



**ADVISORY OF THE BOSTON PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION
REQUESTING RESIDENTS TO STAY AT HOME DURING CERTAIN HOURS**

DATE OF ADVISORY: April 5, 2020

The Boston Public Health Commission, acting through its duly appointed and authorized agent, Interim Executive Director Rita Nieves, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 111, § 30, the Boston Public Health Act of 1995, M.G.L. c. 111 App §§ 2-6, M.G.L. c. 111 §§ 31, 104, 122, and the Boston Public Health Commission's Declaration of a Public Health Emergency Relative to COVID-19 in the City of Boston dated March 15, 2020, hereby enacts and declares as follows:

Whereas, a Public Health Emergency due to the outbreak of the 2019 novel Coronavirus (“COVID-19”) is in effect in the City of Boston pursuant to declaration of the Boston Public Health Commission dated March 15, 2020, in full force and effect until April 27, 2020, unless circumstances warrant an extension by the Interim Executive Director;

Whereas, on March 10, 2020, Governor Baker declared that there exists within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts a state of emergency due to the outbreak of COVID-19;

Whereas, on March 23, 2020, Governor Baker issued an Order Assuring the Continued Operating of Essential Services in the Commonwealth, Closing Certain Workplaces, and Prohibiting Gatherings of More Than 10 People in effect until April 7, 2020, which has subsequently been extended until May 4, 2020 (“the Governor’s March 23, 2020 Order, as extended”);

Whereas, the Interim Executive Director has determined that community-wide compliance with the practice of social distancing, including people remaining at least six feet apart, and eliminating all unnecessary physical interaction is reasonably believed to be necessary to prevent or reduce the immediate spread of COVID-19;

Whereas, the unique size and density of Boston’s population poses inherently elevated risks of transmission that the City must address on behalf of the public health of the City and region;

Whereas, a disproportionately large and important number and concentration businesses designated as Essential Businesses under the Governor’s March 23, 2020 Order, as extended, including in particular hospitals, are located in Boston and additional measures are required to protect the large number of Essential Workers who work in Boston and patients who seek their care;

Whereas, the Interim Executive Director has determined that additional public health orders and social distancing requirements are necessary to reduce the transmission of COVID-19;

Whereas, the intent of this Advisory is to ensure that residents and businesses in Boston act consistently with the imperative public health need that the entire community achieve the maximum amount of “social distancing” feasible, while continuing to provide and receive Essential Services, to slow the spread of COVID-19 to the maximum extent possible. All provisions of this Advisory should be interpreted to effectuate this intent. Failure to comply with any of the provisions of this Advisory constitutes an imminent threat and creates an immediate threat to public health.

THEREFORE, THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY IS HEREBY IN EFFECT FOR THE CITY OF BOSTON, AS FOLLOWS:

1. The scientific evidence shows that at this stage of the emergency, it is essential to slow virus transmission as much as possible to protect the most vulnerable and to prevent the health care system from being overwhelmed. One proven way to slow the transmission is to limit interactions among people to the greatest extent practicable. By reducing the spread of the COVID-19 virus, this Advisory helps preserve critical and limited healthcare capacity in the City of Boston.
2. The Executive Director hereby advises all residents of and visitors to the City of Boston stay at home between the hours of 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. unless they are actively providing or receiving COVID-19 Essential Services as defined by the Governor’s March 23, 2020 Order, as extended.
3. Notwithstanding anything in the Governor’s March 23, 2020 Order, as extended, to the contrary, residents and visitors within Boston city limits are advised to refrain from the following activities between the hours of 9 p.m. and 6 a.m.:
 - a. Obtaining necessary services or supplies for themselves and their family or household members, or to deliver those services or supplies to others, such as, by way of example only and without limitation, food, pet supplies, and any other

household consumer products, and products necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences.

- b. Engaging in outdoor physical activity, such as, by way of example and without limitation, walking, hiking, or running.

4. This Advisory shall begin at 9 p.m. on April 6, 2020, and will continue through 11:59 p.m. on May 4, 2020, at which time the Executive Director shall review all relevant information and determine if a further Advisory is warranted. In making this determination, the Executive Director may consider whether community transmission in Boston continues to present a serious danger to public health.

ENFORCEMENT

5. All reasonable efforts will be made to secure voluntary compliance with this Advisory. The Executive Director may seek the assistance of other City of Boston agencies in encouraging compliance with this order.

NOTICE

The City of Boston must promptly provide copies of this Advisory as follows: (1) by posting on the City of Boston's website (boston.gov) and the Boston Public Health Commission website (bphc.org); by providing to any member of the public requesting a copy.

IT IS SO ADVISED:

Dated: April 5, 2020



Rita Nieves
INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
BOSTON PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION