South End businesses adapt under COVID-19 restrictions

Mayor Martin J. Walsh announced strict new measures for social and physical distancing for residents in the City of Boston, in an effort to curb the anticipated peak of COVID-19 in the coming days. The new measures align with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and local public health officials, and if followed by all residents, are expected to reduce the impact and spread of COVID-19.

"I cannot stress enough that the actions we take now through the next several weeks will help curb the spread of this virus, and save lives," said Mayor Walsh.

"There is nothing that I won't do as Mayor of the City of Boston to protect our residents, and it is a critical time, we must do everything we can as Bostonians to protect one another. This is bigger than anyone person, this is about the greater good of our people. Stay safe, stay inside, and let's get through this together."

To date, nearly 45 percent of positive tests in Boston are in people under the age of 40 and more cases of severe illness are now being seen in young people. Further, nearly 50 percent of positive tests are in people under the age of 60. The CDC estimates that nationally 25 percent of people infected with COVID-19 are asymptomatic, and may not know they are a carrier of the virus, or that they could be infecting others. As of April 5, 15 residents of Boston have died from COVID-19.

Social and physical distancing remain the primary strategy to reduce the spread of COVID-19. The new measures that Mayor Walsh is putting into place strengthen the guidance previously issued around social and physical distancing, which include staying home as much as possible and maintaining a distance of 6 feet or more from others. These new measures will be effective on Monday, April 6 through Monday, May 4, 2020, and include:

- Encouraging everyone to wear a face covering over their mouth and nose when in public;
- In addition to social distancing, when going out in public for an essential trip, wearing face coverings will help to reduce the risk of a person spreading the virus, especially if they do not know they are sick. Face coverings should be worn anytime someone is outside the home, including on walks or other passive recreational activities.
- Face coverings should not be placed on children under 2 years of age, anyone who has trouble breathing, or unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cover without assistance.
- Face coverings can include a cloth, scarf, bandana, etc. that cover a person's mouth and nose. Homemade face coverings should be made of two layers of cloth or fabric, or two layers of cloth of a material that is sturdy and allows for comfortable breathing. Visit CDC guidelines on face coverings for more information and guidance.
- Face coverings should be

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Sincerely,

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Advice on Pets, Life, Love

By Monica Collins

Dear Dog Lady,

I'm in a time that dog pee kills trees, how can we educate our neighbors, who continually let their doggies pee on neighborhood trees, to use other options — like fire hydrants, lamp posts, the curb and the street?

— Carol

Dear Carol,

Yes, it's true the urine acid in dog pee can have a harmful impact on trees. However, dog pee doesn't kill a tree suddenly but cumulatively over years. If a dog happens to urinate once or twice, the continual is not killing off the leaves or all the leaves from a tree — neighborhood trees — but maybe contributing to the death of a tree.

So what can we do to keep our community clean? We can do exactly as Carol suggests and guide our dogs to other places to relieve themselves. The city has several options for pet owners, including dog parks, city parks, and residential backyards.

Yes, it's hard to legislate where a dog will urinate. However, if you keep in mind your responsibility in preserving the community's environment, perhaps you will be better able to take control of your dog's where it urinates. Future generations will thank you.

Dear Dog Lady,

I read your column all the time and want to tell you about the game my dearly departed six-pound black poodle CoCo invented. When I was stung out on the mich watching TV, CoCo (a female), ran into the bedrooms, bath, whenever and hid her dog cookie. She would come back and bark at me until I got up, found it and gave it back. The cookie might be behind the bathroom door, behind the leg of the bed, anywhere. She did this for years and it slowed down one night as I handed myself off the couch that she was the one who was supposed to fetch. Have you seen dogs and cats inventing games for their owners to play?

— Annie

Dear Annie,

A dog's life is a gallant game from beginning to end — from the first puppy on a ball, to a tug on a rope, to a "sit" for a treat.

You describe a wonderful game invented by CoCo. Why did your dog do this? Well, dogs love to bury stuff in the house. Hiding the cookie satisfied this primal need. Also, you weren't paying your mind while you looked on the couch. Your dog would see your reaction and she worked it well. You rose to the bait every time — a fine game.

