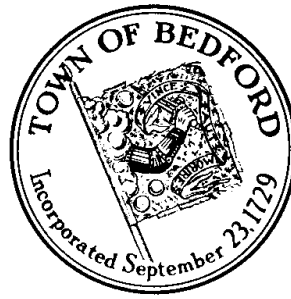


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EMERGENCY ORDER REGARDING PERSONAL SERVICES – AMENDMENT 5

Given Governor Baker's declaration of a state of emergency, the declaration of a COVID-19 Pandemic by the World Health Organization, the increasing numbers of presumptive positive and confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Massachusetts and Bedford, the Bedford Board of Health Declaration of a Public Health Emergency issued March 19, 2020 and in the interest of protecting public health during the Coronavirus pandemic, **effective 12:01 am, Friday March 20, 2020**, gatherings and services/activities offered to the public are prohibited at, but not limited to, the following locations:

- Large capacity entertainment venues and/or events (offering entertainment, alcoholic beverages, dancing, etc. without seated food service)
- Indoor performance venues used for live performances (concert halls, theaters, and other indoor performance spaces)
- Saunas, hot-tubs, and steam rooms
- Outdoor performance venues (theatres, or other outdoor performance spaces). Rescinded July 6th.
- Gyms, health clubs, ice rinks, indoor swimming pools and yoga studios – Rescinded July 6th, use dependent on activity risk and use type. Refer to guidance.
- Nail salons - rescinded June 22nd
- Massage services - rescinded June 22nd
- Body work services - rescinded June 22nd
- Spa-type services for cosmetic purposes that are not deemed medically necessary - Rescinded June 22nd
- Outdoor athletic facilities and parks - Rescinded June 8th
- Indoor athletic facilities (ice rinks, indoor swimming pools and yoga studios) – Rescinded June 8th with age limitations (youth only) and safety protocols in place.
- Indoor athletic facilities (ice rinks, indoor swimming pools and yoga studios) - Rescinded July 6th to allow all age groups (youth and adult).
- Private instruction classes such as, driving and tutoring schools - Rescinded June 8th
- Hairdressers and barbers – Rescinded May 25th per the Phase 1 Protocols of the Massachusetts Reopening Plan
- Outside courts/fields – Rescinded May 25th per the Phase 1 Protocols of the Massachusetts Reopening Plan
- Houses of worship – Rescinded May 18th per the Phase 1 Protocols of the Massachusetts Reopening Plan

The sectors or activities listed above that have been permitted to re-open may have additional protocols, safety standards or limitations required to be followed per the Massachusetts Reopening Plan and COVID-19 Orders signed by Governor Baker. All sectors or activities must refer to the sector specific standards or Orders that may apply to their specific operations.

This prohibition is in place due to concern that activities associated with these gatherings and services/activities cannot be provided/engaged in: safely, at a distance of at least six (6) feet at all times, without engaging with high-touch surfaces, without sweating and/or without heavy breathing.

This does NOT include services that are medically necessary and provided by a licensed health care provider such as, but not limited to, physical therapy, speech therapy, occupational therapy, chiropractors, and mental health providers or one-on-one consultation with clergy, using social distancing.

This Emergency Order shall remain in effect until notice is given pursuant to a determination by the Bedford Board of Health and consultation with state and national guidance that the Public Health Emergency no longer exists.

Heidi Porter, MPH
Director of Health and Human Services

March 19, 2020

May 18, 2020 – Amendment 1

June 8, 2020 – Amendment 2

June 22, 2020 – Amendment 3

July 6, 2020 – Amendment 4

January 12, 2021 – Amendment 5