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## **City of Fall River COVID-19 Task Force Update #2**

**(Fall River, MA- March 13, 2020)**- This afternoon, members of the City of Fall River's COVID-19 Task Force participated in a conference briefing with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) and Massachusetts Municipal Association. This call reviewed MDPH guidelines and provided municipalities with an overview of the current status of COVID-19 throughout Massachusetts.

- The City will continue to limit city sponsored, or city approved event permits to 100 participants.
- The City will also be enforcing Governor Baker ban prohibiting most gatherings over 250 people. According to Governor Baker this ban includes but is not limited to the following events: community, civic, public, leisure, faith-based events, sporting events with spectators, concerts, conventions, fundraisers, parades, fairs, festivals, and any similar event or activity that brings together 250 or more persons in a single room or single space at the same time in a venue such as an auditorium, stadium, arena, large conference room, meeting hall, theatre, or any other confined indoor or outdoor space.
- We would also like to encourage residents to call MA 2-1-1. Residents can contact MA 2-1-1 for any questions or concerns they have regarding COVID-19. If you are unable to reach 2-1-1 due to your telephone or cell phone carrier, a toll-free number is available 1-877-211-MASS (6277). Hearing impaired callers can contact using 508-370-4890 TTY.

The City continues to work diligently to stay informed with state partners. We will continue to update residents as new information becomes available to us. For any health-related questions, please contact your Primary Care Physician. For questions about COVID-19 preparedness, please contact the City of Fall River's Health and Human Services Department: 508-324-2410. For all other questions or concerns, please contact Sara Lapointe in Mayor Coogan's office: 508-324-2600.

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