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From the Mayor's Desk



Dear Salem resident,

As you probably have heard by now, last week the state released a new system for classifying cities and towns based on the transmission of new COVID-19 cases in each community.

Based on average daily COVID-19 cases per 100,000 people over a two-week period, Salem is over the threshold to move into the "Red" category (average of 8 or more new cases/day per 100k over a 14-day period).

The Board of Health is monitoring this development closely and may move to implement changes to the local reopening process in order to slow the spread of COVID-19 in the community. Any updates will be posted at www.salem.com/news.

In the meantime, public information efforts have been increased and the City and health

officials are analyzing positive case parameters to better understand the root cause of new transmissions, with a goal of taking additional actions aimed at curbing the spread of transmission.

Additionally, as a result of the increase in transmission, the Salem Public School district will proceed with a full remote learning model, not just for grades 4 – 12, but also for Pre-K through Grade 3 students, who were initially proposed to start with in-person schooling.

This approach is consistent with the guidance from the state department of education for communities in the "Red" category, which recommends a remote learning model for all grades, with the exception of high need students who require in-person services. Additional details will be distributed by the district and will be available shortly at www.salemlearns.org on the Salem Returns page.

Lastly, Salem is now receiving free COVID-19 testing six days a week through September 12th. Testing is taking place outside Salem High School. You can find the schedule and more details at www.salem.com/stopthespread.

The City has been monitoring local COVID-19 case data since the outset of the pandemic, including data provided daily by the Massachusetts Virtual Epidemiologic Network

and the Department of Public Health's COVID-19 Daily Dashboard, Weekly Public Health Report, and Daily Reports pursuant to Chapter 93 of the Acts of 2020. Daily data is shared publicly with our community on the City website and can be found by clicking the red "COVID-19 Information" banner at www.salem.com.

Salem's response to COVID-19 has consistently been based on evidence and measurable data, and that will continue to be the case going forward. Every decision - from public health orders, to determinations about schools, gatherings, and municipal buildings and spaces - has been and will continue to be based on the evaluation of these metrics.

Salem residents, workers, and visitors are all asked to comply with the measures put in place by both the Commonwealth and the City – including wearing face masks, maintaining physical distance from others, limiting group gatherings, and practicing good hand hygiene – in order to help slow the spread of this dangerous virus.

Thanks for reading the latest FYI Salem newsletter. Be sure you are subscribed to get all the latest City news and announcements at www.salem.com/subscribe.

Kim Driscoll
Mayor

SALEM: GET A TEST

PROTECT YOUR LOVED ONES,
PROTECT YOUR NEIGHBORS, STOP THE SPREAD



**FREE COVID-19 TESTS.
THROUGH SEPTEMBER 12**

MASS.GOV/STOPTHESPREAD



SALEM: HÁGASE LA PRUEBA

PROTEJA A SUS SERES QUERIDOS,
PROTEJA A SUS VECINOS, DETENGA LA PROPAGACIÓN



**PRUEBAS GRATUITAS DE COVID-19
HASTA EL 12 DE SEPTIEMBRE**

MASS.GOV/STOPTHESPREAD



Salem High School
77 Willson Street

Mondays 2-6pm
Tuesdays 10am-2pm
Wednesdays 2-6pm
Thursdays 10am-2pm
Fridays 2-6pm
Saturdays 10am-2pm

Lunes 2-6pm
Martes 10am-2pm
Miércoles 2-6pm
Jueves 10am-2pm
Viernes 2-6pm
Sábado 10am-2pm

Salem Municipal Harbor Plan Kickoff

Join Mayor Kim Driscoll and the Harbor Plan Committee for the launch of the Salem Municipal Harbor Plan Update (MHP), the process to update the City of Salem's 2008 Harbor Plan. The MHP will also serve as a Master Plan for Salem's Designated Port Area, which includes the the empty land surrounding the Footprint power station. The Salem MHP Update will entail working with the community to create a shared understanding of issues and opportunities along Salem's waterfront, including the historically industrial port area. Together, we will craft a plan for the harbor's future.

This workshop will introduce you to the MHP process, review accomplishments from the 2008 plan, explore the specific sites of the MHP update, and offer you a chance to share your initial questions and priorities for the plan.

Date: August 25, 2020. 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time
salem.com/harborplan

Comienzo del Plan Municipal del Puerto de Salem

Los esperamos junto al alcalde Kim Driscoll y el Comité de Planeamiento del Puerto para el lanzamiento de la actualización del Plan Municipal del Puerto de Salem (MHP), el proceso para actualizar el Plan del Puerto de la Ciudad de Salem del año 2008. El MHP también funcionará como un Plan Maestro para el área portuaria designada de Salem que incluye a los terrenos no desarrollados que rodean a la Central Eléctrica del Puerto de Salem. La actualización del Plan del Puerto Municipal de Salem trabajará junto a la comunidad para crear un entendimiento mutuo sobre los problemas y las oportunidades que existen a lo largo del paseo marítimo, incluyendo nuestra área del puerto históricamente industrial, y juntos diseñaremos un plan para el futuro del puerto.

