not grouping with confirmed cases, in accordance with DPH Covid-19 data reporting. Total number of tests performed to date is 33,845. We regret to report that to date, there have been 33 deaths in our community attributed to Covid-19. The numbers we provide are cumulative data from March 17, 2020 to the present date.

Total number of cases in the last 14 days is 86
Percent positivity in the last 14 days 3.71% (down from 3.73%)
Average daily incidence rate per 100,000 the last 14 days is 23.7 (up from 22.9)

On Monday, March 1, 2021 the Marshfield Skate Park and Street Hockey Rink will both re-open because the Town of Marshfield has remained in the Yellow for two weeks! The Marshfield Board of Selectmen voted to re-open them at their February 22, 2021 meeting.

Please observe the following rules when going to the Skate Park our Street Hockey Rink or any other recreational facility in Marshfield.

- **Stay home if you feel sick**
- **Wear a face mask**
- **Practice Social Distancing**
- **Wash your hands often**

COVID-19 Vaccination in MA: Phase 1 & 2 Eligibility Status

Phase 1

All phase 1 priority groups	Now eligible

Phase 2

1	Individuals age 75+	Now eligible
2	Individuals 65+ and individuals with 2+ certain medical conditions	Now eligible
3	Early education and K-12 workers, transit, grocery, utility, food and agriculture, sanitation, public works, and public health workers	Not yet eligible
4	Individuals with 1 certain medical condition	Not yet eligible

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PRESS ADVISORY

The Marshfield Board of Selectmen and Board of Health are happy to announce that the COVID-19 Vaccination Drive Thru Clinic that will be located at the Marshfield Fairgrounds will be operational this week. Please continue to check the Town of Marshfield's website for clinic status at https://www.marshfield-ma.gov/

The Vaccination Clinic will be open to all residents from the 27 communities that make up Plymouth County. Citizens will need to schedule their appointments through the Commonwealth's Department of Public Health website https://www.mass.gov/covid-19-vaccine if you fall into one of the priority groups in Phase 1 or Phase 2. Please remember to dress appropriately so that the medical personnel can have access to you shoulder area.

If you wish to volunteer at the clinic please go to our website at https://www.marshfield-ma.gov/home/urgent-alerts/covid19-vaccination-clinic-volunteer-information and click the red box for further instructions.

NOTICE:
Due to high demand and severely limited vaccine supply,
COVID-19 vaccination appointments may take several weeks to schedule.
More appointments will be available based on supply from the federal government.

Constituent Services Resource on Scheduling

75+ COVID-19 Vaccine Appointments

February 5, 2021

Residents 75 and older who are unable to use or have difficulty accessing the internet to schedule an appointment online may refer those individuals to the Massachusetts Vaccine Scheduling Resource Line by calling 2-1-1 beginning at 11:30 AM on Friday, February 5th.

Please note, due to the high demand for appointments and limited vaccine supply, it may take weeks to secure an available appointment.

Call 2-1-1 and follow prompts to reach
The Massachusetts Vaccine Scheduling Resource Line
Hours of Operations:
Monday to Friday
8:30 AM to 5:00 PM

The Massachusetts Vaccine Scheduling Resource Line is available in English and Spanish and will have translators available to support residents in approximately 100 additional languages. Individuals ages 75 and older will be able to speak to a representative live on the phone to assist them with an appointment through the state's online system.

These representatives have the same access to appointments as on the public website; it will not give individuals access to additional appointments.

If no appointments are available, callers will have the option to be placed on a call back list for the mass vaccination sites. The caller will receive a call back when an appointment becomes available for them at a mass vaccination site, and the list will be called on a first-come, first-served basis.

The Massachusetts Vaccine Scheduling Resource Line is currently **only for individuals ages 75 and older who cannot use or have difficulty accessing the internet** and therefore are unable to schedule an appointment through the online platforms. The Massachusetts Vaccine Scheduling Resource Line is only able to support individuals with scheduling an appointment and representatives are not able to answer general questions about COVID-19 or provide individual health care advice.

The quickest and easiest way to schedule a vaccine appointment or check availability is to use the online system at mass.gov/covidvaccine**.**

What to know before you go

COVID-19 vaccines are free

Important information to know before going to your appointment:

- The vaccine is free. You will never be asked for a credit card number to make an appointment.
- You must make an appointment to get a vaccine.
- The vaccine requires two doses. You should make sure you have a second appointment scheduled from the same site, or know how to schedule it, before leaving your first appointment.
- You must confirm you are eligible for your phase. See below for more information.
- You can get a vaccine even if you do not have insurance, a driver's license, or a Social Security number.

What you need for your appointment

Confirm your eligibility

To get vaccinated in Phase 1 or 2, you will need to confirm that you are part of a currently eligible group within those phases. This is called "attesting."

Depending on where you book your appointment, you may attest differently.

- You may be asked to attest online or over the phone when booking.
- If you are not asked when booking, you will be asked to attest when you arrive at your appointment. Vaccination locations will likely have an attestation form available, however, you can fill out the COVID-19 Massachusetts Vaccination Attestation Form and bring it with you to your appointment to be prepared.

Additional documents

Your vaccination location may list the below items as necessary, however, **that only applies to people who have them**. You can still receive the COVID-19 vaccine without insurance or an ID.

- Bring an ID with your name, if you have one, to verify your name in the vaccination system.

- Bring your health insurance card, if you have one. Your insurance will be billed at no cost to you. You do not need to be insured to receive the vaccine.

Sites labeled “Local vaccination locations” on the map (yellow stars) may require additional documents since they are only open to those who live in that city or town. This will be listed when making your appointment under "special instructions."

Key Actions for What you need for your appointment

COVID-19 Vaccination Attestation Form

When you get your first dose

- Wear a mask that covers your nose and mouth.
- You will get a vaccination card that tells you which COVID-19 vaccine you received, and when and where you received it. The card will remind you to return for a second dose.
- The vaccination site will tell you when to come back for your second appointment.

Make sure you get both doses

You need two doses of the same vaccine to be fully protected.

- It's important that you get the same type of vaccine both times.
- Go back to the same vaccination site to get the second dose.

Keep others safe

The COVID-19 vaccine — while showing extremely positive results — is like every other vaccine in that none is ever 100% effective. To keep people safe you must continue wearing a mask, washing your hands, keeping your distance, and avoiding groups.

It will take time to get the COVID-19 vaccine rolled out and get everyone vaccinated.

Steps to get your vaccination

Step 1: Check your eligibility below or use our tool

Step 2: Book an appointment

Step 3: Prepare for your appointment

Phase 1

(December 2020 – February 2021)

Listed in order of priority:

- Clinical and non-clinical health care workers doing direct and COVID-facing care
- Long term care facilities, rest homes and assisted living facilities
- First responders
- Congregate care settings
- Home-based health care workers
- Health care workers doing non-COVID-facing care

Phase 2

(February-March 2021)

Listed in order of priority:

- **Group 1:** Individuals age 75+

Not yet eligible

- **Group 2: Individuals age 65+, individuals with 2+ certain medical conditions** (only those conditions listed as *at increased risk* for severe illness), and/or residents and staff of low income and affordable senior housing.
- **Group 3: Other workers**, including:
  - Early education/daycare, K-12, transit, grocery, utility, food and agriculture, restaurant and cafe workers;
  - Employees across the food, beverages, agriculture, consumer goods, retail, and foodservice sectors;
  - Meatpackers;
  - Sanitation, public works and public health workers;
  - Vaccine development workers;
  - Food pantry workers and volunteers;
  - Transit/transportation: Uber/Lyft/ride share services/pharmacy delivery drivers, workers in the passenger ground transportation industry (e.g. paratransit for people with disabilities, food delivery, non-urgent medical transport), Massport workers other than police, airline workers;
  - Convenience store workers (under grocery workers);
  - Water and wastewater utility staff
  - Court system workers (judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys, clerks), other than court officers who are listed under first responders
  - Medical supply chain workers
    - Workers at manufacturers (including biotechnology companies and those companies that have shifted production to medical supplies), materials and parts suppliers, technicians, logistics and warehouse operators, printers, packagers, distributors of medical products and equipment (including third party logistics providers, and those who test and repair), personal protective equipment (PPE), isolation barriers, medical gases, pharmaceuticals (including materials used in radioactive drugs), dietary supplements, commercial health products, blood and blood products, vaccines, testing materials, laboratory supplies, cleaning, sanitizing, disinfecting or sterilization supplies (including dispensers), sanitary goods, personal care products, pest control products, and tissue and paper towel products.
  - Funeral directors and funeral workers
  - Shipping port and terminal workers

- **Group 4: Individuals with one certain medical condition**

Phase 3

(Starting April 2021)

If your group is not specifically listed in either Phase 1 or Phase 2, you will be eligible to receive the vaccine in Phase 3, which we expect to launch in April. The vaccine is expected to be available to **the general public**, including:

- Higher education workers, including administrators, teaching and non-teaching staff;
- Bottled beverage industry workers;
- Veterinarians

Additional information

Please note: Additions and further clarification of the list of specific occupations and groups is paused at this time. The COVID-19 Command Center will resume listing specific groups: 1) after we have launched eligibility for individuals 65+ and individuals with 2+ certain medical conditions and 2) once additional supply of vaccine from the federal government has been significantly increased. At that point, we will resume the review of specific groups.

Timeframes are estimated.

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Baker-Polito Administration Announces Plans for Continued Reopening

Massachusetts will advance to Step 2 of Phase III on March 1; Phase IV planned to start March 22

BOSTON—Today, the Baker-Polito Administration announced that Massachusetts would advance to Step 2 of Phase III of the state's reopening plan on Monday, March 1, and also announced its plan to transition to Step 1 of Phase IV on Monday, March 22. With public health metrics continuing to trend in a positive direction, including drops in average daily COVID cases and hospitalizations, and vaccination rates continuing to increase, the Administration is taking steps to continue to reopen the Commonwealth's economy.

The Administration also announced more than $49 million in awards to 1,108 additional small businesses in the eighth round of COVID-19 relief grants administered by the Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation (MGCC). These new awards are the result of work by MGCC to engage with applicants that meet sector and demographic

priorities but are missing certain documents that are necessary to be considered for an award.

