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Mayors and city leaders from Massachusetts are joining Boston in announcing similar restrictions in their cities and towns, including Arlington, Brockton, Lynn, Newton, Somerville, and Winthrop.

COVID-19 RESPONSE



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plan since July 6, 2020.

Boston has been experiencing a steady increase in COVID-19 cases among its residents since Thanksgiving, with the citywide positive test rate at 7.2 percent for the week ending on December 6, 2020, up from 5.2 percent for the prior week. The percentage of occupied adult non-surge ICU beds at Boston hospitals is at 90 percent as of December 10, 2020. Returning to a modified Phase Two, Step Two requires the closure of certain businesses designated as Phase Three. Gatherings in private and public settings are required to have no more than 10 people for indoor settings and 25 people for outdoor settings.

The following industries in the City of Boston are required to close starting Wednesday, December 16 for at least three weeks:

- ▶ Indoor fitness centers and health clubs, including gyms using alternative spaces. One-on-one personal training sessions are allowed.
- ▶ Movie theaters
- ▶ Museums

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- Indoor and outdoor gaming arcades associated with gaming devices

The following industries in the City of Boston may remain in operation with the following restrictions in place starting Wednesday, December 16 for at least three weeks:

- [Office spaces \(\[http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001k4yql63MSmELDW8ogNanxF5TzVFIUn3j4fjRBbaceeSweVV-BfUMWmIh7p1bVrMsTnAVbCEoRQhVgHiq4kv44gX6K416_X-BaSuKTEcXIjW532mAT8686v_vWGaHypByaUgk8XwgEyxJC4OL5YkUgAeK_b5Xqm-09DIk-zNLynPSV_6tj2yHIW6WqCgUYyhP2pMWcV9HCa5pldmqxmrrpOBZUHLeUllD735B9xsI4wNQi2s9eJYH9ISlCdWG6-XevWOaQ-HLmo7LTodYcy0xaMFNQDTQdUYZ&c=aIGc6aEjSmsgOn8skz6DNch2F9aXTtEekLVKZIMNMwoX29N024LhtA==&c\]\(http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001k4yql63MSmELDW8ogNanxF5TzVFIUn3j4fjRBbaceeSweVV-BfUMWmIh7p1bVrMsTnAVbCEoRQhVgHiq4kv44gX6K416_X-BaSuKTEcXIjW532mAT8686v_vWGaHypByaUgk8XwgEyxJC4OL5YkUgAeK_b5Xqm-09DIk-zNLynPSV_6tj2yHIW6WqCgUYyhP2pMWcV9HCa5pldmqxmrrpOBZUHLeUllD735B9xsI4wNQi2s9eJYH9ISlCdWG6-XevWOaQ-HLmo7LTodYcy0xaMFNQDTQdUYZ&c=aIGc6aEjSmsgOn8skz6DNch2F9aXTtEekLVKZIMNMwoX29N024LhtA==&c\)\)](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001k4yql63MSmELDW8ogNanxF5TzVFIUn3j4fjRBbaceeSweVV-BfUMWmIh7p1bVrMsTnAVbCEoRQhVgHiq4kv44gX6K416_X-BaSuKTEcXIjW532mAT8686v_vWGaHypByaUgk8XwgEyxJC4OL5YkUgAeK_b5Xqm-09DIk-zNLynPSV_6tj2yHIW6WqCgUYyhP2pMWcV9HCa5pldmqxmrrpOBZUHLeUllD735B9xsI4wNQi2s9eJYH9ISlCdWG6-XevWOaQ-HLmo7LTodYcy0xaMFNQDTQdUYZ&c=aIGc6aEjSmsgOn8skz6DNch2F9aXTtEekLVKZIMNMwoX29N024LhtA==&c)
- remain open at 40 percent capacity. Employers are strongly encouraged to allow employees to work from home as much as possible.

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Center. "The vaccine is the light at the end of the tunnel, but just because help is on the way does not mean the fight is over. For ten months, Mayor Walsh and his team have followed the data and acted in the best interest of the residents of the City of Boston. I applaud him for continuing this strategy and look forward to mobilizing in support of our shared battle against COVID-19."

