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In Partnership with the Commonwealth's Community Tracing Collaborative, Mayor Arrigo Kicks Off Weekend of Action in Response to Recent Uptick in COVID-19 Cases

Efforts include ramped up outreach, testing availability, sanitation, mask distribution and enforcement

Saturday, August 8, 2020 -- Today Mayor Brian Arrigo announced plans for a weekend of action in the City of Revere, in partnership with the Commonwealth's Department of Public Health and Community Tracing Collaborative. Efforts will include increased outreach and community engagement, sanitation protocols and enforcement. In partnership with the Baker-Polito Administration, free testing through the Stop the Spread initiative is being extended through September 12 and a second testing site will be added in the city of Revere, with location and timing to be announced Monday.

The weekend of action comes as the City's Emergency Response Team monitors a steady uptick in daily new cases of COVID-19 among Revere residents, and a positive test rate that is three times higher than the state average. As of Friday, August 7, the Revere Board of Health had been notified by the Department of Public Health of 2108 positive cases of COVID-19 in the City of Revere, for a 7-day average of 13.7 cases per day. Nearly 1,700 residents have recovered from the virus; 93 have died.

Efforts will include:

- Ambassadors will distribute multilingual educational materials and masks following weekend religious services and at Revere Beach.
- Revere's Mobile City Hall will broadcast multilingual public health messages along Revere Beach.
- Revere Police Department will increase patrols of City parks and playgrounds to discourage large gatherings and encourage mask wearing. Police officers will also distribute masks to members of the public who need one.
- Revere Parks and Recreation staff will rotate across all city parks and playgrounds to disinfect equipment, empty trash, sweep and rake. They will also distribute masks to individuals at parks and playgrounds without one.
- The City will promote the Commonwealth's new system for [reporting safe practices concerns](#).

- In response to outreach from the City's Inspectional Services team, all large grocers have committed to tightening and enforcing safety protocols in their stores.

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