Phase III, Step 2:

On May 18, 2020, the Baker-Polito Administration released a four-phased plan to reopen the economy conditioned on sustained improvements in public health data. As of October, 2020, the reopening had proceeded to Step 2 of Phase III of the plan. On December 13, 2020, in response to an increase in new COVID-19 infections and hospitalizations following the Thanksgiving holiday, the Commonwealth returned to Step 1 of Phase III, reducing capacities across a broad range of sectors and tightening several other workplace restrictions.

Since the beginning of this year, key public health data, such as new cases and hospitalizations, have been closely monitored and a significant decline has been documented, allowing for a return to Step 2 of Phase III, effective March 1 for all cities and towns. This includes the following updates to businesses, activities and capacities:

- Indoor performance venues such as concert halls, theaters, and other indoor performance spaces will be allowed to reopen at 50% capacity with no more than 500 persons

- Indoor recreational activities with greater potential for contact (laser tag, roller skating, trampolines, obstacle courses) will be allowed to reopen at 50% capacity

- Capacity limits across all sectors with capacity limits will be raised to 50% and exclude employees

- Restaurants will no longer have a percent capacity limit and will be permitted to host musical performances; six-foot social distancing, limits of six people per table and 90 minute limits remain in place

Residents must continue to wear masks to prevent the spread of COVID-19, and are encouraged to avoid contact outside of their immediate households. The Travel Advisory and other public health orders remain in effect.

Gathering Changes and Phase IV Start

Provided public health metrics continue to improve, effective on March 22, all communities in Massachusetts will move into Step 1 of Phase IV of the state's reopening plan. This will open a range of previously closed business sectors under tight capacity restrictions that are expected to be adjusted over time if favorable trends in the public health data continue. Effective on the planned advancement to Step 1 of Phase IV, the following industries will be permitted to operate at a strict 12% capacity limit after submitting a plan to the Department of Public Health (DPH):

- Indoor and outdoor stadiums
- Arenas
- Ballparks

Also effective on March 22, gathering limits for event venues and in public settings will increase to 100 people indoors and 150 people outdoors. Outdoor gatherings at private residences and in private backyards will remain at a maximum of 25 people, with indoor house gatherings remaining at 10 people.

Additionally, dance floors will be permitted at weddings and other events only, and overnight summer camps will be allowed to operate this coming summer. Exhibition and convention halls may also begin to operate, following gatherings limits and event protocols. Other Phase IV sectors must continue to remain closed.

COVID-19 Business Relief Grants

Today, an additional 1,108 businesses are receiving COVID-19 relief grants totaling more than $49 million in awards to help with expenses like payroll, benefits, utilities and rent. To date, the Baker-Polito Administration has awarded more than $563 million in direct financial support to 12,320 businesses impacted by the pandemic through the Small Business and Sector-Specific Grant Programs.

Each business meets sector and demographic priorities set for the two grant programs. More than half of grantees are restaurants, bars, caterers, operators of personal services like hair and nail salons, and independent retailers. Over half of the businesses receiving relief are women-and-minority-owned enterprises.

Today's awards are the result of a process by MGCC to engage directly with applicants that met sector and demographic priorities but were missing documents necessary to be considered for an award. MGCC is continuing to work with business owners in targeted sectors and demographic groups to allow for applicants to submit necessary documents.

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VENTRESS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

15 Library Plaza, 1837 Ocean Street - Marshfield, MA 02050 781.834.5535 www.ventresslibrary.org
malib@ocln.org

Library Updates

We are excited to announce that Ventress Library is expanding our curbside pickup hours and in-person hours to better accommodate your needs starting today! We are now open for curbside pickup of library materials for the following hours: Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. and Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. The main library and the Teen Room are also now open for browsing and computer use on Wednesday from 12:00 to 7:45 p.m., as

well as Thursday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. As our hours may change going forward, visit www.ventresslibrary.org for the most up to date information. Please remember to bring your library card if you wish to check out materials.

The Children's Room is open by appointment only. To keep families safe, one family at a time will be able to use the room for twenty minutes at a time, with ten minutes in between visits to clean and prepare for the next family. The Children's Room is open for appointments on Wednesday from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., as well as Thursday and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Ventress Library is open to seniors and high risk library patrons to browse the adult and teen collections and to use the computers Wednesday mornings from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., as well as Thursday and Saturday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. In addition, the Children's Room is open by appointment these same hours for seniors and high risk library patrons.

We now have a new check-in desk at the library entrance where patrons must check in when entering the library. Patrons are asked to provide their name and phone number (for contact tracing purposes), have their temperature taken, use hand sanitizer and maintain social distance in the library. All staff and all patrons over two years old must wear a mask in the library at all times. There is a limit of 15 patrons in the main library at a time.

We hope you enjoy our new expanded curbside pickup hours and in-person hours. Check out our new offerings on the Calendar of Events. Also, visit our website or call us at 781-834-5535 during curbside pickup hours with any questions.

Resume Basics Today

Ventress Memorial Library is pleased to offer a presentation on "Resume Basics Today", featuring speaker Ronald Luippold, Career Counselor from One Life at a Time, on Saturday, November 14 from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. In this Zoom presentation, Luippold will instruct you in how to best structure and share your resume. Luippold will

provide step by step instruction throughout the process and will leave you with many ideas for constructing your own resume. This program will help you no matter what stage your resume is in – whether you need simply to make a small design change or even if you have never had a resume before. The instructor will also address how to structure a resume during pandemic times and how to be seen by an ATS (automated tracking system.) **Advance registration is required.** Sign up!

Library Hours:

Senior & High Risk Only Hours: Wednesday, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Thursday & Saturday, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.
Main Library: Wednesday, 12:00 – 7:45 p.m., Thursday & Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Children's Room Hours:

By appointment only. Wednesday, 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Thursday & Saturday, 10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
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Just a quick reminder that should a contact tracer call you to follow up on a positive case please cooperate with the caller. Thank you!

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Updates on Library Reopening

We are excited to announce that Ventress Library will be open for limited browsing and computer use beginning on Wednesday, September 16th. The **main library** and the **Teen Room** will be open for patrons to browse during select open hours. In-person browsing will be available Wednesday from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please remember to bring your library card if you wish to check out materials.

The **Children's Room** will be open by appointment only. To keep families safe, one family at a time will be able to use the room for twenty minutes at a time, with ten minutes in between visits to clean and prepare for the next family. The Children's Room will be open for appointments on Wednesday from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and on Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

We have been working hard to prepare the library to welcome back patrons in person. We will now have a new check-in desk (as seen above) at the library entrance where patrons must check in when entering the library. Patrons are asked to provide their name and phone number (for contact tracing purposes), have their temperature taken, use hand sanitizer and maintain social distance in the library. All patrons and staff must wear a mask in the library at all times. There will be a limit of 25 patrons in the library at a time.

Ventress Library is open to **seniors and high risk library patrons** to browse the adult and teen collections and to use the computers Wednesday mornings from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and Thursday mornings from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

We have also shifted our **Curbside pickup hours** to include Wednesday evening. We are now open the following days and times: Monday, Thursday, and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Tuesday and Wednesday from 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you at the library! If you have any questions, visit our website www.ventresslibrary.org or call us at 781-834-5535 during curbside pickup hours.

Computer Use

Patrons are welcome to use library computers and print at the library. We are not able to provide change at this time, so if you wish to print, you must bring either coins or single dollar bills. Computers have been spaced out to maintain social distancing, and the keyboards have sleek new keyboard covers to allow for easy disinfecting. There will be a limit of one person per computer and users will be limited to one hour per day with no exceptions.

Library Hours:
Senior & High Risk Only Hours: Wednesday, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Adult & Teen Collection: Wednesday, 12:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Thursday, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Children's Room Hours:
By appointment only. Wednesday, 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Thursday, 10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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Frequently Asked Questions about Returning to School

The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) continues to provide new information and updates on the reopening of school this fall. The FAQ below is tailored to parents and guardians. We have also published additional questions and answers that provide important updates for school leaders, teachers, and other school and community stakeholders.

Health and Safety

1. **How will you ensure my child is kept safe if they return to school?**

   There is no way to remove all the risk associated with returning to in-person school, and parents/families with students who have compromised medical conditions should consult with their physician before selecting an in-person option. However, for the vast majority of students, the medical research to date on COVID-19 is clear that children, particularly those in elementary and middle school, are less likely than adults to be infected. Furthermore, according to the American Academy of Pediatrics, if young children become infected, they do not appear to have the same transmission potential as adults. Children below the age of 19 are almost 4 times less likely to be diagnosed with COVID-19.

   Six months into this pandemic, we know that safety procedures, executed well, can make a huge difference in preventing transmission. We have the benefit of learning from school re-openings in a number of countries. The combination of masks/face coverings, physical distancing, hand-washing/sanitizing, and staying home at the first sign of a symptom will greatly reduce the spread of the virus. In addition, schools are putting protocols in place to isolate students who exhibit symptoms at school and quarantine students and teachers who have been exposed. All of these precautions require a seamless partnership between families and schools in order for students to understand how to protect themselves and others.

2. **What are the requirements for physical distancing between students?**

   DESE's guidance, in consultation with medical experts and state health officials, advises that schools allow for a minimum of 3 feet, and ideally 6 feet of physical distancing whenever possible. This, in combination with other safety measures, will minimize transmission.

3. **Who needs to wear a mask or face covering, and when do they have to be worn?**

   Masks haven been found to be effective in reducing transmission, so all educators and staff and all students in second grade and above are required to wear a mask/face covering that covers their nose and mouth at all times. Students in kindergarten and grade 1 are strongly encouraged to wear masks. Students will have designated breaks throughout the day to remove their mask,

but only when they are 6 feet apart and ideally outside or at least with the windows open. During school bus transportation, everyone, including students in kindergarten and grade 1, must wear masks/face coverings.

4. **Are there exceptions to wearing masks or face coverings?**

   Exceptions to mask/face covering requirements will be made for those for whom it is not possible due to medical conditions, disability impact, or other health or safety factors.

5. **Can families send children to school without a mask/face covering?**

   Families of students in grades 2 and up should send their child to school with a mask. Kindergarten and first grade students are required to wear a mask on the bus and encouraged to wear a mask in school. We are asking families to start getting children used to this safety practice over the summer. Schools have been given the funding to purchase extra face masks for students who forget to bring theirs to school or who cannot afford to purchase one on their own.

6. **Is there a maximum number of students per class?**

   No, but classrooms must meet the physical distancing requirements of at least 3 feet and should allow for 6 feet whenever possible. Schools have been considering a variety of creative options utilizing all non-classroom space, such as gyms, auditoriums, and libraries.