En este taller se les presentará el proceso del MHP, se revisarán los logros del plan del 2008, se explorarán los puntos específicos de la actualización del MHP y se les ofrecerá la oportunidad de plantear sus preguntas y prioridades para el plan.

Fecha: 25 de agosto de 2020, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Hora del Este
salem.com/harborplan



Meals Grant

The City of Salem has received a state award through the Disaster Dislocated Worker Grant to hire four foodservice workers who were laid off due to COVID-19 in order to continue and expand the Salem Together meal program through the end of August. Through a partnership between MassHire and the recruiting company SnapChefs, three Hawthorne Hotel chefs and Mary Ferreira of Ferreira Foods, a Salem-based catering company, have been hired to help carry on and even grow the City's food assistance program.



The Salem Together meal program began in March when Root, a culinary training program for youth, had to temporarily discontinue their program. Rather than let their kitchen go unused, they reached out to the City of Salem to see how they could repurpose their kitchen, staff, and program partners to serve the community. Partnering with the City of Salem, Jewish Family and Children's Service, and the Salem Housing Authority, Root began delivering two prepared meals per week to Salem seniors in nine low-income housing sites. This program has allowed at-risk residents to reduce their exposure to COVID-19 and still receive healthy, prepared meals.

In addition to senior meals, Root received funding to provide an additional meal at two of the Salem Public Schools' "grab and go" sites, where breakfasts and lunches for children are served as a replacement for school meals. Root was able to restart their training program this summer, which meant additional help was needed to continue the meal program. That need led to the grant award and the partnership with MassHire and SnapChefs. Root continues to prepare the senior meals on Mondays and Ferreira Foods has taken over on Wednesdays and Fridays. The Hawthorne Hotel chefs prepare all the additional school meals, which are delivered to the six school "grab and go" sites for students and families to pick up.

"I am so pleased that we have innovative partners in our City, who came together so quickly earlier this year when the pandemic began and who continue to be engaged in our recovery and support efforts," said Mayor Kim Driscoll. "Not only has this effort been able to provide healthy meals to some of our neediest residents, through this newest iteration of the Salem Together Meal Program we're also able to leverage the skills and talents of exceptional chefs right here in our community. I'm grateful to Root, to our City staff and Salem Together team members who worked to make this happen, and to the Commonwealth for the funding that made this program possible."

Since March, the Salem Together meal program has provided over 15,000 meals to Salem seniors and students. This program also relies on community volunteers, who deliver the meals to senior residence sites and school "grab and go" locations.

Salem Peabody Multi-use Path Feasibility Study

ONLINE SURVEY NOW OPEN

We want to hear your thoughts on the Feasibility of the Salem Peabody Multi-use Path, follow the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/multiusepath>

September Primary Information

VOTING IN-PERSON ON ELECTION DAY – Note three new voting locations. Voting Hours: 7 AM to 8 PM

Ward 1 Precinct 1	Bentley Academy Gymnasium, 25 Memorial Drive
****Ward 1 Precinct 2	Saltonstall School, Auditorium, 211 Lafayette Street****
****Ward 2 Precinct 1 & 2	Community Life Center, 401 Bridge Street****
Ward 3 Precinct 1 & 2	Salem High School, Auditorium, 77 Willson Street
Ward 4 Precinct 1 & 2	Witchcraft Heights School Gymnasium, 1 Frederick Street
Ward 5 Precinct 1 & 2	Saltonstall School Auditorium, 211 Lafayette Street
Ward 6 Precinct 1 & 2	Bates School Gymnasium, 53 Liberty Hill Avenue
****Ward 7 Precinct 1 & 2	Salem High School, Main Floor Library, 77 Willson Street****

VOTE BY MAIL - Applications were mailed by the Secretary of the Commonwealth to every registered voter on or before July 1st. If registered after this date, an application was mailed to you by the City Clerk's office with your acknowledgement letter. Applications must be received by the City Clerk's Office no later than 5:00 P.M., on August 26, 2020 to be mailed a ballot for the State Primary. Vote-By-Mail Ballots must be received by the City Clerk's Office no later than 8 PM on September 1st.

1. Use the prepaid Envelope to mail your ballot to the City Clerk's Office
2. Use any of the official Ballot Drop Boxes located at the following Fire Stations: Fire Station Central Headquarters, 48 Lafayette Street; Fire Station #5, 64 Loring Avenue; Fire Station #4, 415 Essex Street (installation date approx. 8/24); Fire Station #2, 142 North Street (installation date approx. 8/24). When using the drop box you must place your sealed inner envelope in the white return envelope.
3. Use the Drop Box outside of City Hall, 93 Washington Street (marked "payment drop"). Place your sealed inner envelope in the white return envelope.
4. You or a relative may hand carry your ballot back to the City Clerk's Election Office, 93 Washington St., Room 5. Place your sealed inner envelope in the white return envelope.

