The Road to Reopening and Recovery

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Our Principles

Grounded in science

Coordinated and regional

Equitable

Prioritizes health and welfare
**Equity**

**Increase** testing in our frontline communities to quickly identify hotspots

**Quarantine and Isolation facilities** remain open and sensitive to community needs

**Accessible** reopening guidelines and contact guidelines and contact tracing in multiple languages

**Safe Recreational opportunities** for all income levels

**Special help and financial support** for neighborhood businesses in frontline communities
Coordination & Communication

**Notice**
Cities and Towns need **at least 72 hours** of notice before moving into each reopening phase and 48 hours before changes to any guidance.

**Closure triggers**
Identification of closure metrics and a clear shutdown plan when hotspots are identified.

**Public Marketplace for PPE and Sanitization**
Municipalities should not have to compete with private industry to obtain these goods.

**Ongoing Involvement**
Input from cities and towns to inform on-going decisions.

**Local Authority**
The state should clearly outline and not restrict those places where municipalities have local authority to act.
Expanding to Community Wide Testing

State needs a clearer framework to guide testing expansion to:

• Set per capita goals for testing (infection and antibody);
• Conduct more broad surveillance testing to aide modeling;
• Ensure sufficient and regular testing of high-risk populations and communities;
• Target tracking of disease prevalence trends by municipality and share data on percent positive cases by municipality

Framework to expand testing should prioritize equitable access using indicators, such as:

• Levels of chronic disease in a community
• Race, ethnicity, income
• Existing testing capacity in a community, especially in high-risk communities

State should develop protocols to ensure adequate testing of symptomatic and asymptomatic individuals:

• Site based and Mobile testing
• Home-based testing (if/when it becomes available)
More Comprehensive Reporting of Testing

Enhance quality and reliability of current test reporting
• Conduct twice weekly audits to ensure all data points are complete in reporting

Cities and towns need a more accurate and comprehensive picture
• Range of positive case rates in Metro Boston: Chelsea (5900 per 100K) to Norfolk (180 per 100K)

Add new test reporting data points to state dashboard (available to cities and towns):
• Overall testing by resident’s home municipality – positive cases and total tests
• Testing capacity by site and municipality
• Testing mix: symptomatic and asymptomatic residents
• Testing type: diagnostic vs serological
Ensuring Safe Isolation and Quarantine for all who need it

Community Tracing Collaborative (CTC)
• Providing information about safe quarantine at home or in facilities

Develop and Disseminate Household Guidance and Support for Stay At Home Quarantine
• Household Playbook
• Connections to Local Support

Standalone Isolation and Quarantine Sites
• Maintain Regional Isolation Facilities
• Create Quarantine Guidelines for a Variety of Multi-Family, Congregate Housing and Shelter Settings
• Ensure Quarantine Facilities are available
Main Street Business
Health, Safety and Workforce Development

Provide clear guidance regarding health and safety practices for small businesses.

Mandatory health and safety practices
• Continued telework/work from home when possible
• PPE; cleaning and disinfecting
• Maximum operating capacity during each phase
• Daily symptom check
• Social distancing measures
• Paid sick time off

Other practices to encourage:
• Contactless payment
• Logging customer contact information
• Reopening by appointment or reservation only

Provide support for small businesses to access PPE

Provide technical assistance for neighborhood businesses to adopt a new business model

Assist with a robust statewide marketing and shop local campaign
Main Street Business
Outdoor Vending and Regulatory Support

Indicate its support for creative solutions to retail and sales. Specify to cities and towns that have the authority to use local roads and public spaces to encourage this.

- Facilitate curbside pickup
- Allow sidewalk or street vending
- Allow outdoor seating for restaurants
- Convert public and private parking lots to restaurant and retail space
- Create street markets
- Activate plazas for commerce
- Provide state guidance for distancing, safety, and sanitation
Enforcement

Municipalities should have the authority to require a more robust safety plan before businesses can reopen.

Municipalities should have authority to shut down a business for noncompliance.

Provide funding for municipalities to hire additional enforcement staff:

- Help municipalities maintain existing key public health positions.
- Opportunity to pursue a shared or regional staffing model.
- Technical assistance for complex cases.
Prioritize MBTA bus service to support frontline service workers

Issue guidance on how cities and towns can repurpose vehicle lanes for dedicated bus and bike lanes

Expand Park and Pedal locations
THANK YOU!

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