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Memorandum

From: Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs

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Subject: Safety Standards for Hunter Education and Firearms Identification Card (FID)/License to Carry Firearms (LTC) Education Classes – Phase II

The following guidelines apply to Hunter Education and Firearms Identification Card (FID)/License to Carry Firearms (LTC) education classes during Phase II 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This guidance should apply until amended or rescinded.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

General Guidelines

Face Coverings and Masks: Consistent with [COVID-19 Order 31: Order Requiring Face Coverings in Public Places Where Social Distancing is Not Possible](#), which requires persons to wear face coverings while in public places to prevent the spread of COVID-19, and the Safer at Home Advisory issued by the Department of Public Health issued on May 18, 2020, all persons over the age of two must wear a face covering when they attend outdoor gatherings if the circumstances of the gathering could limit their ability to maintain at least six feet of distance from others, unless they are prevented from wearing a face covering by a medical or disabling

condition. All persons are likewise advised to avoid close personal contact to prevent spreading the virus.

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

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

- All outdoor and online classes are permitted provided that social distancing and group size protocols are followed.
- Participants must carry in and carry 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 feet 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.