

## **City of Revere Response to COVID-19: March 12, 2020 Update**

### ***Revere Public Schools Will Close Indefinitely Effective Friday, March 13***

#### ***All Other City Services Remain Open at This Time***

#### ***Mayor Arrigo Stands up Revere Emergency Response Team & Continues Proactive Steps to Support Containment and Prepare for Further Spread***

March 12, 2020 – The City of Revere is closely monitoring the COVID-19 outbreak in Massachusetts and taking proactive steps to support containment efforts and prepare for further spread of the disease. **While there are no presumed or confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the City of Revere as of today, March 12, 2020, the City expects this to change.**

**Revere Public Schools will be closed indefinitely, effective Friday, March 13.** The decision was made to proactively support containment efforts. The City of Revere and Revere Public Schools will be announcing plans to support students and their families while schools are closed, including meal services and virtual learning. All Schools updates will be made available at [RevereK12.org](http://RevereK12.org). City Hall and other city services remain open at this time.

Today, Mayor Arrigo joined Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito and mayors from across the region to discuss preparedness planning and initiate regular communications across communities to allow for coordinated response. The Mayor also formalized Revere’s COVID-19 Emergency Response Team, which will provide daily briefings on and ensure coordination of City response efforts. City officials are participating in daily briefings with state and federal officials and will share updates for Revere residents regularly at [Revere.org](http://Revere.org) and via social media.

“In the interest of public health, we are stepping up our mitigation efforts to stop the spread of coronavirus, including today’s decision to close schools,” Mayor Arrigo said. “Today we formalized our response plan with our external networks allowing us better coordination with cities and towns across our region as we all work to stem the spread and hasten containment. Currently, we are focused on solidifying our ability to provide ongoing services to residents as this outbreak continues to evolve and provide strategic wellbeing checks for our seniors and other vulnerable populations. We will continue to update residents consistently to ensure our communities have the most up to date information and facts available from a trusted, official source.”

“Although no member of our school community has tested positive for coronavirus, we see the trends across the state leading in that direction and are choosing to close schools proactively,” said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Dianne Kelly. “Our teams are working to address the most immediate needs of our students and families that will be affected by school closures, particularly in the development of plans to provide meals and instruction during this time. As we have done for the past several days, the school department will continue to provide information to our students, families and staff on a regular basis.”

## **Health & Wellbeing of Vulnerable Populations**

The City remains focused on proactively supporting populations at higher risk of developing serious COVID-19 illness, including older people and people of all ages with severe underlying health conditions.

Actions taken today include:

- The establishment of a network to connect with senior citizens throughout the City to allow for ongoing phone wellness check-ins
- Partnership with Rite-Aid secured to offer delivery of prescription medications, and ongoing outreach to CVS Pharmacy and Walgreens to establish partnership commitments
- Outreach to all public and private facilities housing seniors in the City of Revere to establish information sharing protocols
- Outreach to residents traditionally served by the Senior Center to determine ongoing needs for daily meal delivery
- Ongoing coordination with our service provider Mystic Valley to begin planning for extension of services offered to seniors.

## **Actions for All Revere Residents to Take**

The [Centers for Disease Control](#) has advised the best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus, and has provided a number of basic steps all citizens can take to protect themselves, including: washing your hands often, avoiding close contact with those who are sick, staying home when sick, covering coughs and sneezes, and cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces.

Residents with questions or concerns can contact the city 24/7 simply by dialing 311, or via email at [311@revere.org](mailto:311@revere.org).

## **Revere Emergency Preparedness**

City of Revere public safety and health teams are participating in regular briefings with the Massachusetts Emergency Management Authority (MEMA) and are prepared to dispatch emergency volunteers within the city as needed. As of right now, City business continues as usual and the public will be updated of any changes. The City is encouraging residents to take advantage of [online services](#) to conduct city business, and will be following the lead of state officials regarding the cancellation of large public events. All event cancellations will be made available at [Revere.org/coronavirus](http://Revere.org/coronavirus).

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