



CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
JOSEPH A. CURTATONE
MAYOR

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MAYOR AND BOARD OF HEALTH

EMERGENCY ORDER ESTABLISHING SUPPLEMENTAL RESTRICTIONS IN THE
CITY OF SOMERVILLE

WHEREAS, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has declared a State of Emergency on March 10, 2020 due to the virus that caused the Coronavirus 2019 (“COVID-19”) pandemic;

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the City of Somerville has determined that the threat of COVID-19 poses a present, real and imminent danger to public health, safety, and general welfare of the people of Somerville and as such declared a State of Emergency in the City of Somerville on March 15, 2020;

WHEREAS, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts closed non-essential businesses, prohibited gatherings of more than ten (10) people by Order No. 13 on March 23, 2020 and per the order the Department of Public Health issued a stay at home advisory on March 24, 2020;

WHEREAS, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has implemented a phased reopening plan, to be conducted in four phases and on December 13, 2020 rolled Massachusetts back to Phase III, Step 1 based on the continuing rise of COVID-19 cases;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is easily transmitted, especially in group and indoor settings, and it is essential that the spread of the virus be slowed to protect the ability of public and private health care providers to handle the influx of new patients and safeguard public health and safety;

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have advised that the spread of the disease from person to person is caused in part by respiratory droplets produced by infected persons and spread, e.g., via respiration, coughing or sneezing, and that people potentially can spread the disease even before they experience symptoms; and





WHEREAS, the City of Somerville is the most densely populated City in the Commonwealth, and the risk of COVID-19 transmission remains an imminent threat; and

WHEREAS, the City of Somerville has identified over the last 30 days a significant increase in the number of new daily cases and an accelerating growth of daily new incidents and positivity rates; and

WHEREAS, at this time the Boston Metropolitan Region, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the country are experiencing a sharp increase in COVID-19 case counts, including repeated setting of new daily count records; and

WHEREAS, the alarming national and local trends require tailored but significant intervention to limit the community spread of COVID-19 and its attendant morbidity and mortality;

The Mayor and the Board of Health, pursuant to MGL c. 111 §§ 95-105, 310 CMR 11.05, 105 CMR 300.200 and all other authorizing statutes and regulations, acting by and through its agent authorized under MGL c. 111, §30, hereby order:

1. The order entitled “Emergency Order Regarding Phase III Business Operations,” dated October 5, 2020, is hereby rescinded.
2. Effective December 16, 2020 at 11:59 pm, in addition to adhering to the restrictions and regulations set forth in the Commonwealth’s COVID-19 Order No. 58, businesses and other entities in the City of Somerville are subject to the additional restrictions set forth in the attached Appendix A.
3. This order shall remain in effect until further notice.

Douglas Kress, Director of Health and Human Services
Acting Agent of the Board of Health

Mayor Joseph A. Curtatone

Date: December 15, 2020