7. **How will schools handle lunch time?**

   Students will be required to be at least 6 feet apart during lunch, which will allow them to take their masks off to eat and drink. There may need to be multiple meal breaks for smaller cohorts of students, and some students may need to eat lunch in their classroom, outside, or in other rooms as opposed to the cafeteria.

8. **After in-person instruction resumes, does a student need to submit a doctor's note if they need to be out for personal health reasons?**

   School committees set local attendance policy. Given the current health crisis, DESE does not recommend requiring a physician's note for attendance-related purposes for personal health reasons. If the student's family is seeking home or hospital educational services, the regular home/hospital process must be followed, including the completion of the Physician's Affirmation of Need for Temporary Home or Hospital Education for Medically Necessary Reasons, which requires a physician's signature.

9. **Will schools have new practices in place for cleaning the school?**

Yes. The federal and state governments have made money available to schools for COVID-19-related costs, including more thorough and frequent cleaning of the school building.

10. **How will schools ensure good hygiene (hand washing and sanitizing)?**

    Students and staff are required to exercise good hand hygiene (handwashing or sanitizing) upon arrival to school, before eating, before putting on and taking off masks and before dismissal. Hand sanitizer will be placed at key locations (e.g., building entrances, cafeteria, classrooms, etc.).

11. **What if a student of staff member tests positive for COVID-19?**

    Districts should follow the protocols published by DESE this summer. Those protocols include ensuring that the student or staff member is at home until they are no longer contagious, notifying anyone who may have been in close contact with the individual, and sharing instructions for isolation and testing. Depending on your school/district, the notification to people who were in close contact with the individual may come as a phone call, email, or text message.

12. **Will schools be able to test students who have symptoms of COVID-19?**

    If a student shows symptoms, he or she will be quarantined away from all students and staff until a parent or family member is able to pick him or her up. The school will continue to follow up with the student's family to create a learning plan for the child until it is safe for them to return to school. If district leaders believe there might have been transmission of COVID-19 cases within the school building, the district can work with the local health department to request a mobile testing team from the state. The mobile team will be available to test students and staff who do not have symptoms (anyone with symptoms would already be home and would be tested elsewhere).

Models of Learning

13. **What are the different types of instructional models schools may open with?**

    Every district was required to submit a plan to DESE with three different possibilities for learning: 1) in-person learning with safety protocols in place, 2) a hybrid model of in-person and remote learning, and 3) remote learning. Districts and schools decided what model schools will open with based on their local situations and transmission rates. Although there are many benefits to in-person learning, families can choose to have their child learn remotely regardless of what model the district decides to put in place.

14. **When will I know which option my school has chosen?**

Plans should now be posted on each district's website and translated into multiple languages.

15. **Can families choose whether to send their children to school or keep them learning remotely?**

    In-school attendance is highly encouraged to promote student academic progress, because there is no substitute for the attention and engagement possible with in-person learning. If a district is offering a hybrid model or in-person instruction, families can choose to participate in that model or keep their child at home learning remotely.

16. **If my child starts the school year remotely, can I send them back to in-person learning? What about if my child starts in-person, but I want to switch to remote learning?**

    Yes, families can choose to send their children to in-person learning if they started the year remotely and can also change from in-person to remote. It is important for families and schools to be in close communication about any changes. For a smooth transition, we encourage families to discuss any change with the school early on, which allows for more thoughtful planning.

17. **How is remote learning different from homeschooling?**

    Remote learning is when learning happens outside of the traditional classroom, but with instruction and materials that are provided by the school where the student is enrolled. In many cases, remote learning includes online learning, but it does not have to. (603 CMR 27.08).

    Homeschooling is a decision that families make that is a type of private education. Families are required to obtain all materials themselves Home schooling requires advance approval by the district in which you live, under the policy that the school committee has adopted.

18. **Is there a chance that if a school opens in-person or with a hybrid model, that it could change to remote learning?**

    Yes. If the public health situation changes in a school or its community, a school or district might switch to a different learning model during the course of the school year. That is why districts were asked to include all three learning models (in person, hybrid, and remote) in their plans. We are working closely with a team of medical experts who will be guiding us through these situations as they emerge.

    The good news is that we have had time to learn from the spring, and we are prepared to make the transition to remote-only learning should it be necessary.

19. **If my child is learning remotely, what will be done to make sure he or she isn't falling behind or missing material that would have been covered in class?**

The state issued new expectations for remote learning this fall, and they include tracking attendance and participation, giving grades, engaging students for a full school day, and communicating with families. If you have concerns, please contact your child's teacher.

20. **What do I do if I have other questions not answered here?**

    Please check your school's and district's website and/or email questions to COVID19K12ParentInfo@mass.gov.

Last Updated: August 28, 2020

Massachusetts Workplace COVID Standards

Summary of Social Distancing and Impermeable Barriers

Some of the Massachusetts COVID workplace safety standards allow the use of impermeable barriers when distancing is not feasible. This document summarizes standards that mention use of barriers.
Barriers may not obstruct fire exits, exit signs, or fire sprinklers. Fabric barriers such as curtains are not allowed due to fire hazard. Do not block HVAC air vents. Installing a barrier flush with the ceiling will interfere with HVAC ventilation and fire sprinklers. Clean and disinfect barriers regularly. Setting Minimum distancing required
Impermeable Barrier Restaurants 6 feet between tables
Barriers may be installed between tables when tables cannot be distanced more than 6 feet. Patrons must wear face coverings except when seated to eat. Barriers must be 6 ft in height, measured from the floor.
https://www.mass.gov/info-details/safety-standards-and-checklist-restaurants

When live entertainment provided in restaurant (outdoor only as of 7/6/2020), singing performers must be 25 feet away from audience and 10 feet away from other performers. An impermeable barrier does not reduce this distance rule. https://www.mass.gov/info-details/safety-standards-and-checklist-theaters-and-performance-

venues Performance Venue 25 feet distance is required for singers, woodwind and brass instruments. The standard 6 feet distance is not adequate for singers and breath instruments. Indoor performances are not permitted in Phase 3 Step 1 (July 6, 2020). Singing, woodwinds and brass are discouraged in outdoor performances. Singing performers must be 25 feet away from first row of audience and 10 feet away from other performers. All other performers must be at least 6 feet away from each other, including theater scenes. Face covering encouraged for performers when possible. An impermeable barrier could be installed at the stage, but it does not reduce the distance rule between singing performers and audience. Barriers cannot be installed in the audience areas, due to fire code. Such barriers in audience areas do not reduce the 6 feet distance rule between audience groups.

https://www.mass.gov/info-details/safety-standards-and-checklist

-theaters-and-performance-venues

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Setting Minimum distancing Impermeable Barrier
Fitness Center and Health Club
14 feet distance and face covering are required for persons exercising.
The standard 6 feet distance is not adequate for exercise.
Instructors and trainers must be at least 6 feet away with face covering.
Arrange all equipment (weights, machines, treadmills, bikes, etc.) so exercise areas are spaced out at least 14 feet apart. Face coverings can only be removed if person exercising is 14 feet or more away from others. It is expected in Fitness Centers that masks are worn by visitors and employees at all times.
Spacing of machines may be adjusted to at least 6 feet apart if barriers are installed. Face coverings are still required when barriers separate machines less than 14 feet.

In group fitness classes, 14 feet of physical distancing must be maintained between attendees at all times. Spacing can be reduced to 6 feet if physical barriers are installed and face coverings are worn. Face covering can only be removed when participants are more than 14 feet apart, even if there is a barrier.

https://www.mass.gov/info-details/safety-standards-and-checklist-fitness-centers-and-health-clubs

Hair Salon 6 feet between stations Barriers may be installed between stations when stylist chairs cannot be distanced more than 6 feet apart. Clients and stylists must wear face coverings during the entire service. Face covering may be removed for beard trimming. Face coverings cannot be removed when barriers installed between chairs.

https://www.mass.gov/info-details/safety-standards-and-checklist-close-contact-personal-services

Close Contact Personal Services 6 feet between stations and at checkout
When possible, install barrier between client and worker when closer than 6 feet. Client and worker must wear face coverings, even if there is a barrier. Client may temporarily remove mask when service requires access to that portion of the face and then replace mask immediately. Strongly recommended that worker wears both mask and face shield when working in close proximity to client's face (e.g. hair waxing, facials).

https://www.mass.gov/info-details/safety-standards-and-checklist-close-contact-personal-services

Retail 6 feet between customers waiting on line; 6 feet between employees and other persons Barrier required when feasible between cashier and customer service locations to protect employees. Customers and workers must wear face coverings at all times inside the store. Face coverings cannot be removed even when there is a barrier installed. https://www.mass.gov/info-details/safety-standards-and-checklist-retail-businesses
Office and Manufacturing 6 feet between work stations

First default is to telework when feasible. Second choice is to move workstations or stagger occupancy so that workers are more than 6 feet distance. When these are not feasible due to operational needs, install barriers between workstations. Barrier must be 6 feet high. Workers permitted to remove face covering when more than 6 feet away from others. https://www.mass.gov/info-details/safety-standards-and-checklist-office-spaces and

https://www.mass.gov/info-details/safety-standards-and-checklist-manufacturing

For DLS and Local BOH

Quick Guide: OCCUPANCY LIMITS in MA COVID Standards
Updated for Gathering Order for 50 persons outdoors 8/11/2020

This Quick Guide summarizes the occupancy restrictions in the Massachusetts COVID-19 standards. This guide does not make new requirements and does not replace the specific sector standards. Refer to the sector standards for facecovering, distancing, cleaning and operations requirements. Setting Max Occupancy Standard Outdoor Performance Venue 25% of the listed occupancy, or 8 persons per 1000 square feet. Max capacity of 50 outdoors. Changed by Order 46 effective 08/11/2020 (Rescinds Order 44 that allowed for 100 person outdoor)

https://www.mass.gov/doc/phase-iii-step-1-theaters-and-performance-venues-protocol-summary/download

8/11/2020 Indoor Performance Venue Not allowed to occur in Phase 3-Step1 https://www.mass.gov/info-details/safety-standards-and-checklist-theaters-and-performance-venues (7/8/2020) Indoor and Outdoor Events Indoor: 8 pp per 1000 SF with a max capacity of 25. Outdoor: 25% of the listed occupancy, or 8 persons per 1000 square feet. Max capacity of 50. Indoor and Outdoor: attendees are allowed to be standing, group size limited to 6 Changed by Order 46 effective 08/11/2020. https://www.mass.gov/doc/phase-iii-step-1-indoor-and-outdoor-events-protocol-summary-pdf/download 7/24/2020 Restaurant, dining only No Occupancy Max. Occupancy is controlled by distancing of tables and requiring each patron to remain seated.

