

This is an important message from the Town of Marblehead.

As you all likely know, on Saturday, the Governor announced that yesterday, Monday, June 8th, the Second Phase of the Four-Phased Reopening process begins. Fortunately, key public health metrics are continuing to see significant declines which has allowed the second phase to begin. All businesses and industries set to begin opening in Phase II must comply with all mandatory safety standards set by the state.

Retail, with occupancy limits; childcare facilities and day camps with safety standards and guidance; restaurants with outdoor table service only; hotels and other lodgings; personal services without close physical contact, such as home cleaning, photography, tutoring, window washing; youth and adult amateur sports, also with detailed guidance; driving and flight schools; outdoor historical spaces; funeral homes; and other businesses all can now begin to open.

This week, playgrounds also reopen with safety guidelines which include wearing masks and face coverings, social distancing, washing hands before and after visiting playgrounds. If you visit a playground that is crowded, it is strongly recommended that you find another playground or park to visit to allow proper social distancing. Basketball courts will reopen this week and parks, beaches, tennis and pickleball courts, remain open for residents to use all with safety guidelines.

Locally, the Board of Selectmen has created a Reopen Marblehead Committee to support the business community during the reopening transition. Members of the Board of Selectmen, Board of Health, town officials, Marblehead Chamber of Commerce and business owners serve on the committee developing strategies and policies to support Marblehead's local economy. Just this morning, the Board of Selectmen adopted guidelines to allow restaurants to expand their outdoor seating options consistent with state COVID-19 safety guidance.

Please continue to visit the Town website at Marblehead.org or mass.gov/reopening to stay up-to-date on the Coronavirus pandemic.

Please also remember to continue to support the Marblehead local business community. Our collective consumer decisions over the next months will have a direct impact on countless businesses and jobs in Town. Keep it local – Shop Marblehead.

Thank you for all of your support during the Coronavirus pandemic. As Phase II moves forward the Town continues to ask for your support and understanding as Town government transitions, as well.