EARLY VOTING – At City Hall Annex, 98 Washington Street, 1st floor:

Saturday, August 22 - 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM
 Sunday, August 23 - 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM
 Monday, August 24 - 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
 Tuesday, August 25 - 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
 Wednesday, August 26 - 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
 Thursday, August 27 - 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
 Friday, August 28 - 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Guidelines for Early Voting In-Person or on Election Day

- **Wear a Facial Covering** – Extra Masks will be available if you forget yours.
- **Maintain Social Distancing** – Keep 6' away from anyone not from your household, unless you are bringing a person of your choosing to assist you. Please follow all signage pertaining to Social Distancing.
- **Bring a Pen** – You may bring your own pen to cast your ballot. **BLUE OR BLACK INK ONLY** - Sharpie or Paper Mate Flair recommended (machines will not read red, highlighters, crayons and may cause issues with the tabulator). Marking Pens will still be provided and sanitized throughout the day.
- **Keep your ballot dry and free from hand sanitizers** - Do not use hand sanitizer while handling your ballot and be sure your voting booth is dry as it may cause issues with casting your ballot. Hand Sanitizer will be provided at the check-out table.
- **Bring a Clip Board or Book** to mark your ballot on (if you don't want to use a Voting Booth). Voting Booths will be cleaned throughout the day.
- **Bring an ID** – in some cases voters will be required to show an ID. It does not have to be a photo ID, BUT it must contain your name and address as registered. Acceptable forms of ID include utility bill, paycheck stub, driver's license, etc.) Once you are done voting, you must leave the polling location immediately.



Salem Shared Streets Pilot



As part of a grant from the [Lawrence & Lillian Solomon Foundation](#), the City of Salem is working with [Neighborways Design](#) to implement a Shared Streets Pilot.

Pilot Goals:

- Lower traffic speeds and volumes
- Provide more space for safer physical distancing
- Create a sense of place where people feel more comfortable and welcome walking and biking
- Collect data and public feedback

When:

Starting mid-August

What:

Install paint, movable barriers, signage, and vertical traffic calming elements

The Shared Streets pilot seeks to:

- ✓ Close select roads to cut-thru traffic Fri-Sun
- ✓ Maintain access for residents and deliveries
- ✓ Allow people to walk, bike, and roll in the street
- ✓ Maintain emergency access and parking
- ✓ Be easily adjustable and removable



Where:

- Ward St - Lafayette St to Congress St
- Peabody St - Lafayette St to Congress St
- Fairfield St - Cabot St to Lafayette St
- Buffum St - School St to Mason St
- Chestnut St - Flint St to Summer St

To see map of locations visit tinyurl.com/salemsharedstreetsmap

To learn more and share your feedback, please visit
www.publicinput.com/salemsharedstreets



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School Updates

All Grades Remote for Start of School

As part of the SPS reopening plan, we committed to ensuring the health and safety of our students and staff. We indicated that any changes in the community spread of the COVID-19 virus could result in a shift to our plans.

Last week, the state of Massachusetts released a new, four-tier measuring system intended to inform districts planning for school reopening. This evening we learned that the City of Salem has moved from yellow (4-8 cases per 100,000 residents over a 14 day period) to red (over 8 cases per 100,000 residents over a 14 day period). As a result of this information, we believe that it is necessary to begin the school year with remote learning for all grades, including grades preK to 3. Salem Public Schools intends to move forward by adopting the remote learning model for grades 4-12 for the entire district. As we have reiterated throughout the planning process, we will prioritize the safety and wellness of our students and staff.

As such, our reopening plan is as follows:

1. The foundation of instruction for the coming year will be remote learning.
2. Students will have daily or weekly schedules that include both live instruction and recorded teaching that provides a full day of instruction each day.
3. Students will have the option to come to school once a week for in-person connecting activities in “The Hub - Connects” for small-group, outdoor social-emotional supports.
4. Prioritized students will have the option to come to “The Hub - Labs” for in-person support for their remote learning and to receive targeted small group instruction. If your student falls into a prioritized group, you will receive an invitation from your child’s school in the next week.

For additional details on the plan, please visit: [https://www.saleml earns.org/salem-returns/](https://www.saleml learns.org/salem-returns/)

In order to successfully plan for the year, we need some information from you! We are asking all families to review this information carefully and choose the best responses for your child. Please indicate your preference by using the form at www.saleml earns.org/salem-returns by Friday, August 21, 2020. Please complete one form per child.