https://www.mass.gov/doc/phase-iii-step-1-restaurants-protocol-summary/download 8/11/2020

Quick Guide: Occupancy Limits per Gathering Order 8/11/2020 for 50 persons Page 2 of 2
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Setting Max Occupancy Standard Restaurant with live entertainment Primary activity is a restaurant, and the music is an amenity – No occupancy max Restaurant is hosting a performance – Examples: selling ticketed concert; the music event has a start/stop time for audience arrival. Required to follow occupancy cap in Theater and Performance Venue Standard. 100 persons outdoors, AND no indoor performance permitted in Phase 3 Step 1. https://www.mass.gov/doc/phase-iii-step-1-theaters-and-performance-venues-protocol-summary/download 8/11/2020 Restaurant with Event (wedding, funeral, private function) Events hosted at restaurants are required to follow occupancy max in the Indoor and Outdoor Event Standard. 50 person max outdoors; 25 person max indoors and not more than 8 person per 1000 SF https://www.mass.gov/doc/phase-iii-step-1-restaurants-protocol-summary/download 8/11/2020 Movie Theater, indoor 40% of the screening room occupancy with a max capacity of 25 persons per screening room.

https://www.mass.gov/doc/phase-iii-step-1-theaters-and-performance-venues-protocol-summary/download

7/24/2020 Movie Theater, Outdoor Drive-In.

No Occupancy Max when patrons remain in vehicle. Capacity must be reduced to allow for spacing of cars. Patrons must remain in vehicle, no tailgating or chairs exterior of vehicle. Use "Performance Venue" occupancy limit if patrons get out of their car: 50 persons maximum. Music or sport simulcast using drive-in format are allowed. Patrons must remain in vehicle. Live performances must follow the distancing rules for performers in the Theaters and Performance Venues standard.

https://www.mass.gov/info-details/safety-standards-

drive-in-movie-theaters 7/6/2020

The **Marshfield Fire Department** will open their Administrative Office on South River Street for ***limited hours*** beginning on Tuesday, July 28, 2020. The weekly limited hours will be;

Tuesday 8:30-12:30pm
Thursday 2-4pm

Anyone who is experiencing any of the symptoms of the COVID-19 Virus (including but not limited to a fever) or has within the past fourteen days will not be allowed into the station. Also, all visitors must wear a face covering AND sanitize their hands (sanitizer provided at door) prior to entering.

Most Fire Department business can be conducted online and/or over the telephone and for the safety of all involved, ***that is encouraged whenever possible***.

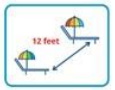
The state made an amendment to the Phase III Step 1 sports guidance on Friday, July 24th. This amendment does in fact change the risk level of Soccer from High to Moderate. Under Moderate risk, activity levels 1, 2, and 3 are allowed and are categorized below:

Level 1: Individual or socially distanced group activities (no-contact workouts, aerobic conditioning, individual skill work, and drills)
Level 2: Competitive Practices (Intra-team/group games, contact drills and scrimmages)
Level 3: Competitions (Inter-team games, meets, matches, races, etc.)

COVID-19 BEACH SAFETY RULES

Stay home if you feel sick.

Practice proper hand hygiene.



Practice beach distancing keeping 12 feet to your nearest neighbor.

Masks are required when social distancing cannot be maintained (ages 2+).
Masks are not required when swimming or sunbathing.

Practice proper social distancing. Keep a minimum 6 foot distance between you and others.

Groups of more than 10 are not allowed.

The Marshfield Board of Health thanks you for making safety a priority. Enjoy the beach!

Dear Ventress Memorial Library Patrons,

We hope you are all staying safe and finding ways to cope during this unprecedented time. At the library, we have been working hard to help folks access our electronic materials and to ensure folks can still get physical materials via curbside pickup.

Curbside Pickup Updates:

We are pleased to announce that, as of this Monday, July 13, there will be two changes to our curbside pickup that will increase access.

- First, our hours will shift to include limited weekend hours and evening hours. The new hours are Monday 10a-4p, Tuesday 12p-7p, Wednesday 10a-4p, Thursday 10a-4p, Saturday 10a-4p. (We will *not* be open Fridays.)
- Second, we now have limited after-hours holds pickup. If you can't pick up your library items during regular library hours, you may request that your items be checked out to you and placed in an after-hours locker. Call the library at 781-834-5535 at least two hours before our closing time to have your items placed in a locker. The lockers are located to the right of the main entry doors under the overhang. To retrieve your items, simply go to the locker # provided to you and enter the last four digits of your library card from left to right. Pull the lock shackle and remove the lock to retrieve your items. Please put the lock back on the locker and turn the dial to relock the locker.

Summer Reading Program

Aside from the above updates, we also invite you to check out our virtual summer program calendar on our homepage, and to read more about our virtual summer reading program for kids, teens, and adults. We have had a lot of participation so far, and we are excited to offer folks the opportunity to participate in fun reading challenges and get free books (for youth) and library tote bags (for adults)!

We look forward to continuing to serve you during this constantly changing situation. As always, we will announce major library updates as soon as possible via email and on our website. If you have any questions, we invite you to call us during our curbside pickup hours. Thank you!

After Hours Pickup

If you can't pick up your library items during regular library hours, you may request that your items be placed in an after-hours locker. Call the library at 781-834-5535 at least two hours before our closing time to have your items placed in a locker. The lockers are located to the right of the main entry doors under the overhang. To retrieve your items, simply go to the locker number provided to you and enter the last four digits of your library card to open the lock. Please *relock* the locker once you've taken your items.

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STANDARDS FOR SPORTS & RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES IN PHASE III, STEP 1
Risk Level: Sports and recreation activities are categorized as "**Lower Risk**," "**Moderate Risk**," and "**Higher Risk**."
Lower Risk sports and recreation activities are characterized by:
• Sports or activities that can be done with social distancing
• Sports or activities that can be done individually

Examples: Batting cages, tennis, pickleball, swimming, catch, disc golf, golf, individual biking, surfing, horseback riding, individual sailing, fishing, hunting, motor sports, yoga & no contact exercise classes, gymnastics
Moderate Risk sports and recreation activities are characterized by:
• Sports or activities that involve intermittent contact, but with protective equipment or mitigating measures in place that may reduce the likelihood of respiratory particle transmission between participants (e.g., wearing masks, modifying play)

Examples: Baseball, softball, crew/sailing (2-3 people in a boat), track and field, cross country, running clubs, team swimming, volleyball, dance class, fencing, field hockey, no-contact lacrosse

Higher Risk sports and recreation activities are characterized by:
• Sports that involve close, sustained contact between participants, lack of significant protective barriers, and high probability that respiratory particles will be transmitted between participants.

Examples: Football, wrestling, soccer, rugby, basketball, lacrosse, ice-hockey, competitive cheer, martial arts, crew/sailing (more than 3 people in a boat), ultimate frisbee.
Type of Play: The following types of play are defined by level from least to greatest risk.
• **Level 1**: Individual or socially distanced group activities (no-contact workouts, aerobic conditioning, individual skill work, and drills)
• **Level 2**: Competitive Practices (Intra-team/group games, contact drills and scrimmages)

• **Level 3**: Competitions (Inter-team games, meets, matches, races, etc.)
• **Level 4**: Tournaments (Outdoor only)

For the purposes of these guidelines, a "**Competition**" is defined as multiple participants or two teams competing against one another in a single contest. A competition includes, inter-team games, matches, shows, meets, and races.
A "**Tournament**" is a formal contest that consists of multiple games between multiple persons or teams, that might include multiple stages, played in a condensed period of time, such as over the course of a single day or multiple days in a row.
In Phase III, Step 1, only outdoor Tournaments are allowed for Lower Risk Sports.
Competition and Tournament Organizers must adhere to the following:
• Outdoor Competitions & Tournaments: No more than 25 players on any surface/playing areas for team/group sports. No more than 100 people including participants, players, coaches, volunteers, spectators in the aggregate in, on, or surrounding any surface/playing area or start/finish lines at any one time, provided that there is adequate space for all participants, players, coaches, volunteers and spectators to maintain at least six feet social distancing, recognizing that for some moderate risk sports intermittent contact may occur for players. Spectators must wear facial coverings and maintain six feet of social distance at all times. For competitions and tournaments in the water, the aforementioned limitation applies to any applicable activities on land. No spectators allowed for sports and activities played by individuals 18 years and older.
• Indoor Competition Capacity: No more than 25 players on any surface/playing areas for team/group sports. No spectators allowed for indoor competitions for sports and activities played by individuals 18 years and older. If an indoor facility has a chaperone or spectator viewing area which allows for at least six feet social distancing between spectators and the presence of spectators plus players/coaches as well as staff does not cause the facility to exceed more than 40% of the maximum occupancy for the indoor facility, then 1 spectator per player under 18 years old are allowed to attend. Spectators must wear facial coverings and maintain six feet of social distance at all times.
• For facilities with multiple fields, surfaces, courts, organizers should set Competition and Tournament schedules with a buffer to prevent the overlap of participants and to allow for disinfection of equipment and cleaning of commonly touched surfaces, if necessary. Games should end in a draw if time expires.

IMPLEMENTING SAFETY MEASURES FOR YOUR OPERATION

All business and other organizations in the Commonwealth must immediately adopt and maintain the following generally applicable COVID-19 safety rules. **Social Distancing**

• All persons, including employees, customers, and vendors should remain at least six feet apart to the greatest extent possible, both inside and outside workplaces
• Establish protocols to ensure that employees can practice adequate social distancing
• Provide signage for safe social distancing
• Require face coverings or masks for all employees and customers

Hygiene Protocols

- If available, provide hand-washing capabilities throughout the workplace
- Ensure frequent hand washing by employees and adequate supplies to do so
- Provide regular sanitization of high touch areas, such as workstations, equipment, screens, doorknobs, restrooms throughout work site

Staffing and Operations

- Provide training for employees regarding the social distancing and hygiene protocols
- Employees who are displaying COVID-19-like symptoms do not report to work
- Establish a plan for employees getting ill from COVID-19 at work, and a return-to-work plan

Cleaning and Disinfecting

- Establish and maintain cleaning protocols specific to the business
- When an active employee is diagnosed with COVID-19, cleaning and disinfecting must be performed
- Disinfection of all common surfaces must take place at intervals appropriate to said workplace

BOSTON — The Baker-Polito Administration today announced that on July 6, Phase III of the Commonwealth's reopening plan will begin and updates on gatherings will be in effect. For the City of Boston, Phase III and the gatherings order will take effect on Monday, July 13.

