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EBNHC wants to see you...at Home!

Special to the Journal

Telemedicine allows health care professionals to evaluate, diagnose, and treat patients at a distance using telecommunications technology, such as a smartphone or computer. As we fight the COVID-19 pandemic, telemedicine has quickly become an essential tool in our health care arsenal. The East Boston Neighborhood Health Center (EBNHC), like other medical providers across the commonwealth, is moving swiftly to increase telemedicine access.

“Telemedicine allows us to continue to provide

high-quality care to our patients during this pandemic while minimizing exposures,” said Laura Rogers, EBNHC Chief Information Officer. “We can treat people who are most at-risk for COVID-19 while they stay safely at home—and we can accommodate the essential stay-at-home orders that we should all be following right now. EBNHC patients who might otherwise miss important or routine appointments can continue to be monitored by their doctor’s office without having to leave home.”

Prior to the pandemic, only a tiny fraction of EBNHC patients were being

seen through telemedicine. That changed on March 15 when Governor Baker signed an executive order that dramatically increased the potential of telemedicine by requiring commercial insurers to reimburse providers for telemedicine visits and relaxing certain regulations. Two days later, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) broadened access to Medicare telehealth services so that beneficiaries can receive a wider range of services from their providers without having to travel to a health care facility.

Now that these barriers have been reduced, the

use of telemedicine is skyrocketing at EBNHC and medical facilities across the country. Over the last two weeks, EBNHC provided more than 6,000 telemedicine visits, with 640 occurring on the busiest day. Video conferencing launches this week, which will significantly enhance the telemedicine experience for patients as well as providers.

Do you need to schedule a telemedicine appointment with your primary care provider? Did you miss an appointment that needs to be rescheduled? If so, call 617-569-5800 to schedule a telemedicine appointment. This is especially im-

portant if you have a chronic or a behavioral health condition. You should be treated if needed, especially during this public health crisis.

Any EBNHC patient who has fever and flu-like symptoms or has had a possible COVID-19 exposure should not come to the health center. Instead, call the health center at 617-569-5800 for phone screening. If appropriate, you will be given instructions on how to get tested.

Recently, Mayor Walsh announced the launch of two online dashboards

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Hebrew Senior Life imposes self-shelter at home at Satter House

By Cary Shuman

Hebrew SeniorLife (HSL), a nonprofit organization committed to improving the lives of older adults that cares for more than 3,000 seniors per day in the Boston area, took a bold, precautionary move to thwart the spread of COVID-19 this week: It has implemented a self-shelter at home directive across all of its five senior living campuses in Greater Boston, including the Jack Satter House, Revere.

Effective immediately, all residents at the Satter House have been urged to self-shelter at home, and the organization has implemented significant supports and services to provide for its senior residents throughout the self-shelter at home period. The move was met

with wide support from both the HSL community and local and state health officials.

Mayor Brian Arrigo said he supported the implementation of the new self-shelter policy at the Satter House. He added that he was grateful for the Satter House’s cooperation.

Lou Woolf, President and CEO of Hebrew SeniorLife said, “COVID-19 is already taking a heavy toll in Massachusetts, and despite vigilant efforts that started in late February to prevent the occurrence of the virus on our campuses, it has been felt deeply. Time is of the essence to self-shelter at home to protect our residents and staff from this threat. This is difficult news to deliver to our community, but we are confident it’s the right step to take in order to protect residents and employees as much as possible.”

Woolf says that the entire HSL community has rallied around its residents. Employees and volunteers deliver meals, make daily wellness calls, organize programs by phone, package and deliver groceries, sort mail, coordinate



Shown above, N95 masks and a bandana are two of the suggested masks that can be worn to protect yourself and others,

Arrigo implements new measures to slow spread of virus in Revere

Special to the Journal

The City of Revere’s Emergency Response Team continues to take proactive steps to slow community transmission of COVID-19 and prepare for further spread of the virus. As of April 7, 2020, the Revere Board of Health has been

notified by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health of 287 positive cases of COVID-19 in the City of Revere.

Mayor Arrigo implemented several new measures aimed at preventing community transmission of

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Residents take part in virtual Town Hall

By Cary Shuman

Mayor Brian Arrigo and Dr. Nathalee Kong, chair of the Revere Board of Health, held a virtual town hall meeting during which the two officials responded to questions from residents about the COVID-19 pandemic.

Bob Marra, chief of staff for Mayor Arrigo’s Office, was the moderator for the April 1 one-hour meeting that also provided an opportunity for the Mayor to directly update residents on the city’s response to the crisis and advise them on

safety precautions.

Approximately 70 residents participated in the live broadcast that was titled, “A Conversation With Mayor Arrigo and Dr. Kong.”

Arrigo, who participated from the Mayor’s Office at City Hall, began the forum, stating, “My job as mayor is to protect our residents, our first responders and our healthcare workers. It is to make sure that we continue to have a high level of services to our residents and that we make sure we have

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State Police find body at Revere Beach

Special to the Journal

At approximately 6:50 a.m. Massachusetts State Troopers assigned to the State Police-Revere Bar-

racks responded to reports of a body on the shoreline of Revere Beach in the area of the Oak Island Bath House, 462 Revere Beach

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the plans in place and we execute the plans to support the individuals that are impacted by this pandemic.”

Arrigo praised Dr. Kong “for being an invaluable resource to the city during this very difficult time,” while noting the importance of her medical expertise. “Her work over the last month has absolutely saved lives,” said Arrigo.

Kong, who works as a primary care doctor at MGH Revere on Ocean Avenue, said that COVID-19 “is the illness caused by a new type of coronavirus that we started to see back in December of 2019 in Wuhan, China, that has since spread globally.”

Kong said the virus “is highly contagious and spreads through respiratory droplets, so coughing, sneezing, and nasal secretions from runny noses all count. It can also be spread by touching infected surfaces and then touching your face. These respiratory droplets need to enter our bodies through a mucous membrane like your eyes, nose, and mouth.”

Kong said that every person is at risk of getting the virus.

“To put this all in perspective, this is a scary virus and a scary time, but it’s also important to know that 80 percent of those who are infected, according to data from Italy and China, do not require hospitalization. They are able to get better on their own at home.”

Kong stated firmly, “To take a page out of the Mayor’s book, ‘Stay at home - at all costs.’”

Many questions about Satter House

Marra said that several people had questions about the situation at the Jack Satter House.

“One question generally involves, ‘Why is the concern about the Satter House as opposed to other dwellings where multiple elderly residents live?’”

Arrigo responded, “My heart goes to everyone that is quarantined, everyone that is fighting this virus, and everyone and their families who has succumbed to COVID-19.”

“We have had five people from the Satter House pass away due to COVID-19, and that is part of the reason why there is so much attention given to that building.

A month ago, when we knew that COVID-19 was coming, I had conversations with leadership in all of the nursing homes and independent living facilities, and our Housing Authority to make sure that folks understood that we were preparing and we wanted to hear their plans for preparing. I do have the utmost confidence and respect in the folks at the Jack Satter House who have been able to step up during this incredibly difficult time.”

Arrigo added that the Board of Health ordered that all Satter House residents would have to remain in their individual apartments to prevent further spread of the virus in that building. The order was also put out to other multi-unit buildings, especially those with senior residents.

What is true meaning of ‘Stay At Home’ order?

A man who identified himself as “Dave” asked, “Does ‘Stay At Home’ mean that residents that are not showing symptoms cannot or should not go outside walking or jogging to get exercise?”

Kong responded that the order applies to patients who are not positive from the virus and it applies to patients who do not have symptoms and “means that you should limit your movements outside your home as much as possible.”

“And when you’re outside, practice social distancing - try to be six feet at least away from the next person.”

No basketball playing at local playgrounds

In response to a question from “Mike” about large groups of residents running and jogging in the city, and some playing basketball at local playgrounds, Arrigo announced that the DPW “ziptied all the basketball rims at our playgrounds.”

Ongoing construction

Marra compiled a question from residents asking why construction sites in the city are still operating.

Mayor Arrigo said, “Yes, construction sites are still operating. We are following the guidelines that have been handed down by the Governor around construction, and it’s been made clear by the Governor legal counsel that during a state of emergency, the orders that he provides cannot be

superseded by a municipality. We are following those orders.”

Assisting seniors

Responding to a question, Arrigo said the city has assembled an outreach team focused on assisting seniors with wellness check calls, food, and other necessities. Seniors can call 3-1-1 if they are in need of assistance.

“Debbie [Peczka] at the Senior Center has done an incredible job and our volunteers have really stepped up.”

Arrigo said prospective volunteers can go to revere.org to fill out a volunteer worksheet.

Notification of COVID-19 cases

“Eliana” asked if residents were going to be notified about the location of new COVID-19 cases in the city and where people infected with the virus have traveled.

“There have been a lot of conversations with the state and other municipalities about information sharing,” said Arrigo, “We are limited in what we can share. From my perspective, I think it’s important for us to share the numbers [of positive cases] per day. We’ve been sharing the numbers and we will continue to share them daily because it really shows what kind of impact this has had in our community.”

Questions about testing for COVID-19

“Testing remains a huge frustration for me and most of the medical community,” said Kong. “Testing has been limited because we just don’t have enough tests.”

Kong said if residents exhibit symptoms of the virus and they are in “a high-risk category”, they could be referred for treatment through their primary care doctor.

“That’s probably the main way any of us can get tested, is through your PCP (primary care physician),” said Kong.

Number of people in supermarkets

Marra compiled the following question from residents, “What is being done to make it as safe and possible for people to shop at supermarkets?”

Arrigo replied, “There were new measures put in today in several place,

mostly big-box supermarkets that are essential places for people to be able to shop. We just want them to be available to shop in a way that protects public safety and public health.

“One step that we have taken is we’ve limited the number of people that can go in to different essential businesses like grocery stores based on the size of the space.”

Relaxing city ban on plastic bags

Arrigo told residents the city is relaxing its ban on plastic bags during the coronavirus crisis.

“I believe some supermarkets have already started using plastic bags,” said Arrigo.

The mayor said the city is also relaxing the enforcement of parking regulations for legal spaces in the city. He added that there will be no ticketing and towing of vehicles during the city’s street sweeping operations.

Effectiveness of wearing fabric masks

Dr. Kong noted that first responders and medical care workers must use medical-grade masks in the care of patients.

“I actually do encourage the use of things like fabric masks, even scarves, and bandanas - if you are going to out and do grocery shopping or go to the gas station, I would encourage doing that, and if possible, if there are any volunteers out there

who can make the fabric masks, please let it be known because we need them.

“If it were up to me, I would love to have everyone have a mask, a reusable, hand-or-machine-washable mask because it’s not going to hurt,” said Kong.

Arrigo said Revere’s Moroccan community has donated a number of masks to the city.

