



# City of Cambridge

## Executive Department

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To Cambridge's Retail Business community,

During these unprecedented times, the City is working diligently to assess the components of the Commonwealth's plan for Reopening Massachusetts and to adopt the safest and most sensible approach for our community. Cambridge is one of the most densely populated urban centers in the Commonwealth, so we must take cautious steps to reopen our economy safely and responsibly while minimizing public health risks.

We understand the severe toll that COVID-19 has taken on local businesses, and we know most of you are eager to open your doors as soon as possible. However, while the Commonwealth's guidance allows Retail Businesses to reopen for browsing inside establishments on June 8, 2020 with minimum specific safety standards in place, it will be up to each business owner to decide when to open and to what extent (up to the legal allowance).

As you open, please be sure to:

- Read and follow the Commonwealth's [Mandatory Workplace Safety Standards\\*](#)
- Implement [Sector-Specific Safety Protocols and Best Practices\\*](#)
- Complete the Mandatory Self-Certification for Businesses. Required materials include:
  - [COVID-19 Control Plan\\*](#)
  - [Compliance Attestation Poster\\*](#)
  - [Employer Poster\\*](#)
  - [Worker Poster\\*](#)

\*All documents can be found at [www.cambridgema.gov/covid19/reopening](http://www.cambridgema.gov/covid19/reopening).

Cambridge and Massachusetts are at a critical point in the fight against this virus; the sacrifices we have made collectively have slowed the spread, but the work is far from over.

Our business community is a vital and valued part of our city and the local economy. Your employees, whether they live here or not, are indispensable members of our community. I look forward to when they, along with all our residents, can once again enjoy all Cambridge has to offer.

We will continue to implement public health policies, practices, and initiatives to slow the spread of COVID-19 and phase into a "new normal" until a treatment or vaccine is available. We encourage you to visit the Cambridge COVID-19 website for the most current updates: [www.cambridgema.gov/covid19](http://www.cambridgema.gov/covid19) We value you as an important partner in the success of Cambridge's reopening. Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Anthony Tuccinardi, Operations Manager for Inspectional services by email -- [atuccinardi@cambridgema.gov](mailto:atuccinardi@cambridgema.gov) - or phone, 617-349-6193.

Sincerely,

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