Pondexter considered Einstein of the dog world. The loved is highly regarded for its intelligence. CoCo was smart about pushing your buttons. You described her wisely so well.

Dear Dog Lady,

A letter-writer complained that she and her husband had "battled" their Pekingese puppy to go potty outside. The term "battled," as well as "cannot trust her" indicates to me that these folks think pets come with "batteries included".

Dogs respond to motivation, not to battle. Positive reinforcement brings faster results than punishing an animal with quarantine. Dogs are worth the time.

— Stephanie

Dear Stephanie,

Your attitude adjustment. Our dogs do not do battle. We keepers must always remember how we didn't "battle" our dogs because, really, they do not deliberately try to make things hard for us. They are working with us against us. We should never imagine our pets holding down the fort in the enemy camp.

Write: askdoglady@gmail.com

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frequently washed using a washing machine with detergent and hot water and dried on a
hot cycle. They can also be hand washed with
soap and warm water and left to dry.

It is advised that residents wear a face cover-
ing, as opposed to a medical grade face mask,
in order to preserve protective equipment for
health workers and those serving on the front
lines in response to COVID-19.

The Boston Public Health Commission is
issuing a Public Health Advisory for everyone
in Boston except essential workers to stay at
home from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. daily:

• This advisory will address unnecessary
trips to businesses, restaurants, and other
locations, and is intended to encourage people
to stay inside their homes at night.

• Residents are encouraged to utilize de-

divery services as much as possible after 9 p.m.

• As a reminder, residents are encouraged
to remain in their homes as much as possible
throughout the day and only leave for essential
needs, including trips to the grocery store,
pharmacy, emergency meal sites and other
essential services. Residents are discouraged
from visiting essential businesses only to browse
and should be mindful of only visiting essential
businesses to pick-up essential items.

• Closing City parks with recreational sports
areas:

• Recreational sports areas in City parks,
such as courts and fields, will be closed
to limit exposure and contact between people.
As a reminder, all playgrounds in Boston have
been closed since March 20, 2020 and will
remain closed. Areas for passive recreation,
like walking and jogging, will remain open.

• Additional signage will be posted on all
recreational sports areas and outside of parks
that will be closed. For a full list of park features
that are closed, please visit here.

• If needed, Boston Police are empower-
to disperse gatherings and they can order
people to vacate closed sections of parks.

• Recommendations for people who are
at higher risk:

• For people over 65 and those with
underlying health conditions, the City of
Boston encourages taking extra precautions.
Tours outside the house should only be made
when absolutely necessary, for either food or
medications. Those experiencing difficulty
with access to food, please call 311 or visit
here for assistance.

• In addition, taking walks or spending
time outside is encouraged for the near few
weeks, and exercising inside the home instead
is encouraged as an alternative.

• The underlying health conditions that
cause economic or social risk are very common
and include asthma, diabetes, heart conditions,
kidney or liver disease or conditions that can
cause a person to be immune-compromised,
including cancer treatment and smoking.

• In Boston, over 1 percent of adults have
asthma, and the rate is higher in black (15
percent) and Latino (12 percent) residents, as
well as in Dorchester and Roxbury (15 percent
each). One in four Boston public high school
students have asthma, according to the Boston
Public Health Commission.

In addition, in an effort to limit contact, ef-
effective Tuesday, April 7, City Hall will re-
duce the days of operation that it is open to
the public on Tuesday and Fridays from
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Public access to 1010 Mas-
achusetts Avenue will be limited to the Boston
Public Health Commission on the 2nd Floor.

Residents must be accompanied when
entering the building. Additionally, everyone
centering City Hall, including employees and
members of the public, will be required to
complete a self-screening for COVID-19
symptoms, including elevated temperature.

Residents are required to make appointments
if they need to visit any of the essential services
offered out of City Hall, and can learn more
about the status of city departments and hours
of operation here.

Resources and information about CO-
VID-19 are available on boston.gov/corona-
virus. Resources available on boston.gov and
through City departments include: support for
renters and homeowners; small businesses;
free meals for Boston students; free toiletries
for Boston students; emergency childcare centers
– including 80 centers in Boston; – support
for older residents; information on homeless
shelters; transportation options for healthcare
workers; resources for those in recovery or
those who have a substance use disorder; and,
mental health resources.