Support of families with children with disabilities

Mayor Arrigo said that as part of the city’s outreach team, Ralph DiCicco, chair of the Revere Commission on Disabilities, has been reaching out to assist families with disabilities.

“Ralph has done a tremendous job,” said Arrigo. “I would encourage anyone who is in need of assistance to call 3-1-1 or the Mayor’s Office and we will make sure that the residents are being taken care of.”

Arrigo also lauded the efforts of Charlie Giuffrida and Dimple Rana of the outreach team, “for setting up the right kind of structure so we are prepared as we see the number of cases increase.”

Working with the CDC

Dr. Kong was asked how closely the city is working with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the CDC (Center for Disease Control) during the COVID-19 medical crisis.

“We are definitely work-

ing very closely with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and they are working with the CDC, so lots of things are

coming from the top down,” said Kong.

Kong said that Revere Public Health Nurse Carol Donovan and her team of public health nurses “have done a phenomenal job, working day in and day out, to notify everyone who has tested positive and whom they have been in contact with.”

“We have a lot of unsung heroes that are doing a lot of work tirelessly to minimize the spread and minimize the impact of this virus on our community,” credited Kong.

“I want to echo Dr. Kong’s comments about the nurses, especially Carol [Donovan] and Adrienne [Sacco Maguire], and all the nurses that work for the city - they’ve done an incredible job, they’ve stepped up and gone above and beyond to make sure that the spread slows down in the city of Revere. I’m eternally grateful.”

Arrigo said he is in daily conversations with the Governor and Lieutenant Governor’s Office, other mayors, and Revere’s state and federal delegations. “We’re all in this together,” said Arrigo.

Arrigo’s final message to the residents of Revere: “Stay home.”

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programs by phone, package and deliver groceries, sort mail, coordinate laundry, pick up essential supplies, walk dogs, and more. There was even an organized social distancing “parade” outside of the Jack Satter House with staff holding signs and offering words of encouragement to residents sequestered in their apartments.

Woolf added, “This is not something we are ‘doing’ to residents. This is a lifesaving action that we are doing with our residents, and they support.”

Paula W., a resident of the Jack Satter House, said, “Whatever you need, they’re doing it before you even think about it - they’re fulfilling everything. I don’t know how to bring it across

- unbelievable! I keep saying that but I feel blessed. I feel so safe, everybody - every single employee from Jack Satter House and Hebrew SeniorLife. We get calls every day asking if there is anything else we need. After they’ve done everything, we get a call asking what else we need. I wish every place could have the type of people we have, they’re a Godsend!”

The directive requires all residents to stay in their own apartments. During the self-shelter at home, HSL will continue to do its very best to make sure residents have everything needed to live the best life possible given the circumstances. Services during this time include trash pick-up, mail delivery and pick-up, de-

livery of groceries, medications, other essentials, dog-walking, and more, as described here.

Woolf continued, “Each of our campuses is beloved by the community it serves, and across our organization. We all pray for those facing COVID-19 and work to fight the virus on every level.”

HSL realizes there are many senior care organizations across the United States that are struggling with how to best protect the seniors they care for during the COVID-19 epidemic. HSL has created a “Resources for Senior Care Organizations” section of its website to share its best practices widely.

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COVID-19 and protect Revere residents:

- Mobile City Hall Tells Beachgoers to Go Home: Revere’s Mobile City Hall has been equipped with sound equipment to remind individuals of the importance of staying at home. Recorded in English, Spanish, Arabic and Portuguese, the guidance urges people to go home and stay at home to protect our health care workers, first responders and families.

- All Commercial Construction on Hold: Today the City of Revere’s Building Commissioner has paused all commercial housing construction projects until each management team can enlist a third-party inspector, paid by the contractor, to provide ongoing updates to the City regarding the status of COVID-19 safety precautions. This follows actions taken on April 3, when the Building Commissioner shut down all major non-housing commercial construction projects, including the construction of three hotels and Amazon’s distribution center. Management for each project is working to safely secure sites.

- Convenience Stores in Violation of Existing Orders to Close: Following several reports of individuals gathering at convenience stores to play Keno, businesses that are deemed in violation of the City’s

orders related to social distancing and occupancy limits will be required to close by Inspectional Services.

Further guidance encouraging all businesses to use curbside pickup, drive thru and other non-contact methods of service delivery may be issued later this week.

Revere Residents Advised to Wear Masks IF They Must Leave Home

In addition to maintaining 6-foot social distancing, the CDC is advising the use of simple cloth face coverings to slow the spread of the virus and help prevent people who may have the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others. The cloth face coverings recommended are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators. Those are critical supplies that must continue to be reserved for health care workers and other medical first responders.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health’s “Stay At Home” Advisory is in effect through May 4. “Stay at Home” means avoiding all non-essential trips outside the home. Residents over the age of 70 or with underlying health conditions should limit interactions with other people as much as possible.

The Centers for Disease Control has advised the best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus, and has provided a number of basic steps

all citizens can take to protect themselves, including: washing your hands often, avoiding close contact with those who are sick, staying home when sick, covering coughs and sneezes, and cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces.

All updates for Revere residents are being shared regularly at Revere.org/coronavirus and via social media.

Shopper Limits in Place at All Grocery and Large Essential Retailers

On Wednesday, April 1, the City’s Inspectional Services department worked with all grocery stores and large essential retailers to begin limiting the number of shoppers allowed inside at once, based on total square footage and occupancy. In the interest of customer and employee safety, Market Basket, BJ’s, Target, Price Rite, Stop & Shop and Big Lots can allow no more than 140 customers inside at a time -- approximately 20 percent of the stores’ total occupancy limits. CVS Pharmacy, Walgreens, Rite Aid and PetCo are limiting customer counts to 24, and specialty grocer New Deal is limiting customers to 15 at a time. Shoppers should expect lines and practice social distancing and patience while waiting to enter. Any concerns related to social distancing in stores should be directed to Revere 311, which will notify Inspectional Services.

Arrigo sets pace in establishing guidelines during crisis

By Cary Shuman

Mayor Brian Arrigo has been at the forefront of city officials statewide instituting guidelines to promote the health and public safety of residents during the COVID-19 crisis.

For example, Arrigo directed the Board of Health to issue an order to limit the number of customers in stores based on square footage, with grocery stores such as the busy Market Basket location on Squire Road, being limited to 140 customers in the store at any one time.

The edict is being followed at the store. As one customer leaves the store,

another is allowed to enter the store.

“The city is pleased with the partnership and cooperation with the policy,” said Arrigo.

It seemed, or so it appeared to customers, that following Arrigo’s decision to direct the order, other stores, big and small, regional and national, were soon following suit or simultaneously enacting similar policies.

Arrigo also was ahead with his announcements on the now-famous bullhorn encouraging visitors to Revere Beach to practice social distancing. Gov. Charlie Baker has since ordered the closure of all DCR

parking areas at beaches.

Restaurants on the Beach, including Kelly’s Roast Beef and Renzo’s, voluntarily agreed with the Mayor’s suggestion that walkup service be curtailed at the busy restaurants because customers had been waiting outside in long lines and many had not been practicing the social distancing (6 feet away from the person ahead or behind you in line) procedures.

And the Mayor’s virtual town hall with Board of Health Chair Dr. Nathalee Kong is believed to have been the first such conference conducted by a mayor in the region.

Revere Beach to recreate, but given the seriousness of this pandemic and the critical nature of these next couple of weeks in ensuring we flatten the curve, I totally support the Governor’s decision to close parking on Revere Beach Boulevard,” said Vincent.

Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky also said he agreed with Baker’s order.

“It’s just another avenue to stop people from coming down to the beach,” said Novoselsky. “For the most part, people have been social distancing, but you cannot sit in groups on the walls, at the pavilions or the bandstand.”

placed from one end of the beach to the other (Eliot Circle to Carey Circle, Point of Pines) to prevent people from parking along the beach.

Gov. Charlie Baker ordered that all parking spaces at state beaches be eliminated, so as to prevent too many people congregating at the beach and engaging in non-social distancing activities.

Vincent said she supports Baker’s decision. “As a lifelong resident who recognizes America’s first public beach is the gem of our community, it is heart-breaking for me to discourage people from coming to

By Cary Shuman

State Rep. RoseLee Vincent can look out her window and see Revere Beach in all its glory. She has been a chief protector of the beach’s environment in her years in the state legislature and before that.

Vincent has led the way in a major renovation project of Sullivan Park (across the boulevard from the beach) that will become a recreational space and rest area for beach walkers, parents, and children.

Vincent, like her neighbors on the beach and daily visitors, got the first look at the orange barrels that were

Novoselsky, Arrigo in touch with veterans at Shirley Avenue housing

By Cary Shuman

Ward 2 Councillor Ira Novoselsky and Mayor Brian Arrigo have been in regular contact with veterans who live at the veterans housing facility located at the corner of Shirley and Nahant Avenues.

Novoselsky, co-chair of the Revere Veterans Committee with Albert Terminiello Jr., was very instrumental in the construction of the new facility designed specifically for those who served the country.

Novoselsky has been in touch regularly with the Veterans Administration who is monitoring the health and well-being of residents during the COVID-19 crisis.

“To my knowledge, the residents are as safe as they want to be,” said Novoselsky. “I do see some of the residents walking in the street without masks and gloves, but we cannot make them do that.”

Arrigo is also staying connected with the veterans

at the residence.

“The [Revere] Veterans Office is working diligently with the residents of this building and fulfilling their needs,” said Arrigo. “They also have contact with their social workers on the property as well as those working off site.”

Councillor Powers recovering at rehab center in Woburn

Ward 5 Councillor John Powers has been moved to a rehabilitation center in Woburn as he continues his recovery from left hip surgery. Powers sustained the injury in a fall at his home on March 29.

Following surgery, Powers spent one week at the Melrose Wakefield Hospital

before he was transferred to the rehabilitation center for daily physical therapy.

“I’ll probably be here another two weeks,” Powers said in a phone interview Monday. “My goal is to be back as good as new and participating in our next Council meeting (April 27). I feel great. I’m trying to

build up my strength.”

Powers said he has begun a regimen of daily exercises and physical therapy. He has been receiving a number of well wishes from city officials and constituents.

Ward 6 Councillor Richard Serino, who sits next to Powers at meetings (councillors are situated alpha-

betically by last name), offered his get well wishes to his colleague. “I spoke with Councillor Powers Friday. He seemed very determined to recover quickly and was in positive spirits,” said Serino. “I wish him a speedy recovery and hope for a quick return to Council business.”

Councillor Serino praises town hall broadcast

Ward 6 Councillor Richard Serino watched the entire 60-minute virtual town hall conducted by Mayor Brian Arrigo and Board of Health Dr. Nathalee Kong and the first-year official came away very impressed.