The Department of Public Health (DPH) also issued updated guidance to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

Step One of Phase III:

On May 18, the administration released a four-phased plan to reopen the economy based on public health data, spending at least three weeks in each phase. Key public health data, such as new cases and hospitalizations, have been closely monitored and has seen a decline allowing for Phase III to begin on July 6th. Phase III will begin on July 13 in Boston.

Since mid-April, the 7-day average for the positive COVID-19 test rate is down 94 percent, the 3-day average of hospitalized patients is down 79 percent and the number of hospitals in surge is down 86 percent.

More than 1,000,000 total COVID-19 tests have been administered, and testing continues throughout the state.

The following businesses will be eligible to reopen in Step One of Phase III, subject to industry-specific rules concerning capacity and operations:

- Movie theaters and outdoor performance venues;
- Museums, cultural and historical sites;
- Fitness centers and health clubs;
- Certain indoor recreational activities with low potential for contact;
- Professional sports teams, under the authority of league-wide rules, may hold games without spectators

Full guidance and list of businesses eligible to reopen in Step One of Phase III can be found at **www.mass.gov/reopening**. Businesses and sectors set to begin opening in Phase III are subject to compliance with all mandatory safety standards.

Revised Gatherings Order:

Under the updated gatherings order, indoor gatherings are limited to eight people per 1,000 square feet, but should not exceed 25 people in a single enclosed, indoor space.

Outdoor gatherings in enclosed spaces are limited to 25 percent of the facility's maximum permitted occupancy, with a maximum of 100 people in a single enclosed outdoor space. This includes community events, civic events, sporting events, concerts, conventions and more. This order does not apply to outdoor, unenclosed gatherings if proper social distancing measures are possible.

This revised order does not supersede previously issued sector guidance, and is effective beginning Monday, July 6. It will be effective Monday, July 13 in the City of Boston.

Public Health Guidance:

In Phase III, health care providers may continue to provide in-person procedures and services as allowed in Phase II, with the addition of certain group treatment programs and day programs. These programs include adult day health, day habilitation programs, and substance abuse services day treatment and outpatient services. Certain human services programs can reopen including community based day services for adults with intellectual and cognitive disabilities and psychosocial rehabilitation clubhouses.

Health care providers are subject to compliance with all mandatory safety standards, and must continue to utilize prioritization policies established in Phase II for care delivery and scheduling, as well as monitor patient volume for non-essential, elective procedures and services.

Read the full guidance **here**.

In Phase III, visitation guidelines have been updated for 24/7 congregate care facilities and programs overseen by the Executive Office of Health and Human Services, including the Departments of Developmental Services, Youth Services, Children and Families, Public Health, Mental Health and the Mass Rehabilitation Commission. Offsite visits, including overnight visits, will be allowed, under specific guidelines. Other updated guidelines, including visitation for long term care facilities, will be released later today. Complete visitation guidance is available at **www.mass.gov/hhs/reopening**.

MassHealth will also extend its current telehealth flexibility through at least the end of the year to ensure member access to critical health care services and encourage continued adherence to preventative public health precautions.

More

Executive Office of Health and Human Services

The Executive Office of Health and Human Services is the largest secretariat in state government and is comprised of 12 agencies, in addition to 2 soldiers' homes and the MassHealth program. Our efforts are focused on the health, resilience, and independence of the one in four residents of the Commonwealth we serve.

For immediate release

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DESE Releases Initial Back-to-School Guidance

In-person learning a priority, health and safety requirements outlined

BOSTON – Today, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) released initial guidance for school reopening this fall that prioritizes getting students safely back to school in person, following a comprehensive set of health and safety requirements. The Department is also requiring schools to create hybrid learning plans to teach students in-person and remotely on alternating schedules, and to have robust remote learning plans in place, should those alternate learning models be needed.

In addition, the Baker-Polito Administration announced the allocation of approximately $200 million from the Commonwealth's federal Coronavirus Relief Fund for costs related to reopening public schools. Schools are eligible to receive up to $225 per student for eligible costs incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, such as training for school staff, supplemental social and academic services, reconfiguration of school spaces, leasing of temporary facilities, and acquisition of health and hygiene supplies.

Municipalities, school districts, and charter schools may apply for these funds in the next few weeks, and this funding is intended to supplement other resources the Administration is providing to local cities and towns for COVID-19 response efforts. Other potential funding sources to support school reopening include $502 million from the Coronavirus Relief Fund that had previously been allocated by Governor Charlie Baker to cities and towns, as well as $194 million in federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund grants.

In partnership with legislative leadership, the Administration is also committing $25 million in federal funds for a matching grant program to help school districts and charter schools close technology gaps that have inhibited remote learning for students and families who lack access to computers or internet connections.

The reopening approach is built on a thorough review of current medical and scientific literature and was developed after extensive consultation with medical professionals from Massachusetts General Hospital, the Massachusetts COVID-19

Command Center's Medical Advisory Board, and others. Based on the current public health data and COVID-19 trends, the medical community supports Massachusetts students' return to in-person learning, with appropriate health and safety guidelines in place.

"This plan will allow schools to responsibly do what is best for students — bring them back to school to learn," **said Governor Charlie Baker.** "COVID-19 has presented numerous challenges for our schools, educators and students, but through collaboration with school officials and the medical community, we have developed both a comprehensive plan endorsed by the Massachusetts Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics and a financial package to support schools throughout the Commonwealth."

"Our educators and staff are essential to preparing for the safe and successful fall reopening of schools throughout the Commonwealth," **said Lt. Governor Karyn Polito.** "As we prepare to head back to school, we continue to work collaboratively to develop guidance that will support the ability to meet the challenges presented by this public health emergency."

"There is clear consensus from both education and medical groups that while we must respect the risks of COVID-19 transmission associated with in-person schooling, we must also acknowledge the challenges and consequences of keeping students out of school, which affects their physical health, social and emotional well-being and educational progress," **said Education Secretary James Peyser.**

At this time, the public health evidence suggests schools have not played a significant role in COVID-19 transmission and that children, particularly younger children, are less likely than adults to be infected with COVID-19. Furthermore, if they become infected, it appears children may be less likely to transmit COVID-19 to others.

"The message from the medical community remains strong and consistent: We need to get our children back to school, as soon as it is safe to do so," **said Sandra Nelson, MD, an infectious diseases physician at Massachusetts General**

Hospital. “We believe that returning to the classroom — with appropriate precautions in place — can be done safely if we all remain vigilant. Our children deserve nothing less.”

The Massachusetts Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics endorsed the guidance.

“The Massachusetts Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education share the goal of bringing most students in the Commonwealth back to in-person learning this fall while minimizing the risk to them, the school staff, and their families,” **said Dr. Lloyd Fisher, incoming president of the MCAAP.** “We are quite pleased with the recommendations in these guidelines and impressed with how thorough the Department was in researching the current data and their understanding of the spread of illness, impact of the disease on children, likelihood of children infecting others, and the significant negative consequences that prolonged school closures have on the educational, emotional and social well-being of children.”

To reopen schools in the fall, school officials must develop the following three models of learning:

- In-person learning with new health and safety requirements: Students return to school buildings, but schedules, classrooms and protocols are modified to meet health and safety requirements.
- Hybrid learning: Students learn both in-person and remotely.
- Remote learning: Learning takes place entirely remotely.

“While the Department is working toward the full in-person return to school of all students, school districts must be prepared to work on a continuum of three broad options for reopening,” **said Elementary and Secondary Education Commissioner Jeffrey C. Riley.** “We feel this gives school districts the readiness they need to educate students in person, and the flexibility to adapt if the health situation changes.”

“My first concern is student and community safety, and all of us on the Return-to-School Working Group focused on how to balance this priority with learning,” **said Takeru Nagayoshi, an English teacher at New Bedford High School and the 2020 Massachusetts Teacher of the Year.** “This initial back-to-school guidance is the product of many stakeholders’ combined efforts. It recognizes the importance of in-person learning while establishing guardrails to prevent the virus from spreading.”

Public school officials will need to indicate to DESE if it is feasible for their district to return students to school for in-person learning following the health and safety requirements. In August, districts will be required to submit comprehensive fall reopening plans that include all three models. Additionally, all school districts will also need a focused plan for effectively serving special student populations in each of these learning models.

In-Person Learning

The guidance prioritizes getting students back to in-person learning — safely, following a comprehensive set of health and safety requirements. The Department DESE is asking school officials to change classroom configurations to space students farther apart from each other, set up additional classrooms in libraries, auditoriums, and cafeterias, and make scheduling changes.

- Elementary schools should aim to keep students in the same group throughout the day, and middle and high schools are encouraged to minimize mixing student groups to the extent feasible.

- All students in second grade or older are required to wear a mask or face covering, with time built in for mask breaks throughout the day.
    - Kindergarten and first grade students should be encouraged to wear a mask or face shield.
    - Face shields may be an option for students with medical, behavioral or other challenges who are unable to wear masks.

- All adults, including educators and staff, are required to wear masks or face coverings.
- Exceptions to mask or face covering requirements must be made for people for whom wearing a mask or face covering is impossible due to medical conditions, disability impact or other health or safety factors.

Physical Distancing

As reviewed and advised by the Massachusetts COVID-19 Command Center Medical Advisory Board, schools are encouraged to aim for a physical distance of 6 feet when feasible, and 3 feet is the minimum distance allowed as informed by evidence.[i]

There is no maximum number for group size, so long as schools adhere to the physical distancing requirements above.

Health Screening

Families will be the primary health screeners of students, looking for signs or symptoms of COVID-19. Screening procedures are not required for students to enter school. Temperature checks are not recommended for students due to the high likelihood of potential false positive and false negative results.

Families will receive information to support them in conducting symptom checks, and they should not send students to school if they exhibit COVID-19 symptoms. The Department will provide a symptoms checklist and other guides to help families and students.

- A student who shows COVID-19 symptoms during the school day should be moved to a specific room designated for medical isolation until they can be picked up by a family member. This room must be separate from the nurse’s office or other space where routine medical care is provided.

