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## **City of Revere Response to COVID-19: May 19, 2020 Update**

### ***Revere Reopening Team Continues to Provide Support, Resources for Business Owners***

May 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 May 19, the Revere Board of Health has been notified by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health of 1,500 positive cases of COVID-19 in the City of Revere, an increase of 18 cases since yesterday.

Today the Revere Reopening Team held the first two of its listening sessions for nearly 50 local business owners and continued to distribute important information related to the Commonwealth's Reopening Plan, available at [mass.gov/reopening](https://mass.gov/reopening). A [third session](#) is scheduled for tomorrow at 1:00PM for child care providers, domestic workers and health-related counseling services. All businesses are being encouraged to complete the City's business [reopening survey](#).

Industries that are part of phase one of the state's reopening plan -- including [offices](#), [hair salons and barber shops](#), [pet services](#), [car washes](#) and curbside retail -- have been prioritized by the City's business response team as they work to communicate the public health and safety compliance [requirements](#) businesses must meet to reopen.

Small businesses are being encouraged to apply for a grant through the City's Emergency Small Business Program if they have not yet done so. The program aims to provide immediate relief for small businesses in jeopardy as a result of COVID-19 public safety measures and will award Qualifying businesses up to \$10,000.. The application and criteria for the funding is available to small business owners at [revere.org/smallbusiness](https://revere.org/smallbusiness). Grant funds can be used for working capital costs such as payroll, lease obligations, utility and/or debt payments, and inventory expenses.