

Summary of NE States COVID19 Reopening Plans – *Draft as of 6 1 2020*

As of 6/1/2020

- MA, RI, CT and in Phase 1; NH and ME are in Phase 2 of reopening plans
- In state travel restrictions have expired across all states, however “safer at home” is recommended
- Cross-border state travel remains subject to 14-day self-quarantine restrictions (to any extent enforceable)
- All states are restricting travel by state employees; States do not yet have a schedule for when those restrictions will be loosened
- Prohibitions on large gatherings are still in place in all states, with varying limits (5-10 for MA, NH, RI, and CT; 50 for ME)
- Business reopening are subject to **Mandatory Workplace Safety Standards (by industry)**, with capacity limits ranging from 0% (RI) - 25%(MA) - 50% (CT). NH and ME are implementing industry specific guidelines.
- **However, all states still recommend or encourage work from home**
- Lodging is reopening in June for ME and NH, subject to self-quarantine for 14 days for lodgers arriving from out of state. Likewise, while outdoor dining is open subject to capacity and distancing, indoor dining is only planned for reopening in NH and ME
- Planning for Phases 3 and 4 of reopening across all states is still formative.

Aspect	Summary	Massachusetts	New Hampshire	Rhode Island	Connecticut	Maine
Overall Re-opening Strategy						
1. Part of a multi-state council/regional approach		No	No	No	Yes	Yes
2. Use of Public Health Indicators		Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes
a. COVID19 positive test rate		●				●
b. COVID19 death rate		●				
c. COVID19 Hospitalization rate		●			●	●
d. Healthcare system readiness		●		●	●	●
e. Availability of PPE				●	●	●
f. Testing Capacity		●		●	●	●
g. Contact Tracing Capabilities		●		●	●	

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h. Vulnerable Populations				●	●	
i. Workplace Safety				●	●	
j. Ability/Willingness to reclose as necessary				●		●
k. Phased Approach		Yes 4 phases, minimum of 3- weeks in duration; may be longer	Yes - Stay at Home 2.0	Yes - Reopening RI	Yes	Yes - Restarting Maine (Together We Are Maine)
l. Business Sector based Re-opening Guidance at each Phase		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
m. Phase as of 6/1/2020	All expect NH and ME in Phase 2	May 18, the state will enter Phase 1	May 1st, Initial opening – Phase 2 initiated	May 9th Phase 1 opening	May 20, the state will enter Phase 1	June 1 st Phase 2
3. General Provisions in Place as of 5/20/2020						
a. Use of cloth face coverings in public "wherever close contact is unavoidable,"	Yes	Required	Should wear masks	Required	Required	Required
b. Cross boarder travel restrictions	14-day self-quarantine	Urged to self-quarantine for 14 days	Asked to self-quarantine for 14 days Appears to exclude daily workers and shoppers)	Urged to self-quarantine for 14 days, unless participating in covid testing (5/13/2020)	Urged to self-quarantine for 14 days	Urged to self-quarantine for 14 days
c. In-state movement restriction	In state travel restrictions expired	Expired May 18, but recommended	Yes (through May 31)	Expired, but recommended	Yes, but relaxed	Yes (through May 31)
d. Stay At Home - Status	Stay at home mostly recommended	Safer at Home Advisory	Stay at Home 2.0	Ask / aim to stay close to home	Recommended	Safer at Home

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Stage 1/Phase 1 Start Date						
1. Mandatory Workplace Safety Standards	In place in all Phases with varying limitations				-	
a. Capacity Limit	Generally, in place across all states	Workplace Capacity limit of 25%	Defined by Business sector guidelines	Limited - short visits to office	Workplace Capacity limit of 50%	Defined by Business sector guidelines
b. Strict Cleaning and disinfection protocols in place	All	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
c. Working from home	Strongly encouraged	encouraged	encouraged	Preferred and encouraged	encouraged	encouraged
d. Highest risk groups (65+ and health conditions)		Strongly encouraged to stay home	not specified	Strongly encouraged to stay home	Strongly encouraged to stay home	encouraged
e. Facemasks	Required / recommended	Required	Recommended / "should"	Required	Required	Required
f. Social Distancing (min 6 ft) in the Office and Public Spaces	Min 6 ft separation	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
g. Social gathering limits	Yes - varies, between 5-10 persons	Max of 9 persons	Max of 10 persons	Max of 5 persons	Max of 5 persons	Max of 10 persons

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h. Other	Yes - most states require business self-certification and written plans	Mandatory self-certification (Plan and Posters)	Requires the employer to designate a health screener and screen each employee for temp and COVID 19 symptoms and risks		Mandatory self-certification (Plan and Posters)	
i. State Executive Branch Travel	All states are restricting travel by state employees; States do not yet have a schedule for when those restrictions will be loosened	Travel restrictions in place for State employees	Non-essential State travel <u>not</u> authorized though June 5	Travel restrictions in place for State employees	Travel restrictions in place for State employees	Travel restrictions in place for State employees; Stay at home work encouraged
2. Essential Businesses		Open as of May 18	Open as of May 4	Open as of May 9	Open May 20	All Businesses are “essential”
3. Office Space - General	Generally open with capacity constraints	Open as of May 25	Open as of May 4	May 9th Office-based businesses may begin to allow limited onsite visits for staff	Open May 20	
4. Prohibition on Large Gatherings	Generally, in place with 5-10 persons	Max of 9 persons	no more than ten (10) people	no more than five (5) people	no more than five (5) people extended to June 20, 2020	no more than ten (10) people

