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**Memorandum**

**From:** Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs

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**Subject:** Specific Safety and Reopening Standards for Hunter Education and Firearms Identification Card (FID)/License to Carry Firearms (LTC) Education Classes

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The following guidelines apply to Hunter Education and Firearms Identification Card (FID)/License to Carry Firearms (LTC) education classes during Phase 1 of the Commonwealth's Reopening.

Those individuals partaking in Hunter Education and Firearms Identification Card (FID)/License to Carry Firearms (LTC) education classes should abide by the specific guidelines outlined herein. All Hunter Education and Firearms Identification Card (FID)/License to Carry Firearms (LTC) education classes should comply with assemblage guidance, wear face covering where social distancing is not possible, and adhere to any owner/operator-specific guidance.

This guidance should apply until amended or rescinded. Any questions regarding this guidance can be sent to [outdoor.recreation@mass.gov](mailto:outdoor.recreation@mass.gov)

**DPH Orders and Guidelines**

**Face Coverings and Masks:** All individuals participating in Hunter Education and Firearms Identification Card (FID)/License to Carry Firearms (LTC) education classes should comply with *COVID-19 Order 31: Order Requiring Face Coverings in Public Places Where Social Distancing is Not Possible*. The order requires any person over the age of 2, whether indoors or outdoors, to wear a face covering or mask when they cannot maintain 6 feet of distance between themselves and others, unless they have a medical condition preventing them from doing so (see further guidance here: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/covid-19-state-of-emergency>).

**Group Size:** No groups larger than 10 are allowed to gather: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/march-31-2020-assembly-guidance/download>

**Hunter Education and FID/LTC Education Classes Manager and User Guidelines:**

- All outdoor and online classes are permitted to continue pending compliance with all CDC & DPH Guidelines for social distancing, group size, health, hygiene, and disinfection protocols.
- Masks or face-coverings should be worn in public in accordance with the Department of Public Health's advisory when social distancing is not possible. All participants need to ensure they plan on carrying in and carrying out all classroom materials, supplies, gear, and waste products. Participants should not share equipment, including writing utensils.
- Instructors/Managers must ensure usage of facilities are prescheduled.
- To the extent practical, instruction and coursework should be modified to take place outdoors. In all cases of both indoor and outdoor instruction, Instructors/Managers should ensure that at least 6 ft. of distance is maintained between participants and instructors.
- Common or high-touch surfaces should be disinfected between classes.
- Loitering at facilities for any activity other than scheduled class times is prohibited.