



# TOWN OF HATFIELD

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December 23, 2020

This is a message from the Town of Hatfield. As cases of the COVID-19 Coronavirus continue, the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Health feel it is important we take measures to protect our employees and residents to reduce the spread of the virus.

The Town Hall is now officially open to the public Monday thru Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm. Some offices do have specific office hours and you are encouraged to check the town website for more information. The Hatfield public schools are in person learning for priority students and remote for non-priority students until January 7, 2021.

All questions concerns and complaints can be directed to the COVID Coordinator at any time, she can be reached at 413-247-9200 ext. 105 or email [kflaherty@townofhatfield.org](mailto:kflaherty@townofhatfield.org). All information gets forwarded to both the BOS and the BOH so that all boards are updated with the information and questions.

Governor Baker has issued temporary statewide reduction of capacity limitations and associated rules, which goes into effect at 12:01 am on December 26, 2020. Please see the following and visit [www.mass.gov](http://www.mass.gov) to read more information in regards to the new order.

**WHEREAS**, sections 7, 8, and 8A of Chapter 639 of the Acts of 1950 authorize the Governor, during the effective period of a declared emergency, to exercise any and all authority over persons and property necessary or expedient for meeting the state of emergency, including but not limited to authority over assemblages in order to protect the health and safety of persons, transportation and travel by any means or mode, regulating the sale of articles of food and household articles, variance of the terms and conditions of licenses and permits issued by the Commonwealth or any of its agencies or political subdivisions, and policing, protection, and preservation of public and private property;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I hereby Order the following:

Temporary Statewide Reduction of Capacity Limitations and Associated Rules

Effective at 12:01 am on December 26, 2020 and continuing for the period in which this Order remains in effect, the State-wide capacity limitations for gatherings and events set in COVID-19 Order No. 57 and any capacity limitations set in Sector-Specific COVID-19 workplace safety rules issued under the authority of COVID-19 Order No. 58 or prior Orders are hereby superseded and revised as specified for the sectors listed on the table below.

The Department of Labor Standards, the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, and any other agency or commission authorized by prior Order to issue COVID-19 workplace safety rules (each a “regulating agency”) are hereby directed to provide notice to the public and to enterprises subject to the revised capacity limitations applicable during the period in which this Order remains in effect.

Sector	Revised Capacity Limits <sup>1</sup>	Notes
Gatherings (adjusting Order No. 57)	10 persons indoors 25 persons outdoors	applies to both private homes and event venues and public spaces
Restaurants	25% of seating capacity	(a) workers/staff excluded from occupancy count; (b) applies separately to indoor and outdoor capacity
Close Contact Personal Services	25%	workers/staff excluded from occupancy count
Indoor and Outdoor Events	10 persons indoors 25 persons outdoors	workers/staff excluded from occupancy count
Theaters and Performance Venues (Indoor performance venues remain closed)	Movie theaters – 25% and maximum 50 people Outdoor performance venues – 25% and maximum 25 people	
Casinos	25%	MGC to re-issue capacity rules as necessary
Office Spaces	25%	
Places of Worship	25%	workers/staff excluded from occupancy count

Retail Businesses	25%	workers/staff excluded from occupancy count
Driving and Flight Schools	25%	
Golf Facilities	25%	applies only to indoor spaces
Libraries	25%	
Operators of Lodgings	25%	applies only to common areas
Arcades & Other Indoor & Outdoor Recreation Businesses	25%	
Fitness Centers and Health Clubs	25%	
Museums / Cultural & Historical Facilities / Guided Tours by vehicles and vessels	25%	
Sectors Not Otherwise Addressed	25%	
Common Areas in facilities subject to EEA-issued COVID-19 safety rules	25%	applies only to indoor spaces and excludes youth and amateur sports facilities
† <b>General Provision:</b> Where no licensed or permitted capacity allowance is on record and for any enclosed space within a larger facility, occupancy shall be limited to no more than 5 persons per 1,000 square feet.		

Except as otherwise noted, the above references to percentage capacity limits shall apply to a facility's maximum permitted occupancy as documented in its occupancy permit or similar license or permit on record with the municipal building department or other municipal record holder.

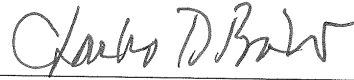
Adjustments to the above table will be published where necessary to facilitate practical application of the required capacity limitations.

Except for the specified adjustments to capacity limitations, all other terms of COVID-19 Order No. 57 addressing gatherings generally (including exceptions) and all Sector-Specific COVID-19 workplace safety rules issued by a regulating agency and in effect as of December 26, 2020 shall continue to apply, including minimum spacing and social distancing requirements. Allowances to exceed maximum capacity limitations shall be available as currently provided in COVID-19 workplace safety rules in order to accommodate public health or public safety considerations or where strict compliance may interfere with the continued delivery of critical services.

The capacity limitations specified in this Order shall be enforceable under the terms of COVID-19 Order No. 57 when applied to gatherings subject to that Order and under the terms of Section 2 of COVID-19 Order No. 58 when applied to enterprises regulated pursuant to COVID-19 safety rules issued by a regulating agency. Each person over the specified capacity limitation and each individual instance of non-compliance with the requirements of this Order or any directives, rules, or binding guidance issued pursuant to this Order may be treated as a separate violation.

This Order is effective at 12:01 am on December 26, 2020 and shall remain in effect until 12:00 noon on January 10, 2021 unless further extended.

Given in Boston at 12:40 AM/PM this  
22nd day of December, two thousand and  
twenty

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles D. Baker", written over a horizontal line.

CHARLES D. BAKER  
GOVERNOR  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

As of today, Wednesday, December 23, 2020 the Town of Hatfield has 9 new positive cases, totaling 58 for the town from 1/1/20-12/08/20. Contact tracing is being completed at this time. If you did not receive a phone call directly or were not informed by one of the positive cases, then you are not an immediate exposure. Also, there is not one general location or event that caused all these cases. Please, continue to follow the CDC guidelines and adhere to the 6' social distancing recommendations and you MUST be wearing a mask or mouth and nose coverage, wash your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds or use alcohol-based hand sanitizers. We ask that if you have not been given direct information from the town specifically about cases, exposures, or "hot spots" to please not spread false information, all that does is cause unneeded panic during a very serious and scary time and we don't need that in the community.

The town will be providing updates every Monday evening or as new information becomes available. Residents are encouraged to go to the town website and click on the CodeRed link on the home page and register to make sure you get all emergency notifications from the town.

Stay safe, stay healthy!!

Kerry Flaherty  
COVID Coordinator