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## **Governor Bakers Orders dated November 2, 2020**

### **Stay at Home Advisory:**

COVID-19 case numbers in our state are rising and the Commonwealth's COVID-19 related hospitalizations and COVID-19 Intensive Care Unit (ICU) census have more than doubled over the past 2 months. Social gatherings are contributing to these increases. Left unchecked, the current COVID-19 case growth poses a risk to our healthcare system. Intervention is warranted to moderate case growth and preserve hospital capacity. It's more important than ever to follow guidance from local, state, and federal officials on how to stop the spread of the virus.

It is critically important that everybody follows the steps listed below, not just for their own health and safety, but for the health and safety of their family and loved ones as well.

- [Stay at Home Advisory](#)

### **In order to comply with this advisory, between the hours of 10pm and 5am, you must:**

- 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.
- 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 like phone or video chat instead of visiting friends or family.

Taking these steps is critical to preventing the spread of the virus, protecting the lives of you and your loved ones, and preserving our acute care hospital and other health care systems' capacity

**The following Orders are effective this Friday, November 6, 2020, at 12:01 a.m.**

**Order # 53 Early Closing and Alcohol Order**

All retail alcohol licensees must close their premises to the public by 9:30 p.m. and may reopen at their normal opening time previously approved by the local licensing authorities (“mandatory closing period”).

This Order applies to the following licensees:

- § 12 restaurants, innholders, continuing care retirement communities, clubs, taverns, and general-on-premises;
- § 12C caterers;
- § 13 airlines, ships, and trains;
- § 14 special “one day” events;
- § 15 package stores;
- § 19(b) manufacturers’ pouring permits;
- §§ 19B, 19C, 19E, both on-premises and off-premises consumption sales;
- § 19D pub breweries, both on-premises and off-premises consumption sales;
- § 19H farmer-series pouring permits; and
- § 22 transportation and express transportation permits.

During the mandatory closing period, retail alcohol licensees must be closed to customers, patrons, and members of the public and may not permit customers, patrons, or members of the public on their premises or otherwise offer or provide in-person services.

During the mandatory closing period, retail alcohol licensees may:

- Keep their premises open to employees and other workers;
- Conduct business activities that do not involve admitting customers, patrons, or members of the public; and
- Offer food and non-alcoholic beverages for take-out and by delivery.

Please be aware that this Order does not permit sales or service of alcohol outside the hours permitted by the local licensing authorities and by law.

- [COVID-19 Order No. 53 Order Requiring Early Closing for Certain Businesses and Activities, Limiting Hours for Alcohol and Adult Use Cannabis Sales, and Modifying Chapter 138 License Renewal Requirements](#) [\[download\]](#)

## **Order #54 Further Revised Gathering Order**

Reduced gathering size limit for gatherings at private residences: indoor gatherings at private residences are limited to 10 people and outdoor gatherings at private residences are limited to 25 people.

The limit on gatherings held in public spaces and at event venues: indoor gatherings no more than 25 people; outdoor gatherings at a high risk community (designated RED), no more than 50 people; outdoor gatherings at a low risk community, no more than 100 people.

Requires that all gatherings (regardless of size or location) must end and disperse by 9:30 PM AND keep at least 6 feet distancing at all events. Face coverings are required at all public gatherings in accordance with the Face Covering Order.

Also requires that organizers of gatherings report known positive COVID-19 cases to the local health department in that community and requires organizers to cooperate with contact tracing. The gatherings order authorizes continued enforcement by local health and police departments and specifies that fines for violating the gathering order will be \$500 for each person above the limit at a particular gathering.

- [COVID-19 Order No. 54 Revised Order Further Regulating Gatherings in the Commonwealth](#) [[download](#)]

## **Order #55 Revised Face Covering Order**

Revised order requiring all persons over the age of 5 years old MUST wear face-coverings in all public places, even where they are able to maintain 6 feet of distance from others. Allows for an exception for residents who cannot wear a face-covering due to a medical or disabling condition, but allows employers to require employees to provide proof of such a condition. Allows schools to require that students participating in in-person learning provide proof of such a medical or disabling condition.

Children between the ages of 2 to 5 are encouraged, but not required to wear a face covering.

Enforcement by Local Board of health with assistance from state and local police with fines up to \$300.

Face coverings are required when car pooling with non-household members.

These Orders do not apply to religious services or political demonstrations.

- [COVID-19 Order No. 55 Revised Order Requiring Face Coverings in Public](#) [[download](#)]