As a reminder, the following State orders remain in effect to reduce the transmission of the virus:

- [Face coverings order: \(http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001k4yql63MSmELDW8ogNanxF5TzVFIUn3j4fjRBbaceeSweVV-BfUMWiuHZkqi5K8uXpMSL-1lMOsnrZZ8_RcNWdaxSkT4b_w2WJTqYpZJWhiCrJG_ew_3S-SpmGevVFvTzEVRW30cnOFz5QCezZvx0IlGASKXtZiHS4uBTL_yiSZohKIdFdb9MVvGiPjvINd7&c=aIGc6aEjSmsgOn8s\)](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001k4yql63MSmELDW8ogNanxF5TzVFIUn3j4fjRBbaceeSweVV-BfUMWiuHZkqi5K8uXpMSL-1lMOsnrZZ8_RcNWdaxSkT4b_w2WJTqYpZJWhiCrJG_ew_3S-SpmGevVFvTzEVRW30cnOFz5QCezZvx0IlGASKXtZiHS4uBTL_yiSZohKIdFdb9MVvGiPjvINd7&c=aIGc6aEjSmsgOn8s)
masks or cloth face coverings are required in all public places, whether indoors or outdoors, even where they are able to maintain 6 feet of distance from others.

- [Travel order: \(http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001k4yql63MSmELDW8ogNanxF5TzVFIUn3j4fjRBbaceeSweVV-BfUMWmacXDAIHyas8MYbysK-](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001k4yql63MSmELDW8ogNanxF5TzVFIUn3j4fjRBbaceeSweVV-BfUMWmacXDAIHyas8MYbysK-)



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Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Boston has been steadfast in its commitment to supporting the small business community. The [Reopen Boston Fund](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001k4yql63MSmELDW8ogNanxF5TzVFIUn3j4fjRBbaceeSweVV-BfUMWrtzQW5s9cH49IprEQkPGlwrDbtzH7W4rNFcP2K4Ld-jje6Wla1R5U28ZiunrqvvXSjbPZ3VXLGW-Km6zTHVeHaeLQYASNB7EHXw5bUiOdIUO6OBQKt_eTBECd_jyIkLJQ==&c=aIGc6aEjSmsgOn8skz6DNch2F9aXTtEek) (http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001k4yql63MSmELDW8ogNanxF5TzVFIUn3j4fjRBbaceeSweVV-BfUMWrtzQW5s9cH49IprEQkPGlwrDbtzH7W4rNFcP2K4Ld-jje6Wla1R5U28ZiunrqvvXSjbPZ3VXLGW-Km6zTHVeHaeLQYASNB7EHXw5bUiOdIUO6OBQKt_eTBECd_jyIkLJQ==&c=aIGc6aEjSmsgOn8skz6DNch2F9aXTtEek) is still accepting applications, has issued \$3.1 million to more than 1,700 businesses to help with the expenses of safely opening and operating businesses, and is still accepting applications. In total, nearly \$6.7 million in debt-free grants have been distributed to over 1,850 small businesses in every neighborhood across the City of Boston through the Office of Economic Development's [Small Business Relief Fund](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001k4yql63MSmELDW8ogNanxF5TzVFIUn3j4fjRBbaceeSweVV-BfUMWj1_yoM3P1cbh7mfRvM9MFZembH7RoqPBINmoIsS45w1n9pQkAyDnwSYFA5ODa-6lt-tGSf_TzldQs0G3UjeCIShGXjrlRL2FsvByeahUF6bzYxLfaW4d4riUosRgGyGwn6Vc9zwrblOUTRX2gZPe67LsP1m0Fk6pze) (http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001k4yql63MSmELDW8ogNanxF5TzVFIUn3j4fjRBbaceeSweVV-BfUMWj1_yoM3P1cbh7mfRvM9MFZembH7RoqPBINmoIsS45w1n9pQkAyDnwSYFA5ODa-6lt-tGSf_TzldQs0G3UjeCIShGXjrlRL2FsvByeahUF6bzYxLfaW4d4riUosRgGyGwn6Vc9zwrblOUTRX2gZPe67LsP1m0Fk6pze). Last month, the City [launched the Small Business Relief Fund](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001k4yql63MSmELDW8ogNanxF5TzVFIUn3j4fjRBbaceeSweVV-BfUMWpP8WSu1cCQAUMfzinkYkLQbpVDjNF823kh4nReasKs4awD4w-NMlvCFB8wb0WfmdCCEQQO45PEAL3-) (<http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001k4yql63MSmELDW8ogNanxF5TzVFIUn3j4fjRBbaceeSweVV-BfUMWpP8WSu1cCQAUMfzinkYkLQbpVDjNF823kh4nReasKs4awD4w-NMlvCFB8wb0WfmdCCEQQO45PEAL3->