Schools should have an inventory of standard health care supplies such as masks and gloves. The Department has made $193.8 million in federal funds available to help districts address needs associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, such as technology and safety supplies. That money, available through CARES Act Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds, is allocated based on district poverty levels. In addition, DESE is providing a bulk state ordering opportunity through which districts can submit their orders and payment to make the process as easy as possible.

Hybrid Learning Plans

In planning for the hybrid learning models, DESE recommends that school officials consider using an A/B cohort model that isolates two distinct groups of students who attend school in-person on different weeks, days or half days each day.

For instance, Group A would attend school in person from Monday through Friday of Week 1, while Group B learns at home remotely. In Week 2, Group B would attend school in person and Group A would engage in remote learning at home. The week on/week off model may be easier on families, giving them a chance to prepare for childcare for a full week at a time.

Remote Learning

Remote learning will continue to be a feature for many students this fall. The Department's guidance states it is critical that districts have remote learning plans in place in the event modified in-person learning is not possible or in case remote learning is needed for individual students who cannot yet return to school in-person.

Additional guidance and final reopening guidance will be released in coming weeks. The guidance will address subjects including transportation, facilities and operations, athletics and extra-curricular activities, electives, student and teacher supports and other key policies.

JUNE 22, 2020

BOSTON — Today, the Baker-Polito Administration announced that Step Two of Phase II of the Commonwealth's four-phase reopening plan, ***Reopening Massachusetts***, will begin on Monday, June 22 to allow additional industries to resume operations under sector-specific guidelines.

Businesses and sectors set to begin operating in Step Two of Phase II are subject to compliance with all mandatory safety standards.

On May 18, the Administration **released** a four-phased plan to reopen the economy based on public health data, spending at least three weeks in each phase. Key public health data, such as new cases and hospitalizations, has been closely monitored and seen a significant decline allowing for Step Two of Phase II to begin on June 22.

The following will be eligible to reopen in Step Two of Phase II on Monday, June 22:

- Indoor table service at restaurants;
- Close contact personal services, with restrictions;
- Retail dressing rooms, by appointment only;
- Offices, at 50 percent capacity

Full list and safety protocols available at **www.mass.gov/reopening**.

In order to give Step 2 businesses time to prepare, the Administration had previously released sector-specific guidance in advance of Phase II for industries including restaurants, close-contact personal services and sectors not otherwise addressed:

- **Guidance for Restaurants**
- **Guidance for Close-Contact Personal Services**
- **Guidance for Other Industries**
- **Guidance for Sectors Not Otherwise Addressed**

Before these sectors can resume operations under the guidelines, businesses must meet all safety standards, create a COVID-19 control plan, and complete a self-certification.

The Town of Marshfield will continue to follow the state's guidelines and recommendations on Boating, Marinas, Recreational Activities and Golf.

Safety Standards and Checklist: Restaurants

Reopening Phase II mandatory safety standards, recommended best practices and a checklist for restaurants. Permitted to open for outdoor table service: Phase II, Step 1, June 8th.

Restaurants may provide outdoor table service at the commencement of Phase 2 of the Commonwealth's Reopening Plan. Restaurants will be authorized at a later date and by a subsequent Phase 2 Order to commence indoor table service if the public health data reflects continued positive progression.

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Marshfield Council on Aging Bus Schedule to Resume on June 8, 2020
Also known as GATRA Dial-A-Ride
Call 781-834-5581 for more information
Reservation required, 24 hour notice requested

MONDAY	**AM**	**Shopping at Star Mkt, arrivals starting at 9:30 am**
		Stops at CVS, post office and Webster Square banks, as needed
	PM	***In-town medical appointments 12:30 - 2:30 pm***
		(NO EARLIER than 12:30 pm and NO LATER than 2:30 pm)
TUESDAY	**AM**	**Shopping at Roche Bros, arrivals starting at 9:30 am**
		Marshfield Food Pantry from 10:00 am to 12 noon
WEDNESDAY	**AM**	**Shopping at Stop & Shop, arrivals starting at 9:30 am**
		In-town medical appointments 12:30-2:30 pm
THURSDAY	**AM**	***In-town medical appointments 9:30 am- 2:30 pm***
		Stops at CVS, post office and Webster Square banks, as needed
		Hair appointments 9:30 to 2:30 pm.
FRIDAY	**AM**	**Shopping at Star Mkt, arrivals starting at 9:30 am**
		Stops at CVS, post office and Webster Square banks, as needed
		Marshfield Food Pantry from 10:00 am to 12 noon

SUGGESTED DONATIONS: $1.75 one way; $3.50 round trip for all in-town trips. *Unmarked envelopes will be distributed upon disembarking from the bus for your donation. Envelopes should be placed in the cash box at the front of the bus at final destination. No one will be denied ridership for inability to donate.*

MARSHFIELD COUNCIL ON AGING (COA) BUS PROTOCOL FOR PANDEMIC AS OF 5/26/2020

1) All drivers, escorts and passengers must wear masks or face coverings.
2) Passengers who are not feeling well, who have a household member not feeling well or who have been in direct contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID 19, should not ride the bus. These individuals may call the Senior Center at 781-834-5581 to arrange for a COA volunteer to shop for them.
3) Passengers will be limited to small groups of no more than four at a time.
4) Passengers and drivers will practice social distancing with regard to seating, boarding and disembarking from the bus.
5) COA Drivers/COA Escorts cannot go inside homes to assist clients.
6) The COA Bus Drivers will sanitize the buses at the end of each day with a deep cleaning mist.
7) Drivers will wipe down handrails and other frequently touched surfaces during the course of the day with sanitizer.

VENTRESS LIBRARY NEWS!

Dear Ventress Memorial Library Borrower,

On Monday, June 1, 2020 the Marshfield Board of Selectmen voted to allow the library to begin returning to service. On Monday, Jun 8, 2020 the book drop will be opened and you may return your checked-out items.

We will start offering curbside pickup on Monday, June 15, 2020. If you want materials, please email mapickup@ocln.org, or call the library at 781-834-5535, and library staff will place holds for you. We can offer you specific titles, or we can recommend titles for you.

Delivery between libraries has not yet been restored, so your choices are limited to items we currently have in the building.

Visit our website for more details at https://www.ventresslibrary.org/

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Reopening: When can my business reopen?

The following detailed commentary provides guidance for industries on the reopening plan as of June 11, 2020.
The following detailed commentary is related to the Executive Orders signed by Governor Baker on May 18, 2020, and June 1, 2020. This document is intended to provide additional information on businesses and activities summarized in the Reopening Massachusetts report. This is not an exhaustive list of all possible businesses that will be authorized open in each phase. The list may be updated from time to time.

For additional information please visit the Reopening Massachusetts website **www.mass.gov/reopening**.

Unless otherwise stated, businesses expected to be authorized to re-open in future phases will be subject to certain limitations and guidelines that will be provided at a later date. These limitations and guidelines will include a variety of mandatory context-specific COVID-19 safety measures such as occupancy limitations, operational modifications, social distancing rules, and specialized cleaning requirements. All businesses are required to follow Mandatory Workplace Safety Standards and Sector specific safety protocols and best practices.

All of this information is subject to revision based on the latest public health data. Each phase will last at least three weeks, but could last longer, depending on the public health data. Each phase may contain multiple steps that stagger the reopening dates for businesses and activities within that phase.

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All businesses deemed essential by previous orders	Currently allowed	These businesses will be required to comply with **Mandatory Workplace Safety Standards** and any applicable sector specific safety protocols / best practices by May 25, 2020.
Banks	Currently allowed	These businesses will be required to comply with **Mandatory Workplace Safety Standards** and any applicable sector specific safety protocols / best practices by May 25, 2020.
Financial services	Currently allowed	These businesses will be required to comply with **Mandatory Workplace Safety Standards** and any applicable sector specific safety protocols / best practices by May 25, 2020.

Category	When you can reopen	Additional comments
In house services (such as nannies, babysitting)	Currently allowed	These businesses will be required to comply with **Mandatory Workplace Safety Standards** and any applicable sector specific safety protocols / best practices by May 25, 2020.
Real estate open houses	Currently allowed with restrictions	These businesses will be required to comply with **Mandatory Workplace Safety Standards** and any applicable sector specific safety protocols / best practices by May 25, 2020.
Construction	Phase 1 – May 18	All construction businesses, please refer to **detailed guidance** for reopening
Firearm retailers and shooting ranges	Phase 1 – May 18	
Home remodeling	Phase 1 – May 18	All construction businesses, please refer to detailed **guidance** for reopening (includes guidance for remodeling in 1-3 family residences)
In home installations	Phase 1 – May 18, construction related Phase 2 – non construction related	Construction related – e.g., painting, repairs, etc. Non construction related – e.g., carpet installation, home theaters, security systems
Manufacturing	Phase 1 – May 18	All manufacturing businesses, please refer to detailed **guidance** for reopening
Places of worship	Phase 1 – May 18	Please refer to detailed **guidance** for reopening

Category	When you can reopen	Additional comments
Auto dealers and wholesalers	Phase 1 – May 25 for curbside pickup and delivery only	Follow guidelines for non-essential retail and car dealerships found in the **Essential Services FAQ**
	Phase 2 – browsing inside the showroom with restrictions	Please refer to retail **guidance** for Phase 2
Car washes	Phase 1 – May 25	Please refer to detailed **guidance** for reopening
Drive-in movie theaters	Phase 1 – May 25	Please refer to detailed **guidance** for reopening
Hair salons / barbershops	Phase 1 – May 25	Scroll left Scroll right Please refer to **detailed guidance** for reopening, including requirement that salons must limit services to hair services performed on the head. Services on the face or other parts of the body are prohibited and limit services to one client per worker per appointment (workers are not permitted to service more than one client appointment at a time).
General office spaces	Phase 1 - May 25 except City of Boston	Please refer to detailed **guidance** for reopening

Category	When you can reopen	Additional comments
	Phase 1 – June 1 City of Boston	
Lab space	Phase 1 – May 25	Please refer to detailed **guidance** for reopening
Libraries	Phase 1 – May 25 for curbside pickup and delivery only	Please refer to detailed **guidance** for reopening
Pet grooming	Phase 1 – May 25	Please refer to detailed **guidance** for reopening
Retail Stores, including stores in malls	Phase 1 – May 25 for curbside pickup and delivery only Phase 2 – browsing inside the store with restrictions	Please refer to detailed **guidance** for reopening in Phase 2
Casinos	Hotel & Restaurants – Phase 2 Gaming floors – Phase 3	Casinos and hotels attached to them should follow the guidelines for each section of the property (e.g. hotel, restaurants, etc.).

