Client Alert: Governor Baker Announces MA Reopening

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On May 17, 2021, Governor Charlie Baker announced that Massachusetts would lift the vast majority COVID-19 related restrictions effective May 29, 2021.

Boston Mayor Kim Janey also announced that Boston will lift its COVID related restrictions effective May 29, 2021, thereby aligning with the state's reopening plan.

Similarly, the State of Emergency first imposed by Governor Baker on March 10, 2020, will be lifted effective June 15, 2021.

Generally speaking, this means, effective May 29, 2021:

- All industries will be permitted to open.
- All gathering limits will be rescinded.
- All youth and amateur sports restrictions will be lifted.
- The face-covering order will be rescinded, except that face coverings will still be required for all vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals (subject to exemptions):

1. On public transportation (e.g., MBTA, airplanes) and private transportation (e.g., Uber, Lyft, taxies).
2. Inside transportation hubs (e.g., train stations, airports).
3. Inside K-12 public schools.
4. Inside childcare programs.
5. Health care facilities and healthcare provider offices.
6. Congregate care facilities (e.g., prisons, jails, assisted living facilities, group homes).
7. Health care and rehabilitative day services and programs.

For a more comprehensive explanation of the rollback of COVID restrictions, please visit the Commonwealth's website, available **here**.

RIW will continue to provide updates relative to COVID-19 restrictions, relief programs, and related legislation as additional guidance becomes available.

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