

OUTDOOR RECREATION REOPENING PHASE II

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More to be Added Including MRPA and Municipal Leagues



Outdoor Recreation Reopening Operating Principals

- ❖ Access to the outdoors for the public is an essential service, especially during the summer. Goal of reopen plan for outdoors and recreation is to allow as much access as possible, in a safe way, with many opportunities for low risk activities
- ❖ DPH guidelines regarding social distancing, gathering size, masks and cleaning protocols to be implemented as relevant across each activity
- ❖ Many of outdoors activities are also a major economic driver for communities throughout Massachusetts. Timing matters because many activities are seasonal
- ❖ Outdoor recreation guidance will apply to municipal, non-profit and business venues
- ❖ Strong coordination with childcare, retail, venue decisions



Beaches Remain Open in Phase II

Specific Activity	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4
<p>Transitory & Passive Recreation</p>	<p>Beaches open for Passive Recreation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Distance Requirements: Min. of 12 ft distance between toweling & beach blanket groups ❖ Capacity: Can be limited by manager to achieve social distancing guidance ❖ Group Size Limit: 10 people max. when seated ❖ Face Coverings Required: face coverings worn at beaches and parking areas when social distancing is not possible in accordance with COVID-19 Executive Order No. 31 ❖ Other Beach Activities: Water sports allowed; Organized ball games not allowed (volleyball, spike ball, Kadima, bocce) 	<p>Expansion of Activities Allowed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Beach Activities: Non-contact ball sports such as catch, bocce, Kan Jam allowed provided social distancing can be maintained 	<p>Requirements Relaxed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Social Distancing Requirements: align minimum distance, group size and face covering requirements with DPH guidance 	<p>Fully Open</p>
<p>Beach Services - Food Vendors, Trash Management, Restrooms, Showers, and Shuttle Service</p>	<p>Beaches Services Open with Limitations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Food Service, Concessions & Vending: Conform to applicable food service and restaurant guidelines ❖ Restrooms & Comfort Stations: Open with social distancing standards for waiting lines and interior spaces, and CDC compliant cleaning protocols. ❖ Shuttle Services: Closed 	<p>Same Rules Apply</p>	<p>Additional Beach Services Open</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Showers & Changing Rooms: Indoor showers and changing rooms could open with guidelines 	<p>Fully Open</p>

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Parks & Municipal Public Spaces Increase Activities & Amenities

Specific Activity	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4
Park Recreation	<p>Passive Recreation Allowed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ High-Use Trails: Rules for high use trails (e.g., passing, one way) ❖ Dog-Walking protocols: Rules for dog-walkers to ensure social distancing ❖ Face Coverings Required: masks worn when social distancing cannot be maintained in accordance with COVID-19 Executive Order No. 31 ❖ Outdoor Education and fitness programs for adults only 	<p>Expansion of Activities Allowed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Land Stewardship Events: clean-up events, community service projects, etc. ❖ Outdoor education programs for adults and youth ❖ Outdoor dance & fitness classes ❖ More than 1 group allowed in large areas, provided social distancing can be maintained with minimum of 20ft between groups ❖ No outdoor performance events such as live music, outdoor theater, or other group events. 	<p>Requirements Relaxed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Group size and social distancing requirements may be adjusted 	Fully Open
Athletic Fields and Courts	<p>Limited Contact Sports Allowed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Limited Contact Athletic Fields and Courts open for: no-contact sports (tennis, catch, etc.,) with bleachers, dug-outs closed. ❖ No permits shall be issued for group gatherings ❖ No pick-up games, organized games or tournaments ❖ Sanitizing & Cleaning Protocols: Hand hygiene, no shared equipment, wipe down equipment ❖ Face Coverings Required: masks worn when social distancing cannot be maintained in accordance with COVID-19 Executive Order No. 31 	<p>Expansion of Sports Allowed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Athletic Fields and Courts open with limitations (basketball, soccer, lacrosse, hockey, etc.) for no-contact practice. Group size and social distancing limits remain in place. No games or tournaments. ❖ Skate parks and other playing surfaces open 	<p>Requirements Relaxed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Group size and social distancing requirements adjusted 	Fully Open
Trash and Restrooms	<p>Amenities are Open</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Trash Management: Lidless trash where possible ❖ Cleaning Protocols: CDC guidance 1X daily cleaning ❖ Social Distancing Protocols: Social distancing standards for waiting lines and interior restroom spaces. 	Amenities remain open with similar rules	Amenities remain open	Fully Open
Picnic Areas and Grills	<p>Picnic Areas Open</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Households: Only same household groups at tables ❖ Social Distancing: 6 ft distancing + hygiene 	<p>Picnic Areas Open</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Social Distancing: 6 ft distancing + hygiene 	Similar rules apply	Fully Open



