

Governor Baker Issues New Measures To Curb Rising COVID-19 Cases, Hospitalizations in Mass.

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On November 2, 2020, in response to the growing COVID-19 pandemic, Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker [issued several new measures](#) to help curb the spread of COVID-19 across the state. The measures go into effect at 12:01am on Friday November 6, 2020.

Key provisions include the following:

- A stay at home advisory from 10pm until 5am except for necessary activities (primarily work and school).
- Many businesses must close by 9:30pm. Restaurants must stop table service at 9:30pm, but can continue with takeout orders.
- Indoor gatherings are now limited to 10 people.
- Outdoor gatherings are now limited to 25 people.
- Masks are required in public locations (including businesses open to the public) for those over age 5, even if able to maintain 6 feet of distance. Covered locations include public ways (when not in a personal vehicle) and on public transit.

To read the issued orders by topic, we have flagged several pages below:

- Stay at Home Advisory at <https://www.mass.gov/news/stay-at-home-advisory>
- Order 53 (Businesses) at <https://www.mass.gov/doc/covid-19-order-53/download>
- Order 54 (Gatherings) at <https://www.mass.gov/doc/covid-19-order-54/download>
- Order 55 (Masking) at <https://www.mass.gov/doc/covid-19-order-55/download>

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