

MASSACHUSETTS ANNOUNCES RE-OPENING PLANS, POOLS MAY RE-OPEN IN EARLY JUNE



Today, the state of Massachusetts announced its 4 phase re-opening plan. Pools will begin to re-opening on June 8th at the earliest.

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Today, the state of Massachusetts announced its protocol for re-opening the state following the Coronavirus pandemic. The protocol, published by Governor Charlie Baker, breaks re-opening into four phases with specific steps to be taken between each phase. The plan also states that "If public health data trends are negative, specific industries, regions, and/or the entire Commonwealth may need to return to an earlier phase."

The governor announced in his press conference earlier today that the state will move into its first phase beginning on May 25th. With this, beauty salons, construction sites, and offices may begin to re-open, though at a limited capacity. Additionally, all opening businesses must have an operational COVID-19 safety plan in writing, and be able to supply it if necessary.

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All pools will be reopened using specific guidelines that have not yet been published. However, many pools in the area are indoors, and gyms aren't set to be opened until phase 3 with the date still unknown. If phase 3 starts on time, that means gyms and many pools won't be able to open until late June at the earliest.

This comes as both good and bad news to swimmers across the state eager to get to practice. If the weather is complaint teams could be returning to practice outdoors soon. If not, it may be hard to find a place to swim as gyms and colleges with large facilities across the state keep their doors closed.

Overall, Massachusetts has had approximately 86,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19, with just under 6,000 deaths. The state ranks fourth amongst states with the most cases in the country.

Yesterday, [Louisiana announced the re-opening of pools for lap swimming at 25% capacity](#). Several teams, including Tiger Aquatics and COLA, have begun practices, and are utilizing social distancing measures.

UPDATED LIST OF POOL REOPENINGS

Alabama – 50% capacity (May 11)

Alaska – 50% capacity

Arizona – 50% capacity (May 15)

Arkansas – 50% capacity (May 22)

Delaware – Community Pools at 20% capacity, no swim lessons or team practices (May 22)

Florida – some localities have allowed pools to begin to reopen under a patchwork of restrictions

Indiana – Adhering to Social Distancing Guidelines (May 24)

Georgia – 10 or fewer people, or 6 feet of space per person (May 14)

Kentucky – Pools designated for training or exercise can reopen (June 1)

Louisiana– Lap Swimming can resume at 25% capacity

Mississippi – six feet apart

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Texas – 25% capacity

Virginia – Outdoor lap Swimming only, 1-per-lane (May 15)

Wyoming – 1 person per lane

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It's not really a matter of toughening up. Town or County owned pools will not be opening up anytime soon, as stated in the article. Perhaps you could crank the heaters if you owned your own pool and staffed it yourself. Also, nearly all of the indoor pools that allow clubs in are affiliated with colleges, and they have no desire to open the pools too soon. Mass is still a hotspot.

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it's very cold. Even at the facility I work at we can't open our outdoor pools because everyone's laid off

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We are planning on June 8th! Our outside pool is completely separate from our inside so here we go! Health inspection tomorrow, protocols being put into place, we will be ready. Gonna be cold 🥶 but excited about getting back to it.

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I'm jealous! Which pool/team do you coach for? I've been looking for somewhere to train Incase my facility remains closed

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JCC Sea Serpents, Marblehead MA. Unfortunately due to trying to balance lap swim, potentially camp and pre booked separated family swim we most likely won't be taking in any non members or rentals this summer.

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So then why post an old stock pick of Blodgett Pool at Harvard who has already said their athletic facilities will be closed through the summer?

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