

## Highlights from the Beverly COVID-19 Emergency Business Support Task Force Meeting

May 21, 2020

- Review of Phase I of Governor Baker's Re-Opening Plan including sector-specific guidance
- Commonwealth of Massachusetts created extensive list of PPE sources
- Commonwealth of Massachusetts website also has information about trainings available for employees re safe practices
- Clarification that Beverly Board of Health will not be visiting businesses prior to their re-opening to ensure compliance
- Greater Beverly Chamber of Commerce launches consumer confidence survey
- Restaurant Subcommittee actively meeting and discussing, among other topics, interest in outdoor dining opportunities. The City is working to create an outdoor dining policy that will address current issues and challenges
- The summer events/programs subcommittee has scheduled its first meeting
- Outreach to larger employers to be planned. City will develop a script and asked Task Force members if they would like to be part of the team that reaches out to larger employers. The Chamber and the City will work to develop a list of larger employers to contact.
- Competing demand for curbside space as curbside pick for retail and food increases along with desire to identify expansion of outdoor dining options that may include parking spaces
- Mayor Cahill in regular contact with other mayors to discuss challenges associated with re-opening particularly as they relate to outdoor dining
- City reviews potential opportunity to access Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds made available through the CARES Act. In conversation with other communities and potential partners.
- Some residents/businesses would prefer that there be trash barrels available to the public on public ways
- Cabot Street construction update
- Discussion of interest in re-routing traffic on certain days/times to accommodate/encourage pedestrian activity/outdoor dining