For additional questions or programs,
please visit boston.gov/coronavirus or call 3-1-
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More Info: Please call (617) 390-6626 or email Basic_Needs@ccsb.org

Resources for Immigrant Communities: What's available?
Protecting Immigrant Families Campaign (NILC & CLASP)
The PIF Campaign has developed a quick reference guide on immigrant eligibility that provides a general overview of some of the federal public programs available to support individuals and families during the COVID-19 crisis. In light of implementation of public charge regulations, we have also included clarification about whether certain public programs are taken into account for public charge purposes. The guide includes links to deeper resources on eligibility for our partners. https://protectingimmigrantfamilies.org/

Suffolk County Resource Guide
Suffolk County District Attorney, Rachel Rollins
This is a collection of resources currently available in Suffolk County, Ma, compiled by the staff of the Juvenile Alternative Resolution Program of the Juvenile Unit at the Office of Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins. It is not a complete list, and you should continue to consult relevant experts and your care providers when appropriate. This guide is intended to be a starting point for residents and service providers for finding resources to assist during the COVID-19 National Emergency. Our current circumstances are fluid and evolving; information, services, and recommendations may change over time. We advise you to contact any of the included services outlined here ahead of time to ensure up-to-date accuracy. https://www.suffolkdistrictattorney.com/

DTA SNAP and Cash Benefits During COVID-19
Massachusetts Legal Services

Hunger and Food Resources for Households
Project Bread's Hunger and Food Resources page offers information for families and households on school meal sites and locations; the Food Resource Hotline (to get connected to food, and for SNAP application assistance); and policy updates (state and federal level). http://www.projectbread.org/
Greater Boston Food Bank (GBFB)
GBFB partners with 500+ hunger relief agencies, including food pantries, community food programs and other food assistance providers throughout the nine counties and 190 towns and cities across Eastern Massachusetts. These efforts have doubled in the wake of COVID-19, and increased food needs. This page offers information on food pantries across the state, as well as additional resources for food assistance, including school meal sites. https://www.gbbox.org/

Massachusetts State Updates & Resources
State of Massachusetts (Governor's Office) and MA DPH is working closely with the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to provide updated information about the novel coronavirus outbreak. https://www.mass.gov/ offers: Prevention and treatment Case, quarantine and monitoring State of emergency Printable fact sheets and FAQ Emotional health and well-being resources Press release MA 2-1-1

SIREN COVID-19 Resource Page
Social Interventions Research & Evaluation Network (SIREN) stereonet.ucsf.edu/covid-19-resources includes resources on a rational level such as:

Letters to the editor: letters@newsouthend.com	
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Boston Pride Events Postponed
Boston Pride and City of Boston Announce Postponement to 2021
SUBMITTED BY BOSTON PRIDE

Boston Pride and the City of Boston announced today that annual Pride events scheduled for June 2020 will be postponed to June 2021 due to the COVID-19 outbreak. The new date for the Boston Pride Parade and Festival is Saturday, June 12, 2021. The joint decision was made due to the concerns of the health and wellbeing of the community and others. Boston Pride is commemorating its 50th anniversary during 2020 and 2021 to celebrate social, legal, and political successes, the LGBTQ culture and community — while continuing to work for social justice and human rights.

"I know this was a very hard decision to make and I know it’s very hard news to hear, but it’s the right decision. As we fight the coronavirus pandemic, everyone’s safety and health is our top priority," said Mayor Martin J. Walsh. "No our LGBTQ2 community, we may not be able to celebrate Boston Pride 50th Anniversary this summer, but once we are able, we’ll have the biggest and strongest Pride to date. The partnership between Boston Pride and the City of Boston has never been stronger, and I look forward to joining everyone to commemorate the many years of fighting for equality."