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Dog Parks	<p>Dog Parks Open</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Leash Rules: Dogs on trails should be leashed ❖ Designated dog parks only: Parking rules apply ❖ Other Protocols: Follow DPH guidance for social distancing/group size, users should clean hands & dogs should be under voice control ❖ Face Coverings Required: masks worn when social distancing cannot be maintained in accordance with COVID-19 Executive Order No. 31 	<p>Similar guidance</p>	<p>Similar Guidance</p>	<p>Fully Open</p>
Playgrounds & Spray Decks	<p>Closed</p>	<p>Playgrounds & Spray Decks Open</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Cleanliness Protocols: Regular cleaning protocols, hand sanitizer stations, personal hygiene and stay home if sick ❖ Face Coverings Required: masks worn when social distancing cannot be maintained in accordance with COVID-19 Executive Order No. 31 ❖ Social Distancing: maintain 6ft. distance between people 	<p>Similar Guidance</p>	<p>Fully Open</p>



Pools & Recreational Day Camps Open in Phase II

Specific Activity	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4
Public and Semi-Public Pools	Closed	Pools Open <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Capacity limits: 40% of facility occupancy limit ❖ Social Distancing: maintain 6ft. distance between people ❖ Restrooms & showers open ❖ Hot tubs, whirlpools, etc. closed ❖ Locker rooms and changing areas closed ❖ Indoor pools: open to supervised youth groups only 	Requirements Relaxed	Fully Open
Recreational Day Camps	No Recreational Camps for Children <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Virtual camps can operate. 	Day Camps Open <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Day Camps Open: Guidance on food service, no-contact on activities, and out-of-state staff. ❖ Activity Size: Restrictions and limited opening for groups <10 (not including counselors/instructors) ❖ Pools and Beaches: Open with limited capacity, physical distancing and no shared equipment. ❖ Onsite Amenities: Playgrounds, Spray Decks, and Splash Pads available with restrictions. 	Requirements Relaxed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Day Camps Open: Limited activities with additional guidance for shared equipment. Out-of-state staff and campers with restrictions. ❖ Residential Camps Open: Additional guidance and restrictions. 	Requirements Relaxed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Day/Residential Camps: Expanded use including the majority of activities with social distancing and additional guidance. ❖ Community Amenities: Guidance on pools and beaches with shared equipment.

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Outdoor Adult Sports, Supervised Youth Sports Leagues, Summer Sports Camps Open

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Indoor	<p>Closed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Facilities Closed to the public but operators are allowed to prepare their respective facilities and train staff to achieve compliance with Phase II 	<p>Some Facilities Open to Supervised Youth Sports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Certain Indoor Facilities Open (see guidance) with limitations and only for supervised sports programs, including sports camps, for youths under the age of 18 ❖ Group size and social distancing restrictions in place: Limited to no more than 10 persons including a coach/instructor on each court, playing surface or playing area. More than one group allowed for large areas if separated by 20 feet. ❖ Limited sports activity allowed; this does NOT include games, scrimmages and tournaments. 	<p>Expansion of Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Group size and social distancing requirements may be adjusted ❖ Games and tournaments may be allowed with limitations 	<p>Under Development</p>
Outdoor	<p>Closed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Facilities Closed to the public for active recreation but operators are allowed to prepare their respective facilities and train staff to achieve compliance with Phase II. 	<p>Facilities Open to Adults & Youth Sports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Facilities Open for adults and youth sports with limitations while adhering to assemblage and capacity guidance; ❖ Limited sports activity allowed; no-contact sports practice allowed; this does NOT include games and tournaments. ❖ Spectators limited and must socially distance. 	<p>Expansion of Activity</p>	<p>Under Development</p>



