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## City of Revere Response to COVID-19: June 8, 2020 Update

## Emergency Management Team Provides Revere Reopening Updates

Permit application for outdoor dining now available, revised customer limits in place at large retailers

June 8, 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 8th, the Revere Board of Health has been notified by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health of 1,729 positive cases of COVID-19 in the City of Revere. The City is averaging 8.4 new cases a day.

Today the City's Emergency Response Team announced several updates related to the start of phase 2 of the Commonwealth's reopening plan, including:

- The Revere Licensing Commission launched an application for outdoor dining licenses in accordance with provisions of Governor Baker's Order concerning the Phase II reopening of restaurants. This application regards the temporary expansion of premises of licensed common victuallers to allow restaurants to serve patrons outside. These extensions apply to property contiguous to the business and may include sidewalks, parking lots, and municipal parking lots. The License Commission will act within seven days of the request. You can find the application at revere.org/outdoorseating.
- The Revere Board of Health has issued updated guidance regarding customer limitations in business. Businesses are required to limit capacity to four customers per 1,000 square feet of sales space. Read the updated guidance <u>here</u>.

 The City's Business Response Team will continue its weekly virtual office hours for small businesses impacted by COVID-19. Held via Zoom on Tuesday mornings at 11:00 AM and available in English and Spanish, office hours will focus on answering questions regarding the State's reopening plans. Small businesses can register for office hours at <u>Revere.org/officehours</u>.

A peaceful march has been planned for tomorrow by Black and Brown youth who have come together to form Black Lives Matter Revere. The march will begin Tuesday, June 9 at 4:30 p.m. at the Bandstand on Revere Beach, proceed north on Revere Beach Boulevard to Revere Street, proceed west on Revere Street to Broadway, and end at City Hall. Traffic delays are expected and residents are advised to use alternate routes to avoid temporary street closures. The City of Revere will continue to support our youth in peaceful protest and is working closely with public safety teams to ensure a safe environment for all. In preparation for the demonstration, the Revere Emergency Response Team urges everyone participating to maintain social distancing, wear masks, and not attend if they are feeling ill.

City officials will be closely monitoring data in the coming days and are urging all residents to continue to take precautions:

- People over the age of 65 and people who have underlying health conditions who are at high risk for COVID-19 – should continue to stay home except for essential errands such as going to the grocery store and to attend to health care needs.
- All residents are advised to leave home only for health care, worship and permitted work, shopping, and outdoor activities.
- Don't participate in close contact activities such as pick-up sports games.
- All residents are REQUIRED to cover their face when they cannot maintain six feet of social distance in public
- Wash hands frequently for at least 20 seconds with soapy water
- Stay home if you feel sick.

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