Category	When you can reopen	Additional comments
	Theaters / arenas – Phase 3/4	
Horse racing tracks and simulcast facilities (no spectators)	Phase 3	
Driving schools	Currently allowed to offer classroom instruction online Phase 2 – behind-the-wheel training	
Occupational Schools	Phase 2 – for the limited purposes of permitting students to complete a degree, program, or prerequisite for employment, or other similar requirement for completion	
Hotels, motels, inns, and other short-term lodgings	Currently open to provide services to	

Category	When you can reopen	Additional comments
	essential workers and vulnerable populations.	
	Phase 2 – reopen to serve other guests with restrictions	Please refer to detailed **guidance** for reopening
Personal services that don't involve close personal contact (such as photography, window washers, career coaching)	Phase 2	
Close contact personal services (such as massage therapy, nail salons, tattoo parlors, electrolysis studios)	Phase 2 – Step 2	
Personal trainers	Phase 2 – as a close contact personal service in Step 2	Appointment-only training with only one customer (or two from the same household) allowed in the facility at a time
Restaurants	Phase 1 – can continue to offer	

Category	When you can reopen	Additional comments
	takeout and delivery options	
	Phase 2 – outdoor seating permitted in Step 1, indoor seating permitted in Step 2	Please refer to detailed **guidance** for reopening
Amusement parks, theme parks, indoor or outdoor water parks	Phase 4	
Fitness centers and health clubs	Phase 3	Including: • cardio/weight rooms/locker rooms/inside facilities • fitness studios (yoga, barre, cross-fit, spin classes, general fitness studios) • locker rooms/shower rooms • indoor common areas • indoor swimming pools • indoor racquet courts and gymnasiums • excluding saunas, hot-tubs, steam rooms

Category	When you can reopen	Additional comments
		See entries on ‘outdoor fitness classes,’ ‘personal trainers,’ and ‘Saunas, hot-tubs, steam rooms’ for more information
Saunas, hot-tubs, steam rooms at health clubs, gyms, and other facilities	Phase 4	
Movie theatres	Phase 3 – moderate capacity Phase 4 – large capacity	
Museums	Phase 3	
Aquariums	Phase 3	
Theaters and performance venues (such as concert halls) of moderate capacity	Phase 3 – both indoor and outdoor	Large performance venues will open in Phase 4 following guidance for other large venues.

Category	When you can reopen	Additional comments
Large capacity venues used for group or spectator events (such as theaters and concert halls, ballrooms, stadiums and arenas, dance floors, exhibition and convention halls, private party rooms)	Phase 4	
Flight schools	Phase 2	
Beer gardens / breweries / wineries / distilleries	Phase 2: if providing seated food service under retail food permits issued by municipal authorities Phase 4: if not providingseated food service under retail food permits issued by municipal authorities	Please refer to detailed **guidance** for reopening in Phase 2

Category	When you can reopen	Additional comments
Bars, dance clubs, and nightclubs	Phase 4	
Non-athletic instructional classes in arts / education / life skills	Phase 2 – youths under 18 years of age, in groups of fewer than 10 Phase 3 – people of all ages	
Funeral homes	Phase 2	40% capacity limit; one service at a time in the facility
Warehouses and distribution centers	Phase 2	
Weddings/events/large gatherings in parks, reservations, and open spaces	Phase 3 - with moderate capacity	
Motion picture, television and streaming production	Phase 3	Activities that have been authorized to reopen in earlier phases (e.g. office work, construction) may open in those phases
Fraternal Orders	Phase 2 if providing seated service of food prepared on-	

Category	When you can reopen	Additional comments
	site under retail food permits issued by municipal authorities, following restaurant protocols (outdoor table service is permitted as of June 8, and indoor table service will be permitted in step 2) Phase 4 if serving as a large capacity venue used for group or spectator events Phase 4 if serving as a bar All other uses are subject **Covid-19 Order No. 38**, which limits gatherings in enclosed indoor or outdoor spaces to 10 people.	

Recreation & outdoors

Category	When you can reopen	Additional comments
Beaches	Open with restrictions in Phase 1 – May 25	Please refer to detailed guidance for reopening
Golf	Currently allowed with restrictions	Continue to follow guidance outlined in the **Essential Services FAQ**
Golf facilities including outdoor driving ranges	Phase 2	
Parks	Services/facilities will reopen in Phase 1 – May 25	Please refer to detailed **guidance** for reopening
Fishing, hunting and boating	Phase 1 – May 25	Please refer to detailed **guidance** for reopening
Outdoor adventure activities (including ski area summer activities, zip-lines, and mountain biking)	Phase 1 – May 25	Please refer to detailed **guidance** for reopening
Outdoor gardens, zoos, reserves and public installations	Phase 1 – May 25	Please refer to detailed **guidance** for reopening
Outdoor theatres and performance venues	Phase 3 – moderate capacity venues	
Camps including sports and arts camps	Phase 2 – recreational day camps	Please refer to detailed guidance for reopening

Category	When you can reopen	Additional comments
	Phase 3 – overnight camps	
Limited organized youth and adult amateur sports programs and activities	Phase 2 – outdoor only for adults, indoor for supervised youth programs and activities	
	Phase 3 – indoor and outdoor for all ages	
Professional sports practice and training programs	Phase 2	
Other outdoor recreational facilities (pools, playgrounds, spray decks, mini golf, go karts, batting cages, climbing walls)	Phase 2	
Indoor recreational and athletic facilities for general use (not limited to youth programs)	Phase 3	
Other indoor recreation (such as batting cages, driving ranges, go karts, bowling alleys, arcades, laser tag, roller skating rinks, trampolines, rock-climbing)	Phase 3	
Sightseeing and other organized tours (bus tours, duck tours, harbor cruises, whale watching)	Phase 3	

Category	When you can reopen	Additional comments
Outdoor historical spaces / sites	Phase 2	
Indoor historic spaces / sites	Phase 3	
Cruise ships	N/A	Operating under federal guidance, No Sail order currently in effect
Outdoor fitness classes	Phase 1 – May 25	Please refer to detailed Outdoor Education Program **guidance**
Fishing and hunting tournaments and other amateur or professional derbies	Phase 3	
Street Festivals, Parades and Agricultural Festivals	Phase 4	
Road races and other large, outdoor organized amateur or professional group athletic events	Phase 4	

Overview of Four-Phase Approach

The goal of the phased reopening plan is to methodically allow businesses, services, and activities to resume, while avoiding a resurgence of COVID-19 that could overwhelm our healthcare system and erase the progress we've made so far.

- **Each phase will last a minimum of three weeks and could last longer** before moving to the next phase
- **If public health data trends are negative,** specific industries, regions, and/or the entire Commonwealth **may need to return to an earlier phase**

- The Commonwealth will **partner with industries to draft Sector-Specific Protocols in advance of future phases** (example: restaurant specific protocols will be drafted in advance of Phase 2)
- **If we all work together to defeat COVID-19, we can proceed through each phase**

Four phases to reopening

- **Stay at Home**. Essential business and services only.
- **Phase 1: Start**. Limited industries resume operations with severe restrictions.
- **Phase 2: Cautious.** Additional industries resume operations with restrictions and capacity limitations.
- **Phase 3: Vigilant**. Additional industries resume operations with guidance.
- **Phase 4: New Normal**. Development of vaccines and / or treatments enable resumption of "new normal".

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Community Tracing Collaborative

Thank you for your help in spreading the word about contact tracing in Massachusetts. Along with testing and social distancing, contact tracing is an important part of continuing to stop the spread of COVID-19 in Massachusetts.

We have put together a small toolkit of material, including social media-ready messages and images you can use to help spread the word about the importance of contact tracing.

Attached is a document that includes some language for use in newsletters, blogs, websites and other platforms you use to communicate with your constituents. Also attached are images with English and Spanish language for your use. Below are some suggested social media messages that can be used with the attached images.

Answer the call and stop the spread of COVID-19. If you get a call from the MA COVID Team with area codes 833 or 857, answer the call and help our contact tracing effort. Learn more at mass.gov/matracingteam.

Governor Baker has issued an **Order** effective Wednesday, May 6 requiring face masks or cloth face coverings in public places where social distancing is not possible. This applies to both indoor and outdoor spaces. Exceptions include children under the age of 2 and those unable to wear a mask or face covering due to a medical condition. Read the full DPH **Guidance**.

Tips on the Proper Use of Masks and Face Coverings

There are many things that you can do to help protect yourself and others from becoming infected with COVID-19. People who show no symptoms of illness may still be able to spread COVID-19. A face covering may help prevent you from spreading COVID-19 to other people.

- A face covering can include anything that covers your nose and mouth, including dust masks, scarves and bandanas.
- Do not use health care worker masks, such as the N95 masks - those should be preserved for healthcare workers.
- It is important that you wear these face coverings or masks in situations where it is difficult to maintain a social distance of six feet from others. For example, in a pharmacy or grocery store.

When you wear a cloth mask, it should:

- Fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face,
- Be secured with ties or ear loops,
- Include multiple layers of fabric,
- Allow for breathing without restriction, and
- Be able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape.

When putting on and taking off a mask, do not touch the front of it, you should only handle the ties or ear straps, and make sure you wash the cloth mask regularly. Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer after touching the mask.

Cloth masks should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.

Face Covering Do's and Don'ts and instructions on **how to make your own cloth mask** are available on the CDC web site.

In addition to wearing a cloth mask you should continue to practice proven methods to protect yourself.

- Practice social distancing at all times by remaining 6 feet away from others when you have to leave your home for essential trips.
- Stay home if you are sick and avoiding close contact with others.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds; using alcohol-based hand gel with at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Clean things that are frequently touched (like doorknobs and countertops) with household cleaning spray or wipes.

- Cover your mouth when you cough or sneeze. Use a tissue or your inner elbow, not your hands.

Daily update BOH
Update on Contact Tracing

On April 3, the Baker-Polito Administration announced an initiative to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in Massachusetts through contact tracing. Working with Partners in Health, Massachusetts was the first state in the nation to develop a program to trace individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 as well as their immediate contacts who may have been exposed to the virus. Through a team of leading medical experts working with the Department of Public Health, this program has already hired 176 employees to do contact tracing by phone, and hundreds of additional staff will be trained and on board in the coming weeks.