Outdoor Recreation Experiences & Educational Activities

Specific Activity	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4
Zoological Parks, Nature Centers, Botanical Gardens, Outdoor Wildlife Reserves, and Outdoor Historic and Cultural Sites	<p>Outdoor Education Facilities Open</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Outdoor Areas only: with the exception of restroom facilities which are open, visitors are limited to outdoor park areas. ❖ Visitor Guidelines: facial coverings and management of social distancing required ❖ Capacity & Safety: controlled admission & timed tickets to manage capacity, separate entrances & exits, and one-way walking paths, no shared equipment/no shared touch exhibits ❖ Retail: Gift shops and retail must comply with retail guidance 	<p>Guidelines Adjusted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Capacity Increase: capacity adjusted to 40% ❖ Indoor exhibit areas remain closed ❖ Safety: No touch exhibits/shared equipment 	<p>Allowable Activities Expand and Guidelines Adjusted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Certain Indoor Exhibits Open and Visitor Guidelines adjusted to meet all social distancing and other relevant protocols 	Fully Open
Seasonal Outdoor & Adventure Recreation	<p>Seasonal Outdoor & Adventure Recreation Opens</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Outdoor & Adventure Recreation Protocols: Protocols and best practices for Mountain Biking & Horseback Riding to ensure adherence to CDC and DPH guidance ❖ Ski-Area Summer Operations Open: Protocols will be developed for ski-lift access for mountain biking, adventure park and ziplining, and mountain bike parks ❖ White-water Rafting Opens June 13: Guidance developed for white water rafting guides ❖ Face Coverings Required: masks worn when social distancing cannot be maintained in accordance with COVID-19 Executive Order No. 31 	<p>Additional Opportunities Open</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Protocols for Additional Opportunities: Guidance added for safe operation of motorsports venues, zip-lines, go carts, outdoor rock climbing, disc golf, outdoor paintball, mini-golf, horseback riding, etc. ❖ Social distancing & group size limitations in place 	<p>Requirements Relaxed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Group size and social distancing requirements adjusted 	Fully Open

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Camping & Boating Activities Expanded in Phase II

Specific Activity	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4
Camping	<p>Limited Opening of Campgrounds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Camping only open where full hook-up & self-containment available: Self-contained RV's, trailers, motorhomes, rental units (cabins, yurts, safari tents) with personal bathrooms. ❖ Same household requirement: only families or groups that have been self-quarantining together prior to arrival and meet occupancy standard for social distancing ❖ Face Coverings Required: masks worn when social distancing cannot be maintained in accordance with COVID-19 Executive Order No. 31 ❖ Cleaning Protocols: Rental units must meet cleaning and sanitization protocols ❖ Laundry Facilities: Open on a reservation basis with campground staff and cleaning on a daily basis ❖ Recreation and Visitor Buildings remain closed 	<p>Expansion of Camping Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Reduced Capacity Camping: Open for reduced capacity tent camping based on a configuration that maintains social distancing of at least 20 feet between campsites. ❖ Recreation and Visitor Buildings Remain Closed 	<p>Requirements Relaxed</p>	<p>Fully Open</p>
Recreational Boating and Boating Businesses	<p>Recreational Boating remains Open with Additional Guidelines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Yacht/Boat Clubs and Marinas with guidance for the safe operation. No organized events/competitions/lessons allowed. Sanitization of common areas. Only persons from same household allowed on boats. ❖ Rental Boat Operations: allowed with proper disinfection procedures between users ❖ Launch Operations Allowed: 6 feet of distance required between captain and boat owner with facial coverings to be worn. 	<p>Expansion of Boating Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Boat ramps open to out-of-state visitors ❖ Remote/virtual tournaments and derbies allowed ❖ For Hire & Charter Vessels Allowed: for up to 10 passengers plus captain and/or crew 	<p>Requirements Relaxed</p>	<p>Fully Open</p>



Fishing & Hunting Opportunities

Specific Activity	Initial State	Phase 1	Phase 2	Phase 3	Phase 4
Recreational Fishing	Open (seasonal)	All Fishing is Open by Season <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Piers and Shoreline Fishing ❖ Recreational Shell fishing ❖ Recreational Lobstering ❖ Recreational Fishing with Bow or Spear 	Additional Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Remote/Virtual fishing derbies allowed 	Requirements Relaxed	Remain the same
Recreational Hunting	Open (seasonal)	All Hunting is Open By Season <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Individual Hunting ❖ Group Hunting ❖ Game Preserve Hunting 	Remain the same	Remains the same	Remain the same
Club Activities	Closed	Open with Sport Specific Guidance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Indoor Shooting Range Practice ❖ Outdoor Shooting Range Practice ❖ Indoor Archery Range Practice ❖ Outdoor Archery Range Practice 	Open with Sport Specific Guidance	Guidance adjusted based on social distancing and other relevant guidance	Remain the same
Educational Activities	Closed	Open with Sport Specific Guidance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Firearms Safety Courses Online When Possible with Limited Group Size ❖ Hunter Education Courses Online When Possible with Limited Group Size 	Open with Sport Specific Guidance	Expand group size and indoor opportunities	Remain the same

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