



Quick Guide: OCCUPANCY LIMITS in MA COVID Standards

Updated for Gathering Order for 50 persons outdoors 8/11/2020

This Quick Guide summarizes the occupancy restrictions in the Massachusetts COVID-19 standards. This guide does not make new requirements and does not replace the specific sector standards. Refer to the sector standards for facecovering, distancing, cleaning and operations requirements.

Setting	Max Occupancy	Standard
Outdoor Performance Venue	25% of the listed occupancy, or 8 persons per 1000 square feet. Max capacity of 50 outdoors. Changed by Order 46 effective 08/11/2020 for 50 person. (Rescinds Order 44 that allowed for 100 person outdoor)	https://www.mass.gov/doc/phase-iii-step-1-theaters-and-performance-venues-protocol-summary/download 8/11/2020
Indoor Performance Venue	Not allowed to occur in Phase 3-Step1	https://www.mass.gov/info-details/safety-standards-and-checklist-theaters-and-performance-venues (7/8/2020)
Indoor and Outdoor Events	Indoor: 8 pp per 1000 SF with a max capacity of 25. Outdoor: 25% of the listed occupancy, or 8 persons per 1000 square feet. Max capacity of 50. Indoor and Outdoor: attendees are allowed to be standing, group size limited to 6 Changed by Order 46 effective 08/11/2020 for 50 person.	https://www.mass.gov/doc/phase-iii-step-1-indoor-and-outdoor-events-protocol-summary-pdf/download 7/24/2020
Restaurant, dining only	No Occupancy Max. Occupancy is controlled by distancing of tables and requiring each patron to remain seated.	https://www.mass.gov/doc/phase-iii-step-1-restaurants-protocol-summary/download 8/11/2020

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Restaurant with live entertainment	<p><u>Primary activity is a restaurant, and the music is an amenity – No occupancy max</u></p> <p>Restaurant is hosting a <u>performance</u> – Examples: selling ticketed concert; the music event has a start/stop time for audience arrival. Required to follow occupancy cap in Theater and Performance Venue Standard. 50 persons outdoors (as/of 8-11-2020) , <u>AND</u> no indoor performance permitted in Phase 3 Step 1.</p>	<p>https://www.mass.gov/doc/phase-iii-step-1-theaters-and-performance-venues-protocol-summary/download 8/11/2020</p>
Restaurant with Event (wedding, funeral, private function)	<p>Events hosted at restaurants are required to follow occupancy max in the Indoor and Outdoor Event Standard. 50 person max outdoors; 25 person max indoors and not more than 8 person per 1000 SF</p> <p>Changed by Order 46 effective 08/11/2020 for 50 person.</p>	<p>https://www.mass.gov/doc/phase-iii-step-1-restaurants-protocol-summary/download 8/11/2020</p>
Movie Theater, indoor	<p>40% of the screening room occupancy with a max capacity of 25 persons per screening room.</p>	<p>https://www.mass.gov/doc/phase-iii-step-1-theaters-and-performance-venues-protocol-summary/download 7/24/2020</p>
Movie Theater, Outdoor Drive-In.	<p>No Occupancy Max when patrons remain in vehicle. Capacity must be reduced to allow for spacing of cars. Patrons must remain in vehicle, no tailgating or chairs exterior of vehicle.</p> <p>Use “Performance Venue” occupancy limit if patrons get out of their car: 50 persons maximum.</p> <p>Music or sport simulcast using drive-in format are allowed. Patrons must remain in vehicle.</p> <p>Live performances must follow the distancing rules for performers in the Theaters and Performance Venues standard.</p>	<p>https://www.mass.gov/info-details/safety-standards-drive-in-movie-theaters 7/6/2020</p>