

Updated as of April 29 2021

Massachusetts COVID -19 Guidelines

Notification to Local Boards of Health:

- Must immediately notify the Local Board of Health in the city/town where the event took place if an attendee/worker tested positive for COVID.
- Hosts/ venues must assist the Department of Public Health and Local Boards of Health with contact tracing and case investigations.
- They may request lists of attendees at the event and their contact information.

Indoor and Outdoor Events Standards:

- All indoor and outdoor events must meet the COVID workplace safety standards.
- Indoor and outdoor events include indoor and outdoor event spaces, ballrooms, private clubs/party rooms, public places (parks), private residencies.
- Any event that's primary purpose is to watch a performance must follow the Theaters and Performance Venues guidelines.
- Exhibition/Convention halls can reopen as Phase IV, Step 1 starts (March 22, 2021)
- Large capacity sports and entertainment venues can allow 12% capacity after they submit a plan to the DPH. (Indoor/outdoor stadiums, arenas and ballparks).
- The following events cannot open until Phase IV, Step 2 starts; amusement parks, theme parks, waterparks, street festivals, parades, bars, dance clubs, nightclubs, beer gardens, breweries, wineries and distilleries.

Social Distancing:

- Face coverings are required for all attendees/ staff unless someone has a medical condition/disability.
- Indoor events held at a venue (hotel, private club) or a public venue (park) can only have 100 people.
- Outdoor events held at a venue or public venue can only have 150 people.
- Occupancy counts must include all attendees, but can exclude event staff/workers.
- Remain 6 feet apart.
- Where 6 feet cannot be maintained, physical barriers must be in place.

Staffing and Operations:

- Workers should enforce these safety measures.
- Keep a log of workers/attendees for contact tracing (name, date, time, contact information).
- When seated, there should be not more than 6 people in a group.

Since MA just started Phase IV, Step 1, they do not have testing regulations in place yet for large events.

Indoor and outdoor Gatherings:

- Event venues can have 100 people indoors and 150 outdoors.
- Indoor performance venues (concert halls, theaters) are open at 50% capacity, no more than 500 people.
- Stadiums, arenas and ballparks are currently capped at 12% capacity.