



City of Easthampton Situation Report

February 26, 2021

Extension of City Buildings Closed to the Public

City buildings will remain closed to the public through June 30, 2021 unless otherwise revoked or extended. This includes City Hall, Council on Aging, and other public buildings.

Please Note: Easthampton Public Schools have structured its own reopening plan that can be found online at <https://epsd.us/>.

Core municipal operations are continuing to be provided as they have been since Monday, March 16, 2020. Staff will still be monitoring emails and voicemails.

For staff contact information, please see the department listing on the city website [HERE](#). Residents are able to make in-person appointments outside of 50 Payson Ave if needed.

For more information, please read the full order on the city website [HERE](#).

Reopening Update – Massachusetts Moves Forward to Phase III, Step 2

Effective Monday, March 1st, the Baker-Polito administration announced the Commonwealth will move forward into Phase 3, Step 2 of the Reopening Plan. This will reopen:

- Indoor performance venues such as concert halls, theaters, and other indoor performance spaces
 - Open at 50% capacity with 500 person max
- Indoor recreational activities with greater potential for contact: laser tag, roller skating, trampolines, obstacle courses
 - Open at 50% capacity

Gatherings Limit: Effective March 22nd, subject to public health data, the gatherings limit will increase for event venues and public settings, but will stay the same in private settings.

Effective March 22nd, subject to public health data, the Commonwealth will move into Phase 4, Step 1 which includes reopening of indoor and outdoor stadiums, arenas, and ballparks at 12% capacity.

Additional information is posted on the state's website at <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/reopening-massachusetts>.

ECA Artist Grants Initiative – Phase III

Easthampton City Arts (ECA) is pleased to announce the 3rd and final phase of the ECA Artist Grants Initiative. Building upon our first and second round of grants—which has supported a total of 35 grantees with \$15,000 in mini-grants—PHASE III will award 15 artists with \$400 grants (totaling an additional \$6,000). And, by the close of the spring, ECA will have directly distributed \$21,000 to 50 individual artists through this program alone.

The deadline to apply for Phase III is MARCH 18, 2021 at 11:59pm.

For more information on who is eligible, please visit the ECA's website at <https://www.easthamptoncityarts.com/>.

Please direct all inquiries regarding the Easthampton City Arts Artist Relief Grants program to Pasqualina Azzarello, City Arts Coordinator: pazzarello@easthamptonma.gov.

**Please note that inquiries must be received by the end of day March 16 to ensure a timely response ahead of the application deadline.*

School Meal Pick-up Time Change

Reminder that grab and go meals are available at Easthampton High School and Maple School. This program will be in place until the end of the school year.

PLEASE NOTE: Chartwell's Grab & Go Pick-up hours have been adjusted to accommodate In-Person Learning.

During In-Person Learning, the Free meal pickup time will be from to 11:00am-1:00pm on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at Maple School and the High School.

View the monthly menu on the EPSD website [HERE](#).

Tips and Tricks for Remote Learners

Emily Williston Library will be hosting a virtual event with 20 year homeschool veteran, Linda Hincks, to get some tips and tricks for Remote Learning.

They will be discussing how to relieve stress for kids and adults and how to revive energy for learning.

To register, please email slevine@ewmlibrary.org with the words "Tips and Tricks" in the Subject line.

For more information on this event and other events hosted by the Emily Williston Library, please visit <https://ewmlibrary.org/>.

City Meeting Calendar Week of March 1st to March 5th

Monday, March 1, 2021	Tuesday, March 2, 2021	Wednesday, March 3, 2021	Thursday, March 4, 2021
City Council – Property Subcommittee – 5:00pm <u>Zoom Link</u>	Commission on Disability – 11:30am <u>Zoom Link</u>	ECA Literary Subcommittee – 5:00pm <u>Zoom Link</u>	Easthampton Community Garden – 7:00pm <u>Zoom Link</u>
ECA Coordinating – 5:00pm <u>Zoom Link</u>	School Finance Subcommittee – 4:00pm <u>Zoom Link</u>	City Council – 6:00pm <u>Zoom Link</u>	
	Ordinance Review Committee – 5:00pm <u>Zoom Link</u>		
	Community Relations Committee – 6:00pm <u>Zoom Link</u>		
	Planning Board – 6:00pm <u>Zoom Link</u>		

Please note: All agendas and Zoom links are also uploaded to the city website at <https://easthamptonma.gov/agendas-minutes.html>.

If you are interested in serving on a board or committee, please check out the vacancies list [HERE](#). The Application to Serve is available [HERE](#).

Resources Links:

[COVID-19 Vaccine Information](#)

[COVID-19 Testing Site Locator](#)

[COVID-19 Statewide Data](#)

[Resources for Preventing Evictions/Homelessness during COVID-19](#)

[Easthampton Council on Aging](#)

[Easthampton Community Center](#)