

Dear friends of the 15th Suffolk District,

I hope you are healthy and keeping safe. I know some of you have suffered great loss, and this grieves me. I am encouraged that through it all people continue to pull together and to support and encourage one another.

On April 28th, Governor Baker announced the formation of the Reopening Advisory Board to advise the administration on strategies to reopen the economy in four phases, based on health and safety metrics. Monday, the Governor announced details of Phase One of the Reopening Plan, which began effective immediately. **We outline the Phase One timeline below with links to sector specific guidance and checklists.**

I wish we had sufficient time to study and communicate the plan to our constituents before implementation, but we do not. While we are a long way off from providing the resources that many small businesses and communities need to follow and monitor the plan safely and appropriately, an upside is the online guidance is detailed and specific.

While opening for some non-essential business is allowed, with restrictions for COVID-related safety and public health, businesses are NOT REQUIRED to open. You are not required to shop or to leave your home for any non-essential reason. Remember, SAFETY FIRST!



One of our J.P. mask models

I would recommend you continue to stay-at-home, and, if you are a "Phase One" business or nonprofit, **only open after you have come fully into compliance with your sector-specific guidance, which you can find below.** As [Mayor Walsh said](#), reopening DOES NOT mean going back to normal. We are bringing the same caution and commitment we've had during the Stay-At-Home Advisory to stopping the spread of the coronavirus into workplaces and to ensuring our most vulnerable populations are protected. The City of Boston and others are developing resources for creating business and individual Safety Plans. We will report on this in a future newsletter.

Reopening Massachusetts

The Governor's [Reopening Advisory Board](#) published a [four-phase plan for Reopening Massachusetts](#). The Governor's administration said that Phase One will continue for at least three weeks. They hope to offer more information on the timeline for Phase 2 in two weeks after reviewing safety metrics and data.

- [When can my business reopen?: General overview for businesses](#)
- [Sector-specific protocols and best practices](#)

Remember, if you can work from home, continue to do so. If you're a member of a [vulnerable group](#) you do not have to return to work. The federal expansion of [Unemployment Insurance](#) for COVID-related

unemployment insurance continues to be available through the ending July 25th.

Phase One Timeline and Guidance

IMPORTANT SAFETY PRECAUTIONS WHEN YOU LEAVE YOUR HOME

- **Wear a mask outside of your home**
- **Remain 6 feet apart from people who do not live with you**
- **Hand sanitize and wash hands vigilantly**
- **Clean your body, clothes, and items you bring home from outside when you return**

May 18th

- Stay-At-Home Advisory ends; [Safer At Home Advisory](#) began (link includes video guidance)
- Essential Businesses and in-house services (like babysitting) check compliance with [Mandatory Workplace Safety Standards](#) and any applicable [sector specific safety protocols, best practices, and checklist](#).
- Phase One May 18th [Businesses open with restrictions](#)
 - [Construction, and construction-related home remodeling and home installations](#)
 - [Manufacturing](#)
 - [Places of Worship at 40% building capacity](#)

May 25th

- [Safer At Home Advisory](#) continues throughout Phase One
- Essential Businesses and in-house services (like babysitting) check compliance with [Mandatory Workplace Safety Standards](#) and any applicable [sector specific safety protocols, best practices, and checklist](#).
- Phase One May 25th [Businesses open with restrictions](#)
 - Libraries for curbside pickup and delivery only
 - [Retail \(including adult use cannabis\) for curbside pickup and delivery only](#)
 - Auto dealers: "Follow guidelines for non-essential retail and car dealerships found in the Essential Services FAQ"
 - [Car washes](#)
 - [Drive-In Movie Theaters](#)
 - [Hair Salon/Barbershops](#)
 - [General Office Space at 25% capacity OUTSIDE OF BOSTON](#)

- [Pet Grooming](#)
- [Lab Space](#)
- [Zoos, beaches, outdoor adventure activities, boating and fishing](#)

June 1st

- [Safer At Home Advisory](#) continues throughout Phase One
- Essential Businesses and in-house services (like babysitting) check compliance with [Mandatory Workplace Safety Standards](#) and any applicable [sector specific safety protocols, best practices, and checklist](#).
- Phase One June 1st Businesses **open with restrictions**
 - [General Office Space at 25% capacity - BOSTON](#) (other parts of the state open May 25th)

Bars, gyms, museums, movie theaters, performance venues, and other large venues remain closed. Nonresidential summer camps and youth sports planned for Phase 2 Reopening.

Don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions. Stay healthy, and be well.

Yours in service,
Rep Nika

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