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City of Revere Response to COVID-19: April 17, 2020 Update

As Positive Cases in Revere Near 600, Mayor Arrigo Urges Residents to Remain Vigilant and Stay at Home this Weekend

April 17, 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 17, the Revere Board of Health has been notified by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health of 579 positive cases of COVID-19 in the City of Revere.

In last night's <u>Facebook Live Town Hall</u>, Mayor Arrigo was joined by Dr. Nathalee Kong, Chair of the Revere Board of Health, who provided residents with several pieces of public health guidance.

"The best means of protecting yourself and your loved ones remains good old-fashioned hand hygiene, social distancing, and staying at home," said Dr. Kong in her remarks.

As new cases of COVID-19 in the City of Revere hit a new one day high today, it is critical, now more than ever, that people continue to do their part to greatly reduce the number of trips outside the home to only essential trips. If you do need to leave the home, practice social distancing, avoid touching your face, and wear a mask. Cloth masks prevent individuals from touching their face, and taken alongside all other precautions - including staying at home, social distancing and hand hygiene - can likely help slow the spread of the virus, particularly for individuals who are asymptomatic. If you do not have easy access to a commercially-made mask, use a bandana, a shirt, or other items around the home to create your own.

Following reports of pauses in delivery from the U.S. Postal Service, The City now expects all deliveries will resume effective Saturday. Mayor Arrigo is urging any residents who experience interruptions in mail service to call 311 so the City may investigate.