

State COVID-Operation Snapshot for Massachusetts

On May 18, Governor Baker announced his “Reopening Massachusetts” plan for a phased reopening of the state’s economy according to key public health metrics. The plan calls for essential businesses, like manufacturing, are to continue operating but must comply with safety standards and self-certify by May 25.

On May 1, Governor Baker issued an Executive Order requiring the wearing of face masks in public in situations where social distancing is not possible.

The original stay-at-home order, first imposed March 31, adopts a list of essential businesses exempt from the order that closely mirrors the federal CISA guidance, though it does not adopt the federal standard directly. The state has established a webform for companies seeking clarity as to whether they are an essential business (listed below). Companies that are clearly defined as essential do not need to apply for such a designation with the state.

As of March 27, travelers from outside of Massachusetts are required to self-quarantine for 14 days upon arrival, though the state’s Department of Public Health [says](#) that “designated essential workers are exempt from this requirement.”

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- May 18 “Reopening Massachusetts” Report Video Briefing – [Click Here to Watch](#)
- “Reopening Massachusetts” Full Report – [Click Here to Read](#)
- Mandatory Safety Standards for Workplaces – [Click Here to Visit](#)
- May 1 Executive Order Requiring Wearing Face Masks in Public - [Click Here to Read](#)
- Massachusetts Original Stay at Home Order — [Read Here](#)
- Massachusetts Essential Businesses List — [Learn More](#)
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