



August 27, 2020

Mr. Dion Irish, Commissioner
Inspectional Services Department
1010 Massachusetts Avenue
Boston, MA 02118

Re: **Guidance for Permitting Off-campus Spaces for Temporary Institutional Uses**
Massachusetts College of Art and Design

Dear Commissioner Irish:

This letter serves as a recommendation to approve the temporary institutional uses for the Massachusetts College of Art and Design, as described herein, in accordance with the interdepartmental guidance (the "Guidance") towards permitting non-institutional spaces to be used for the purposes of institutional residential de-densification, issued by the City of Boston on July 9, 2020, and in accordance with the Boston Public Health Commission directive supporting this aim, issued June 24, 2020.

The Massachusetts College of Art and Design (the "College") submitted an application (the "Application") on August 20, 2020, detailing its plans for potential temporary occupancy the Hilton Back Bay at 40 Dalton St. in the Back Bay neighborhood for the purpose of additional isolation/quarantine rooms for students on an as-needed basis. The College intends to utilize a maximum of 18 rooms with private bathrooms on a case by case basis. On campus students will have priority for quarantining or isolating at this location. Students living off-campus who cannot be accommodated at the Hilton will receive the College's support and guidance on isolating and quarantining in their place of residence.

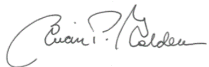
Occupancy may occur at any time between August 28, 2020 and December 24, 2020. Because of the as-needed nature of this strategy and small number of units, the Hotel is not intended to be occupied by any other College personal or Resident Advisors. However, the College will assign a COVID team (including the director of COVID operations, the director of student health services, and student affairs administrators) to work with the students to monitor their progress and recovery. Transportation between the College and Hotel will be provided by the College through ambulance at the time of move-in and move-out. Students in isolation or quarantine at the Hotel will not be permitted to leave their rooms.

Given the above, BPDA Staff deems the College's Application for occupying these spaces⁰ in compliance with the Guidance and the Boston Public Health Commission's directive. BPDA Staff recommends that you permit the change of use for the proposed facility for a period of six months, beginning August 28,

2020, with the option for the University to renew for a similar period should that be deemed necessary and in accordance with the Guidance at that time, as well as in accordance with up-to-date public health recommendations. If you have any further questions or require additional information, please contact Nupoor Monani, Senior Institutional Planner & Project Manager, at Nupoor.Monani@Boston.gov.

Sincerely,

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Brian Golden, Director