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Mayor Arrigo and Revere Board of Health Announce New COVID-19 Response Actions

City Records Highest Single Day Case Count of the Pandemic

Third Testing Site for Revere Residents Only to Open Sunday

City Steps Up Collaboration with Owners and Managers of Large Residential Complexes

Thursday, December 3, 2020 – Today Mayor Arrigo and the Revere Board of Health announced new steps the City will take in its ongoing efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19 and maintain resident health and safety.

The Revere Board of Health recorded 131 new cases of COVID-19 in the City of Revere today, marking the City's highest single-day case count of the pandemic. Revere is now averaging 59.3 new cases a day and its 14-day positivity rate is 7.8%. In the month of November, the City of Revere recorded 1,062 new cases of COVID-19. Testing also increased dramatically over the last month; 8,805 residents were tested in the last week of November compared to 6,238 in the last week of October.

"If they aren't already feeling it personally, I want our residents to understand we are in the midst of the second surge that our team has been preparing for over the past several months," Mayor Arrigo said. "We need everyone to do their part to reduce the spread as much as possible. Please, don't gather, wear a mask, limit your trips to public, indoor places, and follow the guidance of public health officials if you've tested positive or may have been exposed."

In response to community feedback and increasing demand for testing, the Revere Board of Health will open a third free COVID-19 testing site in the City, with the newest site serving only Revere residents. The site will open on Sunday, December 6, 2020 at 8:30 AM at the Rossetti-Cowan Senior Center and will operate Sundays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM. This location is a walk-up testing site only, with limited parking. Revere residents must show proof of address with a driver's license, Mass or school ID, or utility bill.

After observing a surge in cases associated with large housing complexes, the City has also intensified collaboration with owners and managers of these facilities. The Board of Health has issued communication to reinforce best practices to maintain safety in common areas, cleaning and disinfecting protocols, and how to support residents who have tested positive and are quarantining. The City will hold an information session for complex owners and management companies next week to review these policies and answer questions. All multifamily housing (apartment buildings and condominiums) poses a significant challenge during the pandemic because of the potential for increased exposure for residents and staff.

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