



# ***CITY of NORTHAMPTON***

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Dear Retail Establishments,

With warmer weather upon us and brighter days (fingers crossed) ahead of us, we are hopeful for a busy season! In light of decreasing COVID-19 case counts and increasing vaccination rates, Governor Baker has released a series of dates which will relax certain regulations. The most recent of these changes went into effect on Monday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. While these new standards ease many restrictions, there are many that remain in effect.

### **Retail Changes - Effective May 10th**

- Clothing: not required to be quarantined or steam cleaned
- Cleaning:
  - Shared equipment such as cash registers, tagging machines no longer need to be disinfected before use by another employee
  - Cleaning products (sanitizer, wipes) no longer required to be provided to employees
  - Frequent cleaning is no longer required
  - No longer "shut down area" after COVID positive employee. Follow CDC guidance
- Dedicated hours for seniors no longer required but recommended

### **Retail Requirements which Remain**

- Indoor and Outdoor retail are treated the same
- Face covering required in indoor and outdoor retail
- Occupancy is 50%
  - For outdoor settings where occupancy is not posted, use 10 persons per 1,000 sq. ft (approximately. 436 persons per acre)

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Health Department at 413-587-1214.  
Thank you all for your continued efforts to keep Northampton healthy, safe, and active!

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