Said Serino, “I am very appreciated to Mayor Arri-

go and Dr. Kong for hosting last week’s virtual town hall, which I found very informative. In addition to a lot of great facts, it also seemed successful in terms of public participation – I am happy that residents had the opportunity to ask questions and get answers to

some of the most pressing questions on their minds related to this pandemic. Constituents in Ward 6 who tuned in have expressed to me their satisfaction and felt that it provided, important relevant information.”

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that allow Boston residents to see the number of COVID-19 cases in Boston and throughout the state. The dashboards are part of a suite of digital tools available to residents that includes a texting service in six languages, online city

services, and frequently updated resources and fact-sheets. Visit www.boston.gov/coronavirus.

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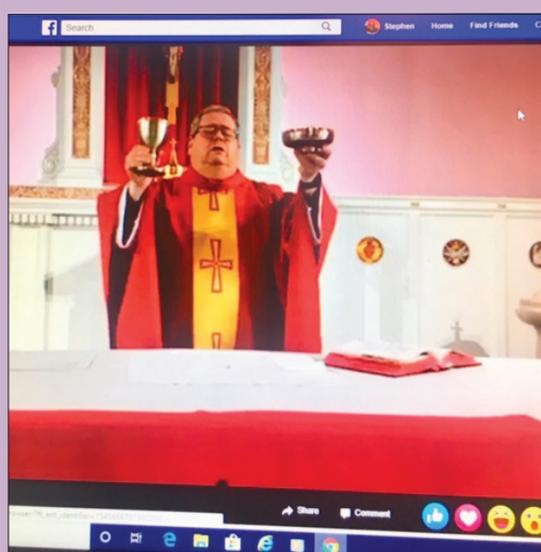


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A Palm Sunday mass celebrated by Fr. John Sheridan was live streamed to parishioners of the Morning Star Catholic Collaborative (St. Mary of the Assumption, Revere and Our Lady of Grace, Chelsea/Everett) on Sunday, April 5th. Close to 400 parishioners viewed this Eucharistic Celebration on the Collaborative’s Facebook and web page. The upcoming Holy Triduum services and the Stations of the Cross will also be live-streamed. For more information call the parish office at (781) 284-5252.

Body Found // CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Blvd. The body had been first observed and reported by a private citizen.

MSP Troopers from the Crime Scene Services Section and the Suffolk County State Police Detective Unit also responded.

Upon examination by the Troopers, we believe the body is an adult and appears to be male. The condition of the body indicates

it washed onto shore from the ocean and suggests the decedent had been the water for a period of time prior to its discovery.

No identification was found on the body and efforts to identify the decedent are ongoing.

The body was transported from the scene by the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. A post-mortem

examination will be performed to assist detectives in determining cause and manner of death.

No further information is being released at this time to protect the integrity of the ongoing investigation. The investigation is being led by State Police detectives and is under the jurisdiction of the Suffolk County District Attorney.

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Forum

ONE DAY AT A TIME: IT'S "GROUNDHOG DAY" FOR EVERYBODY

Here's one way to view the current situation in which we all find ourselves:

Prior to the pandemic sweeping the nation and the world, our lives were such that each day truly was a new day, filled with new challenges and the possibility of new excitement, albeit to varying degrees.

Today however, with most of us locked down in our homes, our daily routines have taken on a stunning sameness that is bereft of any sense of the usual moments of joy that form the essence of our humanity.

Similar to the classic Bill Murray movie "Groundhog Day" from 1993 (wow, has it really been 27 years?), each day seems to be a repeat of the day before.

The daily news in particular has a feeling of being in "Groundhog Day" mode. The headlines, politicians, and talking heads basically tell us the same thing, day after day after day, to the point where most of us now are tuning it out.

And yet, unlike the movie, there is nothing humorous about the real-life Groundhog Day in which we find ourselves.

The COVID-19 pandemic by far is the most tragic, far-reaching, and life-changing event that every American has faced since the end of World War II 75 years ago.

The phrase, "One day at a time," which is meant both as an inspiration and an admonition to those among us who struggle with substance abuse and other issues, now applies to every person, in every corner of the globe, regardless of fame, wealth, power, or any other status that differentiates us from anyone else.

The news that public figures as disparate as the actor Tom Hanks, Boris Johnson (the Prime Minister of England), and James Dolan (the billionaire owner of the New York Knicks and Comcast) have contracted COVID-19 -- on three different continents -- makes it clear that the coronavirus does not discriminate and is world-wide in scope.

In short, there is no escape -- no way out -- for every human being on the planet.

Moreover, with public health authorities informing us that the ongoing lack of testing in the United States continues to leave our nation flying blind in the face of the pandemic, we truly will have reason to fear every interaction with another human being (even if we and they are fully-masked and we space ourselves six feet apart) for the foreseeable future.

Without any understanding of the true extent of the spread of the disease in the United States, no one can predict when we will begin to see the light at the end of the tunnel.

"One day at a time" will be our mantra for many days to come.



CELEBRATE EASTER - APRIL 12TH

GUEST OP-ED

A Time that Shakes Our Faith

By Mayor Brian M. Arrigo

We stand like weary soldiers. We are frightened and tired. We are saddened by the growing number of casualties. We endure, strengthened by our passion for survival and ultimate victory.

Where do we find that strength?

Our strength grows from faith. Faith is a trust in something. It is a loyalty to each other, unspoken and unseen, but real though independent of proof. Faith nourishes us. It is universal and takes as many forms as there are people.

And yet, in times like this, it is easy to understand if our faith is shaken. Our lives are disrupted, we are separated from family and friends, and too many of our neighbors have succumbed to Covid-19, this uncompromising assailant that has raided our world.

Faith? Faith in what? My answer, my message to our community is: faith

in ourselves. Faith in ourselves may derive from religious doctrine, or basic self-confidence, or in ritual and routine. It can be the faith in a higher power or a force greater than humanity itself. It can be manifested in the abiding belief that we will rise up and overcome this plague, just as mankind has persisted and prevailed throughout history.

Perhaps by coincidence, we enter what are predicted to be the most challenging days of this pandemic during the time that the Christian world observes Holy Week, the solemn time of devotion and prayer preceding Jesus's crucifixion. Also, our Jewish brothers and sisters observe the eight-day festival of Passover, when their forebears were liberated from the chains of slavery.

In these religious observations, our friends reflect on dark days, when faith was shaken, but never broken. And those religious observations ultimately celebrate the rewards of their

faith.

The times we face today compare with the dark times of history when faith was shaken. Regardless whether any of us practice formal religion, we can—we must—find a refuge in faith. Faith in our medical community and all those who confront Covid-19 daily and fight back against its spread. Faith that our science will discover the antidote to Covid-19. Faith that the preventative steps all of us are taking will slow and eventually reverse the virus's upward trend.

Like soldiers in a battle, every one of us has a role, and no role is unimportant. The person who stays home in self-quarantine is as important as the care provider treating a patient. The essential business operator who implements strict social-distancing requirements in the workplace is just as important as the pharmaceutical researchers toiling in a laboratory. The volunteers who serve the needy are as important

as the neighbors who make a simple telephone call to check in on a friend. Every one of these is an act of faith, an act that we believe will yield positive results.

It is understandable to feel overwhelmed. Right now, and for the next couple of weeks, we must brace ourselves for more disturbing news and numbers.

But, like the soldier who endures and carries out the mission, we must carry on also, toward survival and victory. Let us not be consumed by despair, but instead let us be strengthened by faith.

I have faith in our community, and in our unified effort to protect ourselves and each other. I have faith that we will get through this, and be a stronger and closer community in the end.

This is a time of faith. It might be shaken. It will not be broken.

Brian Arrigo is the Mayor of the City of Revere.

GUEST OP-ED

Supporting people with disabilities during the COVID-19 crisis

By Joe Gravellese,
Candidate for State Representative

On Monday night, I participated in a conference call with leading advocacy groups for persons with disabilities, including the Arc of the United States and the American Association of People with Disabilities.

Unfortunately, efforts to provide relief and support to Americans during the COVID-19 crisis have not properly included the needs of people with disabilities. We must urge our state and local government to do more to make sure our friends, relatives and neighbors with disabilities are not left behind.

Advocates are focusing on these important priorities to better support people with disabilities during this pandemic:

- Support for home and community-based services
- Home and community-based services - like home health aides, personal care attendants, and adult day health services - are crucial in ensuring that people with disabilities' constitutional right to independence and self-determination is protected.

These services are fund-

ed by both the federal and states governments through the Medicaid program, and it is vitally important that Congress specifically increases funding for these services in the next COVID-19 relief bill.

Making sure people with disabilities are not left out of the \$1,200 stimulus relief checks

Congress passed a bill to send Americans a \$1,200 "recovery rebate" to help during this challenging time - but currently, many people with disabilities face hurdles to actually receiving this money.

Instead of sending the stimulus checks through the Social Security Administration, they are being sent out by the Treasury - meaning that if you don't file a tax return, you may not get the rebate. Many senior citizens and people with disabilities only receive income from either Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) or Supplemental Security Income (SSI), and do not earn enough to have to file a tax return.

The administration has ensured that recipients of SSDI will receive checks, but they have not done so for people on SSI - meaning some of our most vulnera-

ble residents, whose bank information is already on file with the government, face needless paperwork and hurdles before being able to access emergency relief.

This loophole must be closed to protect Americans with disabilities.

- Extending paid leave for caregivers

Congress's initial coronavirus relief package extended two weeks of paid leave - but it's clear that this crisis will go on much longer than two weeks. To protect caregivers and people with disabilities, these provisions must be extended - and family caregivers must be included in paid leave legislation.

- Ramping up production of personal protective equipment

In this instance, the needs of Americans with disabilities are the same as the needs of all of us all over the country - the immediate ramping up of production of personal protective equipment, like ventilators and face masks, not only for hospitals, but also for home-based providers of care for people with disabilities.

The administration must unleash the full power of

the Defense Production Act and end the current shameful spectacle of states bidding against one another for critical protective equipment, or hatching schemes to go around the federal government, like Massachusetts just did last week.

People with disabilities are especially vulnerable if we lack proper protective equipment during this surge in COVID-19 cases. If the administration won't act, Congress must make them act.

Locally, I was proud to be part of the team that relaunched Revere's Commission on Disabilities, fought to ensure ADA compliance across the community, and worked with the Recreation department to increase programming for children with special needs.

Residents with disabilities are entitled to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, just like all Americans - and government must fight to protect these rights, especially during times of crisis.

Joe Gravellese is a candidate in the Democratic primary for State Representative in the 16th Suffolk District (Revere, Chelsea and Saugus).

