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Good Afternoon,

As we approach August 1, which is when the Commonwealth's new [Travel Order](#) goes into effect, we have received numerous questions from industry partners around enforcement and liability. Particularly as it relates to hotels, we sought clarity from the Administration on what the expectations are for lodging operators as they take reservations and welcome guests to their properties. Here is what we have recently learned:

- Travelers will be informed of new travel guidance by airlines, passenger rail corporations, bus companies and some major travel agents when booking trips and before arrival in MA.
- Travelers should visit mass.gov/MATraveler before their trip to fill out the Massachusetts Travel form and for further information.
- The [guidance](#) for Operators of Lodging was updated recently. Lodging operators must inform guests both at the time a reservation is made AND at check-in of the Commonwealth's [current travel order](#) and the guests' obligation to quarantine for fourteen days after arrival or until they receive a negative COVID test result, unless they meet certain limited exceptions.
- Lodging operators are encouraged to post signage on their websites and at check-in with information about requirements for out-of-state travelers. Compliance is the responsibility of the traveler.

We will continue to field questions and seek clarifications where they are needed as it relates to the Travel Order and its enforcement.

On Tuesday the Bureau was part of a call with FIFA and U.S. Soccer officials to support greater Boston's [bid to host 2026 World Cup matches](#). We joined our colleagues from the New England Revolution, Kraft Sports & Entertainment, and the Greater Boston Sports Partnership, as well as officials from City Hall and the Commonwealth, to spotlight the amazing assets and resources that we would leverage to execute a world-class event. On **August 13** we will be hosting a webinar specifically about the bid to host

World Cup 2026 matches. We look forward to educating stakeholders on the process and how they can help.

Speaking of webinars, next week's session will look at cultural tourism and the venues and organizations that are trying to navigate the new normal as they reopen in Phase III. We will hear from the MFA, ArtsBoston, the MA Cultural Council, and Revolutionary Spaces. It will be a robust conversation and also a very important conversation as we know how difficult the road is right now for cultural and historical spaces, which are so prevalent across Boston and so vital for our visitor industry. Earlier this week the Globe published related articles on the impact of the pandemic on our [historic sites](#) and [cultural institutions](#) as they strive to safely reopen and encourage visitors to come through their doors. And just today [ArtsBoston released the findings](#) from a recent survey gauging the confidence level of arts goers in returning to venues and museums. This information will be covered in the webinar. You will receive an invitation soon.

We are closing in on 100 participating restaurants for our Dine Out Boston program happening August 16-21 & 23-28. Please [email us and sign up](#) before the month is over! We are also still taking nominations for the Dine Out Boston charitable partner. Please [submit your nominations](#) to us before August 7.

Join us for our next virtual Open House next week on Wednesday, **August 5** from 4:30pm-5:30pm. Encore Boston Harbor President Brian Gullbrant will provide an update on casino and resort operations and Encore executive chef Joseph Leibowitz will perform a virtual cooking class. It should be very fun and engaging and we hope you [register to attend](#). During the Open House Encore will raffle off an Encore Experience that includes an overnight stay in a Premier King Harbor View Room and dinner for two at Rare Steakhouse.

We hope to see you on August 5! Please continue to share your questions, concerns, and ideas with us. We are here for you.

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