

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
CITY OF NORTHAMPTON HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

**ORDER MAINTAINING LIMITS ON
PERFORMANCE VENUES, EVENT VENUES, AND GATHERINGS**

By authority granted by the Northampton Board of Health pursuant to Mass. Gen. Laws c. 111, § 30, and as Health Director for the City of Northampton, I hereby Order the following with regard to performance venues and outdoor gatherings.

Notwithstanding the provisions of Governor Baker's COVID-19 Order No. 66, allowing transition to Step I of Phase IV, the following shall apply to performance venues, event venues, and gatherings in the City of Northampton:

- All event and performance venue operators shall ensure that all employees and staff attest to the Northampton Pre-Work Health Screening prior to beginning work.
- Notify the Northampton Health Department within 12 hours of a positive case.
- Upon notification to the Health Department, the establishment must initiate a 24 hour closure period, after which a deep cleaning in accordance with CDC guidelines shall occur. Exemptions may apply on a case by case basis as to be determined by the Board of Health.
- Performance venues for which no permitted occupancy is on record may allow up to 10 persons per 1,000 sq. ft. of accessible space and never more than 500 persons.
- Event and performance venue operators must notify the Northampton Health Department in advance of any event, gathering, or performance with expected occupancy exceeding 50 persons.
- For outdoor performances involving singing or indoor and outdoor events involving brass or woodwind instruments, special distancing standards must be followed:
 - At least 10 feet between performers
 - At least 25 feet between performers and the first row of the audience
- Operators of events with a dance floor must ensure physical distancing of guests of at least 6 feet unless within the same household.

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