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REVERE THROUGH THE YEARS

10 years ago
April 7, 2010

Ward 6 residents are urged to vote on Tuesday in the special senate election being held to fill the seat vacated by former Senator Anthony Galluccio. The special election offers a number of candidates, but the campaign has evolved into a contest between Cambridge Attorney Tim Flaherty and Everett City Councillor Sal DiDomenico. Both men have campaigned in Revere and in Ward 6 to capture the hearts and minds of those who will be coming out to vote on Tuesday.

House Speaker Robert DeLeo's expanded gambling bill has made it out of the House Committee on Commerce and will be sent to the full House for a vote next week after being reported favorably. Suffolk Downs has stated its interest in operating a casino-hotel complex, while Wonderland will seek to redevelop its property rather than become a slots parlor.

It was a loaded handgun discovered in the bushes by a toddler at a Fourth of July cookout that pushed several Beachmont neighbors over the edge and sparked them into action to form a neighborhood crime watch.

"Clash of the Titans," "Why Did I Get Married Too?", and "Diary of a Wimpy Kid" are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

20 years ago
April 12, 2000

A former Department of

Corrections officer reportedly is being investigated for allegedly having taken \$100 in cash bribes to allow inmates who were on work release to meet with their girlfriends at bars or to go on strolls along the Boulevard unattended.

The trial of a mother and her boyfriend is underway today on charges that the couple locked the mother's two children in a room where the children perished in a blaze at their Morris St. townhouse.

Six councilors have filed a motion asking the council's Public Safety Committee to look into charges that former Council candidate Richard Ireton threatened Ward 6 Councilor Mark Casella because Casella had voted for Dan Rizzo to replace former Council Pres. Albert Fiore. Ireton reportedly did not favor Rizzo's appointment and had tried to get Casella to vote against Rizzo.

Revere's John DiComandrea, 72, will lace up his sneakers for another Boston Marathon. DiComandrea's best time was in 1955 when he ran a 2:37 and finished 12th. He has been running in the Marathon since 1947, when only 400 men competed.

Four cases of whooping cough have been confirmed among eighth grade students at the Beachmont school.

A nine-alarm fire destroyed the Orient Heights Yacht Club Saturday afternoon.

"29 Days," "Rules of Engagement," and "The Road

to El Dorado" are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

30 years ago
April 11, 1990

Faced with the worst budget crisis in city history, officials said they are planning to issue layoff notices for as many as 60 teachers next week.

The City Council met with representatives from the Revere police union. Councilors pledged to find funds to keep the police department properly staffed and equipped, but in return they said they wanted a more professional attitude displayed by officers.

The city's cable TV license is expected to be transferred to Continental Cablevision this Friday from Colonial Cablevision, the holder of the original franchise that began in 1968.

"I Love You to Death," "Ernest Goes to Jail," and "The Hunt for Red October" are playing at the Revere Showcase Cinemas.

40 years ago
April 9, 1980

The City Council will hold a public hearing on April 29 to take up a measure offered by Ward 1 Councillor Rita Singer that would set strict guidelines on apartment units being converted into condominiums.

Homeowners Ginny and Burt DeVeaux, whose Beachmont home was destroyed in the Blizzard of 1978, have rebuilt a new home that features solar

heating and water ducts to channel any future flood waters away from the home. The couple had lived at the location since 1938.

Mayor George V. Colella and new Police Chief John DeLeire told City Council members that the Specialized Patrol Unit of the Revere Police Department is doing a fine job in the war on drugs. However, councilors said they were displeased with the unit's performance.

Orson Welles stars in "The Late, Great Planet Earth" at the Kincaid Theatre in Winthrop.

50 years ago
April 9, 1970

The City Council, in an unusual Friday night session just before the deadline, approved a budget for 1970 of \$13,393,367, slashing \$221,322 from the budget that had been submitted by Mayor George V. Colella.

Revere High students hosted students from Bedford High School this week as part of a student exchange day program.

The City Council reaffirmed its decision to grant a permit to Colonial Cablevision for pole and wire locations throughout the city.

Revere Detective Michael Casoli, with help from a tip, arrested a juvenile on charges of selling marijuana after watching the youngster hide a cache of marijuana, estimated to be valued in the \$1000 range, in a field off East Mountain Ave.

City Councillor Arthur Nigro reported to the full council that, "The drug problem in the city is not as great as we had feared," after he had met with law enforcement officials.

Dustin Hoffman and Jon Voigt star in "Midnight Cowboy" at the Revere Drive In.

60 years ago
April 14, 1960

A meeting among the 10 area communities that might join together to form a regional technical school resulted in a conclusion that an ideal site for the school would be in No. Revere on Rt. C-1.

Gov. Foster Furcolo has sent a special message to the legislature seeking \$550,000 for repairs to the seawalls and shore areas of Revere, Lynn, Nahant, and Winthrop.

The \$500,000 fund drive for the Revere Memorial Hospital is just \$70,000 short of its goal.

Anthony M. Vegelante is the new President of the Our Lady of Lourdes Holy Name Society.

Richard Burton and Barbara Rush star in "The Bramble Bush" at the Revere Drive In. Disney's "Toby Tyler" is playing at the Revere Theatre.

70 years ago
April 13, 1950

New Plan E City Manager Edward C. Monahan, speaking before a gathering of the newly-organized Revere Municipal League for Good Government, lashed out at the politicians, graft-

ers, and others "who often have used every means to sabotage good government." He declared that "the gravy train has ended" and indirectly attacked former elected Mayor Raymond Carey, who presently sits on the City Council, for having operated a "politically ridden government."

Carmine DiPietro is the new Venerable of the Revere Men's Lodge, Sons of Italy of America.

Beatrice Price is the new President of the Revere Lodge and Chapter, B'nai B'rith.

Broderick Crawford, Mercedes McCambridge, and Joanne Dru star in "All the King's Men" at the Revere and Boulevard Theatres.

80 years ago
April 11, 1940

RHS students Rita Hammel of 16 Highland St. and Richard M. Bagnulo of 44 Vane St. are the winners of the essay contest sponsored by the Auxiliary of the local VFW.

The rolling stock and other equipment of the defunct Narrow Gauge Railroad has been sold to Chelsea junk dealer Samuel Gordon Inc. of Chelsea for \$118,756.

Seventy students received diplomas at the closing exercises of Americanization classes last Thursday in the high school auditorium.

Ronald Reagan, Jane Wyman, and Eddie Albert star in "Brother Rat and the Baby" at the Winthrop and State theatres.

GUEST OP-ED

No Easter for America?

pointing to multitudes. It is the "one" Sunday that many Americans attend church. Globally, churches pull out all the stops for presenting their best music. Ministers have been working the last several weeks polishing up their sermons. But it's the same story, the old story that, once a year, people come to hear.

Some people still buy new clothes for Easter. Americans are more casual than ever but retailers still make out good for Easter, but not this year. Macy's and other retailers just furloughed hundreds of thousands of workers. For these retailers Easter has been cancelled and they are feeling it in their pocketbooks.

The first Easter didn't have a date of April 12. We don't know the date. We do know that the followers of Jesus were terrified. They had just watched him crucified on a cross and they feared they were next. Financially they were struggling because they had left

everything to follow Jesus. They had "sheltered" themselves in fear of the religious opposition.

That first Sunday morning Mary Magdalene arrived at the tomb to anoint Jesus' body. In the middle of her sorrow Jesus appeared, spoke her name and Mary realizing it was Jesus called him "Teacher". She must have put her arms around Jesus because he said, "Don't hold onto me, I have not ascended to my father." John 20:17 Essentially, he said, "Don't touch me!" This story is more relevant all the time. The saddest weekend of Mary's life turned into the greatest day of her life as she became the first witness of the risen Jesus, later exclaiming to the disciples, "I have seen The Lord!" Wouldn't you like to have that kind of Easter? We will miss gathering in church this Easter but experiencing Easter and the risen Christ can happen even if you are alone.

There will be Easter on

April 12. There will be Easter for every person on the planet who will take

the time to celebrate the old story, the good news of Easter wherever you are

and whatever your situation, this Easter 2020.

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Because of Covid-19 many churches will not be in their sanctuaries for Easter, April 12, 2020.

Easter Sunday can fall on any date between March 22nd and April 25th. The dates change because Easter happens on the Sunday following the Paschal Full Moon. The word Paschal means "Passover" in Greek which is a transliteration of the Hebrew word pesach. The Paschal Full Moon is the first full moon after the Spring Equinox. This is sometimes referred to as the Egg Moon. This moon sometimes occurs in March and sometimes in April. So, April 12 is not locked in for Easter every year, but it is the date for 2020.

Easter 2020 will be remembered for a very long time as the Sunday America had no Easter. Or, the Easter where churches did not gather in small and large buildings. This is disap-

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David Watson

Of Newbury, formerly of Lynn

David Watson of Newbury, formerly of Lynn, passed suddenly on Sunday, April 5, 2020.

He was the beloved husband and best friend to Joan (Migliero) Watson.

David leaves behind his mother, Rose (Turchetti) Watson and was predeceased by his father. Thomas Watson and loving sister, Kelly Martin, all of Lynn. David was the son-in-law to Angelo and Jennie Migliero of Revere, brother-in-law to Fred and Claire Migliero, Victor Migliero, George and Kris Migliero and the late John Migliero. David also leaves behind many aunts, uncles, cousins, god children and nieces and nephews. He will be missed by many.

For many years, David worked as Manager of Wash Depot, eventually opening his own cleaning company.

David will be remembered for his infectious laugh and fun loving nature, passion for family and



devotion to his church. His wife, Joan, whom he cherished, was the love of his life, his shining star.

In accordance with the CDC, Mass. Department of Public Health, Archdiocese of Boston guidelines and local restrictions on gatherings and congregations due to COVID-19, all services will be privately held. Interment Holy Cross Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in David's name to the charity of one's choice. For guest book please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

James Hickey III

Former member of the 27th Lancers-Drum & Bugle Corps. of Revere

James W. Hickey, III passed away unexpectedly in Revere at the age of 62 following a long illness.

A former member of 27th Lancers-Drum & Bugle Corps. of Revere and a most proud member of the "Friends of Bill W," Jimmy was a former employee of Copy Cat, Garber Travel and Boston Coach.

He was the beloved son of the late James W. Hickey, Jr. and Louise M. (Cardillo) Hickey-Dorr, devoted

brother of John H. Hickey and his wife, Marie of Little Elm, TX, formerly of Revere and Somerville and Gary R. Hickey of Wakefield; dear uncle of Amanda, Ian and Olivia Hickey, all of Wakefield and Claire Hickey of Boston and the late Christopher Kennedy. He is also lovingly survived by his grandnephew, Miles G. Kennedy and his grandniece, Valentina S. Kennedy, both of Nahant.

Funeral Services were private.

Remembrances may be made to the "Friends of Bill W.", 12 Channel St., Suite 604, Raymond L. Flynn Marine Park, Boston, MA 02210. To send online condolences, please visit www.vertuccioandsmith.com. Funeral Arrangements were under the direction of the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals.

