



**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
JOSEPH A. CURTATONE
MAYOR**

**CITY OF SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS
MAYOR AND BOARD OF HEALTH**

EMERGENCY ORDER RESCISSIONS

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;

WHEREAS, the Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has implemented a phased reopening plan, and continues to provide adjustments to gathering and business operation limits;

WHEREAS, on May 17, 2021 the Governor of the Commonwealth announced that on May 29, 2021, all remaining emergency restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic will be lifted;

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is easily transmitted, especially in group 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;

WHEREAS, on May 17, 2021 the Governor of the Commonwealth announced that on June 15, 2021, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts will end the State of Emergency to respond to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, as vaccination rates increase, key COVID-19 public health metrics such as 14-day moving daily incidence rate and test positivity rate continue to show sustained decreases;

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 orders entitled “Emergency Order Advancing to Limited Phase IV, Step 1 Operations” and “Emergency Order Regarding Phase IV Gathering Limitations” dated April 30, 2021 are hereby rescinded effective May 29, 2021.

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

Joseph A. Curtatone
Mayor

Date: May 24, 2021