

When Cities receive COVID-19 Fed Cares Act money in response to our submission for reimbursable expenses, when the money is received back by the City, is that subject to further appropriation by the City Council, or does it just go back to the City's Emergency COVID-19 Fund and can be spent again on COVID-related issues.?

- Per MGL Ch. 44, Sec. 53A, city council must accept the funds, but no appropriation is required.
- Funding to communities that have applied will be available within the next few days.
- While no specific date is set, the next round of funding is anticipated to be available in the Fall.
- Funding can be used on FY20 expenses, however it cannot be used for budget gaps for lost revenue.

When will the 25% occupancy limit be lifted?

- The 25% occupancy limit remains in effect through Phase II of reopening based on the public health metrics and guidance. We are closely monitoring key public health metrics, which will determine when we may advance to the next phase of our reopening plan and when an amendment or increase to the occupancy limit is feasible.

Those office-based businesses and organizations that were designated "COVID-19 Essential Services" as of May 18, 2020 may exceed the 25% occupancy limitation provided that they can demonstrate a need for relief based on public health or public safety considerations or where strict compliance may interfere with the continued delivery of critical services. For those that cannot demonstrate this, do businesses or organizations have to reduce to 25% occupancy on July 1st?

- Yes; By July 1, 2020, the businesses and organizations using office spaces that have not demonstrated a need for relief from the occupancy limit and were previously designated "COVID-19 Essential Services" must be in compliance with the office space sector specific workplace safety standards, including any occupancy limit in effect.

What guidance is available regarding certain recreational and indoor sports?

- Please see the Administrations [Guidance for Outdoor Adult Sports, Supervised Youth Sports Leagues, and Summer Sports Camps](#).

What guidance is available regarding state and local parks?

- EEA is working with DCR to open sites as safely and quickly as possible. Please reach out to Craig Cashman (Craig.R.Cashman@mass.gov) with questions about specific locations.
- Additional information, including specific cleaning requirements, can be found in the [Parks, Open Space and Outdoor Education Programs](#) guidance.
- Updated Playground guidance can be found [here](#).

What authority do Select boards have with regards to approving outdoor dining and entertainment?

- A city or town, through the mayor, select board, or chief executive, may establish a process for approving requests for restaurants to expand their outdoor table service. The city or town may approve such requests without having to get approval from local

planning boards or zoning authorities, and do not have to comply with the usual notice requirement in section 11 of chapter 40A of the General Laws.

- At this time, outdoor entertainment is not allowed.