



After careful consideration and discussion with UTEC leadership and other event professionals, UTEC has made the difficult decision to not book large group events at our facility through the end of 2020.

On July 6, 2020 an updated reopening plan was released by the State of Massachusetts. Indoor events with up to 25 guests CAN occur during Phase 3 (the current phase as of summer 2020). Larger indoor events, bars, and dancefloors are not allowed and have been pushed to Phase 4. Phase 4 is now not slated to start until there is a vaccine or treatment for COVID-19. Experts predict that this could take months if not longer.

UTEC has worked with our renters to cancel or postpone all remaining 2020 events now, rather than keeping guests in limbo while we wait for more news from the State. We do not anticipate the official guidelines to change before the end of the calendar year.

We know that this may come as an enormous disappointment, and want you to know that it is for us, too. This is not a decision we have taken lightly and there are two overriding concerns that have caused us to make this decision at this time.

First is the uncertainty; there is a high probability of factors outside our control forcing last-minute cancellations. For the sake of our renters and guests, we do not want to have to cancel with only weeks or days of notice. Doing so now allows time to change plans, notify guests, and consider future dates.

Second, our primary concern is always the responsibility we feel towards those who use our building. We understand and support the Governor's decision to wait to reopen larger indoor events until there is a COVID-19 vaccine. This update came after other states reopened and faced increased cases. UTEC will continue to prioritize the health and wellbeing of our staff, program participants, renters, guests, and the Lowell community.

Given the recent news, we feel this is the best way to proceed during such an unprecedented global situation. We are very disappointed that we are unable to hold events for the immediate (and possibly longer) future but know it's the right decision based on the information we have today.

We would love to work with you in the future so would be happy to stay in touch and hold a future date for your event. In the meantime, we wish you continued safety and health during this time.

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