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## **MASSACHUSETTS ENTERS NEXT STAGES OF RE-OPENING**

Effective Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, Massachusetts will be entering into Phase 3, Step 2 of the Commonwealth's re-opening plan. The Baker-Polito Administration released plans to enter into this next step of the phase based on the decrease number of daily positive COVID-19 tests throughout the Commonwealth.

“Entering into the next step of re-opening is an excellent sign,” said Mayor DeMaria. “Phase 3, Step 2 will allow our businesses to welcome more customers and help our community return to some type of normalcy. I am optimistic that as we enter the next steps, we are closer to defeating this virus.”

Restrictions are being lifted from various businesses, activities, and capacities. During this new step, the Commonwealth encourages residents to continue to avoid contact with those outside of their immediate households. Below please find the updates:

- Indoor performance venues such as concert halls, theaters, and other indoor performance spaces will be allowed to reopen at 50% capacity with no more than 500 persons
- Indoor recreational activities with greater potential for contact (laser tag, roller skating, trampolines, obstacle courses) will be allowed to reopen at 50% capacity
- Capacity limits across all sectors with capacity limits will be raised to 50% and exclude employees
- Restaurants will no longer have a percent capacity limit and will be permitted to host musical performances; six-foot social distancing, limits of six people per table and 90-minute limits remain in place

The Baker-Polito Administration has also released plans to move into Phase 4 on Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>. In Phase 4, Step 1, the following industries will be permitted to operate at a strict 12% capacity limit

- Indoor and outdoor stadiums
- Arenas
- Ballparks

Additionally, beginning on March 22, gathering limits for event venues and public settings will increase to 100 people indoors and 150 people outdoors. However, gatherings at private

residences will be unchanged. Outdoor gatherings at private residences will remain at 25 people and indoor house gatherings remaining at 10 people.

As restrictions ease up, the City of Everett encourages the community to continue to wear masks, use hand sanitizer, and practice social distancing. Until we have defeated COVID-19, we need to take all precautions to remain healthy and safe.

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