



City of Revere Response to COVID-19: May 28, 2020 Update

Emergency Small Business Program Continues Grant Funding

Small Business Office Hours Begin June 2

New Coronavirus Data Available On Revere.org

May 28, 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 28, the Revere Board of Health has been notified by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health of 1,609 positive cases of COVID-19 in the City of Revere. The City is averaging 12 new cases a day.

Today Mayor Arrigo announced additional grant awards made through the City’s Emergency Small Business Program. To date, more than 60 small businesses are slated to receive over \$170,000 in grants. The grants range from \$1,000-\$5,000, dependent upon the size of the business and documented need. [Applications](#) are still open for businesses who qualify, and funds can be used for working capital costs such as payroll, lease obligations, utility and/or debt payments, and inventory expenses.

The City’s Business Response Team also announced the start of 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 [Revere.org/officehours](https://www.revere.org/officehours).

The City’s Emergency Response Team has added new [data](#) to the [Revere.org/coronavirus](https://www.revere.org/coronavirus) website to align with metrics being tracked by the Commonwealth’s Reopening Advisory board. Data includes the percentage of positive test rates for Revere residents.

With unemployment fraud on the rise, the Commonwealth is urging residents to be vigilant. If you suspect someone may be committing fraud, report it to the Unemployment Insurance Program Integrity Department. To learn more, visit the [State’s website](#) on unemployment fraud.