

City of Revere Response to COVID-19: March 16, 2020 Update

Emergency Response Team Continues to Implement Containment Strategies

Grab-and-Go Meal Services Available to All Students at All Revere Public Schools Sites

Message to Residents: Please Stay Home

March 16, 2020 – Today the City of Revere’s COVID-19 Emergency Response team continues to take proactive steps to slow community transmission of COVID-19 and prepare for further spread of the disease. **While there are no reported, confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the City of Revere as of today, March 16, 2020, the City expects this to change.**

“This week our team is doing everything we can to slow the spread of the coronavirus in our community, support our most vulnerable populations, and ensure full continuity of City services for our residents,” said Mayor Arrigo. “The actions we take this week will be critical in curbing a spike in cases that would overwhelm our healthcare system - and literally save lives. Every one of us must do our part. My one message to residents today: please stay home to the best of your ability.”

City Services Updates

- On Sunday, March 15, 2020, Mayor Arrigo announced City Hall would be closed to the public until further notice, and that services to residents remain available at Revere.org. All public school buildings, the Recreation Center, Public Library, Community Center and Senior Center remain closed to the public. Programming normally provided within these buildings will be made available to the public online and via Revere TV this week.
- There will be no disruption to basic city services provided by the Department of Public Works and Revere 311.
- Revere Public Schools began grab-and-go meal services to all students and families at all eight school sites today, serving 350 meals in today’s serving windows. Breakfast and lunch will be provided to any Revere child that needs it, regardless of where they go to school, **Monday through Friday, with breakfast provided between 10-11 a.m. and lunch provided 11 a.m. -1 p.m.** Virtual learning plans for all grade levels will be made available at RevereK12.org. Devices will be provided to any student who does not have one at home. More information is available [here](#).
- The Mayor’s Office is continuing outreach to area businesses to begin implementation of Governor Baker’s mandates prohibiting gatherings of more than 25 people, as well as on-site consumption at restaurants and bars. Inspectional Services and Revere Police will begin enforcement of these orders when they take effect on Tuesday, March 17 and encourage them to provide take-out offerings.
- 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. Call volume has doubled today.
- The City of Revere’s [volunteer database](#) opened on Friday for individuals seeking to lend a helping hand over the next several weeks. Volunteers who register with the City will be contacted once assignments are identified.
- The Mayor is being briefed by members of the Emergency Response Team daily as they coordinate response efforts across City departments. City officials are also joining daily briefings

with state and federal officials. All updates for Revere residents are being shared regularly at Revere.org and via social media.

Health & Wellbeing of Vulnerable Populations

The City remains focused on proactively supporting populations at higher risk of developing serious COVID-19 illness, including older people and people of all ages with severe underlying health conditions.

Actions taken include:

- The establishment of a network to connect with senior citizens throughout the City to allow for ongoing phone wellness check-ins
- Partnership with Rite-Aid secured to offer increased delivery of prescription medications, and ongoing outreach to CVS Pharmacy and Walgreens to establish partnership commitments
- Outreach to all public and private facilities housing seniors in the City of Revere to establish information sharing protocols
- Outreach to residents traditionally served by the Senior Center to determine ongoing needs for daily meal delivery
- Ongoing coordination with service provider Mystic Valley to begin planning for extension of services offered to seniors

Actions for All Revere Residents to Take

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.

Revere Emergency Preparedness

City of Revere public safety and health teams are participating in regular briefings with the Massachusetts Emergency Management Authority (MEMA) and are prepared to dispatch emergency volunteers within the city as needed.

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