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- ▶ 10 a.m. Restaurant Guidance Overview: [register here \(http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001k4yql63MSmELDW8ogNanxF5TzVFlUn3j4fjRBbaceeSweVV-BfUMWmIh7p1bVrMslKac7rrAY8BXg2agB-PdBU57Ti58kID8p1siGu066eY7JP3cR_ple_19pT8MO8x6GPHFEpfiyetkp_hSGFXdN6hiWHyRuvOyt7WzJxmR4eyd7khhbWclEhpgLJrpP-pt&c=aIGc6aEjSmsgOn8skz6DNcH2F9aXTtEekLVKZIMNMwoX29N024LhtA==&ch= KEfhkUB99_Up9HiCPoMiM1C](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001k4yql63MSmELDW8ogNanxF5TzVFlUn3j4fjRBbaceeSweVV-BfUMWmIh7p1bVrMslKac7rrAY8BXg2agB-PdBU57Ti58kID8p1siGu066eY7JP3cR_ple_19pT8MO8x6GPHFEpfiyetkp_hSGFXdN6hiWHyRuvOyt7WzJxmR4eyd7khhbWclEhpgLJrpP-pt&c=aIGc6aEjSmsgOn8skz6DNcH2F9aXTtEekLVKZIMNMwoX29N024LhtA==&ch= KEfhkUB99_Up9HiCPoMiM1C)

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Starting today, the Boston Public Schools (BPS) welcomed an additional 1,700 high needs students for in-person learning across 28 schools. Students prioritized for in-person learning include students in special education programs and students with limited or interrupted formal education. For more information, please visit bostonpublicschools.org (<http://bostonpublicschools.org/>)

For more information about Boston's reopening, please visit boston.gov/reopening (http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001k4yql63MSmELDW8ogNanxF5TzVFIUn3j4fjRBbaceeSweVV-BfUMWrIb6EelhAFQTxZIM_pTODX6Yquv5ni5uAE2Ydw6bVdEBcQQdg4CITQ-JeuSiI5KEplhNvB2ydJG4qPlnxjZi3uKBBaulF92MBdCl_-fL6zgk8cwRM7pMemxmyqBgLsuqyKYACFEVIFoultQv6xEXEXH24ca_1ejFy4rIGiONniuajYW0PBPz3F4CyX5EQJ2_A==&ch=0EGkUxXUTmRYhw7jIA2MDQXydlh5bwEjxvQsbITjL-DDOmE1FIY_SNg9sjgImtlQmwTxrb7T)

For additional questions or programs, please visit our [coronavirus website](http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001k4yql63MSmELDW8ogNanxF5TzVFIUn3j4fjRBbaceeSweVV-BfUMWiYTXPsZDINaFeQJvNwUFxmYJZq0qQilOSHvpl4XaSpriqbDI9PwKg78IpO591IDnFoFsOE1ZFInZ9yUog2bbs19ZizKh8LYsNM9-7VVJcDth2x2rPCQKn_1D5y_wdVw==&c=aIGc6aEjSmsgOn8skz6DNcH2F9aXTtEekLVKZ1MNMwoX29N024LhtA==&ch=0EGkUxXUTmRYhw7jIA2MDQXydlh5bwEjxvQsbITjL-DDOmE1FIY_SNg9sjgImtlQmwTxrb7T) (http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001k4yql63MSmELDW8ogNanxF5TzVFIUn3j4fjRBbaceeSweVV-BfUMWiYTXPsZDINaFeQJvNwUFxmYJZq0qQilOSHvpl4XaSpriqbDI9PwKg78IpO591IDnFoFsOE1ZFInZ9yUog2bbs19ZizKh8LYsNM9-7VVJcDth2x2rPCQKn_1D5y_wdVw==&c=aIGc6aEjSmsgOn8skz6DNcH2F9aXTtEekLVKZ1MNMwoX29N024LhtA==&ch=0EGkUxXUTmRYhw7jIA2MDQXydlh5bwEjxvQsbITjL-DDOmE1FIY_SNg9sjgImtlQmwTxrb7T)



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