Residents who receive a phone call from the Contact Tracing Collaborative are urged to take the call and provide the relevant information.

The Board of Health would like to remind residents not to inject or ingest disinfectants, bleach or rubbing alcohol.

MARSHFIELD BOARD OF HEALTH

Tyler Nims, Chairman, Board of Health
Mark MacDonald, Vice-Chairman, Board of Health
Paul Armstrong, Member, Board of Health

The BOH has ensured that Local Supermarkets are following the directive to limit the number of people in each facility at one time. **Now it is time to do your part.** Plan your trip and try to shop alone. **Shopping is not a social event** and

should only be done when it is time to get a proper supply of foods and essential items (resist the one item temptations, the Twinkies' can wait). The **workers** in these establishments are **essential personnel** and deserve our respect for their service. Please observe the social distancing of 6' from other shoppers and staff while they perform the tasks that provide us with the foods we need. Follow the arrows guiding traffic patterns as you go through the store. When standing in line outside the building social distances also applies.

Personal protective equipment, or **PPE:** protects its user against any physical harm or hazards that the environment may present **ONLY WHEN USED CORRECTLY!** People often get a false sense of security when using and forget.

- There is no substitute for proper hand washing/sanitizing and be mindful to do so before and after use.
- Understand how to use and remove the PPE. (improper use can do more harm than good)
- Please properly dispose of the PPE after use.

Buoy Health's new online resource: for residents to check their symptoms and connect with the next appropriate health care resource. This tool does not replace emergency medical care, but it may be used as a support for residents during the COVID-19 outbreak to connect them with appropriate health care resources if they display coronavirus symptoms. Buoy Health's online 24/7 tool is free for Massachusetts residents and uses current COVID-19 guidance from the CDC and DPH. As always, your first choice is to contact your own health care provider. Buoy's online tool is not to be used in place of emergency medical care. If this is an emergency, call 911 or visit the nearest emergency room. **www.Buoy.com/mass**

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) announced that Massachusetts 2-1-1., a 24-hour telephone hotline, will now provide real-time COVID-19 information, resources, and referrals in multiple languages. **https://mass211.org/**

Additional updated information from MEMA on COVID-19:
https://www.mass.gov/orgs/massachusetts-emergency-management-agency

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Governor Baker announced yesterday, schools in Massachusetts, both public and private will be closed for the remainder of the academic year.

TREASURER COLLECTOR INFORMATION

Below you will find the necessary paper work to request a hardship waiver from the Town of Marshfield for real estate taxes, excise taxes and utility bills.

TOWN OF MARSHFIELD
OFFICE OF THE TREASURER-COLLECTOR
870 MORAINE STREET MARSHFIELD, MA 02050

COVID -19 FINANCIAL HARDSHIP WAIVERS

NAME OF APPLICANT: _____
ADDRESS OF APPLICANT: _____
DATE OF APPLICATION: _____

PROOF OF HARDSHIP – PLEASE MARK "X":
UNEMPLOYMENT APPLICATION:
PROOF OF CLOSED BUSINESS:
MEDICAL WAIVER:

TYPE OF BILL (S) NEEDING RELIEF – PLEASE MARK "X"
REAL ESTATE TAXES:
EXCISE TAXES:
UTILTY BILLS:

BELOW SECTION IS FOR TOWN OF MARSHFIELD STAFF

APPLICATION WAS RECEIVED ON:_____

APPLICATION WAS APPROVED BY:_____

APPLCIATION WAS DENIED BY: _____

REASON:_____
_____

REQUESTED APPEAL TO TOWN ADMINISTRATOR BY PATRICK DELLORUSSO ON:_____

TOWN OF MARSHFIELD
OFFICE OF THE TREASURER-COLLECTOR
870 MORAINE STREET
MARSHFIELD MA 02050

FREQUENTLY ASKED COVID-19 QUESTIONS ANSWERED BELOW

Is there someone working today?

The Treasurer-Collector office has been open and responding to residents each day during the crisis and ensuring the Town has the resources it needs to provide safety and services. We will continue this mission.

You may always email questions to pdellorusso@townofmarshfield.org this will get you a response very quickly.

BEST WAYS TO PAY YOUR BILLS:

- Please visit our website and select the "FIND IT FAST" option
- Next select online bill payments and enter your bill information
- If you do not have your bill information, please email pdellorusso@townofmarshfield.org and the Treasurer will make sure you are responded to within 24 hours
- You may also call the main line at 781-834-5548 and someone will return your call within 24 hours as we have limited staff and they will guide you on how to make a payment online.
- You may mail in your payments with the remittance coupon to the lockbox provider.

- You may drop your payment off in the mail drop slot located near the handicap ramp at the front of Town Hall when you walk up from the parking lot. You may call for further instructions.
- You may also mail payments directly to our office at:

  870 Moraine Street, Marshfield MA, 02050 Attn: Collector

REAL ESTATE TAXES:

- The tax deadline for quarter four (4) real estate bills will not be changed from its dead line of May 1st.
- If a resident has been impacted by the COVID-19 virus they may like all other delinquent tax payers set up a re-payment plan with the Tax office.
- All payments must be current by 6-30-20 by vote of the Board of Selectman. Any payment not received by then will be subject to interest.
- If you do not notify the tax office of your inability to pay you will be assessed interest and fees in accordance with the Law.
- There will be no refunds of any interest or demands
  - You must show proof of your COVID-19 impact i.e. unemployment application and acceptance and or termination notice. The Treasurer will examine each request for a hardship arrangement on a case by case basis in accordance with the Board of Selectman Vote.

- The Town will be issuing demand and bills normally and it is the responsibility of the homeowner to show proof of hardship. **Demand bills will be issued 6-1-2020** to all accounts with a balance on record, and Tax liens will follow in line with normal collection action after this date.

UTILTY BILLS:

- The deadlines for the utilities bills are 30 days after issuance
- The Town of Marshfield in line with the Governor's Order will not be terminating utility services until an undetermined time after 6-30-2020.
- All balances must be current by 6-30-2020
- Failure to pay your bill will result in the utility charges being added to your tax bill as a utility lien next year while incurring interest and fees per MGL.
- There will be no refunds of any interest or demands
  - You must show proof of your COVID-19 impact i.e. unemployment application and acceptance and or termination notice. The Treasurer will examine each request for a hardship arrangement on a case by case basis in accordance with the Board of Selectman Vote.
- If you do not notify the tax office of your inability to pay you will be assessed interest and fees in accordance with the Law.
- If a resident has been impacted by the COVID-19 virus they may like all other delinquent tax payers set up a re-payment plan with the Tax office.
- The Town will be issuing demands and bills normally and it is the responsibility of the resident to show proof of a hardship.

EXCISE TAXES:

- Excise taxes will not be sent to collections until 6-30-2020; however interest will accrue on all delinquent balances and unless hardship is show, will not be waived.
- Excise taxes issued after 3-20-20 will not receive demands until 6-30-2020
- Marshfield Excise tax bills for commitment #1 were issued prior to the Declaration of emergency and are not subject to hardship waivers by law.

- However Marshfield will if a resident is able to show proof of a COVID-19 impact i.e. unemployment application and acceptance and or termination notice. The Treasurer will examine each request for a hardship arrangement on a case by case basis in accordance with the Board of Selectman Vote.

The Treasurer's Office looks forward to remaining open for business and is here to help any resident who needs it and will remain fair and consistent while understanding the unique situations of all.

Please do not hesitate to contact the office for anything and we will get you the answers your looking for!!!1

Patrick D. Dello Russo JR.
Treasurer Collector
Town of Marshfield

Fire Department:

Anyone experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID – 19 such as difficulty breathing or chest pain should call 911 and activate EMS. Other minor symptoms, including a low grade fever, you should call your PCP for recommended treatment. Most cases with minor to moderate symptoms can be safely managed at home without going to the hospital. AS always, with any other medical emergencies, call 911 and activate EMS right away.

MOST IMPORTANTLY RESIDENTS ARE REMINDED THAT JUST BECAUSE YOU MAY BE EXPERIENCING SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19 VIRUS DOES NOT MEAN THAT YOU NEED TO CALL 911 FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE. EIGHTY PERCENT (80%) OF PERSONS WHO BECOME EXPOSED WILL BE ABLE TO MANAGE THEIR CARE ON THEIR OWN AND BY CONTACTING THEIR MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS.

HERE ARE THE BOARD OF HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR MEDICAL CARE:

Call **911** for **severe** shortness of breath or difficulty breathing. The Massachusetts Department of Health (DPH) says do not wait for the results of a COVI-19 test to call 911.

Call a health care provider for shortness of breath or other serious symptoms. DPH says to continue to self-isolate if symptoms are becoming more severe.

For people with mild symptoms:

Early on, symptoms may feel like a common cold, including a combination of cough, body aches, fatigue, and chest tightness.

People who are not at high risk of severe illness may not need to be evaluated in-person or tested for COVID-19. Not everyone with symptoms or who may have been exposed to COVID-19 will be tested right away.

If you have mild symptoms including a fever, cough, shortness of breath, or suspect that you were exposed but are not able to be immediately tested, please stay home and avoid contact with others. Isolate yourself until:

* You have had no fever for at least 72 hours (that's 3 days of no fever without the use of medicine that reduces fevers)

  AND

* other symptoms have improved (for example, when your cough or shortness of breath have improved)

  AND

* At least 7 days have passed since your symptoms first appeared.

Use over-the-counter medication to treat mild symptoms.

There is currently no specific treatment for COVID-19.

The 911 system is not intended for minor injuries or general medical questions. DPH says those seeking general advice or wishing to be tested for COVID-19 should not call 911.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) announced that Massachusetts 2-1-1., a 24-hour telephone hotline, will now provide real-time COVID-19 information, resources, and referrals in multiple

languages. **https://mass211.org/** and **www.Buoy.com/mass** for residents to check their symptoms and connect with the next appropriate health care resource

General Information:

Please remember to wear personal protective gear when out in the public. When you are through with the protective gear, please remember to properly dispose of them.

One final thought or suggestion! You might want to call and check on an elderly neighbor or family member to make sure they are okay. We know these are very difficult times, but remember to cherish each moment spent with loved ones.

If you have any questions, please refer to the town's website at Marshfield-ma.gov.

Very truly yours,
Michael A. Maresco
Town Administrator

P.S. The pinnacle of the steeple on the top of Town Hall will be lit in green to recognize and congratulate the Marshfield High School Class of 2020.