**Virtual Town Hall – Thursday 8/13 at 4:00pm**

**Host** - Mayor LaChapelle  
**Moderator** – Ryan Arnold  
Easthampton Media

Information on meeting access can be found on the Easthampton Media Facebook page or [HERE](#).

**If you have ideas for a future Town Hall, or would like to be involved, please contact the Mayor’s Office via email at:**  
[mayor@easthamptonma.gov](mailto:mayor@easthamptonma.gov)

Watch live on Charter Channel 193 or streaming on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com).

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**If you would like a copy of the Situation Awareness Report emailed to you directly, please contact the Mayor’s Office at**  
[mayor@easthamptonma.gov](mailto:mayor@easthamptonma.gov).

**Easthampton City Arts Artist Grants:** Announced August 7th, there will be another phase of grants given to local artists through ECA. Phase II will award 15 artists with $500 grants. Additional artists will be supported through Phase III of the Relief Program.

The deadline to apply for Phase II of this program is **August 24, 2020 at 11:59pm**. All applicants will be notified on September 4th.

For more information please visit the official ECA website:  

**Revised Gatherings Order:** The Baker-Polito administration announced an updated order regarding gatherings, **effective August 11th**.

This Executive Order includes the following limitations:

- Indoor gatherings will be limited to 8 people per 1,000 square feet and never more than 25
- Outdoor gatherings are limited to 25% of the maximum permitted occupancy

Please note that there are exceptions to these limitations. For further details, please view the official order [HERE](#).

**EPSD Reopening Plans:** The reopening plans for Easthampton Public Schools was presented by the School Committee on August 7th. EPSD will be following a four phased approach to reopening schools for this upcoming fall. Health metrics will be assessed along the way to determine if it is safe to continue through each phase.

For more information, please visit the following link:  
### August 10, 2020

**Easthampton**

**Coronavirus (COVID-19) Situation Awareness Report**

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**Alcoholic Beverages Control Commission Advisory:** On August 7th, Governor Baker updated the guidance for Phase III, Step 1, of the Massachusetts Reopening Plans. Licensees are reminded that until Phase IV commences all licensees licensed for the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption must provide seated food service with the sale of alcohol.

**Effective August 11, 2020,** all guests must order food at the same time an initial alcoholic beverage is ordered. Shareable food items will be allowed as long as it can sufficiently serve the number of guests.

Any questions, comments, or concerns regarding this updated guidance should be directed to the ABCC Executive Director Ralph Sacramone at rsacramone@tre.state.ma.us or (617) 727-3040 x 731 or the City of Easthampton Licensing Clerk Lindsi Mailler at lmailler@easthamptonma.gov.

Updated information is all posted online here:


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**Additional Resources**

- **Massachusetts Testing Information:** Includes information on symptoms, contact tracing, and quarantining.
  

- **Small Business Strong:** Small Business Strong is a partnership formed to assist women and minority owned small businesses. For more information, please visit their website:

  [https://www.smallbstrong.com/](https://www.smallbstrong.com/)

- **MassSupport:** Free and confidential counseling services during COVID pandemic

  **PHONE:** 1-888-215-4920 (Phones answered Mon.-Fri. from 9:00am to 6:00pm)

  **EMAIL:** MassSupport@riversidecc.org

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All Easthampton public buildings remain closed until further notice. Working remotely, staff are monitoring voice mail and email, prioritizing pandemic related matters. Many staff are working a limited schedule. Thank you for your patience.

The latest news on Massachusetts COVID-19 Cases and Testing can be found here: