**Rules effective November 6, 2020**

For the purposes of COVID-19 Order No. 56, prior to November 6, 2020, a community shall be designated “red” in the weekly municipality data published by the Department of Public Health (DPH) if the community has more than an average daily incidence rate of 8 cases per 100,000 residents in the weekly report. Communities not meeting this threshold are deemed either yellow, green or grey.

Effective November 6, 2020, a community shall be designated “red” in the weekly municipality data published by DPH if the community meets one of the following metrics in the weekly report:

* The community has a population size under 10,000 and had more than 25 cases;
* The community has a population between 10,000 and 50,000 and had an average daily incidence rate of 10 or more cases per 100,000 residents and a test positivity rate of 5% or more; or
* The community has a population over 50,000 and had an average daily incidence rate of 10 or more cases per 100,000 residents and a test positivity rate of 4% or more.

Communities not meeting the above threshold are deemed either yellow, green or grey.

**Moving from 3.2 to 3.1**

A community that qualifies as a “lower risk community” shall cease to qualify as a “lower risk community” if the 3 most recent weekly reports published by DPH indicate that the community is designated red in each of the 3 reports.

Upon meeting the above criteria the community must comply with the [rules](https://www.mass.gov/lists/business-sector-reopening-guidance-for-phase-3-steps-1-2) associated with Step 1 of Phase 3, effective the Monday after the data is published.

**Moving from 3.1 to 3.2**

A community that does **not** qualify as a “lower risk community” shall qualify as a “lower risk community” if the 3 most recent weekly reports published by DPH indicate that the community is designated yellow, green or grey in each of the 3 reports.

Upon meeting the above criteria, the community may move into [Step 2 of Phase 3](https://www.mass.gov/lists/business-sector-reopening-guidance-for-phase-3-steps-1-2), effective the Monday after the data is published.