Happy 27th Birthday
Brandon Anthony
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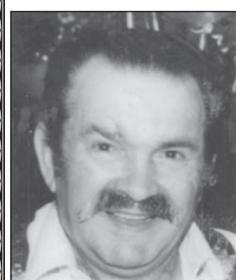
Your time with us was short, but you remain forever young in the hearts of all those who love you.

Rest in peace angel, and watch over your family, your mom Jennifer, dad Edgar and sister Ashley rest peacefully with your grandparents and great grandparents, we all miss you and will love you forever.

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Great Grandchildren

Ronnie Frank Ball

40-Year employee of Anheuser Busch and graduate of RHS, Class of 1973

Ronald (Ronnie) Frank Ball, 66, of Manchester, NH, formerly of Revere, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, March 31, 2020 at Elliot Hospital in Manchester, NH surrounded by his three daughters and family.

Born in Chelsea on August 21, 1953, the son of the late Frank Orlando Ball and the late Jean (D'Amico) Ball, he was a graduate of Revere High School, Class of 1973 and then went on to work for Anheuser Busch for 40 hardworking years.

In his free time, Ronnie could be found golfing, swimming, and cooking. Every summer he soaked in the sun at the beach with his family while teaching lifelong lessons to his six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Family and friends can remember Ronnie for his incredibly funny stories, huge heart, always striving to do the right thing. Many people may say they would give you the shirt off their back, but Ronnie really did it. The world has lost one of the most genuinely kind people and he will be sincerely missed.

Ronald is survived and will be deeply missed by his beloved daughters: Lainie Ball of Manchester, NH, Lorna Ball of Revere and Kimberly Alston of Winthrop; by many grandchildren and one great-grandchild including: Briana,



Devyn, Delanie, Jayden, Jared, Ralph and Khalia. He is also survived by his sisters, Sandra Foresta of Swampscott and Valerie Biggieri and her husband, David of Natick and by his former wife, Yvonne (Paladino) Ball of Salem, NH. Ronald also leaves behind many special relatives like niece, Cheryl Earp and a grandchild by marriage, Faith Ann, along with several life-long friends who he adored.

Due to the current pandemic, no services have been planned at this time but will be released at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Italian Home for Children in Boston, MA (<https://www.italianhome.org/>)

J.N. Boufford & Sons Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

For more information and online guestbook please visit www.bouffordfuneralhome.com.

Rosina Fodera

Will be missed by all who knew and loved her

Rosina (Passamonte) Fodera of Revere, formerly of Somerville, passed away surrounded by her loving family on April 3, 2020 at the age of 83.

Born and raised in Palermo, Italy to the late Francesco and Rosaria Passamonte (Cipolla), she was the beloved wife of 61 years to Camillo Fodera of Castellammare del Golfo, Sicily; devoted mother of Gaetano Fodera and his wife, Carole of Peabody, Francesco Fodera and his wife, Maureen of Lynnfield, Giuseppe Fodera and his wife, Melaney of Lynnfield, Rosalia French and her husband, Steven of Whitinsville, and Maria Canoy and her husband, Shannon of Whitinsville. She was the cherished grandmother of 16 and great grandmother of two. Rosina was one of nine siblings and she is survived by her sister, Venera Loureiro of Methuen and her brother, Salvatore Passamonte and his wife, Di-



ana of New York.

Rosina married the love of her life, Camillo in 1959, and together they were the first of their family to leave Sicily to immigrate to Somerville, MA. Together they raised five children who she loved dearly and loved cooking for as they came together frequently for Sunday dinners. Rosina would light up at the sight of her family coming to sit and sing with her at the dining room table. She will truly be missed by all, especially her large extended family who knew and loved her.

In accordance with the CDC's current restrictions on gatherings due to COVID-19, all services will be privately held by immediate family. Entombment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Rosina's name to Christian Assembly Church via Venmo or with this link: <https://app.easytith.com/App/Giving/christian-assembly> For guest book please visit www.buonfiglio.com.

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My prayers have been answered.

B.A.

Carmen Lepore, Sr.

Member of Giuseppe Mazzini Lodge - Sons of Italy of Revere



Private Funeral Services were held for Carmen P. Lepore, Sr. 84,

of Revere, formerly of East Boston, who passed away on March 28 following a 10-year struggle with renal disease.

Carmen wore many hats in his working career. He worked for 15 years in the garment industry with Garland Sportswear of Boston as a production manager and he also served as a salesman for Pride Lincoln of Lynn for over 15 years. He was a member of the MA National Guard and a member of the Giuseppe Mazzini Lodge - Sons of Italy of Revere.

He was the beloved husband of 60 years to Joan (Iandoli) Lepore, cherished father of John L. Lepore and his wife, Michele of West Peabody, Atty. Carmine P. Lepore, Jr. and his wife, Gina of Middleton and Justin Lepore of Danvers; dear brother of Mary Spadoni and her husband, Dante Spadoni of East Boston, Florida and formerly of Revere and the adored grandfather of Nicholas J. Lepore, Alyssa M. Lepore and Ashley R. Lepore, all of



West Peabody, Andrew C., Michael C. and C. Chase Lepore, all of Middleton; special uncle to Dante Spadoni, Jr. and his wife, Deniara of Everett and Maria Spadoni-Merena of Danvers. He is also lovingly survived by his surrogate son, James O'Donnell and his wife, Cathy of Revere and by several grandnieces and grandnephews.

A "Celebration of Life" (date, time and place of venue) will be announced at a later date. Remembrances may be made to St. Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, TN 38105-9959. To send online condolences, please visit www.vertuccioandsmith.com. Funeral Arrangements were under the direction of the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals.

Joseph DellaPorta

President and founder of Lynnway Marina and member of Leon J. Mottollo V.F.W. Post 4524 of Revere

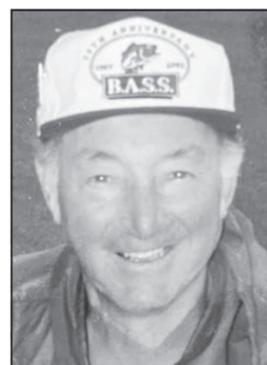


Private Funeral Services were held for Joseph J. DellaPorta, 93,

formerly of Revere, who passed away in Swampscott on March 31 following a long illness.

Joseph was the president and founder of the Lynnway Marina of Lynn for over 50 years, a US Navy Veteran of World War II and a member of the Leon J. Mottollo V.F.W. Post 4524 of Revere.

He was the adored husband of 73 years of Gladys A. (Capone) DellaPorta, cherished father of Douglas J. DellaPorta of Revere and the late Stephen J. DellaPorta, dear brother to the late Julia L. Fraga and her late husband, George "Buddy" Fraga and the late Annette DeCotis and her late husband, James DeCotis; devoted grandfather to Douglas J. DellaPorta, II of Swampscott and Nicole S. DellaPorta of East Bos-



ton; special uncle to Gloria A. (DellaPorta) Mogavero and her husband, Robert and their children: Max R. Mogavero and Madeline G. Mogavero, all of Georgetown and several other nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Remembrances may be made to your favorite charity. To send online condolences, please visit www.vertuccioandsmith.com. Funeral Arrangements were under the direction of the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals.

Gerard Bennett

Will be remembered for his infectious personality and belly laugh that would fill a room

Gerard M. "Jerry" Bennett, 74, of Derry, NH, passed away Sunday April 5, 2020 in the Beaver Lake Lodge in Derry. He was born in Boston on January 16, 1946, a son of the late William and Helen (Alward) Bennett. He had been a resident of Derry for the past several years and had been employed as an aviation inspector for General Electric. Jerry was an avid golfer, collector of sports memorabilia, classic car enthusiast, and loved traveling among other activities. He especially enjoyed spending time with family and friends. He was a proud Dad and "Papa" of his children, grandchildren, daughters-in-law and son-in-law. He will be remembered for his infectious personality and his belly laugh that would fill the room.

He is survived by his daughter, Deborah Mattuchio; two sons, David Bennett, and Richard Bennett;



the mother of his children, Joyce Bennett, eight grandchildren; and one brother, Alan Bennett. He was predeceased by his brother, William Bennett.

Following cremation, a memorial service will be held at a later date. The Peabody Funeral Homes and Crematorium, 15 Birch St., Derry, NH is assisting the family with arrangements. To send a condolence or for more information, please visit, www.peabodyfuneralhome.com

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Rita C. Saggese

Jordan Marsh retiree

Private Funeral Services were held for Rita C. Saggese who passed unexpectedly at the age of 95 on March 27 in the Harbor View section of East Boston following a brief illness.

Rita retired in 1981 after 32 years of service with the former Boston Jordan Marsh Co. as their credit manager. She was a member of the Quarter Century Club of Jordan Marsh Co. Rita and her family were devotees of the former St. Mary – Star of the Sea Parish, East Boston.

She was the beloved daughter of the late Nicola and Emanuella (Pisillo) Saggese, devoted sister to the late Elizabeth Mazzulli, Gloria I. Saggese, Victoria F. Saggese, Louise Vecchio, Margaret Fuccillo, Carme-

la Santossuoso, Amedeo Saggese and Lawrence Saggese; cherished aunt of Marie E. Mazzulli-Varone and her husband, Fred of Saugus, Cheryl Fuccillo and her companion, Thomas Bagley of Burlington and is also survived by many other faithful nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

A Memorial Funeral Mass (date, time and place) will be announced at a later time. Remembrances may be made to the Monastery of St. Claire, 920 Centre St., Jamaica Plain, MA 02130.

Funeral Arrangements were under the direction of the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals.

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Cataldo Ambulance sees drop in overall calls, but more potential COVID-19 patients

By Seth Daniel

When Cataldo Ambulance responds to a call in any of its 18 communities – which include Chelsea, Everett and Revere – no matter what the issue is everyone being treated has to be considered a possible COVID-19 patient.

When responding to a car accident, a sick person, someone with chest pains or any other kind of accident, Owner Dennis Cataldo said EMTs and paramedics on their ambulances are outfitting themselves in full gear for complete safety.

“We are anticipating things could ramp up quite substantially in the next week or so and create a surge for us,” said Cataldo. “There is definitely more pressure on the health care industry...Early on, or before all this, if a report came in or an emergency came in with a full response or a car accident, for instance, people didn’t necessarily take the time to put on PPE or masks, but now everyone represents a potential coronavirus patient, even at a car accident, and especially with 12,000 people having the virus in the state and any number of others who don’t know they have it.... It’s a lot more preparation and a lot more time on task because they know they have to put on the full PPE and mask for every patient they encounter.”

Overall call volumes for Cataldo have decreased in the last several weeks across all communities, Cataldo said, and that’s likely because so many people are at home heeding the isolation orders. There are a number of people, he said, that think they might be sick, but really it’s the anxiety of the situation that’s working on them.

