

INDOOR AND OUTDOOR EVENTS

MA Safety Standards



These sector specific COVID-19 workplace safety are issued to establish minimum standards for any indoor or outdoor event (such as a wedding, party, etc.), that is not specifically addressed by other sector-specific COVID-19 safety standards.

No activity at any indoor or outdoor event shall occur without meeting these COVID-19 workplace safety standards. These standards apply to all events not exempt by executive order until rescinded or amended by the State. Where other sector-specific standards are applicable to part or all of the enterprise's activities, an enterprise must follow those sector-specific standards. Indoor and outdoor events covered by these standards include but are not limited to events held at:

- Indoor and outdoor event spaces
- Ballrooms
- Private clubs and party rooms
- Public places, like parks
- Private residences

An event that is held for the primary purpose of watching a performance must follow the Theaters and Performance Venues guidance.

Exhibition and convention halls may reopen as part of Phase IV, Step 1 and must follow these sector specific COVID-19 workplace safety rules for indoor or outdoor events.

The following Phase IV enterprises must continue to remain closed:

Amusement parks, theme parks, indoor and outdoor waterparks and ball pits

- Bars, dance clubs and nightclubs
- Beer gardens, breweries, wineries and distillates not providing seated food service



SOCIAL DISTANCING & CAPACITY LIMITS

MANDATORY SAFETY STANDARDS

Require face coverings for all workers and attendees, except where an individual is unable to wear a face covering due to a medical condition or disability

The host of an indoor event at a private residence must limit the number of attendees at all times to:

- No more than 10 persons

The host of an outdoor event at a private residences (such as a backyard) must limit the number of attendees at all times to:

- No more than 25 persons

The host of an indoor event held at an event venue (e.g., hotels, private clubs, and space available for lease) or in a public setting (e.g., public parks) must limit the number of attendees at all times to:

- No more than 100 persons

For outdoor events held at an event venue (e.g., hotels, private clubs, and space available for lease) or in a public setting (e.g., public parks) a host must limit the number of attendees at all times to:

- No more than 150 persons

Occupancy counts in all cases must include all attendees, but may exclude event staff, or other workers

In addition to the capacity restrictions specified above, all participants in indoor and outdoor gatherings, including gatherings at private residences, must maintain at least 6 feet of physical whenever possible

An event will violate these capacity limits where, regardless of the actual number of attendees, it is not reasonably possible for all participants regularly to maintain 6 feet of separation

Restaurants hosting events must adhere to the capacity limits specified in these standards.

Ensure separation of 6 feet or more between individuals

- Close or reconfigure worker common spaces and high density areas where workers are likely to congregate) to allow social distancing. Employers are encouraged to close break rooms or limit their use
- Physical partitions must separate workstations that cannot be separated by 6 feet or more (partitions must extend to at least 6 feet in height)
- For customer facing enterprises, install visual social distancing markers to encourage customers to remain 6 feet apart (e.g., lines to make payments, lines to use the restroom) and physical barriers for checkout stations where possible
- Mark rooms and hallways to indicate 6 feet separation

Stagger lunch and break times for workers, regulate the maximum number of people in one place, and ensure at least 6 feet of physical distancing

Valet parking operations must be provided with hand sanitizer and should se sanitizer before and after parking vehicles



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HYGIENE PROTOCOLS

Ensure access to handwashing facilities on site, including soap and running water, wherever possible and encourage frequent handwashing; alcohol-based hand sanitizers with at least 60% alcohol may be used as an alternative

Post visible signage throughout the site to remind workers of hygiene and safety protocols

Alcohol-based hand sanitizers with at least 60% alcohol must be made readily available

Avoid sharing equipment and supplies between workers

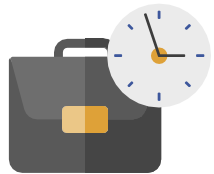
Disinfect shared equipment between uses by customers or workers

Prohibit any mutual touching of customer or worker equipment without sanitation between uses

Require that any equipment that cannot be disinfected between use to be removed from service for 24 hours before it can be used by another customer

Provide training to workers on up-to-date safety information and precautions including hygiene and other measures aimed at reducing disease transmission, including:

- Social distancing, hand-washing, proper use of face coverings
- Self-screening at home, including temperature and symptom checks
- Importance of not coming to work if ill
- When to seek medical attention if symptoms become severe
- Which underlying health conditions may make individuals more susceptible to contracting and suffering from a severe case of the virus



STAFFING & OPERATIONS

Workers must stay home if feeling ill

Encourage workers who are particularly vulnerable to COVID-19 according to the Centers for Disease Control to stay home or re-assign duties to reduce contact with other workers and attendees

Encourage workers to self-identify symptoms or any close contact to a known or suspected COVID-19 case to the employer

Encourage workers and attendees who test positive for COVID-19 to disclose to the workplace employer or event organizer for purposes of cleaning / disinfecting and contact tracing. If the employer is notified of any positive case at the workplace, the employer must immediately notify the local Board of Health (LBOH) in the city or town where the workplace is located. Event organizers and venue operators must assist the LBOH with contact tracing efforts, including advising likely contacts to isolate and self-quarantine. Testing of other workers and attendees may be recommended consistent with guidance and / or at the request of the LBOH

Post notice to workers and attendees of important health information and relevant safety measures as outlined in the Commonwealth's [Mandatory Safety Standards for Workplace](#)

Maintain a log of workers and attendees to support contact tracing (name, date, time, contact information) if needed

When seated, attendees should be in groups of not more than 6.

Additional on-site amenities and services may only open and operate when those amenities or services would otherwise be authorized to operate under the Commonwealth's Phased Reopening Plan and then must adhere to all sector-specific safety protocols, available on the [Reopening Plan website](#), applicable to the amenity or service. Examples include:

- Food services: Must follow the latest restaurant guidance, provided however that staffed buffets and passed food service is permitted and table service may exceed 90 minutes. Self-serve, unattended buffets, topping bars, drink stations, and other communal serving areas must remain closed
- Bars: Must remain closed provided however that drink service may be provided by servers
- Musical and other performances: Must follow the latest theater and performance venue guidance. Singing indoors is permitted, so long as distance between performers and between performers and attendees as specified in the Theater and Performance Venue guidance is maintained.
- Dance floors: May open for events only. Face coverings must be worn at all times on the dance floor.

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Conduct frequent cleaning and disinfection of site (at least daily, and more frequently if feasible)

CLEANING & DISINFECTING

In event of a positive case, follow current CDC guidance on cleaning and disinfecting areas when someone has a COVID-19 diagnosis.

Open windows and doors to increase air flow where possible
