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

Revere Reopening Team Provides Progress Update as State Enters Second Step of Phase 2

June 19, 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 June 19th, the Revere Board of Health has been notified by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health of 1,775 positive and probable cases of COVID-19 in the City of Revere. The City is averaging 3.7 new cases each day.

Today Governor Baker announced the second step of phase 2 of the State’s reopening plan will begin Monday, June 22. During this step of the phased reopening, restaurants will be able to open for indoor seating with safety requirements, as will nail salons, tanning salons, and more. More information about reopening plans and safety guidelines can be found on the State’s reopening website.

On Tuesday, June 23 from 11:00 AM-12:00 PM, the Reopening Team will hold office hours in English and Spanish for restaurant owners with questions regarding outdoor dining and reopening for indoor dining under the second step of Phase 2. Business owners should register in advance at www.revere.org/officehours.

The City’s Reopening Team continues to support local businesses in their reopening efforts, through collaboration on safety plans, permitting assistance and the City’s Emergency Small Business grant program. To-date:

- Seven dining establishments have applied and been approved for outdoor dining through the City’s Licensing Commission. This is in addition to establishments that had previously operated outdoor dining.
- 78 Revere businesses have been awarded $219,000 in emergency small business grants
- 6 office hours and listening sessions have been held to help business owners work through challenges
- Masks have been distributed for businesses’ use for employees and customers through the City’s Mask Up Business Program. Businesses can still apply here.

To find up-to-date information regarding Revere’s small business, such as what restaurants are open during the pandemic, please use the interactive map on https://shoplocal.revere.org. If your business is open with restrictions due to Covid-
19, please fill out the form at www.revere.org/shoplocalform to ensure representation on the website.

Although restaurants and other businesses are now open, we are still urging Revere residents to stay vigilant. Wearing facial coverings, socially distancing, and regularly washing hands have remained effective in slowing the spread and are still important guidelines to follow.

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