“There are a lot of people with high anxiety and they are worried,” he said. “Once one of our people can give them information on what the symptoms are and check their levels, they try to figure out if they need to go to the hospital, and they let them know that it is risky to go to the hospital.”

However, other calls they encounter can be quite serious when they see sick patients who need immediate care, and it can be worrisome for those in the field.

That said, Cataldo said it’s the kind of things that EMTs and paramedics run to, rather than run from.

“This situation is kind of why people get into this field,” he said. “When people run from a health care scare, our people want to run in where others want to run out. There is a level of anxiety out there because no one knows if this will come and go or if it will linger around or be more of a destructive pandemic than it already is. You need to be able to envision and end in

sight. When it really isn’t defined and they’re fighting something endless, there is more anxiety.”

To protect those workers on the ambulance, Cataldo said protocols start from the time they report to work. Each worker gets their temperature tested and they have to fill out a form about whether or not they are experiencing symptoms. When they leave headquarters to go into the field and respond to calls, they carry substantial PPE in the vehicle. That PPE includes gloves, masks, full face shields, full gowns and N95 masks.

“It’s mostly the same as what you might see being worn in hospitals and health care environments, and that is what we’re going out into the field with in order to have safe patient contact,” he said.

So far, Cataldo said they have been lucky in their workforce, as only a few workers in their fleet of about 80 to 90 ambulance companies have come up positive.

One of the overarching worries for ambulance companies, public safety officials and health care workers is what would happen if large numbers of their staff test positive – resulting in the quarantine of many others on the staff that have had contact with them. In such a case, there is concern that a shortage

of first responders, including ambulance personnel, could suddenly be in short supply.

“That’s a concern on the minds of everyone in health care right now,” Cataldo said. “It would be tough to have to quarantine large numbers of individuals. If it resembles some of the indicated trends and looks anything like it does in New York, it’s going to be difficult to tell people they’re on a 14-day quarantine because they’ve been exposed...I don’t think anybody has any answers for that right now and so far, we have not had that happen.”

Like most all providers, Cataldo said the public can help his ambulance companies by practicing social distancing and staying out of public gatherings. A surge of patient calls could expose ambulance workers and overwhelm the entire system.

“From a health care perspective there is a pretty serious virus going on and actually it is a pandemic,” he said. “Though you might feel well and others around you might feel well, you don’t know who’s carrying it.”

Cataldo Ambulance has between 80 to 90 ambulance companies operating every day in 18-plus communities – a network that includes serving Everett, Revere and Chelsea.

Christopher J. Nazzaro

National Grid employee

Private Funeral Services were held for Christopher J. Nazzaro of Revere, formerly of Wakefield, who passed unexpectedly on March 27 at 40 years old.

Christopher was a graduate of Boston University, Class of 1997. Presently and for the past eight years, Chris was in management security at National Grid. Chris also held a real estate broker’s license.

He was the devoted son of Frederick G. Nazzaro, III and his wife, Jeannine M. (Roy) Nazzaro of Wakefield, adored son of the late Diane L. (Conlon) Nazzaro, dear brother to Frederick G. Nazzaro IV and his wife, Mascha Chausovsky of Newton and Barbara J. Barnard and her husband, Scott of Lynn; dear uncle of Nicholas D. Nazzaro of California, Alexander V. and Mark E. Nazzaro, both of Newton, Brandy Giovino and her husband, Ronald of Medford, Ashley Guthro of Winthrop and Anthony J. “AJ” Guthro of Lynn. He is also lovingly survived



by his grand-niece, Angelina and his grand-nephew, Ronnie.

A “Celebration of Life” (date, time and place of venue) will be announced at a later date on social media on the Vertuccio & Smith Home for Funerals website (www.vertuccioandsmith.com). Remembrances may be made to the Northeast Animal Shelter, 347 Highland Ave., Salem, MA 01970. To send online condolences, please visit www.vertuccioandsmith.com. Funeral Arrangements under the direction of the Vertuccio & Smith, Home for Funerals.

Revere Public Schools ensuring ‘all’ students have remote learning access during school closure

By John Lynds

Revere Public School Superintendent Dianne Kelly said this week that RPS is committed to ensuring that all students, including students with special needs, have access to remote learning opportunities throughout the school closure.

“All teachers and related service providers will post resources on the RPS COVID-19 External Learning Opportunities website <http://www.reverek12.org/Content/2/21338>,” said Kelly. “Please do not hesitate to reach out to your child’s teacher, assistant principal or principal if you need assistance accessing materials.”

Kelly said state Education Commissioner Jeffrey Riley and the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education released new guidance to schools to ensure remote learning is a success for all of Revere’s students.

Kelly said students should be working each day on school assignments for a learning period that is roughly half of the number

of hours they would have been in school, roughly 3 hours.

“School work might include everything from online video chats, connections between school staff, students, and parents via email, phone, or video chat, assignments that do not require technology to be completed like reading for a certain amount of time, writing essays, exploring the natural environment near home, etc,” said Kelly. “All of these activities would be part of the learning period.”

Plans should include assignments that include physical activity and/or art and music instruction.

“Schools should develop a plan for allowing “credit or no credit” to students for the work they complete,” said Kelly. “Schools need to ensure plans include accommodation and services for students with Individual Educational Plans, English Learners, and Social and Emotional wellbeing. With this guidance in mind, we are working with teachers and administrators to develop a set of plans by grade, which we hope will help make expectations clear to students, staff, and

caregivers. We will be seeking input from the School Committee, high school students, and parents before we finalize these plans.”

Kelly said RPS knows that families and staff have different levels of expertise in the use of technology so RPS’s goal is to build a system that meets the needs of all and can be customized, to some degree, for individuals.

“If at any time you feel the curriculum website or assignments are not working for your child, please reach out to your child’s teacher, service provider, or principal so we can work together to solve the problems,” she said. “We also request that you support your child’s teachers and counselors as they navigate this entirely different instructional process. They are all working very hard to keep your children engaged and progressing.”

Kelly added that additional service teachers and therapists will be providing ongoing support and resources for families to access these materials.

“If you need additional support or assistance accessing these materials please contact your child’s

classroom teacher, English learner teachers, special education liaison, or related service provider (OT, PT, Speech or Counseling),” said Kelly. “Based on what is reasonably appropriate, Revere Public Schools will be providing additional learning opportunities and/or related services to students with special needs and English learners during the school closure. Although we understand that the frequency and duration of student services may not be able to match the IEP service delivery exactly, what is reasonably appropriate will be determined on a case by case basis.”

Special education teachers, English learner teachers, and therapists will be in touch with families to determine which services and supports are able to be delivered remotely.

“If you have any questions regarding services for your child, please contact your child’s school, the English learner office through the Parent Information Center at (781-485-8453) or the special education office (781-286-8240),” she said.

Ruth Correale

Proud member of the Cherokee Nation

Ruth (Morton) Correale, 89, of East Boston, formerly of Chandler Oklahoma, passed away peacefully on Monday, March 30, 2020 at home surrounded by her loving family.

Ruth was everyone’s favorite mother, grandmother, aunt, and friend. She had an infectious smile and will be remembered for her need to care for you, her contagious laugh, her love of cooking and sharing meals and for her love and appreciation of all the small things. She touched the hearts of everyone she knew with her comfort, joy, and love! She will continue to be loved, treasured and missed by all.

A proud member of the Cherokee Nation, she was the daughter of the late Junia Clyde Morton and Lizzie (Duffy) Morton, beloved wife of the late Ralph J. Correale, loving mother of Ruthanne Correale Pavlis and her husband, Ari Pavlis, Robert Correale and his wife, Rose and the late Ralph Jr. and David J. Cor-



reale and cherished grandmother of Robert C. Correale, Ryan J. Correale and his wife, Nicole, Peter P. Pavlis and Ariana Aspasia Pavlis. She was adored and cherished by 10 siblings and their spouses and 103 nieces and nephews that make up the Morton Clan.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, all services are private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Ruth’s memory to the Alzheimer’s Association by visiting www.alz.org or by mail at 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601.

Updates on the Tobin Bridge/Chelsea Curves Rehabilitation Project

During Spring 2020, MassDOT will temporarily reduce Route 1 where it passes through the Chelsea Curves to a single lane in each direction over a series of weekends. The agency will also temporarily close the Carter Street off-ramp from Route 1 southbound for a series of weekends and one weekday overnight. These reductions and closures are part of the ongoing Tobin Bridge/Chelsea Curves Rehabilitation Project and will allow the use of accelerated bridge construction methods to ensure that the vital section of Route 1 through Chelsea can continue to safely and efficiently process passen-

ger and freight traffic.

ROUTE 1

TRAFFIC IMPACTS

•ROUTE 1 NORTHBOUND: Will be reduced to a single lane through the work zone. Following the weekend operation, Route 1 will reopen to two lanes.

•ROUTE 1 SOUTHBOUND: Will be reduced to a single lane through the work zone. Following the weekend operation, Route 1 will reopen to two lanes.

WORK HOURS

•Work will begin at 10 p.m. on Friday of each of the weekends during which lane reductions will take place and end at 5 a.m.

on the following Monday. During the weekend lane reductions, the project will operate continuously.

•Lane reductions will take place on the following weekends:

- *April 3 – April 6
- *April 24 – April 27
- *May 1 – May 4
- *May 15 – May 18
- *May 29 – June 1

CARTER STREET RAMP TRAFFIC IMPACTS

•The Carter Street off-ramp will be temporarily closed, and traffic detoured to the Route 16 West exit towards Everett. Motorists will then take Revere Beach Parkway to Everett Avenue.

WORK HOURS

•Work will begin at 10 p.m. on Friday of each of the weekends during which lane reductions will take place and end at 5 a.m. on the following Monday. During the weekend lane closures, the project will operate continuously. Likewise, during the one week-night closure, work will run from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. the following day.

•Ramp closures will take place overnight from Thursday April 2 to Friday April 3 and on the following weekends:

- *April 24 – April 27
- *May 1 – May 4
- *June 5 – June 8

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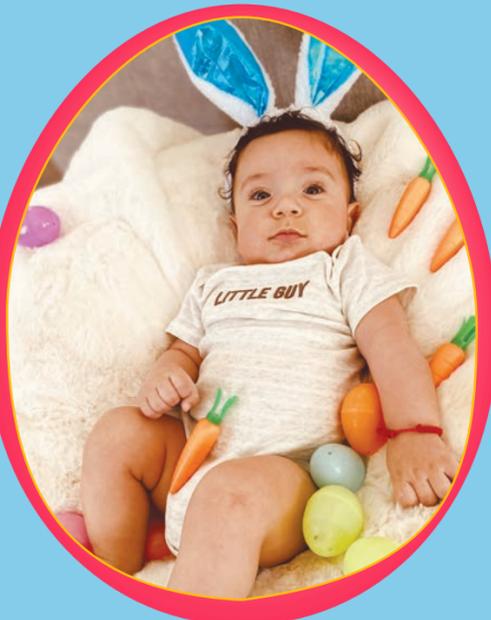
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Shea said end-of-year athletic awards will be presented

By Cary Shuman

Revere High's year-ending senior awards night has been a major production in past years, fittingly held at the Showcase Cinemas in Revere.

