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City of Revere Response to COVID-19: August 10th Update

Free COVID-19 Testing Site Opens at Revere Beach in Partnership with Baker Polito Administration "Stop the Spread" Initiative

Travel Advisory for Tomorrow's Mobile Revere High School Graduation Ceremony

August 10, 2020 — The City of Revere's Emergency Response Team continues to monitor impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and develop policies and procedures to maintain public health and safety for all in Revere. As of August 10, the Revere Board of Health has been notified by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health of 2,143 positive and probable cases of COVID-19 in the City of Revere. The City is averaging 13.9 new cases a day.

Mayor Brian Arrigo and the Revere Board of Health today announced a second free COVID-19 testing site to operate at Revere Beach from August 10- September 12 as part of the Baker-Polito Administration "Stop the Spread" initiative. Testing will be available Monday, Wednesday and Saturday from 12-4 PM and Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 3-7 PM at the Markey Footbridge along Revere Beach Boulevard. No insurance, no identification and no appointment is required. Results are made available to the individual within 72 hours.

The City's existing testing site at Revere High School, open since July 27, will continue to operate and has been an effective resource for many. To-date, that site has administered more than 2,700 tests, with a positive test rate of 2.49%. Fifty percent of individuals tested have been Revere residents with the remaining tests provided to individuals from surrounding communities.

"Widespread testing and contact tracing is the best tool we have to stop the spread of the virus. We've chosen one of the highest traffic locations in the city for this second site because we want to test as many people as we can," said Mayor Brian Arrigo. "This is a true partnership with the Baker Administration, DCR and the Massachusetts State Police and we know it's going to have an impact, in particular in helping us identify asymptomatic individuals before they go on to spread the virus throughout the community. I'm encouraging everyone to take advantage of this free resource, especially if you feel you may have been exposed to the virus."

Residents are reminded that if they test positive for COVID-19, to please answer the call when contacted by the Community Tracing Collaborative or Revere Board of Health.

Any individual who needs a safe place to isolate can call (617) 367-5150 to access an isolation and recovery site at no cost.

Traffic Advisory: Graduation Car Parade Planned for Revere High School seniors

On Thursday, Mayor Arrigo and city officials announced the cancellation of the Revere High School graduation due to public health concerns amidst the City's rising case numbers and positive test rates. School officials have planned a rolling ceremony to take place on Tuesday, August 11 from 4-7 PM as a way to honor the Revere graduates. Parts of the city and Broadway will be closed off for this time period – residents are urged to plan travel accordingly.

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