



REVERE BOARD OF HEALTH ADVISORY ORDER REGARDING HALLOWEEN

Whereas, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts declared a State of Emergency on March 10, 2020; and

Whereas, the City of Revere has been under a State of Emergency since March 19, 2020; and

Whereas, the prevalence of the novel coronavirus Covid-19 continues to exist in high number across the Commonwealth and especially in Revere, which is designated a “high risk” community; and

Whereas, the Board of Health is empowered pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws ch. 111 ss. 95-105 to prevent the spread of infectious disease;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE REVERE BOARD OF HEALTH, in anticipation of the annual tradition of “trick or treat” at Halloween, and acknowledging the extreme and dangerous threat caused by public gathering and public interaction, especially among individuals unknown to one another and any one of who may be an asymptomatic carrier of Covid 19,

The Board of Health issues the following **ADVISORY ORDER** with respect to “trick or treat” as necessary to protect the public health:

1. The tradition of door-to-door “trick or treating” is **STRONGLY DISCOURAGED** as a severe threat to any and all participants because of the increased likelihood of unknown transmission of Covid-19 in the course of any such “trick or treat” interaction.

2. Residents are urged to participate in small, safe activities limited to family and at all times practice safe Covid-19 preventative protocols including:

- Wearing a mask that covers the mouth and nose;
- Maintaining social distance of at least six feet between each other;
- Washing hands thoroughly and frequently.

3. Elderly persons age 65 and older, persons with illness, and persons with conditions that result in weakened immune systems are **CAUTIONED AND ADVISED** not to participate in any such “trick or treat” events, and if they do, to do so only among immediate family and to take full precautions such as mask-wearing, social distance, and personal hygiene.

4. Residents who prefer not to participate in any way in trick-or-treat are advised to keep their lights turned off or to post “No Trick or Treat” notices at their property.

5. Indoor gatherings of more than 25 persons remain in violation of the current Covid-19 practices and will be dispersed by law enforcement authorities. Residents are urged to refrain from attending any event with persons other than those with whom they live.

Adopted by the Board of Health on October 26, 2020



Nathalee Kong, MD, Chair of the Revere Board of Health



Brian M. Arrigo, Mayor