Due to the COVID-19 crisis, that program will more than likely be held in

a different venue.

But Revere High Director of Athletics Frank Shea said he is hopeful that the awards program can take place by the end of the school year.

"In the event we don't come back to school, I will have to have a discussion with the superintendent

[Dr. Dianne Kelly] how we're going to proceed with the awards program," said Shea.

There could be a change in the award selection process necessitated by the possible cancellation of the entire spring sports season. Currently, practices are scheduled to begin on May

4. "The question would be: What do you do if there is no spring season? You don't really want to deny a spring athlete who is deserving of an award. We're going to have assume that if he or she were a good athlete, they were going to have a good spring season."

For example, senior Katie O'Donnell was the league MVP in field hockey and a starting player on the girls basketball team. She is projected to be a key member of the girls lacrosse team that has been one of the school's most successful programs. Former star Kianna Napolitano had

earned a spot on the Endicott College girls lacrosse team and was making an immediate impact, but the Gulls' spring season was canceled.

Shea said the awards sponsored in the past by the late Mickey "Say No To Drugs" Casoli will be a part of the program.

RHS SPORTS Through the Years

10 years ago
April 7, 2010

With their pre-season at an end, the Revere High softball team and new head coach Joe Ciccarello were set to open their 2010 campaign yesterday against former Greater Boston League rival Medford. One positive aspect the first-year coach has noted of his 2010 team is that he feels he has strong leadership in his senior class, led by captains Sara Selevitch, Paige Licata, and Jessica Simpson.

With their season-opener still more than a week

away, members of the Revere High baseball team will have plenty of opportunity to impress head coach Joe Ranno as they seek to earn a spot on the varsity for the 2010 season. "This is the latest start we've ever had," said Ranno. "We have four scrimmages scheduled before we open the season on April 15, so we'll get a good look at everyone."

The Patriots will be led by a trio of captains, seniors Chris Adreani, Jonathan Chiarelli, and Brian Robichaud, who are among seven seniors on the squad.

Baker says more ICU beds are needed; COVID death rate lower here than other states

State's trajectory could be lower due to less smokers and early social distancing

Gov. Charlie Baker announced good and bad news on Thursday requiring the anticipated surge of COVID-19 cases in the coming 20 days - with the good news being there are ample Acute beds and the state's death rate from COVID-19 is lower than other states, and the bad news being that even with an expansion of ICU beds at existing hospitals the state will likely be short up to 500 beds.

State officials, in response, are looking to build Field Hospitals to take the stress off of medical centers - including hiring a contractor that can quickly begin to build out places like the South Boston Convention Center if need be. The plan to build up to 1,000 beds in this fashion around the state.

Gov. Baker's COVID-19 Response Command Center today (April 2) outlined projections related to the anticipated surge of COVID-19 cases in the Commonwealth, which they believe will come between April 10-20.

The projections are the result of the Command Center's work with medical experts to complete modeling of the outbreak in Massachusetts. The Administration also detailed its efforts to respond to this surge, including a significant increase in hospital capacity, staffing, and equipment.

COVID-19 Surge Plan-

ning: •Modeling and Projections:

The Administration's COVID-19 Response Command Center has been working with its Advisory Board of medical experts and epidemiologists from Harvard University, University of Guelph and Northeastern University to refine models related to the expected surge of COVID-19 cases. These efforts include modeling the surge's timing, number of cases, necessary bed capacity, and work to find facilities that will meet overflow capacity. The model's projections are based on the experience of Wuhan, China, but Massachusetts' trajectory could differ due to lower population density, lower smoking rates, and earlier social distancing measures. The Command Center has also been comparing to experience in other states and around the world.

The model's latest projections estimate that the number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Massachusetts could range from 47,000 to 172,000 (or 0.7% to 2.5% of the total population of Massachusetts). The models show hospitalizations would potentially peak between April 10-20. The current fatality rate in Massachusetts is lower than other areas - it is approximately 1.5 percent of those infected. The Command Center is monitoring this

statistic closely.

The COVID-19 Response Command Center is working with hospitals to provide them with flexibility to expand ICU capacity. The Commonwealth is asking academic medical centers and teaching hospitals to work to significantly expand their ICU capacity. But after hospitals execute on their surge plans, the model estimates there could be a remaining gap in ICU capacity of more than 500 beds.

•Response Efforts:

In response, the Administration is aiming to find or build an additional 750 - 1,000 beds in field med-

ical hospitals and other alternate care sites to reduce strain on hospitals as much as possible. Gov. Baker and Lt. Gov. Polito visited the first of these Field Medical Stations at the DCU Center yesterday.

The Administration has identified additional possible sites for Field Medical Stations including the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center, Joint Base Cape Cod, Springfield's Mass Mutual Building and other smaller locations. The Administration has secured a contractor who can build out sites once a healthcare partner has been finalized.



Mayor Brian Arrigo again took to the closed Revere Beach Boulevard Monday afternoon in the Mobile City Hall van, using a bullhorn to urge the public to abide by social distancing guidelines after the Governor ended parking along Revere Beach.

State closes parking along Revere Beach

By John Lynds

In an effort to better promote social distancing and curb gathering of more than 10 people Gov. Charlie Baker issued an emergency order last Friday requiring all coastal beach reservation parking areas managed by the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) to close.

The order applied to parking on the northbound ocean side of Revere Beach Parkway and by Friday morning traffic cones and signs directed drivers away from the beach's parking area.

Gov. Baker said the order was to further reduce large concentrations of people at beaches during the COVID-19 outbreak.

Revere Beach will remain open and available to pedestrians for transitory use only, i.e. walking, jogging, biking, solitary fishing, etc.

Additionally, DCR's agency-owned playgrounds and bathroom facilities like the ones at Revere Beach will remain closed until Monday, May 4.

Mayor Brian Arrigo again took to Revere Beach Boulevard Monday afternoon in the Mobile City Hall van, using a bullhorn to urge the public to abide by social distancing guidelines and take the increase in cases in Revere seriously.

"We've been doing everything we can to urge residents to do their part by staying home and abiding

by social distancing guidelines when they must go out," said Arrigo. "There needs to be a community-wide effort if we are going to slow this concerning trend in Revere."

Arrigo, Gov. Baker and the DCR continue to stress that if Revere Beach or other area parks are crowded, visitors should consider visiting a different location or returning at a later date or time. The Governor and DCR also advises visitors of state parks to:

- Stay within solitary or small groups, and avoid gatherings of ten or more people;
- Practice social distancing of at least six feet between individuals;
- Participate in only non-contact recreational activities;
- Practice healthy personal hygiene, such as handwashing for at least 20 seconds; Stay home if ill, over 70, and/or part of a vulnerable population.

To centralize COVID-19 updates that impact the state parks system, DCR recently developed a Massachusetts State Parks COVID-19 Updates webpage. Prior to visiting a state parks property, members of the public should review the contents of the webpage. Furthermore, for information about the Baker-Polito Administration's ongoing efforts to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, please visit the Department of Public Health's (DPH) website.



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State, non-profit to deploy 1,000 case workers to trace contacts of COVID-19 patients

Working with a non-profit partner, Gov. Charlie Baker late last week called for 1,000 case workers to deploy throughout the state to track the people who had been in contact with patients who are positive for the COVID-19 virus.

In his daily update on Thursday, Baker announced the creation of the COVID-19 Community Tracing Collaborative (CTC) to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in Massachusetts. The state will work in collaboration with Partners In Health. It is the first effort of its kind

nationwide.

The initiative will focus on tracing the contacts of confirmed positive COVID-19 patients, and supporting individuals in quarantine, and builds on the efforts already underway from the Command Center to leverage public health college students to augment the contact tracing being done by local boards of health.

The Collaborative will deploy nearly 1,000 contact tracers throughout the state to connect with COVID-19 patients and their contacts to support Massachusetts'

efforts to track and contain the virus.

Led by the administration's COVID-19 Response Command Center, Partners In Health will coordinate closely with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the Executive Office of Health and Human Services. Contact tracing will be combined with the state's efforts to increase testing and will provide support to people in quarantine in order to contain the spread of the novel coronavirus.

"Enhanced contact tracing capability is another

powerful tool for public health officials and health care providers in the battle against COVID-19," said Governor Charlie Baker. "Massachusetts is the only state in the nation implementing this type of programming, and this collaborative tracing initiative will break new ground as we work together to slow the spread of COVID-19."

Partners In Health will provide staff and contribute technical expertise in community tracing. The Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector Authority (CCA) will stand up a virtu-

al support center and maintain connectivity, while the Massachusetts Department of Health (DPH) will maintain data, guides and processes. Accenture, a leading global professional services company, and Salesforce, a global leader in CRM, are implementing support center capabilities for the CTC's tracing purposes.

"This is a key effort in the Commonwealth's work to slow the spread of the virus by adding capacity to reach individuals who have come in close contact with individuals are confirmed positive for

COVID-19," said Health and Human Services Secretary Marylou Sudders. "I encourage residents to cooperate with the operation so that we can further slow the spread of COVID-19 in Massachusetts."

Contact tracing through the CTC will support the Baker-Polito Administration's ongoing efforts to expand bed capacity, increase personal protective equipment (PPE) supplies and provide resources for health care providers and patients.

TWO WEEKS THAT CHANGED EVERYTHING: Doctors at CHA Everett facing crowded, challenging conditions

By Seth Daniel

Two weeks is often described as an eternity in politics or sport, but rarely in the emergency room of a hospital.

In the COVID-19 era, though, all is possible.

It was only two weeks ago that Dr. Melisa Lai-Becker, Emergency Department chief at CHA Everett, said they were preparing for a surge, with great hopes that there would be no surge of sick patients with COVID-19.

Preparations have now turned to practice.

"What a world of difference here in just two weeks," said Dr. Lai-Becker on Monday night after finishing her shift in the ER. "Everything we were preparing for is coming to bear and now we are experiencing the surges I had hoped wouldn't come. Our volume had actually gone down by one-third, but to counter the lower volumes was the fact that the acuity level is greater. I would say three-quarters, about 80 percent, of our patients are coming in sick. With that many presenting sick we have begun suspecting they are COVID-positive. The ICU has been full for over one week, including with continued admissions and transfers out."