"Our foremost concern is for the health, safety, and wellbeing of the LGBTQ2 community and allies. We cannot afford to put anyone at risk. There will be time to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Boston Pride and recognize not only the struggles that our community has faced over the years, but also our resilience and ability which we all need during this difficult time," said Linda J. DeMarco, President of Boston Pride. "We appreciate the City of Boston’s support of our community during this difficult time."

Boston Pride is focusing on maintaining communication with its concerned volunteers who plan and execute its events and programming, sharing resources for LGBTQ2 people, and working alongside community partners who need support during this time. Boston Pride will continue to develop programming to commemorate its 50th anniversary and to connect with the community leading up to Pride events in 2021. Look for events that will include conversations with different leaders throughout the Pride movement, a series of photographs and images, and other virtual events. Programming announcements will be made on the Boston Pride website and social media platforms.

"These are challenging times for all of us and Boston Pride is particularly concerned with the status of our LGBTQ2 seniors, youth, and other vulnerable members of the community. As an organization dedicated to social justice, we are particularly concerned in protecting continued on page 5

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The City of Boston has a free testing service to provide daily updates and information about the coronavirus. Test BOSCOVID to 99411 to opt-in for English. Language and communication access remain a priority for Mayor Walsh, so this test service is also available in Spanish, Haitian Creole, French, Cape Verdean Creole, and Portuguese. Test BOSExpanded for Spanish Test BOSKeylw for Haitian Creole Test BOSFrancais for French Test BOSK1000 for Cape Verdean Creole Test BOSPortugues for Portuguese

Updates in 10 total languages can additionally be accessed through boston.gov/coronavirus/mlilingual-help. Each language has its own page and hosts bilingual print materials distributed citywide.

HOMELESS SERVICES AND HOSPITAL CAPACITY
On April 2nd, Mayor Walsh announced that construction begins at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center to add 500 beds for treating homeless adults who have tested positive for COVID-19 and need care, but do not require full hospitalization.

The City has released a Request for Proposals to secure a partner organization to operate the facility. If necessary, the Convention Center beds will be opened up for hospitals to use for sub-acute COVID patients in the general population.

These 500 beds will bring Boston's total number of new beds for homeless individuals to over 1,000. This includes Boston Medical Center's Newton Pavilion facility, which the City and State are working to re-purpose as a medical facility for homeless residents affected by the coronavirus.

SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT

On April 2nd, Mayor Walsh announced two new resources that will help small businesses during the public health crisis.

The City of Boston has created a Small Business Relief Fund. Drawing on a combination of City, federal, and private industry contributions, it establishes $2 million in grant funding—capable of providing a lifeline to hundreds of local businesses at risk of shutting down permanently due to the crisis.

It will be administered as a streamlined version of the City’s Small Business Financing Program. Small businesses can begin applying on Monday, April 6.

The City of Boston has also created a Financial Relief Handbook and FAQ document for small businesses. As a resource for navigating both public and private capital programs, it will provide information and guidance about all the different programs together in one place.

HOUSING SUPPORT

On April 2nd, The Mayor announced a new fund to help tenants who fall behind on rent in Boston because of the public health crisis.

The City of Boston has identified at least $7 million in City and federal funds that can be re-purposed quickly to help tenants who can’t make their rent. This money will be targeted to households that have lost income due to the crisis, and who do not qualify for other federal relief or unemployment benefits to make it up. The Office of Housing Stability will use its existing networks to get this help to where it’s needed, quickly and fairly. Email housingstability@boston.gov to learn more.

The Mayor also expressed his support for state legislation that will put a moratorium on evictions and foreclosures throughout the state of emergency.

VETERANS

The City of Boston has been reaching out to veterans service providers and residential homes in Boston, to help them mitigate any risk and address concerns they have. Veterans and their family members can call 311 or email veterans@boston.gov to be connected to the City’s Office of Veterans Services.

The City of Boston has also created a Pen Pal Program for veterans who may be feeling social isolation. We are working to identify those veterans now, and match them with volunteers who will check in with them periodically. If you would like to volunteer to be a penpal, please email vets@boston.gov.

Visit https://www.boston.gov/ for more information.

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The vulnerable members of our community most at risk. This was not an easy decision to make as we understand the ripple effect, including a financial one, which potenti-

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