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5. Lodging	Generally, not open in Phase 1; NH and Maine reopening subject to 14-day self-quarantine	Restricted to Essential workers Only	Restricted to Essential workers Only	Restricted to Essential workers Only; Reopening guidance under development	Restricted to Essential workers Only	
6. Outdoor Dining	Some openings	No - Phased 2 (Planned) with restrictions and capacity restrictions	Open as of May 18; max 6 per table	Open May 9th with limitations	Open May 20	Outdoor service for all restaurants in June 1
7. Indoor Dining	Generally, Not Open	No - Phased 3 (Planned) with restrictions and capacity restrictions	No current plans	No-Phase 3	No - Phase 2 with limitations	Dine-in and outdoor service for some counties as of May 18.

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Stage 2/Phase 2 Start Date	Start of Phase 2 varies across states NH in Phase 2; June for CT and Maine; TBD for MA, RI	TBD	May - exact date unclear	TBD	20-Jun	June 1
Trigger Event(s)		Determined by progress on public health indicators	Unclear – Executive Order	Determined by progress on public health indicators	Determined by progress on indicators	Executive Order 6/1/2020
8. Workplace Guidelines						
a. Workplace Capacity Limit	Generally, yes	Workplace Capacity limit of 25%	Defined by Business sector guidelines	Not yet announced	Workplace Capacity limit of 50%	
b. Strict Cleaning and disinfection protocols in place	All	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
c. Working from home	Encouraged	encouraged	encouraged	Still encouraged	encouraged	encouraged
d. Highest risk groups (65+ and health conditions)		Strongly encouraged to stay home	not specified	Can return to office	Strongly encouraged to stay home	encouraged
e. Facemasks	Continued Required or Recommended	Required	Recommended / "should"	Required	Required	Required
f. Social Distancing (min 6 ft) in the Office	Yes - Min 6 ft	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
g. Other		Mandatory self-certification (Plan and Posters)	Requires the employer to designate a health screener		Mandatory self-certification	

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h. State Executive Branch Travel	All states are restricting travel by state employees; States do not yet have a schedule for when those restrictions will be loosened	TBD	Non-essential State travel <u>not</u> authorized though June 5	TBD	TBD	Travel restrictions in place for State employees; Stay at home work encouraged
9. Social gathering limits	Yes, for indoor gatherings, varies by state	Max of 9 persons; Prohibit 10 or more workers during work hours	Max of 10 persons	Max of 15 persons	Indoor events still banned; outdoor events no more than 50 people.	Max of 50 persons
10. Lodging	Generally, reopenings planned, but subject to 14-day self-quarantine	Reopening guidance under development; self-quarantine for 14 days when arriving in Massachusetts from out of state.	Open June 5; self-quarantine for 14 days when arriving from out of state.	Reopening guidance under development	Reopening - capacity limits and guidelines under development	Lodging (Open to Maine residents and out-of-state residents who have completed quarantine guidelines.)
11. Restaurants	Emerging in NH and ME in May & June; but with capacity restrictions	Reopening guidance under development; table cannot exceed 6 people	May 18 Outdoor only; Indoor Reopening guidance under development; table cannot exceed 6 people	Indoor dining capacity is limited to 50% of an establishment's regular seating capacity. Max table party is 15	Reopening - capacity limits and guidelines under development	Dine-in and outdoor service for all restaurants in Penobscot County as of June 1.

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12. Increased availability of childcare	Generally, Yes	Some	Yes	Yes	Yes	
13. Schools opening	No	No	No	No	No	

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Stage 3/Phase 3 Start Date	Generally, all states plans are in development	TBD	TBD	TBD	July 18 (earliest)-4 weeks post June 20	July-August
Trigger Event(s)		Determined by progress on indicators	TBD	TBD	Determined by progress on indicators	TBD
14. Workplace Guidelines						
a. Capacity Limit		TBD	TBD	Not yet announced - but are expected to increase if possible	TBD	TBD
b. Strict Cleaning and disinfection protocols in place		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
c. Working from home		TBD	TBD	Still encouraged	TBD	TBD
d. Highest risk groups (65+ and health conditions)		TBD	TBD	Can return to office	TBD	TBD
e. Facemasks		TBD	TBD	Required	TBD	TBD
f. Social Distancing (min 6 ft) in the Office		TBD	TBD	Yes	TBD	TBD
g. State Executive Branch Travel	All states are restricting travel by state employees; States do not yet have a schedule for when those restrictions will be loosened	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
15. Social gathering limits		TBD	TBD	Max of 50 persons	Outdoor Max of 100 persons	TBD
16. Lodging		TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD

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17. Restaurants		TBD	TBD	Lift some of the tightest restrictions	TBD	TBD
18. Increased availability of childcare		TBD	TBD	Yes	TBD	TBD
19. Schools opening		TBD	TBD	Yes	TBD	TBD
Stage 4 - "New Normal" Start Date		TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD