



Inter-agency COVID-19 Local Boards of Health Webinar

November 2, 2020

Questions & Answers Process

Please note that we will be unable to take questions by phone today.

Please use the webinar Q&A function for questions or comments.

Thank you.

Inter-agency Staff on the Webinar

- Jana Ferguson, Assistant Commissioner, DPH
- Ron O'Connor, Office of Local and Regional Health, DPH
- Michael Flanagan, Department of Labor Standards

Webinar Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Reminders
- Agency Announcements and Updates
- Questions and Answers

MEDIA AND RECORDING ADVISORY

- This webinar is intended for local boards of health. Any media who may have joined should disconnect.
- Recording is not consented to and not permitted.

PARTICIPANT REMINDER

- In addition to the questions that we have received in advance, we will take questions in the Q&A space on the webinar.
- Please include your name and city/town before entering your question.
- We welcome your questions on the webinar and we want to respond to as many of your questions as possible. Please keep your questions of general interest and concise.

UPDATE

Department of
Public Health
(DPH)

Governor's Orders - November 2, 2020

Order #53 – Early Closing and Alcohol Order

Order #54 – Further Revised Gatherings Order

Order #55 – Revised Face Coverings

Effective Friday, November 6, 12:01 a.m.

Stay at Home Advisory

- Beginning on Friday, November 6, 2020, all residents of Massachusetts are advised to stay home between the hours of 10pm and 5am.
 - Only leave home to go to work or school, or for essential needs such as seeking emergency medical care, going to the grocery store or pharmacy, picking up take-out food, or receiving deliveries. If you do leave home, practice social distancing by staying 6 feet away from others and wearing a face covering.
 - Do not have gatherings in your home with anybody outside of your household.
 - Comply with all Governor's Orders, including orders requiring face coverings, limiting gatherings, and mandating early closure of businesses.
 - Practice social distancing and avoid touching surfaces frequently touched by others if you go outside to get fresh air.
 - Use remote modes of communication (phone or video) instead of visiting friends or family.

Early Closure and Alcohol Order - #53

- Mandatory Night-time Closing Period – 9:30 pm – 5:00 am
 - Doesn't apply to religious services or political demonstrations
 - Businesses (other than retail) that are open to the public or admit customers, patrons, or members must close during those hours.
 - Restaurants may continue to sell take-out food with non-alcoholic beverages, but no diners may be seated or served.
 - No serving or sale of alcohol or sale of adult-use cannabis during the closing period.

Further Revised Gatherings Order- #54

- Required social distancing of at least 6 ft at all events (except between members of the same household).
- Gatherings at private residences:
 - Indoors, no more than 10 people;
 - Outdoors, no more than 25 people.
- Gatherings at event venues or in public spaces:
 - Indoors, no more than 25;
 - Outdoors, higher risk communities – not more than 50
 - Outdoors, lower risk communities – not more than 100

Further Revised Gatherings Order- #54

- If event exceeding 50 is organized in a Lower-risk Community, the event organizer or venue must notify the LBOH at least a week in advance, if possible.
- All gatherings – no matter the size or location – must end and people must disperse by 9:30.
 - Exceptions are religious gatherings and political gatherings
- Face coverings are required at all public gatherings in accordance with face covering order.
- Face coverings are encouraged in private residences but are only required where non-household members are present and gathering exceeds 10.

Further Revised Gatherings Order- #54

- Host and event venues must notify the LBOH if they learn an attendee or worker tests positive for COVID-19.
- Hosts and event venues must cooperate with contact tracing, including providing lists of attendees/contact information upon request.
- Hosts and event venues may be subject to penalties.
 - Enforcement by DPH, LBOH, State or municipal police

Further Revised Gatherings Order- #54

- Hosts and event venues may be subject to penalties.
 - Enforcement by DPH, LBOH, State or municipal police
 - May result in a civil fine of up to \$500. Each individual over the gathering size limit constitutes a separate violation.
 - Assessed on any person, business or organization that allows the gathering to be conducted in violation of the Order. The penalty can be issued against the owner/lessee with legal control of the property.

Revised Face Coverings Order #55

- All persons over the age of 5 must wear a face covering whenever in public, indoors or outdoors.
 - Face coverings are required when carpooling with non-household members.
 - The exclusion for social distance has been removed.
 - Children between the ages of 2-5 are encouraged, but not required to wear a face covering.
 - Medical and other exemptions still apply
 - Employers can require employees to provide proof of exempted conditions. Schools may require that students participating in in-person learning provide proof of such a medical or disabling condition.
 - Enforcement by DPH, LBOH, with assistance from state and local police with fines up to \$300.

Q&A

Next Webinar – Friday, November 6th at 9

No webinar on Tuesday, November 3rd – Election Day

Eviction Diversion Initiative

Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development

Please send questions in advance to

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Thank You!

We welcome your feedback on the webinar format and suggestions for future topics.