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**GREENFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS**



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**MEMO**

**TO: Greenfield Residents, Businesses and City Employees**  
**FROM: Dani Letourneau, Chief of Staff to the Mayor**  
**DATE: 10/05/2020**  
**RE: Step II of Phase III of Reopening Massachusetts**

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This week, Governor Baker announced that the Commonwealth empowered local authorities in Lower Risk Communities to decide to transition to Step II of Phase III.

Our Emergency Management team, consisting of the City's Health Department, Mayor Roxann Wedegartner, Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director Robert Strahan, Police Chief Robert Haigh, and myself, has agreed to implement the following changes for Greenfield as it moves to Step II beginning Monday, October 5, 2020:

- 1) Indoor performance venues will be permitted to open with 50% capacity, excluding employees, with some restrictions.
- 2) Outdoor performance venue capacity will increase to 50%, excluding employees, with some restrictions.
- 3) Fitting rooms will be permitted to open in all types of retail stores, with proper hygiene protocols in place.
- 4) Gyms, museums, libraries and driving/flight schools will also be permitted to increase their capacity to 50%.
- 5) For arcades and indoor and outdoor recreation businesses, additional Step II activities like trampolines, obstacle courses, roller rinks and laser tag will also be permitted to open and capacity will increase to 50%.
- 6) For outdoor gatherings where more than 50 attendees are anticipated, the operator of the event venue must provide notice to the Health Department at least 1 week before the event is scheduled, or otherwise as soon as possible where 1 week notice is not practicable due to the nature of the event (e.g., memorial services). For events held in

public places like parks, the event organizer is responsible for providing notice. The notification must include, at minimum, the location and time of the planned event, the name and contact information of the event organizer, the number of anticipated attendees, and other information as requested at that time.

- 7) Large capacity event venues and activities organized to draw together large crowds must continue to remain closed until Phase IV.
- 8) Read Order 52 for more details on public and private gatherings.

With these changes, the Greenfield Health Department and the Emergency Management team will be monitoring COVID-19 and the safety of our community. We will be using the criteria outlined in the Governor's Order 52, defining a "Lower Risk Community" as one with an average daily incidence rate of 8 or fewer cases per 100,000 as recorded in each of the most recent 14-day measurement periods (known as the Lower Risk metric), as well as Covid Exit Strategy criteria. Covid Exit Strategy compiles the health data that the Commonwealth currently uses for determining travel restrictions, among other things. Covid Exit Strategy uses a color-coded depiction of disease spread, hospital caseload, and robustness of testing, where green is good, red is poor and yellow is closer to good than poor.

Greenfield is currently yellow, and is defined as a "Lower Risk Community". Provided it remains in yellow or moves to green, and stays defined as "Lower Risk Community" we can safely stay in Step II of Phase III. If Greenfield moves to red, or if it is no longer defined as a "Lower Risk Community" Greenfield will move back to Phase I and the above changes will be rescinded. If this happens, the Mayor and Greenfield Health officials will alert the public using local media channels, and will contact businesses affected by the rollback.

I realize this is a lot of data to digest. The best way for you, Greenfield residents, workers, and business people, to help our community stay in Step II of Phase III is to stay vigilant and continue to follow the CDC's and Massachusetts Department of Public Health's Guidelines:

- Practice Social Distancing
- Wash your hands
- Wear a face covering
- Stay home and contact your health care provider if you feel sick
- Insist your families, your business patrons and your visitors do the same

For more information or reach out to the Greenfield Health Department at 413-772-1404, with questions or concerns related to this guidance or other COVID-19 related questions.

Thank you,

Dani Letourneau  
Chief of Staff to the Mayor

Other resources:

Covid Exit Strategy Criteria: <https://www.covidexitstrategy.org/definitions-and-criteria> .

Governor Baker Order 52: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/governors-covid-19-order-52/download>

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CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>

For the Commonwealth's Safety Standards for Indoor and Outdoor events:

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/safety-standards-and-checklist-indoor-and-outdoor-events>

The full guidelines are available on <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/reopening-massachusetts>.

