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City of Revere Response to COVID-19: April 6, 2020 Update
Mayor Arrigo Implements New Measures to Slow Spread of Virus and
Signals Further Restrictions may be Implemented as Pandemic
Continues
All Residents Advised to Wear Masks When They Must Leave Home

April 6, 2020 – The City of Revere's Emergency Response Team continues to take proactive steps to slow community transmission of COVID-19 and prepare for further spread of the virus. As of April 6, 2020, the Revere Board of Health has been notified by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health of 257 positive cases of COVID-19 in the City of Revere.

Today Mayor Arrigo implemented several new measures aimed at preventing community transmission of COVID-19 and protect Revere residents:

- **Mobile City Hall Tells Beachgoers to Go Home:** Revere's Mobile City Hall has been equipped with sound equipment to remind individuals of the importance of staying at home. Recorded in English, Spanish, Arabic and Portuguese, the guidance urges people to go home and stay at home to protect our health care workers, first responders and families.
- **All Commercial Construction on Hold:** Today the City of Revere's Building Commissioner has paused all commercial housing construction projects until each management team can enlist a third-party inspector, paid by the contractor, to provide ongoing updates to the City regarding the status of COVID-19 safety precautions. This follows actions taken on April 3, when the Building Commissioner shut down all major non-housing commercial construction projects, including the construction of three hotels and Amazon's distribution center. Management for each project is working to safely secure sites.
- **Convenience Stores in Violation of Existing Orders to Close:** Following several reports of individuals gathering at convenience stores to play Keno, businesses that are deemed in violation of the City's orders related to social distancing and occupancy limits will be required to close by Inspectional Services.

Further guidance encouraging all businesses to use curbside pickup, drive thru and other non-contact methods of service delivery may be issued later this week.

Revere Residents Advised to Wear Masks IF They Must Leave Home

In addition to maintaining 6-foot social distancing, the CDC is advising the use of simple cloth face coverings to slow the spread of the virus and help prevent people who may have the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others. The cloth face coverings recommended are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators. Those are critical supplies that must continue to be reserved for health care workers and other medical first responders.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health's "Stay At Home" Advisory is in effect through May 4. "Stay at Home" means avoiding all non-essential trips outside the home. Residents over

the age of 70 or with underlying health conditions should limit interactions with other people as much as possible.

The [Centers for Disease Control](#) has advised the best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus, and has provided a number of basic steps all citizens can take to protect themselves, including: washing your hands often, avoiding close contact with those who are sick, staying home when sick, covering coughs and sneezes, and cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces.

Mayor Arrigo is being briefed daily by members of his Emergency Response Team to coordinate efforts across City departments. He and City officials continue to join daily briefings with state and federal officials to coordinate containment strategies regionally. All updates for Revere residents are being shared regularly at [Revere.org/coronavirus](https://www.revere.org/coronavirus) and via social media.

City Services Updates

- Mayor Arrigo declared a State of Emergency in the City of Revere on March 19, 2020.
- There are no disruptions to basic City services provided by Revere Police, Fire, EMS, Department of Public Works and Revere 311.
- Residents should subscribe for email and text message notifications at [revere.org/coronavirus](https://www.revere.org/coronavirus).
- Revere 311 remains fully staffed and residents with questions or concerns are encouraged to reach the City by dialing 311 (or 781-286-8311) or emailing Revere311@revere.org.
- All City buildings are closed to the public until further notice, and services to residents remain available at Revere.org.
- All City parks and playgrounds are closed until further notice.
- Revere Public Schools' grab-and-go meal services are available to all students and families at all eight school sites. Breakfast and lunch will be provided to any child that needs it on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Children will receive meals for multiple days at each pick up.
- A [mutual aid informational packet](#) for residents is now available on Revere.org, providing a wide range of resources related to issues like access to food, health care, transportation, housing rights and more. The online document will be updated daily at 4 p.m.
- The City of Revere has published a [page](#) that outlines resources for impacted small businesses, employers, non-profits, and/or workers. The page will be updated by City staff on an ongoing basis.
- The City of Revere's [volunteer database](#) is open for individuals seeking to lend a helping hand over the next several weeks.

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