Just on Monday afternoon, Dr. Lai-Becker counted 10 new admissions on her chart that they are taking care of in the department. While they would have about five patients on a ventilator in the ICU during normal times, she said they

have a dozen or more now that need ICU and ventilation care – a treatment that is the highest level of treatment for most hospitals. Most of that treatment is demanding a ratio of two patients to every nurse as a result of the overall surge to the ICU.

Dr. Lai-Becker said, in response to that, the hospital has expanded their ICU beds, using the post-anesthesia care unit as a makeshift ICU – a place where normally patients recover from surgery. Right now, they have the appropriate space, but have been transferring patients to other places using ambulances when need be.

"When we don't have a bed available here, we get people moved to our sister campus in Cambridge," she said. "If those beds are full, we send them to a location that has a bed available... We have been lucky to be able to partner with the tertiary hospitals like MGH, BMC, Beth Israel, the Brigham and Tufts. They understand the challenges we face and understand why we are calling them for help; it's because our ICU is full. They are wonderful and do what they can to help us out. Talk about a large, statewide and regional effort – that's what that is."

Pausing, Dr. Lai-Becker did confirm they have had several patients die from COVID-19 while in their care, but it was a painful topic for her and her staff as they don't know how much more of that lies ahead. What they do know is that

the patients they are seeing are not exclusively the old and infirm that were talked about last month.

"About half of our patients seem to be in their 40s and 50s," she said. "We are getting quite a number of patients in their 20s and 30s – not as many in their 20s. It is now not surprising to see someone here in their 30s. They come in and we know we'll send the test and it will be positive. It's been surprising that regardless of age, it's very stark."

She said they have been fortunate in that many of those patients can be treated and then sent home with home oxygen kits to help them breathe, and they can recover outside of the hospital setting and make way for sicker patients. That is a good reason for social distancing, and for people to stay in the home as much as possible. There is a direct correlation with not heeding those warnings, and the hospital being inundated with new and more critical cases. It is one of the few protections the public can provide for health care workers like Lai-Becker and her staff.

"It's definitely the real world playing out," she said. "It's important to social distance and the better we do with that, the better we can have these resources around for everyone. Getting a large rush of patients right now might get us to a point where there isn't enough ventilators or hospital beds. It's something everyone is watching so closely in Massachusetts."

Another way to help is

by donating or making Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for the health care workers. Dr. Lai-Becker said they were able to secure a large amount of N95 masks from the New England Patriots humanitarian mission that used the team plane to go to China and get more than 1 million masks for the state. However, as a community hospital sitting beside many large medical centers, they may not get all the supplies they need ahead of those larger hospitals. That is why she said they welcome and appreciate the community donations.

"We know there are a lot of makers out there and we welcome cloth masks, we welcome cloth gowns, and the welcome the tech savvy folks who are using 3-D printers...to make sure we have the respirators needed to protect us," she said. "We're really grateful for every glove, mask and gown and disinfectant we get. Every little bit makes a difference and as a community hospital, it's wonderful...We're not a big juggernaut. We're not MGH."

It is, in fact, the support of the community that has kept the staff going in the surges from the area communities like Everett, Chelsea and Revere – where their patient base mostly resides.

Small things, she said, like Everett Police Chief Steve Mazzie dropping by on Monday with several baskets of "treats" for the ER staff keep the morale up in what has become a challenging day most every day.

CHA EVERETT WORKING ON INNOVATIVE TREATMENT TO HELP SLOW COVID'S INFECTION

Looking to find anything that might help the most serious COVID-19 patients, Dr. Melisa Lai-Becker of the CHA Everett Emergency Department said they have started a new protocol to try to slow the attack of COVID-19 on the lungs.

That possible treatment is simply put – the antidote for Tylenol poisoning – and it might be showing some signs of working.

"We're starting one new procedural protocol using a medium that we could be incorporating into a clinical trial study," she said. "We are hopeful it's helping these patients. It's not been in the news a lot and it's something we developed on the toxicology side."

The treatment is a medicine that is used for Tylenol poisoning, and they hope it can help to stop the aggressive attack on the lungs in patients that fail to recover. When COVID-19 attacks the lungs, she said it unleashes a "storm" of cytokines – which are small proteins that help cells communicate. Those proteins seem to inhibit the immune system of those that aren't recovering, and there is hope that the antidote might slow that process and keep the immune system intact.

"Those who have COVID-19, about 80 to 85 percent don't need a hospital and their immune systems are ok," she said. "Those who are sick enough to be in the ICU, it seems to be their immune systems go awry. It starts attacking their lungs. The idea is this medicine might slow that down before it happens."

There are no results right now, but Dr. Lai-Becker – who is also involved in the toxicology department – said they have hope for it to be useful.

"I have to give a shout out to Chief Mazzie for bringing that by," she said, "and for everyone else in the community who has thought of us in so many ways and supported their community hospital. Those things mean so much; we were so encouraged when he came in with those treats for us. It means so much to have that support."

Two weeks ago was all about preparations, and this week has been about treating and hoping that the next two weeks don't see any further surge – as the hospital is pretty much full

already. It is a remarkable change in a short period of time, and scary in that no one in the ER is certain what next week will bring.

"It is a distinctly different place than where we were only a short time ago," she said.

"It is an all hands on deck effort for sure," she continued. "We're fortunate to be here in Boston and to be serving this community and to be as well-resourced as we can be given that at the end of the day, we're a community hospital that's working with what we have."

Statistics for Massachusetts

COVID-19 cases in Massachusetts as of April 7

Confirmed cases of COVID-19 15,202
+1365 from the 6th

Massachusetts residents subject to COVID-19 quarantine by current status as of March 31

Total of individuals subject to quarantine 8394
Total of individuals who have completed monitoring (no longer in quarantine) 3218
Total of individuals currently undergoing monitoring/under quarantine 5176

COVID-19 INFECTION BY AGE BRACKET

≤19 years of age: 338 20-29 years of age: 2013
30-39 years of age: 2389 40-49 years of age: 2408
50-59 years of age: 2886 60-69 years of age: 2148
70-79 years of age: 1381 ≥ 80 years of age: 1639

These do not reflect the most up to date numbers, as they were not reported by press time. Please scan the QR code to the left to see them.

Total Number of Cases by County

Barnstable	405
Berkshire	278
Bristol	768
Dukes and Nantucket	9
Essex	1841
Franklin	118
Hampden	997
Hampshire	158
Middlesex	3187
Norfolk	1592
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How to participate in the Passover Zoom Seder:

If you wish to participate on your electronic device, please make sure you have tested your computer's camera and microphone capability. The Passover Zoom Seder can be accessed at the following website: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/567270193> on April 9, 2020 at 6:30 p.m.

If you wish to call into the seder just on your phone, without audio capability, please call 1 929 205 6099. The Meeting ID is 567 270 193.

If you're interested in learning more about how to use ZOOM conference on your computer/ipad/Tablet/electronic device, please visit the following website:

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-How-Do-I-Join-A-Meeting->

The online Haggadah we will be using is everyone's instant favorite: The 30 Minute Haggadah, which we are happy to email upon request. As always, feel free to use your own family favorite Haggadah.

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The Stations of the Cross will be livestreamed at 3 p.m. on our Facebook page

The Liturgy will be livestreamed at 7 p.m. on our Facebook page

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Father Xavier will be live streaming our Holy week Service Starting on Thursday April 9, at 7 p.m., and Friday April 10, at 3 p.m. with the Stations of the Cross and Easter Sunday at 12 p.m. Noon Mass.

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Cardinal O'Malley Holy Week Schedule from the Cathedral of the Holy Cross on

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Holy Week Schedule

Holy Thursday, April 9, 2020

Mass of the Lord's Supper with Cardinal Seán O'Malley

CatholicTV broadcast LIVE at 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday, April 10, 2020

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion with Cardinal Seán O'Malley

CatholicTV to broadcast LIVE at 3 p.m., rebroadcast 9:30 p.m.

Holy Saturday, April 11, 7:30pm

Solemn Vigil of Easter with Cardinal Seán O'Malley

CatholicTV to broadcast LIVE at 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 12, 8:00am

Mass of Easter Sunday with Cardinal Seán O'Malley WLVI-TV to broadcast at 8-9 a.m.

CatholicTV to broadcast at 11 a.m., 7 p.m. 11:30 p.m.

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Programs for each of these Masses can be accessed online by visiting: <https://tinyurl.com/CatholicTVHolyweek>



Preventing Backups

Help maintain a healthy collection system in our community

The City of Revere continues to be proactive in our response to Coronavirus (COVID-19). Due to this public health emergency our Collection System is experiencing blockages from "flushable" and disinfectant wipes!

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Contact revere.org/311
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Ayudar a mantener un sistema de recolección saludable en nuestra comunidad

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State Senator





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RoseLee Vincent
State Representative



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In this Holy Season stand together by staying apart.



Sue Gravellese

School Committee member



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Have a Great & Safe Easter and Passover



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In my Thoughts this Easter and Passover



CAROL TYE

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To ensure a healthy and safe shopping experience for our customers and associates during the coronavirus pandemic, Market Basket has established new store protocols. As of April 2, all Market Basket locations, including the store in Revere, have reduced the number of customers in the stores at any given time to support the important public health goal of social distancing. This in combination with other new protocols will improve the customers' experience.

"We have been constantly refining our operations

focused on the health and safety of our customers and associates," said Joseph Schmidt, Operations Supervisor. "These changes reflect the wide range of input we have received on a daily basis – from our customers and our associates and from the Governors and public health experts who describe the next several weeks as critical for the health of the residents in our region. It is important that our customers have a pleasant, safe, and healthy experience in our stores."

The new healthy shopping protocol includes the

- following:
- The number of customers shopping at one time will be limited, based on the size of the store, in order to ensure that customers have personal space, can maintain social distancing and feel more comfortable.
 - A single entrance and exit will be designated for customers' use. (All fire safety measures will remain in place.)
 - Upon entrance, each shopper will be greeted by an associate who will clean and sanitize a carriage for them.
- "Our hardworking associates are committed

to helping our customers during this challenging time," Schmidt continued. "We firmly believe that with this newly refined approach we can make the grocery store experience better for all."

Market Basket's heightened disinfection program in response to coronavirus continues, focusing on high-touch surfaces including cash registers, counter tops, register belts, red baskets, shopping carriages, pay-

ment devices, touch pads, desks, door and drawer handles, phones and computers. Associates are required to practice good hygiene including washing their hands frequently. Social distancing is also in place.

State Rep. RoseLee Vincent statement on Jack Satter House

"The Jack Satter House is very near and dear to my heart, and the amount of deaths there due to COVID-19 is absolutely heartbreaking. This goes to prove that this terrible

virus strikes our most vulnerable," said State Representative RoseLee Vincent (D-Revere). "The Satter House has always been the premier senior residence on Revere Beach, and has

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