

## COVID-19 Timeline (Jan 2020 - Present)

Jan 30: World Health Organization (WHO) declares COVID-19 a public health crisis and U.S. State Department issues “do not travel” advisory for China

Feb 2: First confirmed case in Massachusetts

March 2: First confirmed case in Norfolk County, MA

March 10: Governor Charlie Baker declares state of emergency and Mass legislature announces approval of a \$15 million bill to respond to outbreak; Harvard and many other universities in the Boston area move toward remote learning

March 11: WHO declares COVID-19 a pandemic; 95 confirmed cases, 6 confirmed by CDC

March 12: First confirmed case in Westwood, MA and Westwood Public Schools announce that all schools in the district will be closed until April 7

March 13: Gov. Baker bans gatherings of more than 250 people

March 14: Gov. Baker launches command center for COVID-19 response

March 23: Westwood announces declaration of emergency; Gov. Baker orders non-essential businesses to cease in-person operation until April 7th and directs Department of Public Health to issue a Stay at Home advisory for 2 weeks; limits gatherings to 10 people or less

March 25: Gov. Baker extends state-wide closure until May 4th

March 26: Gov. Baker extends closure of non-essential businesses, stay at home advisory until May 4th

March 27: Gov. Baker announces potential peak to be between April 7-17

April 6: Gov. Baker unveiled a statewide relief fund, which will partner with community foundations and local non-profits throughout the state; Mayor Walsh suggests every resident to wear a mask/wear material that covers their mouth when going out

April 8: 21 confirmed cases in Westwood, MA; 15,200 confirmed cases and 356 reported deaths in MA

April 12: 2,649 confirmed cases in Norfolk County

April 21: MA public schools to be cancelled until the end of the school year

April 28: Gov. Baker extends stay-at-home advisory and closure of non-essential businesses until May 18

May 1: Effective on May 6: all residents over the age of two to use a face covering or mask in public places where maintaining proper social distancing measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 are not possible; Baker also expanded the number of testing facilities across the commonwealth

May 18: Gov. Baker announces “4 Phases” to gradually re-open Massachusetts:

Phase 1:

Effective May 18

- Construction, manufacturing can re-open
- “Safer-at-home” advisory; <10 gatherings

Effective May 25

- Offices outside of Boston allowed to re-open
- Some recreation activities allowed to restart

Effective June 1

- Boston offices allowed to re-open

Phase 2: Effective at least 3 weeks after Phase 1:

- Restaurants, retail, hotels allowed to re-open with restrictions

Phase 3: Effective at least 3 weeks after Phase 2:

- Entertainment and art industry businesses allowed to re-open with limited crowd size

Phase 4: Effective upon the development of vaccines and treatment

- Full resumption of activity in the “new normal” including travel, all outdoor recreation and large venues/nightclubs
- People urge to wear face coverings, maintain physical distance, and proper hygiene