

TOWN OF STOCKBRIDGE/LENOX BOARD OF HEALTH
REGULATIONS REGARDING REOPENING OF LARGE EVENT VENUES

WHEREAS, On March 10, 2020, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting pursuant to the powers provided by Chapter 639 of the Acts of 1950 and Section 2A of Chapter 17 of the General Laws, declared a state of emergency due to the outbreak of the 2019 novel Coronavirus (COVID-19);

WHEREAS, On March 11, 2020, the COVID-19 outbreak was declared by the World Health Organization to be a pandemic;

WHEREAS, there have been improvements in the public health data regarding rates of infection, rates of hospitalization, and rates of vaccination for COVID-19;

WHEREAS, as a result of the improvements in public health data, as of May 10, 2021, the Governor has relaxed the capacity limits of large event venues so as to permit such venues to operate at 25% capacity;

WHEREAS, the Governor has indicated that, subject to continuing improvement in public health data and rates of vaccination, as of May 29, 2021, all businesses may operate at 100% capacity;

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Health has continued to closely monitor the public health data and specific conditions in Town, particularly in light of the public health data and rate of vaccinations in Town, adopting a cautious approach to reopening;

WHEREAS, consistent with the Town's cautious approach to reopening and public health concerns regarding the gathering of large groups of people without masks and without full vaccination;

NOW, THEREFORE, under the authority of *M.G.L. c. 111, § 31*, the Board of Health hereby orders:

1. All venues with a capacity of 9,000 or greater, whether indoor or outdoor, are prohibited from exceeding 9,000 for any one event, not including event staff, performers, and performers' staff.
2. This order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until September 1, 2021, irrespective of orders or guidance issued by the Commonwealth.

This order is enforceable by the Town's police officers or the Tri-Town Health Agent. Any venue found to be in violation of this order may be issued a warning or assessed a non-criminal penalty in the amount of \$300 for every attendee in excess of the allowed capacity limit. In extreme

circumstances in the judgment of the enforcing authority, the enforcing authority may order immediate shutdown of the venue.

If any portion of this order is held to be invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the invalid provision shall be severed from the remainder of the order and the order shall be read as if it did not contain that provision, so long as the general intent of the order remains effective.

Dated: June 3, 2021

By:

Stockbridge Board of Health

Lenox Board of Health

Charles Kenny, MD- YES

Dianne Romeo, RN-YES

Henry Schwerner, MD -YES

John Kearns, MD-YES

Rae Williams, RN-YES

Noel Blagg, MD-YES