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MGCC EXTENDS DEADLINE FOR COVID-19 SMALL BUSINESS GRANTS APPLICATIONS DUE NOVEMBER 17TH APPLY TODAY!

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts has made \$50.8 million in grants available to support small businesses of 50 or fewer employees adversely affected by the pandemic.

[Massachusetts Growth Capital Corporation \(MGCC\)](#) will be administering these funds to businesses experiencing economic hardship and a loss of income due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Preference will be given to small businesses whose owners are women, minorities, veterans, members of other underrepresented groups, who are focused on serving Gateway Cities (which includes the Town of Barnstable) and those most negatively impacted by COVID-19. Preference will also be given to applicants that have not been able to receive aid from other federal programs related to COVID-19.

Applications are currently being accepted.

Due to the increased application volume, the new deadline to The deadline to apply is November 12, 2020 at 11:59 PM.

To learn more and apply, please click [here](#).

UPDATED MANDATES FOR BUSINESSES AND GATHERINGS AS OF NOVEMBER 6TH

Governor Baker announced that beginning Friday, November 6, new restrictions and mandates will take effect to help curb the recent spike of COVID-19 cases in the Commonwealth.

Baker's updated orders include the following:

Per the revised Stay at Home Advisory, residents are instructed to stay home between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m., with the exception of going to work, running critical errands, or taking a walk.

[Face coverings are required be worn in all public places](#), even when people able to maintain six feet of distance from others.

[Gatherings at private residences must now be reduced in size to 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoors](#), and must end by 9:30pm. Violations may result in fines of \$500 per person above the limit.

The limit on gatherings in public spaces and event venues remains the same at this time.

Certain businesses and activities are required to be closed from 9:30 p.m. to 5 a.m. to coincide with the Stay At Home Advisory:

- Restaurants (in-person dining must cease at 9:30 p.m., though takeout and delivery may continue for food and non-alcoholic beverages)
- Liquor stores and other retail establishments that sell alcohol must cease alcohol sales at 9:30 p.m. (but may continue to sell other products)
- Adult-use marijuana sales must cease at 9:30 p.m. (not including medical marijuana)
- Indoor and outdoor events
- Theaters/movie theaters (including drive-ins) and performance venues (indoor and outdoor)
- Youth and adult sports
- Golf facilities
- Recreational boating and boating businesses
- Outdoor recreational experiences
- Casinos and horse tracks/simulcast facilities
- Driving and flight schools
- Zoos, botanical gardens, wildlife reserves, nature centers
- Close-contact personal services (such as hair and nail salons)
- Gyms, fitness centers and health clubs
- Indoor and outdoor pools
- Museums/cultural and historical facilities/guided tours

We recognize how hard small businesses and restaurants throughout the Town of Barnstable have been hit by COVID-19 and encourage you to continue considering buying and dining locally in order to help support our community, culture, and economy.

To view the full press release, please [click here](#).

For more information on the status of reopening in Barnstable and other important news, visit the Town of [Barnstable's COVID-19 UPDATE](#) page.