

This is an important message from the Town of Marblehead and Board of Health.

This week, Phase III of the Commonwealth's reopening plan was initiated. The following businesses will be eligible to reopen in Step One of Phase III, subject to rules concerning capacity and operations, and compliance with all COVID-19 mandatory safety standards:

- Movie theaters and outdoor performance venues
- Museums, cultural and historical sites
- Fitness centers and health clubs
- Some indoor recreation activities with low potential for contact
- Professional sports teams may hold games without spectators

You can view full guidance and list of businesses eligible to reopen and activities eligible to take place in Step One of Phase III at [www.mass.gov/reopening](http://www.mass.gov/reopening).

Under the updated gatherings order, indoor gatherings are limited to eight people per 1,000 square feet, but should not exceed 25 people in a single enclosed, indoor space.

Outdoor gatherings in enclosed spaces are limited to 25 percent of the facility's maximum permitted occupancy, with a maximum of 100 people in a single enclosed outdoor space. This includes community events, civic events, sporting events, concerts, conventions and more. This order does not apply to outdoor, unenclosed gatherings if proper social distancing measures are possible.

In Marblehead, Town offices at both Abbot Hall and the Mary Alley Municipal Building are once again open to the public. If you enter either of these buildings you must wear a face covering. The Town still encourages all residents to conduct business with departments through the website, email or through phone when possible. If you believe you require an in-person meeting please set-up an appointment in advance through phone or email.

The Board of Selectmen and the Reopen Marblehead Committee continue to work with the business community to support their efforts to reopen and to serve the community once again. Our local business community is being innovative and continues to adapt to ensure that customers can conduct business in a safe manner. When possible, please consider supporting our local businesses. Our downtown, individuals who are employed locally, and our entire community's vibrancy and strength depend on their success.

Lastly, our COVID-19 case count is trending in the right direction but, as a reminder, we need to stay vigilant and mindful of the impact of the virus. When walking outside wear a face covering or have one with you in case social distancing isn't possible. When visiting parks and other recreational areas, as well as the beach, please adhere to the COVID-19 safety guidelines that are posted at these locations. It remains a critical component of our continued response to minimize the spread of the virus.

Thank you.