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Effective June 22, 2020, Massachusetts moves into Step 2 of Phase 2 of the Four-Phase Reopening Plan. Businesses permitted to reopen in Step 2 can resume operations under their sector-specific guidance. In addition, prior to opening, the business must meet all safety standards, create a COVID-19 control plan, and complete a self-certification.

As addressed in our previous alert, Phase 2 brought a number of updated guidelines for businesses across the Commonwealth. With Step 2, Gov. Baker’s administration has provided updated sector-specific rules for the following:

- **Safety Standards and Checklist for Office Spaces** permits offices to increase occupancy from 25% to 50% of the maximum capacity; workers must continue to telework if feasible.

- **Safety Standards and Checklist for Close Contact Personal Services** permits massage and body treatments, hair services, skin care services, nail care services, makeup salons, personal trainers, tanning salons, and body art...
services to open.

- **Safety Standards and Checklist for Restaurants** permits restaurants to offer indoor table service with tables at least six feet apart and no more than six people per table.

- **Safety Standards and Checklist for Retail Businesses** permits the operation of fitting rooms on an appointment basis only.

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