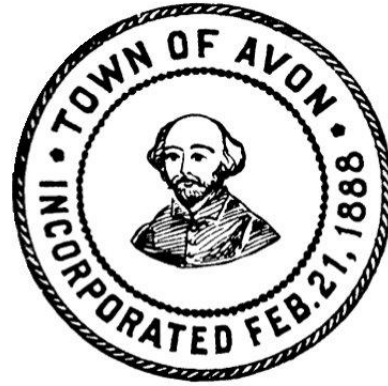


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Town of Avon Shares State's New Measures in Response to COVID-19

New Measures Go Into Effect Friday, Nov. 6

AVON — Town Administrator Gregory S. Enos and Health Agent Kathleen Waldron wish to share with the community information about the new measures announced by the Baker-Polito Administration today to address the recent steady increase of COVID-19 cases in the state.

On Monday, Nov. 2, Gov. Charlie Baker announced a series of targeted measures to disrupt the increasing trend of new COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations.

All of the orders and advisories announced today are effective Friday, Nov. 6 at 12:01 a.m.

Stay At Home Advisory

A revised Stay At Home Advisory has been issued and instructs residents to stay home between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. Exceptions are made for activities such as going to work, running critical errands to get groceries and address health needs, and taking a walk.

[The revised Stay At Home Advisory can be found here.](#)

Early Closure of Businesses and Activities

A new executive order will require certain businesses to end and activities to close each night at 9:30 p.m. This closure requirement is aligned with the revised Stay At Home Advisory and together the two new initiatives are designed to further limit activities that could lead to COVID-19 transmission.

Effective Friday, the following businesses and activities must close to the public each day between the hours of 9:30 p.m. and 5 a.m.:

- Restaurants: In-person dining must cease at 9:30 p.m. Takeout and delivery may continue for food and non-alcoholic beverages, but not alcohol.
- 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 or movie theaters, including drive-in movie theaters, as well as indoor and outdoor performance venues
- Youth and adult amateur sports activities
- Close contact personal services (such as hair and nail salons)
- Gyms, fitness centers and health clubs

Additional businesses and activities that are affected include golf facilities; recreational boating and boating businesses; outdoor recreational experiences; driving and flight schools; zoos, botanical gardens, wildlife reserves and nature centers; casinos and horse tracks/simulcast facilities; indoor and outdoor pools; and museums, cultural and historical facilities and guided tours.

[Click here to read the new executive order, including a full list of businesses affected by](#)

[the new early closure requirement.](#)

Face Coverings

The face covering order has also been revised. Face coverings are now required in all public places, even if 6 feet of social distance can be maintained.

Exceptions remain for residents who cannot wear a face covering due to a medical or disabling condition, but the revised order allows employers to require employees to provide proof of such a condition. The order also allows schools to require that students participating in in-person learning provide proof of such a medical or disabling condition.

[Click here to read the revised face-coverings order.](#)

Gatherings

A new gatherings order reduces the gathering size limit for gatherings at private residences. Indoor gatherings at private residences are limited to 10 people and outdoor gatherings at private residences are limited to 25 people.

The limit on gatherings held in public spaces and at event venues (i.e. wedding venues) remains the same. The new order also requires that all gatherings, regardless of size or location, must end and disperse by 9:30 p.m.

The new gatherings order also requires that organizers of gatherings report known positive COVID-19 cases to the local health department in that community and requires organizers to cooperate with contact tracing. The gatherings order authorizes continued enforcement by local health and police departments and specifies that fines for violating the order will be \$500 for each person above the limit at a particular gathering.

[Click here to read the revised gatherings order.](#)

Residents with questions may additionally contact the Avon Board of Health at 508-588-0414, ext. 1016.

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