



In accordance with the authority conferred upon them pursuant to the Charter and Ordinances of the City of Everett, and the Massachusetts General Laws, including but not limited to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 111, Sections 30, 31, 122 and 310 CMR 11.05, and any other applicable law, the Honorable Mayor Carlo DeMaria and Executive Director of Health and Human Services, hereby issue the following temporary closure of nonessential businesses, a temporary ban on all non-essential gatherings of any activity, and a curfew advisory in the City of Everett, so as to prevent the spread of a COVID-19 and for the protection of public health, safety and welfare.

DECLARATION

WHEREAS, the disease caused by the 2019 novel Coronavirus is a contagious, and at times fatal, respiratory disease. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, and shortness of breath, and the disease can spread from person to person via respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes.

WHEREAS, the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 and the effects of its extreme risk of person-to-person transmission throughout the United States and the Commonwealth significantly affect the life and health of our people, as well as the economy, and is a disaster that impacts the health, security, and safety of the public. Therefore, it is critical to take additional steps to prepare for, respond to, and mitigate the spread of COVID-19 to protect the health and welfare of the people of the Commonwealth.

WHEREAS, because there is no known vaccine to immunize individuals from COVID-19, the only effective method from preventing the spread of the disease is to isolate known carriers until they are no longer contagious. It has been determined that a period of at least fourteen days is necessary to protect the public from an infected individual.

WHEREAS, because it is so highly contagious and dangerous, on March 10, 2020, Governor Charles Baker declared a State of Emergency in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. As a result of this declaration, numerous orders have been issued to limit the spread of the disease, including but not limited to the closure of non-essential businesses, the closure of schools and requirements for social distancing.

WHEREAS, the situation involving the COVID-19 crisis continues to evolve, with additional guidance being issued by the Federal and State governments.

WHEREAS, the City of Everett has only one hospital, Cambridge Health Alliance (“CHA”) Hospital. While the doctors, nurses and staff have done and continue to perform outstanding work in the face of this crisis, they have limited resources and cannot handle an influx of workers from other communities. In fact, CHA hospital is the only area hospital available to serve the more than 200,000 residents of Everett, Chelsea, Malden, Revere, Saugus and Winthrop. Although there may be other hospitals in the metro-

Boston area relatively close to the City, those hospitals are also likely to experience difficulties in serving their current populations, let alone additional patients from other locations.

WHEREAS, given its size and geographic location and limited access to PPE and other emergency equipment, failure to limit exposure will necessarily result in the overburdening of the hospital's resources and lead to a further health crisis emergency. Hospital leaders have further indicated that their ethics teams are now analyzing how the hospitals will make decisions as to who should receive treatment and who should not, or cannot. This is our reality today.

WHEREAS, during a state of emergency, Everett does not have sufficient resources to provide emergency police, fire and ambulance service above what it is providing to area residents during this unusual period.

WHEREAS, during a state of emergency, Everett does not have sufficient staffing to ensure that job sites are safe, insofar as it cannot commit emergency first-responders to performing construction detail work, it cannot monitor job sites to ensure that physical distancing requirements are met, and it cannot provide adequate support in the event of an emergency.

WHEREAS, it is essential that visitors to the City be limited to only those who absolutely have to be here so that the City's limited resources do not become overwhelmed and insufficient to protect the health and safety of its residents, first responders and essential workers.

NOW THEREFORE, based on the conditions cited above, and other well-known adverse effects of the COVID-19 crisis, Honorable Mayor Carlo DeMaria and Executive Director of Health and Human Services, upon the recommendation of Emergency Management and Public Health Officials, and the need to protect the health of the inhabitants of the City of Everett, issues the following Emergency Order imposing a temporary ban on all non-essential gatherings of any activity, and a curfew advisory.

EMERGENCY ORDER

As of Monday, April 20, 2020 at 9:00PM and continuing for the duration of the State of Emergency in the Commonwealth, in an effort to ensure the health and safety of the residents of Everett the following goes into effect:

A curfew for all non-essential employees to stay at home from 9 PM to 6 AM is in effect.

All in-person services being provided by the Everett Public Schools will be postponed. This means that homework packets and lunch distribution sites are closed and deliveries of Chromebook will be postponed. Online learning will still be available, and employees will be working remotely to the extent possible.

- Everyone should remain indoors from 9 PM to 6 AM;
- Non-essential gatherings of individuals of any size for any reason (e.g. parties, celebrations or other social events) shall be canceled or postponed at this time;
- Any concentration of individuals outside their home must be limited to workers providing essential services or individuals who are undertaking essential tasks, such as picking up pharmaceutical drugs, grocery shopping, or visiting a physician, under which social distancing must be practiced;
- When outside of your home and in public, individuals must practice social distancing of at least six feet from others and **must wear a face covering (i.e. a medical mask, a homemade mask, a scarf, bandana or handkerchief)**;
- Individuals should limit outdoor recreational activities to non-contact, and avoid activities where they come in close contact with other people;
- Sick individuals should not leave their home unless to receive medical care;
- Business Closures: Professional services open to the public must cease. As taxes are now not due until July, there should be no reason for in-person tax accounting, legal services, or other

professional businesses to remain open, with the one possible exception of the real estate closings that are on the verge of completion.

- Department of Public Works and the City Facilities Department will only perform essential work;

I have ordered the Everett Police Department, the Health Department, and Inspectional Services to strictly enforce these guidelines and issue warnings and/or violations to those who are not adhering to the Order can be fined up to \$300 per violation. I know these measures may seem extreme; however, this virus is extreme. As we grapple with the spread of the coronavirus, the response to mitigate the current pandemic and flatten the curve has to be more vigorous. We must all understand the seriousness of the virus and work with one another as we get through this period of time together.

Respectfully,



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